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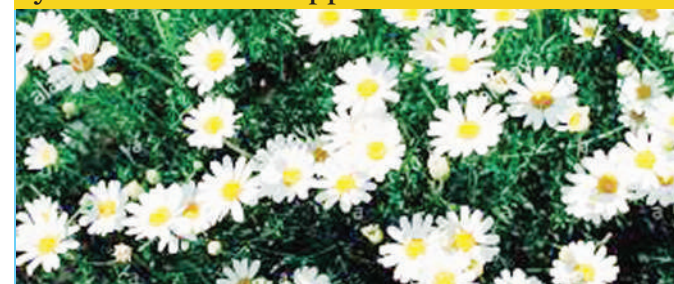
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# Special Nyerere Day plan for 100 years of his birth

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PREPARATIONS to mark 100 years since the birth of Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius Nyerere are at an advanced stage, with the government set to include new aspects to his remembrance. Mwalimu was born on April 13, 1922.

Under the programme being coordinated by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, the government is identifying new strategies to commemorate the work, life and thinking of the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere annually.

Unlike the usual procedure at present where remembrance is tied with October 14, the date of his death in London in 1999, which is simply a public holiday, the 100th anniversary is intended to showcase many things like houses he lived at different moments during the struggle for independence and later, as well as his speeches and memories of people he worked with at different levels.

The new format has a proposal to consider a day devoted to marking Nyerere Day different from the current format, as the new remembrance day would also be the culmination of the Uluru Torch Race, a symptomatic expression of his leadership legacy.



**The new details that will be on show relating to the life of Mwalimu Nyerere will help expand tourism**

Addressing members of the coordinating committee, Permanent Secretary Dr Aloyce Nzuki highlighted the fact that arrangements are being convened to save all Mwalimu's speeches in digital format.

He said there are people outside the country who say that Tanzania has not done enough in celebrating the life of the Father of the Nation, noting that this points to the need to document, showcase in details the numerous leadership roles in which Nyerere was outstanding, nationally and internationally.

He cited the fact that the first phase president lived in different parts of the country and met or worked with various people, while some of the tools he used were still extant.

The new details that will be on show relating to the life of Mwalimu Nyerere will help expand tourism, a cultural tourism involved researchers and sight seers who are out to follow the lives of prominent people by visiting where they lived, worked or carried out their activities, he asserted. "The committee is charged with identifying new ways off celebrating Mwalimu Julius Nyerere in a manner that will help keep his legacy for the current and future generations," he said.

"Nyerere is a big name locally, regionally and internationally and there are people who still follow his speeches, pronouncements he issued and his public life in general," he stated.

Commemoration committee chairman and advertising executive Imani Kajura said the committee comprises of officials from different

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Madaraka Nyerere (R), a son of Founding President Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, has a word in Dodoma yesterday with Joseph Sokoine, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Vice President Office. It was on the sidelines of a meeting of the committee formed by the Natural Resources and Tourism minister and assigned to devise a strategy to honour the role the Father of the Nation played in promoting tourism in Tanzania. This comes just months to the 100th anniversary of his birth - on April 13, 1922. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# JPM pledges to create medical tourism hub

By Henry Mwangonde, Mbeya

CCM presidential candidate John Magufuli has promised to improve health services in the Southern Highlands through infrastructure which will include expanding the Mbeya regional referral hospital to facilitate provision of specialized services and make the region a centre for medical tourism.

Dr Magufuli said if re-elected his government will proceed with disbursing a 20bn/- fund for expansion and improvement of infrastructure at the Mbeya referral hospital, to bringing



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specialized services closer to the people.

The package also involves constructing a maternity ward, theaters and purchasing health equipment such as CT-Scan and remote medical imagine (RMI) equipment at the facility.

"We want to improve services at the hospital so that people from neighboring countries come and get treatment here, in which all specialized services will be offered," he said.

Dr Magufuli said in the next five years

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# Kenya delays Tanzanian truck drivers for a week

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Arusha-based East African Business Council (EABC) has decried what it termed as unfair treatment of truck drivers from Tanzania entering Kenya, occasioning delays of more than one week.

The private sector body attached to the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat said in a statement yesterday that Kenyan officials at border posts with Tanzania subject truckers to double testing of coronavirus. This in turn

delays transportation of goods between the two countries and with other EAC member states as well, it said

EABC Executive CEO Dr Peter Mathuki appealed to authorities in Kenya to accord equal treatment of all EAC zone citizens entering Kenya from Tanzania, irrespective of whether they are truck drivers or routine travellers.

"Currently, travellers entering Kenya from Tanzania are allowed to proceed once

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# CSOs campaign lists debt relief benefits

By Guardian Reporter

CIVIL society organisations (CSOs) have embarked on a campaign aimed at persuading global lenders to fast-track issuance of debt relief so that part of the funds is invested in strengthening health systems.

Dubbed: "Debt Relief for Health", the one-week campaign, which is spearheaded by a Dar es Salaam-based CSO-Health Promotion

Tanzania (HDT) is designed to persuade global lenders such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) to heed the call issued by President John Magufuli on April 22, asking international financial institutions to consider extending debt relief to poor countries so that they can use the funds to fight against Covid-19 and its economic impacts.

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President John Magufuli, who is seeking re-election in the upcoming General Election as a CCM candidate, addresses a campaign rally in Mbeya city yesterday. Photo: State House

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his government plans to make Mbeya an economic and tourism hub for the Southern Africa sub-region.

Citing plans in the CCM manifesto relating to Mbeya, Dr Magufuli said another 20bn/- will be set aside for expansion of Songwe airport to facilitate direct inter-international flights.

He said in the last five years, budgetary funds for drugs in Mbeya increased from 1.4bn/- in 2015 to 3.5bn/- in 2020 "and a lot is coming if they elect a CCM led government."

Dr Magufuli who is seeking re-election said projects taking up about 252bn/- were implemented in the last five years in Mbeya region.

Focusing on education, he said plans are underway to connect 1,500 secondary schools with internet across the country.

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He said the CCM election manifesto wants the government, upon re-election, to administer the construction of a 40 kilometer road from Uyoale to Songwe that should start immediately, and upon completion it is expected to more than halve the congestion in Mbeya city.

The candidate said that he is committed towards transforming Mbeya into a great city through the Tanzania Strategic Cities Project (TSCP).

In the next five years a CCM led government will construct 26 special advanced level secondary schools for science subjects, one for every region

in Tanzania Mainland, he pointed out.

About 585 villages have now been connected to the national electricity grid in Mbeya in the last five years, from 124 villages which had electricity in 2015, he stated.

Regarding water supply, he said projects taking up about 22.5bn/- were implemented in the last five years and more was coming to further addressing water challenges in the city.

He similarly pledged to turn Usangu basin in the region to a breadbasket by embarking on irrigation farming for 10,000 hectares, while setting out plans for expanding livestock keeping in the basin.

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government institutions working to ensure they come up with new ideas on how to mark the 100th anniversary of Nyerere's birth and preserving that record in accessible archives.

"Without such new initiatives the coming generations will not be able to know sufficiently about Mwalimu Nyerere," he affirmed.

Madaraka Nyerere, a long-serving NGO activist and a son of the founder president, said the family is ready to collaborate with the government in marking 100 years of his father's birth, plus undertaking new initiatives to celebrate his life.

"The government has always celebrated the work of the late Mwalimu Nyerere and as a family we are ready to collaborate with the leaders to improve the celebrations since his life and activities speak a lot about Tanzania," he elaborated.

Dr Fabian Kigadye, the Acting

Director for the Department of Antiquities, said that these initiatives will help the department to upgrade their archives and materials to exhibit on the father of the nation.

There are historical areas about Nyerere that are not fully documented including a house he once occupied at Magomeni suburb of Dar es Salaam," he added.



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they produce a Covid-19 certificate while truck drivers have to produce a certificate from Tanzania and undergo a new test at the border point. They are allowed in only after the results are out," he explained.

Border officials on the Tanzanian side and truck drivers say this procedure takes more than a week, hence subjecting the delivery of goods to unnecessary delays, he said.

Dr Mathuki urged the strengthening of public-private partnerships between Kenya and Tanzania to boost bilateral trade.

He was speaking during talks with the Permanent Secretary in the EAC Affairs ministry in Kenya, Dr. Kevit Desai, who toured the Namanga border post to "establish the capacity of

afatoxin surveillance while witnessing the testing and issuance of COVID-19 certificates."

Dr. Mathuki also urged governments to fast track economic stimulus packages to support businesses.

Covid-19 is estimated to cost East Africa partner states between \$37bn and \$79bn in output losses. In March-July 2019, the value of Kenya's exports to Tanzania stood at around \$336m while imports stood at \$275m on the basis of figures released by the Central Bank of Kenya.

In the same period in 2020, data analysis indicates that Kenya exports stood at \$169m and imports stood at \$135m, a decrease of close to 10 percent in exports and close to 30 percent in imports.

The team also visited the proposed site for construction of an integrated

cross-border market at Namanga. The market that will sit on 200 acres of land will be built by the Ministry of East Africa Community and Regional Development, in collaboration with the Kajado County authorities.

Dr Mathuki proposed that this initiative be emulated in other EAC border points as a trio partnership linking national governments, the private sector and county governments.

"The market is set to enhance trade between Kenya and Tanzania, promote value addition, spur economic growth and ensure standards and quality assurance of goods traded between the two countries," he said.

County governments will be able to showcase their products which can access the cross-border market, he added.

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Salaam yesterday HDT Executive Director Dr Peter Bujari, said Covid-19 has challenged health systems for creation of numerous costly requirements for which no prior funds could have been budgeted.

These include isolation spaces, capacity for emergency preparedness, handling massive numbers of critically ill patients, hospital specific ventilation equipment, numerous ICU facilities, personal protection equipment for frontline medical staff, aside from having inadequate numbers of skilled and even less-skilled health care workers, he said.

Other medical supplies must also be catered for, while laboring with weak medical supply chains amid lockdowns all over the world, the activist underlined.

"That's why as CSOs, we've embarked on this campaign to remind global lenders that it is necessary for them to consider extending debt relief to poor countries including Tanzania," he said. "This campaign is in tandem with the October 16 - 18, 2020 World Bank and IMF meeting in Washington DC, so that they should consider this issue."

"We're fully aware that the government has been working hard to improve the health and other sectors, but, Covid-19 has affected almost everything including revenue collection," he pointed out.

He said the 2020/2021 budget is estimated to be at 34.879trn/- while the pandemic impact is expected to affect its targets, meanwhile as consolidated debt servicing stands at 10.476trn/-, equivalent to 29.9 percent of the budget.

"So, if it happens that the global lenders work on our call, the government will use funds from debt relief to build and support community health systems to respond to any future infection outbreak," he said.

The government would also be able to build and update health centers and dispensaries to provide comprehensive obstetric emergency care in most rural districts where emergency referrals are often not available, he said.

Similarly it would be in a position

to update health facilities and provide safety amenities for frontline health care workers across health facilities to ensure that infections at the workplace are minimized," Dr Bujari further noted.

"Our hope is to see the money is invested in the community health systems, to ensure ready availability of community-based health workers who provide linkage between a health care facility and the wider community," he said.

The other aspect is investing in health care development by ensuring recruitment of competent and adequate health professionals, financial resources for medical supplies, to meet the primary, secondary and tertiary requirements," he elaborated.

CSOs also want the funds to be invested in information communication technology and service quality monitoring to ensure efficient management of the public health system. Extra funds would also permit developing and investing in public health emergency preparedness to provide a full range of prevention, mitigation and rehabilitation, he asserted.

The media campaign launched would also involve a number of players with different social media platforms, he said.

For the period between March 2020 and July 2021, the World Bank has pledged to provide up to \$160m in Covid-19 financing tailored to health, economic and community-level shocks that poor countries face countries are facing, including USD \$50m of IDA resources.

In June 2020 IMF also approved \$14.3m under the catastrophe containment relief trust for Tanzania.

World Bank is likely to approve \$3.98m under the emergency financing facility and the Economic Development Cooperation Fund of South Korea has given intention of approving \$501.169 for the purpose.

The Arab Bank for African Development (BADEA) has also lined up \$1.7m and the European Union signaled disbursing 27m euro, he added.



Seif Shariff Hamad, the opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo) candidate for the Zanzibar Presidency, addresses residents of Kiwani and Chambani constituencies at a campaign rally held at Mauwani Kiwani grounds in South Pemba on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Gondwe urges vehicle manufacturers to set up assembly plants in Dar es Salaam

By Beatrice Philemon

TEMEKE district commissioner Godwin Gondwe has called on manufacturers to set up an assembly plants in Tanzania because of better investment environment.

Gondwe made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking at the inauguration of new dealership for light and heavy commercial vehicles in the city between Ashok Leyland and Kifaru Motors Tanzania.

"Tanzania has everything that investors needs for investment. So, it is high time for investors to come and invest in our country," DC Gondwe said.

He noted: "We're proud that our country enjoys peace and tranquility, which are key for investment. That's why it's encouraging investors in vehicle manufacturing industry to set up assembly plants in the country for knowledge transfer and employment for our people."

He however assured Dar es Salaam-based investors that the city is one of the best investment destinations in Tanzania.

"So, we'll continue to create conducive environment for all investors who are in Dar es Salaam to ensure they operate smoothly for a win-win situation," DC Gondwe stressed.

Temeke district business officer, Mohamed Tajiri also said the joint venture between Ashok Leyland and Kifaru Motors Tanzania will help Tanzania to improve transportation sector and allow Tanzanians to purchase buses and trucks at affordable price.

He called the vehicle manufacturer to extend its services in other regions because the demand for vehicles is very high, lauding the government for putting up better investment and regulatory policies, which attract more investors and assist Tanzania to reach the middle-income status.

Kifaru Motors Tanzania general manager, Afra Mbogoni noted that Ashok Leyland and Kifaru Motors Tanzania have launched assembly for light and heavy commercial vehicles in Dar es Salaam, which marks the return of the brands in the country.

So far, she said that there are two existing sub-dealers in the country located in Dodoma and Mwanza that will work directly with this new partnership.

The new dealer partner, Kifaru Motors is part of the Kifaru Group of companies specialised in international turn-key project development and management as well as retail operations in the sub-Saharan African region.

Kifaru Motors together with Kifaru Group is already present in 14 countries globally and is bringing Ashok Leyland and other major international vehicle brands to Tanzania. "We invite all stakeholders in all areas where they are

across the country to visit our facility at Nyerere Road to enjoy our best services, the company will also provide vehicle maintenance," she says

According to her, Kifaru Motors has its flagship Ashok Leyland showroom in Dar es Salaam along with an extensive national footprint with showrooms and workshops in Dodoma, Arusha, Mwanza, Mbeya as well as Morogoro by next year and will provide excellent services and sales of Ashok Leyland vehicles for all.

Kifaru Motors is confident of Tanzania's economic growth and this achievement into showrooms, workshops as well as stock and spare parts will provide jobs and business opportunities for many Tanzanians.

She said Ashok Leyland has a large international footprint which extends across 50 countries and with 9 manufacturing plants located in India, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United Kingdom.





Arusha Regional Police Commander Salum Hamdun pictured yesterday consoling a Kiranyi Secondary School teacher, Veronica Kidemi, who is admitted to Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha city with "serious arm injuries" reportedly sustained in a family row. Photo: Cynthia Mwilolezi

# AfDB extends 15bn/- in loan for projects in Kigoma region

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) has granted more than 15bn/- loan for the construction and refurbishment of various infrastructure projects including community service delivery in Buhigwe, Kasulu Town, Kasulu Rural and Kibondo districts in Kigoma Region.

This was disclosed mid this week by the Kigoma Region TANROADS Manager Narcis Choma when briefing the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Brig Gen Wilbert Ibuge on the implementation of East Africa Road Network Project (EARNP) in Kigoma Region.

He told the PS that AfDB has provided USD 256.2 low interest loan for the construction of 260km Kabingo-Kasulu-Manyovu road.

Choma explained that whenever AfDB grants a loan to its members, it incorporates the loan with a financial

assistance for the construction of infrastructure for community service delivery.

In the circumstances he said the said districts will receive the stated sum of money as assistance for projects including the building of bus stands and markets, primary and secondary schools, refurbishment of water supply systems and construction of health centres.

Meanwhile, PS Ibuge visited Tanzania border area with Burundi at Kabanga and inspected the one-stop border post that began operation since 2016, saying he was satisfied with its activities.

In regard to challenges facing many such border posts, he said many emanate the way the border posts were constructed that did not satisfy stakeholders needs.

To avoid such repetition, he directed the secretariat of the East African Community to prepare a model of the border posts that would abide by the needs of stakeholders.

# Dar cosmetics shop owners given 14-day ultimatum

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

A consignment of expired cosmetics and other items with no expiry date worth 10m/- have been impounded in Dar es Salaam markets during a crackdown conducted by officials from the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

Speaking to reporters after the exercise, TBS Senior Inspector, Donald Manyama said a total of 620 samples of fake cosmetics were also impounded in shops along Bibi titi road.

"Some shops were found with products that had already expired while others were selling items with no expiry dates," he said adding the

impounded goods include cosmetics, artificial hair and body lotion.

Manyama urged shop owners selling fake cosmetic products in the local market to provide detailed explanations within 14 days on why legal measures should not be taken against them.

He added: "They should explain

why they are selling expiry and other products which do not show the manufacture or expiry dates, all of which are endangering human health."

Manyama said distributors of expired products and those selling goods which do not show manufacturing dates will be panelized to pay 20m/- each as

well as being arraigned for engaging in illegal businesses.

He explained that TBS continues to provide public education to enhance consumer awareness on imported goods and the difference between genuine and fake goods.

He said there was a need for continued public education particularly to

importers and distributors of imported goods, including cosmetics on how to identify substandard goods.

One of the dealers who did not want to reveal his name claimed that there were problems in some government departments whereas some dishonest officials allow importation of sub-standard goods in the market.



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Reference no: 03/NCA/2020

Subject: Provision of Consultancy Services

Contracting Authority: Norwegian Church Aid Tanzania

Deadline for submission of letter of interest: 8th October 2020

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## Appointment of Mr. Ravneet Chowdhury New CEO of Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Limited.



The Board of Directors of Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Ravneet Chowdhury as the new Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Chowdhury takes over from Mr. Viju Cherian who has retired.

Mr. Chowdhury is an experienced leader with wide geographical experience. He joins the Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania family with over 3 decades of Banking knowledge and global exposure in executive roles covering Investment Banking, Treasury, Corporate Finance and Country Management. He has worked in Asia, Middle East and Africa.

His banking career began in 1987 with American Express where he joined as a Manager in Treasury sales before climbing the ladder to Manager Capital Markets. Mr. Chowdhury served in the roles of Country Head of Financial Markets, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer in Standard Chartered Bank in various locations with the last assignment in Oman. He was also the Chief Executive Officer for Bank One Limited in Mauritius for 7 years.

Mr. Chowdhury is credited with being one of the founder members of the Oman Bankers Association during his tenure with Standard Chartered Bank. By deploying his prior experience, Mr. Chowdhury worked with CEOs of other banks and steered the team in developing rules and modalities that led to the formation of the Association.

Mr. Ravneet Chowdhury is a Fellow Chartered Accountant. He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Henley Management College and a Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com) degree from the University of Delhi. Mr. Chowdhury is a family man and a proud father of 3 children.

Mr. Karim Wissanji,  
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# Government armed with national bio-fortification guidelines set to address malnutrition challenges

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTRY of Agriculture has cooperated with Nutrition International to come up with national bio-fortification guidelines to prevent nutrient deficiencies among Tanzanians and provide stakeholders with guidance on managing their crop value chain activities.

Shinyanga acting regional administrative secretary, Beda Chamatata, told a nutrition stakeholder's dissemination meeting that the guidelines will help stakeholders in food chain sector to produce nutritious foods that will improve nutrition in the community and enable the government to achieve its target of ending malnutrition caused by lack of minerals and vitamins.

Chamatata urged nutrition stakeholders to support the dissemination of the guidelines through their plans and budgets.

In Tanzania, 58 per cent of children aged 6-59 months and 45 percent of women are anaemic, according to the Demographic, Health and Malaria Indicator Survey (2015/16).

The guidelines will bridge the agriculture and health sectors, and strengthen bio-fortification interventions that will help reduce micronutrient deficiencies in the country.

The agriculture ministry led the development of the guidelines with financial support and technical assistance from Nutrition International as part of the enhancing nutrition services to improve maternal and child health (ENRICH) project, funded by the Canadian government.

ENRICH is led by World Vision, with support from a consortium of partners: Nutrition International, Canadian Society for International Health, HarvestPlus and the University

of Toronto.

Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan officially launched the guidelines in August during a farmers' exhibition in the Simiyu Region, and the national dissemination took place in Dar es Salaam on September 16.

Project-level disseminations will be held in Shinyanga and Singida (two regions where the ENRICH project is being implemented) on September 30 and October 2, respectively.

More dissemination will take place throughout the year, including on World Food Day this month.

Founded in 1992, Nutrition International is a global organisation dedicated to delivering proven nutrition interventions to those who need them most.

Working in partnership with countries, donors and implementers, Nutrition International experts conduct cutting-edge nutrition research, support critical policy formulation, and integrate nutrition into broader development programs.

Since 2006, Nutrition International Kenya has worked with the government (national, and sub national) to support research, policy development and implementation of nutrition interventions.



**Chamatata urged nutrition stakeholders to support the dissemination of the guidelines through their plans and budgets**



Electricians from Dar es Salaam and Coast regions participate in three-day capacity building training organised by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (Ewura) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Majority of Missenyi District now linked to power

By Guardian Reporter

SEVENTY-THREE out of 77 villages in Missenyi District, Kagera Region have been connected to electricity while work was ongoing to connect power to the remaining four villages.

Speaking on Tuesday at a campaign rally in Missenyi, the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa mentioned the villages still to be connected with power as Buchurago, Katano, Kakunyu

and Bugango.

In regard to the livestock sector mentioned in the 2020/25 CCM election manifesto Majaliwa said CCM government has managed well the sector. "23m/- has been spent to revamp the Bunanzi abattoir here in Missenyi, we have also simplified the sale of livestock products by abolishing 114 nuisance levies in the agricultural, livestock and fishing sectors through the establishment of livestock

processing factories," he said.

He said the government also spent 1.8bn/- for construction of various health centres in Karagwe District now 98 per cent complete.

Whilst in Karagwe District Majaliwa also used the rally to seek votes to the party's presidential candidate John Magufuli, as well as for the constituency's parliamentary candidate, Innocent Bashungwa as well as for council candidates.

Majaliwa said 1.4bn/- has been provided through TARURA for construction of new roads, repair to old ones, adding that out of the amount 585m/- was for repairing road sections.

He said the government also plans to establish modern research centres for livestock diseases in 18 regions that do not have such centres, to improve veterinary services and to ensure every district had a laboratory, clinic and a veterinary officer.



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1. The Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) will make funds available for its operations for the financial year 2020/2021. It is intended that part of the proceeds be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Supply of Gas Oil.
2. TAZARA now invites sealed Bids from eligible National Suppliers for carrying out the Supply of Gas Oil at Nozzle Point and Management of the Gas Oil Depot at New Kapiri Mposhi, Zambia.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Method of Bidding as per procedures specified in the TAZARA Procurement & Supplies Manual of November 2011 and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Manual.
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5. A complete set of bidding documents in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 200.00 or its equivalent in Tanzanian Shillings or Zambian Kwacha. Payment should either be by Cash, Telegraphic Transfer or Cheque payable to Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority.
6. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration/Bid Security in the format provided in the bidding documents.
7. All bids in one original, plus two copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked "TENDER NO: TZR/HQ/CTC/2019/2020/05 for the Supply of Gas Oil at Nozzle Point and Management of Gas Oil Depot" must be addressed and delivered to the office of the Secretary of the Central Tender Committee, TAZARA Head Office, Nyerere/Mandela Roads Junction, P. O. Box 2834, Dar-es-Salaam or the office of the TAZARA Lusaka Area Manager, TAZARA House, Independence/Dedan Kimathi Roads Junction, P. O. Box 31784, Lusaka, Zambia, by Friday 30th October 2020 at or before 10:00hrs C.A.T or 11:00hrs E.A.T. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of bidders or representatives who choose to attend the opening ceremony at TAZARA, Head Office Board Room in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania or TAZARA Lusaka Area office Board Room in Lusaka, Zambia.
8. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, and bids not received, bids not opened and not read out in public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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Lions Club Dar es Salaam Pwani District 411C governor Bakari Omari (L) presents 2m/- worth of items, including thermometers, to Ocean Road Cancer Institute chief nursing officer Jesca Kawegere (2nd-R) on Tuesday. Looking on (R) is the club's coordinator, Rizwan Qadri. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

# New Burundian minister sworn in as ex-officio member of EA legislative body

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

BURUNDI'S new Minister for East African Community Affairs, Youth, Culture and Sports, Republic of Burundi, Nibigira Ezechiel, has just taken an 'Oath of Allegiance' to become an ex-officio member of the East African Legislative Assembly.

Nibigira was sworn in to the House virtually before the Speaker and Members of EALA in line with the Rule 5 of the Rules and Procedures of the Assembly. The Rule 5(4) of the Rules of Procedure says in part that: "No Member can sit or participate in the proceedings of the House until the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Treaty is taken".

Temporary EALA Speaker, Rose Akol congratulated Nibigira upon his swearing in - as he assumes his ex-officio role in the regional August House. Akol described Nibigira, as a seasoned politician and diplomat, who served Cabinet in various portfolio and said EALA was looking forward to working with him.

Nibigira has previously served in a number of portfolios in government and legislature in Burundi. He was previously Minister for Foreign Affairs in April 2018-July 2020. Prior to that Hon Amb Nibigira was Senior Economic Advisor of the Second Vice President.

The Burundian official, who was a Member of Parliament, for a stint in 2015 and in 2010, also served as the

country's Ambassador to Kenya for two years (August 2021-2014). Born in 1975 in Gishingano, Burundi Nibigira holds a Master in Business Administration with a major in Finance and Accounting from the University of Liverpool and a Bachelor of Arts from Burundi's Université Espoir d'Afrique in the same field. Nibigira is currently working on his doctoral dissertation.

In his maiden speech, Amb Nibigira assured EALA of Republic of Burundi's commitment to the integration process. "I am happy to participate in the session - I further commit to work with my colleagues as a team to enhance the agenda of the community we will continue to share our experiences," the minister noted.

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By Correspondent Mutayoba

Arbogast, Bukoba

## Kagera Region registers an increase in income owing to drop in illegal fishing

KAGERA Region's income generated from the fishing sub-sector has increased to 3.06bn/- in the 2019/2020, the achievement which is linked with successfully campaigns to curb illegal fishing in Lake Victoria.

The region generated 891.6m/- from fishing activities in the 2014/2015 financial year, according to the Kagera Regional Fisheries Officer, Efrazi Mkama.

Addressing journalists early this week, Mkama said the increase is equivalent to 133.2 percent against the set target to generate 2.3bn/- during the specific period.

Mkama said the government is determined to ensure sustainable fishing in the Lake whereas it has been conducting awareness campaigns to educate stakeholders in fisheries sector as well as the residents on the impacts of illegal fishing gears.

According to the official, Muleba District collected 144.9 percent of the total revenues, Karagwe (289.9

percent), Biharamulo (220 percent) and Misenyi 168.4 percent.

He said that a total of 7,266 tonnes of Nile Perch worth 42.15m/- were harvested from Lake Victoria this year.

Mkama noted that the

number of people engaging in fishing activities in the region has increased to 23,878 from 9,616 in the year 2000. He said currently there is a total of 4,108 fishing boats, the number which is high compared to 3,325 fishing boats in 2000.

"We have been working hard to curb illegal fishing as well as ensuring that fishermen adhere to the set standards. We have been conducting routine patrols in the Lake whereas 166 patrols have been conducted this year," he said

adding that only 96 patrols were conducted in 2015.

He said officers from the region's fisheries department have also been conducting patrols at markets, stores and at borders to ensure fairness in the business.



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DAR ES SALAAM

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The Embassy of Ireland intends to sell the following Generator by tender:

Generator Type	F. J WILSON
Model Number	F 17.5
kVA	17.5
Year of Purchase	2000
Colour	Blue & White
Engine No.	000805111PW4A081
Condition	Working Order
Service/Maintenance	Regularly serviced by authorised dealer

The Generator will be sold "as is where is basis". The Generator may be viewed at the Embassy of Ireland's Premises at Toure Drive, Plot No. 353, Masaki during working hours from 14:00hrs to 16:00hrs between Wednesday, Thursday & Friday i.e. from 01 October to 09 October, 2020. All viewers to wear face mask which is a must and strictly observe the timing.

Tenders should be submitted together with a receipt for non-refundable fees of Tshs. 50,000/= in order to be considered. All payments should be made at the Embassy.

Tenders in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Tender for Purchase of Generator" should be addressed to:

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Embassy of Ireland  
P.O. Box 9612  
DAR ES SALAAM

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**Director Support Service**

**Location: Dar Es Salaam**

**Role purpose:** As a member of the Senior Management Team (SMT) in Tanzania, the Director of Support Service shares in the overall responsibility for the direction and coordination of the Country Office (CO). The Director Support Services in his/her capacity will be accountable to the Country Director for overseeing the support function – finance and also lead on legal issues/advice and litigation, and co-accountable with other senior leaders for risk management –in both development and emergency programming contexts. The Director Support Services is also responsible to provide overall direction and leadership for country office change management processes, especially in Finance and IT systems and processes as Save the Children upgrades it's global technology platform.

**How to apply for the position:**

Please read the full details of the position at <https://tanzania.savethechildren.net/careers> and apply as instructed. Only short listed candidates will be contacted for Interview.

**Application closing Date: 9th October 2020**

*"Save the Children is committed to ensuring that all our personnel and programmes are absolutely safe for children. We undertake rigorous procedures during the recruitment process including background checks to ensure that only people suitable to work with children are allowed to join our organisation and all candidates will therefore be subject to this scrutiny."*

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# 'Beware: Mwenge is getting notorious for pickpocketing'

By Blandina Semwaiko, TUDARCO

DAR ES SALAAM city residents have complained over its widely seen as a rise in the number of cases of pickpocketing at the Mwenge bus stop especially during evenings when the area is crowded with commuters.

Commuters using the bus stand are those heading to Tegeta, Kunduchi, Ununio, Goba, Mbezi, Kimara and Bunju.

Most of the interviewed commuters said they have lost their mobile phones, wallets and other valuable items as a result of the incidents.

Nuru Samson who is among the commuters who were once robbed at the Mwenge bus station, said she was robbed at night when trying to get into a commuter bus heading to Mbezi

Goba.

"They stole my mobile phone and wallet from a handbag; I couldn't immediately establish who has taken it because there were many when struggling to get into the bus. I noticed the theft when searching for the wallet to pay transport fare", complained Nuru.

A resident of Goba, Ramadhan Said was of the opinion that pickpocketing incidents are now at almost all the crowded bus stops in the city. He said that thieves mostly prefer wallets and mobile phones.

He urged commuters to be careful when at the bus stops especially during evening and night times.

One of the police officers at Mwenge traffic lights said: "We're aware of such pickpocketing incidents at the area,

but it has been difficult to arrest the robbers due to the techniques they use in stealing from the people."

"These people employ a number of techniques when stealing from passengers at bus stops; they have a coordinated network where after an item is stolen, it is passed through to different people within their network", said the police officer who preferred anonymity.

He said: "We also find it difficult to identify the thieves because they also dress smart like any other passenger."

He added that passengers also could sometimes fail to identify the thieves even when they are in the same vehicle, calling upon commuters to be careful when commuting and make sure their properties, especially mobile phones are properly kept.



Temeke district commissioner Godwin Gondwe cuts a ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday to launch a dealership partnership involving Ashok Leyland and Kifaru Motors. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



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#### Scope of work:

Provision of Various Services

REF NO.	SERVICES TO BE PROCURED
GGME01013	Steep Terrains areas Identification Safety Campaign

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>		
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<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	10%	
At least 3 Names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2.5%	
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<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA</b>	40%	GGME01013
Technical capability/competence in surveying and mapping	9.0%	Steep Terrains areas Identification Safety Campaign
Certification from National Counsel Professional Surveyor (NCPS) and or Institute of Surveyor of Tanzania (IST)	8.0%	
Past working experience (contract) with open pit mining company for last two/three years	7.0%	
Competence in operating both GPS and Total station	8.0%	
Use of high precision and total station. The GPS RTK method accuracy should not exceed 3cm horizontal and 4cm vertical in 20km range	8.0%	
Total Score in %	100%	

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## Pyrethrum farmers appeal for govt assistance against buyers' cheating

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

PYRETHRUM farmers in Mbeya District have appealed to the government to be educated on how to produce crops with high toxin content that are of high market demand.

Speaking with this paper yesterday some of the farmers said in many occasions, after buyers take away the crop they intend to purchase, they examine it in their laboratories for toxin content without their representation and the payment they

get thereafter is small allegedly due to low toxin content.

A pyrethrum farmer from Simbabwe Ward, Yusuf Butusyo said they have never been educated by the government on better pyrethrum cultivation that would have enabled them produce the crop with high toxin content.

He said many times they are educated by buyers but sometimes they fail to trust them because the buyers are out to con them on pretext of low toxin content.

He said the main pyrethrum buyer

in the district often take the crop to Mufindi, Iringa Region where there is a laboratory that assess the toxin content without farmers being present.

Butusyo said they sell the crop at 2,400 per kg as compared to other world pyrethrum growing areas including neighbouring Kenya which he said the price reaches 5,000/- per kg.

"Some of us have uprooted pyrethrum seedlings from their farms and instead have started planting trees or other food crops," he said.

## Zitto urges Songea urban residents to vote for ACT parliamentary candidate

By Correspondent Gideon Mwakansoya,

Songea

ACT-Wazalendo leader Zito Kabwe has appealed to residents of Songea Urban constituency to vote for the party's parliamentary candidate Bakari Likapu saying he was the only one who can transform their lives faced by many problems.

In regard to the presidency they should vote for any candidate with strong political appeal other than the CCM candidate, John Magufuli.

Zitto was speaking early this week at

the party's campaign rally in Songea attended by hundreds of Songea residents telling that he knows Likapu well as an educated person and development minded.

For his part, Likapu called on Songea residents to have a trust in him by their votes on October 28 this year, saying if elected he will ensure the dilapidate urban road infrastructures are refurbished.

He added that he will also make sure after harvest, farmers get ready markets for their crops, will improve health services and work hard to eradicate rampant embezzlement in

the town council and other areas of the government.

He said if elected he will be permanently stationed in Songea Town as opposed to the outgoing MP who lives outside the town as many residents fail to see him to solve their problems.

The Acting CHADEMA Chairman for Ruvuma Region Christian Ruta said they have struck an agreement with ACT-Wazalendo whereby in wards where one of the two parties has a candidate for councillorship then the other one has not fielded one.

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Tanga

THE Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) has embarked on implementation of strategies to produce improved germs for crop based raw materials as well as key food crops.

In her remarks at the climax five-day training held at Tanga-based Tanzania Public Service College recently, ASA's Chief Executive Officer Dr Sophia Kashenge said that the initiative goes in tandem with efforts being made to achieve effective resource management and performance improvement in order to generate value for money, but also, curtailing existing gap between seed availability and actual demand in the country.

She said the country's actual demand for seed stands at 186,500 tonnes in a year, but what is being produced is only 71, 000 tonnes, a grim statistics which weakens performance of the key economic sector in the country.

Out of the produced 71,000 seeds, those meant for food crops is 59,368MT,

## Agency to improve seeds for key crops

whereby 3500MT is for cotton, and the remaining 21368MT are for other cash crops

Being the State-owned institution mandated for multiplication and distribution of government seeds, ASA, thanks to its land resources contributes to 21percent of all produced seeds in Tanzania.

As part of preliminary stages in readiness to implement the said strategies professionally, the Agency conducted a special Performance Improvement Training (PIT) towards its key staff, including Farm Supervisors who manage all seed farms from across the country.

She that towards industrial revolution, the government is aiming at increasing availability of crop based

raw materials for the industries, added, "In this regard, it is expected that availability and distribution of improved seeds will also being increased and the existing gap between seed availability and seed demand is highly minimized," she said.

For the last three seasons, Dr. Kashenge said that ASA has recorded positive changes and increase production of improved seeds.

"In order to have a real transformation, the agency has decided to start rolling out performance improvement trainings towards it's officials, these trainings will be conducted in special phases with an eye to further improve all the management aspects of the seed farms," she said.



# CHAUMMA parliamentary candidate pledges to distribute modern tractors

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

CHAUMMA's Parliamentary Candidate for Mbeya City constituency, Protas Mgimbila, has said if elected he will distribute tractors to all wards of the city's peripheries to be used by farmers for cultivation.

Speaking at the launching of his election campaign in the City's Uyole Ward at the weekend, Mgimbila said his aim was to strengthen potato, maize and wheat farming for both farmers' consumption and sale.

He cited the wards within his sights as including Iziwa, Iduda, Mwansekwa, Mwakibete and Iganjo, adding that the tractors he would distribute are modern ones.

"Many farmers in the said wards have been engaging themselves in traditional farming practices that cannot rescue them from poverty,

hence I have decided to assist you by improving the important sector for your own good," he said.

He said some candidates from other parties have been isolating people in those wards in the peripheries and only concentrated in inner city wards, but he will treat all of them equally.

Mgimbila said he will make sure all roads leading to rural areas are improved to ease transport of farm inputs and crops.

Meanwhile the CHAUMMA candidate said he will make sure all roads within the City are built at tarmac level to simplify transport for commuters and reduce traffic congestion.

He said he will also install solar powered street lamps in order to control mugging by criminals in the streets during the night.

"I will scream in parliament to ensure the government eradicates

inconveniences which Mbeya residents have been facing, as CHAUMMA's policies aim at solving people's problems," he said.

For his part, the party's Mbeya Region's Chairman Ipyana Njiku appealed to Mbeya City residents to elect the party's candidates from the presidential level down to Council level to be assured of development.

He said CHAUMMA's Presidential Candidate was the one who has the ability to lead the country without discrimination.

*"I will scream in parliament to ensure the government eradicates inconveniences which Mbeya residents have been facing, as CHAUMMA's policies aim at solving people's problems"*

# DC calls on farmers to use fertiliser to get more from middle-income economy status

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

KIGOMA district commissioner Samson Anga (pictured) has called on farmers to embrace a Yara fertiliser initiative to increase agricultural production and raise their per capita income so that they can benefit from Tanzania's middle income economy status.

Tanzania is struggling to raise three times the Kigoma's per capita income of 1,152,553/- of 2016.

Yara International, a Norwegian fertiliser company, has offered to set aside 12 and a half thousand tonnes of fertilisers valued at 16.5 billion to be distributed without charge to Tanzanian farmers to boost maize and paddy harvests. The fertilisers are estimated to cost 16.5bn/-. The company's initiative is called Action Africa.

Agriculture is the mainstay of

Kigoma residents, farming activities accounting for about 80 percent of all sectors economic contribution to the region, but the region suffers from poor application of agro-inputs, poor crop husbandry practices and poor production technology.

Kigoma rural has 489,271 people and Kigoma Municipality has 144,256 people.

DC Anga said if Kigoma residents will take seriously the Yara initiative, the region will be on the road to food self-sufficiency and people will increase their disposable income.



**This is the only opportunity where farmers can get free of charge YARA Mila cereal fertiliser**

Kigoma Region cultivates 1,058,637 hectares of 57.7 per cent of arable land that is fully used. Kigoma Region's surface area is 45,075 sq km and 36,523 or 81 percent is land.

Kigoma surface area is 4.8 percent of Tanzania Mainland. The region's annual rainfall ranges between 600-1,000 mm and maize, cassava, millet, potatoes, bananas and beans are the region's food crops. Main economic activities are farming, fishing and fish processing.

Earlier, YARA Tanzania's Commercial Manager for Western Zone, Phillip Mwakipesile called on farmers to register themselves by dialing \*146\*46\*16#.

"This is the only opportunity where farmers can get free of charge YARA Mila cereal fertiliser," he said, noting that the initiative was meant to benefit farmers in Tanzania.

Maize is Tanzania's staple food.



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Provision of Various Services

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GGME01021	Supply and Delivery of New Land Cruiser Hard Top
GGME01022	Supply and Delivery of 150T Capacity Low Bed Trailer
GGME01023	Terex Franna Crane Model Mac-25, 25 Tonne Capacity All Terrain Lift and Carry Crane
GGME01025	Provision of Mchauru Furniture Renovation

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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%
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Technical Capability	
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REF NO.	SERVICES TO BE PROCURED
GGME0987	Provision of TANESCO Substation Geotechnical Investigation and Reporting Analysis for Geita Gold Mining Limited at Geita Mine
GGME01000	Supply and Install Room Monitoring System IT Server Rooms

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<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA</b>	40%
Drilling of sampling boreholes while recording groundwater intersections and maintaining daily drilling records	10%
Carrying out Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) in the boreholes in accordance with ASTM D1586-64T	5%
Taking samples using standard techniques (e.g. U100 steel (Shelby) tube on cohesive soil stratum or split spoon barrel samplers for disturbed samples)	5%
Extruding of all samples, examination and visual classification before submission for laboratory tests	5%
Undertaking laboratory testing of selected samples	5%
Preparation of a factual geotechnical report	10%
<b>Total Score in %</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA</b>	40%
Technical Capability	
Expert on Room monitoring system installations/configurations (Netbotz system)	15%
Networking Skills (CCNA certificate)	10%
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## Older persons sure repositories of their communities' histories

IN its proclamation on aging, the United Nations General Assembly decided to declare 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons. The proclamation was launched on 1 October 1998, the International Day of Older Persons, by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan.

Worldwide, within the next generations, the proportion of the population aged 60 and over will increase from one in four, bringing about significant social, economic and spiritual change. The proclamation was meant to draw attention to the recognition of humanity's demographic coming of age and the promise it holds for maturing attitudes and capabilities in social, economic, cultural and spiritual undertakings, not least for global peace and development in the next century.

Numerous events take place within the UN and in member countries to mark the event.

With these transformations in mind, the UN chose "towards a society for All Ages" to serve as the theme for IYOP. Throughout the year, participating countries will foster awareness of seniors' roles in society and the need for intergenerational respect and support, emphasising the fact that older persons are the repository of their societies' histories.

The theme of this International Year, however - Towards a Society for All Ages - elicits the full engagement of all segments of society. It calls for "solidarity", "respect" and "exchanges" between generations. It calls for opportunities to share between the young and the not so young such that each may learn from the other. It is therefore important that

older persons should have access to adequate food, water, shelter, clothing and health care through the provision of

income, family and community support and self-help; older persons should have the opportunity to work or to have access to other income-generating opportunities; older persons should be able to participate in determining when and at what pace withdrawal from the labour force takes place.

Also older persons should have access to appropriate educational and training programmes; older persons should be able to live in environments that are safe and adaptable to personal preferences and changing capacities; older persons should be able to reside at home for as long as possible.

And finally older persons should remain integrated in society, participate actively in the formulation and implementation of policies that directly affect their well-being and share their knowledge and skills with younger generations and be able to seek and develop opportunities for service to the community and to serve as volunteers in positions appropriate to their interests and capabilities.

The work of many UN Agencies and programmes has direct connections with aging issues and will reflect IYOP priorities. That is certainly true for the World Health Organisation (WHO), the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

In 1992 the United Nations General Assembly decided, "in recognition of humanity's demographic coming of age and the promise it holds for maturing attitudes and capabilities in social, economic, cultural and spiritual undertakings, not least for global peace and development in the next century" to declare 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP). The theme of this year is "Towards a Society for All Ages."

## We ought to add meaning to marking of International Day of Non-Violence

THE International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. Violence is "the use of physical force so as to injure, abuse, damage, or destroy." Less conventional definitions are also used, such as the World Health Organisation's definition of violence as "the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, which either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment, or deprivation."

Globally, violence resulted in the deaths of an estimated 1.28 million people in 2013 up from 1.13 million in 1990. Of the deaths in 2013, roughly 842,000 were attributed to self-harm (suicide), 405,000 to interpersonal violence, and 31,000 to collective violence (war) and legal intervention. [4] In Africa, out of every 100,000 people, each year an estimated 60.9 die a violent death. For each single death due to violence, there are dozens of hospitalizations, hundreds of emergency department visits, and thousands of doctors' appointments. Furthermore, violence often has lifelong consequences for physical and mental health and social functioning and can slow economic and social development.

In 2013, assault by firearm was the leading cause of death due to interpersonal violence, with 180,000 such deaths estimated to have occurred. The same year, assault by sharp object resulted in roughly 114,000 deaths, with a remaining 110,000 deaths from personal violence being attributed to other causes.

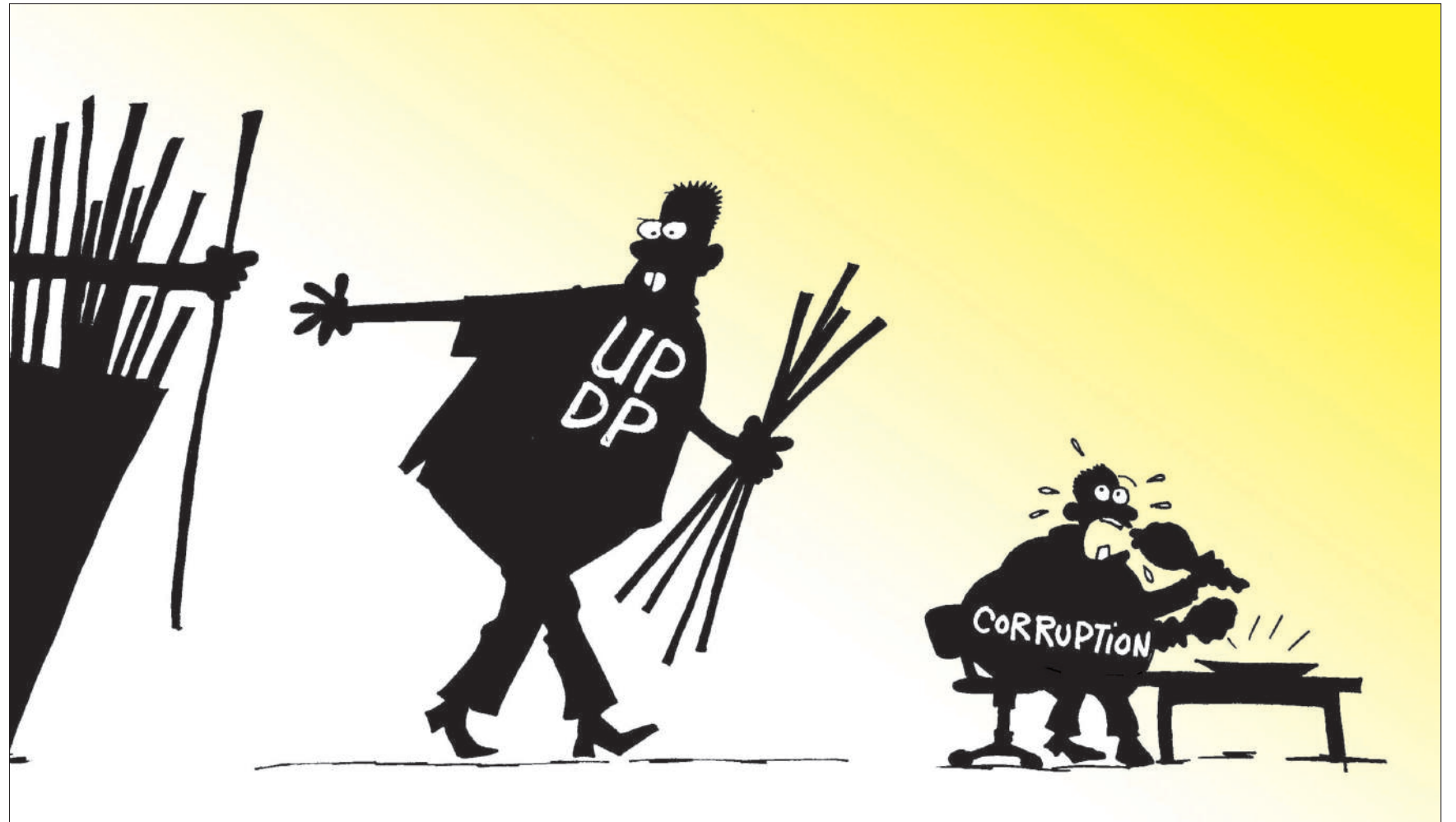
Violence in many forms can be preventable. There is a strong relationship between levels of violence and modifiable factors in a country such as concentrated (regional) poverty, income and gender inequality,

the harmful use of alcohol, and the absence of safe, stable, and nurturing relationships between children and parents. Strategies addressing the underlying causes of violence can be relatively effective in preventing violence, although mental and physical health and individual responses, personalities, etc. have always been decisive factors in the formation of these behaviors.

Collective violence is subdivided into structural violence and economic violence. Unlike the other two broad categories, the subcategories of collective violence suggest possible motives for violence committed by larger groups of individuals or by states. Collective violence that is committed to advance a particular social agenda includes, for example, crimes of hate committed by organized groups, terrorist acts and mob violence. Political violence includes war and related violent conflicts, state violence and similar acts carried out by larger groups. Economic violence includes attacks by larger groups motivated by economic gain - such as attacks carried out with the purpose of disrupting economic activity, denying access to essential services, or creating economic division and fragmentation. Clearly, acts committed by larger groups can have multiple motives.

In January 2004, Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi had taken a proposal for an International Day of Non-Violence from a Hindi teacher in Paris teaching international students to the World Social Forum in Mumbai. The idea gradually attracted the interest of some leaders of India's Congress Party ("Ahimsa Finds Teen Voice", The Telegraph, Calcutta) until a Satyagraha Conference resolution in New Delhi in January 2007, initiated by Indian National Congress President and Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance Sonia Gandhi and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, called upon the United Nations to adopt the idea.

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## The future we want, the UN we need



By Robert W. Sandford

AS we reflect on this week and celebrate the United Nations' rise in the war-ravaged world some 75 years ago, humanity is again being asked to lay the foundation for a new world.

As in 1945, we are asked to envision the world that emerges from a global catastrophe. Similarly, as well, in our post-pandemic world we will need to make not a partial but a full transformation, one in which human self-interest again aligns with planetary realities.

Such a global reset can produce universal benefits in the form of a healthier, more just, safer, kinder and more spirituality connected society.

As UN historian Paul Kennedy noted, it is difficult today to recapture the optimism and high spirits of those who, in the latter days of the most devastating war in history, thought that a new world order was possible, or had already arrived.

Of course, these visionaries were overly optimistic. All who roll boulders uphill are.

The lesson and inspiration for us is that they were able to look at a world reduced to rubble and see in it a transformational moment for all. If they did that then, surely, we can also do so today.

In 1945, the UN inherited the same challenges faced by an earlier experiment in global cooperation, the League of Nations. For every voice favouring the creation of institutions committed to global cooperation, there was another warning against the erosion of national sovereignty. This fierce debate continues today.

Meanwhile, the UN remains unable to escape the fundamental paradox of all international bodies. It only performs as well as its member nations.

Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Richard Holbrooke expressed it famously: "Blaming the UN for a crisis is like blaming Madison Square Gardens when the New York Knicks play badly. You are blaming a building."

And, by virtue of its founding charter conditions, action against rogue states cannot be pursued if a Great Power - that is one of the five countries possessing the veto in the Security Council - is opposed.

It is impossible to understand the history of the United Nations without understanding that this tension was baked into the system at the time of its birth.

That said, even with this structural limitation, the UN has made enormous progress in domains in which individual nations could not adequately or satisfactorily act alone.

And the UN is unlikely to ever collapse because of the growing range of world issues such as climate change that cannot be addressed alone by even the most powerful member states. As is often claimed, despite its many failings "if the UN didn't exist, we would have to invent it."

We live on a different planet than we did in 1945. How could it be otherwise when, in the span of a single lifetime, Earth's human population has swelled almost four-fold to nearly eight billion in 2020 - and total global production has grown from \$4 trillion to more than \$140 trillion in the same period, with many consequences.

It is important to acknowledge that our current global situation is not all bad. There is, for example, the growing

power of international opinion to expose human rights abuses and cause even the most recalcitrant and repressive regimes to consider the consequences of their crimes. We cannot allow that pressure to let up.

If the Great Pause imposed on us by COVID-19 is to become a transformational moment, the level of change has to emerge from the hearts and collective conscience of humanity.

At minimum, that change has to manifest itself in action in the form of implementation of the UN's existing framework for creating a more just and more sustainable world: the UN's 2030 Transforming Our World global sustainable development agenda.

Difficult as the UN's sustainable development goals may appear to be, and distracted as we presently are by the pandemic, we cannot afford to lose sight of what this agenda can do for humanity.

This agenda, if implemented now, may well be seen in time as the greatest gift the United Nations has given humanity.

The problems facing the UN as a world body 75 years into its mandate have not and will not deter it from trying "to save generations from the scourge of war," "to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights," and to promote "social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom."

Those ambitions in the original Preamble to the founding Charter of the United Nations had it right. The question now - in this new transformational moment - is, can we finally do it? And the answer is yes, we can.

The boulder is still only half way up the mountain. To advance it further, to create the future we want and the UN

we need, much effort is needed.

Just as in 1945, this truly is a transformational moment - for the UN certainly, but also for the entire world.

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# Eight years of voluntary forest conservation efforts in Handeni village bearing fruit



Kitumbi residents preparing sustainable harvesting plan at Kitumbi village government office for forest harvesting.

By Beatrice Philemon

PEOPLE'S participation in forest conservation efforts at Lugala forest reserve in Kitumbi village, Handeni district of Tanga region has started bearing fruit as the village has access to funds to implement community development projects, contrary to the situation in the past.

On November 25th 2019, 15 groups of livestock keepers from Kitumbi village were arrested for invading and grazing cattle inside the Lugala Forest Reserve and fined 1,849,000/- in total. The livestock keeper entered the forest reserve with a herd of 399 cattle to graze in the area.

The village noticed the incident when conducting patrols in the forest reserve to keep out encroachers who invade the forests for agricultural activities, cattle grazing,

building cattle sheds, starting fires and making charcoal. The livestock keepers were arrested by members of the village Natural Resources Committee (VNRC) in collaboration with the District Forestry Officer.

Speaking for Kitumbi villagers, Village Executive Officer (VEO) George Mndeme said the villagers were pleased to obtain those funds as they have worked for eight years in forest conservation efforts.

These efforts have started paying as through those funds VNRC members were paid after arresting the culprits, while a portion of the funds was used for forest management, he says.

Since the sector community participation umbrella, MJUMITA in tandem with Handeni district conservation teamed up in the village and started encouraging the villagers to take part in the community based forest management (CBFM) programme at Lugala Forest Reserve, things

started changing to better.

Kitumbi village hadn't started obtaining tangible benefits but with the recent event, the village has purchased two motorcycles to transport facilities to conduct patrols in the forest reserve.

In general, the forest conservation effort and CBFM programme in particular have opened villagers' eyes, thus more people are aware on the importance of forest conservation. They understand how they can benefit from forest resources they have within the village land, helping to improve their livelihoods and implement village development projects.

Conservation activity officially started in 2012 with support from the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) and Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA). Lugala forest reserve, located at Kitumbi village 25 kilometre from Handeni district offices, has 7827.7 hectares of land endowed with natural forests that is suitable for timber harvesting and other activities.

Kitumbi village was established in 1976 and at present it counts 10,412 residents, among them 4427 men and 5985 women.

Villages that are not participating in CBFM are advised to allocate areas of village land as a forest reserve and later seek out donors who will help them obtain full ownership to manage their own forests for the benefit of the community as a whole, the village official noted.

Villages must also ensure they develop management plans for their village forest land, and this plan should describe how the forest will be used, managed and protected or harvested and from which area, as well as preparing village by-laws for forest management that in turn will help them to benefit from what they conserve, he elaborated.

For her part, 30-year-old Mariam Bakari was grateful that TFCG and MJUMITA had trained villagers

on how to conserve their forests, as right now they can secure timber from their forest reserve since the forest helps with stabilising rainfall. Villagers have clearer awareness of the importance of forest resources and are volunteering to protect the forest and also in tree planting activities.

The money generated from selling timber and other forest products are used to implement community village development projects.

"Just look, if we don't conserve our forests, we can't get rainfall for agricultural activities and the area would become drier and more prone to extreme droughts. That in turn will cause food shortages," the villager explained.

Elaborating on community based forest management activities at Lugala forest reserve she says involvement in conserving forest resources in the area changed people's perceptions that in turn reduced deforestation.

Communities have become more active in preserving forests and protect their forests from other threats. That is a big achievement for Kitumbi residents and the village government as well, she remarked.

Kitumbi village chairman Yusufu Bakari said that before attending the training on forest conservation, it was difficult for villagers to conserve forests. Villagers were heading into it for firewood, timber, cattle grazing, illegal logging and the forest was in a mess as deforestation was very high.

"Since 2012 when TFCG in collaboration with a Handeni district council team came to the village and trained residents in forest conservation and management, encouraging villagers to take part in saving the forest from disappearance through the community based forest management programme, things have changed.

"Our forest is now safe. We are now getting rains and funds to implement village projects," the chairman affirmed.

The training on forest conservation has brought positive results to Kitumbi residents as villagers were

more aware of the importance of forest conservation, the benefit it has for them than in past years, and the village expects to harvest timber using a sustainable harvesting plan to generate income.

"We have started seeing people who are venturing into tree planting just to reduce pressure on the forest. Natural vegetation has resumed; we are now experiencing good rains after people stopped cutting down trees, and we have experts to provide training to people on forest conservation," he said.

He called on MJUMITA, TFCG and other stakeholders to continue training villagers on forest conservation and management as the demand is very high.

Elaborating on tree planting, he says in a bid to address deforestation within village land, right now there are people who have embarked on tree planting to restore vegetation and also earn income.

Through the knowledge and skills gained from MJUMITA and TFCG he had managed to plant 150 trees in his five acres of land, increasing earnings and conserving biodiversity of Kitumbi village forests, he said.

"We purchase tree seedlings from tree nurseries and mobilize people to plant more trees in their premises and on farms," he explained.

TFCG's Monitoring and Research Officer, Justine Gwegime noted that TFCG has been carrying out surveys in various areas to identify deforestation rates, the causes of deforestation and what strategy can be used to reduce deforestation.

Research findings show that deforestation rates occur mainly in unreserved forests within village land, which helped TFCG to inform the government on deforestation rates on the basis of the data it collected.

"The government cannot do everything; as stakeholders we have the role of identifying deforestation rates with a view to involving the government to formulate appropriate responses, he added

## The workplace should be respected

I had a doctor's appointment, show up and delayed in the queue.

I hear my name called out and wobble into the doctors' office. I find some young lady nurse seated in the same room and she hands over my file to the doc.

As we settle to focus on my condition, the young nurse chooses to swing the computer screen so that we review the digital file that the previous doc was working on during the previous consultation. Then the screen is turned towards her considering she was to my left. When the screen is turned on and obscene images pop out the Doc looks up at us through his thick scholarly dark old fashioned eye glasses and then asks "What is this?"

I did not even respond to him. The lady nurse was so embarrassed and thank God for the quick mouse movement reaction that millenniums have and voila... my medical report was on screen.

Immediately as a HR practitioner my antenna is on high alert and swinging making noise like a police siren chasing after Raymond Reddington in the streets of Paris - I digress. So seriously, the screen had non work related websites and it looks like the person forgot to close the tab - lady nurse, stone faced doc or just someone in that office? Hmmm. None of was my business there but let us get back to work ours.

So this is where I ask, "What are you busy doing at work when you are left alone - especially now that after the covid-19 situation has left us with lessons?" "What is occupying our down time or is it part of the pomodoro technique break time?" I kind of feel like we are thinking / doing things that we should not be thinking / doing and not thinking / doing things we should be thinking / doing - see what I did there?

Are we monitoring the stuff that our staff are doing or are we easy to allow this covid situation to relax the laid down rules and regulations? Do our systems in the work place have an audit trail that give a report of the sites that our staff are visiting? Are we responsible enough to know, what can be viewed where and with which gadgets - office given? Do staff have 'personal space' in the work space? Is there a law against such behavior in the work space? I can only imagine if it was an old woman / man who may

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have been subjected to such a screen? Suppose I raised it up with the management of the hospital - does it really concern me in any way?

We claim to be professionals while at work and the same is expected of us in view of our assumed behavior - read this as internet surfing habits. Does your organization have a fire wall that detects such inappropriate / private sites and how many hits they have had per day and how long one has been on them?

So, anyway, I told this episode to someone, they asked me why I was making such a big deal out of it. I was livid to think that they thought it was a minor thing. Like seriously, the few seconds of exposure to such material has henceforth polluted my otherwise very innocent mind. I repeat, Imagine if it was a much elderly person or even a child and this is the screen they were exposed to, what images would that person be left with? Do you know that there are some images one cannot unsee? Unless one has poor eyesight or poor memory then they can get away with it - and this cannot be me.

However, this still begs the question, should we condone the exposure of inappropriate material in the work place? For crying out loud, this was a hospital setting, suppose it was a reception area and one needed to clarify something with a client and tells the client to check the screen and then ding dong? Did you know that according to the Sexual Offences - Exposure or display of any pornographic material to any person against his or her will." that this is actually an offence?

I still stand by the fact that an office set

up should not expose both the worker and or clients to material that are indecent. The office needs to have a policy on that allows staff to be protected from such exposure. We need to create a decent working environment so that staff will be comfortable to get work done. They will also be confident to deal with clients just incase they need to share screen contents. Most important is to educate staff that the office is a place for the designated business of the owners and that their private lives desires should not be fulfilled or acted out during company time. The IT department needs to be conducting random audit reports that will allow the viewing of deleted history files from the desk top.

Let it be very clear that the staff who portrays such behavior shall face very serious disciplinary action and may lead to removal of internet privileges if not suspension from work. In case a member of staff feels offended in any way and the effects are documentable, then the staff who facilitated this indecent exposure may loose their job.

As we navigate life, the workplace is part of the pit stop for the day and we need it as much as the rest of the route plan for the day. Let us make it better every day not just for self but for others, let people not be uncomfortable around you due to certain habits. Afraid that when they touch your computer for use, the pop ups will give then the jitters and not the ones from my doc. There is no real privacy in the work place and so come on, a few hours off your phone to get some real work done, will not hurt you, after all it is that real work you do that ultimately pays your bills.

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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Washington State University – Global Animal Health Tanzania

Global Animal Health Tanzania (GAHT), a legally registered NGO that is supported by Washington State University and collaborating partners in Tanzania, serves to manage a broad range of public and animal health research projects in Tanzania. GAHT has the following openings:

1. Veterinary Officer
2. Field Officer

## Position: Veterinary Officer (1 Position)

**Contract duration:** Twelve (12) months (full-time engagement), with possibility of renewal

**Reports To:** Country Administrative Manager

**Location:** Mara, Tanzania

**Position Description:** The Veterinary Officer will support the implementation of research programs, performing the following activities;

**Duties and responsibilities:**

- Support surveillance officers in collecting and reporting surveillance data through the designated GAHT surveillance data system;
- Support data analysis;
- Prepare progress reports in line with funding agency requirements, and the distribution to relevant stakeholders;
- Contribute to strengthening monitoring & evaluation capability;
- Participate in relevant events and meetings organized by governmental, academic and other partners;
- Work with the GAHT Operations Team to ensure project related equipment and/or electronics are purchased, stored and maintained appropriately;
- Liaise with the PIs and other researchers on respective research programs to determine field activity requirements and to collect research data;
- Carry out data collection activities as described by the PI and other senior researchers identified by the PI. These will include household surveys, biological sample collection, vaccination coverage surveys etc.;
- Maintain safe storage and distribution (to the PI) of data collected;
- Be responsible for GAHT vehicles, ensuring that they are operated solely for project activities and maintained in good order. This will include:
  - Maintaining vehicle log book where mileage is recorded before commencing and completing each field trip;
  - Close communication with Program Coordinator ensuring vehicle maintenance is done in a timely manner;
  - Report to the Program Coordinator of any serious mechanical problems that needs immediate resolution;
  - Send a copy of vehicle log book each month to the Program Coordinator;
- Manage and account for project cash advances;
- Represent GAHT at necessary meetings.
- Miscellaneous other duties as requested

**Qualifications:**

- A Diploma in Veterinary Medicine or equivalent qualification in the animal production and health sector
- Three (3) years working experience in similar job position

**Beneficial skills and experience:**

- Demonstrated experience in planning, programme management, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation and report writing
- Computer literate - comfortable with email, and proficient in the use of MS Office (i.e. Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Excellent English language writing skills
- Experience collecting and managing data sets and using mapping software a bonus
- A keen interest in developing a career in field research
- Ability to speak Kiswahili, KiMaasai, and other languages an advantage
- An understanding of the social and political landscape at regional and national levels under which sustainable outcomes must be delivered
- Good communication, facilitation and diplomacy skills
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural, national environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.
- Valid clean driving license and preferably experience of driving 4-wheel drive vehicles

**Other Technical and Interpersonal Skills for both positions:**

- An understanding of the social and political landscape at regional and national levels under which sustainable outcomes must be delivered
- Excellent command of English and Kiswahili, spoken and written, including scientific report writing
- Analytical skills, statistical analysis and mapping / surveillance expertise
- Proficiency in the use of MS Office (i.e. Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Valid driving license is a must
- Skills in interpersonal relations and the ability to work in multi-disciplinary environment.
- Good communication, facilitation and diplomacy skills
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural, national environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

## Position: Field Officer

**Contract duration:** Twelve (12) months (full-time engagement), with possibility of renewal

**Reports To:** Country Administrative Manager

**Location:** Mara, Tanzania

**Position Description:** The primary responsibility of the Field Officer (FO) will be to work in the field and to carry out data collection activities for research projects being implemented by Global Animal Health Tanzania (GAHT).

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Liaise with the Principal Investigator (PI) and other researchers to determine field activities required to collect research data;
- Carry out data collection activities as described by the PI and other senior researchers identified by the PI. These will include household surveys, biological sample collection, vaccination coverage surveys etc.
- Maintain the safe storage and distribution (to the PI) of data collected;
- Drive and manage project vehicles;
- Represent GAHT at necessary meetings;
- Be responsible for ensuring the GAHT vehicle is operated solely for project activities and that it is maintained in good order that includes:
  - o Maintaining vehicle log book where mileage is recorded before commencing and completing each field trip;
  - o Close communication with Program Coordinator ensuring vehicle maintenance is done in a timely manner;
  - o Report to the Program Coordinator of any serious mechanical problems that needs immediate resolution;
  - o Send a copy of vehicle log book each month to the Program Coordinator;
  - Assist with project logistics as requested by Program Coordinator.
- Receive and securely manage project funds and provide timely and accurate accounts of said funds. These will include travel advances and any other cash advances provided for field activities.
- Miscellaneous other duties as requested

**Qualifications:**

- An animal health qualification (certificate or diploma level)
- Three (3) years working experience in similar job position

**Beneficial skills and experience:**

- Experience working in the field on research programs
- Experience as a leader overseeing field teams collecting biological samples and other data collection activities
- Fluent in Swahili and English
- Written English must be of a high standard
- Computer literate - comfortable with email, and proficient in the use of MS Office (i.e. Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Valid clean driving license and preferably experience of driving 4-wheel drive vehicles
- Knowledge and experience of vehicle maintenance and mechanics is a bonus
- Good communication, facilitation and diplomacy skills
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural, national environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

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## Engaging local people in projects implemented for them invaluable

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

STAKEHOLDERS have urged that it was crucial for non-governmental organisations (NGOs), civil based organisations (CBOs) and faith based organisations (FBOs), implementing donor-funded projects to involve local communities where those projects are being implemented.

The call was made last Friday in Dar es Salaam during Policy Forum Breakfast Debate focusing on "Monitoring evaluation processes: Inclusive and adaptive programming for sustainable development."

The Institutions for Inclusive Development (I4ID), which is an adaptive, politically smart governance programme in Tanzania, funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and Irish Aid, on implementing the various projects in the country has followed that trend.

The main speaker during the debate Japhet Makongo from I4ID said that the overarching goal of the programme was to work with government, representative institutions, civil society and the private sector to strengthen institutions in Tanzania to become more inclusive and accountable, so that economic growth and services bring more benefits to women, youth, poor and vulnerable people.

According to him the DFID and Irish Aid-funded Institutions for Inclusive Development programme in Tanzania - a "test tube baby" on iterative programming and adaptive management - explores new ways of tackling wicked problems in a variety of areas, such as solid waste management, inclusive education, and menstrual health.

"As a programme designed to be agile and opportunistic, it needs to have fast feedback loops so that staff and partners can make informed decisions about if and how to adjust strategy and tactics during implementation. It must also be accountable for its performance and generate lessons about how change occurs."

He said that having known that better urban planning could unlock investment in decent housing, industry and commerce and enhance land value and revenues for residents and government, I4ID and Ardhi University were supporting Kigamboni Mu-

nicipal Council to develop an inclusive, and integrated land use plan.

Within six months, a rapid process has enabled a detailed land inventory with participatory ground-trothing, depicting the use of each land parcel, and digitalisation of administrative boundaries.

It has also enabled the digitalisation and geo-referencing of all surveyed plots, incorporation of land inventory into revised draft Dar es Salaam Masterplan.

Agreement for development of integrated land use plan for Kigamboni, in line with Dar es Salaam Masterplan; and citizen engagement and cooperation with main community groups and residents.

"Once finalised, Kigamboni's land use plan will catalyse investment, unlock land value and revenue for government, embed stronger planning and development controls and can inspire new urban planning and development guidelines for all cities in Tanzania."

Kigamboni Municipal Council has prioritised the development of a general land use plan, in order to control the growth of informal settlements, improve equitable access to services and catalyse investment in housing and jobs.

Like many cities in Africa, Kigamboni has suffered from top-down imposed planning visions that ignore the needs of people, and a stalled development process as planners and residents are unable to agree on how to attract investment and protect existing residents and land-owners.

In Tanzania the I4ID programme, which is ending next month has implemented among others the following projects: education systems for the deaf. Its objective was making the learning experience more inclusive for deaf children in Tanzania.

Transforming Dar es Salaam's waste management systems. It focused at keeping out of communities, rivers and informal dumpsites to improve environmental health, flooding resilience and marine pollution.

Inclusive urban planning. Building coalitions to catalyse investment, jobs and inclusive urban development in Kigamboni.

Urban waste access through geographical information system (GIS).

Regional investment facilitation in Iringa. It was helping government play a more effective role to attract businesses, stimulate investment and create jobs. And improving access to menstrual health products in Tanzania.

For her part, Gloria Sikustahili also from I4ID, said that as the programme enters its final month of implementation, the lessons they have learnt on monitoring and evaluation were: All parties benefit when genuine attempt is made to understand not only the programme theory of change, but also the basis for certain actions during the adaptive process.

It pays to build rapport with donors and reviewers, to understand their interests, needs, concerns and motivations. While this might not necessarily lead to fewer requests, it can lead to more streamlined responses, responses that 'tick the box' first time around.

Annual reviewers and mid-term evaluators also need to understand the interests of implementers and the programme managers rather than focusing only on donors' interests.

This means reviewers should take time to understand the programme's journey to date and future trajectory, while balancing the interests of both parties is a necessity.

"All too often we, as human beings, find ourselves believing certain things of our partners, be they donors, reviewers, implementers, partner agencies or others..."

Engineer Stephen Andazi who was one of the participants during the debate suggested that in order for the outcome of the projects implemented to have impacts, there was need to involve and meet people at the community level, where they can identify their problems.

Another participant Wilson Chacha also said that effective involvement of both the community and the government in donor funded projects in the process of designing and development was very important for the project to have positive impacts and sustainability.

Martina Polepole noted that the involvement of villagers and village leaders in projects targeting them was important especially when donors will end their support, it will continue to be sustainable.



Japhet Makongo from I4ID contributes to Policy Forum Breakfast debate held in Dar es Salaam last Friday. Photo: Daniel Semberya



## Sigh of relief as Bukoli health centre in Geita gets ambulance

By Guardian Reporter

BUKOLI health centre in Geita District has been given a new ambulance, thanks to the initiative from Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) and Rafiki Surgical Mission.

The ambulance worth 32m/- will serve patients residing in close proximity to Bukoli Ward and the rest of Geita Region.

Speaking during the handover ceremony at Bukoli village in Geita, the GGML vice president - sustainability, Simon Shayo highlighted that the ambulance donation was timely and would alleviate transportation challenges for critically ill patients.

"The Geita District Council requested an ambulance from GGML to help the Bukoli community who had limited means to transport patients with medical referrals to Geita Referral Hospital which is approximately 35 kilometres from Bukoli. Partnering with Rafiki Surgical Mission in response to that request came naturally as we have proved over the years our dual commitment to support health initiatives in Geita," said Shayo.

For almost 20 years, besides donating medical equipment Geita Gold Mining Limited in collaboration with Rafiki Surgical Mission have extended medical care to children and adults in the region who suffer from unrepaired cleft lip and palate by providing free surgical treatment.

Shayo further explained that GGML had

already supported Bukoli Health Centre in 2004 with the construction of an Outpatient Department building and a residence house for health practitioners. The Company also funded several health projects including the renovation of the Geita Referral Hospital as well as the construction of new dispensaries in Nyamalemba, Nyakahongola, Kasota and Kakubiro in Geita District. All these projects combined costed about 1.8bn/-.

The District Executive Director for Geita District Council, Ali Kidwaka on behalf of the government, acknowledged GGML's support in curbing health challenges in Geita region and called upon other partners in Geita District Council to work with the Government in a similar manner. In 2019, GGML donated medical equipment to Katoro na Bukoli healthcare facilities worth 142m/-.



**Shayo further explained that GGML had already supported Bukoli Health Centre in 2004 with the construction of an Outpatient Department**



Geita District Council executive director Ali Kidwaka (L) receives an ambulance registration card from GGML vice president Simon Shayo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Report: Violence against women costs Lesotho economy \$113 million yearly

By Special Correspondent, London

A Commonwealth report has revealed violence against women and girls costs Lesotho more than \$113 million (about 1.9 billion Lesotho loti) a year.

The report estimates the total cost, including loss of income and expenses associated with medical, legal and police support, equates to around 5.5 per cent of Lesotho's gross domestic product (GDP). The cost of \$113 million means each Lesotho citizen loses at least \$50 every year to violence against women and girls.

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The bulk - \$45 million - is attributed to legal protection, healthcare, social services and learning loss. This is more than twice the amount - \$21 million - Lesotho spent on health, education and energy in the last fiscal year.

The report sets out policy recommendations for the health, education, legal and private sectors to better meet the needs of victims, which include Updating the forms used for collecting data on

violence against women and girls; using digital services to collect and share the data with stakeholders; training staff responsible for recording, analysing and sharing data; developing a broad approach involving all sectors to prevent the abuse; and making strategic shifts to allocate resources to carry out these recommendations.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland said: "This report proves once again that ending violence against woman and girls is not only the right thing to do but it is also the smart thing to do and beneficial to us all.

"Tackling this issue will prevent immense pain and suffering for individuals and communities and will also end the damage this violence does to our economies and prosperity.

"As the first report of its kind to focus on Lesotho in this way, our intention is that it should provide the basis for designing more clearly focussed national policies and programmes, and help ensure that adequate resources are allocated for priorities such as training service providers.

"The findings put a price tag on the endemic scourge of gender-

based violence, and demonstrate that the consequences of ignoring the problem are far higher than the cost of taking preventative and remedial action.

"By providing the baseline for a series of periodic costing studies and practical intervention, we hope the report will help pave the way towards significant progress on eliminating violence against women and girls, thereby saving many lives."

The loss of income for women who experience violence due to missed days of work and lost productivity comes to \$22 million an-

nually. Income losses result in less spending which triggers a negative impact on commodity demand and supply of goods and services. Lesotho's Minister of Gender and Youth, Sport and Recreation Mahali Phamotse said: "Violence against women and girls is a problem in Lesotho which affects national development.

"The report will help Lesotho come up with appropriate strategies that will help eradicate violence against women and girls as we are now aware of its causes and economic implications.

"The report calls for immediate

action through which my ministry will embark on a project to ensure the protection of women and girls."

In Lesotho, about one in three women experience sexual or physical violence in their lifetime, similar to the global prevalence rate. The Commonwealth worked with Lesotho's Ministry of Gender and Youth, Sport and Recreation to conduct the study and produce this report. This is the second country report completed by the Commonwealth. The first was produced for Seychelles in 2018.

## Africa lost billions in illicit financial flows - UN report

By Special Correspondent

AFRICA has lost nearly \$89bn a year in illicit financial flows such as tax evasion and theft, amounting to more than it receives in development aid, a United Nations study has showed.

The estimate, in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) 248-page report, is its most comprehensive to date for Africa. It shows an increasing trend over time and is higher than most previous estimates.

The report released on Monday calls Africa a "net creditor to the world", echoing economists' observations that the aid-reliant continent is actually a net exporter of capital because of these trends.

"Illicit financial flows rob Africa and its people of their prospects, undermining transparency and accountability and eroding trust in African institutions," said UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi.

Junior Davis, head of policy and research at UNCTAD's Africa division, told the Reuters news agency the figure was likely an underestimate, citing data limitations.

Nearly half of the total annual figure of \$88.6bn is accounted for by the export of commodities such as gold, diamonds and platinum, the report said. For example, gold accounted for 77 percent of the total under-invoiced exports worth \$40bn in 2015, it showed.

Understating a commodity's true value helps conceal trade profits abroad and deprives developing countries of foreign exchange and erodes their tax base, UNCTAD said.

Tackling illicit flows is a priority for the UN, whose General Assembly adopted a resolution on this in 2018, and the report urges African countries to draw on the report to present "renewed arguments" in international forums.



Yasmin Bachu (with loud speaker), CCM women wing Arusha regional chairperson, accompanied by members of the wing's implementation committee when appealing for votes for CCM presidential, parliamentary and other candidates in the October 28 General Election. This was at a campaign rally at Eyasi village in Ngorongoro District on Tuesday. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

## Kisarawe District registers remarkable success in fast-tracking development

By Correspondent James Kandoya

KISARAWA District in Coast Region has registered remarkable success in fast-tracking community development, thanks to the Opportunities and Obstacles to Development (O&OD) project implemented in collaboration with the JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA).

Previously, the community felt to be not part of development project implemented in their area because they were not

part of the assessment, planning and implementation process.

The project has been a link between the community and the district whereas residents take part in the planning process as well as project implementation, said Kisarawe district economist, Deus Mbalamwezi.

He made the statement when speaking to JATA members who visited the district to see how the project has facilitated implementation of development

projects.

The O&OD under JICA's project is implemented in Homboza, Chambasi and Msimbu wards in Kisarawe District.

The project is a multi-sectoral approach which takes on board the Tanzania Vision 2025 goals adding that involves grass root representative members to participate in needs assessment, planning process and implementation of the projects.

"For more than 10 years, JICA, Japan's bilateral aid agency, has

been closely cooperating with the government in trying to develop a dynamic and sustainable style of local development and service delivery through an innovative local government administration", he said.

He added: "I am happy to inform you that the project has changed people's minds since the community's participation in the villages meetings to discuss their development has increased", he said.

Mbalamwezi noted that coun-

cilors in respective wards have also been equipped with skills on how to lead their people and they have become great implementers of the projects initiated.

He said the project introduced training to extension officers which were conducted practically to enable them to assist farmers and livestock keepers to conduct their activities in a modern way.

Msimbu Ward executive officer, Fodia Tungaraza said that villagers can now initiate projects

and manage them, contrary to the previous period when they had to wait for the government to find solution to their challenges.

Tungaraza said the ward constructed a school to reduce walking distances whereas currently pupils walk for only six kilometers to and from school.

JATA chairman, Gregory Mlay said the aim of their visit was to evaluate implementation of the project and see how it has changed people's minds to-

wards participating in community development.

"It is encouraging to see community members participate in their development, they can plan and initiate projects to solve their problems instead of waiting for the government", said Tungaraza.

He said the 'Self-Help-Effort' concept has enabled villagers to assist themselves whenever they find it difficult for the government to work on certain issues due to adequate resources.



# Farmers, herders and wildlife bear brunt of damage to miombo forests

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

**I**NCREASED human activities in Urambo and Kaliua districts in Tabora Region have contributed to loss of what used to be dense miombo forests, thus accelerating the decline in the amount of rainfall compared to past.

As a result, the Tabora region and neighboring locations are at risk of experiencing desertification, despite the several efforts made by the Tanzanian government to control the situation.

Tobacco farming and curing is the major driver of degradation of miombo forests in the region. Other drivers include timber and charcoal production, with the latter being used as the major source of cooking energy for many of the region's residents.

The District Environment Management Officer (DEMO) at Urambo District Council, Shadrack Yomba, says that during the late 1980s the Tabora region and Urambo and Kaliua Districts in particular received rainfall at an average of 1,000 millimeters annually. "The dense miombo forests accounted for the heavy rainfall," says Yomba.

"However in the years that followed domestic migrants from the neighboring regions of Shinyanga, Mwanza, Simiyu, Geita and Kigoma invaded the forestlands, and conducted various activities thereby degrading the forests in a manner that they could no longer provide ecosystem services. Subsequently the amount of rainfall in the region has gone to less than 800mm now," notes the District Officer, adding that the climate is now warmer and drier than it was before the 1990s.

Forest degradation has also seen the region experiencing significant loss of natural vegetation resulting from long dry seasons.

"There are number of conservation efforts that the government has made. They include conducting public awareness campaigns for farmers to plant trees, the use of efficient cooking stoves and application of modern methods of tobacco curing. The tree planting campaign has recorded little success due to reduced rainfall and long dry seasons both of which are, to a great extent, a result of deforestation," says Yomba.

According to Yomba, only about 20 percent of the trees planted survive the harsh climate.

Miombo woodlands fall in the category of rain forests and in Tabora region; these are evident in Urambo, Sikonge, Kaliua and Uyui Districts. They also extend in other regions of Tanzania including Morogoro, Iringa, Lindi and Mtwara.

"Miombo forests can also be seen in Uvinza and Kibondo districts of Kigoma region as well as in Mlele district of Katavi Region," says Urambo District Forestry Officer, Jacob Mbeshi.

Some records indicate that a large portion of such forests in Igunga and



Nzega districts have disappeared due to expansion of rice farming activities.

A member of Igunguli village government in Urambo district, Eliud Luago, shared his experience, saying that in the early 1990s the region was still flooded with miombo rainforests, but later on these disappeared leaving the land bare.

"Farmers cut a lot trees to expand tobacco farms and to get firewood for curing the tobacco. Severe deforestation led to land infertility," says Luago.

According to Luago, seasons have been unpredictable, with great variance in the amount of rainfall the region receives.

"There are some years when we have experienced very little rainfall which was bad to farmers. But last year, for example, there was a lot of rainfall which in turn damaged crops and property. Experts say that this variation is caused by climate change and deforestation fuels it," he explains.

**Forest disappearing a chunk at a time**

Illegal logging is another driver of deforestation. Loggers move from area to another, leaving behind a degraded forest and in some cases small woodlots and barren land. Among the areas, most affected by illegal logging of miombo forests is Ulyankhulu rainforest in Urambo district.

The 229,600-hectare rainforest was

**Some of the logs illegally harvested and seized in some forests in Urambo and Kaliua districts in Tabora Region recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent**

one of the district's major forests. There was also Nsenda Agricultural Prison Forest covering 2,380 hectares and the Kangeme, Itebulanda and Utenge (KIU) village forests covering a total of 846.5 hectares.

Formerly Urambo District Council owned the 163,482.39 hectare North Ugala Forest Reserve which was then transferred to Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA).

Mbeshi says that although the transfer of ownership of the forest has contributed to reduced revenue and eliminated economic opportunities from harvesting forest products such as honey, it would contribute to effective conservation as TANAPA has more professional experts in management and conservation of natural resources including the rainforests.

Besides, TANAPA has modern weapons to deal with illegal loggers who are often bedmates of poachers and they can conduct effective patrols. They also have an adequate budget to meet the needs for natural resource management, which the district council lacked.

The then Acting District Executive Director of Urambo Sadoki Magesa, says Ulyankhulu rainforest was invaded by migrants who were attracted by the fertile land and sufficient rainfall for agriculture and livestock, since the early 1990s.

According to Magesa, the number of migrants increased as a result of reproduction and new comers who took over the land and expanded their human activities, especially tobacco farming and livestock keeping. As a result the number of livestock overwhelmed the stocking capacity of the area and as such grazing land overran farms, leading to the disappearance of cultivation of food crops.

**Miombo forests and rainfall variability**

The Ulyankhulu rainforest is the catchment where rainwater collects and flows through several streams, then enters the Igombe River, Lake Nyamagano, Maragalasi River and finally into Tanganyika Lake in Kigoma region.

Due to its nature, the Igombe river forest reserve located in Kaliua district is one of the areas that depend on Ulyankhulu catchment for its water needs.

According to the United Nations news ( [HYPERLINK "https://stories.undp.org/lake-tanganyika-what-the-future-holds"](https://stories.undp.org/lake-tanganyika-what-the-future-holds) <https://stories.undp.org/lake-tanganyika-what-the-future-holds>), Lake Tanganyika is one of the world's natural wonders, holding about 17 percent of the globe's surface freshwater.

It is also the oldest and the deepest lake in Africa, bordering Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania, and offers sources of livelihood for over 10 million people.

Some water from Ulyankhulu catchment flows through Ugalla River, Lake Sagala, the Maragalasi River and final-

ly into Lake Tanganyika.

Thus the coming of migrants who settled in Igombe River Forest Reserve affected rainfall availability and therefore lead to the drying up of water sources and the loss of ecosystems in the area.

The Manager of Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS) in Kaliua District, Jackson Temu says that the Igombe River Forest Reserve that was created through Government Notice No. 32 of 1958 covers an area of 244,480 hectares.

"Igombe River Forest Reserve was also the main source of water for Igombe dam which supplies water for residents of Tabora municipality and surrounding villages," says Temu, adding that the water from the Igombe River Forest Reserve flows into Lake Tanganyika through Malagarasi River.

The Igombe River Forest Reserve forest is within the Malagarasi wetlands which is under the management of TFS. The forest authority also serves Kaliua, Uyui and Nzega Districts in Tabora region.

**Evidence of severe deforestation**

According to Mbeshi there are no records to show that the 229,600 hectares of Ulyankhulu forest were degazetted or resurveyed and mapped to reduce its size after the 1962 government notice. However, it has 'disappeared'.

"We cannot say that the conservation of miombo woodland rainforests have improved, we will be liars... the situation is not good at all because of increasing degradation," he says.

The District Forest Officer, Bucheye Wambura, says, "Although official records show that Ulyankhulu was a forest reserve, almost every square has been taken - over by migrants... they cut down trees wantonly, making it difficult for us to manage the resource."

On the other hand, local community members reveal that although they own land and just a 'small part of miombo rainforests' has remained, they recognize and follow the rules, regulations and procedures of harvesting forest products.

"We follow the procedures that have been put in place for the management and harvesting of forest products," says one of the residents, Zubeda Makayo.

But the situation on the ground reveals that deforestation is indeed gaining momentum in the region.

Villages are legally established and registered

Despite alleged invasion and settlement in forests, the migrants have managed to register and obtain official village status, thus they are provided with basic social services such as schools, health facilities and electricity.

However while the registration certificates were returned to the District Council for verification, migrants have not been evicted from the areas, an indication that their settlements are recognized and accepted by au-

thorities.

The villages in Ulyankhulu include Ukwanga, Mlangale, Unzali, Uyogo, Igunguli, Milambo, Igembensabho and Kase-la with the population standing at 29,599 by 2019.

**Measures to scale up forestry management**

Among the government's efforts to address the challenges of deforestation was to set up a special assessment committee to look into the state of forests in the country, and make a number of recommendations, including reallocating some forest areas for human settlements.

The Acting District Executive Director of Urambo District Council told this paper that Ulyankhulu forest is among areas that have been allocated for human activities.

"We have received a note from the government to allow the villages to remain in their settlements, but is not the official way of communicating such matters. ... So this is what I can say for now," Magesa said.

Meanwhile, some local communities living in Ulyankhulu do not know that the respective area was set aside as a forest reserve. The Chairman of Igunguli village, which is within the forest reserve, Lucas Lala, says the households with about 6,545 people had no idea that they were living in a prohibited area.

He says that despite the large area being taken over for settlement, agriculture and pastoralism, there were still chunks of miombo forests. This was however countered by forest authorities.

Mbeshi argued that after the migrants entered the Ulyankhulu rainforest, they took over the land and started a big conflict with district council officials.

"We have tried to save the Ulyankhulu rainforest from disappearing and eventually causing desertification in its wake, but migrants had already invaded and settled in the forest," he says.

According to Mbeshi, proper forest management was one of the outcomes recommendations made by Sustainable Management of Miombo Woodlands Project conducted by the government between 2012 and 2017 through funding from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The project was the basis for employing various measures including patrols which were conducted in collaboration with representatives from the District Council, the police and the KIU forest management committee.

The committee comprised delegates from Kangeme, Itebulanda and Utenge villages. However in due course participation of the district council and police in the patrols was withdrawn due to budget shortfalls, among other factors.

"Conducting patrols requires financial and human resources; it is possible that this area has not been given priority, but we are currently planning to make major improvement," says Magesa. "Under the circumstances, deforestation has been on the increase," added Mbeshi.

**Ecological impacts of deforestation**

Mbeshi says another impact on the region's rainforests is the loss of important tree species such as mahogany that the district authority has imposed ban on harvesting in order to halt deforestation and mitigate the climate change.

Magesa also refers to the pterocarpus-tinctorius tree as one of the most neglected trees and destroys miombo woodlands.

**Deforestation wipes out wildlife habitat**

Deforestation is said to be the major source of the extinction of wildlife that can now be witnessed in several parts of the district.

An expert in the forest industry who did not want to be named, revealed that due to severe illegal logging, the region is facing loss of wildlife such as greater kudu, heart beast, sable, reedbeek, lion and giraffe.

Local community members who live near the Ulyankhulu rainforest say that the wild animals fled to a forest in Igombe and headed for the Kigosi reserve. Other local testimonies point out that there were times when lions headed back from Kigosi where they had taken refuge, to settle in Ulyankhulu and North Ugala Reserves. According to various sources, the increased number of wildlife is now attacking people and destroying crops.

**Livestock and drought**

Kishike Darushi, a young man from a pastoralist community was found grazing in the Ulyankhulu Forest Reserve, says there is currently drought that forces them to walk long distances in search of pasture and water for their livestock. "The tree have gone and so have pasture and water for our livestock. But the hot sun also affects us; there is no shade for us to rest while we tend our livestock," he says.

Despite the challenges posed by migration, settlement and other human activities in the respective forests, poor resource management has been exacerbated by factors such as acts of corruption.

The Guardian did not find any evidence to support these claims but the circumstances surrounding the seizure of forest products such as logs, timber and charcoal indicate negligence in the management and control or corruption.

He says a major source of information about sabotage against forests and the products derived from the resource were mainly community members living in the vicinity of the respective forests. Efforts to control deforestation of miombo woodlands are also directed at forest products especially logs that are seized and the means of transport used in the crime.

Official data obtained in Urambo and Kaliua Districts show that 28 cubic meters of trees are used through improved burns in curing tobacco compared to 8 cubic meters used for the old one. In this case, the old method of tobacco curing causes the high rate of deforestation which affects the availability and reliability of rainfall over the course of the years.

The government has successfully set aside forest reserves including KIU and Nsenda Agricultural Prison Forest in order to maintain the sustainable miombo woodland management plan and encourage the use of improved burns in curing tobacco.

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Local community members stare at a burning tree in Ulyankhulu Forest Reserve in Urambo District, Tabora Region, recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





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# CRDB digitises pensioners' benefits with use of SimBanking application

By The Banker

**P**ENSIONERS will now be able to access pension advance payments after opening pension accounts with CRDB Bank Plc's SimAccount application.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam mid this week during the launch of 'Ndoto zako hazistaafu' program, CRDB's Chief Commercial Officer, Dr Joseph Witts said the initiative also targets to encourage pensioners to save and invest in the market.

Dr Witts said through the Pension Account, the senior citizens will also be able to get various financial services through their mobile phones using SimBanking application. "I happy to announce that as we officially launch this account, some 19,000 pensioners have already subscribed to it," he revealed saying after opening the account, individuals are also given a TemboCard for use at CRDB Wakalas and ATMs machines.

He further noted that through the account, the retirees can get their monthly pension payments timely through pension advance with a minimum of 50,000/- and a maximum amount of 1m/-electronically.

"The good thing is that this pension advance is interest free and can be accessed anywhere in the country," the CRDB CCO



CRDB's chief commercial officer, Dr Joseph Witts (3rd L), speaks at the launch of the Pension Account in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. It targets retirees through various financial services including advance payments of pension benefits. He is accompanied by the CRDB officials and representatives of pensioners. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

added while luring pensioners to subscribe to the account and leave their retirement life comfortably. The senior citizens can also invest in the bank through 'Akaunti ya thamani' product which earns an eight percent interest annually, he stated.

In remarks to back Dr Witts, Director or Retail Banking, Boma Rabala said through the latest product, the bank will continue offering loans to the retirees aimed at growing their businesses or invest in other development projects. Rabala said the loan ranges between 1m/- and 100m/- with a repayment period of between 1-7 years.

In a vote of thanks, Chairman of retired Permanent Secretaries, Michael Mwanda paid tribute to CRDB management for considering the plight of retirees who have been marginalised by many financial institutions.

"We hope that the bank will sensitise pensioners countrywide on this service so that many can utilise the opportunity," said Mwanda who was backed by retired senior Police Officers Chairman, Suleiman Kova.

"We as retirees can now boast of having our bank which attends to our financial challenges," Kova said while promising to immediately open the account.

## NMB says investment in youth as future global leaders inevitable



NMB Bank Plc's Northern Zone manager, Aikansia Muro, addresses UN young conference in Arusha mid this week. Photo courtesy of NMB.

By The Banker Reporter, Arusha

INVESTMENT in young people is an important aspect for both public and private institutions because they will provide future global leaders, NMB Bank Plc's Northern Zone Manager, Aikansia Muro has said.

Addressing a United Nations youths conference mid this week in Arusha, Muro said investment in youth presents a brighter future for any country hence the bank like many other financial institutions also focuses its activities around the group.

She said the Dar es Salaam based lender also understands the role that youth play in national development but also financial industry growth. Muro

noted that NMB has graduate trainee program that targets to build capacity of young people with 50 beneficiaries between 2019/20.

"We also offer internship to graduates every year because as a bank we understand that giving practical experience to youths is of paramount importance," she underlined while adding that some 300 graduates benefit from the program annually. "We give them temporary contracts of between three months and one year," the NMB Northern Zone Manager noted saying such as initiative is an important investment which is geared towards building competent human capital for the country.

In his opening speech of the conference, Dep-

uty Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mwyni Talib Hajj called on youths in the country to seriously exploit opportunities given to them including education.

"It's only through education that you can build capacity and competent on the global market for employment," Hajj said while stressing that the government will do everything to ensure that investment is done in young people so that they can also employ themselves.

He stressed that entrepreneurship and innovation are important aspects which many young people lack to succeed in a world where competition is available in every sector and industry.

## CoST Tanzania to inaugurate its third year report mid this month

By The Banker Reporter

A construction sector Transparency Initiative, CoST Tanzania, will launch its third annual report on transparency and accountability of the local industry mid this month.

CoST Tanzania Manager, Tumaini Lawrence said in Dar es Salaam this week that the report will depict transparency and accountability on infrastructure projects undertaken in the country for the past year.

Lawrence said the annual report which promotes disclosure, validation and interpretation of data from infrastructure projects, helps to inform, empower and enable citizens hold decision-makers to account. She said, among other things, the report will also enable procurement entities to disclose data in accordance with CoST Infrastructure Data Standard (CoST IDS) and the Open Contracting for Infrastructure Data Standard (OC4IDS).

"Having the report, procurement entities will know where they did well and where they need to improve in order to meet the requirements of CoST standards, which includes disclosure of 40 data points or items across key stages of the project cycle," Lawrence noted.

The CoST Tanzania Manager further noted that the initiative which has been hosted by National Construction Council since its inception, requires project owners and procurement entities to make the project data available to any eligible person or entity upon request.

According to her, the initiative which promotes transparency and accountability also informs the public and responsive public institutions, to censure managers hence reducing mismanagement, inefficiency, corruption and the risks of poor quality.

"We believe that better lives come from better infrastructure so, as CoST Tanzania, we work hard to ensure that cost-effective delivery of improved infrastructure improve people's lives. The initiative also demonstrates how value for public money assured hence building trust between citizens and the government while also reducing the cost of doing business," she added.

## Pandemic spurs Africa's mobile operators to ramp up banking plans

ABIDJAN

WHEN Covid-19 hit Ivory Coast, Bonaventure Kra, who works at an import-export business, began to worry. Handling hard cash all day was a risk. Queuing in crowded bank branches exposed him to infection.

Then, in the midst of the pandemic, French telecommunications giant Orange launched an entirely digital bank – its first full banking venture in Africa. "Going back to cash would be like travelling back in time," Kra said in the country's commercial capital, Abidjan. "I intend to use it permanently."

Africa's mobile phone operators are ramping up plans to bring banking to millions of Africans, in some cases for the first time, after the coronavirus crisis caused a surge in use of digital financial services.

Orange, MTN, Telkom and Vodacom are lowering fees, rolling out new lending services ahead of schedule, and expanding mobile payment networks with the aim of fi-

nally denting the so-far unshakeable dominance of cash. "It's one of those industries that we consider to be ripe for disruption," said Sibusiso Ngwenya, financial services managing executive at Telkom.

With their revenue under threat as governments cap data prices and customers abandon voice phone services for free messaging apps, telcos have sought to leverage their reach into remote villages and urban shanty towns in a pivot to banking.

### Eased regulations

The global health crisis has been an unexpected catalyst, with some African governments releasing Covid-19 stimulus grants via mobile money platforms and central banks easing regulations, including limits on mobile transactions.

Orange added over five million new customers for its mobile money services in April and May alone. MTN hit one million South African users in June, when it had

expected half of this, and recorded a 28% jump in mobile money transactions per minute across all its African markets in the first half of the year.

Cash is still king in Africa. It accounts for around 99% of transactions in Nigeria, the continent's most populous country, and dominates even in South Africa (90% to 95%) where banking penetration is relatively high, according to a 2017 estimate from consulting firm McKinsey.

World Bank figures indicate just under 43% of sub-Saharan Africans over the age of 15 had a bank account in 2017. The region's total population stood around 1.1 billion last year. That compared to 55% in Latin America and the Caribbean, almost 70% in South Asia and around 74% in East Asia and the Pacific.

That presents a huge opportunity, said Francois Jurd de Girancourt, head of McKinsey's financial institutions practice Africa. Prior to the crisis, it rated the continent as the world's second biggest market in terms of growth

and profitability potential with banking revenues set to hit US\$129-billion by 2023.

Telcos are well-positioned to secure a piece of that pie. By last year, sub-Saharan Africa boasted 469 million mobile money accounts – more than any other region in the world – according to industry body GSMA.

Mobile phone penetration outstrips access to banks. Operators' distribution models are low cost. And telcos possess a wealth of customer data they can use to assess lending risk, a big advantage in a region where most markets lack credit bureaus. Vodacom is now moving to expand lending, insurance and payment businesses currently available only in South Africa to other markets.

It has advanced by months launches of initiatives like overdrafts for the mobile money agents that work on its behalf, helping customers open accounts and withdraw and deposit cash. It has also accelerated plans for cash advances to merchants at registered pay points, its financial services CEO Mariam Cassim said.



# UBA Tanzania new chief executive assures minister Mpango of cooperation

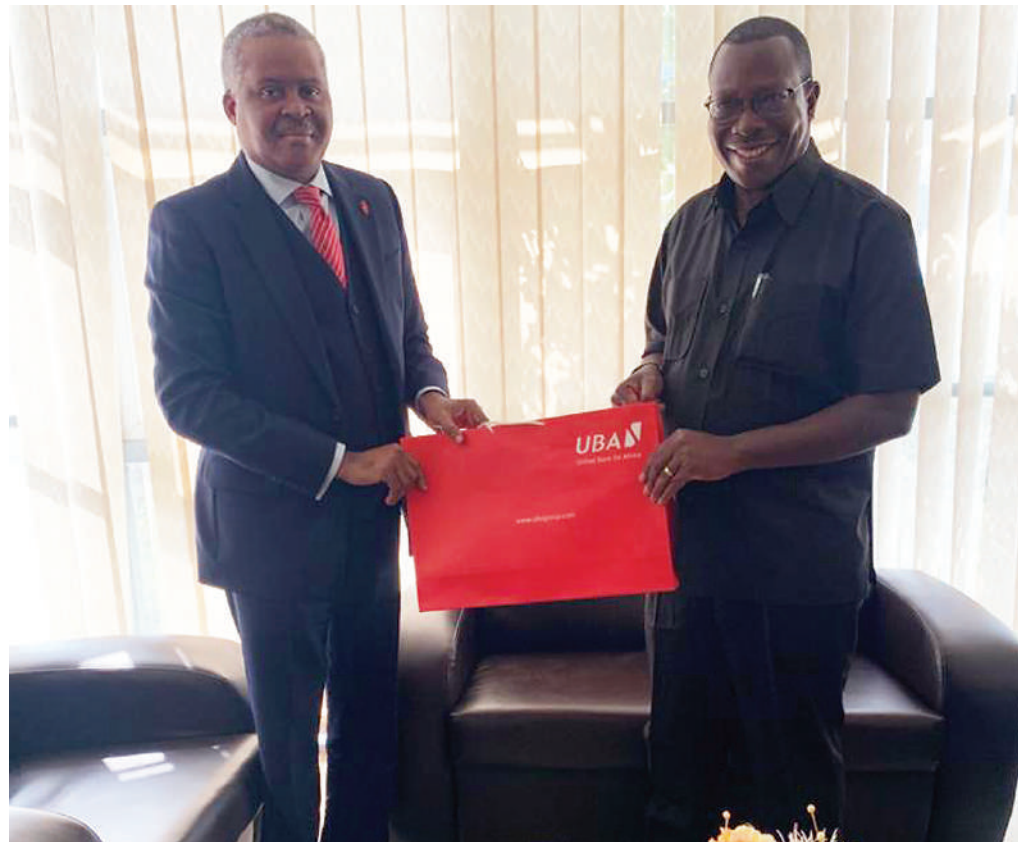
By The Banker Reporter, Dodoma

UNITED Bank for Africa Tanzania Limited will continue supporting the government's mega projects with funds to ensure that plans towards industrialization are achieved as scheduled.

UBA Tanzania designate Managing Director and CEO, Kingsley Ulinfun told Finance and Planning minister, Dr Philip Mpango mid this week that the bank will continue supporting growth of the national economy for general wellbeing of Tanzanians.

"UBA Tanzania being a subsidiary of a global bank with presence in 20 African countries will continuously support government projects and initiatives as it has demonstrated in the past through financing," Ulinfun assured Dr Mpango after making a courtesy call to Treasury in Dodoma.

He said in other countries, United Bank for Africa Holdings Plc, has supported a number of government initiatives including power, sports and infrastructure investments. "This shows our true Pan-Africanism and strength in helping to improve through investment the development of Africa by Africans," he noted. Among other mega projects in the country, UBA Tanzania provided a US\$366 million financing for the 2,115 megawatts Nyerere Hydro Power Project along Rufiji River.



UBA Tanzania managing director and CEO designate, Kingsley Ulinfun (L), presents branded gifts to Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango when he paid a courtesy call to Treasury mid this week.

In remarks at the meeting, Dr Mpango acknowledged the various engagements which UBA has had with Treasury and commended former MD, Usuman Isihaka and his management team for good cooperation.

"UBA has been a good friend to the government by supporting various initiatives which include a recent loan to Tanesco and your

participation in supporting the Nyerere Power Project," Dr Mpango noted while assuring the new MD of continued state support of the pan-Africa bank.

United Bank for Africa is one of the largest employers in the financial sector on the continent, with over 20,000 employees including hundreds of Tanzanians working in the local

subsidiary. The bank serves over 20 million customers through its approximately 1000 branches and over 30,000 ATMs, point of sales and agencies in Africa.

It also has presence in the United Kingdom, the United States and France where it provides retail, commercial and institutional banking services.



Antony Mukulu Nshimye, Chief Legal Officer at Rwanda Finance Limited.

## How Kigali's financial hub will benefit from global partnerships

KIGALI

WITH view to keep up with global trends and provide more value to stakeholders, Kigali International Financial Centre has been building partnerships with other financial centres from across the world.

The move they, officials at the centre say, is aimed at leveraging on expertise developed by other financial centers as well as ensuring value to players at KIFC.

Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC), an initiative by the Government that seeks to position Rwanda as a business and financial hub in Africa which among other things involves reforming the financial services. Within just months since the kick-off of the initiative, KIFC has inked a number of partnership agreements with global institutions such as Morocco's Casablanca Finance City (CFC).

The MoU with Casablanca Finance City signed in May 2020 aims at promoting investment and cooperation between Morocco and Rwanda in financial services. Antony Mukulu Nshimye, the Chief Legal Officer at Rwanda Finance Limited, the government agency overseeing the establishment of KIFC said that cooperation with multiple actors assures results.

"An IFC is an ecosystem that brings together financial intermediaries within an international dimension. International Financial Centers function well when the different actors, including with similar centers, collaborate. KIFC cannot be the only player in the global system, we rely on collaboration with other players," he said.

Nshimye said that partnerships allow them to leverage on the expertise developed by other financial centers in areas such as fintech, green financing and fund management. For instance, under the new partnership with Casablanca Finance City, KIFC will benefit from access to a large network of enterprises.

Said Ibrahim the Chief Executive of Casablanca Finance City said that over the years, since establishment in 2010, they have built a network of over 200 leading firms.

"CFC's proven and trusted business platform that combines strong expertise from a community of members of more than 200 leading companies. Together, this business community shares common African ambitions in a wide range of

sectors from banking, insurance, investments funds, assets managers, professionals' services in auditing, consulting and law... these are all aspects that KIFC will be benefiting from," he said.

From close partnership with the Morocco based entity, KIFC will also be in position to make the most of current global trends such as financing sustainable development to mitigate the effects of climate change, green finance, increasing financial inclusion among others. For instance, CFC has already set up initiatives to attract investment flows towards green financing and are already conducting advocacy activities for international mobilization.

"The goal is to reinforce our green ecosystem alongside specialized actors, such as the Africa50 Fund or Green of Africa, and engage in a series of advocacy activities for more international mobilization on the subject to promote and intensify green investments towards the continent," Ibrahim said.

With CFC also making advancements in new forms of access to financial services, Kigali Finance Centre could benefit from ongoing deliberations with policy makers and private actors on new models of financial services.

"By working closely with the private sector, our institutions can contribute to increasing levels of financial inclusion and progressively close the funding gap for small and medium-sized enterprises," Ibrahim said.

The Chief Executive added that in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and its economic consequences, Africa's financial centers ought to work together to mobilize and channel investments to finance the real economy.

"Along with governments, public authorities and business communities, financial centers serve as collaborative and supportive platforms, while also promoting international best practices and creating synergies," he added.

"If we are to attract must-needed international capital, we must develop long-term and mutually beneficial partnerships between our economies and financial centers. In parallel, we must work to gradually abandon any form of protectionism that would go against the idea of shared growth," he added. Nshimye noted that the MoUs signed contain clear, set areas of coop-



Allianz Africa regional CEO Coenraad Vrolijk (L) and Jubilee Holdings chairman Nizar Juma toast in Nairobi yesterday during the announcement of the agreement to establish a strategic partnership.

## Jubilee sells Sh10.8 billion stake to German insurer

NAIROBI

Jubilee Holdings is selling majority stakes in its regional general insurance subsidiaries to German conglomerate Allianz SE for a total of Sh10.8 billion, marking one of the largest transactions in the industry in recent years.

Allianz will acquire controlling stakes of between 51 percent and 66 percent in Jubilee's short-term or general insurance units in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi and Mauritius. Jubilee Holdings will receive Sh7.75 billion while the rest will be invested in the operating businesses.

As part of the transaction, Allianz's subsidiary in Kenya (Allianz Insurance Company of Kenya Limited) will be merged into Jubilee General Insurance Limited, which handles covers for fire, accident and theft. Jubilee will retain significant stakes in the general insurance businesses in the deal expected to be concluded in the first quarter of 2021.

The Nairobi Securities

Exchange-listed firm said the short-term underwriting units represent 12.3 percent of its aggregate net assets of Sh32.3 billion. This means that Jubilee's most valuable business is in life, pension and medical, which it will continue to own separately and are not part of the deal with Allianz.

"We are very pleased with this historic development for Jubilee Insurance," the company's chairman, Nizar Juma, said in a statement yesterday. "Over the past decade, we have been approached by a number of international insurers looking to partner with Jubilee to expand into East Africa. With Allianz, we have now identified a partner whose strategic aims are aligned to Jubilee's and whose expertise in the general insurance business is able to enhance the range and depth of products and risk management solutions that we can offer to our customers."

Mr Juma said the company plans to reinvest the cash generated from the deal in its portfolio of privately held companies, adding that this will continue its strategy of lessening exposure to the volatile stock market. He said other decisions, including whether or not the company will pay a special dividend, will be made later.

The transaction is, however, subject to regulatory approvals in the five markets as well as a restructuring of Jubilee's subsidiaries in Uganda and Tanzania into separate general insurance units. The deal marks the latest high-profile transaction in the local insurance business that has seen the

world's biggest insurers buy into established firms with a regional presence.

New Jersey-based Prudential Financial Inc and private equity firm Leapfrog, for instance, recently acquired a 24.1 percent stake in ICEA Lion Insurance Holdings, owned by the Philip Ndegwa family, for Sh2.4 billion.

Zurich-based Swiss Re has also built up a 15.8 percent stake in Britam Holdings, spending billions of shillings to acquire stakes from the company's founders, including Peter Munga and Jimnah Mbaru. The deep-pocketed multinationals are seeking to expand in Africa, which is seen as presenting growth opportunities over the coming decades.



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MARKETTRENDS

## GCC central bankers underlined need to have plan to expedite regional economic recovery

ABU DHABI

BANKING regulators in the GCC on Tuesday emphasised the need to lay out a "preparedness" plan to accelerate the region's post-Covid-19 economic recovery.

Enhancing liquidity across national economies and supporting the private sector through the pandemic will be critical for economies to bounce back and central banks will play a critical role in that, they said at the 75th GCC Committee of Monetary Authorities and Central Banks Governors meeting.

The meeting, which was held online and chaired by Abdulhamid Saeed, governor of the Central Bank of the UAE, also discussed the implementation of operational initiatives to upgrade the banking sector in the region, the CBUAE said in a statement.

"We aim to achieve positive outcomes from this committee to further enhance financial stability and safeguard our economies in GCC countries promoting sustained and accelerated developments in the banking sector in the UAE," Mr Saeed said.

Developments on setting up the Gulf Payments Company and updates in the implementation of anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing (AML/CFT) policies in the GCC were also on the meeting's agenda, according to the statement.

Mr Saeed commended regulator's efforts to support sectors of the economy that have taken the brunt of the fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic and hailed attempts to "complete the legislative and administrative procedures to establish and register the Gulf Payments Company".

"The latter will undoubtedly play an integral role in facilitating financial transactions efficiently through 'Afaq' system, which connects payment systems in the Gulf countries," he added. Discussions were held highlighting progress on monetary and financial developments as well as plans to improve collaboration among GCC countries to accelerate economic growth.



# South Africa pins infrastructure hopes on green-bond appetite

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa plans to tap global appetite for green bonds to help fund an infrastructure programme worth as much as R2.3 trillion over the next decade.

Winning over the private sector and streamlining the project-approval process will be key to the drive, launched by President Cyril Ramaphosa in June to revive an economy that was already in recession before the coronavirus struck and is expected to contract by the most in nine decades this year. In July, 62 priority projects were announced in the first stage of the programme.

"There is a shortage of R140 billion in phase one, and a large part of that will come from green bonds," said Patricia de Lille, the minister in charge of the public works department that's overseeing the programme. "We can't just be a government of announcements and sod turnings."

South Africa faces backlogs in everything from power plants to broadband services and housing.

While the government has traditionally funded most infrastructure, its coffers are empty, and it's looking to tap the about R12 trillion that the country's business organisations estimate is the total of savings and bank

assets.

"It's not that the private sector doesn't want to invest in infrastructure projects," said Leon Campher, the chief executive officer of the Association for Savings and Investment South Africa, an industry body of fund managers and insurers that's working with government.

"The problem generally with infrastructure has been that it has been scattered all over the place.

Local authorities want projects, provincial authorities want projects, government departments want projects and there's no coordination." Those departments don't have the skills to properly assess projects and raise funding for them, he said, adding that the creation of a national infrastructure office may change that.

The public works ministry and the infrastructure investment office in the presidency have started talks with investors and the JSE Ltd., which operates South Africa's main stock and bond exchange, and plans to launch its green-bond programme before the end of the year, De Lille, a former mayor of Cape Town, said.

Appetite for so-called ESG bonds – notes that meet environmental, social and governance criteria – is rising worldwide. Mexico sold 750 million



Patricia de Lille, SA minister in charge of the public works department.

euro (\$872 million) worth of sustainable bonds this month while Saudi Arabia's power utility issued \$1.3 billion of green bonds. Emerging-market governments and companies have sold a record \$10 billion of green, social and sustainable bonds this year.

Green transport

While only R9.3 billion of green bonds have been listed on the JSE, the exchange could handle larger volumes, said Shameela Ebrahim, the bourse's chief sustainability officer. The JSE has 1,800 bonds issued on its platform with a market capitalisation of more than R3 trillion. Eligible projects could range from renewable energy to green public transport and water management, De Lille said.

Announcements on the time lines of some of the pri-

ority projects should begin in October, De Lille said. The process has been accelerated by bringing the project approvals under one roof, the central office of Infrastructure South Africa, and conducting license applications and environmental impacts assessments at the same time, she said. A 100 billion rand infrastructure fund, that will partner with private investors in so-called blended finance projects, has been set up.

"We have a team at Infrastructure South Africa looking at the concept of listed project bonds and/or green bonds where you are funding renewables, so

that you can crowd in more pots of capital," Campher said. "That would be an attractive vehicle into a project for a provident fund that puts quite a premium on liquidity."

One-stop shop

The government has also asked private companies to second professionals to the infrastructure department in a bid to get the projects up and running. "It's the first time in the history of South Africa to have one department for infrastructure," De Lille, the only member of Ramaphosa's cabinet who is not from the ruling party. "We have created a single entry point for all infrastructure."

In addition to a lack of skills, the poor state of South Africa's finances and those of its state companies such as power utility Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd. is an obstacle, according to Vuyo Ntoi, co-managing director of Old Mutual's African Infrastructure Investment Managers. "With technically bankrupt state-owned enterprises as the counter parties you need some sort of guarantee," he said in an interview. "The challenge around government and the Eskom balance sheet needs to be resolved."

Dario Musso, co-head of infrastructure finance at FirstRand's Rand Merchant Bank, said plans put in place by the government are making good progress and that the state has showed a greater willingness to work with the private sector. "We are seeing great momentum, more than we have seen in the last decade," he said. "But it's not an overnight thing. It is a very long-term, staggered play to get these projects to market and get them delivered in a bankable way."

## Treasury chief orders TR to accept only electronic budgeting submission system

By The Banker Reporter

THE novel coronavirus might have speeded up global movement towards digitization of financial transaction for including payments for goods and services. But Tanzania leapfrogged other East Africa Community members by adopting a web-based planning and budgeting system known as PlanRep.

PlanRep is now replacing the manual excel computer system that has always been used by the government agencies, institutions and corporations in submitting their plans and budgets to Treasury.

Deputy Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Finance and Planning, Mary Maganga ordered Treasury Registrar, Athuman Mbutuka to stop accepting any plans and budget submissions from government departments, agencies, institutions and public corporations starting the next fiscal year (2021/22).

"I am ordering the Treasury Registrar not to analyse any budget prepared and presented in any other way other than PlanRep," Maganga said in Dodoma earlier this week while launching the PlanRep system.

She said Treasury is committed towards ensuring that taxpayers money is handled transparently allowing public scrutiny of plans and budgets of government departments,



Finance and Planning ministry deputy, Mary Maganga is congratulated by Treasury Registrar Athuman Mbutuka after launching the government's electronic planning and budget presentation system (PlanRep) in Dodoma earlier this week. Photo courtesy of Treasury.

agencies, institutions and corporations.

"I congratulate the Treasury Registrar for coming up with the digital system that does not only ensure accuracy and efficiency but also transparency in the handling of public funds by state institutions," she noted.

The user-friendly planning and reporting database that has been in use by local government authorities since 2017/18, is designed to incorporate strategic plans, revenue projection, budgets, received funds and track expenditure and physical implementation.

Currently, 944 officials from the 236 public institutions are attending capacity building

training on the electronic budgeting system running concurrently in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Morogoro regions.

Treasury's second highest civil servant further called on administrative heads in all government agencies, institutions and corporations to adhere to the directive, saying the state has invested a lot of money in whole project.

Maganga revealed that the government has invested 59.6tr/- in public institutions and corporations where it owns 266 shares as of June, 2019 hence the need for better management to help trigger economic growth through non tax revenue.

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"Existence of this system will reduce revenue loss, strengthen accountability, budget analysis and follow up hence increasing Treasury revenue needed to finance social services and development projects," she observed.

She also commended development partners, who through the Public Financial Management Reform Programme through which the PlanRep system was installed, for supporting state efforts to curb loss of revenue by public officials.

Briefing the Deputy PS earlier, Treasury Registrar, Athuman Mbutuka said his office in collaboration with the ministry of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government initiated the PlanRep in 2019/20.

Mbutuka said the system which had been in use by local government authorities since 2017/18, has been improved for use by all public institutions and corporations under the treasury registrar's office.

He explained that PlanRep has been built by local experts bearing in mind the Government Financial Statistic-GFSM-2, Chart of Account that as reviewed, organisation and structure of institutions and other specific needs for the government.

The TR noted that at the building stage of the system, a total of 32 organisations including those doing businesses, providing services and doing regulatory work were engaged in user acceptance test whereby recommendations were adopted.

Mbutuka said the system will help strengthen management of public funds in the organisations as well as easier and timely access to right information.

"The system will help increase efficiency in management and monitoring of investments by the government organizations and corporations, increasing performance and increasing government revenue" he said.

The TR's office is also improving performance through electronic transacting having built the Financial Analysis and Reporting System.

## World's first active sharia-compliant global equity ETF lists on London Stock Exchange

DUBAI

THE world's first actively managed global equity Sharia-compliant exchange traded fund (ETF) will list on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday, as it looks to capture investor interest from the Middle East and UAE.

The ETF from UK financial services group Almalia aims to achieve capital growth over the medium to long by investing in companies with high returns on capital and low leverage. The asset management and investment screening - to ensure the product remains Sharia-compliant - will be supervised by Sanlam Investments UK, which oversees £5.3 billion in funds.

"The status quo in the ETF market has always been to track some sort of index but actively managed will allow us to outperform the MSCI Islamic Global Equity Index. Our long-term track record has demonstrated a significant outperformance over time," Pieter Fourie, global head of equities at Sanlam, told The National. "The ability for an active manager to add value versus the global equity Islamic index

is something the market needs - it's an underserved market."

ETFs are bought and sold like shares but typically operate as index-tracking funds, passively following a chosen index, such as the S&P 500 or a commodity like gold. The financial products come with zero upfront fee and annual charges as low as 0.07 per cent, giving investors more of a return as actively managed funds charge around 1.5 per cent to 2 per cent. The Almalia Sanlam ETF, however, comes at a slightly higher total expense ratio of 0.99 per cent.

"The average ETF will be around 40 to 50 basis points so the notion they are always cheap is not quite correct there, so our fee comes in just below 1 per cent - significantly lower than most actively managed Islamic equity active funds, but a little bit higher than your typical ETF," said Mr Fourie.

While analysts welcome more choice for Islamic investors, just because something is Sharia-compliant "doesn't mean it is the right choice for your investment portfolio" said Steve Cronin, founder of deadsimplesaving.com, an independent community for



Pieter Fourie, global head of equities at Sanlam.

financial education in the UAE.

"A quick glance at Standard & Poor's Spiva scorecards shows that most active funds underperform their benchmark index, typically by about the size of their fund management fees," Mr Cronin said. "Screening for Sharia compliance does have a cost associated with it: the iShares MSCI World Islamic ETF has fees of 0.6 per cent compared

to 0.2 per cent for iShares' non-Islamic version. But with fees of 0.99 per cent, the Sanlam active ETF will have to significantly beat its benchmark over the long term to justify its fees."

Assets invested in global ETFs and exchange traded products broke through the \$7 million milestone at the end of August, according to research and consultancy firm ETFGI. The

financial products gathered net inflows of \$55.18 billion in August, bringing year-to-date investments to \$428.25bn, significantly higher than the \$272.62bn gathered at the same point last year.

The Active Sharia Global Equity ETF, which currently invests in 23 companies specialising in healthcare, consumer staples and IT, will target institutional investors such as pension funds, large family offices in the UAE and wider Middle East, Mr Fourie said, with other target areas including Malaysia and Mauritius.

While Mr Fourie, who has 22 years of experience managing money and is supported by six investment professionals, says there are "no guarantees" in the investment world, he is confident his expertise will help the ETF not only beat the benchmark, which tracks 300 companies, but also attract a myriad of investors, including non-Muslims. The product will also be listed in Germany and Italy.

"You do get investors in the UK, for example, that will invest because they like the nature of the fund. Maybe they don't like companies that have gambling exposure so therefore it's suitable not only for Islamic investors but also for investors that feel that the nature of their underlying investments suits their own beliefs," he said. However, Mr Cronin said: "Active ETFs are shiny new objects designed to mask the decline of an industry in crisis, as more and more people realise that active fund management isn't particularly good for your money."



## WORLD

# Trump and Biden clash in fiery US presidential debate

CLEVELAND

US President Donald Trump and Democratic rival Joe Biden battled fiercely over Trump's record on the coronavirus pandemic, healthcare and the economy in a chaotic and bad-tempered first debate marked by personal insults and Trump's repeated interruptions.

Trump bulldozed his way through the 90-minute debate, trying to goad Biden, claiming that Democrats were trying to steal the November presidential election and declining to condemn white supremacist groups when asked to do so.

Moderator Chris Wallace never established control of the debate, with Trump repeatedly ignoring his calls to let Biden speak. The two White House contenders talked over each other and lobbed insults in a breathtaking political brawl that made it hard for either to make a point.

At one point, an exasperated Biden said after Trump's repeated interruptions: "Will you shut up, man? This is so un-presidential."

Wallace tried in vain to reel in Trump, who ignored his time limits and talked over Biden.

"I think that the country would be better served if we allowed both people to speak with fewer interruptions. I'm appealing to you, sir, to do that," Wallace said.

When Trump said he should tell Biden the same thing, Wallace said: "Well, frankly, you've been doing more

interrupting."

As of Tuesday evening, 1.3 million Americans already had cast early ballots. With time running out to change minds or influence the small sliver of undecided voters, the stakes were enormous as the two White House candidates took the stage five weeks before the Nov 3 Election Day.

For Trump, 74, Tuesday's debate represented one of the few remaining chances to change the trajectory of a race that most opinion polls show him losing, as the majority of Americans disapprove of his handling of both the coronavirus pandemic and protests over racial injustice.

Biden, 77, has held a consistent lead over Trump in national opinion polls, although surveys in the battleground states that will decide the election show a closer contest. It was hard to determine whether the debate would move the needle.

Trump repeatedly and unsuccessfully tried to fluster Biden and force him into a gaffe, but largely neglected to make any affirmative case for why he is the candidate best suited to tackle fundamental election issues.

The hyper-aggressive performance drew almost certainly draw raves from his core supporters, but was unlikely to win back critical swing voters, especially suburban women who have turned away from the president over his divisive and combative rhetoric, political strategists say.

Trump has more debates with Biden



US President Donald Trump and Democratic Presidential candidate and former US Vice-President Joe Biden take part in the first presidential debate at Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday. AFP

scheduled for October, while Vice-President Mike Pence and Biden's vice-presidential running mate, Kamala Harris, have a debate next week.

Tuesday's debate followed months of racial justice protests over police brutality against Black Americans, which were mostly peaceful but sometimes led to violent clashes between liberal and right-wing protesters.

Trump, who has seized on the unrest to push a "law-and-order" message, was asked if he was willing to also condemn white supremacists and tell them to stand down. He initially said he would be willing to do anything for peace but then said most of the violence was from the left wing.

"This is not a right-wing problem. This is left wing," he said. Trump also repeated his unfounded complaints that mail-in ballots would lead to widespread election fraud and declined to commit to accepting the results of the election or commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he loses the election.

"If I see tens of thousands of ballots being manipulated, I can't go along with that," he said. "This is going to be a fraud like you've never seen."

Biden urged Americans to make a plan to vote and assured voters that Trump would be gone if Biden won. He said he would not declare victory until the outcome was validated.

"If we get the votes, it's going to be all over. He's going to go," he said.

## Virus record

Biden was sharply critical of Trump's record on

the coronavirus pandemic which has killed more than 200,000 Americans, accusing him of failing to protect Americans because he was more concerned about the economy.

"He panicked or he looked at the stock market," Biden said of Trump, who has pushed for states to reopen their economies and played down the threat of the pandemic.

"You should get out of your bunker and get out of the sand trap and ... the golf course and go in the Oval Office and (put) together Democrats and Republicans, and fund what needs to be done now to save lives," Biden said.

Trump touted his decision to restrict travel from China, where the virus was believed to have originated, early this year and defended his approach on the pandemic. "We have done a great job."

Hours before the debate, Biden released his 2019 tax returns and his campaign called on Trump, who has come under fire for not releasing his returns, to do the same.

Biden took the step two days after the New York Times reported Trump paid just US\$750 in federal income taxes in 2016 and 2017 - and none in 10 of the previous 15 years - following years of reporting steep losses from business enterprises. Trump had long sought to keep his personal financial records secret.

In the debate, Biden said Trump had managed to game the tax code so that "he pays less tax than a schoolteacher makes."

Agencies

## Russian investment fund to supply 25m doses of Sputnik V vaccine to Egypt

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) and Pharco, one of the leading pharmaceutical groups in Egypt, have reached an agreement on supply of 25 mln doses of the Sputnik V vaccine to Egypt, the Fund reported yesterday.

"The agreement will enable 25% of Egypt's population to have access to the Sputnik V vaccine. In the future, it is planned to distribute it to neighboring countries," according to the report.

The sides are also considering numerous further cooperation

opportunities, including localization of production in Egypt at the facilities of Biogenerica Pharma within the next few months.

"The people of Egypt will get a proven vaccine created on a platform with no negative long-term effects, including carcinogenicity or risks for fertility in the future. We expect more countries to include Sputnik V in their vaccine portfolios in the coming weeks," RDIF Chief Executive Officer Kirill Dmitriev was quoted as saying.

On August 11, the Sputnik V vaccine developed by the Gamaleya National Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology



was registered by Russia's Health Ministry and became the world's first registered vaccine against COVID-19.

Post-registration clinical trials of the Sputnik V vaccine involving 40,000 volunteers are currently ongoing. More than 60,000 volunteers have applied to take part in post-registration trials. The first results of these trials are expected to be published in October-November 2020.

More than 50 countries in CIS, Europe, Asia, Middle East and Latin America have applied for Sputnik V. RDIF announced earlier supply agreements with Mexico for 32 mln doses, with Brazil for up to 50 mln doses, and India - 100 mln doses.

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## WHO: 1 million COVID-19 deaths 'very sad milestone'

GENEVA

THE World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday that one million deaths from COVID-19 was "a very sad milestone", after many victims suffered "a terribly difficult and lonely death" and their families were unable to say goodbye.

The global coronavirus death toll rose past a million on Tuesday, a grim statistic in a pandemic that

has devastated the global economy, overloaded health systems and changed the way people live.

"So many people have lost so many people and haven't had the chance to say goodbye. Many people who died alone... It's a terribly difficult and lonely death," WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris told a UN briefing in Geneva. "The one positive thing about this virus is it is suppressible, it is not the flu."

The global tally topped 33 million, according to the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. The worldwide caseload crossed 30 million on Thursday.

The US has by far the most recorded deaths, topping 200,000, with Brazil and India together accounting for over 200,000 more.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for solidarity to fight the pandemic.

"Our world has reached an agonizing milestone: the loss of 1 million lives from the

COVID-19 pandemic," Guterres said in a video message. "It's a mind-numbing figure. Yet we must never lose sight of each and every individual life (lost)."

"We can overcome this challenge. But we must learn from the mistakes. Responsible leadership matters. Science matters. Cooperation matters. And misinformation kills," said Guterres.

Actual fatalities from the worst outbreak in a century may be closer to 1.8 million - a toll that could grow to as high as 3 million by the end of the year, according to Alan Lopez, a laureate professor and director of the University of Melbourne's global burden of disease group.

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## China always a practitioner of multilateralism

WHAT kind of United Nations (UN) is needed for the world? How should the organization play its role in the post-COVID-19 era?

On Sept. 21, Chinese President Xi Jinping raised the above questions at the High-level Meeting to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the UN, and shared his thoughts with attendees at the meeting held via video link.

In his speech, Xi looked back on the extraordinary journey the organization has traveled, proposed giving full play to the role of the UN and expressed support for the cause of the organization and multilateralism.

It is generally believed that Xi's speech pointed the direction for practicing multilateralism and building a community with a

shared future for mankind, and injected confidence into the international community on rallying behind the banner of the UN to pursue greater unity and progress.

Through the first half of the last century, mankind had suffered the scourge of two devastating wars that brought untold sufferings to the world. It was against such a backdrop that the UN came into being.

With peace as its mission, development as its goal and equity as its founding principle, the UN has opened a new chapter for peace and development for the world.

The 75 years since the founding of the UN has seen dramatic progress in human society, profound changes in the international situation and rapid development of multilateralism.

It should be noted that international affairs ought to be addressed through consultation among all countries and that countries are all in the same boat in the face of international challenges.

Protectionism, unilateralism and bullying practices are on the rise, undermining the international order and hindering global cooperation. Global threats and

global challenges require strong, global responses, which makes it necessary to defend multilateralism and enhance the role of the UN.

Based on an in-depth analysis of the current international situation and a keen insight into the original aspiration and mission of the UN, Xi proposed that the UN stand firm for justice, uphold the rule of law, promote cooperation and focus on real action.

"No country has the right to dominate global affairs, control the destiny of others, or keep advantages in development all to itself. Even less should one be allowed to do whatever it likes and

be the hegemon, bully or boss of the world," Xi pointed out.

"Relations among countries and coordination of their interests must only be based on rules and institutions; they must not be larded over by those who wave a strong fist at others," he continued, who suggested replacing conflict with dialogue, coercion with consultation and zero-sum with win-win. "To put into practice the principle of multilateralism, we must act, not just talk. There must be a cure, not just a therapy," Xi noted.

Xi's remarks have outlined the plan for promoting world peace and development and building

a big global family of harmony and cooperation. It is agreed by the international community that China's proposals meet the urgent needs of the world to cope with existing challenges and are helpful in building a consensus among all countries and inspiring global actions.

China is committed to a just world order and seeking a more equitable distribution of opportunities, according to Sergey Lukonin, a scholar with the Institute of World Economy and International Relations under the Russian Academy of Sciences.

He pointed out that China has actively advocated the concept of

multilateralism, an action that has won widespread support.

China was the first to sign on the Charter of the UN. It is a founding member of the UN and the only developing country that takes a permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

The country is a member to nearly all universal inter-governmental organizations and a signatory to over 500 international conventions.

It has not only dispatched more than 40,000 peacekeepers to over 30 missions, but actively promoted international cooperation in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and announced a series of important measures to build a community of common health for mankind. **People's Daily**

## WB seeks board approval for US\$12b vaccine financing plan

WASHINGTON

WORLD Bank President David Malpass said on Tuesday he is seeking board approval for a US\$12 billion coronavirus vaccine financing plan to help poor and developing countries secure a sufficient share of vaccine doses when they become available in the coming months.

Malpass told Reuters in an exclusive interview that the initiative, part of US\$160 billion in coronavirus aid financing pledged by the multilateral lender, is aimed at helping countries procure and distribute vaccines early to health-care and other essential workers and expand global production. He said the board was expected to consider the plan in early October.

Global competition for early coronavirus vaccine doses is already fierce, months ahead of any approvals, as wealthy countries move to secure supplies.

The US government has pledged over US\$3 billion to secure hundreds of millions of doses of vaccines under development by Britain's AstraZeneca Plc and by US drug giant Pfizer Inc and Germany's BioNTech.

Malpass said the World Bank plan aimed to put poor and middle-income countries, where the virus is spreading most rapidly, on the same footing as richer countries by ensuring they have financing to secure supplies and a system for distribution, which will encourage drugmakers to meet their demand.

Without early doses that can bring outbreaks under control, many of these countries risk economic collapse that will push hundreds of millions of people back into poverty.

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David Malpass, World Bank president

"Our goal is to alter the course of the pandemic for the low- and middle-income developing countries," Malpass said. "This is a market signal to the manufacturers that there will be financing available for the developing countries and there will be demand. We will begin asking the manufacturers to begin creating allocations for these countries." Malpass said the World Bank also was asking wealthy countries that have "over-reserved" more doses than they will ultimately need to release those doses to poorer countries.

He added that he is working to persuade countries that equitable distribution of vaccines "is important to the world and will give a better outcome for the world."

Separately, Brent McIntosh, US Treasury undersecretary for international affairs, told a Foreign Policy magazine forum on Tuesday that wealthy countries were working on broad vaccine availability.

"There have been intense conversations among various developed countries on ensuring that there are vaccines available in the developing world and those conversations are ongoing at the highest levels," said McIntosh, who oversees US involvement in the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

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## South Sudan sets 10,000 USD ceiling for outbound travellers to curb cash outflows

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan has said it will bar people traveling outside the country with cash exceeding 10,000 U.S. dollars in a bid to minimize cash outflows as Juba struggles to stabilize its weakened economy after years of conflict.

Michael Makuei Lueth, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, on Tuesday said the new measure was recommended by the cabinet after findings by the economic cluster committee set up by President Salva Kiir to investigate mismanagement of non-oil revenue collection.

"The maximum amount that could be allowed for travelers abroad is only 10,000 dollars because it is realized that most of the people travel with lots of money. Any other amount should be done through official banks," Makuei told journalists after the weekly cabinet meeting in Juba.

South Sudan's economy is reeling amid hyperinflation which has seen the South Sudanese Pound (SSP) increasingly depreciate against the U.S. dollar over the years since the signing of the 2018 revitalized peace deal to end over six years of conflict.

In addition, the oil revenue earned by oil-dependent South Sudan has reduced due to COVID-19 forcing oil-producing countries to cut production due to drop in global prices. The Central Bank of South Sudan in August announced that its foreign reserves were at their lowest point, constraining efforts to achieve economic recovery.

"The issue of over-drafting was one of the issues that depleted the resources and weakened the Bank of South Sudan, so the issue of over-drafting has been completely stopped and the minister of finance has been directed to stop the issuance of overdraft," said Makuei.

Xinhua



# Attempt at hegemony doomed to fail - Wang Yi

By ZHANG YUNBI

ANY attempt to resurrect hegemonism and turn the world back into a jungle is "doomed to fail", State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said.

"Those who think that they could flout and breach international rules simply because they have more muscles will eventually end up in the dustbin of history," Wang said when addressing a forum attended by veteran politicians, diplomats and experts on Monday in Beijing.

At the forum, using the theme "International order and global governance in the post-COVID-19 era", Wang called on all countries to jointly defend the universal values of fairness and justice.

"All countries, big or small, strong or weak, are equal members of the international community. All peoples, wherever they are, are entitled to a good life," Wang said.

He said China is committed to the rule of law as it has joined almost all universal intergovernmental organi-

zations and international conventions, and has signed more than 25,000 bilateral treaties.

Urging all countries to uphold peace and development, Wang said, "Major countries should shoulder a unique responsibility to safeguard peace and development, and should not seek their own security at the expense of others' security or deny other countries' right to development with bullying practices."

"China will stay firmly on the path of peaceful development, and work with other countries to oppose the narrow-minded approach that puts one country's interests first and (employs) the dangerous practice of a zero-sum game," he said.

Addressing global efforts to ensure solidarity amid the pandemic, Wang warned that a few countries "are creating divisions", and "they are pushing the world into the abyss of ideological confrontation and clash of civilizations".

"Spreading the political virus of hatred and confrontation is as much a threat to the world as the coronavirus to mankind," Wang added.



State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi speaks at the opening ceremony of the Lanting Forum on International Order and Global Governance in the Post-COVID-19 Era in Beijing on Monday.

Also, Wang said that while countries have benefited from economic globalization and the application of information technologies, they also face the challenges of uneven and inadequate development and the need to adapt governance to new realities.

"To meet these challenges by resorting to protectionism and decoupling leads only to self-imposed isolation,"

Wang warned.

Yasuo Fukuda, a former Japanese prime minister attending the forum through a video link, described a widespread concern that the United States in recent years "has been drifting away" from its original aspirations in areas such as environmental issues, the United Nations, free trade and domestic democracy.

## Hindering response

Ban Ki-moon, former secretary-general of the United Nations, told those attending the event that "growing skepticism over globalization and the role of international organizations" has hindered a unified response to COVID-19 and climate change.

Some advanced countries are "putting their own interests over shared interests", giving rise to unilateralism, he warned.

Wang said China will vigorously engage in international cooperation against COVID-19 and will work with all countries to contain and ultimately defeat the virus as soon as possible.

Xinhua

Kremlin says Biden-Trump debate shows a new trend in US 'political culture'

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin is not willing to comment on the debate between the US presidential candidates but still notes a new trend in the "political culture" at this event, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said yesterday.

According to Peskov (pictured), like the entire world Russia is watching the US presidential campaign and cannot remain indifferent to this issue because this concerns one of the world's major economies.

"And certainly, we see a new trend in political culture and electoral culture in the United States. We don't want to comment on this and give any evaluation, because this would be immediately viewed as an attempt at meddling," Peskov said, noting that Russia "has never interfered, is not interfering and is not going to interfere in the US domestic affairs."

US President Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden took part in the first presidential debate at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday. The second debate is scheduled for October 15 in Miami, Florida, and the third debate will be held on October 22 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The US general elections will be held on November 3 to choose the US president and vice president, all 435 members of the House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate, as well as governors of 13 states and territories.

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ROME

MARKING the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste for the first time since its inception, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on Tuesday launched a call to action to tackle what it called "the big challenge of our time."

Despite the restrictive conditions due to the coronavirus pandemic, a comprehensive conference brought together officials and experts from the FAO, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), other UN agencies, and country representatives in a virtual debate.

They were tasked with exchanging knowledge and practices, boosting awareness on the roots and impact of the food loss and waste issue, and

## FAO urges all to tackle food loss and waste

with helping keep the global community focused on the target 12.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This specific target requires countries to halve the per-capita global food waste at retail and consumer level, and cut the losses along the production and supply chains by 2030.

A key message from the conference was that everyone -- from public authorities to private entities, and from academia to single citizens -- must do more to reduce food loss and waste, or "risk an ever greater drop in food security and in natural resources," the FAO said. In his opening address, FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu urged

for stronger partnership among all stakeholders "to scale-up innovative technologies and approaches." "Innovative postharvest treatment, digital agriculture and food systems, and remodelling market channels offer huge potential to tackle the challenges of food loss and waste," Qu stressed.

The FAO chief also warned awareness on this problem must begin from the bottom. "We must start with our families, educating our children to respect and appreciate food. Reducing food loss and waste is our collective, shared responsibility," Qu said.

Experts also warned the COVID-19 was putting global value chains at risk, exposing the fragility of the most

vulnerable communities of each society, which have proved those worst impacted. "Food loss and waste is an ethical outrage," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in his key speech, recalling how 690 million people continue to go hungry in a world that would actually have enough food to feed everyone."

The COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the fragility of our food systems, and worsen food loss and waste in many countries," Guterres said, urging governments to set a reduction target aligned with the SDG 12, and to "act boldly" to cut their food waste.

The benefits from tackling the issue concretely were many and varied for

countries, as UNEP Executive Director Inger Andersen noted. "By including food loss and waste and sustainable diets in revised climate plans, policymakers can improve their mitigation and adaptation from food systems by as much as 25 percent," she said. Beside officials from the various UN agencies, including the World Food Organization (WFP), key speakers comprised representatives from Turkey, Argentina, Andorra, San Marino, the European Union, Egypt, Brazil, and Sudan.

The first marking of the Int'l Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste took place during the 75th session of the UN General Assembly. The international date was declared in a resolution adopted by the Assembly in December 2019.

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## Chinese farmers celebrate harvest, embrace moderately prosperous society in all respects

WHEN autumn arrives, harvest of grains and fruits would perfume the air across China, where massive farmers celebrate a bumper year and share their joys.

China just embraced its third Chinese farmers' harvest festival on Sept. 22 this year. The festival, set on Autumnal Equinox in the lunar calendar since 2018, has improved the sense of honor, contentment and fulfillment for hundreds of millions of Chinese farmers.

This year's harvest is a hard-won result, as China grappled with the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 and overcame the impacts of the severe floods in Yangtze River basin. The country's summer grain output hit a record this year, and the production of early rice also went up. At present, the country is working to secure a bumper autumn production.

Solid agricultural foundation guarantees momentum for development. Facing risks and challenges, China has showcased strong resilience with general stability in its society, in which the steady supply of grains and important agricultural products played an important role. It proved that for a major country with 1.4 billion people, the fundamental position of agricultural industry shall never be neglected or weakened. The more severe the situation is, the more the overall performance of agriculture shall be stabilized, so as to ensure the role of agriculture, rural areas and rural people as the ballast stone.



Farmers join a fish-catching competition to mark the third Chinese farmers' harvest festival in Nanzhang county, Xiangyang, central China's Hubei province

Issues concerning agriculture, rural areas and farmers are the most prominent areas of weaknesses as China strives to complete the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects. The quality of the country's poverty alleviation to a great extent relies on the performance of these issues. With a theme to celebrate harvest and embrace a moderately prosperous society in all respects, this year's Chinese farmers' harvest festival further encouraged the Chinese people to fight for the final victory over poverty and improve the weaknesses in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

At present, the country's poverty alleviation has entered a final and crucial stage. There are still huge difficulties and challenges ahead for the country to move from de-

velopment of the first, secondary and tertiary sectors in rural areas, deepen rural reforms and revitalize the endogenous power of rural vitalization. Besides, the country should also promote the docking between poverty alleviation and rural vitalization, establish and improve the long-term mechanism preventing people from slipping back to poverty, and revitalize impoverished regions. The country should advance the revitalization of rural industries, rural talents, rural culture, rural ecology, and rural organizations, so as to make agriculture a prosperous industry, make farmer an attractive job, and make the countryside a satisfying homeland.

This year's Chinese farmers' harvest festival marked a day when Chinese farmers celebrated harvest, as well as one when all sectors of the Chinese society was looking forward to a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

As the whole Chinese society is nurturing an atmosphere to care for agriculture, the countryside and farmers, and mobilizing the activity, initiative and creation of the farmers, China will definitely secure a final victory over poverty and build a moderately prosperous society in all respects as scheduled, writing new splendid chapters of rural reform and development in the country's efforts to achieve its two centenary goals.

People's Daily

## Japan's military asks new govt for ninth defense budget hike

TOKYO

JAPAN'S military has asked Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's new government for its ninth straight annual budget increase, including funds to begin development of an advanced stealth fighter.

The Ministry of Defence budget proposal released on Wednesday seeks a 3.3 percent climb in spending to a record 5.49 trillion yen (US\$52 billion) for the year starting April 1. Finance ministry officials will review and possibly amend the request before passing it on to Suga's cabinet.

If approved, the plan would continue a build-up pursued by Suga's predecessor Shinzo Abe, that has seen Japan buy planes, missiles and aircraft carriers to give its Self Defence Forces greater range and potency.

The latest defence budget request also comes as Japanese policymakers debate whether to arm and train its military to strike distant land targets.

Japan's new proposed jet fighter, the first in three decades, is expected to cost around US\$40 billion and be ready sometime in the 2030s. The latest budget request asks for US\$731 million for development and research.

Japan's leading defence company Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is expected to be named as lead contractor next month.

Several overseas companies



are also vying to join the project as suppliers and partners, including Lockheed Martin Corp, Boeing Co and Northrop Grumman Corp from the United States and BAE Systems Plc and Rolls Royce Holdings Plc from Britain.

Other proposed purchases include 66.6 billion yen for six Lockheed F-35 stealth fighters, two of which are short take-off and vertical landing (STOVL) B variants that will operate off a converted helicopter carrier.

The military also wants 99 bil-

lion yen to build two new compact warships that can operate with fewer sailors than conventional destroyers and ease pressure on a navy struggling to find recruits in an ageing Japan.

It also wants to upgrade early warning radars and ballistic missile defenses, and is asking for funds to be put aside for an as-yet undecided replacement for two planned Aegis Ashore radar stations that were canceled in June due to costs and concerns about the impact on local residents.

# Former India deputy PM acquitted in mosque case

By Bloomberg

A SPECIAL court has acquitted senior leaders of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, including a former deputy prime minister, 28 years after a Hindu mob demolished a centuries old mosque that triggered deadly riots killing thousands, according to a lawyer involved in the case.

The court in Lucknow, the capital of the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, on Wednesday found no evidence against former deputy prime minister Lal Krishna Advani, BJP parliamentarians Murli Manohar Joshi, Uma Bharti, and 29 other politicians and Hindu activists who were charged with

criminal conspiracy, unlawful assembly, and provoking riots.

Delivering his findings, judge Suren-dra Kumar Yadav said the demolition was not planned and some members of the crowds impulsively attacked the structure, IB Singh, a lawyer for one of the accused said over the phone. "The court has said that there is no legal evidence to prove the charges. The court also did not find any evidence of a conspiracy."

The verdict can be challenged in higher courts. There was no immediate comment on the verdict by the BJP's spokespersons.

Once the face of the BJP's hard line Hindu nationalist agenda, Advani led a sustained



campaign for decades to build a temple replacing the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya, a town in the Hindi heartland state.

The 92-year-old and other senior leaders are no longer involved in the active decision making process in the BJP -- which is now steered by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his close aides.

The ruling will further deepen religious polarization in the world's largest democracy.

In August last year, the Modi government ended seven decades of autonomy for the only Muslim-majority state of Jammu & Kashmir, in November the country's top court handed the disputed land at Ayod-

hya to Hindu groups to build a temple, and in December the government brought in a citizenship law that discriminates against Muslims.

Protests and riots followed across the country between December and February. On the first anniversary of the decision on Jammu and Kashmir, Modi this year laid the foundation stone for the temple in Ayodhya.

The top court's November verdict said the act of the destruction of the temple was calculated and against the law but did not pin charges as it was deciding a civil dispute over ownership of land. The criminal case went on separately.





Yanga Acting Secretary General, Simon Patrick.

## Yanga congratulate TFF for setting up development projects

By Ismail Tano, TUDARCO

YANGA management has praised the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) for planning to build two soccer centers in Dar es Salaam and Tanga.

The Tanzania soccer big guns disclosed in a statement the TFF leadership, headed by president Wallace Karia, has made a major step forward in developing football infrastructure domestically. The national soccer governing body will construct one center in Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam, and another in Tanga.

Yanga, through the outfit's Acting Secretary General, Simon Patrick, issued the congratulatory message to TFF in the city mid this week.

The TFF recently signed a contract for construction of two modern soccer centers in Kigamboni and Tanga with a Chinese construction firm.

Karia stated that the construction will be in two phases and will take a total of 12 months to complete.

The TFF boss also called on regional commissioners in the country to prepare areas that will be used for the construction of other modern stadiums, should funds be available.

Wilfred Kidao, TFF Secretary General, added that the project will cost about \$2m in two phases. Karia made it clear that the Tanga project was supposed to start in 2016 but the implementation of the project failed to materialize due to the decision by FIFA to withhold funds, which had been meant for the project, because of misuse of funds by the previous TFF leadership.

"The issue happened before my administration but after I had come to power I made sure I fight for the acquisition of the funds, even though FIFA had withheld the money in 2016," he disclosed.

"Due to good performance showcased by President John Pombe Magufuli that has ensured he fights corruption in the country, FIFA handed the cash to us."

Yanga are now placed third in the Vodacom Premier League behind the domestic top flight leaders, Azam FC, and second-placed Simba SC.

Yanga, as it is the case for Simba, have collected 10 points from four games, the latter though boast of a better goal aggregate.

## Shortened season creating extra year of opportunity

By DOUG FERGUSON

THREE weeks into the new PGA Tour season, Tyler McCumber might be the first example of how the COVID-19 pandemic that shut down golf for three months can provide second chances.

McCumber had the best Sunday of his young PGA Tour career at Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. He was bogey-free in the final round with a few superb par saves and a 25-foot birdie putt he rammed into the cup on the last hole for a 66. It looked as though it might get him into a playoff.

But then Hudson Swafford hit 6-iron to 10 feet for birdie on the 17th and won with an 8-foot par putt on the 18th.

McCumber had to settle for second, his best finish on the PGA Tour. Along with \$436,000 - worth noting for someone who made \$284,230 in 20 events last season as a rookie - he picked up 300 points and is tied at No. 5 in the FedEx Cup.

Yes, it's very early. But he's on his way.

And without the pandemic closing shop from March to June, there's a chance McCumber might not even have a tour card.

"In a roundabout way, it feels like I got a good break how it panned out," McCumber said Monday night.

The son of 10-time PGA Tour winner Mark McCumber traveled far and worked hard to get to this point. He won three times on the PGA Tour Latinoamerica (Ecuador, Mexico and Peru) and three times in a four-tournament stretch in 2018 on the Mackenzie Tour in Canada. He finished among the top 25 on the Korn Ferry Tour the following year to reach the PGA Tour.

His rookie season was going decently enough. McCumber made nine out of 13 cuts. The highlight was Saturday at Torrey Pines playing in front of the largest gallery he had ever seen (Tiger Woods was in his group that day) and shooting 68.

But he wasn't eligible for The Players

Championship, so he headed down to Costa Rica to see a friend at TurfSafari for a lot of surfing and a little golf. That's where he was when the pandemic shut down golf, and that's where he stayed for the next month until he could get a flight home and get an idea when - if - golf was going to resume.

**These were uncertain times, especially for a PGA Tour rookie.**

And then on April 30, when the tour set a target of resuming in June, it figured the only fair way to proceed was a plan in which no one lost a card. Whatever status a player had at the start of the season would apply for the next one, unless players improved their standing.

Three months out of competition didn't help McCumber. He played six of the eight tournaments for which he was eligible, made only one cut and finished 161st in the FedEx Cup.

"I didn't quite get the momentum I was hoping for right off the bat," he said. "I got a little behind the eight ball, and I was pressing a bit. It was a unique situation, something no one had dealt with before. It made me more mature in how to handle one more curveball."

Without the shutdown that led to eight tournaments being wiped off the schedule, McCumber probably would have played six more times. Whether that would have allowed him to finish in the top 125 and keep his card is unknown.

**And now it's irrelevant.**

Because instead of going to the three-tournament series to try to regain his card - and facing a return to the Korn Ferry Tour if he didn't make it - McCumber was allowed to effectively start over. More than a dozen others from the Korn Ferry Tour are in the same situation. They get an extra year, with hopes that it's a full year and there are no setbacks.

McCumber, who showed great poise on Sunday, made the most of it with his runner-up finish in Punta Cana.

## Caravans A side cricketers cruise to 2020 Kazim Nasser tourney last four

By Guardian Reporter

CARAVANS A team's cricketers have made it to the semi-finals of the 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML)'s Division A, recording 51-run victory over Strikers A outfit in Dar es Salaam early this week.

The duel's eventual winners have thus joined Aces A team, Aga Khan A squad and Gymkhana A team in the last four stage of the KNML top tier.

Spirited showing by top order batsmen, led by Gokul Das, was key to Caravans A outfit's win, as the top order saw to it the team record a good total during their innings.

Caravans A cricketers were bowled out for 179 runs in 44.3 overs of the 50-over clash once they had won the toss and elected to bat in the duel which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club oval.

They had a good start to their innings, given Kheel Suchak and Ivan Ismail ended with double digit figures after notching 21 runs, which consisted of two fours, and 24 runs, which included three fours and a six, respectively.

Das stepped at the crease to significantly push the team's score, posting 38 runs that included two fours.

His contribution had come in handy after a brief stint by Jitin Pratap Singh that has scored 12 runs, which included a boundary and a six.

Experienced player Kassim Nassoro as well made his presence felt given he recorded 31 runs which consisted of two fours.

Caravans A squad was somehow pegged back with early dismissals of Jayaraj Malayil and Mohamed Omary but the other experienced performers, skipper Sreejit Kumar and Hamisi Abdallah, made their experience count with solid knocks and pushed the score.

Kumar ended with 15 runs which consisted of a four, Abdallah chipped in with 14 runs. Promising performer, Johnson Nyambo, slotted in as low order batsman, also put a good batting showing for the squad during the closing stages, recording 11 runs not out.



Caravans Cricket Club's senior all-rounder, Sreejit Kumar, in action against St. Gobain Strikers outfit in a past DRCC Caravans T20 Cup competition's match, which took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

Senior all-rounders, Jatin Darji and Ashish Kamania, took three wickets apiece for Strikers A team during their turn with the ball, seeking to prevent Caravans A team from ending their innings with an imposing total.

Darji had one maiden over in his spell that had him bowling 9.3 overs, leaking 42 runs. Kamania bowled seven overs, leaking 27 runs.

Veteran Virendra Kamania ended his spell with two wickets, leaking 31 runs in 10 overs. Chasing 180 runs to win happened to be a daunting

task for Strikers A team, they, in response, notched 128 runs all out in 45.5 overs, losing out on progression to the knockout stage in the process.

Although Kamania brothers, Ashish and Virendra, put scintillating displays at the crease and ended with impressive double digit figures, they failed to help their side avoid defeat.

Ashish had the best innings, surpassing half century mark to notch 56 runs that included three fours and two sixes.

Virendra recorded 25 runs which included two boundaries and skipper Kishen Kamania posted 16 runs which included two fours.

Strikers A team's middle order batsmen could not live up to expectations, given they were sent back to the pavilion in quick succession, weakening the side's resolve in the process.

Nyambo had a field day with the ball for Caravans A side, given he posted four wickets in 8.5 overs, effectively dashing away Striker A team's hopes of mounting successful chase.

He had one maiden over in his spell, leaking 31 runs and consequently posting an economy rate of 3.51.

Malayil and Singh piled misery on Strikers A team, ending their spells with two wickets apiece.

Caravans A cricketers' victory has propelled them to the third spot, having recorded victory in three outings and loss in two games to collect six points.

Much as they are level with Aces A squad on points, Caravans A squad ended third given they boast of a better net run rate.

Aga Khan A squad finished at the top of the KNML top tier, followed by Gymkhana team in the second spot.

GP Pak Stars A cricketers endured a disappointing spell, they finished at the bottom of the competition's table without a win in five outings.

## Simba SC dismayed by Yanga fans' rowdiness



Simba SC supporters cheer their side at the celebrations for the culmination of a week of the club's charity activities, known as 'Simba Day', which took place in Dar es Salaam in August. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Ismail Tano, (TUDARCO)

SIMBA SC management has expressed dismay over an unprofessional conduct shown by fans of the club's rivals, Yanga, in the latter's Vodacom Premier League (VPL) game against Mtibwa Sugar, which took place in Morogoro last week.

Yanga cruised to 1-0 victory over Mtibwa Sugar in the tie, held at Jamhuri Stadium.

A section of Yanga supporters were reported to have roughed up some of Simba SC supporters, who had attended the match.

In a letter written by Simba SC's Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez, the outfit expressed disappointment over the rowdiness and called for punitive measures to be metted out by Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

The TFF and Yanga officials had already condemned the fans'

rowdiness and issued the fans a strong warning.

The Simba official stated: "Yanga fans have repeatedly been committing unprofessional acts against Simba's fans, in some of the incidents, a section of Yanga fans had stripped a Simba supporter off and beat him."

"This is a sure sign that, this behaviour will persist iff TFF will not take punitive measures against such fans."

"These attitudes should not be tolerated as they destroy and endanger the unity, peace and stability of our country."

"Such behaviour also creates a bad reputation for our country's soccer in the world." The official disclosed in view of that, Simba have taken several steps that include communicating with Yanga's Acting Secretary General, Simon Patrick, reminding the latter of his side's duty to control such actions.

She disclosed that she had a good conversation with Patrick and told the latter his club is responsible for dealing with unprofessional acts by the side's fans

in venues.

Barbara noted that regulations issued by world soccer governing body, FIFA, Confederation of African Football (CAF), TFF and the Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) have handed clubs the responsibility.

The official pointed out that should the clubs fail to fulfill the responsibility punitive measures will be taken against the outfits.

She disclosed she is confident that Yanga official will take appropriate action against such supporters with a view to doing away with a repeat of such acts.

She said: "We have also written an official letter to TFF expressing our sadness over the incident and suggesting action to be taken."

She pointed out much as security organs have a role to play in the matter, TFF and the TPLB should not shy away from the responsibility.

She was adamant her squad hopes action will be taken soon.

"On behalf of our club, I would like to ask our fans to be calm while the leadership

uses official means to protect the dignity and honour of our club and the country's soccer," she disclosed.

She noted that her outfit urges the fans that they should not to take any action in retaliation or commit any kind of violence against Yanga fans.

She noted that Simba SC and the rest of Tanzanians are responsible for protecting peace, unity and stability of the country.

She stated Simba SC would not want football fanaticism to turn into a source of hatred, discord and breach of peace in the country.

Simba SC will continue to be a model for the quality of the country's soccer, as far as discipline and civility of fans is concerned, she noted.



## Mourinho bemoans 'dangerous' schedule as Spurs see off Chelsea

LONDON

JOSE Mourinho believes players are being put in danger by the football authorities after Tottenham beat Chelsea 5-4 on penalties to progress to the quarter-finals of the League Cup after a 1-1 draw.

Mourinho's men were playing the second of four games in eight days in three different competitions.

Eric Dier was the only outfield player retained in the Tottenham team that started Sunday's 1-1 draw in the Premier League against Newcastle and the England defender had to dash from the field for a comfort break in the second-half.

"The number of minutes played is dangerous. What I did today with I Eric Dier today is very dangerous," said Mourinho, suggesting that dehydration could have led to the defender's problem.

"It should be forbidden to play two matches in 48 hours. What Eric Dier did is not human."

Timo Werner's first goal for Chelsea compounded Mourinho's woes in a dominant start from Frank Lampard's men.

But Erik Lamela deservedly levelled for Spurs seven minutes from time and new Chelsea goalkeeper Edouard Mendy was unable to stop Dier, Lamela, Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg, Lucas Moura and Harry Kane scoring from the spot.

Tammy Abraham, Cesar Azpilicueta, Jorginho and Emerson also converted their penalties as the first nine of the shootout were successful.

But Mason Mount's effort clipped the post to the delight of the watching Gareth Bale, who could be fit to feature in the last eight with the quarter-finals not till late December.

"Anything can happen on penalties," said Lampard. "You want to stay in these competitions of course but there's lots to like. We dominated the first half but the game changed (in the second-half)."

Mourinho claimed the fixture pile up gave him no choice but to prioritise Thursday's Europa League tie against Maccabi Haifa given the financial incentive on offer for the club.

AFP

## Messi: Attempted exit was for Barcelona's own good

BARCELONA

LIONEL Messi says he acted with Barcelona's best interests in mind when trying to engineer a move away from Camp Nou this summer.

In his first interview since he announced he was staying at the club, the Argentina forward also said he was willing to accept responsibility for his mistakes.

"After so many disagreements, I would like to bring an end to everything and put aside any differences," Messi told Diario Sport on Tuesday.

"I take responsibility for my mistakes and, if there were any, they were only to make Barcelona better and stronger."

"If any fans were annoyed by something that I said or did, let there be no doubt that anything I did was always with the club's best interests in mind."

After the 8-2 defeat to Bayern Munich in August, Messi told Barca he wanted to leave and that he thought he could do so for free per a clause in his contract.

Sources told ESPN that Manchester City wanted to sign Messi but Barca

remained adamant that he could not leave for free and said his only way out would be by paying his €700 million release clause.

Messi, 33, eventually backed down, saying he didn't want a legal fight over the validity of the clause with the club that he loves.

But in announcing that he was staying for the remainder of his contract, which expires in 2021, he was also critical of president Josep Maria Bartomeu and the board of directors.

He accused Bartomeu of lying to him and said the board had no sporting project and had been plugging holes as they went along.

His anger was still apparent last week when he criticised the club for kicking Luis Suarez out by selling his contract to Atletico Madrid.

"Nothing surprises me anymore," Messi wrote on Instagram.

However, he now wants to move on from the drama that underpinned Barcelona's preparations for the new season, which started with a 4-0 win against Villarreal.

(Agencies)

## Gotta go! Mourinho chases Dier during toilet break

LONDON

AN urgent trip to the bathroom for Tottenham Hotspur's Eric Dier led to the surreal sight of the defender running off the pitch during Tuesday's Carabao Cup match against Chelsea - with coach Jose Mourinho chasing down the tunnel after him.

Spurs were trailing 1-0 with 15 minutes to go when Dier raced off the pitch and darted towards the dressing room, quickly followed by a furious Mourinho whose side were briefly down to 10 men in their fourth-round home clash.

Mourinho soon returned to his dugout and Dier swiftly made it back onto the pitch, helping Tottenham find an equaliser from Erik Lamela which made it 1-1 to force a penalty shootout.

Spurs went on to win 5-4 on penalties, with Dier scoring their first spot kick.

"Jose wasn't happy but there was nothing I could do about it, nature was calling," explained Dier. "I heard there was a chance [for Chelsea] while I was off the pitch but thankfully they didn't score."

Former Chelsea boss Mourinho defended his decision to race after Dier down the tunnel, but praised the England international for his performance, which came two days after he played 90 minutes in the 1-1 Premier League draw with Newcastle United.

"He had to go, he had no chance," Mourinho said of Dier's mad dash for the bathroom. "Maybe it is a normal thing when you are completely dehydrated which is the case."

(Agencies)

# Bayern and rivals await Champions League draw as pandemic riddle remains

LONDON

LESS than six weeks Bayern Munich won last season's delayed final behind closed doors, the draw for the group stage of the next Champions League takes place on Thursday with the threat of the coronavirus pandemic again hanging over the competition.

Bayern were crowned European champions for the sixth time after beating Paris Saint-Germain at an empty Estadio da Luz in Lisbon in August. The surreal occasion represented a triumph of sorts for UEFA.

European football's governing body succeeded in playing its flagship competition to a conclusion despite the long shutdown caused by the health crisis, but the final rounds were not the same.

"A game like this without supporters is not the football that we know," lamented Bayern coach Hansi Flick. "Perhaps they can be back again in the future."

Thursday's draw is part of a ceremony which will also see the best men's and women's player of last season crowned.

UEFA had to ditch plans to stage the event in Athens and instead moved it to its own headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland, where the draw will go ahead without guests.

It is further evidence that, after the battle to get last season finished, things are not about to return to normal in Europe yet, and virus cases are exploding again.

But this time the football, it seems, will go on.

Both Bayern and PSG will be in the first pot of seeds along with Liverpool, Real Madrid, Juventus, Porto, Zenit Saint-Petersburg and Sevilla, the Europa League winners.

There is the prospect of plenty of enticing matchups, with Barcelona, Atletico Madrid, Chelsea, Borussia Dortmund and both Manchester clubs all in the second pot, and Inter Milan, Atalanta, RB Leipzig and Marseille among the lower seeds.

But the excitement of the draw will be quickly tempered.

First, there is the realisation that almost all the leading clubs will make it through to the last 16 anyway, as they always do, removing much of the jeopardy from the early games.

- Pitfalls ahead -

As the pandemic continues to cast a shadow, it seems hard to imagine the final going ahead as



The Champions League trophy on display in Budapest before the UEFA Super Cup last week. Who will succeed Bayern as winners this season? (Agencies)

scheduled in Istanbul next May in a full stadium.

UEFA experimented with the return of fans when around 15,500 attended last week's Super Cup between Bayern and Sevilla in Budapest.

"Health is the number one priority but we want to bring hope," said UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin. He added: "Fans and players are the essential part of football."

But with rules on large gatherings

varying considerably from country to country, UEFA must decide how to approach the issue of crowds attending games in the Champions League and Europa League, the draw for which is on Friday.

UEFA's current stance is that games will be behind closed doors "until further notice".

It has adapted its rules. In the face of travel restrictions, it will allow matches on neutral territory. If a club suffers a

Covid-19 outbreak, a game can go ahead as long as each team has at least 13 fit players including one goalkeeper.

The group stage starts on October 20, more than a month later than usual, and all six rounds of games will be packed into eight weeks.

However, in the event of more delays, UEFA has set January 28 as the deadline to complete the group stage.

Pitfalls lie ahead, but the draw offers a brief return to something like normality.

AFP

## Why Aouar would be the perfect signing for Arteta's Arsenal project

LONDON

ARSENAL manager Mikel Arteta has been following Housseem Aouar for a while. Not just since the conclusion of the 2020 Champions League, where the Frenchman was outstanding with Lyon, especially in their 3-1 win against Manchester City in the quarterfinals. Not even just from earlier in the season or even the previous campaign, where the 22-year-old midfielder established himself as one of Ligue 1's best players and one of Europe's most promising youngsters.

No - the Arsenal manager has been a fan for much longer than that. When he was Pep Guardiola's assistant at Manchester City, he followed Aouar's breakthrough season in 2017-18. Then, in Sept. 2018, he got to see him up close with own eyes. With Guardiola suspended, Arteta served as City's manager against Lyon in the Champions League group stage. Aouar shone, Lyon won 2-1 at the Etihad and Arteta has been under his charm ever since.

All of this can explain why Aouar is now Arsenal's and Arteta's priority this transfer window. There are still some negotiations ahead, of course, before the transfer can be completed, and obviously anything could still happen.

The player wants to come to Arsenal, but the Gunners' first offer of €35 million made to Lyon and their president Jean-Michel Aulas was rejected on Friday. The Gunners will come back this week with another offer and are quite confident the deal will happen, but they are not there yet.

Still, they will push for it because in Arteta's mind, Aouar is the missing piece to his current jigsaw puzzle. He would not solve all the Londoners' issues, but he would certainly improve the journey Arteta and the club are on at the moment.

Like the Spaniard repeatedly said after his side's 3-1 defeat at Liverpool on Monday night, his team is on a journey and it has not even been a full year since Arteta took charge. Well-oiled Liverpool and Jurgen Klopp, in comparison, are already five years into theirs.

Arteta wants Aouar to be part of the journey because he will be the one to lead it. As a source close to the situation puts it, the Lyon man would be to Arteta what Kevin De Bruyne is to Pep Guardiola. He is enamoured with the Frenchman's profile who, like the Belgian, is very versatile.

Aouar is a playmaker who can play as a No. 10 behind one or two strikers, as a No. 8 in a midfield two or three, and even as a wide player on the left if needed. Where he is most influential, though, is in the middle, where he can possess the ball the most and use his vision, passing range and technical ability to create chances for teammates. He takes set pieces, too.

Aouar is seven years younger than De Bruyne, who was 24 when he joined Manchester City after previous spells at Genk, Werder Bremen, Chelsea



Housseem Aouar would bring goals, assists, composure and creativity to the Emirates, all characteristics Mikel Arteta and Arsenal currently need. (Agencies)

and Wolfsburg, and already a full international. Aouar's path is much different, as he's only played three seasons in Lyon's first team and has just the one call-up for France, which he could not even attend because he tested positive for COVID-19 just before joining the squad in Paris! Nevertheless, some similarities are there to see.

Like in Manchester, where De Bruyne is at the heart of everything going forward and is the player everyone else looks for when on the ball, Aouar would be Arsenal's main creative force.

His ability to receive the ball under pressure and still advance it to help the team is also very important for what

Arteta is trying to do with his team. Aouar could be a key component in the Spaniard's desire to play out from the back, with a clear pattern of play built around him.

He can press intensely, can run and play on the counter or in a possession game. He is very intelligent tactically, too, having played in so many formations this early in a young career.

Aouar is exactly what Arsenal and Arteta need right now. There is no doubt that Lyon will play hard ball to get as much money as they can for their latest academy jewel, but this would be the right move for him. Other big European clubs were interested, but no

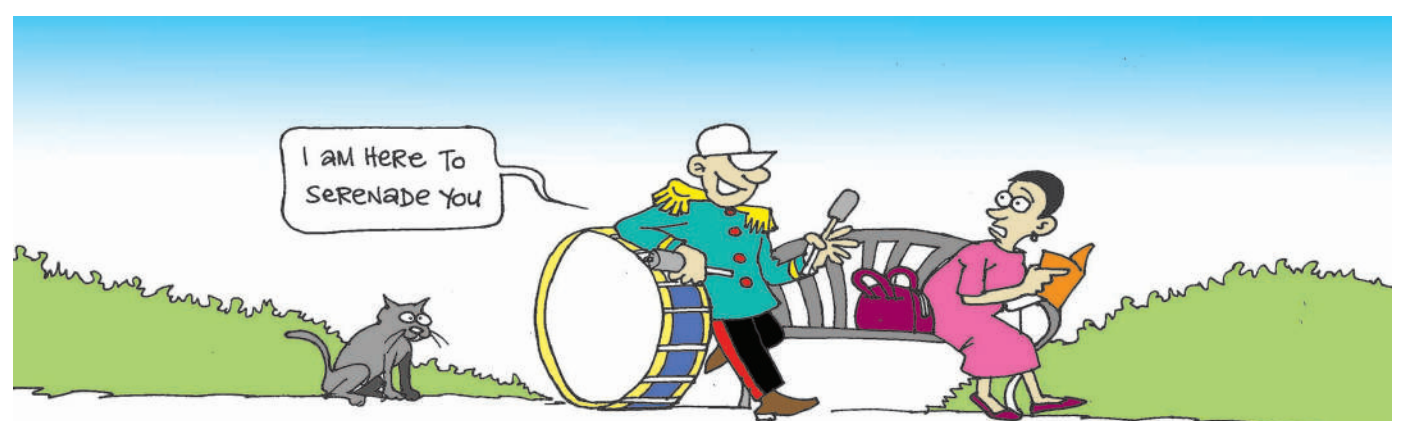
other official offers were made, apart from Arsenal.

Playing at the Emirates and in the Premier League would represent a step up in his career and if he rises to it, which he and the people around him believe he can and will, it would certainly bring him even closer to the national team and the 2021 Euros, while also giving him a much bigger platform to shine on.

It could also be the piece of the puzzle that speeds up Arsenal's efforts to get back into the Premier League's top four.

ESPN

Gwiji by David Chikoko





## Azam FC now steps up preps for Kagera Sugar match

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### Butiama cycling tour set for Saturday

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's edition of a cycling tour, known as 'Twende Butiama', is set to be flagged off at the residence for Tanzania's Father of the Nation, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, at Mwasani in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Gabriel Landa, the Chairman for the 'Twende Butiama' tour organizing committee, said all is set for the 1400km race which is expected to attract more than 200 riders from many parts of the country.

He said they expect to arrive at Mwitongo Village, Butiama on October 14, a day Mwalimu Nyerere passed on.

"All preparations for the tour are going on very well, we will flag off the race at the residence for Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere at Mwasani," he disclosed.

"We expect one of Nyerere's family members to officiate the flag off the event."

"We will pass in Morogoro, Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Mwanza and arrive at Mwitongo Village, Butiama on October 14."

"We ask riders from 10 years of age to 73 years to join us, first aid and other necessities will be available."

Landa thanked main sponsors of the tour, SAS Logistics, saying while in Mwitongo Village, they will carry out a number of social activities including planting trees.

"At Mwitongo we will have a number of activities which include a project known as 'Mti Kwa Umri', in which a person plants trees according to his or her age, we will also do other activities," he disclosed.

Salim Albusaidy, an official from SAS Logistics Company, asked riders to participate in the tour, saying the race will be used to honour Mwalimu Nyerere, exercise and promote domestic tourism.

Albusaidy is also the National Cycling Association (Chabata) patron and sponsor.

"We are happy to be involved in the 'Twende Butiama' tour, this tour is very important to the country as it reminds people of the contribution the late Mwalimu Nyerere made to our country and the world in general," he disclosed.

"It will also be used to promote domestic tourism as, while cycling, we will tour many tourist attraction areas, cycling also has a lot of health benefits to riders," he said.

Godfrey Mhagama, Chabata Chairman, hailed the 'Twende Butiama' tour and SAS Logistics Company, noting on top of honouring Mwalimu Nyerere, it is also a platform for riders to gain experience.

"We are happy that the 'Twende Butiama' race is growing each and passing day, last year we had 110 cyclist taking part, but this year more than 170 have registered for it and we expect the number to increase as many people will join the tour on the way," he said.

The SAS Logistics are also sponsors of Dar es Salaam-based semi-professional cycling club, Matambuu, which has nine riders.

The riders are Hassan Sharif, Gerald Kondo, Boniface Ngwata, Masunga Duba, Abubakar Nkewe, Kisbo Ndakama, Kurwa Gerald, Amani Munishi and Adam Msangi.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

VODACOM Premier League (VPL) leaders Azam FC's officials have said their squad has intensified preparations for this weekend's game against Kagera Sugar,



Azam FC striker, Obrey Chirwa (L), dribbles past Coastal Union defender, Hassan Kibailo, when the outfits locked horns in a Vodacom Premier League match, which took place at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam recently. Azam FC won 2-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

to be played at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam.

Thabit Zacharia, Azam FC Information Officer, said they are leaving no stone unturned in their quest for amassing

maximum points against Kagera Sugar.

He said the team started preparations for the game on Tuesday this week and all players are doing well in training.

"After our win against Prisons, the focus

is now on our next game against Kagera Sugar to be played on Sunday," Zakaria disclosed.

"The squad has started preparations for the game as our aim is to collect three points."

Azam FC which has been boosted by acquisition of Zimbabwean forward, Prince Dube, is the only team in the domestic top flight to have never tasted defeat.

The squad is placed first in the VPL with 12 points, registering victory in four duels.

Dube is also the side's and the VPL's leading scorer, given he has netted three goals.

"The aim is to maintain our unbeaten run, we know it will not be easy but we are prepared to make history," the Azam FC official said.

The game between Azam FC and Kagera Sugar promises to be extremely difficult for either side as

they both boast of winning their respective last week games.

Azam FC beat Tanzania Prisons 1-0 away at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Rukwa, while Kagera Sugar notched 1-0 victory over KMC FC 1-0 at Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera.

Kagera Sugar's head coach, Mecky Mexime, said his charges are now ready for the coming VPL games.

He pointed out his players are ready to halt Azam FC's unbeaten run in the league. "We did not start the league on a good note, but after our win against KMC FC, the morale in the camp is very high," he stated.

"I can say my charges are now ready for the coming VPL games and we are now looking forward to our Sunday game against Azam FC."

"I know it will be difficult beating them at their backyard but we are ready for them."

## Msuva's value drops in Transfermarkt

By Seth Denis, TUDARCO

TANZANIAN winger, Simon Msuva, who plays for Morocco's Difaa El Jadidi, has seen his market value drop from 2.4bn/- to 1.5bn/- according to the Transfermarkt network.

Transfermarkt is a German-based website owned by Axel Springer that has footballing information, such as scores, results, statistics, transfer news, and fixtures.

Msuva, who has been linked with a move to French Ligue 2 club Le Havre, now ranks second behind Samatta among the most valuable Tanzanian players.

Samatta leads the list with a value of 25bn/- while, according to the network, he has seen a decline of 7bn/- since joining English Premier League club, Aston Villa.

The forward has now moved to Fenerbahçe S.K. in Turkish Premier League.

Msuva, former Yanga winger, has been one of the best performers at Difaa El Jadidi in Morocco's premier league for the past two seasons.

With four games left in the Moroccan Premier League, Botola Pro League, Msuva has scored just five goals in 25 games.

Difaa El Jadidi are set to face Hassania Agadir, Rapide Oued Zem, FUS Rabat and Youssoufia Berrechid.

In his first season in the Botola Pro League in 2017/18, Msuva finished with 11 goals while the following season saw him break a record he set in his first season, netting 13 goals.

With the average number of goals he has scored this season, it is difficult for Msuva to reach the number of goals he has scored for Difaa El Jadidi for the past two seasons.

Msuva believes the suspension of the Botola Pro League due to coronavirus pandemic has contributed to many players falling behind.

"What I am praying to God for is to finish the season safely because I have so many challenges ahead," he disclosed.

"The league's resumption felt like we were starting another season, we were not in good form," he stated.

Commenting on the possibility of leaving his club after the end of the season, Msuva said he will wait and see what would happen.

The former Yanga winger is expected to join Tanzania's senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, to feature in an international friendly against Burundi,

which will be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam later this month.



Simon Msuva

## Yanga now extend defender's contract

By Ismail Tano, (TUDARCO)

YANGA have extended the side's contract with defender, Lamine Moro, for three years, quashing rumours that the player has not been offered a new contract.

Moro's current contract with Yanga will come to an end in June next year.

Yanga confirmed the contract extension through the side's social media sites on Tuesday.

Moro expressed his sincere gratitude to the entire Yanga leadership for trusting him and extending his contract with the squad.

The towering Ghanaian defender also thanked Yanga fans for the love and support they shower him at the club.

He asked for more support from Yanga fans and made it clear that if the fans are happy, the outfit's players are equally happy.

Moro was adamant he will keep on working hard and seeing to it the fans are happy.

He moreover advised Tanzanian football fans to love each other, given football is all about happiness.

He said football does not entertain enmity, maintaining outfits should only concentrate on competing.

He also condemned any action aimed at causing strife both on and off the field, reminding soccer fans that they are a family.

Moro has been in fine form for Yanga in four Vodacom Premier League (VPL) outings the squad has taken part in.

He has scored two goals for the side. He headed home the all-important goal for Yanga in a match against Mbeya City FC which took place in Dar es Salaam.

He later helped Yanga edge Mtibwa Sugar 1-0 in Morogoro last weekend, powering home a header from a well taken corner kick by Angolan midfielder, Carlos Fernandes, on the 61st minute.

Fernandes was also involved in Moro's goal in the game against Mbeya City FC, as the latter made the most of the former's good corner kick.

Moro was, as a result, voted as Yanga's best player in the game against Mtibwa Sugar in special polls that are done by Yanga for their players.

He collected 66 per cent of the votes cast by Yanga fans via the club's social media accounts, beating fellow defender, Bakari Mwamnyeto, and midfielder Zawadi Mauya.



Yanga defender, Lamine Moro. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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**MORNING @ 11:00**

**DADAZ.**

11:00 DADAZ LIVE  
12:00 MPYA  
12:30 Bongo Hits  
13:00 Msasi Kitaani (r)  
13:30 Kali Za Wana  
14:00 Ujenzi (r)  
14:30 DK10 Za Maangamizi  
15:00 Funguka  
15:30 Waganga Ulimbo (r)  
16:00 Ubongo Kids (r)  
16:30 #HSHTAG  
17:00 SSELECT  
17:55 Kurasa  
18:00 eNewz  
18:30 Music/Soap  
19:30 EATV SAA I  
19:45 MJADALA  
20:00 DADAZ (r)  
21:00 Kiblashara Zaidi

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