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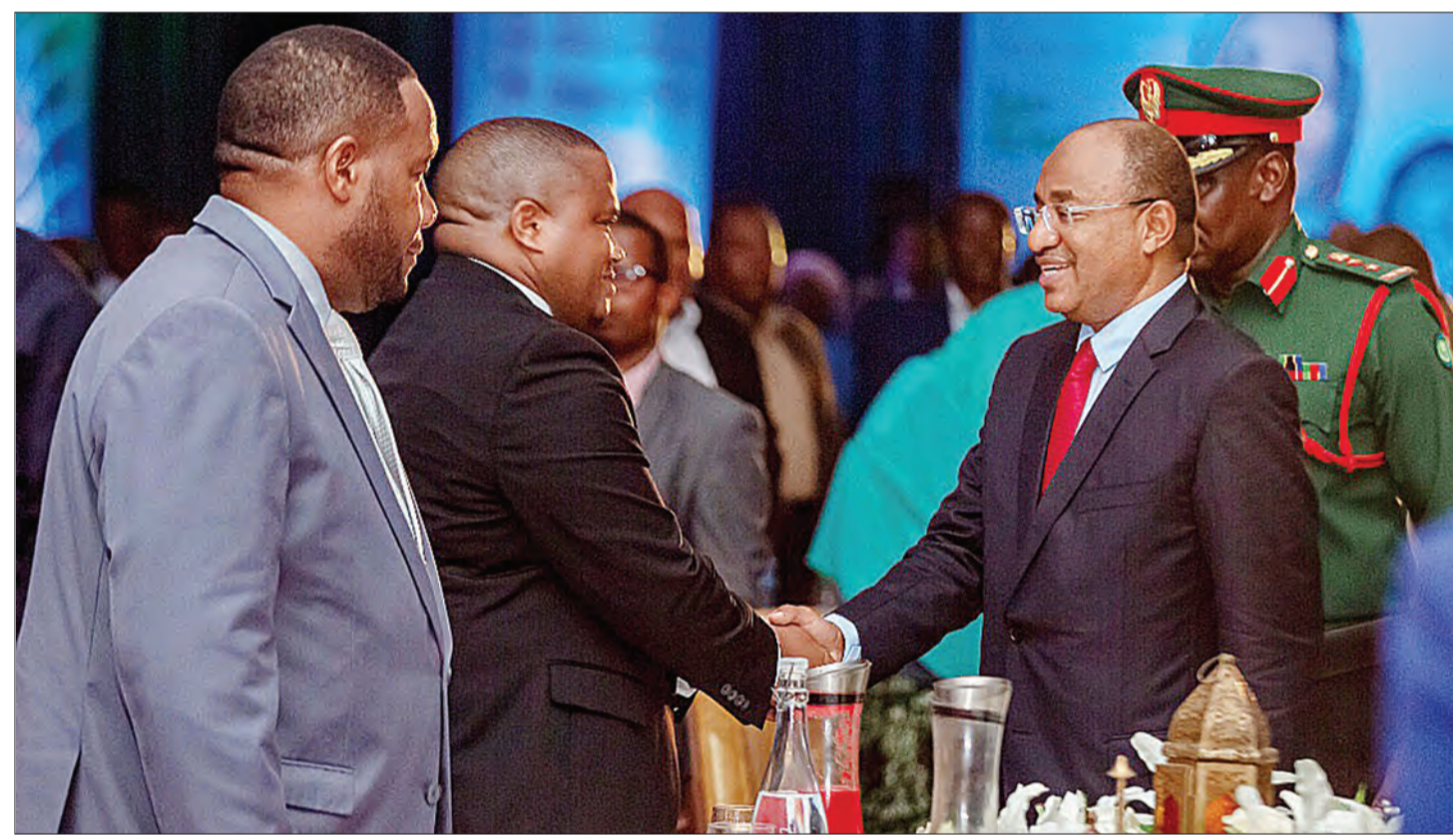
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# 'Invest in Lake Victoria to earn \$800m annually'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

**M**EMBERS of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) have called on East African Community (EAC) member states to come up with investment plans so as to earn \$800 million (about 2trn/-) annually, saying this is the potential resource worth of the basin.

Regional legislators made this affirmation at the weekend, describing the lake as the largest underutilized blue economy asset "whose wealth can jointly be exploited and shared among EAC member states," as they endorsed



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi exchanges greetings with CRDB Bank Plc CEO and managing director CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela (2nd-L) yesterday on arrival at the Zanzibar venue of a seminar where he was due to open a seminar organised by the bank for Members of the Zanzibar House of Representatives and representatives of government institutions and the private sector. The theme was opportunities provided by the bank towards supporting the implementation of development projects and making local communities access financial services more easily and conveniently. Left is Zanzibar House of Representatives Speaker Zubeir Ali Maulid. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



## Surge in cases of child abuse, GBV preoccupies RC

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

ARUSHA Region has recorded a sharp increase in gender-based violence (GBV) and child abuse cases in one year with leaders now calling for new ways to effectively address the situation.

Regional Commissioner, Idd Kimanta said here at the weekend during regional commemoration of 16 Days of Activism against GBV, that Arusha has seen a dramatic increase in cases of sexual and gender based violence.

"As of now, there are 1,302 women who reported to be victims of domestic violence while 1,256 children were reported to have suffered sexual and other forms of abuse, of whom 1,085 are girls," he said.

In the previous year, 988 cases of violence against children were reported, an increase of 22 percent in the year, he said.

The RC appealed to relevant government authorities and civil society organizations to come together and draw up a new plan of action

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## Blue economy uplift as Zanzibar inks \$3bn deal in Turkish investments

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR authorities' quest to build a strong economy through sustainable exploitation of marine resources is taking shape following the signing of a US\$3billion (over 6trn/-) deal to develop modern fish processing facilities and a landing port.

The agreement inked at the weekend between Salmin Fisheries and Turk-

ish company Northland Capital Investment is part of the government's blue economy policy, intended to give a face lift to the Isles fishing sector, said Abdullah Kombo, the Isles minister for Blue Economy and Fisheries.

He hailed the move as a milestone for the Zanzibar economy, as it will provide employment opportunities and mar-

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## NCAA sets up Amboni Caves survey, publicity

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

A NEW geological survey will soon start at the Amboni Caves near Tanga city, to gather more information on the formation, morphology and legends surrounding the scenic tourist attraction, with intent to making the vicinity a new tourist hotspot.

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) which manages the caves will conduct the study which also seeks to find out the precise dating of formation of the meandering caves.

The conservator of the caves, Melchizedek Mwambungu said here at the weekend that NCAA geologists will soon embark on the work, to undo or confirm what has been said about the site for decades.

There are seven caves in the area but only two, namely number three and four are in use. The study will advise if other channels are safe for guided tour activities, he said.

"We currently use data which we

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kets for artisanal fishers. Salmin Ibrahim, the company's executive director, said the project is aimed to support small-scale fishers, as investors are willing to disburse funds to have this ambitious project take off as planned.

The blue economy is a flagship sector for the incoming eighth phase government of Dr Hussein Mwinyi, with deep-sea fishing, fish farming and fish processing as key areas for serious investments to support struggling fishing communities.

The government is keen to explore extensive marine resources in the Isles special economic zone, which is a fertile area for pirate fishing activities.

President Mwinyi said at the weekend that the government is determined to bring about a revolution in the economy by developing the blue economy as well as strengthening service sectors including tourism, the pillar of Isles economic growth.

He spoke at a function organized by CRDB Bank for senior government officials and members of the House of Representatives at Verde Hotel grounds.

Dr Mwinyi said due to limited land space there is always a challenge in planning and implementing development plans as Unguja Island's entire land area is 1,666 square kilometers and Pemba Island has 988 square kilometers, a stretch of territory he said is inhospitable to population increase.

He said in the past land was utilized for farming and many

people lived by farming and livestock keeping, but today the same land area is needed to build people's settlements, factories and various other economic activities.

In the circumstances, the eighth phase has decided to utilize alternative resources from the sea as well as strengthening the service sector, he stated.

He said the government aims to develop blue economy by fully utilizing sea resources including tourism activities, drilling for oils and gas, deep sea fishing, fish products processing, seaweed farming and other marine products.

He promised to give CRDB managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela a special liaison team as the government uplifts ties with the private sector by putting in place an enabling environment to enhance investments and financing of various economic activities.

He applauded the desire shown by CRDB Bank to work with the government especially in the blue economy area, expressing high hopes that this cooperation initiative would grow further.

President Mwinyi stressed the objective of making Pemba Island a strategic investment area, especially in regard to tourism and creation of industries.

CRDB Bank needs to be bold enough in the provision of loans to people engaged in farming, fishing, livestock keeping and entrepreneurship, he added.

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to reverse the trend, saying that cruelty against children has many facets including sexual molestation, beating and psychologically debilitating insults.

Inadequate food and poor nutrition also came up as among the rights that most children never get and nobody ever mentions. The Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey of 2015-16 showed that the average rate of stunting in the country among children less than five years stood at 36 per cent.

The situation is even worse in some food-rich regions such as Rukwa (56.3), Njombe (49.4), Arusha (36.0), Geita (40.5) and Iringa (41.6).

Running from the 25th of November to 10th of December, the event is conducted under the global theme of 'Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent and Collect!'

Arusha launched the commemoration at the Clock Tower roundabout, a road

junction ceremonially marked as the center point in the imaginary Great North Road, stretching from Cape Town, the parliamentary capital of South Africa to the Egyptian megacity of Cairo.

The 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence event is a global campaign dedicated to raising awareness on the impact of domestic violence, particularly on women and children. The campaign which kicked on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children, drawing the curtains on December 10, the World Human Rights Day.

These dates were chosen so as to link violence against women with human rights issues, since violence, in any form, is a violation of human rights. In Arusha the event was coordinated by Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF); World Vision Tanzania and Compassion Tanzania, organizers noted.



Sanlam Life Insurance CEO Khamis Suleiman (R) has a word with his Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania counterpart, Sanjay Rughani (C), the joint launch of property insurance held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Left is the bank's head of retail banking, Ajmair Riaz. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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found when taking over, but we know we have to undertake a geological survey to make precisions in specific areas, enhancing the capacity to answer any questions by visitors," he declared.

NCAA took over the caves six months ago and it has managed to make some improvements in the cave infrastructure to increase attraction, notably on safety of visitors. This was done by installing special lights and drifts to enable visitors to enter the caves without

environmental fears, even when the caves are water-logged, the conservator noted.

NCAA has stopped explosions from limestone quarrying activities, therefore, increasing the security of visitors entering the caves.

"The number of visitors has increased and we now have between 800 and 1,000 visitors on a daily basis, mostly school children.

NCAA plans to build a parking lot, a camping site and restaurant to cope with increased visitors. "We had a visit from TARURA technicians to prepare to build a parking lot and

other facilities to ease access to the caves," he said.

The conservator cited plans to construct a wall to block gushing water flows from Mkulumuzi River nearby. "When the river is flooded water enters the caves, blocking further use until the water recedes," he explained.

NCAA marketing manager Michael Makombe said that the authority has plans to increase publicity of Amboni Caves, including promotion of business opportunities through brochures. "We also plan to hold a special marathon linked to the caves

to enhance publicity of the site, he stated.

Amboni Caves are the most extensive limestone caves in East Africa. They are located 9 km north of the city off the Tanga-Mombasa road. Geologists say the caves age aged about 150 million years during the Jurassic age. The zone of the caves takes up about 234 square kilometers.

The area is also believed to have been underwater some 20 million years ago, thus left the hanging limestone pillars after a peculiar kind of erosion.



Denis Masami (L), an official with the land rent unit in the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development ministry, gives instructions to his subordinates before making house-to-house visits in Dodoma city at the weekend to encourage people to paying land rent. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

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a vital bill aimed at the protection of the vast water body.

Rwanda member Fatuma Ndagiza told the House that Lake Victoria held the prospect of generating over US\$800million to the regional economy comprising of six member states so far.

The just passed Lake Victoria Basin Commission

Bill, 2019 is intended to give more autonomy to the commission in discharging its duties. The bill is set to provide more authority and powers to the LVBC which is pivoted in Kisumu, Kenya.

Kenyan member Abdulkadir Aden said that tapping the potential of the blue economy is already riding high in the regional development agenda for the EAC.

"The work of the Lake

Victoria Commission should thus be handled more effectively, by exploiting existing opportunities and harnessing the fishing industry to enhance livelihoods," he urged.

The passage of the bill follows a long period of waiting starting June 2007 when the EAC Council of Ministers introduced the bill for its first reading. When it came to the second reading in February

2011, the council moved a motion to withdraw it to allow for more consultations.

Managing the Lake Victoria Basin is a core function in the work of the EAC Secretariat via the commission, which in the aftermath of the bill it will now be capable of mobilizing funds directly from donors for project execution.

Mapped over 60,000 square kilometers, the lake is shared by Tanzania, Uganda

and Kenya, and in recent months it was reported to be experiencing an increase in commercially viable fish stocks.

Tanzania has around 49 percent of the lake surface area; Uganda 45 percent and Kenya six percent of the surface area.

The lake includes many exotic and unique fish species, like cichlids. Invasive fish such as the Nile perch introduced

commercially in past decades, is believed to have driven many endemic species to virtual extinction.

Ugandan member Mary Mugenyi echoed affirmations on the economic potential of the lake, pointing out that it was still under-exploited. The socio-economic woes facing communities living on the shores could be addressed by exploiting these opportunities, she declared.

Passing the bill means LVBC has the power to coordinate stakeholder participation in natural resources development, while coordinating the harmonization of policies, laws and regulations on economic activities in the basin.

The Lake Victoria fisheries industry is valued at US\$250million in EAC data, contributing up to four per cent of the regional Gross Domestic Product (GDP).



# Public private partnership system pays off by reducing poverty

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE public-private partnership system to help strengthen the health supply chain in Tanzania is paying off as at least 51,400,000 people have been reached within two years, the government has said.

The system dubbed 'Jazia Prime Vendor System (Jazia PVS)' responds to addressing shortage of medicines and simplifying procurement as it supplements Medical Stores Department (MSD) with supplies from a single vendor, in a pooled regional approach.

In his presentation at the recently ended 7th Tanzania Health Summit held in Dodoma, Mathew Mganga, head of Health Commodities and Diagnostic Services Unit at the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, MSD and Jazia PVS have joined forces to provide population with health commodities.

"The Jazia PVS is cost-effective as it is anchored in existing structures like infrastructure, staff and it join forces with MSD to provide the population with health supplies" he said.

He said MSD is the national supplier to public health facilities in Tanzania, established in 1993, the rate for medicines ordered by health facilities has never reached 100 percent due to various reasons. Therefore the availability of quality medicines in peripheral healthcare facilities is often limited to MSD.

According to Mganga, Jazia PVS has replaced a lengthy, bureaucratic and intransparent procure-

ment practice with an efficient, formalized, transparent and innovative PPP model.

Citing achievements of the strategy rolled out throughout the country in 2018, he said all 26 regions have contracted a private vendor, 14 different private vendors are contracted, reaching out to 185 councils with 5381 health facilities and a total of 51,400,000 people.

He added that the role of the private sector is enhanced in a highly regulated, cost and quality conscious manner and an average monthly procurement volume of 2.3bn/- from PVs assists MSD to fulfil ever increasing orders challenges.

"The objectives of PVS is to complement MSD supply, improve availability of health commodities at health facilities and improve transparency and accountability for public funds" he said, adding that they also reduce the lead time for delivery of medicines and other products.

However Mganga noted that the main challenge in the strategy is insufficient adherence to standard operating procedures and contractual terms by both users and vendors.

He noted that the the government aims to improve the health of all Tanzanians, especially those at risk, and to increase life expectancy by providing health services to meet their needs.

In so doing, medicines and other health commodities are critical building blocks of the health system and should always be available, he stated, adding, "Access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines for all is a central component of

Universal Health Coverage (UHC)".

He observed that in effort to improve the system, there is a circular, standard operation procedures as well as monitoring and evaluation framework guide operations in place.

Mganga also told the gathering that national guidelines have been reviewed by stakeholders and await signature. A study, he said has shown high acceptability among supply chain actors as accountability plays an important role in the PVS.

One of the key partners in the Jazia Prime Vendors is the Health Promotion and System Strengthening (HPSS) project which strives to improve quality and utilization of health services in the Dodoma region.

At the same time, HPSS is cultivating an effective, well-governed, accessible health care system that can be scaled up to a national level.

The goal of the project is to improve the health status and wellbeing of Tanzanians, focusing on those

most at risk, and to support health systems in becoming more responsive to health needs for all population groups.

"It's our objective to improve quality, access to, and utilization of health resources and services, and to see these services delivered by an effective and well-governed health system," said HPSS Project Director, Manfred Stoermer during an interview with this paper on the sidelines of the 7th Health Summit.

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Ilala district commissioner Ng'wilabuzi Ludigija (R) has a quick word with Adelard Mang'ombo, NMB Bank Plc's senior manager for government business, in Dar es Salaam at the weekend after presenting an appreciation certificate to the bank as a leading tax payment. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Tanzania in strategy to become leading rice producer in Africa

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA has embarked on various strategies to enable it the leading rice producing country in Africa bypassing Madagascar.

In order to realise the goal, UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) in collaboration with the Tanzania government have embarked in empowering researchers and other experts on rice farming in the country for better farming and storage practices of the rice crop.

The remarks were given here at the weekend by Emmanuel Kolobelo, Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary at the opening of the second phase of the project on rice farming and value adding chain.

Kolobelo said the project follows the first phase that begun in 2016 that aimed to increase rice production and which brought in positive results for Morogoro Region.

He said rice production increased from 2.5 tons per hectare to 5 tons per hectare and for the entire region from 500,000 tons to 800,000 tons a year.

He said after the project ended in great success through donors from Venezuela and North Korea, they requested for another phase and they agreed with the request.

He said FAO and the Tanzania Government through donors came up with the new phase that also sought to reduce crop loss before harvest to spur farmers to cultivate the crop in abundance.

FAO's country representative dealing in projects Charles Tulahi said the new project would involve three countries including Tanzania, Ivory Coast and the Philippines and would empower researchers to assist farmers to increase rice production.



**The remarks were given here at the weekend by Emmanuel Kolobelo, Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary at the opening of the second phase of the project on rice farming and value adding chain**

He said the project expects to cost 2.3bn/- for the three countries and for Tanzania it will be carried out at TARI-Dakawa in Mvomero District and at TARI-Ifakara in Kilombero District, both in Morogoro Region.

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## Speaker Ndugai cautions IFM students over employment opportunities after graduation

By Correspondent James Kandoya

SPEAKER of the National Assembly Job Ndugai has advised the graduates to utilise economic opportunities to bring about development instead of waiting for employment from the government.

He made the advice at the 46th graduation when conferring certificates, diploma, bachelor and postgraduate degrees to 3962 graduates of Institute of Finance Management (IFM) held over the weekend.

He said the graduates must change their mindset by opening new firms (enterprises) to get their own income and their family.

Furthermore, they must be creators of employment by employing other people adding that there many opportunities such as tourism, finance and wildlife.

"Our experts in different cadres should explore opportunities and advise the government on matters relating to finance in order for its economy to excel.

Ndugai insisted that the specific knowledge they acquired should differentiate them from standard seven and other people.

He also called on the graduates to distance themselves against all forms of corruption such as sextortion.

The IFM Governing Council Chairman Dr Samweli Werema called on the government to issue employment permits to overcome shortage of lectures.

He further called on the government to help the development that among others will help to renovate the old and worn out education facilities.

The IFM Rector Prof Tadeus Satta said a total of 3962 graduated in different cadres from the Dar es Salaam based campus.

He said since it was established the number of graduates had reached 12,565 while the number of course reached 34 from 2 in the years between 1972 to 2019/20 respectively. The don said the institute had conducted different

researches in finance, accounts, insurance and risk management.

Furthermore, it has worked as a consultancy at The Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO), Tanzania compensation fund and Zanzibar Revenue Board.

Prod Satta said in the year 2019/20 IFM conducted and published 42 researches within the country and abroad.

He said despite the success achieved, the institute was still facing shortage of classrooms, offices and hostels and shortage of lecturers.

As a result the proportion is 1:50 which is twofold to the amount recommended noting that the institute had already asked employment permission from the government to 33 staff.

IFM is a public Institute in Tanzania established in 1972. It stands as the oldest higher learning financial institution in Tanzania.

The institute has been dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and consultancy.



Shangani CCM branch members hold prayers for 75-year-old Zahra Salum Mohamed (R), whom they visited at her residence at Kijichi in Zanzibar at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Martin Kabemba

## Use local and neighbouring markets for selling strategic crops - Mpango

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango has called for farmers in the country engaged in strategic crops to utilise the markets available within the country as well as neighbouring countries for income generation.

The minister (pictured), gave the call during his visit at Kilelema, Muyama and Kasumo wards in Buhigwe District, Kigoma Region to mobilise development activities and to thank the people for having voted for Dr John Magufuli as President, and himself as the constituency's Member of Parliament.

He advised the people to engage themselves in strategic crops farming including avocado, oil palm, tangerines, horticulture and that on its side the government would provide them with quality modern seeds for profitable crops production.

He also called on Kigoma Region's residents to ensure they maintain the country's existing peace, security and tranquility to enable them achieve development goals in various economic sectors.

He promised residents of the wards that he would implement, in phases, all pledges he gave during the election campaign in the sectors of education, health, water, energy and infrastructures.

Earlier, Col Michael Nyagalina, the Buhigwe District Commissioner requested the minister to help in finding solutions to various challenges facing the district in regard to water, roads, education and lack of an international market.

The DC said current strategies in tackling the water challenge include the 2,8bn/- water project that would pass through Migongo and Kilelema villages, and the construction of bridge over the Malagarasi River that would join Buhigwe District and the neighbouring country of Burundi, being part of the Kabinogo-Manyovu tarmac road construction.

During the visit Dr Mpango visited eight wards out of 20 in his Buhigwe, including constituency Munanila, Mwayaya, Munzeze, Janda, Bukuba, Kilelema, Muyama and Kasumo wards.

## 'Ban plastic tubings also to clean up environment'

By Guardian Reporter

WITH 32 days left to the deadline banning use of unauthorised plastic tubings, a number of Dar es Salaam residents interviewed yesterday supported the ban, saying people were wondering whether plastic bags were coming back through the back door.

Plastic tubings were tolerated by the government because they were being used by petty traders in selling nuts, water and other small items. But unscrupulous manufacturers took advantage of that ambiguity, flooding the market with tubings of different sizes produced in secret workshops and marketed without clearance of the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

Last week the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) set December 31, this year as the deadline for use of tubings "in all forms of business dealings throughout Tanzania."

In a random interview yesterday, majority of Dar es Salaam residents said were not opposed to the ban. Some said most people could not differentiate tubings from banned plastic bags. "To me huge tubings are plastic bags, banned by same government. I cannot make a distinction between the two groups," said Shukuru Ismail a resident of Tandika.

Ismail said the tubings were littering the environment in the same way plastic carriers were littering the environment. "Manufacturers are bringing carriers in a new name through the back door," he argued.

NEMC is worried by the huge amount of tubings pushed into the market illicitly, saying the situation could not go on unchecked. According to NEMC the tubings in the market were of different sizes and had not been approved by the TBS.

A petty trader who sells water using tubings could not tell the source of the tubings he uses. "They are brought here by fellow traders. They know where they get the tubings. But we need tubings for our business," said Erick Shemdolo.

A Kibada resident petty trader, Hilda Kajaula, said she was not opposed to the ban but had reservations. "Let the ban come, but NEMC, TBS and other agencies should know that petty traders do not manufacture plastic tubings; they need them; they are toiling to earn a living. What is the alternative to plastic tubings," she asked.

A teenage banana vendor along Uhuru Street, Hashim Mbeleko, said tubings were popular to his customers, but he neither knew the manufacturer of the tubings nor the dangers associated with tubings.





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# Three Treasures of Human Body-- Essence (Jing), Qi and Shen

As an important part of traditional, complementary and integrative medicine originated in China, traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) has long been used to protect the health of Chinese people. Up until now, its unique theoretical system and special techniques such as acupuncture and moxibustion are still kept intact and have been developed to better suit the modern society.

Developed under the background of ancient Chinese philosophy, TCM has borrowed many Chinese philosophical concepts like yin and yang, and five elements (Wu Xing), which are already widely known across the world. So, in this article, it will introduce another three important concepts borrowed from the ancient Chinese culture which may sound unfamiliar but are regarded as treasures of human body-- Essence (Jing), Qi and Shen.

## Brief introduction of the three concepts

The concepts are originally terms used in Daoism. Broadly speaking, Qi and essence refer to all particles in constant motion in nature. Qi is the intangible part existing as gas, while essence is the tangible part existing as solid or liquid. All things are formed as a result of the essence and Qi gathering together; all things died because of the essence and Qi dispersing. It is also true for humans. Shen literally means spirit or God, however, its meaning is far beyond that or is totally different. It is considered as an outward manifestation of all physiological and psychological activities, the "governor" of all things, or the law of the nature.

In human body, essence is the material basis constituting and maintaining human life; Qi is the motive power; while Shen leads and reflects all human activities, no matter mental or physical ones. The three are considered as the treasures of human body in traditional Chinese medicine.

Therefore, whether essence and Qi are abundant determines a person's growth and development. That is to say, with sufficient essence and Qi, one will enjoy a good health and feel energetic; on the contrary, one may suffer from slow growth and development of the body and even dysfunctions of organs.

## Essence (Jing), the material basis of human body

It is a special substance that constitutes human body and supports life activities by transforming into blood, bone or brain marrow and other important substances. According to the origins, the essence can be divided into congenital and acquired ones.

### Congenital essence

The congenital essence is greatly related to the growth and development of human body, as well as the reproductive functions, etc. It is inherited from parents, therefore, the condition of it depends on mostly the physical states of parents. If the parents are both at prime of life with vigorous essential Qi when they prepare for a baby, the congenital essence of the child will be sufficient.

However, the congenital essence will not always keep abundant. Since it stores in the Kidney (Note: the organs mentioned in this article are all different from those in Western medicine. For example, the Kidney here is one of the zang-fu organs in TCM, the function and location of which differ from those of the kidney in Western medicine), if one has excessive sexual life or chronic diseases or overworks which all do harm to the Kidney, the congenital essence will be excessively consumed. As a result, the reproductive function declines and aging process of the person is accelerated.

### Acquired essence

The acquired essence is what synthesized and transformed by the Spleen and Stomach from food and water that one takes. It is called the essence of water and grain and is needed for subsequent growth and development of the human body. It continuously provides nutrients that zang-fu organs need. Since the Spleen and Stomach are the ones responsible for transformation and transportation of food and water into essence, they are considered as the acquired foundation.

If the Spleen and Stomach cannot



Liu Yuxi (772-842), a famous writer and poet who lived in Tang Dynasty, is also good at medicine. He compiled the book "Credible Prescriptions". The photo shows he is exchanging pickles for tea. File Photo.

function well, the essence of water and grain cannot be well produced and its insufficiency may lead to various diseases and symptoms, such as poor appetite, fatigue, emaciation, and shortness of breath. It will also influence the functions of other zang-fu organs who rely on the nourishment of the acquired essence. That is why some TCM physicians focus on restoring functions of the Spleen and Stomach when treating various diseases and why food therapy works well.

To sum up, the congenital and acquired essences are both important to the human body, and they supplement and nourish each other, together supporting vital activities. Before the birth of a person, the congenital essence stored in the Kidney is transported to zang-fu organs for nourishment, including the Spleen and Stomach; After the birth, the congenital essence consumed for vital activities is supplemented by the essence of water and grain.

When cultivating health, one should pay attention to protecting both congenital and acquired essences, and the followings are suggested: Keep suitable sexual life and avoid overstrain; Regulate work and rest; Do not eat or drink too much at one time and pay attention to balanced diet instead of eating one single food for a long time; Eat less food that is difficult for digestion or does harm to the Spleen and Stomach, such as greasy and spicy food; Drink less alcohol.

## Qi, a vigorous substance maintaining life

Qi is an intangible substance that can also be divided into the congenital and acquired ones based on its origins. The former is transformed by the Kidney essence, while the latter is transformed and produced from the essence of water and grain. In addition to that, some Qi comes from the nature, which is called Clear Qi (Qing Qi). It is inhaled by the lungs from the outside world.

Qi is of great importance to human body. Its effects can be summarized as promotion, warmth, defense, consolidation and control, and qi transformation. To be specific, it promotes the flow of blood and fluids, functions of zang-fu organs, channels and collaterals, and other life activities; it warms the whole body and defend against external pathogens; it controls the blood and fluids to flow in their certain paths; it promotes the transformation of water and essence into essence, the transformation of water fluids into urine or sweating and so on.

The Qi movement disorders include Qi stagnation, Qi counterflow, Qi block, Qi sinking and Qi collapse, etc. They can lead to different diseases and symptoms. For example, the Qi stagnation in liver may cause emotional problems such as depression, irritability, bitter taste, and chest and hypochondrium pain; Qi sinking in the Spleen and Stomach may cause gastric ptosis.

Compared with the essence, Qi has more categories which locate in different parts of the body and function differently.



A figure of human anatomy from the ancient China which combined the thoughts of Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism. File photo

### Original Qi (Yuan Qi)

It is the most fundamental and crucial Qi, also named as Zhen Qi. On the basis of congenital essential Qi, the original Qi mainly stores in the Kidney and also relies on the nourishment of water and grain essence. It promotes and activates functions of zang-fu organs, and channels and collaterals, as well as regulates the growth and development of the human body.

It is the motive power of all life activities, and an important indicator to determine whether one gains a good body constitution, just like the congenital essence. For example, if a child is born to be weak with growth and development retardation, he/she will probably have congenital insufficient original Qi.

In traditional Chinese medicine, "insufficient original Qi" is a common cause of diseases. In addition to congenital factors, the acquired ones, such as trauma, heavy bleeding during surgery, chronic diseases, childbirth and overstrain, can also lead to the deficiency of original Qi, which often manifests as cold hands and limbs, menstrual disorder or even amenorrhea, infertility, early menopause, hair loss and other symptoms.

### Pectoral Qi (Zong Qi)

It refers to the Qi gathering in the chest, also named as Da Qi. Pectoral Qi is a combination of the clear Qi inhaled by the Lung from the nature and the Qi transformed from essence of water and grain. It is related to the functions of the Lung (such as breath and sound) and the Heart. If the pectoral Qi is deficient due to the failure of the Lung to inhale clear Qi or the dysfunctional Spleen and Stomach in transforming food and water into essence, symptoms like alalia, low faint voice, shortness of breath and even irregular heart beat will occur. That is the reason why TCM physicians in clinic can determine the general condition of a patient from his/



The movement of Essence and Qi shown by the tree leaves after rain. File Photo.



An ancient Chinese book from Ming Dynasty showing the processing of Chinese materia medica with wine. File photo

her voice, whether it is loud or low, slow or fast, with or without shortness of breath, combining with other indicators observed by four diagnostic methods as inspection, smelling and listening, inquiring, and pulse taking and palpation.

### Nutrient Qi (Ying Qi)

It flows in the vessels together with blood, also named as Rong Qi. Just as its name implies, the nutrient Qi is the most refined part of the essence Qi of water and grain rich in nutrition. It can transform into blood, and nourishes the zang-fu organs, bones and sinews, channels and collaterals by following the blood flow to the whole body.

If the essence transformed by the Spleen and Stomach is insufficient because of improper diet or other reasons, functions of nutrient Qi is obviously influenced. Hence, symptoms such as dry and chapped skin, and cold limbs turning pale often occur due to the failure of nourishment.

### Defense Qi (Wei Qi)

It is often called "defensive yang", while nutrient Qi is relatively called "nutrient yin". Different from the "gentle" and "fine" characteristics of nutrient Qi flowing in the vessels, defense Qi is the "tough" and "thin" part of the water and grain essence Qi (referring to its characteristics of moving fast with great capacity for action) which flows outside the vessels. It is like a guard protecting the human body from being attacked by external pathogens.

In addition, defensive Qi distributes in the body exterior, and governs the opening and closing of pores and sweating so as to maintain the constant body temperature. When the body feels hot, it will open the pores and discharge heat by sweating; when the body feels cold, it will close the pores to reserve the heat.

Common cold is believed in TCM to be a result of insufficient defensive Qi failing to defend against external pathogens. Symptoms like fever with or without

sweating, and aversion to cold or wind will occur due to perspiration disorder and unbalanced body temperature.

In general, essence and Qi are vital substances to human body. They are closely related with each other, mutual generated and depending on each other. If one of them is injured, corresponding diseases will occur and the other will also be influenced.

## Shen, an embodiment of all vital activities of humans

Shen is a sophisticated concept that sometimes cannot be fully expressed with words. It is a high generalization of all vital activities, and organizes, integrates and harmonizes the complicated physiological and psychological activities to make the human as a whole. Shen is originated from the reproductive essence and nourished by the essence Qi of water and grain.

Narrowly speaking, it refers to the spirit, consciousness, conceptual work, emotions and other mental activities. It is further divided into soul (Hún), corporeal soul (Pò), idea (Yì), will (Zhì), thinking (S), consideration (L), and wisdom (Zhì), as what the Yellow Emperor's Inner Classic (Huangdi Neijing) said that, function of consciousness appears along with spiritual activities is called soul, instinctive faculty attached to configurations is called corporeal soul, heart recalling something and leaving an impression is called idea, and persistent idea is called will; repeated studies of changing condition according to will is called thinking, careful thinking for long-term plan is called consideration, and correctly handling the matter after consideration is called wisdom. If the Shen is injured, the mental activities of humans can be influenced, causing lags in response, loss of memory, psychiatric disorders, reduced association and reasoning abilities and so on.

In TCM, there is a theory of emotions, discussing how emotions and human body affect each other. It categorizes emotions as joy, anger, anxiety, thinking, sorrow, fear, and fright, which correspond to five zang-organs (joy to the Heart, anger to the Liver, anxiety and sorrow to the Lung, thinking to the Spleen, and fear and fright to the Kidney). As to their mutual influence of pathological aspect, if zang-organs are dysfunctional, they will influence the emotions and cause correspond emotional disorders. For example, a person with Liver dysfunctions is often easy to be irritated, or on the contrary, feels depressed. The emotional problems can also influence the functions of corresponding organs, mostly through interfering the qi movement (over-joy causing qi to slacken, rage causing qi rising, pensiveness causing qi stagnation, sorrow causing qi consumption, fear causing qi sinking, fright causing disorder of qi). In conclusion, essence, Qi and Shen are vital to human body in various aspects, such as the growth and development, nourishment of zang-fu organs, reproduction, mental activities, etc. They are closely related with each other and only by regulating all the three aspects from daily life, diet and emotions can a person enjoy a long healthy life.



The movement of Essence and Qi shown by the tree leaves after rain. File Photo.



The positive impression of Shen shown by a flower. File Photo.



## Telecommunications equipment from Amref to help health sector

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AMREF Health Africa Tanzania has handed over telecommunications equipment worth 62,571,429/- to the government in effort to help strengthen health sector.

The device which include 40 laptops, 40 projectors and 40 wireless internet routers were handed over to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children as well as department of health from the Office of the President Regional Administration, Local Government.

Speaking at the handover ceremony held in Dodoma, Amref Health Africa Tanzania's representative at the event, Dr. Serafina Mkuwa said the equipment will help the Ministry of Health and PORALG to reach health workers through virtual platform with trainings and technical support in ensuring that essential health services continue to be provided even during the outbreak.

"These devices will help enable the Ministry of Health and PORALG as well as 40 health facilities in implementing project activities to ensure continued essential health services during pandemic" said Dr. Serafina.

She acknowledges UNICEF's donation of these equipment that Amref Health Africa handed over to the government, urging that the equipment be disbursed to health centers which were identified at the beginning of the project.

"It is therefore important to ensure that devices are used for intended purposes aimed at improving service delivery during pandemics and beyond project lifespan" she added.

On his part the guest of honor from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Prof Abel Makubi thanked Amref Health Africa - Tanzania

for continuing to be a major government partner in strengthening the health sector in the country.

"The government would like to express its sincere gratitude to Amref and UNICEF for making this project possible, we believe it will be a huge help in solving the existing challenges," he said.

Amref Health Africa collaborates with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government to ensure that the project is implemented effectively to meet the government expectations.

Amref Health Africa will focus on equipment investment while the Ministry of Health and PORALG being the main implementers so as to achieve the intended project goals. Amref Health Africa will adhere to the guidelines issued by the ministry and PORALG to ensure the compliance with national Health policies and guidelines.

With the focus to reach and works with the most vulnerable African communities to achieve lasting health change, Amref Health Africa has been active in Tanzania since 1957 and in 1987 the country office was established in Dar es Salaam.

Since then, Amref Health Africa Tanzania has been among the major supporters of the Government of Tanzania's health care initiatives particularly the MoHCDGEC and President Office Region Authority and Local Government. Amref has supported the development of a number of national health policies, strategies and guidelines for equitable health service delivery.

Currently, Amref Health Africa Tanzania has more than 20 active projects across different regions in Tanzania. Amref has projects with national outlook which are community base one such as e-learning program and laboratory strengthening project that are implemented across the regions including Zanzibar.



Nachingwea legislator Dr Amandus Chingule makes remarks at a Lindi regional consultative council meeting on Friday. He is with his Liwale counterpart, Zuberi Kuchauka. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Children and youth seek basic needs to protection them from exploitation'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

CHILDREN and youth living and working in streets have suggested the need for the government to come up with a programme that will make them get basic services—education, health and protection from all kinds of mistreatments.

They said street children deserve to get all rights other children are enjoying.

They were speaking at the meeting that involved children from six regions—

Mwanza, Mbeya, Iringa, Dodoma, Arusha, and Dar es Salaam and leaders from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children. It was organized by Railway Children Africa (RCA)—an international children's charity working with street children in India, East Africa, and the UK.

Chairperson of Mwanza-base RCA youth forum, Pendo Magnusi said that the society has a negative perception thinking that they are just criminals who have

no value or contribution in the community.

Magnusi urged the government to extend support to the children by providing them social health insurance, educate them on reproductive health so as to fight early pregnancies and diseases.

"Street children face several challenges including being raped, defiled, early pregnancies with other contracting dangerous diseases, government bodies including security organs have been disrespecting these

kids thinking that they are all thieves who have no right to be heard," she said.

Daudi Hassan, one of the representatives of street children in Arusha commended RCA for organizing the training saying that the knowledge and skills they got have opened their minds and eyes.

He urged the government to support the group with essential skills on reproductive health as majority of them are living in risk environment meeting strange people every day.

"Street children have all rights to live like any other kid, so the government should strengthen systems, policies and laws to ensure that this group is not left behind in plans, a lot of us have bigger dreams to achieve in life but what we lack is support, I also like to be a doctor or a pilot when I grow but who is going to support me reach this dream," Daudi said.

Mussa Mgata, RCA director said that the organization's strategic plan is to ensure it eliminates children living and

working in street by improving their lives.

"To achieve this, the organization works on educating the children, providing them opportunities to air their views and innovative ideas, linking them with various stakeholders so as to support them achieve their dreams and stop spending time in streets doing nothing," he said.

Community development officer Juma Samweli urged children's councils across the county to ensure that the work on the views and

recommendations issued by the children. "Leaders of the children councils should not ignore opinions given by the children during various meetings, make sure that you take those views to village, wards and districts level so as to get resolutions," he said.

Isaac Somba, community development officer in Mwanza said that more efforts should be directed in forming children councils in communities, villages and streets so as to ensure that the problem is totally eradicated.

## DC for Chake Chake unhappy with handling of GBV cases out of court

By Guardian Correspondent, Pemba

CHAKE CHAKE District Commissioner in Pemba South Region Rashid Khadid Rashid has expressed his displeasure by some officials in the judicial and police department as well as activists who are bent on resolving cases on gender based violence (GBV) and child abuse cases outside courts, saying such a situation hinders the government's determination to eradicate the vices.

Speaking during the 16-day celebrations to oppose GBV at Gombani Grounds in Pemba organised by the Zanzibar Chapter of the Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA-Zanzibar), the DC called the Districts' committees against GBV to work together with the office of the Mufti in providing education on marriages to married couples as well to other areas including schools.

He said many GBV cases fail to be resolved speedily due to lack of ethics by people in the institutions that administer justice.

In regard to the situation in Pemba,

the DC said the problem still exists in the society in to a large extent despite dropping a little as compared in the past, and this, he said was due to vigorous efforts by various activists including TAMWA.

"For this year so far we have 218 cases that are being worked upon at various levels, 57 cases in Wete District, 30 cases in Wete, 84 in Chake Chake and 47 in Mkoani, with rape cases leading in all of these," he said.

Fat-hiya Mussa Said, TAMWA Coordinator for Pemba said the aim of the celebrations was to call for the youth to change their habits and other misleading beliefs.

She also said TAMWA would continue to work together with various stakeholders to ensure women and children live without being subjected to violence and child abuse.

In her greetings, the Head of the Women Department in Pemba Mwanisha Ali Massoud said the 16-day event of fighting against GBV and child abuse was important for the society in order to protect the vulnerable groups in the society.



These Muheza district youths have joined entrepreneurship groups and registered for the receipt of 23 motorbikes. The plan has just worked, with the motorbikes handed over to them at the weekend through their district council as part of support meant for youths, women and people with disabilities. Photo: Correspondent Steven William.

## 'Invite participants from neighbouring countries to 2021 Nanenane exhibition'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

PRODUCERS and traders of various crops seeds in the Northern Zone have advised the Selian Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Selian) to invite agricultural stakeholders from neighbouring countries in the East Africa region at the Agricultural and Trade Exhibition (Nanenane) in

June next year in order to exchange experience and to expand market opportunities for their crops.

The observation was given here at the weekend by Cecilia Magega, one of the seeds producers and director of Meru Agro Tours and Consultants Co, Ltd at a meeting to assess mid this year exhibition that took place at TARI-Selian.

She said it would be better for TARI-

Selian to invite neighbouring countries to exchange notes and identify marker opportunities for harvested crops after the farming season.

She said during this year exhibition they identified achievements for some 600 farmers who participated even the shortcomings that existed were due to the Covid-19 pandemic that made the East African Business Council (EABC)

and other stakeholders postpone their participation as well.

Deogratias Sammy, another seeds producer said the 2021 exhibition should be extended for more than one day in order to have time to educate farmers to understand seed quality, how to use farming inputs and other farming guidelines on commercial farming.

Moses Bayinga, a TARI researcher said he would make sure next year's exhibition is participated by local councils from the northern zone to allow their stakeholders to participate.

"We also want buyers of seeds and other products to participate as well for on the spot selling and buying, and our aim is to increase production," he added.





#### Organization Profile

Founded in 2000 on the belief that World Change Starts with Educated Children.®, Room to Read is creating a world free from illiteracy and gender inequality. We are achieving this goal by providing support during the two most critical time in a child's education: primary school for literacy acquisition and secondary school for girls' education. Our literacy Program trains and coaches teachers, creates quality books and curricular materials and establishes libraries filled with diverse children's books in local languages that can be enjoyed at school or home. Our Girls Education Program helps girls build skills to succeed in secondary school and make key life decisions by providing life skills curriculum, opportunities for mentorship and peer support, and family and community engagement. Room to Read collaborates with local communities, partner organizations, and governments to test and implement innovative models that can be integrated into the education system to deliver positive outcomes for children at scale. To date, Room to Read has reached 18 million children in 37,000 communities across Bangladesh, Cambodia, Grenada, Honduras, India, Jordan, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Vietnam and Zambia, and plans to benefit 40 million children by 2025. [Learn more at www.roomtoread.org](http://www.roomtoread.org).

#### Position: Field Operations Manager (1 position)

Location: Tanga Region

#### Position Overview

The Field Operations Manager (FOM) is responsible for Room to Read Tanzania's field operations in a designated geographical area (Districts). The Field Operations Manager is primarily responsible for ensuring the timely and effective implementation of programs operations in the field, including implementation, spending, hiring, local procurement, inventory management, distribution and logistical support. The position is required to take initiative for project planning and management, improving work approaches, collaboration, partnerships, selection of projects sites, and ensuring adequate staff to work at the field level. S/he will work to strengthen coordination and collaboration within teams and across all Country Office program teams, maintaining and ensuring constructive communication, building team morale within individual teams and contributing to a positive working environment. S/he will report to the Program Operations Director and will have various positions reporting to him/her. The Field Operations Manager directly manages and supervises the Literacy Program Officers, Senior School Infrastructure Associate, and Girls' Education Program (GEP) Officers.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

##### Management and Coordination

- Ensures efficient and effective coordination across all elements of the Literacy Program and Girls' Education Program.
- Supervises and oversees the work of the field staff and is responsible for optimizing their productivity through effective management and leadership techniques (i.e., coaching/advising).
- Ensures staff are consistently complying and adhering to policies, procedures and guidelines articulated in the Country Office handbooks, and facilitates the dissemination of information to all staff members to promote transparency.
- Supports staff through consultation with Country Office level technical team to regularly assess staff capacity building needs.
- Ensures the performance management process is well-planned and conducted timely for all field staff. This includes setting performance goals, conducting progress check-ins, providing feedback, conducting year-end appraisals, and making recommendations for staff development and career advancement.
- Collaborates with Human Resources to handle recruitment and training of staff according to needs and all other HR initiatives.
- Leads and facilitates field staff one on one, bi-weekly or monthly staff meetings to review progress against plans, find solutions to problems, share lessons learned, exchange expertise across programs, and to motivate, feedback and encourage teamwork.
- Ensures that field staff are aware of and understand the programs' goals and objectives, working approaches and methodology, and have all necessary information related to annual plans, targets, and implementation calendars.
- Supervises fund disbursement, reviews and approves the field monthly financial expenses in accordance with financial and purchasing policy and procedures.
- Perform other tasks as assigned by the Program Operations Director or Country Director.

##### Program Implementation and Monitoring

- Leads, coordinates and reports the implementation and achievement of the Country Office program targets in the region, while ensuring high impact for children, quality and cost-effectiveness in accordance with the strategy, policies and guidelines of Room to Read.
- Conducts regular field visits to monitor and verify the programs' progress and impact, understand the challenges and needs of stakeholders (e.g., Room to Read staff, Social Mobilizers, Field Facilitators, communities, children, etc.), and the appropriate Room to Read solutions.
- Oversees the implementation of the global Family & Community Engagement ("F&CE") strategy in the region, including coordinating site selection activities, ensuring schools are advancing along the Family and Community Engagement strategy continuum, as appropriate, and supervising the regular support provided to schools by field staff.
- Identifies training needs, coordinate development and delivery of technical training to field staff.

##### Planning, Reporting and Documentation

- Develops the field office annual and long-term plans, and budgets appropriately to meet the goals and objectives of the Room to Read Country Office.
- Coordinates the timely completion of annual planning.
- Prepares monthly and quarterly implementation updates and budget forecasting.
- Develops quarterly report for distributing to partners, if applicable.
- Facilitates development/ completion of donor reports and quality pictures as required.
- Facilitate documentation of best practices and lessons learned.

##### External Coordination and Networking

- Attends to donor affairs including hosting donor and project site visits in collaboration with programs staff including providing feedback for the same.
- Meets regularly with local government representatives, NGO partners, school administrators and parent groups.
- Promotes and protects the reputation of Room to Read in external settings, ensuring that the organization's experience and expertise is well communicated and consistently presented, and that we are looked upon as a professional Education organization.
- Liaises with NGO Partner and Government Agencies, especially at provincial and district education levels. This includes periodic meetings with partners to exchange information and updating programs' work progresses.

##### School Infrastructure

- Supports the School Infrastructure Program Associate to create and review designs periodically for new classroom blocks, criteria and standards for repair and renovation of existing rooms, and internal designs for child-friendly furniture and classroom layouts in collaboration with Regional Office (RO) and Global Office (GO) School Infrastructure technical team and Country Office (CO) Literacy and Girls' Education teams.
- In collaboration with the Literacy Director, Programs Operations Director, Country Director, and Regional and Global Office staff, annually reviews and improves the School Infrastructure program design, including community engagement strategies, community orientation agendas, and community-based construction trainings.

##### Qualifications and Experience

###### Required:

- Master's Degree in Education Administration, Social Science, Project Management, or equivalent experience
- Minimum of 5 years' related work experience, with experience in leadership and management roles
- Strong planning, budgeting/financial management, administrative, supervisory, coaching and program development skills
- Good knowledge and understanding of education issues, including teaching methodologies and community involvement in schools
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to stay in the field and travel to designated project sites
- Computer literate (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

- Workshop/training and facilitation skills
- Prior success working closely and building relationships with diverse groups of people
- Proven track record of achieving results
- Ability to juggle multiple priorities simultaneously and take initiative

###### Preferred:

- Prior experience working with schools, teachers, administrators and government officials
- Prior experience in a fast-paced, growth-oriented global or regional organization
- Report writing experience
- Effectiveness in working or volunteering in a non-profit organization that is focused on maintaining high quality work and low overhead
- A valid driving license would also be preferred though not a must.

#### Position: Social Mobilizer (3 position)

Location: Pwani Region

#### Position Overview

The social mobilizer is responsible for the implementation, coordination development and reporting of the Girls' Education Program (GEP) in the respective schools. She would serve as the first point of contact for the school, parents and scholars. The social mobilizer will report to the Girls Education Program Officer. This position will be field based in one of the government schools. The position will also involve regular interaction with school administrators, parents, school management committee members, teachers and scholars.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

##### Program and Financial Management

- Develop a thorough understanding of Room to Read's GEP design
- Responsible for ongoing implementation of the GEP under her jurisdiction, ensuring timely, efficient and well-coordinated implementation, adhering to the program and budget guidelines
- Responsible for managing relationships with school, community and respond to issues that may arise in these relationships.
- Organizing and facilitating events, life skills camps, field trips and other educational based forums.
- Facilitating life skills education sessions, and children club meetings
- Conducting group and individual mentoring sessions
- Conduct periodic meetings with community members, parents, community leaders, head of schools and teachers.
- Ensure effective utilization of program budget through proper planning and tracking of planned activities.

##### Reporting and Documentation

- Timely submission of Monthly Program Report and Quarterly Progress Report in desired format to Program Officer.
- Support collecting accurate and data to be entered in online software (GSD)
- Maintaining and timely update of all field level records
- Collecting and documenting case studies and success stories to share the impact of GEP intervention at the school level
- Participate in any other activities which may be required to be undertaken to fulfill the objectives of the organization

##### Qualification & Experience:

- Bachelor Degree in education / social sciences or equivalent
- 1-2 years of relevant experience in the education sector
- Experience in facilitating life skills, mentoring and coaching
- Working knowledge and understanding of project management
- Strong planning and project implementation skills
- Ability to work in remote area
- Proven track record of achieving results
- Proven ability to work effectively with schools and communities
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Good interpersonal skills and a team player
- Knowledge on one or more of thematic areas- Life Skills/ gender/learning psychology- is preferred

#### Position: Life Skills Club Facilitators (4 Positions)

Location: Pwani Region

#### Position Overview

The Life Skills Clubs Facilitator will be responsible for organizing and implementing the life skills club sessions and activities that are part of Room to Read's larger Girls' Education Program (GEP) in Bagamoyo, Chalinze and Kibaha Districts. The Life Skills Clubs have a primary focus on increasing girls' financial literacy knowledge and skills. In collaboration with GEP staff and school focal teachers, the Club Facilitator works with parents to educate them about the importance of girls' education by facilitating community events and parent meetings. The majority of her time is spent with the girls at their schools. This position reports to the Girls' Education Program Officer. The Life Skills Clubs Facilitator has no direct reports.

This position is project specific, and thus employment terms are anticipated to last a duration of 1 year. This role is a great fit for an enthusiastic and self-driven graduate who is looking to build solid work experience in NGO sector.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

##### Program Implementation, Training, and Monitoring

- Organize and facilitate Room to Read's life skills club activities with girls and support them to use such skills in their lives. This includes delivering sessions using a standard financial literacy curriculum, and coordinating related project activities with girls.
- Organize and facilitate Room to Read's parent and community events to help girls share their skills and learning from life skills clubs in relation to girls' education.
- In collaboration with authorities at the school level organize and facilitates after school hours and holiday life skills clubs activities.
- Serve as a positive role model to girls, and engaging in other support activities as needed.
- Participate in regular trainings and meetings with Room to Read staff, as planned.
- Participate in donor site visits and provide information to donors about life skills clubs component of Room to Read's Girls' Education Program as needed.
- Work with teachers/school authorities to provide additional support to girls.
- Participate in regular review meetings and any other activities that may be required to be undertaken to fulfill the objectives of the organization.

##### Planning, Reporting and Documentation

- Monitor and keep written records of girls including clubs and community events attendance, and participation in other program activities. Provide this data to Program Officers when requested.
- Plan, conduct, document and report results of club activities in schools of work.
- Document best practices, case studies, and lessons learned and share with the GEP Team.

#### Qualifications and Experience

###### Required:

- Diploma (tertiary experience or degree, preferred).
- 0-1 years of relevant work experience.
- Good interpersonal skills and a team player.
- Organizational and planning skills including the ability to monitor progress of program implementation.
- Prior success working closely with children and/youth is preferable. Experience or familiarity with gender rights, girls' education, youth development, and/or financial literacy is an advantage.
- Strong interest and/or passion in furthering girls' education.
- Desire and ability to spend the majority of time providing direct support to girls at the school, or community.
- Experience with facilitation and/or delivering trainings is an advantage.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Fluency in language spoken by girls.
- English fluency preferred.

#### Position: RME Manager (1 position)

Location: Dar es Salaam Region

#### Position Overview

The RM&E Manager role manages and oversees all aspects of the Tanzania Country office's RM&E and coordinates with the Global RM&E team on a full range of RM&E activities. This position reports to the Country Director with a one direct report and is a part of the Country Management Team.

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

##### Design and Implementation of RM&E Activities

- Oversee the implementation of Room to Read's reading and life skills evaluation data collection, ensuring data collection is conducted in accordance with Room to Read's protocols and best practices in the field.
- Provide technical assistance on the development and adaptation of instruments and assessments to be used in support of RM&E projects in Tanzania.
- Develop research proposals and designs specific to Room to Read Tanzania's portfolio and context.
- Lead the analysis and reporting of Project Implementation Monitoring data, collaborating with Country Office leadership and Program Teams to reflect on findings and incorporate lessons learned into design and implementation.
- Conduct regular site visits to active program sites to ensure compliance with implementation monitoring and other data collection activities, following up with Operations and Program colleagues to remediate issues.
- Ensure high quality collection and reporting of global indicator data and coordinate global indicator reflection with Country Office and Global Office colleagues.
- Provide input into donor reporting with a focus on learning and evaluation results.
- Lead evaluation result review process with Program colleagues to identify improvements in program design and implementation.
- Collaborate with Global RM&E team members (especially the GO RM&E Manager for Africa based in Nairobi) to enhance global RM&E products and guidance.

##### Team Leadership and Capacity Building

- Ensure the Tanzania Country Office has the staff and technical capacity to implement required activities.
- Build the capacity of RM&E staff to implement high quality data collection and relevant analysis of implementation monitoring data.
- As needed, develop Terms of Reference for consultants, data collection firms or individual data collectors and manage execution of activities.
- In collaboration with team members, develop goals and professional development plans to advance organizational and individual goals.

##### Thought leadership

- Facilitate the dissemination of research/evaluation reports to Room to Reads Country Office staff and local stakeholders, including government officials, academia and other local partners.
- Stay informed about research, evaluation and measurement methods in our program areas and translate that knowledge into improved practices for the TZCO RM&E team.
- Identify partnership opportunities in Tanzania aligned with Room to Read's Strategic Plan to increase thought-leadership of Room to Read.
- Represent Room to Read and our RM&E work and results with a variety of stakeholders (e.g., government, funders, partners) in Tanzania.

#### Qualifications and experience:

###### Required:

- Advanced degree in social sciences or relevant field. Ideally with a focus on research, economics or statistics.
- At least 10 years of experience working in research and evaluation within international development, ideally focused on education programs.
- Strong technical competence in research, monitoring and evaluation methods.
- Strong quantitative analysis skills, with proven ability to work with data software packages such as Stata/ SPSS/ SAS. Qualitative analysis skills a plus.
- Strong planning, team leadership and capacity building skills.
- Prior experience implementing and overseeing large scale data collection and monitoring processes.
- Prior experience working with schools, teacher, administrators, and government officials
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English
- Strong initiative, good leadership skills and team player
- Excellent interpersonal and relationship building skills.
- Ability to travel.

#### To be successful as a member of the Room to Read team, you will also:

- Have a passion for our mission and a strong desire to impact a dynamic non-profit organization
- Be an innovative and creative thinker - you are not afraid to try something new and inspire others to do so
- Have a very high level of personal and professional integrity and trustworthiness
- Have a strong work ethic and require minimal direction
- Work well independently as well as part of a team
- Thrive in a fast-paced and fun environment

#### Application Procedure:

Please visit our website at [www.roomtoread.org](http://www.roomtoread.org) and click on the "careers" link under about us tab. This will take you to Room to Read's Career Portal. Click on the See Current Vacancies with full job descriptions; to find this vacancy, select the vacancy you are interested and click apply to begin the online application process. If you do not hear from Room to Read within one month of the closing date, please accept that your application was unsuccessful. Please note that late applications will not be considered and correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates only.

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## Eliminating threat of chemical weapons will promote goals of peace and security

THE conference of the states parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, at its 20th Session, decided that a memorial Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare would be observed on 30 November each year or, when appropriate, on the first day of the regular session of the conference.

This commemoration provides an opportunity to pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, as well as to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons, thereby promoting the goals of peace, security, and multilateralism.

The third review conference of states parties to the Chemical Convention held 8-19 April 2013 in the Hague, the Netherlands, adopted by consensus a political declaration that confirms the "unequivocal commitment" of the states parties to the global chemical weapons ban, and a comprehensive review of CWC implementation since the last Review Conference in 2008, which also maps out the OPCW's priorities for the coming five years.

The history of the serious efforts to achieve chemical disarmament that culminated in the conclusion of the Chemical Weapons Convention began more than a century ago. Chemical weapons were used on a massive scale during World War I, resulting in more than 100,000 fatalities and a million casualties.

However, chemical weapons were not used on the battle-

ground in Europe in World War II. Following World War II, and with the advent of the nuclear debate, several countries gradually came to the realisation that the marginal value of having chemical weapons in their arsenals was limited, while the threat posed by the availability and proliferation of such weapons made a comprehensive ban desirable.

Adopted in 1993, the Chemical Weapons Convention entered into force on 29 April 1997. It determined, "for the sake of all mankind, to exclude completely the possibility of the use of chemical weapons." (Preamble)

The states parties to this Convention established the organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons "to achieve the object and purpose of this Convention, to ensure the implementation of its provisions, including those for international verification of compliance with it, and to provide a forum for consultation and cooperation among states parties."

On November 11, 2005, during the last day of the United Nations' tenth session of the conference of the state parties, the members of the UN officially recognised the Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare, following a suggestion by Rogelio Pfirter, Director-General of the Secretariat. In addition, Pfirter's proposal to erect a monument at the Hague commemorating all victims of chemical warfare was approved.

April 29 was chosen as the date for the event's celebration because the Chemical Weapons Convention entered into force on that day in 1997.

## Why don't banks share funds better, with climate battering poor farmers?

FUNDING is the act of providing resources to finance a need, programme, or project. While this is usually in the form of money, it can also take the form of effort or time from an organisation or company. Generally, this word is used when a firm uses its internal reserves to satisfy its necessity for cash, while the term financing is used when the firm acquires capital from external sources.

Sources of funding include credit, venture capital, donations, grants, savings, subsidies, and taxes. Fundings such as donations, subsidies, and grants that have no direct requirement for return of investment are described as 'soft funding' or 'crowd funding'. Funds can be allocated for either short-term or long-term purposes.

In economics funds are injected into the market as capital by lenders and taken as loans by borrowers. There are two ways in which the capital can end up at the borrower. The lender can lend the capital to a financial intermediary against interest. These financial intermediaries then reinvest the money against a higher rate. The use of financial intermediaries to finance operations is called indirect finance. A lender can also go the financial markets to directly lend to a borrower. This method is called direct finance.

It is used for research, in fields of technology or social science. Research funding can split into commercial and non-commercial. Research and development departments of a corporation normally provide commercial research funding. Whereas, non-

commercial research funding is obtained from charities, research councils, or government agencies. Organisations that require such funding normally have to go through competitive selections. Only those that have the most potential would be chosen. Funding is vital in ensuring the sustainability of certain projects.

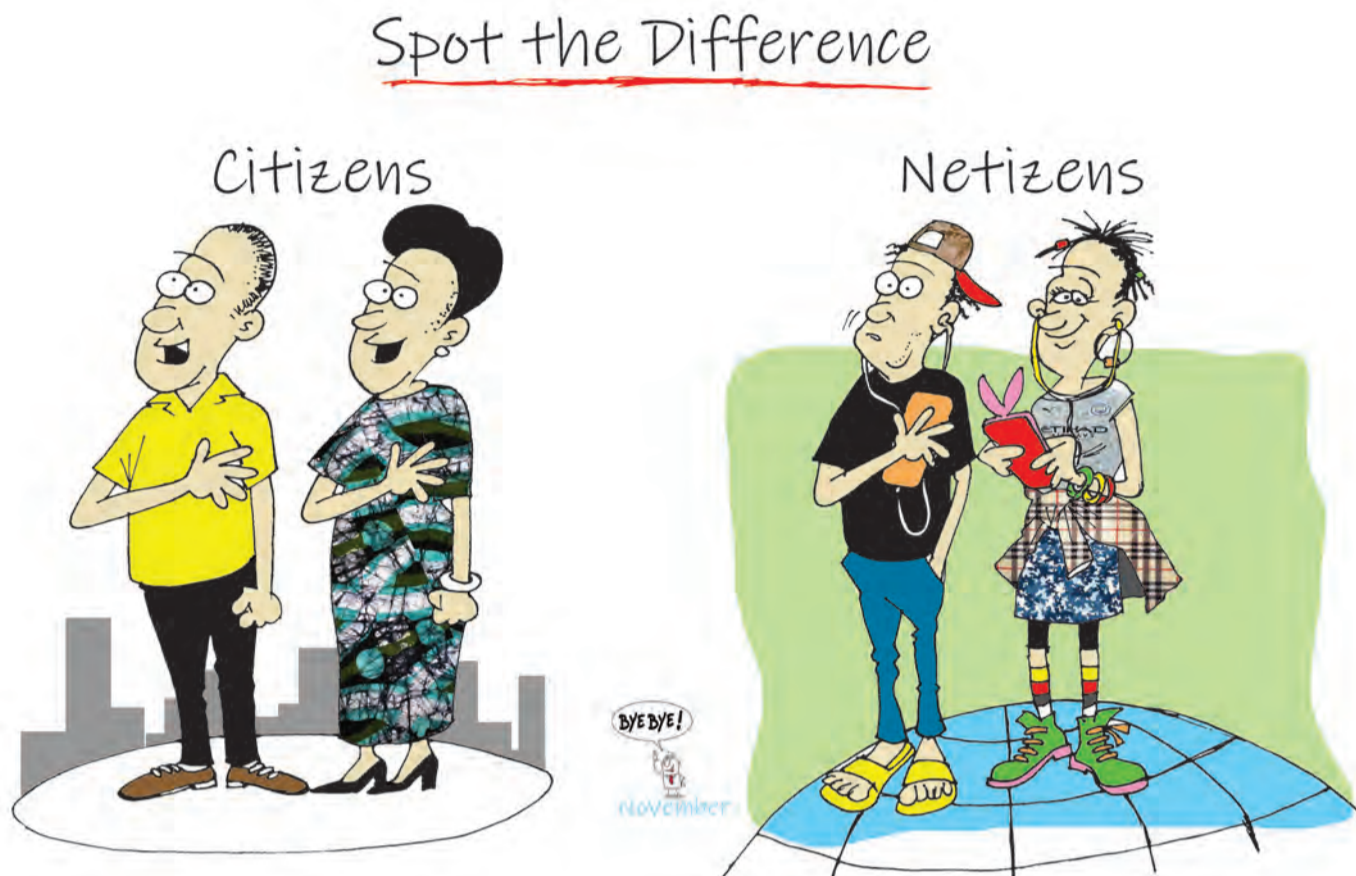
### Launch a business

Entrepreneurs with a business concept would want to accumulate all the necessary resources including capital to venture into a market. Funding is part of the process, as some businesses would require large start-up sums that individuals would not have. [4] These start-up funds are essential to kick-start a business idea, without it, entrepreneurs would not have the ability to carry out their concepts in the business world.

As the world's 450 public development banks held their first summit recently, committing to put the global economy on a greener and more resilient path, data showed poor communities hit hard by climate change are receiving little financial help.

Less than 2 per cent of climate finance goes to small-scale farmers in developing nations, despite their vulnerability to worsening extreme weather and their crucial role in feeding billions of people, said a new report recently.

Funds to tackle climate change topped an average of half a trillion dollars in both 2017 and 2018, yet only \$10 billion of that went to smallholder farmers each year, according to research from the U.N. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Climate Policy Initiative think-tank.



## Does WFP deserve the Nobel Peace Prize?

By Jan Lundius

ON 10 December, representatives for the World Food Programme (WFP) will in Norway receive the Nobel Peace Prize at the Oslo City Hall. This is taking place while the COVID-19 pandemic is causing lock-downs and suffering all over world, limiting agricultural production and disrupting supply chains.

The World Food Programme focuses on hunger and food security. It supports 100 million people in approximately 90 countries. Two-thirds of WFP's activities are carried out in conflict zones, where the organization provides food assistance to people who otherwise would have been fatally affected by undernutrition and starvation.

It is in particular the world's poorest households that suffer from acute hunger, and their situation is worsening. In 2019, 135 million people were categorized as "critically food-insecure" and the numbers are constantly increasing. This is not only due to the ravages of COVID-19, the current food crisis is furthermore aggravated by weather extremes, economic shocks, sociopolitical crises, lack of employment, increasing food prices, as well as an endemic lack of adequate nutrition and food diversity, safe water, sanitation and health care. In several areas, protracted armed conflicts are adding to the suffering. An estimated 79 million people are currently displaced - 44 million internally, while 20 million refugees are under UNHCR's mandate. Being deprived of their livelihoods a vast amount of these desolate individuals are constantly threatened by starvation.

Considering the above, you could assume that most people reckon that WFP's Nobel Prize is well-deserved. Nevertheless, the World Food Programme and its mandate have often been questioned. Some have even demanded the organisation's demise, referring to a general debate about the net effectiveness of aid. Among other arguments it has been stated that some nations have become overly



reliant on foreign aid and it thus has to cease. Politicians, journalists and even some aid workers have pointed out that food support to starving people may worsen an already catastrophic situation by prolonging conflicts, creating and stimulating corruption, strengthening predatory regimes, supporting warring factions and fostering black markets. Furthermore, it has been indicated that an apparent inefficiency of huge, UN supported and global organizations like WFP, motivates their defunding.

During assignments as consultant to WFP's Headquarters in Rome I have listened to people telling me about their experiences from being confronted with thousands of starving people, especially undernourished, sick and dying children.

This while they were putting their own lives at risk, being surrounded by murderous armies, bandits and militias. I was also told about their discomfort at being forced to cooperate with politicians who used starving people as pawns in their cynical power games. When asked if they believed in WFP's mandate and right to exist, they answered that if you have been confronted with the suffering of severely undernourished fellow human beings, you could not even imagine a justification for not trying to help them.

"To witness someone dying due to undernourishment is horrible. How can your conscience endure the knowledge that you did nothing about it, while realizing that you could have saved the one who died."

The people I talked to were well aware that the organisation they served

had its shortcomings, but they were also eager to amend them. They told me they felt privileged for having been provided with a possibility to ease the suffering of others. While passing through the foyer of WFP, I could not avoid a glance at a wall covered with bronze plaques paying homage to WFP staff who had been killed in the field while trying to help starving people. Last time I saw the wall, sometime in 2018, there were 98 names.

Like any other UN organisation, WFP is not a self-sufficient entity, it depends on voluntary donations, principally from governments. Accordingly, WFP consists of its member states and criticizing WFP means that you actually need to question your own government's engagement in the running of the organization.

Amending WFP's flaws does not mean cutting off its financial support, it would be far better if more people became informed about the organization's impressive achievements and tried to rectify assumed deficiencies by working through their own representatives within WFP.

Why should we terminate an experienced, global organization, which keeps track on human suffering around the world, while trying to amend it? Why allow suffering, when it can be mitigated? We all depend on each other. The suffering of others is a warning to you and me, as Hillel stated in the quote above - if I chose not to help someone, how can I then demand help from others when I find myself in peril?

Many of us live within an absurd paradise of reckless consumption, depleting the resources of our planet, destroying

the very prerequisites for our existence and well-being. Just the packaging of everything we consume threatens to asphyxiate the Earth. The cost of supporting WFP and its efforts to amend world hunger is a minuscule fraction of what is spent on luxurious, unnecessary and even harmful luxury production - not talking about the arms industry. To accord a Nobel Peace Prize to an organization like WFP constitutes an acknowledgment of the responsibility we all have for each other.

In times when every inhabitant on Planet Earth is overshadowed by COVID-19, a Nobel Peace Prize to WFP reminds us how precious we are to each other.

When people are confronted with a disease that so far cannot be controlled by drugs and efficient health care it makes us realize the importance of ignoring petty chauvinism, narcissism, power games and egoism. It is high time to increase international cooperation and realizing that the Earth is an enclosed, biological sphere, where we for our own survival have to join forces to save both our planet and humanity. No nation can single-handedly combat a pandemic, neither can starvation and pollution be amended without international organisations.

So let us rejoice in WFP's Peace Prize and hope the world's wealthy nations realize the urgency of supporting the organisation and replenish its funds. Their contributions have so far been insufficient for covering the identified needs of food-insecure populations and WFP's funding gap is currently USD 4.1 billion and steadily increasing.



# Will Africa's third industrial development decade deliver?

By Jenny Larsen

INDUSTRIAL development in Africa has been sluggish for some decades. Now, as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic kick in, hopes for better progress, at least in the short term, appear to be fading. But if countries grasp the right opportunities, the next decade can deliver the industrial change needed to meet the challenges ahead.

Industrialization and development go hand in hand. There is hardly a country in the world that has developed without building a strong manufacturing base. But for Africa - sometimes referred to as the continent of the future - the fruits of industrialization have often seemed just out of reach.

The continent's development progress ground to a halt in the 1980s as war, disease, famine and poor governance overtook the political and social landscape. A debt crisis, ill-designed structural adjustment policies and a crash in commodity prices left Africa poorer at the end of the decade than at the beginning.

Many of the same problems persisted for much of the 1990s. By the start of this millennium, the Economist magazine had dubbed Africa the "hopeless continent". Over two lost decades, collective efforts to push industrial development achieved little.

The first Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA), launched in 1980 by regional organizations and supported by UNIDO, ended in failure, suffering from insufficient national buy-in and funds. The second decade came at a time of dwindling commodity prices, and though it saw more private-sector and grassroots involvement, progress was negligible. (Lessons learnt, Making It magazine)

Industrialization was pushed to the sidelines. Although the impetus from policymakers and governments grew throughout the 2000s, it wasn't until 2016 that coordinated action was once again launched under the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III).

Now, half-way through IDDA III, is there hope of success where previous initiatives failed? Both the domestic and international context have changed radically over the past two decades. The goals of IDDA III are not only supported by UNIDO and the African Union (AU) but by other UN agencies, by African governments at the highest level, by the private sector, devel-

opment organizations and financial institutions.

These goals are linked to the AU's 2063 agenda to drive development in Africa and embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 9 on industrialization, infrastructure and innovation.

There has also been a turnaround in support for industrial development policy, which is now recognized as playing a key part in achieving economic development and social goals on health, education and well-being, as well as a fresh approach to its implementation through the creation of new business models and an innovation drive.

This scale of commitment brings dynamism and funding that were previously lacking, leading to a step-up in the number of technical assistance projects and programmes by UNIDO and other partners.

From two Programmes for Country Partnership in Africa in 2015, UNIDO now runs eight, each with greater levels of engagement and funding than before. In Ethiopia, for example, four new agro-industrial parks were completed in 2020, and over \$600 million has been earmarked by a variety of partners to increase government resources.

Despite ongoing challenges and a levelling off in GDP growth since 2017, many countries have made significant strides in boosting their industrial and agro-processing sectors, notably in food and beverages, leather, textiles, automotive and heavy machinery. The diversity needed to allow manufacturing to really take off has not yet taken root, but there are pockets of success.

Ghana, for example, has made progress through its adoption of a clear industrialization strategy, focusing on improving the business environment and the development of special export zones (SEZs). In the three years to 2019, the industrial sector was a major component in the country's growth, rising by over 10 per cent a year. (AfDB Ghana Economic Outlook 2019)

Uganda's industrial sector jumped in 2019 from 20 per cent of GDP to closer to 30 per cent as a result of strong investment in manufacturing. Around 80 per cent of foreign direct investment into Ethiopia in recent years has been destined for the manufacturing sector, through the development of industrial parks (ODI).

The result has been a rapid rise

in growth, jobs and exports of horticulture products, textiles and clothing, with this last jumping tenfold since the early 2000s.

There is also a thriving entrepreneurial sector in many countries - often missed in industrial statistics because of small company size and the large number of firms still operating in the informal economy.

Although many of these enterprises cannot be classed as industrialized, they form part of a groundswell of business dynamism that is helping to raise incomes and develop locally supplied domestic consumer markets as workers move increasingly from the land to a variety of jobs in the city.

The past five years have also seen a huge rise in investment in African start-ups, including e-start-ups, with South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria and Egypt leading recipients of the \$1 billion invested in the region in 2019.

In addition, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), worth \$2.5 trillion, comes into operation in early 2021. Although trade between African countries, at 17 per cent of exports, is far below levels seen in Europe (67 per cent) and Asia (60 per cent), almost half of that trade is in manufactured goods - considerably higher than in other regions.

Developing economies of scale by providing continent-wide access for people and goods across 54 countries, AfCFTA should improve allocation of resources, raise competition, boost competitiveness and contribute to more sustainable growth in the long run.

If successful, it could provide an environment for local industry to grow at a time when the pandemic has further subdued demand in Africa's traditional export markets, while offering an African counterpoint to the growing global trend for market regionalization (most recently seen in the signing of the world's largest trade area in Asia, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership).

These developments will also be supported by Africa's rising middle class of consumers, defined by the African Development Bank as those who can spend between \$2 and \$20 a day. By the middle of the century, it expects this middle class to reach around 40 per cent of the population, which, by then, will mean over one billion people. Nevertheless, while many of the building blocks for success are in place in a way they weren't two decades ago, old obstacles persist.

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## Joint Media Release

**Atlas Mara Limited, ABC Holdings Limited and KCB Group Plc sign share purchase agreement for the acquisition of African Banking Corporation Tanzania Limited**  
Complementary transaction that combines KCB's strong corporate and retail banking franchise with BancABC Tanzania's retail and commercial banking operations

Dar es Salaam – Atlas Mara Limited ("Atlas Mara"), ABC Holding Limited and KCB Group Plc ("KCB") announce that they have signed a definitive agreement regarding a proposed acquisition of African Banking Corporation Tanzania ("BancABC") by KCB followed by a subsequent merger with KCB's wholly owned subsidiary operating in Tanzania, KCB Bank Tanzania Limited ("KCB Tanzania"). Once implemented, the combined bank is expected to strengthen its financial and regulatory ratios, resulting in a robust balance sheet and capital structure that will support business growth and ensure the banks' customer base benefits from being a part of one of the biggest banking groups in East Africa.

The transaction is subject to the meeting of various conditions precedent which, amongst others, include regulatory approvals by the Bank of Tanzania, competition authorities, and all relevant entities.

The key highlights of the proposed transaction include:

- A complementary transaction that combines KCB Bank Tanzania's strong retail and corporate banking franchise with BancABC's retail and commercial banking operations.
- KCB Bank Tanzania and BancABC's customers to benefit from a well-capitalised bank, a more sophisticated product and service offering, and an enhanced distribution network across Tanzania.
- Following the legal merger of the two banks, the enlarged entity is expected to rank as a top ten bank in the industry and will be a wholly owned subsidiary of KCB Group Plc

Commenting on the transaction, KCB Bank Tanzania Managing Director Mr. Cosmas Kimario, said: "We are very pleased to have reached an agreement on a proposed merger with BancABC, a retail and commercial bank with complementary branch and agent network across key regions in Tanzania. This merger, will see the combined bank increase its market share and distribution network across the country, and improve our operating leverage by enabling us to deliver our existing product offerings to a wider base of customers in Tanzania while positioning the bank for sustainable growth in the long-term. In addition, BancABC's customers would benefit from best in class digital capability, transactional banking solutions and international banking offering from KCB's broader regional footprint. Notably, this transaction will allow us to play a greater role in Tanzania's robust economic growth, using our combined balance sheet to support our corporate customers while leveraging our enhanced distribution network to deepen financial inclusion in Tanzania.

Imani John, MD of BancABC, said: "We are delighted about the proposed merger with KCB Bank Tanzania. This transaction represents an opportunity for BancABC to benefit from being part of large banking group with significant operational track record across the East African region. Our combined operation will benefit from KCB Tanzania's strong digital banking capabilities, complementary branch and agent network, and innovative product offering, as well as international banking offerings leveraging the KCB regional footprint. I want to assure our clients that safety, security, and customer service will remain our top priorities during the transition, and they can look forward to new products and services as the combined institution pursues sustainable growth. Our mission to serve and support our customers during this time and to continue to contribute to economic development of the country will benefit significantly from this proposed merger, and we look forward to working with the KCB Tanzania team."

KCB Group Plc is East Africa's largest commercial Bank that was established in 1896 in Kenya. Over the years, the Bank has grown and spread its wings into Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Ethiopia (Rep). Further to the banking businesses in these markets, KCB Group owns National Bank of Kenya, a Kenyan lender. Today KCB Group Plc has the largest branch network in the region with 360 branches, 1,090ATMs and over 23,230 merchants and agents offering bankingservices on a 24/7 basis in East Africa. Additionally, KCB Group owns KCB Insurance Agency, KCB Capital Limited, KCB Foundation and Kencom House Limited as non-banking businesses. The Bank has a wide network of correspondent relationships totaling over 200 banks across the globe and our customers are assured of a seamless facilitation of their international trade requirements wherever they are.

The proposed transaction is in line with Atlas Mara's repositioning as a streamlined holding company with an increased focus on a core footprint. The merger will see BancABC's retail loan capability, branch and agent network leverage KCB Tanzania's best in class digital platform, complementary distribution network and product suite to create a platform for further growth and the facilitation of financial inclusion for the unbanked in the country. BancABC and KCB Bank Tanzania will draw on Atlas Mara and KCB's strong track records of post-merger integration to ensure a successful combination.

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### THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL  
AT DAR ES SALAAM  
APPEAL NO. 23 OF 2020

BETWEEN

AMIR MWAMBA ..... APPELLANT

AND

TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY  
COMPANY LIMITED ..... 1ST RESPONDENT

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES

REGULATORY AUTHORITY ..... 2ND RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) given on the 19th October, 2020 in which EWURA dismissed the appellant complaint claiming for damages due to fire outbreak that destroyed the appellant's flat for lack of merit.

The appeal is based on the grounds that the decision was made in an error of the law and fact by holding that the fire was not due to poor quality of supply of electricity and by failing to evaluate the evidence given by the appellant and his witnesses. Thus, the Appellant prays for orders that the appeal be allowed with costs.

**BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE** any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL** of the Tribunal this 30th November, 2020.  
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# WAN-IFRA, Unesco join forces to support journalism in the face of economic menace

By Andrew Heslop

As the world continues to battle the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact, the decimation of journalism in many areas of the world constitutes a growing threat, bringing existing challenges to a tipping point.

Each month brings new reports of job losses in journalism and the closure of once-vibrant local media outlets.

"Professional, independent journalism is critical for providing populations with life-saving information during this crisis and plays an essential role in building and strengthening our democracies, justice and peace," says UNESCO director general Audrey Azoulay.

"We are deeply concerned about the pandemic's impact on local economies threatening the viability of local news media and we are committed to leading global efforts to overcome this challenge," she adds.

As part of the new initiative, a number of joint activities will be undertaken in coordination with a range of partners, including governments, media, civil society, financial institutions, internet companies and other private corporations, philanthropic organisations, individual donors, advertisers and investors.

The two organisations will co-operate in studying and assessing the extent of the crisis, consult with stakeholders, share knowledge and present policy recommendations that could help support the viability of the news media.

WAN-IFRA, with its membership of 3,000 news publishing companies and 60 national associations representing 18,000 publications in 120 countries, will bring its experience, extensive data and international networks to the initiative.

The envisaged outcomes of the initiative include that national, donor and corporate policy agendas will establish more strongly the value of a range of mechanisms for support to independent media.

Secondly, independent media will share knowledge on best practices of media viability and resilience, alongside innovating their business models and their advocacy accordingly.

Thirdly, knowledge built about challenges and solutions to business models in the global south will be used by key media development stakeholders - among them media, state, private sector, Internet companies and civil society.

UNESCO member states are expected to reflect on media viability at the global level, impacting on norms through the raising of awareness of the crisis and the



need for remedial actions.

The objective is to help catalyse new forms of sustainable business models, especially for community media and those in the global South, and establish the appropriate mechanisms to ensure urgent support, while respecting media editorial independence and integrity.

"Through this initiative, UNESCO and WAN-IFRA are committed to reaffirming the democratic norms essential to the functioning of society," says WAN-IFRA president Fernando de Yarza.

He adds: "We hope to see the agendas of governments, major donors and public policy experts converge on the vital need to strengthen support for a free, independent press thanks to the solutions this work will propose."

Independent journalism will be more critical than ever in shaping the societies that emerge as the world rebuild following this global crisis.

If independent journalism is lost as a public good, everyone loses. Without this initiative, much of the news media as we know it may disappear. Much of what remains will likely be operating with fewer reporters and weakened professional standards and independence.

The two organisations, founded under the same spirit of democracy and historically linked through the promotion of shared values, also appeal to all those who share a common interest in seeing media plurality, journalistic independence, and quality journalism continue.

Without it, we put at risk the news media's important role of empowering citizens to make informed decisions about the future of their communities and shape our common understanding of the world around us.

Fernando de Yarza made a watershed announcement on the occasion of the 40th-anniversary celebrations of IPDC, in part thanking the UNESCO director general "for her recognition of the importance of free and viable independent news, and for her enthusiasm for this partnership that UNESCO and WAN-IFRA are announcing today".

The full text of his speech: "It is my honour to be here on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC). As one of UNESCO's most important areas of work, the Programme's essential activities, have supported media worldwide in confronting some of the most difficult challenges.

"Today is no exception, and on behalf of WAN-IFRA, I congratulate all those - past and present - whose efforts have contributed so much and look forward to many more years of collaboration between our organisations in support of media development. To those participants in this event who are ambassadors and other dignitaries, WAN-IFRA greets you with respect. In these efforts, your role is not to be underestimated and we highly value your support.

"Let me also greet and express appreciation to all participants joining us today, because each individual and every organisation also has a big part to play. Awareness of the challenges facing media is something that all of society needs to have, and each participant here can help sound the tocsin. Because unfortunately, this is precisely what we are faced with, in the global news industry.

"As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to ravage our world, and even as we begin to see a glimmer of light dawning in this year of darkness, we - the media industry - are confronting our greatest challenge yet.

"In every country, the pressures on journalism have reached a breaking point. The pandemic has greatly accelerated an already precarious financial situation, leaving media everywhere as vulnerable as never before. In a few short months, we have gone from warning of the potential disappearance of journalism to facing this harsh, unprecedented reality face on.

"It is a reality we urgently need to address - we cannot allow information deserts, to spread or lose the rich diversity and plurality of opinion, that makes up a healthy media ecosystem. We must push back on the information vacuum created by the loss of quality, professional news and resist all those who seek to exploit this catastrophic situation.

"We cannot idly stand by, as media working in the public interest are replaced by misinformation and ultimately... silence. This is why UNESCO and WAN-IFRA - two institutions founded under the same spirit of democracy, and historically linked through the promotion of shared values - are uniting under this initiative to identify, secure and distribute, the financial resources that are urgently needed for a free press to survive. Through this initiative to support journalism, we aim to strengthen mechanisms for financing from all sources and ensure support to media organisations is delivered.

"We are looking to share knowledge of resilience, examine the viability and new ways of doing business. And we seek to reaffirm the democratic norms and policies that connect us. We hope this work will have immediate application as well as lasting impact to help address the global emergency facing independent journalism and the media organisations that produce it.

"WAN-IFRA is a global community of media made up of passionate individuals whose lifeblood is news. Since our inception in 1948, we have charted the highs and lows of an industry devastated by war, challenged to adapt by the arrival of new technologies, and confronted by obstacles to freedom. We are unique - as an organisation, and as an industry - in that, we uphold a human rights mandate while at the same time, safeguarding the skills and business acumen of generations of media professionals.

"What I wish to convey to you here today is that this UNESCO/WAN-IFRA initiative is not just a project on paper, with an abstract set of goals and targets. It has urgent application in the real world, a fact I can testify to on a deeply personal level.

"My family have been publishers in the beautiful Spanish region of Aragon for the last 125 years, five generations committed with journalism, democracy and freedom. My great grandfather was murdered 100 years ago at the front door of the newspaper by an anarchist, and we have survived five wars, one of them with more than a million deaths, and also 40 years of dictatorship. But today we are more concerned than ever, because of Covid-19, the risk of bankruptcy of hundreds or in fact thousands of local newspapers like ours around the world that inform citizens, make them freer and are a fundamental pillar of democracy.

"On behalf of the news industry and for our societies at large, WAN-IFRA will work in partnership with UNESCO to deliver a way forward. This collaboration is as old as the institutions of UNESCO and WAN-IFRA themselves, dating back to our very early days as we found our way in the aftermath of the last great existential threat to media freedom.

"We are not strangers to each other, or unfamiliar with the task ahead. Lately, our support to the work of the IPDC, notably in advancing the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, has become vitally important to our industry.

"Which brings me to my final remark, dedicated to those killed and those imprisoned simply for doing their work as journalists. Today I want to remember, on behalf of all of them, my Venezuelan friend Roland Carreño, unjustly detained by the Maduro regime for the sole crime of doing his job - telling the truth. To Roland, his sisters, family and friends, and to all the Rolands of the world, I want to dedicate my memory and most special support.

"While it is essential to continue on every front in efforts to save our industry, we must never forget the sacrifices made by the courageous men and women who have gotten us to where we are today. Without them, we simply would have nothing worth saving."

**Andrew Heslop is Media Freedom Executive Director with WAN-IFRA, the World Association of News Publishers, whose mission being to protect the rights of journalists and publishers around the world to operate independent media. For its part, IPDC serves as the cradle of the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, amongst many other achievements. It has for over four decades supported more than 2,000 media development projects with grants of more than US\$120 million in 140 developing countries.**

## 'Double 11' shopping festival shows accelerated consumption recovery in China

By Wang Ke, Luo Shanshan

CHINA'S annual shopping festival, known as "Double 11" as it falls on Nov. 11, warmed up already beginning 00:00 on Nov. 1. Transaction data from the country's major retail platforms show that from Nov. 1 to 11, the volume of online and offline sales for China's retail market reached a new high.

Apart from enthusiastic buyers and sellers, this year's event was characterized by high demand for merchandise symbolizing consumption upgrading, the rapid growth of service consumption, and customized consumption that drives the upgrade of brands' supply chains, which vividly signaled accelerated consumption recovery in China's retail market.

E-commerce giant JD.com reported that mainstream brands of 3C products (computers, communications and consumer electronics), including Haier, Midea, Gree, and Huawei, traded over 100 million yuan (\$14.96 million) within seconds, respectively.

From 00:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Nov. 11, the overall turnover of refrigerators and washing machines exceeded that of the whole day last year.

The turnover of Xiaomi mobile phones increased by more than 3 times year

on year, and that of Huawei and Samsung mobile phones grew by 120 percent year on year on the platform.

Over 100,000 computers were sold within the first three minutes on the same day on the platform, while the turnover of high-end RTX graphics cards increased by 6 times year on year in the first 10 minutes.

The sales of imported goods saw rapid growth on Tmall, Alibaba's third-party platform for brands and retailers. Over 2,600 overseas brands participated in this year's "Double 11" shopping festival for the first time on Tmall Global, bringing 1.2 million new products.

From 0:00 on Nov. 1 to noon on Nov. 11, the turnover of imported goods increased by 47.3 percent year on year on Tmall Global. During the period, 180 overseas brands generated a turnover of over 10 million yuan and 816 international brands traded over one million yuan.

Smart home appliances have become a new favorite among consumers on another Chinese e-commerce giant Suning.com.

Aesthetically pleasing electrical appliances with upgraded functions and high technology and smart kitchen appliances sold well on the platform. Products such as floor scrubbers, hand blenders, capsule coffee machines, mini rice cookers, and mini blenders were im-



A duty-free store in Riyue Plaza in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan province, draws a great number of customers by integrating online and offline channels and rolling out promotional activities, including discount, rebates, and cash coupons, Nov. 11. File Photo

mensely popular with Chinese consumers.

The sales of emerging smart home appliance brands such as Morphy Richards from the United Kingdom, as well as domestic brands Narwal and Tinoco also grew rapidly.

The shopping festival also stimulated the recovery of the tourism industry. On Nov. 1, Universal Beijing Resort's newly launched flagship store on Fliggy, Alibaba's online travel service provider, sold 10,000 priority ticketing quotas, which allow ticket holders to book tickets in advance than other visitors, in just 9 seconds after its launch.

Consumers rushed to purchase over 80,000 ticket discount packages under the banner of "fly at will" rolled out by domestic airlines.

Middle and high-end short-distance vacations mainly launched for China's three major economic centers - the Yangtze River Delta, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the

Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, have also been warmly received.

After years of integrated development, "Double 11" has become a festival for both online and offline promotional sales.

During this year's event, e-commerce platforms accelerated the integration of offline stores, which also proactively embraced digitalization, creating a better shopping experience for consumers and stimulating greater potential in the consumer market.

Data from Tmall show that the platform saw a record peak of 583,000 orders per second at 00:26 on Nov. 11. From 00:00 on Nov. 1 to 24:00 on Nov. 11, the platform's turnover exceeded 498.2 billion yuan.

According to data released by JD.com, the cumulative amount of orders placed on the platform exceeded

271.5 billion yuan during the 11-day period, again setting a new record.

During this year's shopping festival, Intime Department Store, China's leading department-store chain, hosted nearly 100 offline carnivals so that users could enjoy a comprehensive high-quality consumption experience involving eating, drinking and entertainment.

Besides, 4,740 shopping guides from Intime participated in more than 4,000 live-streaming sessions. From Nov. 1 to 9, sales of the company's 15 online stores were 2.5 times that in the same period last year.

Chinese consumers embarked on a new round of spending spree during the "Double 11" shopping festival. The accelerated integration of online and offline retail has continuously energized the consumption market.

With enhanced supply-demand relations, digitization has become an important force driving the intelligent transformation of industrial chains, boosting the transformation and upgrading of the real economy.

The "Double 11" shopping festival is a window to observe the business ecosystem such as new consumption and new business models, said Chen Duan from the Central University of Finance and Economics.

From the perspective of the supply side, more and more merchants have accelerated their digital transformation in the process of participating in the event, thus improving consumers' shopping experience and making greater contributions to the continued improvement of the consumer market.

People's Daily



# 'Judicious implementation of projects will ease farmers-pastoralists conflicts'

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said the implementation of projects for the mutual benefit of farmers and pastoralists could highly help reduce conflicts between the two groups.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel acknowledged this recently in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region when he visited the construction of a meat processing factory at Nguru Hills

Ranch.

Ole Gabriel suggested that more investment in social and economic projects which affects both farmers and pastoralists should be emphasized.

"Upon completion in April 2021, the 25bn/- worth meat processing project will heavily benefit farmers and Morogoro Region residents, the government is really mulling to revamp the livestock sub-sector which includes finding long-lasting solutions to conflicts between farmers and

pastoralists," he said.

He said that once completed, the factory will be able to slaughter 200 cows and 1000 goats per day, a move which will provide farmers a fair market of their animals.

According to him, the project has involved construction of a modern system to allow the water used in the slaughtering activities, be reused in other irrigation agriculture after being medicated.

"To achieve this, a number of dams have been drilled at

the project's area to conserve the water, so farmers conducting irrigation farming will benefit from this water," he added.

The PS said that the project involved several partners including Tanzania's social security services provider for public workers (PSSSF).

"It is the government's intention to continue improving the investment climate in various sectors including the livestock sector, so it is high time now pastoralists should

also adopt modern practices and technology so as to produce quality animals which will be sold to the processing factories," he said.

He cited examples of countries like Namibia and Botswana who are exporting a lot of meat despite having low numbers of animals compared to Tanzania.

Ole Gabriel wanted the ministry's Private Sector Desk and the department of production and marketing and in cooperation with

PSSSF to convene a meeting immediately and discuss challenges facing the Nguru Hills Meat processing project to fast-track its completion.

Mvomero District Executive Director Hassan Chama said that majority of pastoralists in the district are not benefiting from their activity due to low prices especially when they send their animals for sale in various auctions.

"Middlemen affect this business a lot, they end up making pastoralists' efforts

worthless because they are the ones who set low prices of the animals during auctions," he said.

The Project's construction manager from PSSF, Eng Grayson Bambaza assured pastoralists that they will be selling their animals per kilogramme and not per estimation as most of the middlemen are doing in streets.

Once completed, the project is expected to produce 120 to 200 direct job opportunities.

## Government urged to enforce law governing forest resources

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

MEMBERS of Tanzanian Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) have called on the government to enforce laws governing the forest reserve and make sure some unfaithful leaders within the ministry of natural resource and tourism harboring illegal timber and logs harvesters are taken to task.

They have also called on the government to enhance community based forest management to motivate the rural communities to conserve their forests.

Speaking at the MJUMITA 20th AGM in Morogoro over the weekend, they said that there is a very big shortage of foresters, as such, some of the few militias being used by the government to patrol the forest reserves, are not faithful as they tend to collude with illegal timber, log harvesters and charcoal producers without the knowledge of the government.

"When we ask them why doing these illegal acts, they simply say these are the directive from high level, said Hussein Mzenge from Mgwasi village in Lushoto District, Tanga Region.

He said the militias don't arrest the culprits but when Mjumita members conduct patrol, they find acts of deforestation. These acts have compromised CBFM and smooth patrols of arresting the culprits by the

members of Tanzanian Community Forest Conservation Network.

Citing an example he said that in the northern zone, you will find out that there are four wards with only two militiamen who are guarding the forest, when officials from the Ministry arrive, they don't meet the village natural resource committee to get inside information on the security and progress of the forests, instead they prefer to get information from the militias.

"We are forced to believe that some of these officials from the Ministry have their hidden agenda. Some have projects in the forest and have assigned the militias to look after them," he said.

Juliana Mwenda from Eastern Zone recommended that members of the Tanzanian Community Forest Conservation Network should form a committee to see the President and explain to him on what is happening on the ground.

Earlier on, a representative of Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary Nanjiva Nzunda said that about 460,000 ha of forests are cleared every year due to unsustainable uses especially shifting cultivation, extensive grazing and illegal harvesting of forests products.

"We need to work hard to conserve our forests. If the forests are well conserved and managed, they have many benefits for the rural communities and the general public



Tanzania has been losing 483,859 hectares of forests annually to charcoal business.

at large, he said.

she also called on the government to formalize and give rural communities legal rights to own, protect and benefits from forest resources and services.

Executive Director of the Tanzanian Community Forest Conservation Network Rahima Njaidi the forest is at the verge of disappearing if the government will not take deliberate measures and enforce the laws.

"We have good policies and law but they are not enforced. If we don't take serious

measures, this country will be a desert within forty years time," she said.

Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) Assistant Executive Director Emmanuel Lyimo and the Chairman of the Tanzanian Community Forest Conservation Network said National Forest Resource Monitoring and Assessment (NAFORMA) reports show that Tanzania mainland has a total forest area of 48.1 ha; out of which 16.6 ha are forest reserves owned by Central Government, 3.1 ha forest reserves owned by Lo-

cal Government Authority and 2.4 ha forest reserves are owned by Village governments.

Out of the 48.1 millions ha about 22 millions ha are production forests found on village land whereby about 17 millions ha are unreserved forest. The 17 million ha which is unreserved forest are under open access and thus at deforestation and degradation risks from multiple unsustainable land uses.

Tanzania Forest Policy (1998) and Forest Act (2002) give rights to communities to own and benefit from forests through Com-

## Dar arts centre organises curation masterclass for Tanzanian students

By Guardian Reporter

A Dar es Salaam-based arts centre, Nafasi Art Space has organised a one-day curation masterclass for its 25 students to equip them with better understanding on the matter.

The center has lately established itself as a respected platform for promotion of visual arts in Tanzania.

The intensive training was being facilitated by three professional curators—Lauren Tate Baeza, Julia Taonga Kaseka and Vitshois Mwilambwe Bondo, who have very different approaches on curating—a project themselves and shared insights from their diverse experiences.

One of the facilitators, Julia describes curation as the process of gathering information relevant to a particular topic or area of interest, usually with the intention of adding value select, organize, and look after the items in a collection or exhibition

Her aura is very Afrocentric with her thick mid length dreadlocks held back with a copper hair band, matching those on her ankles. In her flowing attire, she moves across the room gracefully and barefoot explaining how the unique element to any of her projects is spirituality.

She uses traditional ways of communication based on a spiritual connection to determine whether the project is for her or not.

"Basically if I don't connect with the artist spiritually I cannot curate the work" she adds.

She pays homage to the ancestors who hold our culture and who are the keepers of our traditions.

Her reference point has to be something close to her through her history. Along this route her artists are her main focal point to be handled with care and she must get to know them and their works thoroughly.



"It is only through trust-building that an authentic piece of work can be realized," said Julia, a Zambian executive artistic director of Modzi Arts Gallery in Lusaka Zambia.

Lauren from Atlanta Georgia in the United States said: "The institution has never had a non-white curator in this position and I look forward to disrupting some of the colonial biases that were in display of previous artifacts, especially those of a religious or cultural context."

She sees her role as one of bridging the gap between African and the diaspora and shifting the predominantly "white gaze" from objects and art works that often are misunderstood or whose importance is disregarded. Daunting as the task may seem, she is bent on trying and creating waves and being a trailblazer in this regard.

She believes that curators play the role of story teller, and she knows that this is her strength. She does this by taking bits of information and manipulates both the informa-

tion and the space to tell a story. She stresses the importance of research and the need to engage the artist in the process wherever possible.

"As a curator, you must constantly ask the question, 'What am I trying to say, what is my narrative?'" she stresses to the eager learners.

For her, the aim of a well curated exhibition is one where the audience walks in and knows what the exhibition is about even if they do not read everything on display, that the message is crystal clear as to why those particular pieces were selected.

Lauren points out the curators have the responsibility to be educationally accurate, so they must engage with experts who may not be necessarily an artist in order to not distort the message they want to convey. "It is important however for the audience not be totally spoon fed but to feel free to also interpret the information they receive," she emphasizes.

Another part of the approach she values highly is involving community and

making them part of process of curation. She is of the strong opinion that their input results in better work that is more authentic and intellectually stimulating.

For his part, Bondo, founder of the Congo Biennale cited his own experience of opening up art spaces in Kinshasa which he said has more than 500 art graduates a year but has a lack of exhibition spaces and opportunities for artists. Art, he believes, should be taken to the people and some of his most successful exhibitions have been in the streets and in market places.

"When I got back to the Congo from my studies, I realized I needed to create an institution first," says Bondo.

He believes the African artists need to be more experimental and questioning when curating and show the real changing Africa from their perspective.

Next February, Nafasi will launch a Curatorial and Arts Management programme through the Nafasi Academy, to train people in the creative and philosophical approach to curating that the masterclass introduced.

## New digital mentorship for women-owned businesses in Africa launched

By Special Correspondent

A new digital female-driven mentorship platform that aims to support and empower women in business in Africa has launched.

Bureau Veritas, a company that specialises in testing, inspection, and certification, has partnered with TWAA, a global women empowerment platform, to create the BV Women in Africa Mentorship Programme. The partnership will allow TWAA to promote its offering globally and across Africa.

Marc Roussel, President of Government Services & International Trade & Senior Vice President for Africa comments on the launch of the new programme.

"The Bureau Veritas Group operates in several countries across Africa. The organization has a very strong ethos on gender balance and women empowerment. As such many of our CSR initiatives focus on the support and development of women both inside and outside of the organization. The TWAA initiative is a unique way for our Group to engage women in supporting each other through a BV dedicated mentorship programme. This platform creates a unique opportunity to invite many of the great women of BV to support other women within Africa."

The Bureau Veritas Group aims to engage TWAA as a knowledge sharing and mentorship platform for women across the continent, promote women in the workplace, support women by decreasing the existing gender gap in the digital arena, and supporting TWAA's vision to create gender equality in the social, economic and cultural sectors of Africa.

Providing women with digital tools, the platform connects users to suitable mentors and mentees, facilitating the growth of a women-based community and increasing access to opportunities for participants.

Irene Kiwia, founder of TWAA explains the aims of the partnership and the launch of the mentorship programme.

"This platform was built to help organizations with a strong women empowerment agenda such as Bureau Veritas accomplish their goals by providing a platform to engage, connect, mobilize and impact their women communities through mentorship, knowledge sharing, and access to opportunities. TWAA provides a safe and private space with relevant digital tools for women to thrive and aims to bridge the gender digital divide which can be ramped up if organizations globally become the drivers of the plat-



# Raging COVID-19 pandemic makes Thanksgiving a high-risk occasion

BEIJING

**W**HEN Thanksgiving, a holiday for family reunion, started last week on Thursday, the bodies of hundreds of people who died from COVID-19 remain stored in freezer trucks in New York City, many of which are of people whose families cannot be located or cannot afford a proper burial.

"Thanksgiving is kind of a reminder of just how bad things are. My parents are not going to really be able to have a Thanksgiving maybe with my sister who lives just down the street from them," Andrew Cardoso, an American from Los Angeles who teaches English writing at a university in Beijing, told Xinhua recently.

Global COVID-19 infections has surpassed 60 million as of Thursday afternoon, with over 1.4 million deaths registered worldwide, according to the latest figures from the World Health Organization (WHO).

Faced with such a grave situation, world leaders, officials and experts have called for tougher health measures with strict adherence and closer international cooperation.

## HIGH-RISK THANKSGIVING

The United States by Thursday afternoon has recorded more than 12.86 million cases and over 263,200 deaths, both the highest in the world, according to the real-time count kept by Johns Hopkins University.

Nearly 90,000 COVID-19 patients are in hospitals across the country as of Thursday, the Thanksgiving day, reaching a new all-time high for the 16th consecutive day, according to The COVID Tracking Project.

Facing a dire situation, the U.S. government is pinning its hopes on a COVID vaccine; however, a recent Gallup poll showed that 42 percent of Americans said they would not get vaccinated, most of them citing the rushed timeline.

Social media accounts held by anti-vaxxers have seen their followers grow by around 7.8 million since 2019, said a recent report from the Center for Countering Digital Hate, adding that 31 million people follow anti-vaccine groups on Facebook, with 17 million people subscribing to similar accounts on YouTube.

Overshadowed by yet another grim estimate, a recent study by the team of Jeffrey Shaman, an epidemiologist from Columbia University, showed that 3.6 million people in the United States have active coronavirus infections and are potentially contagious, a figure significantly higher than the official tally.

"It's bad; it's really, really bad," said Shaman, adding that the Thanksgiving Day celebrations will likely worsen the spread of the virus.

Some U.S. states have moved to curb the virus with new restrictions, while authorities and experts have asked citizens to stay home and wear masks for the Thanksgiving holi-



Floats are seen on the street during Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York (File photo)

day, which normally sees millions of families travel to gather and enjoy meals.

Oregon Governor Kate Brown has banned indoor Thanksgiving gatherings in private residences, an order critics call "un-American." Pennsylvania has ordered that any individual who visits from another state must have a negative coronavirus test 72 hours prior to arrival.

"Travel may increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Postponing travel and staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others this year," the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a new guideline posted on its website last week. "Gatherings with family and friends who do not live with you can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu."

Mask up this Thanksgiving even when you feast with a few people at home, U.S. top infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci urged in early November during an interview on "CBS This Morning."

However, such measures and guidance seem not to be well implemented in the United States, as many officers across the country have privately disagreed with and avoided enforcing such rules, and many Americans are ignoring the CDC's advice.

The White House plans to hold an indoor holiday reception next week just days after Thanksgiving, ABC News reported Tuesday.

Oregon Republican county-level official Tootie Smith posted on Facebook that she would be having a Thanksgiving bash at her home "with as many family and friends as I

can find."

More than 3 million travelers passed through security at U.S. airports over the weekend, according to the U.S. Transportation Security Administration.

Fauci, director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said he worries that crowds at airports are going to get the country into "even more trouble" than it is in right now.

New COVID-19 infections contracted over the Thanksgiving holiday will not become evident until weeks later, making it "very difficult" as the virus could spiral out of control heading into the December holiday season, he added.

## A DARK HOLIDAY SEASON

In addition to Thanksgiving, the upcoming holiday season that lasts till the end of the year will also be negatively affected by the raging global pandemic, with officials and experts, from Europe to the Asia-Pacific, the Americas and Africa, issuing warnings of higher COVID-19 risks during the holiday season and calling for tougher health measures.

As the COVID-19 death curve is on the rise in Britain, some scientists warned that the government's plan to relax coronavirus restrictions over Christmas risks "throwing fuel on the COVID fire."

Last week, the British government's medical adviser Susan Hopkins said at a Downing Street briefing that for the government to "allow some mixing" of households over Christmas would require tougher rules before and after the holiday to reduce the cases and the

risk of transmission within households and between families.

Philippines Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire warned Filipinos once again to avoid crowds as the holiday season draws near, noting that people in crowded areas have a higher potential risk of getting infected.

"Even if you are wearing a face mask and face shield, but you go to a crowded area where there is no distancing, you can still contract the disease. The risk is there, and it's very high," Vergeire said in an online media briefing on Monday.

On Sunday, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer Theresa Tam urged Canadians to make a plan for safer holidays and take into account public health measures when planning for celebrations.

"Our best protection, now and into the holiday season, is to limit errands and outings to the essentials, keep in-person social activities to our existing household and strictly and consistently maintain public health practices," Tam said in a statement.

Considering the Christmas holidays a difficult time as people will go out and crowd into shopping centers, Chile's Health Ministry is working on a plan to warn people about the increased risk of contracting the virus during the end-of-year holidays and the austral summer season.

In Africa, with over 2 million cases and over 50,000 deaths, Matshidiso Moeti, WHO regional director for Africa, has urged people to lower the risk of possible new clus-

ters during the festive season across the Sub-Saharan African region "by wearing masks, limiting the numbers of people who come together, observing physical distancing and practicing good hand hygiene."

## COOPERATION NEEDED

"Our greatest defense against COVID-19 is solidarity and cooperation," United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Sunday at a virtual summit of the Group of 20 (G20) leaders.

Sharing similar views, Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud stressed in his closing remarks at the G20 summit on Sunday that cooperation is necessary today more than ever to face the impacts of the pandemic and to build a prosperous future for people around the world.

Noting that the WHO must remain the cornerstone of global coordination against health emergencies, European Council President Charles Michel called for negotiating an international treaty on pandemics by all nations, the UN organizations and agencies, in particular the WHO, to "help prevent future pandemics and help us respond more quickly and in a more coordinated manner."

Attending an array of international events in November that virtually gathered leaders of the world's major economies, Chinese President Xi Jinping has demonstrated China's firm commitment to helping the world defeat COVID-19, building an open world economy and advocating multilateralism.

Addressing the G20 Riyadh Summit via video link on Saturday, Xi called on G20 members to build a global "firewall" against COVID-19.

"We must first put the disease under control at home and, on that basis, strengthen exchanges and cooperation to help countries in need," Xi said, adding that the G20 should speed up action and support the WHO in mobilizing and consolidating resources and distributing vaccines fairly and efficiently.

As China has managed to keep the pandemic under control and strived for economic growth, it has never hesitated to offer a helping hand to anyone in need, by sending expert teams, donating essential medical supplies, jointly building test labs and sharing its anti-virus experience.

China has five vaccines under phase-three clinical trials in multiple countries. The country has also joined COVAX, a global initiative to ensure effective and equitable global access to vaccines.

Xinhua

# How Ethiopia's conflict threatens the Horn of Africa

By Nora Kristiansen

**T**HE origins of political struggle in Tigray date back to the early 20th century when a series of geopolitical upheavals began to take place including major colonialist clashes with Europe. During this period, the region of Tigray began to decline in prominence within the Ethiopian empire. This trend sparked nationalist sentiments which produced several ethnically centered nationalistic movements, from student groups to separatist factions.

The dominant political party in Tigray today, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) was founded in 1975 as a militant group. The TPLF was highly active in the tumultuous years of the late 1970s that saw both the end to the country's millennium-old monarchy and the establishment of an ideologically communist military junta.

Over the past 30 years, the TPLF solidified its position as the primary political voice in Tigray and became the most powerful party in the nation as a whole. However, after the formation of the multi-ethnic coalition known as the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), TPLF was shifted to the opposition. Today, the EPRDF in its current iteration – the Prosperity Party – controls Ethiopian politics by a large

majority.

Since the beginning of 2020, increased tensions between the regional government in Tigray and federal authorities in Addis Ababa have spiralled into an actual armed conflict. The latest escalation began in early November when Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali ordered his forces to attack the TPLF in retaliation for an alleged raid on an Ethiopian army camp in the Tigray region – an accusation the TPLF leadership denies.

Over two weeks since the start of clashes, the conflict is looking increasingly like a full-blown civil war. The central government claims to have secured a string of townships in the western Tigray region. Government forces and fighters loyal to the TPLF have been engaged in battles in the central north of Ethiopia since early November.

The consequences of the conflict have spread far beyond the region of Tigray. Tens of thousands have fled the area in the wake of deadly clashes threatening their safety. Media sources report 27,000 Ethiopians have now crossed into Sudan through the Hamdayet border in Kasala, as well as several other checkpoints including El Gedaref further south at Aderafi. The UN's High Commission for Refugees is warning of an impending crisis as thousands continue to be dis-



Ethiopian refugee children rest near their belongings at Um Raquba camp in Sudan's eastern Gedaref province on November 28, 2020. Sudan needs US\$150 million in aid to cope with the flood of Ethiopian refugees crossing its border from conflict-stricken Tigray, the UN refugee agency chief said during a visit to a camp. (AFP)

placed by the fighting.

Other neighbouring countries have been sucked into the schism. The TPLF has long accused the government of Eritrea of conspiring with authorities in Addis Ababa first in disrupting local elections in Tigray back in July, and later claiming Eritrea was supporting federal operations against TPLF forces.

On 15 November, several long-range rockets hit the Eritrean capital of Asmara near the city's airport. The TPLF later took responsibility for the attacks, claiming the airport was being used as a base for attacks on their forces. Any more spilling over of the conflict could trigger escalations on

an international scale as several powers including China and the US maintain military assets in the region.

The strides in regional cooperation and economic development are also under threat. Several countries including landlocked Ethiopia have a significant interest in the development of ports along the Horn of Africa coast. Nearly 20% of international trade occurs through the Bab al Mandab Strait and the edge of the Indian Ocean.

The period of stability and peace over the past several years has allowed for cooperation to coalesce around these shared interests, but the brewing civil war threatens all of this progress. Furthermore, the nexus of political and economic tensions could also force other surrounding nations to be-

come actively involved and expand the scope of the conflict.

With Ethiopian civilians escaping in large numbers to Sudan, for instance, Khartoum may find itself inadvertently drawn into the war. This scenario has already been shown to be possible in Ethiopia's long-standing conflict with Egypt over the construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam over the Blue Nile. Sudan has already found itself forcefully involved in the spat.

With the potential calamity for the entire region looming, international leaders have been desperately urging for de-escalation.

At this stage, there are still several concrete steps that can be taken by the international community to mitigate the effects of the conflict and fend off escalation.

First is the necessity to protect human rights from those directly affected by the conflict. Multiple reports have emerged in recent weeks of civilians being targeted by both sides in events described as brutal massacres.

Refugees from the conflict must be given the protection and aid necessary for them to survive and wait out the fighting. Last, the route of mediation must not be abandoned. While authorities in Addis Ababa have not responded to calls for talks, signs of solidarity on the ground in Tigray indicate there is still a real possibility for a negotiated peace.

A resolution of the Tigray conflict is not merely in the interest of Ethiopians, it is a vital necessity for the region as a whole. Attaining peace will mean progressive trends can be maintained in the Horn of Africa for years to come. **DM**



## BUSINESS

## COLLABORATION

## StanChart and Sanlam agree to offer bancassurance services in Tanzania

## DIVERSIFICATION

## Vodacom advances towards becoming a technology giant

JOHANNESBURG

Vodacom is evolving into a "techco" (technology company), according to CEO Shameel Joosub, commenting on its role and vision going forward.

"We've done very well as a telco, but I think we are now moving from a telco to a techco," he said, adding that he foresees changes in the forms of connectivity. "I think we need to have a bigger play in fibre, for example; but connectivity as such - whether it's underground, mobile, wireless or in the sky - we have to basically be able to provide those levels of connectivity."

Joosub pointed to the partnership with Alphabet's Loon to expand the Vodacom network in Mozambique as an example of the next level of connectivity. "The important part is that it will take different forms of connectivity, and our role, as an enabler for the economy and economies in which we operate, is essentially to provide all forms of connectivity."

The Vodacom CEO also noted the company's evolution as a financial services player. "Today, we have 120 million customers across our footprint; 55 million (46%) of them are buying a financial service product from us. That's almost a R20 billion business for us now, so it's become quite material in terms of the revenue streams that we are achieving."

In this context, Vodacom is moving from payments into what becomes a full lifestyle app, he said, noting the partnership with Alipay that will be launching in SA. "The whole of M-Pesa will evolve into a similar approach, and I think that's a big part of the play for us."

He continued to say the mobile operator is also utilising a lot of big data, machine learning and artificial intelligence. "I think we're probably one of the most sophisticated telcos in the world in that respect."

From an enterprise perspective, Vodacom is focusing on helping corpo-

rates digitise, he noted. "This is about helping small and medium companies, large corporates and government with that transition. We see that as our role going forward."

"Our strategy is very much 'build by your partner'," he stated. "Building the core, which is the connectivity; 'by' is where you add more capabilities; and 'partner' simply means what you could've achieved on your own can become much larger through partnering with another capable supplier."

He pointed out that Vodacom now has its own insurance and loyalty platforms, a financial services platform with M-Pesa and Alipay, as well as music, gaming, video and TV platforms. "You can see it's going into a very different direction; it's not just about the connectivity but it's also about the services that you can provide to your customers."

On market opportunities in the fibre industry, Joosub told Clark he believes the telcos are under-indexing on their play in that space and need to do more. There is also the societal problem that needs to be dealt with, he stated. "We need more fibre connectivity in South Africa. In Africa in general, fibre connectivity is still very low."

"I think there is an opportunity to connect a lot more homes. We have 16-and-a-half million homes in South Africa today, and we need to be able to take fibre connectivity to almost all those homes or to a large portion of those homes."

"There will always be a portion that is mobile, but the way I see it is there'll be a portion that's fixed, a portion that's mobile; obviously 5G will give you more capability in that regard, and the rest will be 4G and so on."

"It's not one or the other, it's complementary. In time, it could also be through low-orbit satellites. There will be different forms of connectivity and I think our role is to provide our customers what they need."



Vodacom CEO Shameel Joosub.

By Francis Kajubi

In a bid to ensure that many Tanzanians access insurance services through banking platforms, Standard Chartered Tanzania Limited has entered partnership with Sanlam Tanzania Limited for the purpose.

Speaking at an official launch of the products held in Dar es Salaam on Friday, StanChart CEO, Sanjay Rughani said bancassurance products are important to consumers to cover them against losses caused by accidents.

Rughani said partnerships between banks and insurance companies are of vital benefits to the market as they enable them to delivery services to clients in covering them against risks of unforeseen incidents.

"If I were to refer to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, what we are launching today directly fits into the second pillar of the basic needs which are safety and security. We are launching the bancassurance products to day, to not only help clients secure funds and wealth, but also their peace of mind and thus their wellbeing," he said.

Rughani further applauded the bancassurance guidelines that were issued by Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority and Bank of Tanzania for



Standard Chartered Tanzania Limited's CEO, Sanjay Rughani (L), cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to launch bancassurance products being offered jointly with Sanlam Tanzania Limited. Looking on is Sanlam's CEO, Khamis Suleiman. Photo: Courtesy of Standard Chartered Bank.

financial institutions in 2019, saying they demonstrate a positive collaboration and development by the two regulators to enable growth and expansion in the segment.

Seconding his boss, the bank's Head of Retail Banking, Ajmair Riaz said that Standard Chartered Bank has learnt that insurance cover fit into the second pillar of the basic needs of clients hence addressing their safety needs.

"A past survey carried out by the bank indicated that clients want affordability, convenience, security and a happy guaranteed lifestyle. On the security aspect clients not only require security for their funds, but also for their physical assets," Riaz said.

"With this data at hand, we worked closely with Sanlam Tanzania to come up with a unique proposition for the bank's clients that is not only affordable,

but one that goes a long way into covering them," he added.

Sanlam's CEO, Khamis Suleiman said the annual premium for property worth 100m/- is 177,000/- while that of a motor vehicle stands at 4.13m/- calling for the general public to grab the opportunity since its affordable.

"Insurance is no longer a luxury for the public because it's a security issue that everyone needs to have," Suleiman stated.

## APPRECIATION

## Zanzibar President salutes bank for supporting govt development efforts

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has applauded CRDB Bank Plc's management and board to continued support to his government's efforts to develop the nation.

Opening a seminar for senior government officials including cabinet ministers, Zanzibar on Saturday, Dr Mwinyi said financial institutions like CRDB have a key role to play in enhancing trade and development activities of the public.

"As one of the largest banks in the country with branch networks both in Zanzibar and on Mainland Tanzania, CRDB is a convenient partner to the government to help in development of a strong economy," Dr Mwinyi said.

He further noted that the Dar es Salaam based lender should continue working with both governments so that the economy should continue to grow rapidly. "I am happy to hear that your loan portfolio has grown bigger and stronger hence helping governments to get loans for development projects at cheaper rate locally than foreign borrowing," he noted while commending CRDB leadership for coming up with solutions to stir blue economy.

The Isles President has appointed a taskforce that will work with CRDB officials to speed up implementation of some key projects that will change millions of people's lives in the Spice Islands as Dr Mwinyi seeks to prop up his legacy.

In welcoming remarks to Presi-



CRDB deputy board chair Prof Neema Mori.

dent Mwinyi, CRDB Board of Directors Deputy Chair, Professor Neema Mori said the bank considers Zanzibar as a strategic partner in developing the economy by investing in priority areas of the government.

"Let me assure you that we will deliver through this strategic partnership with your government for the benefit of Zanzibar

and the whole country," Prof Mori said adding that formation of the taskforce is an important milestone in formalizing the important partnership.

CRDB Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said in a presentation that the bank will work closely with Zanzibar Government as it seeks to deliver on its Vision 2050. "We understand that

your government wants to revolutionise all key sectors including tourism, agriculture, fishing, manufacturing and many more so CRDB is your partner in this journey," Nsekela noted while stressing that the blue economy is an important areas which will attract more investment by the bank.

## ADVISE

## Support for tech talent a prerequisite for Africa to leverage internet economy

ADDIS ABABA

Africa's tech talent needs more support if the projected sizeable contribution of the internet economy to the continent's growth is to materialise.

Recently, Google and the IFC predicted the internet economy would contribute up to US\$180-billion to Africa's economy by 2025 and US\$712-billion by 2050. According to the e-Economy Africa 2020 report an expanding tech talent pool is crucial to growth, along

with Africa's start-up ecosystem and regional harmonisation which is to evolve through a single market African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

It states that Africa's GDP grew by 4% yearly in the last decade ahead of the EU-28 (1.7%) and Latin America (1.7%). It says a projected population growth of 87% in thirty years and internet users increasing by 11% come 2030, could further strengthen companies in the internet economy which are already outperforming other sectors to achieve

the future growth. Ernesto Spruyt, whose tech recruiting firm Tunga hires African developers, believes that the big challenge is how to ensure that Africa's talent pool keeps up with demand.

"Inevitably, the rise of the African tech ecosystem will be accompanied by a substantial growth of the talent pool," said Spruyt, who predicts an increase in competition for talent in Africa in the short term, and a significant pool of software professionals in the long term. "But this

takes time. Education is one thing, but to become a good coder you simply need work experience... to put in the hours. This will require significant investments in education."

Spruyt is sceptical of the report's numbers that Africa is home to 690,000 professional developers as at 2019 and 21% of them are women coders benefitting from the growth of the ecosystem for its many opportunities, especially in Egypt, Morocco, and South Africa.

He puts the numbers at between 400,000 and 500,000 developers in all and only 2% being female based on a sample his firm carried out two years ago on LinkedIn as he calls for strategic talent investment.

"Right now, there is a missing middle in my view. There are a lot of investments in training people who have no skills to get introduced to the profession. But what is missing is investments in turning juniors into 'mediors' and seniors."



CSR

# Bank invests over 219m/- in community projects in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank Plc has so far invested 218.9m/- in community projects so far this year with focus on education and health sectors.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during a ceremony organised by Ilala Municipality to recognise good taxpayers and mobilise voluntary taxpaying among business people, the bank's CSR Projects Officer, Lilian Kisamba and Senior Government Business Manager, Adelard Mang'ombo said that improving education and health services is everyone's responsibility.

"NMB has been one of the major players in education and health sectors to support government efforts to improve quality of services," said Kisamba who revealed that of the amount, 153m/- was invested in education while 65m/- went to the health sector. "Some 26 public schools received 300 desks which accommodated 3,900 students who would otherwise be sitting on the floor," she said while thanking Ilala District Commissioner, Ng'wilubuzi



Ilala DC, Ng'wilubuzi Ludigija (R) presents a certificate of recognition to NMB Bank Plc's senior manager for government business, Adelard Mang'ombo, at a taxpayers' day meeting held at the weekend. Photo courtesy of NMB.

Ludigija for recognising the bank as a good taxpayer also. She added that six schools have received iron sheets worth 40m/- from the amount.

Seconding Kisamba's arguments, Mang'ombo said the bank has been a good partner to the government for many years because it support state efforts to improve education and health sector in the country.

"As NMB has also assisted the government and business community to easily collect and pay taxes through innovative digital solutions that simple and efficient," he said while stressing that the bank will continue investing in modern technologies aimed at improving services both to the public and private sectors.

Addressing the meeting

which was attended by over 100 business persons and municipal officials, DC Ludigija commended NMB for backing state efforts to improve education and health sectors while also paying its taxes timely.

"I also would like to thank the business community through Tanzania Business Council for paying taxes voluntarily without being forced by state agencies,"

he said while stressing that his administration will continue recognising good taxpayers such as NMB and others.

"As most of you know, the government needs taxes to invest in community services and building of infrastructure," the Ilala DC argued noting that voluntary tax payment is good corporate governance.

CONCERN

## S.Africa's retailers unlikely to receive PS5 stock before this Christmas

JOHANNESBURG

A global shortage of PlayStation 5 (PS5) consoles has left retailers and gamers in the lurch, with South African stores unlikely to have stock on the shelves in time for Christmas. Sony's latest console launched in South Africa on 19 November, with limited in-store stock selling out in minutes and pre-order deliveries complicated by logistical delays.

According to online retailer, Raru, the second drop of PS5 pre-orders sold out in just over a minute. Makro and Takealot's online offers were also snapped up quickly. According to Koodoo, which, through its umbrella organisation, Gamefinity, has exclusive rights to distribute Sony PlayStation consoles and peripherals in South Africa, stock is expected to arrive in the country between 16 December and 20 December.

"The PS5 units are on their way to us from Europe. While we will make every effort to get your PS5 to you before Xmas, we unfortunately cannot guarantee this due to supply chain challenges into the country," Koodoo announced via its Facebook page on 11 November.

Since then, the supply situation has deteriorated even further. Speaking to Russian news agency, Tass, shortly after the international launch, Sony Interactive Entertainment CEO Jim Ryan confirmed that "absolutely everything is sold." And while Ryan, like Koodoo, has verified the arrival of stock before Christmas, local retailers say that these consoles will only be available to gamers who placed early pre-orders during the second drop.

Speaking to Business Insider South Africa, BT Games Director, Launa Bagnall, said that the next round of pre-orders would only materialise in January. "We have a shipment coming in around Christmas [Drop 2] which has been sold out," she said. "However, there is another shipment expected in January which we have not offered for presell yet."

Bagnall added that South Africa was not a priority market and was fortunate to receive stock of the next generation console for the official launch date. "Previously we have had to wait over a month or up to a year, [like] in the case of Xbox One, for the next generation consoles to be made available for SA," said Bagnall.

"We were not supplied with even 10% of the quantity we required for clients that expressed interest, explained Bagnall. "The demand has far exceeded the supply." Replying to a flurry of queries on social media, Takealot issued standard replies. "We regrettably are out of stock for the PS5 consoles," Takealot stated on 23 November. "We are not able to confirm if/when we will have it listed."

Makro issued a similar response on 25 November. "Unfortunately, our allocated units have sold out, but we are working with our suppliers to get more units," the retailer explained. Brian Leroni, Senior Vice President of Group Corporate Affairs at Massmart, Makro's holding company, denied that there was a backlog and, instead, pointed to an allocation of stock being swiftly exhausted.

"Japan provides each country, including South Africa, an allocation of stock for the launch," explained Leroni. "The distributor in South Africa received their full allocation which has been now sold via the various retailers. South Africa now awaits the next allocation from Sony Japan, probably sometime in December."

OPTIMISM

## Tanga Cement chair upbeat on govt's infrastructure project

By Guardian Reporter

THE government's heavy investments in infrastructure projects will enable Tanga Cement Plc to improve its performance and possibly break even this year, board chairman Lawrence Masha has hinted.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during shareholders' annual general meeting on Friday, Masha said the country's good economic performance and better handling of the coronavirus outbreak by the government are major factors that will boost cement consumption in the country.

"The group remains optimistic of the positive impact of infrastructure development plans under the government's development vision 2025 program and expect the projects to continue gaining momentum in 2020," Masha said.

He pointed out that despite posting increased net loss of 12bn/- last year compared to 11bn/- in 2018, Tanga Cement due to a number of factors including investment in a second kiln borrowed from foreign sources, its sales revenue grew by three percent



Tanga Cement Plc board chairman Lawrence Masha speaks at the company's annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

from 215bn/- in 2018 to 221bn/- last year.

"The gross margin decreased by five percent mainly due to additional depreciation on the right-of-use of our quarry fleet lease asset resulting from adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards 16

leases," the former Home Affairs Minister noted.

Cash generated from trading activities improved by four percent from 41bn/- in 2018 to 43bn/- last year while net cash flows from operations increased by one percent from 40bn/- in 2018 to 41bn/- last year.

"The company did not declare interim or final dividend to shareholders in 2018 and 2019 in line with the financial performance for the year. The board has decided to be prudent by committing available current cash resources to the operational and debt services commitments.

The board will evaluate the financial performance of 2020 when considering dividend declaration," he noted.

Masha also banked his hope of better performance this year because the construction industry is booming in East Africa.

FRUSTRATION

## Concern over Lesotho govt's latest directive to telcos

MASERU

The government of Lesotho has announced that going forward the Lesotho Communications Authority (LCA) will vet executive leadership positions at telecommunications companies.

According to the directive, any appointment to the board of directors or other management function at Econet Telecom Lesotho and Vodacom must be submitted to the LCA for review and approval. In an official statement via the LCA, the government said the ac-

tion was aimed at ensuring the integrity of companies, as well as good governance.

An excerpt from the statement reads: "The LCA has decided to monitor appointments within telecom companies in order to guarantee good governance that ensures their financial stability, sources of income for the State and employment for part of the population."

The LCA explained that operators can no longer single-handedly appoint executive positions (including directors, CEOs, Deputy CEOs, CTOs,

CFOs and heads of units), without the approval of the regulator. LCA CEO Mamarama Matela also announced that employees who are already in executive positions within the telcos must submit a request for approval to remain in their positions.

"This application for approval will include, among other things, a complete Curriculum Vitae indicating the qualifications and relevant experience in their current functions, proof of registration with professional bodies, an aptitude assessment form,"

said Matela.

However critics have voiced concern over the directive and warned that in addition to stifling independence of the companies, the government has yet to publish official guidelines. There is speculation that the directive stems from the ongoing legal battle between the LCA and mobile operator Vodacom.

Early October 2020, the LCA reportedly revoked Vodacom's unified license, citing alleged transgressions - notably the operator's refusal to pay a penalty of R40.2 million by 7

October 2020. The regulator said its decision to revoke the Unified Licence of Vodacom Lesotho was in accordance with section 47 of the Communications Act.

However, the operator quickly approached the High Court of Lesotho and requested the decision be reviewed and set aside. Vodacom Lesotho has since issued a statement confirming it will review the latest directive by government, seek further clarification and officially comment once guidelines for the directive have been implemented.



LCA CEO Mamarama Matela.



## RECOGNITION

## Shanghai replaces London as most connected city in the world, according to Iata

## GENEVA

Shanghai replaced London as the most connected city in the world, according to the latest rankings by the International Air Transport Association (Iata).

London, which was at the top of last year's rankings, slipped to eighth position this year due to a 67 per cent decline in connectivity as the coronavirus pandemic continues to dent travel demand to and from the UK capital. This meant Shanghai moved up to the top spot, from second position last year.

"The dramatic shift in the connectivity rankings demonstrates the scale at which the world's connectivity has been re-ordered over the last months," Sebastian Mikosz, Iata's senior vice president for member external relations, said on Thursday. "But the impor-



Sebastian Mikosz, Iata's senior vice president for member external relations.

tant point is that rankings did not shift because of any improvement in connectivity. That declined overall in all markets. The rankings shifted because the scale of the decline was greater for some cities than others."

New York, which was the third-most connected city last year, is not placed in this year's top 10. Chinese cities dominate the rankings, taking five of the top 10 spots. Beijing is listed in second place, Guangzhou is third, Chengdu is fourth and Shenzhen is in sixth place, with Chicago being the only non-Chinese city in the top five.

Tokyo, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Seoul have also dropped out of this year's top 10 rankings. "In a short period of time, we have undone a century of progress in bringing people together and connecting markets. The message we must take from this study is the urgent need to re-

build the global air transport network," Mr Mikosz said.

China has been the first major global economy to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic as the government takes measures to keep the epidemic under control. As of Thursday, the number of infections in China reached 86,490 with 4,634 deaths, according to Worldometer. In the US, total infections have now topped 13.1 million and more than 268,000 deaths have been recorded. Although the global economy is facing its worst recession since the Great Depression, with global output expected to shrink 4.4 per cent this year, the Chinese economy is forecast to grow 1.9 per cent.

Europe and Africa are the two hardest-hit regions in terms of connectivity declines, with both reporting drops of 93 per cent. In Latin American connectivity fell 91 per cent. In the Middle East

it was 88 per cent and Asia-Pacific declined 76 per cent. Traffic across North America fell 72 per cent.

"The systematic testing of travellers is the immediate solution to rebuilding the connectivity that we have lost. The technology exists. The guidelines for implementation have been developed. Now we need to implement before the damage to the global air transport network becomes irreparable," Mr Mikosz said.

Iata's air connectivity index measures how well connected a country's cities are to other cities around the world, which is deemed vital for trade, tourism, investment and other economic flows. The index is a composite measure reflecting the number of seats flown to the destinations served from a country's major airports and the economic importance of those destinations.

## PESSIMISM

## India enters recession as Covid-19 pandemic hits its economy hard

## NEW DELHI

India entered an unprecedented recession with the economy contracting in the three months through September due to the lingering effects of lockdowns to contain the Covid-19 outbreak.

Gross domestic product declined 7.5 per cent last quarter from a year ago, the Statistics Ministry said Friday. That was milder than an 8.2 per cent drop forecast by economists in a Bloomberg survey, and a marked improvement from a record 24 per cent contraction the previous quarter.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi imposed one of the world's strictest lockdowns in March, sapping demand for non-essential goods and services. Despite the measures to stem the pandemic, the country is now home to the second-highest Covid-19 infections after the US at 9.3 million cases. The second straight quarterly decline in GDP, pushes Asia's third-largest economy into its first technical recession in records going back to 1996.

Financial and real estate services, among the biggest component of India's dominant services sector, shrank 8.1 per cent last quarter from a year ago, while trade, hotels, transport and communication declined 15.6 per cent. Manufacturing gained 0.6 per cent, electricity and gas expanded 4.4 per cent and agriculture grew 3.4 per cent.

Krishnamurthy Subramanian, the government's chief economic adviser, told reporters the num-

bers were "quite encouraging" given the pandemic and compared with the previous quarter's performance. Sovereign bonds declined Friday ahead of the data, with the yield on benchmark 10-year bonds rising 4 basis points to 5.9 per cent, while the rupee declined 0.2 per cent to 74.04 a dollar.

The central bank and government have each worked to support the economy, with total stimulus reaching around 30 trillion rupees (\$405 billion), or 15 per cent of GDP. The Reserve Bank of India, which has cut interest rates by 115 basis points this year, is due to review monetary policy next week, with the stance expected to remain accommodative for the near future.

The stimulus, along with festival season demand, has helped spur activity in the economy, helping slowly replace concern about the depth of India's recession with optimism that a recovery is taking hold.

A slew of indicators from car sales to services sector activity notched higher last month, while alternative data signal robust demand in an economy that's primarily driven by domestic consumption.

"Today's GDP print increases our confidence that recovery is gaining pace," said Garima Kapoor, an economist at Elara Securities India. "While during initial period of unlocking, rural economy's buoyancy was supportive, urban demand too has begun to normalise in pre-festive period."



A vendor packs colour powder used to make decorations for Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, as he waits for customers in a market area in New Delhi on November 14, 2020.



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# In fresh blow to Trump, US court rejects Pennsylvania election case

WASHINGTON

A FEDERAL appeals court on Friday rejected an attempt by U.S. President Donald Trump's campaign to block President-elect Joe Biden from being declared the winner of Pennsylvania, dealing another significant setback to Trump's bid to overturn the Nov. 3 election.

"Free, fair elections are the lifeblood of our democracy. Charges of unfairness are serious. But calling an election unfair does not make it so," wrote Stephanos Bibas on behalf of a three-judge panel.

"Charges require specific allegations and then proof. We have neither here," wrote Bibas, who was nominated by Trump.

The Trump campaign and its supporters have tried and failed to convince judges of election irregularities in Michigan, Georgia, Arizona and Nevada, all critical to Biden's victory.

"Voters, not lawyers, choose the President.

Ballots, not briefs, decide elections," said the appeals court opinion.

"On to SCOTUS!" wrote Jenna Ellis, a Trump campaign attorney, on Twitter after the ruling, referring to a planned appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. "The activist judicial machinery in Pennsylvania continues to cover up the allegations of massive fraud."

Pennsylvania certified Biden, who won the state by 80,000 votes, as its winner this week. Under Pennsylvania law, the candidate who wins the popular vote in the state gets all of the state's 20 electoral votes.

Trump, a Republican, has refused to concede to his Democratic rival and continues to claim, without evidence, widespread voter fraud.

But as his legal challenges to the results fail, Trump said on Thursday he will leave the White House if the Electoral College votes for Biden when it meets on Dec. 14, the closest he has come to conceding the election.

On Monday, Trump's administration



President Donald Trump

cleared the way Biden to transition to the White House, giving him access to briefings and funding even as Trump vowed to continue fighting the election results.

Biden won the election 306-232 in electoral votes, including Pennsylvania's 20. Even if Trump overturned the outcome in Pennsylvania, he would still need to reverse the result in at least two other states to remain as president.

## TIME RUNNING OUT

While Trump and his supporters continue to wage legal battles, time is running out as states as states have until Dec. 8 to resolve election disputes. Legal experts have said the cases have no chance of success and may be aimed at undermining confidence in the election. Polls have showed a majority of Republicans believe Trump won the election and many believe the election was tainted, despite a lack of evidence.

Soon after Friday's ruling, Trump posted a video from Newsmax on Twitter about alleged voter fraud in Nevada.

The Trump campaign filed the Pennsylvania case earlier this month, saying that county election officials had treated mail-in ballots inconsistently and asking U.S. District Judge Matthew Brann to halt certification of the results.

Some counties had allowed voters to fix minor deficiencies with their ballots, such as a missing "secrecy envelope," while others did not. Brann dismissed the case on Nov. 21, saying the case was based on "strained legal arguments" and "speculative accusations."

The Trump campaign said it appealed on the "narrow" question of whether Brann improperly refused to let it amend the lawsuit a second time.

The campaign wants to add back allegations it dropped from the case, including a claim that its due process rights were violated.

The appeals court said many of the claims by Trump campaign are matters of Pennsylvania law but noted the campaign already lost on those issues in state court.

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## Ethiopian PM says govt in full control of Tigray capital

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIAN Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said on Saturday that the government's "full command" of the Tigray regional state capital, Mekelle, marks the completion of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF)'s military operations.

"The federal government is now fully in control of the city of Mekelle," Ahmed (pictured) said, as he emphasized the "main operation" of the fighting between the Ethiopian army and forces loyal to the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) "is now successfully concluded."

"With full command of the regional capital, this marks the completion of the ENDF's last phase. Federal police will now continue their task of apprehending TPLF criminals and bring them to the court," Ahmed said in a statement issued on Saturday.

According to Ahmed, the ENDF has thus far managed to secure the release of thousands of Northern Command officers held hostage by the TPLF, se-

cure the Northern Command camp, and take control of the airport, public institutions, the regional administration office and other critical facilities.

He also stressed that the Ethiopian army undertook the operation "with precision and due care for citizens ensuring civilians are not targeted."

According to Ahmed, the people of the Tigray region "have provided utmost support and cooperation to the Ethiopian National Defense Force in all corners."

The prime minister also stressed that "we now have ahead of us the critical task of rebuilding what has been destroyed, repairing what is damaged, returning those who have fled, with utmost priority of returning normalcy to the people of the Tigray region."

"The federal government appreciates the concern shown by the international community," Ahmed said, as he called upon "friends of Ethiopia to join hands in rebuilding the Tigray region and giving its people the respite, humanitarian assistance and security they deserve."



Ahmed's remarks came shortly after the Chief of Staff of the Ethiopian Defense Forces, Berhanu Jula, announced on Saturday that the Ethiopian army has "fully controlled Mekelle city."

Noting that the Ethiopian army is now in full control of TPLF's last stronghold, the Chief of Staff stressed that the defense forces "are now hunting anti-peace forces in and around Mekelle city."

According to Jula, the defence forces have also freed more than 7,000 members of the defence forces who were captured by the TPLF fighters dur-

ing TPLF's assault on the army base near Mekelle city, which eventually led to the start of the fighting.

The latest development came after the federal government on Thursday announced the commencement of the "third and final phase" of the military operations towards Mekelle city, capital of Tigray region, a city of more than 500,000 people where senior TPLF leaders are believed to be stationed.

The Ethiopian Defense Forces are reportedly surrounding Mekelle city, capital of the Tigray regional state. The Ethiopian military had earlier disclosed that it had captured towns adjacent to Mekelle city.

On Saturday, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Refugee Agency, stressed that "concerns are growing for the safety of civilians inside the Tigray region of Ethiopia, particularly in and around the capital Mekelle that is home to 500,000 people."

The agency also stressed that "there are reports of basic services coming to a halt while the security situation contin-

ues to deteriorate. It is feared the number of those internally displaced inside Tigray by the fighting as well as to other regions of Ethiopia is growing daily."

Since the early hours of Nov 4, the Ethiopian government has been undertaking military operations against the TPLF, which rules over Ethiopia's northernmost Tigray regional state.

The federal government's operations followed the TPLF's attack on the Northern command base of the Ethiopian Defense Force, a division stationed in the region for over two decades and based in Mekelle city, capital of Tigray region

Prior to the ongoing fighting, the Ethiopian government has been blaming the TPLF, which was one of the four coalition fronts of Ethiopia's former ruling party the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), for masterminding various treasonous acts across different parts of the country with an overarching goal of destabilizing the country.

Xinhua

## Macron says images of police beating Black man shameful

PARIS

PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron said on Friday that images showing Paris police beating up a Black music producer were shameful for France, and that government would have to find a way to restore public confidence in the force.

Prosecutors are investigating the violent arrest of Michel Zecler, who said he was also racially abused by the officers, after CCTV footage of the incident was released. The police watchdog is also investigating.

Four police officers were being held for questioning as part of the investigation, the Paris Prosecutor's office said.

The beating inside the entrance of a building was captured on closed circuit television and mobile phone footage, which has circulated widely online and has made headlines around Europe.

"The images we have all seen of the aggression against Michel Zecler are unacceptable, they are shameful for all of us. France should never allow violence or brutality, no matter who it comes from. France should never let hate or racism prosper," Macron said in a statement on his Facebook page.

He added that the police force should be exemplary. "Those whose job it is to apply the law should respect the law," he said, adding that he has asked the government to urgently make proposals about how to restore confidence in the police.

The beating of Zecler risks inflaming racial tension, with allegations of repeated police brutality against Black and ethnic communities at the forefront of many people's minds after the death of Black American George Floyd in Minneapolis in May sparked the "BlackLivesMatter" movement.

Dominique Sopo, President of anti-racism group "SOS Racisme", told Reuters Zecler had been the target of a "racist attack".

"For police officers to act that way they must have a tremendous feeling of impunity. This situation is a symptom of an impunity that has been going on for too long," he added.

Paris police already faced criticism this week after social media photos and videos showed officers hitting protesters as they cleared out an illegal migrants campsite in a central Paris square.

The music producer told reporters he was set upon by police at his studio in Paris's 17th arrondissement on Saturday.

He said he had been walking in the street without a face mask - against French COVID-19 health protocols - and, upon seeing a police car, went into his nearby studio to avoid being fined. However, he said, the police followed him inside and began to assault and racially abuse him.

Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin told France 2 television on Thursday that the officers would be punished if the alleged wrongdoing was confirmed.

Zecler's arrest came amid fierce debate in France over draft legislation that would limit journalists' ability to document French police officers at work.

Around 3,500 people marched against the bill in the western city of Nantes, where police used tear gas and made several arrests. Many in the march also protested against police violence, some with their faces bandaged in support of Michel Zecler. A similar demonstration is planned in Paris on Saturday.

"BlackLivesMatter" protests broke out in Paris in June following the killing of George Floyd, who died after a white police officer knelt on his neck in the course of arresting him. The outrage generated by Floyd's death has resonated in France, in particular in deprived city suburbs where police often clash with youths from ethnic minority backgrounds.

The protests in Paris in June focused on unsolved cases of people dying during police operations, such as Adama Traore, who died in police detention near Paris in 2016.

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President Emmanuel Macron

## Chinese cities lifts civilisation construction, ushers in better life for people

NANCHANG-SHENZHEN Agricultural Product Wholesale Market is the largest trading center for farm produce in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi province. Every day there are fruits and vegetables from across the country gathering at the market and then being distributed to other parts of Jiangxi and surrounding provinces.

However, after more than 10 years of operation, the market was troubled by poor sanitation, as well as jammed traffic due to aging facilities and improper management.

Thanks to a facelift project carried out this year, the market has taken on a new look. Now, it has flat roads, brand new walls with colorful paintings, as well clean shops.

"I had a pair of rubber boots on my car

and I always put it on once I arrived at the market. When it was sunny, the ground of the market was filthy, and when it rained, there would be puddles," said a dealer at the market. According to him, now the market is tiled, and channels have been dug to improve the drainage. "My boots are useless, even when it rains heavily," he told People's Daily.

Besides, the market also improved its parking facility, and the dealers finally bid a farewell to the days when they had to lose orders because big trucks were not able to enter the market. "My revenue more than doubled thanks to the smooth traffic at the market," said dealer Hong Xiangyan.

Traffic is an indicator for a city's civilization. Many cities in China has largely improved their traffic conditions when striv-

ing to improve their level of civilization, the result of which is very satisfactory for many citizens.

"Hangzhou is a city where drivers give way to pedestrians." That's an impression left to many visitors by the city in east China's Zhejiang province. They found that all vehicles, including buses, taxis, and private cars, would wait before crosswalks and let pedestrians go first.

The city was recently hailed for its innovative practice of establishing free "filial" parking spots that encourage weekend parent visits. Inefficient parking space is a headache that has long troubled the city, and even a barrier for young people to visit their parents, as finding parking spots in residential areas was always extremely difficult. Hangzhou established 2,145 such

parking spots in over 400 residential complexes last year, and those who come to visit their parents at weekends can enjoy free parking for hours.

Only when all citizens make joint efforts, can cities improve their civilization. Xiamen of southeast China's Fujian province launched a public platform to monitor the city's sanitation, traffic and public facilities, to which citizens can send pictures of the problems they spotted in these fields. Since August this year, over 1,900 cases were reported to the platform and then solved, and the life quality of people in the city has been substantially improved.

Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong province also launched similar platforms, as well as a civil service hotline. On an online monitoring platform opened on

social media application WeChat, 24-hour monitoring is carried out to spot problems quickly and immediately solve them.

As China quickens its steps to improve cities' civilization, it is ushering in a better life for its citizens.

People's Daily

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## Xi's remarks at expo point to growing China-ASEAN bond

By Yang Han and Prime Sarmiento in Hong Kong

AS the growing bond between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations becomes lasting and mutually beneficial, their cooperation will be instrumental toward a shared future of mankind, according to analysts.

In his remarks at the opening ceremony of the 17th China-ASEAN Expo and China ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Nanning on Nov 27, Chinese President Xi Jinping said the two sides enjoy growing connectivity, deepening economic integration, robust business ties, and closer people-to-people exchanges.

ASEAN itself is a community grouping 10 nations of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The group and China have been clearly and consistently building trade and economic partnership over the years, said Suthiphand Chirathivat, executive director of the ASEAN Studies Center at Chulalongkorn University and executive director of Thai conglomerate Central Group.

In his virtual address, Xi said: "The China-ASEAN relationship has grown into the most successful and vibrant model for cooperation in the Asia-Pacific and an exemplary effort in building a community with a shared future for mankind."

Xi's address "was a reiteration of Chinese commitment toward regional

cooperation, development, and prosperity," said Nawazish Mirza, associate professor of finance, Excelsia Business School in France.

The trade flow, easy market access to regional investors, and integration of industrial supply chains will remain the backbone of collaborative development.

"Overall, these collaborative efforts will be instrumental towards a shared future of humanity," Mizra said.

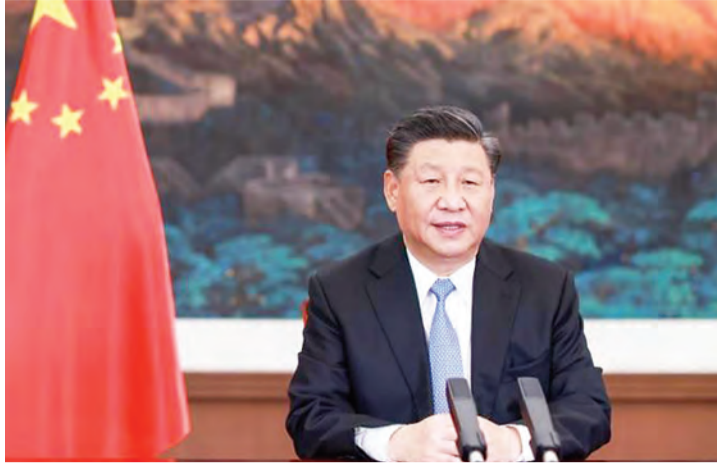
"ASEAN became the top trading partner of China in the first ten months of this year, and China is already the top trading partner for almost every single ASEAN country. The figure speaks for itself," said Suthiphand, noting the cooperation in investment is also "catching up very quickly".

Ho Meng Kit, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Business Federation, also noted China is ASEAN's largest trading partner and the top source of imports for many ASEAN countries.

Echoing Xi citing ASEAN as a key region in high-quality Belt and Road cooperation during his speech, Chin Yew Sin, advisor for Asia Pacific region at the Global One Belt One Road Association, said ASEAN countries have been actively working with China under the Belt and Road Initiative.

China can also benefit from a more developed ASEAN because as these countries develop, their demand for goods and technologies from China will also increase, said Chin.

"I foresee China and ASEAN countries



will become mutually dependent on each other. Their bond will become lasting and mutually beneficial," Chin said.

Mirza paid attention to Xi highlighting the need to focus on stimulating the digital economy, which will be a catalyst for future growth. "Technological cooperation is an essential aspect of the Belt and Road Initiative that will promote digitalization and lead to sustainable development," he said.

Chin said the digital economy will be important after the pandemic as technologies like 5G, artificial intelligence and blockchain can help a country to develop faster. "A normal industrial development of a country will go through four stages, which are imitation, improvement, innovation and invention. With the use of digital technologies, it can cut short a lot of these stages."

For example, "(ASEAN) countries can just buy these technologies from China, then they can be on par with China," said Chin, noting Malaysia is also in close cooperation with China to develop its digital economy, such as 5G and cloud computing.

Iris Pang, chief economist for Greater China at Dutch investment bank ING, also appreciated Xi's highlight of technology connectivity. ASEAN and Belt and Road in general could still be a large export market for China's technology, he said.

The president's reassurance of continuous support of ASEAN in combating COVID-19 is welcomed. Xi said when its COVID-19 vaccines

are available for use, "China will actively consider the needs of ASEAN countries", and the country will provide financial support to the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund.

China's support "will be vital for other regional countries in improving public health capacity," said Mirza. Pang said recipient countries are usually concerned with the vaccine's reliability and side-effects. "I believe China knows this well and will try to provide a vaccine with effective protection and minimal side effects," he said.

"COVID-19 has proved to us how fragile it could be in terms of the interconnectivity of our world, despite the progress we made about globalization before," said Suthiphand.

"In order to get back on track again on globalization, we need global governance and better international order. China has already shown support (for globalization), and I hope China can continue to make that kind of opening and keep the words with action," said Suthiphand.

The recently signed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the world's biggest free trade pact, is a proving ground for the new regional order and global partnership, Suthiphand said. "We should support it. People should not see RCEP as a China-backed initiative," he said, adding that the deal will create benefit for everyone.

Xinhua

## UK expert says Russia presented sufficient evidence of Sputnik V's efficacy – TV

MOSCOW

A UK expert in virology and epidemiology believes Russia had presented sufficient evidence to prove the efficacy of its Sputnik V vaccine against the novel coronavirus, Canada's CBC channel reported.

"The data [is] compatible with the vaccine being reasonably effective," the channel quoted Stephen Evans, professor of pharmacoepidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, as saying.

The expert was commenting on the results of the Russian vaccine's clinical trials, which demonstrated the efficacy of 95%.

"These results are consistent with what we see with other vaccines, because the really big message for global health scientists is that this disease [COVID-19] is able to be addressed by vaccines," the expert added.

On August 11, Russia registered the world's first vaccine against the novel coronavirus.

The vaccine, dubbed Sputnik V, was developed by the Gamaleya National Research Center for Epidemiology and Microbiology of the Russian Health Ministry, and its clinical trials were successfully completed in June-July.

According to intermediate results of the research, the vaccine's efficacy is estimated at above 95% on the 42nd day after the injection of the first dose, on the condition that the patient has also received the second dose.

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## Trump may announce plans for 2024 presidential race during Biden's inauguration – portal

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump is considering the possibility of running in the 2024 presidential election and may make the announcement during Joseph Biden's inauguration on January 20, 2021. The Daily Beast news portal said citing own sources.

According to the web portal, Trump was discussing the specifics of the 2024 campaign launch with his advisers and confidants almost four years before the election.

About 47% of US residents support the outgoing president's participation in the 2024 presidential race, according to a survey by The

Hill newspaper and the HarrisX pollster.

American citizens cast their ballots on November 3. According to estimates, made by major American TV channels, Democratic contender Joe Biden won more than the needed 270 electoral votes.

Biden announced his victory.

US incumbent President Donald Trump has not conceded the election. He is challenging the current outcome, claiming irregularities in the ballot processing in key swing states, and has filed lawsuits to fight his case in court.

States must certify election results until December 12. Electors cast ballots in their respective

states on December 14.

On January 6, 2021, the House and Senate convene for a joint session to count electoral votes and announce the results. On January 20, president-elect is sworn into office and officially becomes the president of the United States at the inauguration ceremony.

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## Beijing turns coal mines into forests to lift urban environment

ON a lot dyed black by coals in western Beijing, workers were waving pickaxes to dig the earth soaked by several rainfalls. "It's easier for trees to survive if their roots are stretched," said Han Xiaoguo, 48.

Han, a man who had worked in a coal mine for 22 years, has now turned into an adept tree planter.

In recent years, Beijing has successively shut down its coal mines, and the last one, Datai coal mine in the west of the city, was closed in September the last year.

In May 2017, a total of 11,640 hectares of land that used to belong to mining enterprises were allocated to the Beijing Gardening and Greening Bureau for management and became a tree farm, since which the capital's mine lot embraced a green path of development. Later, the tree farm was joined by nearly 100 pitmen who used to work for the mining enterprises.

It's not easy to plant trees in lands covered by coal gangue. The workers have to dig a hole with a diameter of approximately 70 to 80 centimeters and a depth of around 50 centimeters, and then backfill it with soil transported from other places before



Photo shows a conveyor belt and a coal warehouse at the Datai coal mine, Beijing.

planting a seedling.

The irrigation is also a tricky problem on the mountains as there's no vehicular access. Therefore, the workers excavated more than 200 pits on the mountains and filled them with water fetched from 10 kilometers away by trucks. The water is then pumped pit by pit to planting sites at higher elevations.

In addition, the seedlings are also transported to planting sites by mules, said worker Yang Shuwei.

Yang Wenhua, who used to be a borehole surveyor of the Muchengjian coal mine in Beijing, told People's Daily that his teeth were the only white part on his body after a surveying down the mine. After three years of working at the tree farm, he and his colleagues have become experts in forest fire prevention, forest tending, and pest control. "The trees have brought fresh air, and we don't need to worry about the coal ashes in the air anymore," he said.

People's Daily

## Iran's top nuclear scientist stayed in shadows but his work was uncovered

VIENNA/DUBAI

IRANIAN scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, who was killed on Friday, led a life of such secrecy that even his age was under wraps but much about the clandestine nuclear weapons programme he is believed to have run has long been known.

The U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said it suspected Fakhrizadeh oversaw secret work to fit a warhead on a ballistic missile, test high explosives suitable for a nuclear weapon and process uranium.

Iran insists it never had such a programme nor any ambition to make a bomb. The IAEA and U.S. intelligence agencies believe it had a coordinated weapons programme that it halted in 2003.

Western suspicions that Iran would resume that programme were at the heart of the deal struck in a 2015 deal under which Tehran agreed with world powers to curb its nuclear work in return for the lifting of sanctions.

Israel, Iran's arch foe, staunchly opposed that deal and President Donald Trump pulled out of it in 2018. The killing of Fakhrizadeh is a blow to Iran given he was closely guarded and shielded from the public. But Iranian officials say Iran has a network of scientists to fill any gap.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's top au-

thority, promised on Saturday to retaliate for Fakhrizadeh's killing and said officials must continue to pursue "scientific and technical efforts of Martyr Fakhrizadeh in all the fields he was engaged."

Iran ramped up nuclear work after Washington quit the 2015 deal, exceeding limits set by the agreement on production of enriched uranium - which can be refined into bomb material - although Tehran still has far less than its pre-2015 stockpile.

PRINCIPAL ROLE

Even as Fakhrizadeh stayed in the shadows, the IAEA in 2011 identified him as the



suspected head of the AMAD Plan, which is believed to have been set up about two decades ago to oversee the main elements of the nuclear weapons programme.

While that military programme is thought to have been shelved in 2003, the IAEA said in its 2011 report that some related work continued and Fakhrizadeh retained

"the principal organisational role", citing a member state for the information.

The IAEA said in a 2015 "final assessment" that even those related efforts appeared to have ended in 2009. Fakhrizadeh was the only Iranian scientist named in that 2015 report.

For years, helped by new, intrusive inspection powers, the IAEA produced reports showing Iran was sticking to the main limits imposed by the nuclear deal, whose aim was to extend the time needed to produce enough nuclear material for a bomb, if that was Iran's goal, to a year from two to three months.

After Trump entered the White House promising to scrap the nuclear deal, Israel stepped up a campaign saying Iran had lied about the extent of its past nuclear activities.

In 2018, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that Israel had seized a huge "archive" of Iranian documents showing Tehran had done more work than previously known.

Israel shared much of the material with the IAEA and allies. Diplomats say the archive appears to have included additional information on activities carried out during Fakhrizadeh's leadership of the AMAD Plan in the early

2000s. "Remember that name, Fakhrizadeh," Netanyahu had said in 2018 presentation on the material.

MOVING UNDERGROUND

Since then, the IAEA has inspected several sites possibly linked to the AMAD Plan, filling in some information gaps but without so far revealing major new areas of weapons work, diplomats say.

Exactly how long Iran would need to build a nuclear weapon if it chose to do so is unclear.

Its main enrichment plant at Natanz, built underground apparently to resist bombardment, is operating at a fraction of its pre-2015 capacity because of the deal but Iran is now enriching at other facilities as well and its stockpile of low-enriched uranium is rising.

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## UK rejects latest EU fisheries offer with talks set to resume

BY BLOOMBERG

YEARS of wrangling over Britain's future trade relationship with the EU are set to enter what could be their final week, with Boris Johnson's government saying there remains a significant gap on the issue of how much fish European trawlers should be allowed to catch in British waters.

Michel Barnier, the EU's lead negotiator, has proposed that the EU's share of the catch be cut to 15 percent to 18 percent, an offer that Downing Street dismissed in a statement as "risible".

"The EU side know full well that we would never accept this," according to a government official. "No agreement is arguably underpriced."

Access to Britain's fishing waters has been one of three key hurdles to an agreement - the others being a level competitive playing field, and how any agreement will be enforced. But the absence in Downing Street's statement of any mention of these two other issues could spur expectations that a deal is within reach.

A report in The Times newspaper suggested that the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen is putting pressure on Barnier by sending one of her most trusted officials to the talks. Citing two unidentified UK government officials, the report said the parties should agree to the basis of a trade relationship by next weekend.

Failure to reach a deal would result in extra costs for millions of consumers and businesses from Dec 31.

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A section of runners, who battled it out in this year's Rock City Marathon, pictured during the race which took place in Mwanza yesterday. KCB Bank was one of the marathon's sponsors, financially supporting the 10km race of the event. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Camel milk to feature in Maiden Arusha Night Run

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

THE inaugural Arusha Night Run organizers here have affirmed that 500 people from across the country will be running in the dark in the race, slated to take place next Friday.

Among the runners is the Regional Police Traffic Commander (RTO), Solomon Mwangamilo, who is also going to race in the night alongside district commissioners.

And for those interested they may even sample, for the first time, special camel milk to be made available at starting and finishing points.

Arusha Regional Sports Officer, Benson Maneno, said with improved road infrastructures that have made it possible for the presence of bright lights along the highways, many night events can now be held without problem.

"We are going to encourage international organizations, institutions and other companies in Arusha to fully participate in order to boost nightlife in the urban precinct," Maneno said.

It was expected that at least 1000 participants would participate in the event because more people continue to enrol for the night racing feat.

The event will cover 7.5 kilometres in the scheduled 7.5 kilometers trip according to one of the coordinators, Xavier Chuwa.

The 15 kilometres long night racing event will start at Cocoriko Annex, formerly Tripple 'A' Club at Technical College Junction, with runners heading towards Ngaramtoni area but not exactly reaching there, simply moving past Sakina, Azimio and Kwa-Idd areas before turning back at a spot measured 7.5 kilometres and back.

The 'Arusha Night Run' is introduced and organized by two sports

promotion-oriented individuals, Xavier Chuwa and Kylie Gyubi, and the feat is expected to be staged here on Friday.

The race will be preceded by other activities including blood donation in aid of expectant mothers, HIV-Aids testing, youth advisory and mental health services.

The main race carrying the theme; 'Running is the Best Therapy' will be flagged off from Triple A at about 8.00 pm in the night.

Special mention is the availability of camel milk at the starting venue to be introduced during the preceding health classes.

Running in the night, as far as the organizers are concerned, should be a sporting event with a difference, because the night provides a conducive atmosphere allowing even busy people to run.

Kylie Gyubi stated night racing usually takes place in developed countries mostly during New Year eve as part of the festive vigils.

"For Arusha the season is right because December is a holiday month and all families are back home," Gyubi said.

She said this is the first time the race is taking place in Arusha, Tanzania and the whole of East Africa with the event planned to be an annual race to be featured every December.

Runners are expected to come from all over the country, so far invited participants will be coming from Mwanza, Dodoma, Morogoro, Kilimanjaro, Dar es Salaam and hosts Arusha.

Maiden Arusha Night Race is being supported by, among other firms, Bonite Bottlers of Moshi, Dynamic Digital, Lighthouse, Arusha City Council, Bonds Security, Just Fits, and PF Furnitures.



Nachingwea Constituency's Member of Parliament, Amandus Chingule (L), pictured with a section of soccer followers who turned up at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday to cheer Tanzania's representatives in CAF Confederation Cup, Namungo FC, that faced AI Rabita FC of South Sudan in the first leg of the tournament's preliminary round, held at the venue in the day. Namungo FC won 3-0. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Dar boxer defends GBC World Super Featherweight title

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN professional Super Featherweight boxer, Ibrahim Mgendera 'Classs', has successfully defended his Global Boxing Council (GBC) World belt by defeating Zambian Simon Ngoma by points in a bout, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The two boxers traded punches throughout the 10-round fight and Mgendera ultimately emerged as the winner.

Mgendera defended the belt he won in 2017 in a fight against a Panama opponent, Jose Forero, in Hangelsberg, Germany.

He won the Dar es Salaam fight, which took place at the PTA Hall, Sabasaba, convincingly in which all of the fight's three judges scored

in his favour, 95-91, 98-88 and 98-88.

In the bout, Mgendera got a lot of opposition from the Zambian, who was fighting street fist styles.

Apart from pushing, Ngoma was hitting anywhere even on his opponent's back and causing the fight's referee, Pendo Njau, to warn the former repeatedly and go as far as punishing the fighter.

Mgendera looked confused due to his opponent's style, and he met a sharp right fist from the latter and fell to the canvas in the third round of the bout.

He therefore changed his fighting style and began dodging while punching and collecting too many points.

The fourth round was tough for both boxers as they were attacking and earning points and making the fight harder to

predict.

Mgendera could have won the fight by Knockout (KO) in the eighth, ninth and 10th rounds if not for the slippery street canvas.

A fast-paced Ngoma with a lot of power, this time he cooled and especially after being punched a lot by Mgendera who is coached by the experienced Tanzanian boxing coach, Habib Kinyogoli 'Master'.

"I am very happy to defend the GBC World belt, I had first won it abroad and failed to defend it due to lack of promoters, I am very grateful to Mopao Entertainment for organizing the fight," the 30-year old fighter disclosed.

Unlike other boxers, Ngoma did not contest the results, saying he will prepare for a rematch.

Mgendera began his boxing

career in 2010, he had fought in 30 bouts and won 24, of which 11 were won by KO. He has lost six of them.

Ngoma began taking part in boxing three years ago and has stepped in the ring eight times.

The 20-year old Zambian's record stands at five wins (four KOs), and two defeats, after the defeat to Mgendera.

Despite losing to the Tanzanian fighter, Ngoma is, by many, considered as one of the most promising Zambian prospects on the scene.

In supporting fights, which took place in the day, Abdallah Luwanja defeated Hussein Ally Gobos by points while Kivu Abdi won by points against veteran boxer, Maisha Samson.

Haidari Mchanjo defeated Said Hussein by points, Hamza Mchanjo also beat Juma Abdallah by points.

## Waluguru Original Band ropes in two new dancers

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

MOROGORO'S music troupe, Waluguru Original, has roped in two new dancers in an effort to boost the band's quality.

The troupe is lately preparing to shoot videos for a section of tracks found in its new album, titled 'Kikao cha Wahenga', which was launched in August this year.

Deogratius David 'Killer Man', the band's Director, said they have hired two female dancers, Happy Gadau and Regina Filbert, who had in the past worked for renowned music bands based in Dar es Salaam.

"We have felt it necessary to boost our band with the acquisition of two new female dancers, whilst we are preparing to shoot videos for our tracks," he disclosed.

"We have roped in two new good, attractive dancers who will also feature in our videos."



Morogoro's Waluguru Original Band's dancers perform at one of the band's recent shows which took place in the region. PHOTO: SABATO KASIKA

David pointed out the 'Kikao cha Wahenga' album has such tracks like 'Morogoro Yetu', 'Mwanzo wa Mapenzi', 'Cha Kupewa', 'Ngalile Mwanangu

Ndole', 'Supu' and 'Nataka Nilewe'.

He said they will though start shooting videos for four of the songs. "Morogoro Yetu" is one of the four songs,

the song details attractions which are found in Morogoro which has captivating mountains," he said.

"Our band's dancers will be tasked with

showcasing their prowess in the videos," he disclosed.

He said since the new album's launch, they have been promoting it to music fans in various parts of the region whilst readying for the videos' shooting.

"The launch of our album was one of the strategies for seeing to it Morogoro regains the enthusiasm it had in dance music, which waned in the late 1970s," he disclosed.

David stated that Morogoro had, in the past, held sway in dance music at the domestic level, boasting of gifted dance musicians including Mbaraka Mwishehe and others.

Morogoro's passion for dance music later on waned and David noted he is now setting out to slowly have the region zealously embrace dance music.

## Dar artiste releases new song's video

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIA'S new genre music 'Bongo Flavour' artiste, Pamela Daffa, who is currently riding high in the country's music scene with her new song titled 'Mambeza', has introduced the track's video recently.

Pamela, popularly known as 'Pam D', disclosed she had earlier planned to do so last month but she failed to accomplish the initiative because of internet connection problem, which had engulfed the country.

The artiste noted she was forced to wait for the

restoration of the internet connection to get down to business.

Speaking prior to the release, she noted: "I believe the internet connection will be restored, therefore, I will use the opportunity to introduce the 'Mambeza' song and upload the video on YouTube," she noted.

She disclosed she has featured famous domestic Taarab musician, Patricia Hilary, in the song, which is currently enjoying much airtime in domestic radio stations.

Patricia had several years

back rose to fame with several songs, including the much popular 'Ewe Njiwa Peleka Salaam'.

Pamela noted since she began engaging in Bongo Flavour, she has been collaborating with the genre's various artistes with a view to getting different rhythms in her tracks.

She mentioned some of the musicians she has collaborated with in her songs as Jerry Boniface 'Mesen Seleka', who is also a music producer, Emanuel Elibariki 'Nay wa Mitego', William Nicholas 'Bill Nas' in Bongo Flavour genre, and famous dance musician

Christian Bella.

"I'm opting for the approach so that music fans can spot the difference in my songs' melodies," she noted.

"I'm not seeking to easily rise to fame, it is my own creativity aiming at offering better entertainment with varying melodies."

Pam D mentioned her song, which has seen her collaborate with Bella, as 'Ngoma Droo'.

She moreover disclosed the 'Ngoma Droo' song is currently winning popularity, despite the presence of the artiste new song 'Mambeza'.

"Some of lyrics found in the

'Mambeza' song are 'Umbea ulianza zamani tangu ningali mdogo, sasa nimekuwa name nawasema wambeya' (gossiping started many years back when I was a young girl, I'm now a grown-up person and I'm gossiping about the gossipers), the track's video has been completed," she disclosed.

The Bongo Flavour artiste had risen to fame in the genre with her songs titled 'Nimempata', 'Popo Lipopo' and 'NipeNono', which were produced by 'Mesen Seleka' and has helped her turn into one of famous artistes.



Bongo Flavour artiste, Pamela Daffa.



## 'No explanation' for Real's strange form - Zidane

MADRID

ZINEDINE Zidane said he has "no explanation" for Real Madrid's inconsistent form after they were beaten 2-1 at home by Alaves on Saturday to make it three games without a win in La Liga.

Madrid struggled from the start, with Lucas Perez scoring an early penalty and Eden Hazard forced off injured, before Joselu doubled Alaves' lead in the second half, and Casemiro grabbed a late consolation goal.

Zidane's team were beaten 4-1 at Valencia and drew 1-1 at Villarreal earlier this month but appeared to be back on track after an impressive 2-0 Champions League win at Internazionale in mid-week.

"We played a bad game, above all at the start, and we couldn't change it," Zidane said. "I'm the coach and I take the blame, as always ... We have to move on from this. We have another game on Tuesday. We played really well against Inter, and today we didn't. There are no excuses. We shouldn't single out one player or another."

"We couldn't change the dynamic within the game and that annoys me. Right now, consistency is the problem we have. We've had a lot of injuries too. We don't look for excuses, but it's the reality. The game we played three days ago in Milan, and then today ... I don't have an explanation."

Hazard was substituted after just 28 minutes, with what early reports suggest is a thigh injury, and will undergo further tests on Sunday.

"Right now we don't know exactly what he has," Zidane said. "I hope it's just a knock, as he said, and not a muscular injury. I hope so."

Hazard had only returned to action last weekend after testing positive for the coronavirus and before that was out for a month with another muscular problem.

His debut season at Real Madrid was heavily disrupted by injuries, with two ankle fractures restricting the Belgian international to just 16 La Liga appearances and one goal.

Madrid were already without senior players Sergio Ramos, Karim Benzema and Dani Carvajal for the Alaves defeat.

Their next two La Liga games are a tough away trip to top-four contenders Sevilla -- coached by former Madrid boss Julen Lopetegui -- followed by a derby with Diego Simeone's in-form Atletico Madrid.

(Agencies)

## Players are losing the joy of playing, says Man City's Guardiola

LONDON

MANCHESTER City manager Pep Guardiola said his players could not revel in their 5-0 victory over Burnley on Saturday as hectic match scheduling had sucked some of the joy out of the sport.

The novel coronavirus pandemic forced last season to finish late and this campaign to be condensed into a shorter period, with a chorus of club managers lamenting the relentless schedule that they believe has contributed to more player injuries.

City, who bounced back from last week's defeat by Tottenham Hotspur and moved up to eighth with the win against Burnley, travel to Porto for a Champions League game on Tuesday before facing Fulham in the Premier League on Saturday.

"The problem is the players lose the joy of playing football," Guardiola told reporters.

"Before it was nice playing once or twice a week with spectators. Now it's three days and then another one. We will travel to Porto to win, then prepare against Fulham."

City had netted just 10 times in their opening eight games before Saturday's victory and Guardiola said his forwards must deliver if they are to retain their spot in the team.

"The goals help us, of course. Gabriel Jesus has to score goals. Raheem Sterling when he plays has to score. They have to score more goals. That is why they are here. It depends on the players, their performance on the pitch," Guardiola said.

Meanwhile, Sheffield United manager Chris Wilder said he had every right to look out for the interests of his club after being described as "selfish" by his Liverpool counterpart Jurgen Klopp for opposing the reintroduction of five substitutes per game.

Klopp has repeatedly called on the Premier League to rethink its decision to stick with a maximum of three substitutes per game, and criticised broadcasters over hectic match scheduling that he thinks is leading to more player injuries.

The Liverpool boss stepped up his criticism after Saturday's 1-1 draw with Brighton & Hove Albion and took aim at Wilder, who had been critical of Klopp and other big club managers for demanding five substitutes be allowed again in the league.

The Blades are among the few clubs who have opposed five substitutes out of concern it benefits teams with bigger squads.

REUTERS

# Sport now pays tribute to Maradona with tears, applause, silence, banners and song

By Peter BERLIN

ON the first weekend of sporting action since the death of Diego Maradona, sports, leagues and teams round the world on Saturday paid tribute to the Argentine football great.

Those who knew or had played with or against Maradona, who died aged 60 on Wednesday, added poignant emotion to the commemorations often held in stadiums without fans.

In Valencia, former Argentina and Sevilla team-mate Diego Simeone, clapped during the minute's silence before his Atletico Madrid team won in the empty Mestalla.

In Liverpool, Everton manager Carlo Ancelotti, who faced Maradona in Serie A, teared up as the players clapped. Even without fans to spoil a silence the Premier League has opted for a minute's applause instead.

"He was my opponent and he became my friend," Ancelotti said on Friday.

Saturday's tributes started on a rugby pitch in Newcastle, Australia,



Paris Saint-Germain and Bordeaux players spelled out M for Maradona at the Parc des Princes. (Agencies)

lia, where New Zealand rugby captain Sam Cane laid an All Blacks jersey emblazoned with Maradona's name and shirt number, 10, in the centre circle ahead of the kick-off of the Tri-Nations international against Argentina.

The All Blacks then thrashed the Pumas.

"I think he is a legend to everyone, but in Argentina he was almost a god," said Puma coach Mario Ledesma.

In Italy, Germany, Spain, France and the Netherlands there was a minute's silence before

kick-off.

In Italy, where the players wore black armbands, an image of Maradona appeared on the giant screens during the minute of silence before kick-off.

When his image appeared again on stadium screens in the 10th minutes, Serie A games stopped as players stood and clapped for 60 seconds.

In England, Sergio Aguero was not involved for Manchester City in their 5-0 thrashing of Burnley, but Pep Guardiola confirmed that

was due to a small injury problem rather than the Argentine striker's close family connection to Maradona.

Aguero was previously married to and had a child with Maradona's daughter Gianinna.

Aguero posted a video of that tribute on Twitter with emojis of a heart and praying hands.

In 1986 Maradona scored twice to eliminate England in the World Cup. The first goal is known as the "Hand of God" and the second was FIFA's Goal of the Century.

During the minute's applause in Manchester, City played Maradona's second goal against England in Mexico on the big screens. On Friday the BBC broadcast the entire match.

- 'Adios' -

In France, players walked out to a recording of Maradona singing "La Mano de Dios" from Emir Kusturica's biographical film about the player. The French league also invited the players to form the letter "M" in the centre circle during the minute's silence.

Maradona produced a rare moment of harmony between Paris Saint-Germain and Marseille as both clubs hung banners saying "Adios".

At the Parc des Princes, the Argentine ambassador to France, Leonardo Constantino unfurled the national flag from the stadium roof.

Barcelona manager Ronald Koeman had said the best tribute was to "show what we can do on the pitch", and after Marseille's Argentine striker Dario Benedetto scored his first goal of the season in the win over Nantes, he celebrated by raising all 10 fingers.

In Huesca, the Sevilla team took the field wearing reproduction shirts from the season Maradona played with the club, all bearing his No.10 for the minute's commemoration as a tango, 'Mi Buenos Aires querido' played.

Maradona's other Spanish club, Barcelona, do not play until Sunday but in his press conference on Saturday, Koeman who faced Maradona once, during the Argentine's season in Sevilla said he was proud he "had the chance to play against him."

AFP

## 'Diego was unlucky in Barcelona,' says man who signed Maradona and Messi

BARCELONA

THE difference between Diego Maradona's difficult spell at Barcelona and Lionel Messi's triumphant reign at the club is largely down to luck, said the man who helped bring both Argentines to the Camp Nou.

"They are two very similar players. They are two number 10s. That is a position highly valued historically in Argentina," said Jose Maria Minguella. "The number 10 is the creator of the game, the one who collects the ball and somehow creates danger."

Minguella has been involved with Barcelona since the start of the 1970s and helped arrange the deals to secure not only the two Argentine stars but also a host of other players including such international stars as Romario and Hristo Stoichkov.

After a long courtship, he brought Maradona, aged 21, to Barcelona for a then world record fee of 7.6 million dollars in 1982. He was also involved in the deal that brought Messi to the club at the age of 13.

Remembering Maradona, who died on Wednesday aged 60, Minguella told AFP: "Diego was unlucky."

Maradona played for Barcelona from 1982-84, but his first season was cut short by hepatitis and in his second Athletic Bilbao defender Andoni Goikoetxea broke Maradona's left ankle.

When the two clubs met in the cup final at the end of the season, Maradona started a brawl that earned him a three-month Spanish ban. He then moved to Napoli, where he was



For Argentine fans, Diego Maradona and Lionel Messi, who both left for Barcelona, hold a special place. (Agencies)

adored.

"He was alone for two years, a serious injury and an illness deprived him of his explosiveness," said Minguella. "The explosion came in Naples."

Messi's experience has been much happier.

"Leo has been of a benchmark of Barcelona football," said Minguella. "He has shaped an era, won titles, broken records of all kinds."

"We could say that Leo has been the more successful in terms of trophies, but as far as players are concerned I don't notice any great differences between one and the other," Minguella said. "They are left-sided, a similar height and the only contrast is they played in different eras."

"In the time of Mara-

dona, the referees were much more permissive, all the teams had their warriors in the midfield and defence who in one way or another, would deprive opponents of the chance to show their

skills," Minguella recalls. "The power of the greatest players"

"And then there was also the condition of the ball, the quality of the boots, the playing fields, which are now real bil-

liard tables. Before players had to cope with water and mud.

"All this makes it a comparison very difficult, but I would say that they are players obsessed with their game,

with playing football, obsessive about tactics, obsessed with getting to the opponent's area as fast as possible and obsessive about scoring goals.

"They are two players who are not very expressive, but rather closed off. When you went on a trip with the team, the players would go out for walks on the morning of the game. Diego would stay in the room," he recalls.

"In this sense, he has a certain rapport with Leo in that they are withdrawn people," added Minguella.

He said both players needed time at a club: Messi at Barcelona and Maradona at Napoli.

"Leo has been much more effective because he has been here for many more years. The effect has been direct, very powerful. Diego didn't have this opportunity in Barcelona, because he left.

"Yet Naples went from being unknown to being at the top level in Europe. This is the power of the greatest players."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





# Yanga's head coach concerned by blunt attack

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Yanga forward, Ditram Nchimbi (R), negotiates his way past JKT Tanzania player when the teams met in a 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League (VPL) duel which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

**Y**ANGA may have extended their unbeaten streak to 13 matches in the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League (VPL), but head coach Cedric Kaze has admitted his side's blunt attack is worrying him.

They beat JKT Tanzania 1-0 in a VPL game, which

took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, and recorded the same results against Azam FC in the city on Wednesday.

Since edging out Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC 2-1 in Mwanza, Yanga have not scored more than once in a Vodacom Premier League game.

That is six games. They have also now gone over seven hours without a goal in an open play by a striker.

Yanga are winning games thanks to a solid defence and midfielders chipping in goals.

Against Namungo FC, midfielder Carlos Fernandes 'Carlinhos' netted for Yanga

in a duel, which ended in 1-1 draw.

Midfielder Deus Kaseke stepped up for Yanga against Azam FC and he repeated his heroics against JKT Tanzania.

Kaze bemoaned his side's lack of goals this season despite carving out enough goal scoring chances in games.

He disclosed: "We started the game well, with good transitions from defence to attack which allowed us to create at least three clear goal scoring chances. Unfortunately, we only scored once."

"In the first half, I did not like the way we defended. We easily allowed them to penetrate into our final third. We conceded many crosses. The second half was even tougher but we are glad we got the three points. It is not easy to earn three points. We need to work on other areas."

"Lastly, we have largely used the same players in the last eight days, I understand their fatigue. The important thing is we

are at the top of the table."

"Goal scoring is an issue. We missed three clear chances. We have to make an assessment whether the available players are good enough, make tactical changes or look for other new options who can make a difference."

"I believe we could have easily won our last three or four matches. These are games that we could have easily killed them earlier and avoid unnecessary pressure."

"Against Azam we could have scored more than one goal. Today we could have killed off the game very early but had pressure as the game continued and our opponents grew in confidence."

"We were worried over small things and ended up committing unnecessary mistakes. I absolutely admit this is an issue on our side."

Yanga will face high-flying Ruvu Shooting in their next league game at the Uhuru Stadium in the city on Sunday.

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## Samatta injured, set to miss action for four weeks

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S senior national soccer team skipper, striker Mbwana Samatta, who turns out for Fenerbahçe in Turkish Super League, will be sidelined for four weeks after he was injured in last week's Turkish Cup outing against Sivas Belediyespor.

Fenerbahçe disclosed the forward picked a flexion in the left medial ligament of the knee and a strain on the joint capsule.

Samatta played for 60 minutes in the Turkish Cup fixture against second-tier club, Sivas Belediyespor, on Tuesday, which ended in a 4-0 win for Fenerbahçe, nicknamed 'Yellow Canaries'.

He then underwent an MRI scan at the Acibadem Altunizade Hospital which indicated a strain on his joint and a flexion in the left medial ligament of his knee.

Manager, Erol Bulut, disclosed that the 'Taika Stars' skipper will be on the sidelines for three to four weeks.

"Samatta played 60 minutes in the match (against Sivas Belediyespor). We took him from the game thinking about the weekend game," Bulut said.

"I've already spoken to him. We took him out from the game without knowing his injury. Unfortunately, the results were not good. He will go through a three-four-week process regarding his injury."

Samatta, who is on a season-long loan with 'Yellow Canaries', has scored two goals in seven league appearances since he arrived from English Premier League outfit, Aston Villa, in September.

Bulut described the 27-year-old striker as an asset despite his struggles in front of goal, with his last effort dating back to October 3 when he scored a brace against Fatih Karagumruk.

Samatta will miss Fernabache's Turkish Super Lig big matches against Denizlispor and city derby against Istanbul Ba ak ehir, due to a knee injury and a strain on his joint capsule

The striker began his career as a youth player for Tanzanian club African Lyon in 2008. He turned professional in 2010 with Simba Sports Club.

He played for only half of the season before moving to DR Congo's TP Mazembe, spending a total of five years with them, initially becoming a first-team regular.

He was named the 2015 Africa-based Player of the Year and finished the season as the top goal scorer of the CAF Champions League, as he helped TP Mazembe clinch the title.

In January 2016, Samatta signed for Belgian side K.R.C. Genk, helping them qualify for the UEFA Europa League and win the Belgian Jupiler League in 2019.

Having finished the season as the top goal scorer of the Jupiler Pro League, he also won the Ebony Shoe award in Belgium for his outstanding season with Genk.

Before securing a loan move to his current club, in January 2020, he moved to Aston Villa, becoming the first Tanzania-born player to play and score in the English Premier League.

## Ngorongoro Heroes set sight on qualification for 2021 AFCON U-20 Championship finals

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S national U-20 football team 'Ngorongoro Heroes' head coach, Jamhuri Kihwelo, has said he is geared to help his team book a place in the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) U-20 Championship finals slated for next year in Mauritania.

Kihwelo, popularly known as 'Julio', said his charges are prepared to beat South Sudan in the semi-finals of this year's Council for East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) U-20 Championship, slated for today at Black Rhino Academy Stadium in Karatu, Arusha.

"The aim is to qualify for the AFCON U-20 tournament's finals which will be played in Mauritania, my charges are prepared for the game against South Sudan, after tomorrow (today)'s assignment we will concentrate on the finals but for now the focus is on the semi-final game," he noted.

Kihwelo also assured football lovers in Tanzania that he has rectified problems he had observed in his squad so as to ensure the team qualify for the AFCON U-20 tournament's finals next year.

"Our mission is not to win the title but rather to earn qualification for the AFCON U-20 tournament's finals. I believe that our game against South Sudan will be decisive as far as qualification for the AFCON U-20 tournament's finals is concerned," he disclosed.

"Right now, what we need is focusing and winning our Monday (today)'s game so as to once again take Tanzania to the AFCON finals. As such, we will play with much energy to make



Tanzania's national U-20 football team 'Ngorongoro Heroes' striker, Ben Starkie, jubilates after netting for the team in the CECAFA U-20 Championship's clash against Somalia played at Black Rhino Academy Stadium in Karatu, Arusha last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

sure that our target is reached," he said.

He also disclosed that his team's problem of conceding goals, despite posting big wins, is something he has worked on.

On Thursday, Ngorongoro Heroes thrashed Somalia 8-1. The Tanzania squad has scored 14 goals in two matches, forward Kelvin John's hat-trick was the second for Ngorongoro Heroes in the CECAFA U-20 Championship.

Ngorongoro Heroes' winger, Abdul Suleiman, netted the first hat-trick of the competition in the team's 6-1 demolition of Djibouti.

Ngorongoro Heroes lead Group A of the tournament after collecting six points, with Djibouti placed second with three points while Somalia remain without a point at the bottom of the table.

Meanwhile, Ngorongoro Heroes' skipper, John, has dedicated his Thursday hat-trick he netted against Somalia to

his late mother, whom he said passed away on the same day.

The Ngorongoro Heroes marched into the last four stage of the CECAFA U-20 Championship, also the regional qualifiers for AFCON U-20 Championship finals, courtesy of 8-1 win over Somalia.

he Thursday win was a second successive massive win by Ngorongoro Heroes in the competition following another heavy 6-1 triumph over Djibouti in their opening match.

Shortly after netting his first goal on the day on the 28th minute, John unveiled his inner shirt which had the printed words on the chest written 'Rest in Peace Mama.'

"Today (Thursday) is the day when my mother passed away, as such, I am happy to score the hat-trick because it is a great gift to her. Even though she is not with me physically, I know that spiritually, she is with me," he said.

## Ngorongoro Heroes play South Sudan in CECAFA U-20 Championship semis

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S national U-20 football team, Ngorongoro Heroes, will today afternoon take on South Sudan in the semi-final of the ongoing Council for East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) U-20 Championship at the Black Rhino Academy Stadium in Karatu, Arusha from 3:30 pm.

Ngorongoro Heroes made it to the stage after winning all of their group games against Djibouti and Somalia. In the first match against Djibouti they came from behind to comfortably win 6-1. Coastal Union's winger Abdulhamis Suleiman grabbed a hat-trick for Ngorongoro Heroes.

In the second game against Somalia, who boasted a squad full of diaspora talents, Ngorongoro Heroes' captain Kelvin John ran the show by scoring a hat-trick in his squad's 8-1 annihilation of the opponents.

Ahead of the showdown with South Sudan, Ngorongoro Heroes' head coach Jamhuri Kihwelo believes they have prepared well for the tie and have a chance to make history.

He disclosed: "Our aim is not only to qualify for the AFCON U-20 tournament finals but also win the CECAFA U-20 Championship title. The game against South Sudan will be decisive as far as qualification is concerned."

"We need to focus and win every game so as to once again take Tanzanians to the AFCON finals. As such, we will play with much energy to make sure that our target is attained," he said.

In the other semi-final, Kenya U-20 team, Rising Stars, will be up against their rivals Uganda in an early kick off at Black Rhino Academy Stadium, starting at 12pm.

South Sudan managed to register a 4-0 victory over Burundi to qualify for the semi-finals as the best second-best placed team in a group that also had Uganda. Uganda topped the group with four points, level with South Sudan but with a better goal difference.

Winners of semi-finals will automatically qualify for the AFCON U-20 tournament finals set for Mauritania between February and March next year.

West African side, Mali, are the current AFCON U-20 tournament champions whereas Nigeria are the most successful team with seven trophies in their cabin.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

