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## Shipping agents adamant on fees in pre-budget policy reaction

By Guardian Reporter

SHIPPING agents have appealed to the government to reinstate fees until late month charged on delivery orders (DO) but which since scrapped.

Local shipping agents used to charge the fees for the issuance of the documents to consignees, and the Tanzania Shipping Agents Association (TASAA) now says the government stands to lose some 1.5bn/- in value added tax (VAT) a year following the abolishment of the delivery order fees.

A delivery order is a document the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and inland container depots (ICDs) use in cargo release and clearance operations. It also helps port officials in identifying cargo for onward delivery to the people or institutions concerned.

Reacting to a news story published in this newspaper earlier this week, TASAA executive secretary Abel Uronu said: "Until



**He said consignees in Tanzania pay lower DO fees than elsewhere in East Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, citing Kenya (US\$70), Mozambique (US\$105), Ivory Coast (US\$75), Sudan (US\$75), Mauritius (US\$78), Gabon (US\$45), South Africa (US\$43) and Djibouti (US\$39.33)**

the abolishment in May, shipping agents were charging fees to the tune of US\$38 plus 18 per cent in value added tax (VAT) - which comes to a total of US\$45 - for each delivery order."

He appealed to the government, through the Works, Transport and Communications ministry, to reinstate the charges "because, apart from the fact that the government is now losing various taxes previously obtained from delivery orders, shipping agents will not be able to afford ship agency administrative costs and will find themselves losing both directly and indirectly in terms of employment".

Uronu explained that the taxes the government used to collect in DO fees include 1.3 per cent levy on gross operating revenue paid straight to the regulator, meaning the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC), city levy (0.3 per cent), maritime

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# Govt debt servicing to eclipse total salaries by 2.24trillion/-



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Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango brandishes the briefcase with the Government's draft Budget for financial year 2019/2020 shortly before tabling the estimates in the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: PMO

Out of estimated development funds 2.48 trillion/- is meant for construction of the Standard Gauge Railway, around 1.44 trillion/- for the construction of the Hydroelectric Power Project on Rufiji River, and 788.80 billion/- for other railway, water and rural energy agency (REA) funds

By Polycarp Machira and Henry Mwangonde,

Dodoma

OUT of the 33.1 trillion/- total budget funds around 20.86 trillion/- is set aside for recurrent expenditure, being 63.0 per cent of the total budget.

The recurrent budget includes 9.72 trillion/- for servicing government debt and 7.56 trillion/- for wages and salaries. In addition, 3.58 trillion/- is committed for other charges, including Sh 460.5 billion LGAs' expenditure from own sources.

In order to speed up implementation of infrastructure projects, the government plans to borrow 2.32 trillion/- from external non-concessional loan sources, Budget estimates show.

The loans are close to amounts expected from development partners who are expected to contribute 2.78 trillion/-, around eight per cent of the total budget.

Out of the amount, 2.31 trillion/- are grants and concessional loans for development projects, 199.5 billion/- are Sector Basket Funds and 272.8 billion/- are General Budget Support (GBS).

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Out of the amount, 3.46 trillion/- is for rolling

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## Arts, entertainment topping 2018/19 sector growth rates

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

ARTS and entertainment emerged top among a list of five sectors that largely aided Tanzania's economic growth which grew by 7.0per cent in 2018, being the second fastest in East Africa after Rwanda, the Finance and Planning Minister Dr Philip Mpango said yesterday.

He said Rwanda's economy grew at the rate of 8.6 per cent while Kenya and Uganda economies grew by 6.3 and 6.1 per cent respectively.

Presenting an overview of the state of the national economy in the National Assembly, the minister said the entertainment and arts sector grew by 13.7 per cent, seconded by construction which grew by 12.9per cent followed by transport and logistics at 11.8per cent.

Other sectors include professional undertakings, science and vocational activities which grew by 9.9 per cent, while information and communication activities grew in value by 9.1 per cent.

Agriculture, which commanded a 28.2 per cent share of the overall economy in 2018, grew by 5.3 per cent.

The government was able to meet most of its macroeconomic targets in 2018, with inflation going down to 3.5 per cent, the lowest in 40 years.

The low inflation rate was largely due to a bumper



harvest last season where 15.9 million tonnes of food crops were harvested against the country's requirement of 13.3 million tonnes.

"This means that we were food sufficient by 124 per cent," the minister noted.

On currency stability, Dr Mpango said the shilling remained stable, exchanging at an average of 2,300.9/- against the US dollar during the year ending April 2019.

That was a slight drop from an average of 2,270.3/- during the year ending April 2018, he stated.

"The stability of the local currency was largely on account of proper management of monetary policy, sound management of revenue and expenditure

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## Development projects to take up 37 per cent of total budget funds

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has set aside 12,248.6bn/- for the implementation of the National Development Plan for 2019/20, with 9,737.7bn/- expected to be collected from internal sources and 2,510.9bn/- borrowed or extended from external sources.

Tabling the National Economy Status-2018 and the National Development Plan 2019/20 in the National Assembly yesterday, minister for Finance and Planning Dr Philip Mpango said the amount takes up 37 per cent of the 2019/20 national budget.

He said that this rate is acceptable as it is in line with National Five Year Development Plan that sets between 30 and 40 per cent of the total budget for development projects.

Dr Mpango said that the government



plans to implement the development budget from different sources including revenue from taxes, loans and grants from development partners, partnership between government and the private sector, foreign direct

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Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary Doto James (3rd-L, front row), Bank of Tanzania Governor Prof Florens Luoga (to his right) and various other senior officials from the ministry and institutions under it seated in the Speaker's Gallery as Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango tabled the State of the National Economy for financial year 2018/2019 and the 2019/2020 National Development Plan in the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: National Assembly

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investments and international funds for climate change related actions.

The minister outlined five economic targets and goals for the 2019/20 fiscal year, led by accelerating economic growth pegged at 7.1 percent compared to 7.0 in 2018.

The plan also seeks to continue controlling the inflation rate at one digit between 3.0 and 5 percent as well as reaching tax revenue at 13.1 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2019/20 from 12.1 percent in 2018/19 estimates.

Government expenditure is expected to reach 22.7 percent of GDP in 2019/20 estimates while in current budget estimates including external support expenditure is expected to reach 22.3 percent of GDP, he said.

Strategic development projects for the 2019/20 are part of continued implementation of the National Five Year Development Plan stretched out from fiscal 2016/17 to 2020/21.

"The focus is to build an industrial economy that will stimulate employment and sustainable social welfare," he said, noting that under this objective, the government is pushing

for industries that use locally available raw materials.

Other development plan areas include improved agriculture, making easily available improved seeds and other inputs for farmers. The government will improve livestock reproduction farms and encourage proper use of technology, he stated.

On improving the country's investment climate, the minister told the House that projects to be implemented under this goal include renovating infrastructure in effort to simplify communication and transport.

Risks to the 2019/20 budget implementation likely to be encountered and grossly affect the budget were outlined, stemming from within and outside the country.

Internal risks include shortage of financial resources, lack of participation of the private sector, land ownership bottlenecks and ill adapted resolution to solve land occupancy conflicts, environmental degradation and cyber-security.

Significant external risks include regional and international economic turbulences, international conflicts and climate change, the minister added.

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over of maturing Treasury bills and bonds while 1.50 trillion/-, equivalent to one percent of GDP comprises new loans for financing development projects.

With 33.11 trillion budgeted funds set for the 2019/20 financial year, at least 23.0 trillion/-, being 69.6 percent will be from the domestic revenue including local government authorities (LGAs) own sources.

Out of the amount, the government plans to collect tax revenues amounting to 19.10 trillion/-, equivalent to 12.9 percent of GDP while non-tax revenue is estimated at 3.18 trillion/-, and revenue from LGAs own sources is estimated at 735.6 billion/-.

Further, in 2019/20, the government has set aside funds for local government elections in 2019 and the preparation of the general elections in 2020.

Development expenditure is estimated at 37.0 percent of the total budget, of which 9.74 trillion/- is from internal sources and 2.51 trillion/- from external sources.

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About 450.0 billion/- is slated for higher education students' loans and 288.50 billion/- was set aside for implementation of fee free education.

In addition, the government has allocated 600.0 billion/- for payment of verified arrears for public servants, service providers and contractors for roads, water and electricity projects.

On policy and strategies to increase revenues, the government intends to increase and strengthen domestic resource mobilization to finance government operations.

The government also intends to undertake policy and administrative measures like improving the business

environment with a view to attracting investments and promote the growth of small and medium scale enterprises so as to increase the tax base, the minister emphasized.

The measures include reviewing tax rates to promote localized production of industrial goods, and protecting local industries against unfair external competition.

The government also aims to focus on the culture of voluntary tax compliance, widening the tax base and using information and communication technology (ICT) integrated network in tax administration, strengthening tax laws to address challenges of improper levying of taxes, tax evasion and reducing revenue leakages.

On the same note, the government will continue to harmonize and adjust various levies and fees being charged by state agencies, institutions and local government authorities.

The government will continue

strengthening the capacity of TRA to detect and control tax evasion, especially through increasing manpower, modern working tools and training, he said.

Amendments were also proposed to the tax structure, including elimination of levies, rates and fees imposed under various laws and procedures, to promote economic growth particularly in the industrial sector, thus increasing employment opportunities and revenue.

The proposed amendments will cover the Value Added Tax Act (CAP 148), the Income Tax Act (CAP 332) and the Excise (Management and Tariff) Act (CAP 147).

Others include the Tax Administration Act (CAP 438), the Road Traffic Act (CAP 168), the East African Community Customs Management Act of 2004, the Budget Act (CAP 439), among others.

"The government has started

implementing the Blueprint for Regulatory Reforms to improve the business environment which was approved in 2017/18. The process has started by reviewing various levies and fees imposed by ministerial departments, agencies and regulatory authorities with a view to abolishing some, especially those which are double charged," the minister told MPs.

He proposed exemption of VAT on imported refrigeration boxes aimed at reducing production costs and promote modern horticultural farming.

He similarly proposed amendment of VAT to zero rate supply of electricity services from the Mainland to Zanzibar.

Abolishment of VAT exemption on sanitary pads was also proposed as the earlier decision did not facilitate availability of this essential product for targeted beneficiaries. Prices remained largely the same and the VAT benefits were pocketed by traders, he declared.

Amendment of the Road Traffic Act by extending the validity period for driving license from three years to five years and increase fees from the current 40,000/- to 70,000/- was also proposed.

New taxes were also slated for locally manufactured and imported wigs and hair extensions. Wigs manufactured locally will now be charged 10 per cent value in tax whereas imported ones will attract a 25 per cent tax charge.

The government also proposed to amend the Road Safety Act (CAP 168) in extending the validity period of drivers' licences from three to five years.

An increase in fee for vehicle registration to 50,000/- from 10,000/- was also set out while bajaj registration fees shift from 10,000/- to 30,000/- and motorcycles from 10,000/- to 20,000/-.

"This is meant to reduce costs used in printing new drivers' licences after every three years as the licences can last for more than five years," he emphasized.

## Agents adamant on abolishing of shipping delivery order fees

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education levy (0.3 per cent) and the 18 per cent VAT equivalent to US\$7 for each local delivery order issued.

"The scrapping of the DO fees will result in drastic fall in corporate tax in that the government collected corporate tax amounting to 2.0bn/- from 15 TASAA members last year," he said, adding that the government's intervention would make most shipping agents fail to operate.

Uronu argued that, while some other countries are charging DO fees per container, shipping agents in Tanzania charged consignees US\$38 plus VAT (18 per cent) "regardless of the number of containers or cars in the bill of lading".

He said consignees in Tanzania pay lower DO fees than elsewhere in East Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, citing Kenya (US\$70), Mozambique (US\$105), Ivory Coast (US\$75), Sudan (US\$45), Mauritius (US\$78), Gabon (US\$45), South Africa (US\$43) and Djibouti (US\$39.33).

He highlighted some of the reasons to why delivery order fees should be restored saying the document is used as a control mechanism, helps to reduce fraud since it identifies the customs agents, transfer the legal liability from the shipping line to the rightful owner of goods and safeguarding the interest of financial institutions.

"Without DOs the risk of loss of containers will be high resulting into increased claims thus making the port more expensive", he noted calling upon the regulator to rethink its decision as the removal of delivery order charges will lead into shipping agents incorporating the fees in freight rates the act of which our Government will be in disadvantage of not collecting

the VAT.

He further explained that, The TASAC board is misinformed of the fact that Tanzania could be going on obsolete way of releasing an Original bill of lading, in the current global Shipping practice, No single country on earth is working without delivery order due to the following reasons

According to Uronu, TASAA has already asked the Works, Transport and Communications ministry and the TASAC board of directors to reconsider the abolishment of DO fees which took effect the very day it was signed - May 27.

In a signed order, TASAC stated that it arrived at the recent decision after considering stakeholders' deliberations during a consultative meeting held in Dar es Salaam on January 23, 2018.

However, TASAA says that it was not given access to the minutes of the said meeting.

But TASAC argues that the DOs were issued by agents for their own convenience and should not be a source of income, adding that shipping agents have statutory sources of income as provided for under the Shipping Agencies Regulations, 2018.

The TASAC board insists that the release of import cargo should be done on the basis of original bills of lading and not otherwise.

Late last month the government, through TASAC, issued an order effectively scrapping delivery order fees with immediate effect.

In 2010, former regulator Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority (Sumatra) listed DO fees as permitted local shipping charges. It approved the charging of bill of lading fees, DO fees and amendment fees in respect of local shipping charges.



Members of The Guardian Limited's Editorial Department staff in Dar es Salaam follow Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango's televised tabling of the Government's 2019/2020 Budget Speech as beamed from the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

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of government funds and the use of natural gas in electricity generation which substituted the need for oil-powered generators," he elaborated.

The country had \$4.4 billion in foreign exchange reserves as of April

2019 which is enough import cover for four months, he stated.

Tanzania cemented its middle income status last year by raising its per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to \$1,090 thus crossing the threshold and remaining there, he said.

"The amount is equivalent to a per

capita GDP of Sh2.4m in 2018, up from Sh2.3m in 2017," he specified.

The country officially joined the group of lower middle income group of countries (MIC) in 2017 when its per capita GDP crossed the \$1,000 mark.

The World Bank Gross defines MICs as those countries whose Gross

National Incomes (GNIs) have at least crossed the \$1,006 mark.

The GNI measures all income of a country's residents and businesses, regardless of where it is produced whereas the GDP measures incomes of those within a country's boundaries irrespective of who produces it.



By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

## Govt released 184bn/- for contractors, MPs told

THE government has released 184bn/- in payments of debts to contractors, stating that all contractors in the country owed money will soon

be paid, the National Assembly heard yesterday. Deputy Minister for Works, Transport and Communication, Elias Kwandikwa told the lawmakers here yesterday that ministry

of Finance and Planning had already disbursed payments meant to clear contractors' debts.

He said there has been outcry on late delays to contractors undertaking the government projects but the situation had changed and now the government is doing all it takes to ensure no more delayed payments.

The deputy minister was responding to a supplementary question by the Rombo MP, Joseph Selasini (CHADEMA), who had wanted to know what the government was doing to pay debts owed to contractors that in turn cause delays in various projects.

"Most of the construction projects in the country are always slow with contractors citing late delay in payments and outstanding debts, what is the government doing to end the problem?" he asked.

The deputy minister maintained that the government was aware of the challenge, noting that it had started paying the contractors owed monies, informing the House of the recently released funds from the treasury.

Earlier in the basic question, the Special

Seats MP, Agness Marwa (CCM) had wanted to know when the Makutano, Sanzate to Natta road would be completed, arguing the construction has taken too long to be completed.

"When shall the road project be completed to end woes that people who use the road are facing?" she asked.

The deputy minister in response said the mentioned road is part of the Makutano Juu-Natta-Mugumu-Loliondo-Mto wa Mbu-Makuyuni road, stretching 437 kilometres.

He said some 50 kilometres from Makutano Juu to Sanzate is under construction at tarmac level by M/s Mbutu Bridge JV contractor at the cost of 50.4 billion/-.

Kwandikwa noted that the construction works began on 5th April, 2013 and was scheduled to end by 16th May, 2015 but the contractor was given more time until 28th February, 2019 to complete the road construction.

"Following various challenges including change of the design, late payments and a lot of rains forced the project to stall for a long time," he said.

He told the National Assembly that the contractor requested for more time to be able to complete the project in January, 2020.



Capt (rtd) George Mkuchika (R), Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), in tête-à-tête with Mbeya Urban legislator Joseph Mbilinyi alias Sugu in the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: National Assembly

## Private sector credit growth under spotlight

By Henry Mwangonde

CREDIT growth to the private sector has increased from 0.8 per cent during the year ending April 2018 to 10.6 per cent during the year ending April 2019, projecting a brighter future for the country's economic outlook, thanks to government initiatives.

Finance and Planning Minister Dr Philip Mpango announced this yesterday here when he presented the statement on the state of the national economy in the National Assembly.

Dr Mpango said the country's economy's future remains bright after an improvement in commercial banks' credits to the productive sectors which had been facilitated by several measures by the government during the past months with a view to stimulating liquidity in commercial banks to spur growth of credit to

the productive sector.

According to him, the measures have had a positive impact on the operations of commercial banks and the economy at large.

In March 2017, the BoT cut the minimum reserve ratio required of commercial lenders to eight percent from 10 per cent in a move to reduce costs of borrowing and stimulate economic growth.

In August 2017, the BoT also revised downwards its discount rate from 12 to nine per cent before lowering it further to seven per cent in August 27, 2018.

The move was meant to lower commercial banks' lending rates for the benefit of the final consumer.

"The increase in the rate of credit growth to the private sector was largely on account of the various initiatives that the government was taking to improve the business environment and

a sound management of the monetary policy," he said.

He however said that personal loans remain the highest recipient of commercial banks' loans, accounting for 28.8 per cent of total loans extended, Dr Mpango said.

Trading activities came second, with an 18.5 per cent share of credit extended by commercial banks to the private sector while the manufacturing sector came third, taking up 11.3 per cent.

According to Dr Mpango, the liquidity in the economy was good last year, with broad money in circulation (M3) increasing by 4.9 per cent to reach Sh25.6 trillion as of April 2019, from Sh24.4 trillion as of April 2018.

The increase was largely on account of the adoption of electronic money transfer services which have significantly reduced the need for one to travel with hard money.

## EACA appoints Dr Mduma commissioner

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S Fair Competition Commission (FCC) director general, Dr John Mduma has been appointed Commissioner for the East African Competition Authority (EACA).

A press statement from the EAC stated that the swearing in ceremony was conducted by the Counsel of the Community, Dr. Anthony Kafumbe during the recent EACA meeting in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking on behalf of the Secretary General, Amb Liberat Mfumukeko, the Counsel to the Community, Dr. Kafumbe commended the Commissioners for their commitment to the EAC competition agenda and noted that their work is critical in regulating mergers and acquisitions, and handling issues of market dominance and protection of consumer welfare in the Community.

He recalled that section 42 of the Competition Act gives the Competition Authority power to among others, investigate and compel evidence, hold hearings and issue binding decisions.

"Given such a broad mandate, the work of the Commissioners is in many respects confidential and sensitive. Accordingly, it requires a high degree of impartiality, independence and integrity", he asserted.

He congratulated Dr Mduma on his appointment

as the Commissioner of the 38th extra-ordinary meeting of the Council held in January, 2019, and said that it was a requirement of the Community Law that before a Commissioner commences duties, he or she must take an Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Secrecy.

The chairperson of the Commissioners, Dr Didas Kayihura highlighted some of the milestones so far recorded that include, among others, preparing proposals to amend the EAC Competition Act; the preparation of the Authority's first Strategic Plan 2019/2020 - 2023/2024 and the implementation of the some of the activities in the strategic plan.

Dr Kayihura further noted that the EAC Competition Law was intended to facilitate trade within the EAC region by regulating anti-competitive conduct of the members in the Community.

by firms as a result of intensified regional integration.

He noted that the Authority's mandate will be better executed where

all partner states have functional competition agencies.

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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

# Govt reiterates plans to build police stations countrywide

IN efforts to increase security in the country, the government plans to build police stations in every division and wards in the country, deputy minister for Home Affairs, Hamad Masauni told the august House yesterday.

He said the aim is to ensure that people, especially rural residents get easy access to services from the police office stations in time of need.

The deputy minister also noted that there is increased population in the rural areas which need increase of economic activities and other services call for beefing up security.

Masauni (pictured) was responding to a question from Mtera MP, Livingstone Lusinde (CCM) who had

wanted to know if the government had any immediate plans to build major police station in Mtera constituency, more specific at Mvumi Mission, to help reduce crimes in the area.

Lusinde also noted that there is need to have police patrol vehicle in the region to help provide support in case of emergencies such as accidents.

"When shall the government provide the vehicle to police at Mvumi Mission

to be able to intervene as quickly as possible in case of emergencies along the Dodoma-Mtera road?" asked Lusinde.

In response, the deputy minister said the government was aware of the challenges mentioned by the MP, adding that plans are underway and soon there will be a police station as he had requested.

Meanwhile, the government is in the

process of categorising road offences fines for passenger motorcyclists, commonly known as boda boda and those for lorries and trucks, Masauni said yesterday.

He was responding to a question by Musoma Urban MP Vedastus Manyinyi (CCM) wanted to know what the government was doing to reduce accidents among boda boda cyclists.

The lawmaker had argued that

boda boda business had opened opportunities for youth in the country to economically empower themselves but were faced with serious risks and also exposed to accidents.

Masauni noted that there are three main causes of road accidents in the country, citing human errors or negligence as the leading with 76 per cent of all road accidents, unroadworthy vehicle conditions at 16



per cent and road conditions trailing at eight percent.



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Amref Health Africa is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) whose mission is "to improve the health of people by partnering with and empowering communities and strengthening health systems". Amref Health Africa has over 1000 employees throughout Africa with its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. Amref Health Africa has offices in Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and South Africa, Malawi, Zambia, South Sudan and Senegal and a number of offices in Europe and North America for fundraising.

Amref Health Africa-Tanzania is largely supported by Multilateral, Bilateral and National donors, implementing several programmes including HIV/AIDS/TB/Malaria, Reproductive, Maternal, New-born and Child Health, Water and sanitation, e learning programme and clinical outreach. Amref Health Africa -Tanzania has the following vacancy:

**VACANCY POSITION: PROJECT OFFICER (Ustawi wa Mwanamke Project)**

**LOCATION: DAR ES SALAAM**

**REPORTS TO: PROGRAM MANAGER FOR CAPACITY BUILDING**

### JOB OBJECTIVES

To coordinate the Ustawi wa Mwanamke Project that comprise of a lead partner and three sub grantees under the Capacity Building Program.

### SCOPE OF JOB

The Ustawi wa Mwanamke Project Officer will have the following roles and responsibilities:

- Facilitate day to day communication between the prime grant recipient and sub grantees
- Prepare and share programs for joint activities between the consortium partners
- Secretary to the meetings/ activities that bring together the consortium partners
- Prepare tools to be used for joint activities between the consortium partners
- Biannually receive the sub recipients' technical and financial reports and prepare the project's technical and financial reports
- Organize and call for joint activities including supportive supervision as well as joint field visits
- Monitor, evaluate and document project progress
- Coordinate and maintain records for project steering committee meetings
- Participate in developing concept notes and project proposals for Capacity Building Program

### KEY DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES/KEY RESULTS AREAS (KRAS)

- Monitoring of projects**
  - Take lead in monitoring implementation of Ustawi wa Mwanamke Project
- Planning**
  - Develop budget for the coordination activities of Ustawi wa Mwanamke Project
  - Prepare the work plan for the Ustawi wa Mwanamke Project
  - Lead the execution of the coordination activities
- Organising**
  - Proactively work with sub grantees to prepare project implementation/ performance data
  - Work with sub grantee organizations to organize for the joint activities including information sharing meetings
- Reporting**
  - Receive implementation reports from sub grantees and prepare joint project implementation report
  - Share with sub grantees a feedback on implementation reports
- Advocacy**
  - Collect and prepare project implementation successes, challenges and share them in different meetings
  - Capture lessons learned and best practices, document and disseminate the information. Also, assist partner organizations in development of presentations, abstracts, articles, etc.
- Research**
  - Actively participate in end of project evaluation
- Information Management**
  - Keeping data for optimal management of information
- Liaisons**
  - In consultation with Program Manager CB, liaise with internal and external contacts for ensure follow-up and execution of planned activities.
  - This includes but is not limited to Amref Health Africa staff, sub grantees
- Budget Control**
  - Execute project coordination activities within the budget line

### QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE-

- Bachelor degree in Public Health, Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation or equivalent.
- Skills and experience in using data to inform decision making, planning, resource allocation and other strategic initiatives, preferably in Tanzania.
- Proficiency in evaluation design, development of indicators and targets.
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- At least 3 years working experience in health related organization /institution.
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Form 360b

## THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSING AGENCY

Notice of Appointment of Liquidator: Voluntary Winding-Up: for insertion in Gazette  
Pursuant to section 360 of the Companies Act 2002

Company Number

20255

Company Name (in Full)

IAMGOLD (TANZANIA) LIMITED  
DAR ES SALAAM

Type of Liquidation

[members'] [creditors'] MEMBERS

Address of Registered Office

P.O BOX 71711

DAR ES SALAAM

Liquidator(s)

name (s)

PAUL CLEMENCE MUSHI

Liquidator (s)

Address (es)

OAS BUILDING, ADJACENT TO  
BENJAMIN WILLIAM MKAPA TOWERS  
AZIKIWE STREET-DAR ES SALAAM

Date of appointment

23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2019

By whom appointed

IAMGOLD(TANZANIA)LIMITED

Signed..... Date 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS PAUL CLEMENCE MUSHI  
(by each liquidator if more than one)

Signed..... Date 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS PAUL CLEMENCE MUSHI

## IAMGOLD (T) LIMITED

R.N. 20255

### COMPANIES ACT 2002-SECTION 333(1)(b)

### RESOLUTIONS OF IAMGOLD (T) LTD PASSED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2019

At the Extra-Ordinary Annual General meeting of the Shareholders of IAMGOLD (T) LIMITED duly convened and constituted and held in the Company's office in Dar Es Salaam on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019 the following Special Resolution was unanimously passed:

#### 1. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

"Upon ceasing Mining Exploration in Tanzania since 2009 and upon motion from the Chairman that it was desirous to dissolve the company following discontinuation of the Mining Exploration activities, it was unanimously resolved that the company be and is hereby put under Voluntary Wind-up in order to de-register the Company".

#### 2. ORDINARY RESOLUTION-APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR

"IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Mr. Paul C. Mushi-FCPA, LLB-Managing Partner-Paul Clem & Associates. P.O. Box 4082, Dar es Salaam, be and is hereby appointed as liquidator for carrying out the Voluntary Members Wind-up Process.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPIES  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

*Paul Clemence Mushi*  
CHAIRMAN

*Craig MacDougall*  
DIRECTOR / SECRETARY



# Plans in the offing to renovate Kibaha folk college, says govt

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to renovate Kibaha Folk Development College (KFDC). The institution which was established 1964 is in dire need for facelift, the House heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office, Mwita Waitara said the envisioned rehabilitation will be implemented in accordance with availability of funds.

He said the ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training through the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) carried an evaluation for the renovation at the KFDC.

Waitara told the lawmakers that in addition to the government efforts, the institution prepared a project proposal, requesting funds from the government of Netherlands which eventually provided equipment worth 70 million/- that helped reduce shortage of learning equipment.

The deputy minister said this in response to a question from Special Seats MP, Mary Muro (CHADEMA) who argued that the institution was in serious need of renovation.

"What are the plans to improve the learning environment at KFDC for it has dilapidated equipment and poor infrastructures?" she asked.

Deputy minister explained that KFDC was established in 1964, by then known Farmers Training Centre under sponsorship from the government of Norway through the Tanganyika Nordic

Project.

He said after it was handed over to the government of Tanzania in 1970, the name was changed to Kibaha Education Centre under KFDC.

In 1975 when folk colleges were established, the institution was named FDC under the ministry of Education and it is one of such 55 colleges in the country.

"It is true, the institution has not been renovated for a very long time but through own sources of revenues, it has been partially rehabilitated," said the deputy minister.

Meanwhile, the government yesterday stated that it has no plans to pay salaries to village chairpersons, saying they are not in the government category of employment according to the regulations.

The deputy minister, Waitara said despite the good work being done by the local authority leaders, their remunerations are payable by the district councils as they hold elective positions.



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Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Lake Victoria zone head Francis Mihayo addresses communications stakeholders in Mwanza yesterday. The meeting was meant as an exchange of ideas and experiences between the agency and selected members of the public. Photo: Correspondent Elizabeth Faustine

By Guardian Reporter

# Kili Africa Youth's Connect Safari Summit launched in Dar

THE 'Kili Africa Youth's Connect Safari Summit' which will bring together top 100 influential African youths from different digital oriented business backgrounds across the continent to network with Tanzania was launched in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

The Africa to Tanzania tourism promotional initiative will see the youths climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and visiting Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park, as the most unforgettable tourism destination in Africa.

The official launch of the summit was

graced by Ernest Mwamaja, the Tanzania Tourist Board's Director of Marketing, and featured two Africa influential youth personalities from Nigeria, Omololu Shomuyiwa and Antoinette Lecky, who are Big Brother Africa Nigeria 2018 semi-finalists.

Speaking during the event, Jane Mhina, the chief summit coordinator, said the summit will involve influential youths from digital oriented business backgrounds like bloggers and those

from online televisions and social media in general around the continent.

She said the summit, which will be hosted and managed by Hotspot Media Group and Travelstart Tanzania, is aiming at promoting tourism and to unite youths by inviting them for meetings and then having opportunities of visiting our national parks.

"We have here Omololu Shomuyiwa and Antoinette Lecky from Nigeria as some of Africa influential youth

personalities. They are Big Brother Africa Nigeria 2018 semi-finalists. But we expect to have more influential youths from other parts of the continent who could come and promote our tourism.

"We are requesting tourism stakeholders to be part of this great Tanzania tourism destinations promotional summit by offering support towards successful execution of the actual event which is scheduled to take place during

the month October 2019," said Mhina.

On his side, Mwamaja praised the initiative of promoting tourism through digital and said the Tanzania Tourism Board will play big part in preparations of the summit and when the youth will be visiting the country.

"Last year the country received more than 1.5 million tourists and we are expecting to receive more than two million this year. Through influencers with big base of fans and followers in

social media promoting our tourism, I am sure we will have a big number of people thinking about visiting our tourism attractions," said the TTB's director of marketing.

"We already have tourists from Europe, America and Asia, now we also need tourists from Africa. Serengeti and Ngorongoro will reach 60 years this year and it will be a good opportunity for the youths to visit the country."

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# UTSS urges the govt to enhance security for people with albinism

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE mother of a six-year-old girl with albinism has pleaded to the government to enhance security for people with albinism. Agnes Joseph made the appeal following the abduction of her child, Debora Joseph (6) in 2017. Debora was found alive after few days following efforts by security organs and the villagers.

She was speaking at a press conference here organised by the international charitable organisation that promotes the wellbeing of persons with albinism, Under the Same Sun (UTSS). Officials from the organization are in Morogoro Region to educate residents from various wards on how to protect albinos and their rights.

"My daughter was abducted in 2017 while playing at home, she was later found alive following efforts by the villagers and security organs", said

Agnes, a resident of Magoweko village.

She added that the government should step up protection for to people with albinism.

She said that sometimes she cannot travel with her daughter over fears of her security, insisting on provision of public education that albinos are normal human beings who deserves the right to live.

Nyarutanga village chairman, Said Masongela appealed to the organization and the government to provide humanitarian support to an old man with albinism, Nasoro Msingili (69) who was attacked and his arm chopped by unknown people in March 10, 2017.

Under the Same Sun Training Officer, Kondo Sefu said they are educating the community on the rights of the people living with albinism. He said in Morogoro Region the educational programmes were conducted at Nyarutanga, Gairo and Morogoro-

Urban.

The organization's law officer, Maduhu Wiliam said the suspect who abducted Debora was discovered to have mental problems, and that he is now hospitalized at the Mirembe national psychiatric hospital in Dodoma.

Tanzania has made noticeable headway in the fight against mistreatment and killings of albinos happening in 26 countries across the world, a move that has attracted quests from different nations to come and learn on how government, communities and albinos in general have dealt with the problem.

International Albinism Awareness Day was this year celebrated on national level in Morogoro Region.

The UN proclaimed with effect from 2015, 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day calling for the prevention of attacks and discrimination against persons with

albinism.

People with albinism face multiple forms of discrimination worldwide. Albinism is still profoundly

misunderstood, socially and medically.

The physical appearance of persons with albinism is often the object of erroneous beliefs and myths influenced

by superstition, which foster their marginalization and social exclusion. This leads to various forms of stigma and discrimination.



With people in need of their services nowhere to be seen, porters take a nap outside Dar es Salaam's Ubungo Bus Stand yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## TANZANIA INVESTMENT CENTRE (TIC).



### INVITATION TO THE TANZANIA CASHEWNUTS FORUM

On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, The Tanzania Investment Centre is pleased to invite you to the Tanzania Cashew nuts Forum in Mtwara, to be held on July 12 – 13, 2019, under the patronage of His Excellency the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. John Pombe Magufuli.

The Forum will take place at the Bank of Tanzania Conference Hall in Mtwara Branch, and aims to attract potential investors from outside Tanzania as well as domestic investors interested in establishing cashew nuts processing projects as well as industrial parks in Tanzania and more specifically in Lindi and Mtwara regions.

Tanzania is among the World's largest producer of Raw Cashew Nuts (RCN), whereby during 2017/18, it realized a total production of RCN of 313,826 Metric Tons – but about 90% of cashew nuts exported in their raw form owing to the country's low processing capacity.

The Program format includes: Presentations from Senior Government Officials, Expert and Practitioner talks that will also include, networking, One-to-one business and development partnership negotiations, exhibition sessions, Business field tours and optional excursions. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn from extraordinary nationally and internationally acknowledged speakers. The Forum will engage business investment institutions operating in the cashew nuts sub-sector - to showcase the following opportunities:

- Adding value to raw cashew products through processing:
  - Nuts (kernels) into various products
  - Cashew apples into juices and liquors
  - Cashew shells squeezed into saleable liquids
- Investing into new cashew farming/plantations and provide extension services so as to increase productivity and total tonnage:
  - Opening new, large scale cashews' plantations in Tanzania
  - Provide agronomic extension services to improve cashews productivity from the current 0.3 MT/year to the real potential of 1.0 MT/year
- Investing into the production and supply of cashews' machinery/equipment/spare parts:
  - Local manufacture of machinery or equipment to process nuts, cashew apples and cashew shells
  - Manufacture of spare parts.
- Construction of industrial parks and development of cashew processing industrial zones.
- Investment in other related areas.

The Forum will be an opportunity for international private investors to (i) meet with the highest government authorities; (ii) identify and seize business opportunities; (iii) create partnerships with local economic operators.

We thank you for your interest and we look forward meeting you at the Forum in Mtwara. To confirm your participation, please register your name through <http://tic.go.tz/registerOnline>.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
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By Guardian Reporter

The National Environment Management Council (NEMC) yesterday started a search for illegal producers of carrier bags that have not been approved by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards, NEMC Director General Samuel Gwamaka told a seminar of journalists in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

"Tomorrow we shall conduct a street-to-street search of illegal producers of carrier bags that do not meet TBS standards. Indeed it has come to our knowledge that some foreign traders have ignored the ban and are producing banned carriers against the Environmental Management Act 2004 and its regulations. Violators of the ban

## NEMC conducting search for illegal producers of bad plastic carrier bags

will be arrested and the law will take its course on culprits," he warned.

Dr Gwamaka said the law is very clear on the ban from producers to the end users of the carriers, explaining that producers and importers of the banned carriers will be fined ten million/-. He emphasised that every prospective producer of plastic carriers must get approval of the TBS without fail.

The DG explained that all legal plastic bags carry TBS labels, adding that the council has spotted bags without TBS labels that are in circulation. "The council will take action against illegal producers of carriers that have not

been approved by the TBS irrespective of their race, religion and their country of origin," he emphasised.

The countrywide search of law breakers starts with Dar es Salaam Region and will progressively cover other parts of the country, he said.

Dr Gwamaka said NEMC was thankful to Tanzanians for observing the ban. "We thank Tanzanians for voluntary compliance of the law. The ban has been effectively abided to without having the government to use force," he said.

The ban of plastic carriers became effective on the first day of this month.

## Girl students in Kisarawe lack female teachers to discuss menstruation, female matters with

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo,

Kisarawe

WARD councilors in Kisarawe District, Coast Region have suggested for the government to allocate at least one female teacher at both primary and secondary schools so that they provide necessary assistance to girls to improve their health.

This came after concerns that most of the schools lack female teachers, making girls uncomfortable to share some of the matters related to their health and menstruation period.

The councilors gave the advice here when speaking during the full council meeting held at the district headquarters in Kisarawe town on

Wednesday.

Kisarawe District Council Chairman, Hanisi Dikupatile said the councilors have resolved that the allocation should be implemented before the schools re-open for second semester.

"The government should allocate female teachers to every school in the district to reduce problems that face schools girls especially during their menstruation period", he said noting that selected teachers should be trained on how to handle such matters as well as guarding the children at schools.

The district administrative secretary, Mtela Mwampamba urged the district council to complete all the district development projects before the fund provided by the central government

for implementation of projects in the 2018/2019 financial year expires.

He warned that if the funds are not spent before end of this fiscal year in June 30th, 2019 will be returned to the treasury.

According to Mwampamba, the funds were allocated for construction of classrooms, dormitories, dining halls, teachers' houses and health centers.

"All the funds given by the government are supposed to be spent by end of this June. It is unfortunate that most of the projects are incomplete and monies have yet being spent", he said adding that once returned to the treasury, the district will have to wait for budget allocations in the 2019/2020 financial year.

By Guardian Reporter

AIR Tanzania Corporation Limited (ATCL) yesterday issued three free tickets to three people who won quiz competition which was running through social media.

## Three win free tickets to South Africa in competition by ATCL

The three winners will fly to Johannesburg, South Africa on June 28, this year, when the national carrier

is expected to inaugurate its new route to the south African nation.

The winners were identified as Augustine Rutasingwa, Habibi Luzinga and Jeff Nzigo.

Speaking at the function to hand over the free tickets for the winners in Dar es Salaam, ATCL marketing manager, Christina Tungaraza said the competition through social media started in May and concluded June 13, this year.

"The competition is aimed at promoting our new route," she said, adding that in order to win free tickets, winners were required to answer various questions that were being asked by the team through social media.

The official said that the ATCL's ticket costs are now promoted from June 28 to July 15, so Tanzanians and businessmen are encouraged to use this opportunity.

One of the winners, Habib

Luzinga who is a medical student, said: "This is my first time to go to South Africa. I commend ATCL for coming up with this new idea."

"I had a dream to go abroad but I did not know if it would be so fast so I urge Tanzanians to support the government's efforts to revive the airline company," he said.

Augustine Rutasingwa, another winner, said: "I am happy to get this chance, this will be the second time for me to visit South Africa. I was just trying, I didn't know whether I would win."

**This is my first time to go to South Africa. I commend ATCL for coming up with this new idea**

## Jipatie Maji ya Kunywa ya Kilimanjaro kwa Bei Elekezi za Rejareja kama Ifuatavyo:-

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Sumbawanga district administrative secretary Christina Mzena cuts a ribbon to launch a Tigo 4G tower on Wednesday. Looking on are members of the mobile phone service provider's staff. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Grants from AECF shore up 71 private firms in the country

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) has committed to support the country's private sector with \$ 60 million (137.8bn/-) to empower 71 firms which will in-turn improve the welfare of 1.7 million rural people.

Speaking to journalists yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the first investment forum organised by the AECF, the fund's director for strategy and partnership, Pauline Mbayah said Africa is the next investment frontier hence the need to identify investment opportunities in agribusiness and renewable energy.

"Africa economies offer tremendous opportunities in agribusiness and renewable energy with small and medium enterprises (SMEs) rapidly growing in number. The SMEs present an excellent investment opportunity with relatively modest returns," she explained.

Mbayah said that AECF is happy to be part of transformation in Africa especially in Tanzania. She commended the government for playing a vital role in creating an enabling environment for business in the country.

"The fund to Tanzania private sector is part of the catalytic funding (grants and interest free loans) to private companies which will influence positive impact on rural communities in the country and the entire sub-Saharan Africa," she added.

"We recommend that the government continues to dialogue with private sector and investors since they are the key partners in the country's development agenda," said the director.

AECF Manager, Gerald David said according to World Trade Organisation

(WTO), the private sector accounts for 90 percent of all jobs in the developing world, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) account for majority of these jobs.

"Despite the important role they play, SMEs cite access to capital as a major hindrance in their operations," he said.

He added that the forum has so far raised over \$ 356 million, with the investment portfolio of 268 businesses, leveraged \$ 658 million and impacted the lives of 17.5 million people across 26 countries in Africa.

According to the International Finance Corporation (IFC) it is estimated that Africa's finance gap for small and medium enterprises stands at \$ 33 billion.

David noted that enterprises are often unprepared and ill-equipped to access the capital that is available. He said that competent business service providers also face unattractive economies in serving low end companies as transaction costs are high.

David elaborated that progress has been made but the challenge is growing fast, despite the availability of impact investing in sub-Saharan Africa, some of that capital still struggles to be matched to investing enterprises.

He said the landscape is also changing and more opportunities are lining up for SMEs in Africa.

According to doing business report 2019 by the World Bank, sub-Saharan Africa leads with the highest number of business reforms.

On average, it now takes 21 days to start a new business in the region compared with 61 days in 2003 when the publication was first published.

By Guardian Reporter

## Netherlands Embassy, Dar firm launch awards for youth agricultural projects across Tanzania

THE Embassy of the Netherlands in partnership with a Dar es Salaam-based firm—Transcend yesterday launched Tanzania Youth Awards for Agro-Excellence aimed at identifying the best performing, youth-led agricultural projects across the country.

Speaking at the official launch of the unique awards, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Tanzania, Jeroen Verheul said the idea is meant to build interest in the agricultural sector for the youth, and to encourage and build up a culture of youth who will venture into agriculture as a business and not as a last resort.

"Agriculture is the largest employer in Tanzania, employing 75 percent of the population but youth participation

in the sector is minimal. Young people are abandoning the fields in search of blue and white-collar jobs in big cities," he said, adding:

"The situation looks even more challenging when you take into account the estimated population growth. It's key to expanding opportunities and investing in youth in the area of agriculture to positively impact employment. The sector is dominated by smallholder farmers.

"...youth are losing interest in agriculture, that's why the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands supports the Tanzania Youth Awards for Agro-Excellence to highlight opportunities

and potentials of youth-led agriculture enterprises to move away from subsistence farming to farming as an agribusiness," he said.


"Recognizing these youth, draw attention to agriculture projects will honour the hard work and creativity of these youth, draw attention to agriculture as an area of employment and innovation and provide a platform for sharing information on successful practices with others in the field, especially among the youth," he said.

According to him, the award winners will have the opportunity to connect with private companies, including Dutch agro-based companies


specializing in seed supply, marketing, import/export, technology and agro logistics focus on young people with projects on potatoes, horticulture and poultry.

For his part, Transcend managing partner, Dr Bonus Caesar said the project will run in three stages—identification, national competition and award event in Dar es Salaam in August, this year and following the award event, winners, who will be supported with different stakeholders.

He said that 36 projects are in horticulture, potatoes and poultry farming, whereby 12 agro-entrepreneurs will be involved in the awards.



**Request for Expression of**  
**Project Management Consulting (PMC) / M&E Agency**  
**For "Enhancing the Quality of Secondary School Education through a holistic approach, Zanzibar, Tanzania (EQSSE-Z)" Project**



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**Bidding NO: KOICA-TZ-EQ-1**

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Tanzania Office invites foreign and local eligible Bidders for Project Management Consulting/M&E Agency for "The Enhancing the Quality of Secondary School Education through holistic approach in Zanzibar (EQSSE-Z), Tanzania".

**Description**

**1. Bid Title:** Project Management Consulting (PMC) / M&E Agency for Enhancing the Quality of Secondary School Education through a holistic approach, Zanzibar, Tanzania (EQSSE-Z) Project

**2. Brief of Bid**

- ① Project Management Consulting (PMC)
- ② Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

<b>Bid Title</b>	Project Management Consulting (PMC) / M&E Agency for Enhancing the Quality of Secondary School Education through a holistic approach, Zanzibar, Tanzania (EQSSE-Z) Project
<b>Summary of Services</b>	Project Management Consulting (PMC) and Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E)
<b>Duration</b>	40 months
<b>Estimated Price</b>	USD 810,997.00 (VAT exclusive)

**3. Contract Conditions**

- Maximum contract Period: 40 months
- Contract Currency: USD
- Performance Security: required in the amount of 15% of the contract value

**4. Bid Type:** Open Competitive Bidding (International Tender)  
 - Language of Proposal: English

**5. Selection of the Successful Bidders:** Selection by Negotiation

**6. Collection of Bidding Document:** A complete set of Bidding documents may be obtained by at KOICA Tanzania Office website ([https://www.koica.go.kr/tza\\_en/index.do](https://www.koica.go.kr/tza_en/index.do)).

**7. Submission of Bidding Document:** The Bidder should submit the bidding document to KOICA Tanzania Office

**a) Pre-bidding Document**

[\*to be submitted to KOICA Tanzania Office 10 days before the bid closing date]

- i. Application for Registration
- ii. Expression of Interest

**b) Bidding Document**

- i. Form of Bid
- ii. Technical Proposal
- iii. Financial Proposal
- iv. Bid Security
- v. Any other supporting documents (if applicable)

**8. Bid Closing:** 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 17:00 (EAT)

**9. Bid opening:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019, KOICA Tanzania Office

**10. Technical Proposal Presentation date:** 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
 \*subject to change

**11. Re-bidding / Re-announcement of bidding**

- If two or more valid bidders are not available nor any successful bidder is selected in a competitive bidding, the KOICA Tanzania may conduct a re-bidding regarding the same subject matter
- In case of no bidders have participated in bidding or no successful bidder is selected, or the successful bidder fails to execute the contract, another bidding may be invited by giving public notice thereof.
- In case of no bidders have met the minimum technical evaluation point (80), KOICA Tanzania Office may conduct a re-bidding regarding the same subject matter.
- In case of a re-bidding or bidding via another public notice conducted, such price and other conditions as determined at the time of inviting the initial shall not be modified, except for the deadline.

**12. Available budget: USD 810,997.00 (VAT Exclusive)**

- Bidders' Proposals should not exceed this budget.
- Any bid exceeding the project budget may result in rejection of its bid.
- KOICA Tanzania Office is not responsible for any VAT related matter, thus cannot guarantee VAT refund in any case. The matter shall be raised to the relevant national authority in the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (Tanzania Revenue Authority, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training in Zanzibar), in case it is needed.

**13. The KOICA Tanzania Office requires that Bidders observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, KOICA;**

- (a) Will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in corruption or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question.
- (b) Will recognize such a contractor as ineligible, for a period determined by KOICA Tanzania Office.


**14. KOICA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.**

**15. Failure to furnish all information required by the bidding documents or submission of a bid not substantially responsive to the bidding documents in every respect shall be at the Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of the bid.**

**16. Contact Point**

All inquiries and clarifications shall be addressed to the following email address.  
 - E-mail: [eqssez.koica@gmail.com](mailto:eqssez.koica@gmail.com)

**TANZANIA FOOD AND DRUGS AUTHORITY**



**Tanzania Food & Drugs Authority**

**PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLIERS OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT, CHEMICALS, REFERENCE STANDARDS, MEDIA, GLASSWARE, CONSUMABLES AND MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020**

**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION**

**Date: 14/06/2019**

1. The Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA) has set aside funds in its budget to facilitate the Supply of various Laboratory Equipment, Chemicals, Reference Standards, Media, Glassware, Consumables, and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment. It is intended to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to cover eligible payments under the contracts for which this prequalification is issued. It is expected that invitations to bid will be made in financial year 2019/2020.
2. Pre-qualification will be conducted through National Competitive Tendering procedures specified in Regulation 119 of the Public Procurement (Goods, Works, Non-Consultant Services and Disposal of Public Assets by Tender) Regulations—Government Notice 446 of 2013, as amended in 2016 and is open to all firms and voluntarily formed joint ventures.
3. Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority now invites sealed proposals for Pre-qualification of suppliers and Service Providers in the following categories:-

LOT No.	DESCRIPTION
1	Suppliers of Laboratory Equipment
2	Suppliers of Laboratory Chemicals
3	Suppliers of Laboratory Reference Standards and Media
4	Suppliers of Laboratory Glassware and Consumables
5	Preventive Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment

The prospective Suppliers and Service Providers may submit the Pre-qualification Document for one or more Lots.

4. Interested applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the Pre-qualification document at the Office of the Secretary, Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority Tender Board, 1st floor, Room No. 27, P.O. Box 77150, Off Mandela Road - Mabibo, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, Tel.2450512/2450751, Fax 2450793 from 0900 – 1530 hours local time on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
5. A complete set of Pre-qualification documents in English may be purchased by interested applicants and voluntarily formed joint ventures on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of [One Hundred Thousand Only (TZS. 100,000.00)]. The method of payment should be by Government Electronic Payment Gateway (GePG).
6. Applications for Pre-qualification should be submitted in one original plus two copies in sealed envelopes delivered to the Secretary either by hand or be sent by registered post so as to reach the Secretary, through the address in para 4 above on **Thursday 27th June, 2019** before 1400 hours local time and be clearly marked Pre-qualification for Suppliers and Service Providers for the year 2019/2020. Tenders sent by post must be registered.
7. Application for Pre-qualification in form of Telegraphic, Telex, Telefax and e-mail will not be accepted and those which will not be received and not opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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## Livestock and fisheries sectors contribute immensely to national economic growth

LIVESTOCK is commonly defined as domesticated animals raised in an agricultural setting to produce labour and commodities such as meat, eggs, milk, fur, leather, and wool. The term is sometimes used to refer solely to those that are bred for consumption, while other times it refers only to farmed ruminants, such as cattle and goats.

The breeding, maintenance, and slaughter of livestock, known as animal husbandry, is a component of modern agriculture that has been practiced in many cultures since humanity's transition to farming from hunter-gatherer lifestyles. Animal husbandry practices have varied widely across cultures and time periods. Originally, livestock were not confined by fences or enclosures, but these practices have largely shifted to intensive animal farming, sometimes referred to as factory farming. Livestock production continues to play a major economic and cultural role in numerous rural communities.

In Tanzania the government was losing an average of 2bn/- per month from smuggling of livestock and related products as well as illegal fishing, according to the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

The government managed to collect 3.1bn/- per month between October and December, 2018 following the famous 'Operation Nzagamba.'

The increased revenue collection indicates that without intensive control, the government was losing on average two billion shillings per month. Indeed the operation was vastly successful.

The aim of the much derided operation was to increase government

revenue, protect industries and local production, making the livestock sub-sector a level playing field for competition in doing businesses.

Other objectives were to protect consumers, accelerate investment in the livestock sector where many industries are currently being established and ensure good prices, a reliable market and adherence to existing laws.

On the same note, the projected revenue collection through the sector in the 2019/20 is set at 32.3bn/-.

According to the ministry the legislature had approved 64.9bn/- for the 2019/20 financial year whereby 31.7bn/- is for the livestock sector and 33.1bn/- is meant for the fisheries sector.

Tabling views of the parliamentary committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Water, chairperson Mahmoud Mgemwa (Mufindi North CCM) said the government has not fully exploited opportunities in the fishing sector to increase its contribution to the national economy, saying it is an indication that the government does not consider the sector as among its priority sectors for increasing revenues.

Underlining that in the drive for industrial development, a lot of raw materials are found in the sector. Like other ministries, the development budget for this ministry has not been disbursed as per budgetary allocations and even where some money was sent, it was too late. The trend derails development projects in the ministry we urge the government to change its tactics.

The livestock and fisheries are among key sectors that contribute immensely to national economic growth, earning the country plenty of foreign exchange.

## Wanted: Global action on elder abuse by raising awareness of the problem

ELDER abuse is a difficult subject. Elderly people are not comfortable talking about it, out of either fear or embarrassment. Many also have no idea where they can go for help. It is often difficult for friends, family and neighbours to recognise when an elderly person is being abused, and to bring the subject up for discussion. They often doubt whether their suspicions are correct, and are unsure how to discuss the matter.

Elder abuse also called elder mistreatment, senior abuse, abuse in later life, abuse of older adults, abuse of older women, and abuse of older men is a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person. This definition has been adopted by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Many forms of elder abuse are recognised as types of domestic violence or family violence since they are committed by family members.

While a variety of circumstances are considered elder abuse, it does not include general criminal activity against older persons, such as home break-ins, muggings in the street, or distraction burglary, where a stranger distracts an older person at the doorstep while another person enters the property to steal.

The abuse of elders by caregivers is a worldwide issue. In 2002, WHO brought international attention to the issue of elder abuse. Over the years, government agencies and community professional groups, worldwide, have specified elder abuse as a social problem.

In 2006 the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and an increasing number of events are held across the globe on this day to raise awareness of elder abuse and highlight ways to challenge such abuse.

Although elders who have dementia or mental illness commonly make false accusations of theft and other

forms of abuse by caregivers or family members, all reports of abuse ought to be investigated.

Although there are common themes of elder abuse across nations, there are also unique manifestations based upon history, culture, economic strength, and societal perceptions of older people within nations themselves. The fundamental common denominator is the use of power and control by one individual to affect the well-being and status of another, older, individual.

An abuser can be a spouse, partner, relative, a friend or neighbour, a volunteer worker, a paid worker, practitioner, solicitor, or any other individual with the intent to deprive a vulnerable person of their resources. Relatives include adult children and their spouses or partners, their offspring and other extended family members.

Children and living relatives who have a history of substance abuse or have had other life troubles are of particular concern.

Past studies have estimated that between 16 per cent and 38 per cent of all elder abusers have a history of mental illness. Elder abuse perpetrated by individuals with mental illnesses can be decreased by lessening the level of dependency that persons with serious mental illness have on family members.

This can be done by funneling more resourced into housing assistance programmes, intensive care management services, and better welfare benefits for individuals with serious mental illness. People with substance abuse and mental health disorders typically have very small social networks, and this confinement contributes to the overall occurrence of elder abuse.

The majority of abusers are relatives, typically the older adult's spouse/partner or sons and daughters, although the type of abuse differs according to the relationship. In some situations the abuse is domestic violence grown old, a situation in which the abusive behaviour of a spouse or partner continues into old age.

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## It's time to celebrate family farming

By José Graziano Da Silva and Gilbert F.

Houngbo

WHEN it comes to feeding the world, no one deserves more recognition than family farmers. Not only do they produce most of the world's food but more importantly they also provide food that keeps people and the planet healthy.

The launch of the United Nations' Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028 is a major step towards advancing family farming, and securing family farmers' important role in shaping our future.

This is the time to celebrate them and to thank our partners - from governments to civil society - for fighting with us to bring attention to the role of family farmers in feeding the world and nurturing the planet.

The advent of the Decade of Family Farming is the culmination of years of sustained efforts. It has been an intricate process that advanced and then slowed and met setbacks until, finally, there was a breakthrough - first,

the launch, in 2014, of the International Year of Family Farming, and now the launch of the Decade, which is meant to spur concrete actions to support family farmers over the next 10 years and beyond.

Although family farmers are the bedrock of our food system, they also face challenges. Many family farmers in developing countries live in poverty and, paradoxically, many go hungry themselves. This is unacceptable, for them and for our collective future.

They are smallholder farmers, families of fishers, mountain and forest people, herders and other rural people who work the land. But they do much more.

They create jobs - on and off farms - and make rural economies grow. They preserve and restore biodiversity and ecosystems, and use production methods that can help reduce or avert the risks of climate change. They ensure the succession of knowledge and tradition from generation to generation. And, in this way, they produce food that is healthy, nutritious and diverse, and culturally appropriate.

To continue to do so in an era of rapid change and numerous challenges, they need our support.

This is why FAO and IFAD are co-organizing a three-day Conference in Rome this week to officially launch the Decade. We are not alone in making this call to recognize the role of family farming. Representatives, including farmers and farmers' organizations, from around 100 countries are participating in the event.

Family farmers in developing countries have enormous potential, but they lack access to resources and services to support their food production and marketing. Infrastructure in rural areas is poor, and the environmental and climatic conditions on which they rely are under threat. Policy makers need to recognize the challenges and take action. But too often, the voices of family farmers go unheard in political processes.

Women, who make up half of the world's family farmers, face some of the greatest constraints. Rural youth are also highly vulnerable. The time to act is now. And this is why we are not only

urging the international community to give more support for family farmers, but also mapping out what needs to be done and how.

The Global Action Plan for the Decade of Family Farming will guide our efforts to create a more enabling environment, putting forward actions that can be taken during 2019-2028. The plan highlights the need to increase, among other things, family farmers' access to markets, income-generating opportunities, social protection programmes, capacity development and information. It also points to the need to strengthen family farmers' organizations in order to develop collective, integrated solutions.

By investing in the people who sustain us, we are investing in food production systems that are healthy, can fight hunger and malnutrition in all its forms including the growing problem of obesity, can safeguard our environment, and build more equitable societies.

Ultimately, by investing in family farming, we are doing what is right - for ourselves and generations to come.

## No Liberian is more Liberian than the others

By Kadiker Rex Dahn

THE Liberian civil war was one of the heartless wars mankind has ever witnessed. It did not know any bounds. Nimbaians in Monrovia smelled death and certainly in their thousands were put to death at the hands of President Samuel Doe and his loyalists.

Glaringly, defenseless men, women and children from Nimba County were put to death. Churches, houses, and places declared as rescue centers by the International Red Cross were ransacked and people were indiscriminately murdered.

Certainly, it was a crime at the time to have come from Nimba County or befriending anyone from the county. All these happened in part as vengeance against Nimbaians, who predominantly were their people's 'freedom fighters.' The 'freedom fighters' initially, made Nimbaians, Liberians and the world to think and believe that they were purposely fighting to redeem by removing President Samuel K. Doe.

In the process of removing Doe, heinous crimes were committed, and those who were also on the side of Doe equally committed similar atrocities.

The purpose of this article is to answer the question whether in the context of Liberian Civil War, and its aftermath, Nimba County was Liberated or Enslaved by the Liberators.

### Discussion

Liberation struggles throughout the World require full redemption

where, after such conflict, liberators provide opportunities at all levels for those who have been redeemed. In the Liberian context, initially, those who came to liberate were seen as saviors, but how the war was conducted where a huge number of the very people so-called liberators came to liberate were targeted and murdered in cold blood, raises legitimate concerns and questions with respect to their intention. From the Town of Buutuo, where the war started, from town to town and all the way to Monrovia, brutal and heartless murdered of residents occurred with some of these liberators being at the center of the allegations. The land was terrorized by soldiers loyal to the government, and so-called liberators. Darkness and death hung over Nimba County. When government soldiers were defeated in the county, and the county was in the hands of the liberators. By that, residents were terrorized and terrified and most, who were not combatants went into self-imposed exile, finding comfort in the refugee camps into La Cote d'Ivoire, because of the inhumane actions of the so-called liberators.

A number of non-combatant men were murdered and their widows forcibly taken to be the wives of some of these liberators. Leading politicians of Nimba County were put to death by the hands of these very liberators.

Samuel Doe was afraid to kill veteran Politicians like Jackson Fiah Doe, David Dwayean, and Stephen B. Daniels, but the so-called liberators were brave enough to murder them in cold blood.

the Geneva Conventions of 1949, which laid out rules for protecting wounded, sick, as well as medical workers and civilians accompanying or treating military personnel were flagrantly violated at every level. Even soldiers who were with some of these so-called liberators, periodically without any justifiable cause, were executed by some of these very liberators.

Inhumane killings by liberators of non-combatants were the order of the day with direct violation of International Standing Orders on wars. Women were abused, raped and murdered. Liberators took many women at gun point as wives.

A number of women were forced and indoctrinated where they too became culprits in recruiting other women. Some of these so-called liberators without compunction boast of Nimba County's liberation in the mix of inhumane atrocities and alienations.

A certain so-called liberator claiming to have been the one who liberated Nimba County, has taken the entire county as a hostage. Liberation means setting free from the yoke of oppression to redeem, rescue, relief etc.

Residents of the county would vote, but when it comes to jobs' distribution, they are alienated by a 'liberator.' Certainly, this is a dubious, unreliable, undependable, untrustworthy, bifurcated, inconsistent and transactional liberator.

In Nimba County, in all honesty, who is more rebels, and has the ability to incite than liberators? The county is the land of the PhDs, MDs, Cllrs,

Masters and any profession one could imagine. Nimba Citizens honor the rule of law. To accuse the citizens of the county of incitement is a malicious lie and serious distortion of the image of the county, and an effort to tarnish and blackmail Nimba County's educated class.

### Conclusion

The question then as to whether in the context of the Liberian civil conflict and its aftermath Nimba County was liberated or enslaved can emphatically be answered with one word: NO! As far as we are concerned, considering the above comments in present day Nimba, Nimba County is incarcerated, enslaved, subdued, shackled and unredeemed.

Consequently, it is about time that conscientious Nimbaians, especially those of the Dan ethnic group where the late General Thomas G. Quiwonkpa and Jackson F. Doe hailed buried this belief of Liberation by those so-called liberators, and join other ethnic groups and politically, educationally, culturally and nationally redeem our county.

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## SPECIAL INTERVIEW

## 'Sahara Group foundation is for a sustainable, progressive world'

**A commitment to empowering lives and giving wings to aspirations has continued to drive the interventions of Sahara Foundation, which serves as the vehicle for Sahara Group's corporate responsibility activities across the energy conglomerate's locations in Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Babatomiwa Adesida, the foundation's private sector engagement specialist, speaks about their achievements and Sahara's growing profile as a global promoter of the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals:**

**Q: How did the Sahara Foundation journey begin?**

A: Sahara Foundation initially began as a platform to enable Sahara Group to contribute to the wellbeing of our immediate/host communities in our areas of operation. The main objective was to leave positive business footprints in these areas by empowering the people to become more productive and self-reliant. Though foundation was formally institutionalised in 2007, Sahara had successfully implemented several projects since 2000 - one of the first initiatives being the construction of hand pump boreholes in many hard-to-reach rural communities across Nigeria. These boreholes served as the only clean source of water supply in these communities that were struck by Guinea worm disease due to contaminated water supplies. Since the year 2000, we have donated clean water sources to over 200 communities across Nigeria, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.

**What were the foundation's initial structure and focus?**

The foundation initially operated on specific and tailored community-need basis working with community representatives and Sahara staff in education, healthcare, environment and sustainable community development projects. Activities carried out include provision of healthcare services to combat malaria and HIV/AIDS, eye care services, hospital upgrades, human capacity development projects for students and teachers as well as vocational skill training programmes.

**What were the teething challenges the foundation encountered?**

I would say building trust between the foundation, implementing partners and our host communities. This was a major setback before we developed a clear structure through our partner and project selection criteria.

**Which of the early interventions continue to linger in your memory?**



Our eye care programmes across West Africa remain indelible in my memory. The instant relief and gratification the beneficiaries experienced from the surgeries was mind-blowing. Imagine the joy of victims having their sight restored after five years of blindness! All they needed was a platform to help them achieve their aspirations.

**The foundation adopted the tag 'PCSR'. How did this emerge and how did it shape the foundation's activities?**

Sahara's signature model of Personal and Corporate Social Responsibility (PCSR) is not about a single team, isolated from the core activities of the company, but a holistic way of doing business. The PCSR approach is hinged on the premium Sahara places on involving employees in the journey of serving and giving back to our ecosystem. Sahara employees have always played a critical role in the activities of the foundation. Through their hard work and innovative thinking, the foundation was able to scale up activities in all our countries of operation.

The significant contribution of our staff volunteers paved the way for the foundation's board to formally approve the adoption of PCSR with a specific emphasis on the "personal" to highlight the important contribution of our staff volunteers. Since the formal adoption, we have continued to see an increase in staff volunteer hours that has led to a more integrated and sustainable system of giving back.

We have recorded over 10,000 staff volunteer hours across the Group on several interventions coordinated by the foundation. I recall a medical outreach in Ebonyi State, Nigeria where a female Sahara volunteer carried an elderly woman on her back from one section of the hospital to the other in an attempt to perform various medical tests prescribed by doctors. This woman, who had difficulties walking, was extremely grateful for the volunteer's kind gesture. We have also had staff volunteer teachers and counsellors who have been a huge source of inspiration for many young people across our locations in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

**Foundation activities took you to several locations. Would you say the issues are the same everywhere?**

While the issues are generally similar, every location has its peculiarities. What we have tried to do is identify issues that are unique to the locations we operate. Upon identifica-

tion of such issues, we work with the residents in the respective areas to develop local solutions to those general problems. By doing this, we continue to engage the local people and empower them to improve their lives.

**Which partners have you worked with over the years - and what were the outcomes?**

We have worked with many local and international civil society and private sector organisations. We have also partnered with various governments at the local, regional and federal levels. More recently, we have entered into partnerships with many of the United Nations agencies such as UNDP, FAO, International Trade Centre and ILO. The outcomes have been transformational for our partners, the ecosystem we support and to us as an organisation. It inspires us to do more and keep looking for every opportunity to remain consistent and scale up our impact rate.

**What impact has the foundation made in terms of beneficiaries and the spread of interventions?**

Since the foundation's establishment, our programmes and interventions have directly impacted well over 2,000,000 beneficiaries across our locations. These interventions cut across the health, education environmental and skills empowerment sectors. Some were also carried out in countries where we do not operate but were identified to be in dire need.

In Nigeria and Zambia, we have set up vocational centres where about 2000 youth acquire skills from tailoring, hair making, catering and employability skills on a yearly basis. Our eye care programme has benefited 50,000 people in Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria since 2011, while we have also invested in infrastructure projects such as school and hospital upgrades in our host communities, school libraries in Tanzania, provision of agricultural tools and seedlings for farmers in South Sudan and cancer care programmes in Singapore, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates. These are just some of the projects carried out over the years.

**The foundation has some high profile partnerships with the UN. How has this shaped the foundation's activities and achievements?**

With the launch of the 17 global SDGs in 2015, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDG-F) was

tasked with coming up with a solution that would prevent some of the challenges faced during the implementation of programmes that were scalable and sustainable. The SDG-F looked to the private sector as a possible contributor to the success of sustainable goals, mainly because they had observed how many private companies in various countries had carried out very successful and thriving CSR projects with little or no involvement of the host governments. Thirteen companies were selected globally for this partnership with Sahara Group and with SAB Miller as the only African companies.

Sahara was selected to be part of this elite group and also appointed to play a leading role. Our engagement with the UN led to the establishment and high-profile inauguration of the Private Sector Advisory Group in Nigeria in February 2017. It has also led to co-designing, co-funding, co-implementing and evaluating an excellent project in the country - the Food Africa project.

These engagements have put Sahara Foundation on the global stage and opened the doors for new partnerships not only with other UN agencies but also with other global organisations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. Based on these achievements, Sahara is now widely acknowledged as the go-to private sector organisation in the drive to promote awareness of the SDGs.

**What is Sahara Foundation's focus going forward?**

From staff volunteer activities to global sustainable development projects, Sahara's model reflects the values and business practices needed for the private sector to effectively contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. By codifying social responsibility into our corporate governance models, we are leading the way as ambassadors of the global private sector, serving as a role model to companies across industries and geographic locations, on how business can transform the society. We intend to continue championing this cause by leveraging the global partnerships offering us platforms for wider reach and more effective interventions.

A starting point for us is the recently signed partnership with UNDP that focuses primarily on sustainable and renewable energy in a bid to achieve SDG 7 for Africa - access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. Access to such energy is crucial to achieving multiple SDGs - from poverty eradication via advancements in health, education, water supply and industrialisation to mitigating climate change and achieving inclusive economic growth. Starting with a pilot phase from August 2019 to August 2021, this partnership between Sahara Group and UNDP Africa will focus on providing communities with access to clean and affordable energy and exploring collaborative ways to scale up energy initiatives in Nigeria, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.

**On a personal level, what does Sahara Foundation mean to you?**

Words are unable to describe what Sahara Foundation means to me. It has provided a platform for me to use my time and expertise to create shared value and contribute towards creating a sustainable and progressive world with the support of Sahara Group. My experience with the foundation has opened doors for me to work with global organisations like the UN in New York and OECD. Through this, I have been able to contribute to global high-level meetings on sustainable development and co-authored publications that have been useful to the work of the UN in developing countries. Sahara Foundation has shaped me to become the man I am today and, for this, I will forever be grateful.

## Rethinking strategy to stop the spread of terrorism

BY OMAR S MAHMOOD

The terror threat across Africa is as strong as ever. Attacks are occurring not just in the older centres of activity such as Somalia, northern Nigeria and northern Mali, but in emerging hotspots like northern Mozambique and Burkina Faso as well.

Violent extremism across the continent has many roots, making it difficult to simplify a complex phenomenon. But given the failure to stem its advance over the past decade or so, what can be done differently going forward?

One of the most popular responses to terrorism in Africa has been to establish large-scale security operations in areas with a heavy extremist presence. What has been lacking is accompanying police and civilian initiatives to solidify and deepen control.

Operations have taken different forms, such as the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), which draws together regional militaries working in a third country under the African Union (AU) banner. Another has been the G5 Sahel and Multinational Joint Task



**Africa's large-scale security operations have neglected rural areas where violent extremism thrives. File photo**

Force model, which enables collaboration between affected countries, particularly around cross-border areas.

Yet the result has been much the same - the predominant anchoring of such forces in more populated areas, which apart from some clearance operations, largely abandons the rural countryside. This process of protecting the urban at the expense of the rural is likely dictated by resource limitations, and makes sense as a way to recover population-

heavy areas from the control of extremists. Yet any strategy that permits such large vacuums is doomed to fail.

Groups like Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) and al-Shabaab use the threat of force to ensure civilian compliance. At the same time though, they rely on these civilians especially when it comes to manpower and sustaining a financial base through taxation. Without steady access to civilian communities, recruitment and financial generation would

suffer.

The AU and regional missions have yet to successfully delink extremist groups from less populated, more rural locations, and deliver effective longer-term state stabilisation programmes to solidify control. This shows the limitations of the current path, and sets in motion an urban-rural split, in which the state continues to be largely absent in the latter.

This strategy needs to be rethought. Rural areas should get better priority, and

be coupled with more effective clearance and hold mechanisms. If proper coordination between security and civilian elements is difficult, it may make sense to move more slowly into areas with a violent extremist presence, so that both urban and rural locations can be sufficiently cleared and held in concert, before proceeding to others.

Or if it is not feasible to expect such missions to maintain a presence across wide swaths of territory while ancillary non-security mechanisms lag behind, perhaps the hundreds of millions of dollars spent each year might be better used elsewhere.

A reframing of violent extremist organisations may allow for more creative interventions. Thinking about certain actors simply as terrorists limits manoeuvrability. Considering them as say political players could permit different outcomes. For example, given al-Shabaab's record of service delivery on governance and justice, should we continue to view them only as extremists, or rather a political organisation that uses terrorism as a tactic? ISWAP may be attempting

a similar reformation in the Lake Chad Basin.

Reframing actors allows for engagement in a different context. If the struggle is ultimately about power or political competition, that can be a subject for discussion, as the ongoing negotiations between the United States and the Taliban in Afghanistan demonstrate. This may not be the case in every (or even any) situation, especially considering ideological factors, but it is worth exploring given the limitations of other avenues.

In the long run, the seeds of demise lie with extremist groups themselves. Over time such groups have tended to deviate from their initial message and to overreach, especially when it comes to relations with civilians. The challenge is to take advantage of such opportunities. For example, the Abubakar Shekau faction of Boko Haram lost legitimacy when it targeted Muslim civilians, causing a split in the movement and the marginalisation of this group through an ascendant ISWAP.

Al-Shabaab has also overstepped its bounds with attacks that cause heavy civilian casualties, to the point where it has avoided

claiming responsibility for them. The botched 2017 Zoobe junction bombing is a stark example. Over 500 people died in central Mogadishu, spurring anti-al-Shabaab protests in Somalia.

Such incidents decrease the jihadist message's appeal, and present an opportunity for states to demonstrate their relevance. Yet the record of governments has been poor. Nigeria largely ignored ISWAP when it split from Shekau, allowing the movement to regroup and become a larger threat. In Somalia, infighting between Mogadishu and federal member states temporarily ceased after the Zoobe attack, but quickly resumed. Opportunities to capitalise on such missteps by extremists have frequently been missed.

Violent extremism has affected parts of Africa for more than a decade, and has recently shown signs of spreading further. Each context is different and there is no one-size-fits-all approach, but a search for new and dynamic solutions is essential. Without it, reversing the tide of expansion over the next decade will be as difficult as the previous one.



# World Day Against Child Labour: 'We want to make a bigger impact'

Pamohi, Guwahati, India

Gyandeep Rangshal worked as a child labourer, breaking boulders and loading and unloading trucks of sand at a nearby stone quarry, earning Rs 250 (approximately \$3.5) a day.

He attended a local village school on and off, but had to drop out - he was simply too poor.

The 11-year-old's father is an alcoholic, and he grew up in a home where domestic violence and beatings were frequent.

According to Unicef, more than 10 million children are engaged in labour in India, most of whom are engaged in agricultural "jobs" in rural areas. Two million "work" - or more accurately are exploited by employers - in urban settings.

The country's legal system has been blasted for not protecting children's rights with regard to labour issues.

In mid-2016, Gyandeep's friend Prasanta told him about a newly-established free school in their neighbourhood that he had joined - Akshar Forum.

"It has been three years since I joined Akshar Forum and I'm happy to be here. Unlike in my previous school, we aren't spanked or scolded. The [subjects] we find difficult are explained in detail until we understand



The founders, Parmita Sarma (left) and her husband Mazin Mukhtar with a group of pupils. File photo

them," said Gyandeep.

Located in Pamohi, a village on the fringes of Guwahati in Assam, Akshar Forum was founded by Parmita Sarma and her American husband Mazin Mukhtar.

"When I was younger I thought I could change the world if I joined politics, and so, I wanted to be a politician. However, after my father Nagen Sarma, the then minister of forests and public works [in Assam], was assassinated

in 2000 and my mother joined politics, I realised how dirty it was. I decided to work in the education sector soon after," said Sarma.

The couple wanted to help child labourers and those who couldn't afford school fees.

Starting in June 2016 with just 20 children, they currently have 110 pupils and students aged between four and 15 years old and six qualified teachers - but this is no ordinary school.

Older children teach the younger ones, while adult teachers supervise the process.

"The older students are paid on the basis of the difficulty level of the lessons they teach and their ability to teach.

"Their money is put in a bank account which they can withdraw on Fridays. We introduced this practice, because it was necessary to make education economically and socially viable for the

children or they are forced to go back to the dangers of being child labourers," said Sarma.

Adult teachers, meanwhile, educate the older children.

Study materials, uniforms, the school bus service and food are provided free of cost to the children.

But the children must pay a peculiar fee - they must bring in 25 items of dry plastic every week.

"We were shocked to learn

that the families of these children burned plastic waste to keep themselves warm during winter. We have educated the children on how hazardous this practice is and made the parents promise that they wouldn't do this again. Instead, we asked the children to bring the plastic waste to school, where we taught them to recycle it and make eco-bricks that can be used in simple construction work," said Sarma.

Apart from the office room, the school runs on solar power and the students are made aware of environmental conservation.

They are also taught basic first aid and there is an emphasis on vocational education.

"Our kids will take the class 10 examinations under the National Institute of Open Schooling, and we try to give practical knowledge and skills which would help them in finding employment.

"We do not want to increase the already large pool of educated unemployed youth and [instead want to] make our students skilled enough to be self-employed," Sarma said.

Gardening, solar technology, carpentry, electronics and lighting are some of the activities Akshar focuses on.

It also has an animal shelter in its premises; more than 20 injured and abandoned dogs have been rescued and placed in loving homes.

The school involves the students' unemployed parents by offering ideas on making bags, pillows and other items from re-

cycled plastic. Some parents are also employed by the school.

The Delhi state government has adopted the Akshar model in its SDMC Primary School in Lajpat Nagar.

Abu Nasar Saied Ahmed, a retired professor specialised on development, said poor access to education is the root cause of social problems.

"Akshar Forum understands this basic issue both philosophically and practically. In the absence of schools like Akshar, poor children can't have access to schools. Naturally, their parents will motivate them to work in paddy fields, stone quarries, hotels, restaurants, garages and as domestic help," he told Al Jazeera.

"A huge amount of expenditure is incurred in sustaining this school. One needs relentless efforts to generate funds from different sources, including tapping into the Corporate Social Responsibility funds.

"In order to promote more schools of this variety, society needs more people who are eager to come forward to help, and a sensitive government which helps such schools."

Although the school has been running for the last three years, it does not have adequate funding for the current financial year, which poses a threat to its very existence.

"We want to make a bigger impact on the lives of children," said Sarma.

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Ferizaj, Kosovo

Laura Hyseni, a young green-eyed mother of four was a child when the war broke out in Kosovo in the spring of 1999, a conflict that forced her and her family to flee to neighbouring Macedonia, seeking refuge.

Fifteen years later, she found herself in another war unfolding thousands of miles away - moving from one ISIL stronghold to the next in Syria and Iraq, from Raqqa to Mosul.

Today, Hyseni, now 25, is under house arrest for three months in her parents' house in Ferizaj, Kosovo's third largest city.

She returned to Kosovo from Syria on April 20 along with her two sons and two daughters - part of a group of 32 women and 74 children who came back on a US military aircraft that flew directly from Syria to Kosovo.

Four male fighters also returned on the plane and were arrested immediately at Pristina's airport.

The 110 Kosovars were taken from the sprawling al-Hol displacement camp in the Hassakeh province of northeastern Syria, following the fall of Baghouz, the last stronghold of ISIL (the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant group).

Hyseni barely survived the battle of Baghouz before being taken to the Kurdish-run camp. Her daughter's face still bears the wounds caused by an explosion in March in the Syrian town.

She travelled to Syria in 2014 with her husband and two sons. Three months after arriving in the war zone, her husband was killed in Aleppo.

The young widow says she was forced to remarry another fighter, an Albanian with whom she had a daughter. But shortly after giving birth, he too was killed and she remarried again.

## Kosovo is trying to reintegrate ISIL returnees, but will it work?



Children brought back from Syria on April 20, 2019, play at a detention centre near Pristina. File photo

She gave birth to another daughter last year - her third husband surrendered during the battle of Baghouz and remains in a Syrian prison.

"It is a long and a painful story. I don't know where to start," Hyseni said from her parents' living room. "I would never imagine [that I would go to Syria]."

When she found out that she was coming back to Kosovo with her children, she said: "It was like a dream, we couldn't believe that we would come back."

Unlike other European nations, who have refused to bring their citizens home from Syria or have revoked their citizenship, the Kosovo government already had a plan in place to repatriate its citizens from the battlefield.

The plan was made possible with the assistance of the US military and the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF).

"With this repatriation,

Kosovo has set an important example for all members of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS and the international community to follow," the US Embassy in Pristina said in a statement the day they returned.

An estimated 400 Kosovars, including women and children, travelled to Syria in the last five years. Most were men who joined to fight with ISIL and brought their wives.

There are still close to 100 fighters, women and children in Syria, according to Kosovo government officials. Around 120 were killed over the years.

Although Hyseni is grateful to the US and her government for bringing them back, she does not want to be associated with terrorism.

"I'm not a terrorist," she said. "My children and I are victims."

Hyseni and the 31 other

women are currently being investigated by the Kosovo Police and have received free legal counsel.

While one of her relatives told Al Jazeera she travelled to Syria voluntarily, as reported in local media, Hyseni said she thought her husband was taking the family on holiday to Turkey.

Kimete Krasniqi is representing another woman who returned in April. She says her client, whose husband was killed fighting in Syria, is relieved that her son is finally safe and no longer living in a war zone.

Krasniqi's client is under investigation for participation in an army outside of Kosovo, a criminal offence which can result in up to 15 years in jail, and participation in a terrorist group, which carries a sentence of up to 10 years' imprisonment.

She says her client is

maintaining her innocence, saying she didn't know her husband was taking her to Syria, thinking instead - like Hyseni - that they were going to Turkey for a holiday.

When ISIL started losing territory in 2017, the Kosovo government began preparing to bring citizens home including providing medical help, psychiatric treatment and counselling, housing, social services, special education, and reintegration.

"These are our people who until 2004/5, they were very moderate and secular like all our society.

"Then they were infected by this ideology that was imported from the Middle East and I think there is still a lot in common - tradition, culture, language, background and history and many aspects - that I think makes the reintegration and rehabilitation process easier than in many countries

[compared to Europe, where fighters were usually second or third generation immigrants]," said Fatos Makolli, the new national coordinator for countering terrorism and violent extremism, a department under the prime minister's office.

Makolli and his team want ISIL returnees to reintegrate back into society and denounce all forms of violence.

"You cannot assume that the deradicalisation process will be fully successful but still, managing to disengage people from using violence is an achievement," he said.

Elsewhere in Kosovo, other families are coping with the loss of their sons and daughters who died in Syria as they care for the orphaned children they left behind.

In a remote village in eastern Kosovo, near the border with Serbia,

unemployed Sebadin Basha, 52, and his wife, Shpresa, 50, look after their two orphaned grandchildren who returned in April.

One of them, two-year-old Aishe, was born in Syria. Basha says his four-year-old grandson Abdullah asks for his mother often and lingers near his father's clothes for comfort.

The children's mother Filloreta was killed on March 3, 2019, during the battle of Baghouz. Their father Enis was killed in 2017.

Basha cries as he remembers the last day he saw his son.

To this day, he doesn't understand why his only son would take his family to a warzone and had asked him many times before he was killed, "Why did you do this to us?"

He said: "My son was not like this, he changed so fast. They [his son and his wife] just finished their studies."

Looking ahead, the government has said it wants to provide counselling to women and children.

Valbona Tafllaj is the coordinating doctor for health and mental health under the government's rehabilitation and reintegration programme for women and children in their homes.

"[From] the initial psychotherapy sessions that we've done with children and with the women, of course you can clearly see signs of PTSD," she said from her office at the University Clinical Centre of Kosovo.

"Usually, the first visible signs of PTSD start to become notable after six months and it can take up to five years. This will be a long process that we have to deal with."

Hyseni's brother Gazmend told Al Jazeera: "When she wakes up, she still thinks she's there."

The Islamic Community of Kosovo, which includes imams and female preachers, are also prepared to support the returnees.

Sanije Mehmeti, 37, is one of two female preachers, known as "mualime" in Kosovo.

"I didn't imagine that a day would come in my work as a female preacher to deal with women who misunderstood the religion," she said.

She and her fellow female preacher will travel across the country to work with the women in their homes, "an extraordinary responsibility", she said. "Society should be more understanding."

While the group of 32 women await their trial in the coming months, women like Hyseni hope they can move on from their years spent in Syria and Iraq.

"I would like the children to start school and have a normal life," Hyseni said. "I would like to work and to live a normal life like the others."

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# CBA, Vodacom mark fifth year of M-Pawa

By Guardian Reporter

THE Commercial Bank of Africa (CBA) and Vodacom Tanzania yesterday conducted the first draw for the savings and loan repayment promotion in celebration of 5 years of M-Pawa service aimed at fostering financial inclusion.

The event also encourages a savings culture as it has been their main objective since M-pawa was launched.

The intended 6-week long promotion kicked off with an opening draw that will have 340 M-Pawa users walk away with double balance starting from 1000/- to 200,000/-, Smart Phones, and airtime vouchers every week and finally the

grand draw prize winner who will be rewarded with 15 million Tanzanian shillings take home at the end of the draw.

Winners will be selected basing on two criteria's which include savings challenge and loan repayment whereby anyone with a minimum balance starting from 1000/- to 200,000/- will get double balance and those with more balance will be rewarded 200,000 /- during the weekly draws among other prizes.

Speaking during the first draw press briefing CEO of CBA, Gift Shoko said: "M-Pawa is a product that continues to empower many Tanzanian citizens especially the small business owners

and marking five years while giving back to our trusted customers is one way to show we appreciate them. We continue to encourage saving and early loan repayment and urge everyone who is not using M-Pawa to join."

He also encouraged customers to participate in the promotion as it will give them an opportunity to get lucky and be able to realise some of their dreams in case they immerge winners.

He further asked customers to contact the CBA Customer Care if they have any questions concerning the promotion or read press, posters as well as follow CBA/Vodacom social media pages and websites.



## DSE ENTERPRISE ACCELERATION PROGRAM

### What?

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange PLC (DSE) Enterprise Acceleration Program "the Program" is a tailor-made program aiming at enhancing the capacity of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), encourage long-term investments in growth companies and enable SMEs to attract diverse sources of capital i.e. Bank borrowing, Private Placements, Crowd-Funding, Public Offerings, etc.

### Why?

The objective of the Program is to enhance capacities, increase outreach, train SMEs to build understanding, interest, and capacity of targeted SMEs owners/managers in order to manage their businesses sustainably and become attractive investees from diverse investors/financiers' base. Among others, the Program intends to:

- Inspire and influence business owners/managers across various industries to take actions on issues that facilitate their businesses prosperity;
- Enhancing business profiling and visibility while adhering to principles of business sustainability as well as access to a range of financing options that will enable their growth and development;
- Develop business leaders and their businesses by building a strong network of community in the business growth ecosystem and encourage them to act;
- Improve the ecosystem to better serve companies at different stages of growth and different types of investors/financiers; and
- Enhance SMEs with capacities on areas of strategic planning, financial management & controls, corporate governance, and legal/regulatory environment for sustainable business management.

### What are Qualification Criteria?

The successful Participants to the Program should preferably possess the following attributes:

- An exciting and ambitious company with a business model anchored on clear growth strategy and commitment to implement useful changes for their further growth and development;
- Companies with clear intention to engage other participants during an 18-months thought-provoking journey of exploring and implementing sustainable growth-oriented business ideas in their area of business;
- Growth companies from agribusiness, manufacturing, infrastructure, consumer goods & services, tourism, healthcare services, financials, real estates & advisory services, mining, and ICT sectors;
- Companies whose owners/managers are committed to growth by adherence to principle of enterprises sustainability such as environmental, social and good corporate governance (ESG);
- Companies with a desire to obtain sustainable funding from long-term sources to accelerate their enterprises expansion and growth;
- Companies with at least 3-years of growth and have strong future potential -- with annual turnover of at least TZS 15 billion and Net Assets of at least TZS 1 billion;
- Companies who will consider raising capital from the public or by way of crowd-funding and subsequent listing into the DSE within 3-years since joining the Program.

### What are Supporting Documents for the Application?

The applicant must submit the following:

- Copy of Company Registration, VAT and TIN Registration Certificates;
- Certified Board Resolution committing the company to the Program;
- Audited Financial Statements for 3-years;
- Business Canvassing Document/Business Plan/Business Profile;
- Business License and/or Industry specific License (where applicable);
- Copy of latest Tax Clearance Certificate; and
- Copy of latest Annual Returns submitted to BRELA.

### Are you interested? Let us know by sending your application to:

**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange PLC**  
**3rd Floor, Kambarage House, 6-Ufukoni Street**  
**P.O Box 70081**  
**Dar es Salaam.**  
**Email: info@dse.co.tz**

**Deadline for application submissions is Friday, 5th July 2019.**

### Is there a Participation Fee?

**Yes. Participants will be required to pay a token program sustainability fee.**

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## SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE ZANZIBAR

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

#### FOR SOS KINDERGARTEN AND SOS HERMANN GMEINER SCHOOL ZANZIBAR

SOS Children's Village Zanzibar invites Expression of Interest from the interested nationally / internationally reputed Tanzanian Organizations/companies to run a well maintained, fully furnished and equipped SOS Kindergarten and SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary and Secondary School in Zanzibar located along SOS Street / Amani Road, Mombasa Area, Zanzibar for the benefits of the children of residents as well as community nearby area of the organization.

Background/About SOS Children's Village Zanzibar  
 SOS Children's Village is an affiliate of the SOS Kinderdorf International – an umbrella worldwide child welfare charity, a non-governmental and non-denominational organization. We respect all religions and cultures and work with trusted partners in places where we can contribute to social development. SOS Children's Villages works to prevent family breakdown and care for children who have lost parental care, or who risk losing it. We work with communities, partners and states to ensure that the rights of all children, in every society, are respected and fulfilled. SOS Children's Villages supports families so that they can stay together, and parents can care for their children. We work closely with the authorities and the community, and jointly work out what assistance families need.

Children and young people attend the SOS Children's Village Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary School along with children and young people from the neighborhood; this ensures that they are well integrated into the community from a young age. We invest in the local kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools and encourage families to send their children to day care. In cooperation with the government, we help finance the nearby school. Our aim is to improve the quality of education through working with partners.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. A recognized National / International level reputed company / Organization having motto to serve the society.
2. Experience in successfully running of Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary School for at least five years, with capacity of 230 children in Kindergarten and 1,230 children / young people in Primary and Secondary School.
3. Proven track record of quality education in terms of 80% or above.
4. Should be running nursery schools in at least one place or more in the country/region.
5. Should have a central controlling unit to Monitor and Co-Ordinate functioning of their schools
6. Should have ability to provide a creative environment which is both stimulating and challenging in order to improve the skills.
7. Audited accounts and documents on bank credit line (for the past two years).

Infrastructure to be provided by SOS Children's Villages Zanzibar

1. School building with well-furnished class rooms.
2. Well-equipped Chemistry, Physics and Biology laboratories.
3. Furnished library, art room and ICT room.
4. Play-ground facilities.

### Selection procedure

Considering the long-term commitment of the School management with SOS Children's Village Zanzibar, the procedure for the selection of the institution for running the SOS Kindergarten and SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary and Secondary School will have many stages.

### Stage 1

Interested organizations/companies need to send their expression of interest in the prescribed format (ANNEXURE) to the following address:

National Director  
 SOS Children's Villages Tanzania  
 National Office  
 White Star Tower (ground floor), Kiko Avenue-Mikocheni  
 P.O. Box: 80462, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
 Tel: +255 (0) 22 2701075/55  
 Mobile: +255 (0) 653 115 560  
**national.office@sos-tanzania.org**

SOS Children's Village will only have a limited role, ensuring quality education and appropriate fee structure.

### Stage 2

Short listed institutions will have to provide the following: -

1. Governing structure.
2. A detailed plan for running the school.
3. Proposed fee structure.
4. Detailed history including the following: -
  - a. State level/National ranking, if any, in previous 5 years.
  - b. Any other distinction achieved by the Institution/Management or their students.
5. Infrastructure available in their present institution(s)
6. Details of their prominent alumni and the alumni organization.
7. Contact details of prominent alumni should be furnished. SOSCV reserves the right to seek confidential letter of reference from the alumni.

### Stage 3

Shortlisted schools will be called for presentation and interaction at SOS Children's Village. The terms and conditions will be discussed during the time of interaction.

### Manner of Submission of EOI

1. Envelope containing EOI should be Marked "EOI for SOS Kindergarten and SOS Hermann Gmeiner School".
2. Date of Submission of EOI: On or before 31st July 2019, 1700 Hours.
3. Date of opening of EOI: 5th August 2019
4. Presentation Meeting on EOI: Short listed parties will be informed separately
5. A non-refundable application fee of TZS 500,000 will be charged for every application submitted. The fee must be deposited to **SOS Children's Village Zanzibar Trust bank account at People's Bank of Zanzibar, Mwanakwerekwe Branch, Account Number 0400143001**. The deposit slip for application fee must be submitted together with the tender documents.
6. The time schedule for stage – 2 will be communicated to shortlisted organizations.

### ANNEXURE

#### Detailed Document for Expression of Interest (EOI)

#### A. Detail of the Institution:

1. Name of Institution :
2. Name of the contact person :
3. Registered office address :
4. City :
5. Country :
6. Year of Establishment :
7. Nature of Organization running the school(s):  
 Trust/Individually owned/ Pvt.Ltd. / NGO/Other :
8. Registration details :
9. Telephone Numbers (S) :
10. Fax No. :
11. Mobile Numbers with name :
12. Email Address :
13. Web Site (If any) :

#### B. Details of Directors or Promoters or Partners or Owners:

(Attach Brief Bio-Data having Name, Age, Qualifications, Experience etc.)

Experience record details for running Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary School: (Give details for the past three years at least)

1. Name of the school:
2. Complete address:
3. Source of Funds:
4. Organization structure:
5. Salary structure of teachers and staff:
6. Fee structure (Give complete break up of Fees)
7. Performance achievement

Academic year	Kindergarten Unit		Primary Unit		Secondary Unit	
	No. of student appeared	No. of Student Passed	No. of student appeared	No. of Student Passed	No. of student appeared	No. of Student Passed
2014						
2015						
2016						
2017						
2018						

**C. Financial capabilities – Annual Turnover** (last five years) and Net worth: (Enclose documentary evidence)

**D. Any special condition you may want to put forth**  
**NOTE:** SOS Children's Village reserves the right to accept or reject any such conditions.



# Why a hipster, vegan, green tech economy is not sustainable

By Vijay Kolinjivadi

On the western borderlands of Montreal's well-to-do Outremont district and the ultra-hipsterised and gentrified Mile End lies an expanse of land where the University of Montreal is currently building a new science campus. Just across is Parc-Extension, one of Canada's poorest and most densely populated neighbourhoods and a port of call for many newly arrived immigrants.

The new campus has been touted as a model of "sustainable development". It boasts LEED-certified buildings to reduce environmental impact, rainwater collection structures, energy-efficient lighting and heat recycling, infrastructure for electric vehicles and bikes, lots of greenery, and overall, a minimal carbon footprint. A number of tech companies, including Microsoft's new AI Hub, are moving in and are expected to further enhance the "eco-efficiency" of the area.

The unspoken expectation is that once the green new campus is completed, capital and economic growth will naturally flow into the area. This means nearby neighbourhoods will get "reinvigorated", especially the poorer ones, like Parc-Extension.

Thus, immigrant-owned grocery stores, halal butcheries and community centres will soon be replaced by vegan chain restaurants, hip vintage clothing joints, organic food stores and coffee-shops galore, as landlords push out poor tenants to make space for more well-to-do ones.

In the process, the implicit socio-economic violence behind gentrification will be invariably "greenwashed" and presented as development that would make the area more "sustainable", "beautiful" and "modern".

Unfortunately, creation by destruction is what capitalism does best, and its damaging practices are anything but green. This market-driven "sustainable" vision of economic activity, ecological-conscious diets and "hipness" within modern capitalism reinforce inequality and still hurt the environment.

Before I proceed further with my argument, I should mention that I am an academic, living in a "hip" part of Montreal and engage in activities that follow a particular aesthetic ethos, all of which make me very much a part of the reality I critique below. My aim is not to moralise, but rather to highlight the dangers of a political and economic system that profits from deceiving perhaps well-meaning self-proclaimed progressive folks into believing that a greener, more efficient capitalism is possible.

The illusion of 'sustainable development'

The term "sustainable development" was first introduced at the UN Earth Summit in 1992. At that time, Western governments espousing neoliberalism had just spent the whole previous decade dismantling unions, environmental regulations, and Keynesian welfare programmes and were looking to spread their practices elsewhere, as major geopolitical threats to a fully global and universal capitalist development trajectory were beginning to wane.

At the backdrop of these developments, concerns over environmental degra-



Environmental activists protest against toxic waste shipped from Canada to the Philippines during a rally at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in suburban Quezon city, northeast of Manila on July 20, 2015. [File: AP/Bullit Marquez]

dation and social inequality were coming to the fore and something had to be done about them.

The "solution" was to have one's cake and eat it too... that is, to paradoxically turn "social" and "green" values into new markets for expanding capital.

"Sustainable development" not only proposed that negative social and environmental impacts were mere "externalities" to the system that could be diminished through profit-oriented market-based mechanisms but also implied that there is no escaping a neoliberal development model.

Thus, environmental problems became framed as an issue of inefficiency that could be solved by technology and the better management of resources, which effectively neutralised the politically-oriented environmentalism of the 1960s and 1970s.

An elite cadre of policy experts, economists and Silicon Valley entrepreneurs took over the environmental issue and transformed it into another profit-making endeavour, presenting the expansion of capital as progress towards a more "sustainable" future.

In essence, environmentalism was and is consciously de-politicised for the purposes of expanding profit.

Part of the conceit surrounding apolitical techno-focused environmentalism centres on the idea of dematerialising economic growth through more efficient lifestyles and technologies. These include using the latest labour-saving apps on your phone, purchasing energy-saving appliances, eating vegan or organic food, and constructing buildings with lower negative environmental impact.

While these improvements in efficiency should indeed be applauded, they are not a solution to the major environmental problems we face today. This is because such "quick fixes" derive from the economic and political structures of capital expansion.

Growth-based economies are at the heart of environmental disasters we face today; making our goods, economic activity or infrastructure "greener" and more efficient without a major overhaul of the global economic system is not a long-term solution.

Improving efficiency would always involve maintaining and indeed expanding production to satisfy growing demand. This is reflected in the so-called "Jevons paradox", named after the 19th-century English economist William Stanley Jevons, who discovered that increasing energy efficiency also led to higher demand.

Today this "rebound effect" can be observed across economic sectors, as gains made due to enhanced efficiency are put back into use to fuel further growth. The higher efficiency of planes, cars and electronic devices is immediately offset by cheaper prices, resulting in an increase in demand and ultimately greater consumption of energy and resources. And within the globalised economic system we live in, the enhanced efficiency in one place often happens at the expense of growing inefficiency or waste in others.

In other words, the more efficient we are, the cheaper consumption gets, and in an economy predicated on endless growth, the more we consume and waste. The environment will always be at the losing end of this logic.

## Working 'green'

When capitalism teams up with growth-oriented efficiency improvements, one result is the fabulous hipsterised "green tech" enclaves we see emerging in cities around the world, including Montreal.

These high-tech enterprises, along with the professions of the "creative class" (eg artists, musicians, academics, graphic designers etc), often concentrate in places where heavy industry and manufacturing have been shifted elsewhere in the same country or abroad. Rather than producing raw materials or manufactured goods, they focus on expert information provision.

Those who argue that growth can be accompanied by a dematerialising economic activity are convinced that these knowledge and creative classes of the service economy have somehow lower environmental impacts than those engaged in industrial agriculture or manufacturing (so-called "dirty" jobs). But is this information economy really any cleaner and greener?

Not really. This is because the resources they need to operate fundamentally depend on manufacturing and intensive agriculture located increasingly further away from their sites of operation, and often carry with them significant environmental impacts and exploitative labour practices.

Let us take the information economy's dependence on technology as an example. In their work, the creative classes both use and rely on the mass consumption of certain technological products, whose raw materials are extracted in war-torn places like the Democratic Republic of Congo and later assembled in places like China, where workers face precarious working conditions and inadequate

pay.

High-tech devices may be advertised as extremely efficient, but the remarkably fast growth of the communications industry has not only increased the demand for material resources, boosting dangerous extractive industries in developing countries but also drastically expanded energy consumption. By 2020, IT would use as much as 20 percent of electricity globally, contributing significantly to carbon emissions.

This industry is also producing an ever-expanding amount of e-waste - currently the fastest-growing solid waste stream - which is shipped en masse to developing countries where it is polluting the environment and killing workers that recycle it.

Green tech enclaves may appear to be materially light compared to manufacturing, industrial agriculture, or mineral extraction only because they rely on goods produced elsewhere, usually beyond national borders. But exporting "dirty production" abroad and keeping national records "cleaner" does not make the service industry any greener.

Indeed, the fact that Montreal is not buried in heaps of e-waste has little to do with the "green-ness" of the city and much more to do with the Canadian government's pernicious practice of shipping refuse abroad.

## Eating 'green'

In recent years, veganism has also been sucked into the profit-making "green" economy. Its rising popularity is indeed quite mind-boggling. What was traditionally seen as a subversive and anti-establishment form of resistance to the global food industry and its horrific abuse of animals has increasingly become a "cash cow".

The reason why veganism has gone so mainstream is because of how it has been presented - as a "win-win" strategy. It's good for your health, it's good for the planet, and it's good for the animals! What's not to love about it? Indeed, there's nothing not to love about veganism per se.

But going vegan within a growth-based economy does not save you from the "rebound effect".

According to Oxford researcher Marco Springmann, if the world were to turn vegan by 2050, it would save \$1.5 trillion in health-care costs and climate change damages, as it would cut greenhouse emissions by two thirds.

But in a capitalist economy, such a surplus would never simply be left idle. It would be re-invested into fur-

ther growth, which would still consume more resources, exploit workers and produce waste and damage the environment in one way or the other.

A growing demand for vegan products would also be devastating for biodiversity because it would rely on monoculture fruit and vegetable crops (particularly soybeans). It would also necessitate expanding arable land by cutting down forests and increase the consumption of water for agriculture. It would also deepen already existing labour exploitation of vulnerable populations and further encourage large landowners and corporations to abuse small-scale farmers.

The dairy-free products in the health food stores in Montreal's hip Plateau and Mile End districts are often tagged "cruelty-free", but they may not actually be. If no animals were abused in the making, that does not mean that humans and/or the environment weren't.

The cashews for that delicious non-dairy milk you buy likely come from India, where women work long hours in poor conditions to shell the nuts, enduring painful injuries from the acid released in the process. The almonds for the equally delicious almond option are likely sourced from drought-stricken California, where almond farming is one of the largest consumers of water.

Indeed, growth-oriented capitalism will "sell" you veganism as a noble practice that reflects your values and benefits your health, but it would not tell you the full story about the ongoing and long-term social and ecological consequences of industrial veganism.

## Being 'cool'

Working and eating "green" is, of course, accompanied by a certain lifestyle shaped by hipsterised aesthetics of "coolness" - be they vintage furniture, organic markets, tattoo parlours, or third wave coffee shops. But being "green" and "cool" often has a steep price-tag which directly reinforces classist divisions in society.

For this reason, the production of "coolness" in its myriad forms is a slippery slope and requires much deeper collective reflection on its consequences.

In theory, "coolness" just is. It is imbued with all the things that reflect deep relational values of care, affection, creativity, connection, authenticity, and meaning. It should have no racial, gendered or socio-economic boundaries and likewise, have no impact on those fronts either.

In practice, it involves the reproduction of a particular way of being

which invariably sets in motion new avenues for capital to expand, allowing everything that has meaning to be hollowed-out and commodified for profit.

Returning to the example of the University of Montreal's new campus, the juxtaposition of the campus to Parc-Extension, as one of Canada's poorest and most culturally-diverse neighbourhoods, renders obvious the classist and racialised ways by which the emergence of "coolness" takes place.

Just who can extend particular aesthetics of hipness, eco-friendly chic and health-conscious consumption patterns is tightly associated with both class and inherited privilege to consume and waste more.

At the same time, it is these historically privileged individuals at the forefront of "coolness" that consciously or unconsciously accept the modern conceit of equating human progress with new forms of value to exploit for profit. In doing so, the violent ecological destruction and social displacement of the ensemble of humans and non-humans around the world which work to serve the forever unsatisfied aesthetics of the "cool" class become the unfortunate consequence.

What's potentially more problematic with the classist nature of green production and consumption is that urban hipsters pride themselves as being "woke" about sustainability issues, while simultaneously alienating the rural and overseas agricultural, peri-urban, and manufacturing classes, without whom "hip" lifestyles would not be possible.

Urban hipsters are quick to dismiss poorer classes as having no "green consciousness", for not living up to their expensive "green" standards, and failing to recognise the fact that opportunities to live "green" are limited in places that are economically disadvantaged and neglected by the authorities. They also tend to turn their backs on working-class political struggles for the fairer distribution of wealth and well-being across society.

On a global scale, capitalism is most certainly not "cool"... it is literally burning our planet. An aloof, detached, apolitical coolness which centres on individuality and imagery is simply not going to cut it any more.

Such lifestyles may appear marginally efficient, but they are, by and large, a convenient by-product of shifting social and ecological costs to those less privileged both locally and globally.

One way to move forward in a positive direction is to abandon a singular focus on lifestyle choice to focus resistance on externally-conceived and profit-driven developments as a moral and even survivalist imperative and work to re-establish community through solidarity economies, replenishing those relations severed by the growth-centred logic.

Material or energy dematerialisation is simply not enough. It must be accompanied by an economy built on care and responsibility, rather than profit, growth and self-interest if it is to have any long-term impact. This is a small but absolutely crucial step towards attaining the authentic desires for sustainability that many of us are so dearly committed to and which we so urgently need.

AGENCIES



By Gwamaka Alipipi

## LOCAL CABLES MANUFACTURER DECRIES PROLIFERATION OF COPYCATS IN MARKET

**T**HE local market is awash with counterfeit electric cables which are negatively affecting locally made brands but also denying Treasury its fair share of revenue from such products.

Kilimanjaro Cables Tanzania Limited Manager, Tariq Mohamed said in Dar es Salaam this week that the biggest challenge which local manufacturers face currently is smuggled goods which include electric cables.

"These copycats are threatening jobs of hundreds of Tanzanians, denying the government its revenue but also it's a security issue because such products are not TBS certified," said Mohamed who called upon authorities to beef up surveillance in the market.

He further noted that counterfeits and substandard goods which include electric and industrial cables which are rampant in the local market also pose a danger to human health and the environment because they have inferior quality.

"We also have a lot of copycat PVC conductor pipes which look almost equal to genuine pipes in the eyes of a layman hence difficult to be noticed by consumers," the Kilimanjaro Cables Manager pointed out.

He warned that unless authorities take urgent measures to reverse the tide, local manufacturers will soon close shop because of unfair competition and thus negatively impact on President John Magufuli's industrialization drive.

"Investors can't put their money in factories whose products have no guaranteed local market because of smug-



Kilimanjaro Cables products on display at firm's factory in Dar es Salaam. File photo.

gled counterfeits," Mohamed lamented saying that regulatory bodies and law enforcement agents should swing into action and arrest culprits.

He also urged consumers to shun cheap foreign imports of goods which are manufactured locally because the former are not genuine hence not durable while the latter are of high quality and standard.

"Consumers should adopt a culture of buying genuine goods which are brand new and are given on guarantee of a certain period of time during which the supplier should service and repair them once they get broken down," he advised.

Mohamed who took reporters on a familiarization tour of the Kilimanjaro Cables factory premises to allow them witness warehouse full of new products, said the market is saturated with copycats hence the backlog.

"As you can see, we still have a lot of products at the warehouse because there are many cheap substitutes in the market, as a result, we have retrenched 80 workers because there is no work to do currently," he lamented.

The company's Marketing Officer, David Tarimo backed his boss by emphasizing the Kilimanjaro Cables and PVC products are of high quality and standards with TBS certification. "Most of the counterfeits are not certified by TBS nor any other quality assurance authority in the country which is risky," Tarimo warned.

According to Fair Competition Commission's 2017 report, it shows by 2015, counterfeit products worth over 4.5bn/- have been confiscated and destroyed by the Commission since its establishment in 2007.

## FinMin urges TRA managers to be more careful in property tax billing

By Property Watch Reporter, Dodoma

**S**HOCKED by Tanzania Revenue Authority's over invoicing of Manyoni lawmaker, Yahaya Masare's property tax by ten times the actual amount due, Deputy Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Dr Ashatu Kijaji ordered tax collectors to be careful and abide by tax laws.

Dr Kijaji who was personally approached by Masare after receiving a 100,000/- tax bill for his residential property in the new capital instead of 10,000/- as stipulated by the law earlier this week, called on tax collectors

countrywide to be careful and respect the law to reduce public complaints.

"Tax collectors should be careful when invoicing taxpayers by strictly observing the law which is clear," said Dr Kijaji who visited Masare's Uzunguni street home in the capital to get first hand information related to the controversy.

She also challenged TRA District and Regional Managers to enhance regular communication with their clients in order to avoid such embarrassing circumstances which can be simply caused by an oversight.

"There is lack of regular communication between

TRA and taxpayers which is counterproductive," Dr Kijaji observed while stressing that the relationship between the two parties should be of mutual friendship.

Briefing the Minister on the saga, Masare said he was shocked by the TRA property tax invoice sent to him showing that for his family home, he was obliged to pay 100,000/- as property tax for 2018.

"I objected to such a hiked tax bill because I know the law which we passed in parliament requires that I pay 10,000/- only," the Manyoni legislator argued.

He said the property tax law which they enacted is

very clear on amount of tax which each property owner should pay hence no need for confusion.

TRA Dodoma Regional Manager, Kabula Mwemezi acknowledged the tax demand mishap saying it was caused by a mistake done by a data feeder while entering specifics of the house on the revenue body's database.

"But we have since rectified the information and that this will never happen again," Mwemezi promised the Deputy Minister while offering an apology to the legislators. She called upon other clients in the region with similar incorrect tax bills to approach TRA offices for rectification.



Manyoni lawmaker, Yahaya Masare's family house at Uzunguni street in Dodoma city which TRA mistakenly rated as a 100,000/- property tax facility. Photo: courtesy of Ministry of Finance.

## Rwanda, Tanzania seek to bolster business ties

KIGALI

Tanzania has pledged to ease business environment for Rwandans wishing to do business in or with the neighbouring country, for mutual benefit of both countries.

Tanzania's representatives gave the reassurance Wednesday during a high-level bilateral investment forum in Kigali. On the table is the removal of existing trade barriers to ease doing business and forging investment partnerships.

Rwandan businesspeople at the meeting said those who want to set up businesses in Tanzania are not facilitated enough. Fred Seka, president of the Federation of East Africa Freight Forwarders, said that he registered his company, Gorilla Logistics in Tanzania in 2016, but he is yet to receive a licence to date.

"We are not informed why the process has delayed," he said. "There have been some improvements in trade facilitation whereby unnecessary non-tariff barriers were removed. However, on the operation side, there are some challenges such as difficulties faced by Rwandans to effectively own and run a business in Tanzania".

The CEO of the Private Sector Federation (PSF), Stephen

Ruzibiza, said the number of weigh bridges reduced from seven to three, which brought down the time that trucks carrying goods spend on the roads.

"But there are still some challenges, such as facilitating freight forwarders to access the port, and the High Commissioner of Tanzania to Rwanda has promised us that we will continue discussing them so that they get addressed," he said.

Amb. Ernest Jembe Mangu, the Tanzanian top diplomat to Rwanda, said that the complaints raised by the business community will be considered accordingly.

"We have some Rwandans who have already invested in Tanzania. They came, requested to do business and they were given permits, and they are trading. We want to increase the number of Rwandans who are doing business in Tanzania. We also want to increase the number of Tanzanians doing business in Rwanda," he said.

"The two governments also expect to see exponential growth of cross-border trade as trade is a means by which we are able to bring prosperity to our people," said the envoy. Soraya Hakuziyaremye, Rwanda's Minister for Trade and Industry, said Rwanda and Tanzania are impor-

tant trading partners with a firm commitment to increase trade and cooperation through their joint membership of the East African Community.

She said statistics reveal that trade between the two countries has averaged 14 per cent of Rwanda's trade within the EAC in the last 5 years, indicating that a significant amount of this trade are imports (95 per cent) from Tanzania while Rwanda's exports represent 5 per cent.

Single customs territory The now fully functioning Single Customs Territory (SCT), Minister Hakuziyaremye said, is a good testimony on how delays in clearance of goods can be tackled significantly.

"The implementation, that started in 2014, helped transit time from Dar es Salaam to Kigali reduce from 17 days in 2010 to between 3 to 4 days in 2018. Transport costs have also significantly reduced," Hakuziyaremye stated.

"Currently, the port of Dar es Salaam handles over 85 per cent of cargo destined for or transiting through Rwanda. It is, therefore, important to maintain this relationship since it mutually benefits us all".

## Investigation into Gupta Waterkloof landing was thorough and complete - Madonsela

JOHANNESBURG

Former Public Protector Thuli Madonsela has revealed that the groundwork for her investigation into the Gupta Waterkloof landing had been completed with the report still to be written up.

Speaking on Radio 702 with Eusebius McKaiser on Wednesday, Madonsela said she was surprised when a public protector spokesperson announced there was no investigation into the Gupta landing.

She told McKaiser: "The report was incomplete [but] the investigation was fully done, we got footage of what happened in the radio dialogue between the person at the Waterkloof base and the person who spoke to them, which was in this particular case, Mr [Brian] Koloane."

"We needed to answer the question as to what were the fault lines in that system that allowed this to happen and what needed to happen going forward to ensure this never happens again." She added they had a thorough understanding of what happened and who was in the wrong, but recommendations had not yet been made because her term of office had concluded.

When she left office, she said her and Mkhwebane had a meeting to discuss the investigation. "We did have a sit down... but it wasn't enough time and we both agreed to have a meeting the following week." However, both became very busy.

"I have emails between me and her thereafter that suggested that at that stage she was no longer interested to meet." "She had indicated to me that

when she was no longer busy, she would love to meet, and I am available even now if she wants to meet."

Madonsela added that while there is a need for openness and accountability, Mkhwebane's decision to not publicly state her decisions was not a dereliction of duty and that the public protector is free to make their own decisions if they have a valid reason to do so.

On Mkhwebane's fitness to be in office she said "Parliament has a right and duty to hold anyone who reports to Parliament accountable but that right should not be abused." "I would say that legally being taken on review does not mean you are not fit for office, each case must be taken on its own merits. My comments have to take into account that I am the predecessor," she added.



By Property Watch Reporter, Dodoma

## RUKWA'S CAPITAL, SUMBAWANGA, GETS 4G NETWORK TRANSMISSION TOWER

**S**UBSCRIBERS of Tigo Tanzania Limited in Rukwa region's capital of Sumbawanga Municipality can now enjoy both voice and data high speed connection after a fourth generation network has been launched this week.

The company's Territory Manager for the South Zone, Ladislaus Karlo said new upgraded 4G site, which until recently was of 3G capacity, has enhanced capabilities such as higher data transfer rate that means instant mobile money transactions and internet surfing capabilities.

"As you may already know, Sumbawanga is the capital of Rukwa region, hence a very potential place for doing business, that is where the new 4G network comes into play, as it can facilitate trade and the exchange of information at a faster pace," said Karlo during the launch of the upgraded 4G tower site.

He emphasized that Tigo customers now have the advantage of a superior, uninterrupted connectivity, especially for advanced tasks such as video chats and conferences. Considering the younger generation of mobile device users, they can stream music, videos, and movies at a much faster rate than ever before and can also easily share information online, he noted.

In addition, Tigo customers in Sumbawanga town will also get access to a special offer which include those upgrading their SIM cards from 3G to 4G being awarded with 4GB free internet covering seven days.

"Tigo customers in Sumbawanga can also get access to the newly launched 'SaiziYako' offer which allows customers to get the best voice, internet and SMS package, according to the preferences and needs," the South Zone Territory Manager added.



A Tigo 4G transmission tower. File photo.

According to Karlo, the site launch efforts by investing in network cements Tigo's commitment to support the National ICT policy and government's industrialization

efforts by investing in network expansion and improvement to enable the entire country have access to 4G connectivity.

The Sumbawanga town site is the fourth upgraded site to be launched after Mpanda, Katavi, Kilolo, Iringa and Bariadi and Simiyu. A total of

52 new and revamped network sites from Tigo will be launched countrywide this year.

## Nairobi's luxury home prices soften further

NAIROBI

Prime residential prices in Nairobi slide by 6.5% in the 12 months to March 2019, according to the Knight Frank Prime Global Cities Index (PGCI) for the first quarter. This is the most significant reduction in values in a 12-month period that Nairobi has ever recorded since the index commenced recording data.

The trend has been occasioned by continued oversupply, with large numbers of new properties coming into the market, and relatively few transactions in the high-end residential market.

In the three months to March, luxury home prices softened by half a percentage point, continuing a trend that has seen prices drop or remain unchanged in the city for the eighth consecutive quarter since the second quarter of 2017.

The price decline saw Nairobi drop in ranking to 42nd out of the 45 locations tracked by the global index. Cape Town, the only other African city in the PGCI, is ranked 19th with a 2.1% increase in the 12-month period and a marginal 0.1% price decline in the quarter.

Prime residential values in Nairobi peaked in the first three months of 2016 and have since fallen by a cumulative 9.2% over the last three years. However, luxury home values are still about 38% higher than in 2010, representing decent capital gains in the high-end market segment.

Anthony Havelock, Head of Agency at Knight Frank Kenya, said: "Data tends to lag the market and we believe we will see further drops in the coming months as the market has continued to soften. Owing to the high values of the properties tracked and the current supply levels, plus the ongoing credit crunch, transactions will remain few and staggered unless vendors become realistic on pricing."

The build-up in supply has also resulted in high vacancy levels in the rental segment, piling pressure on rents in the top end of the market with further reductions expected. Generally, luxury home price growth has slowed worldwide in recent years with the PGCI now averaging 1.3%, the lowest annual rate since the final quarter of 2009 when the world was in the grip of the financial crisis.

Berlin and Moscow were the exceptions in the index, recording double-digit annual price growths of 14.1% and 12% respectively in the year to March 2019, ranking them first and second on the PGCI. The two cities are among those riding on limited supply and relative affordability.

## Tsogo Sun Hotels celebrates 50 in Africa's hospitality industry

JOHANNESBURG

Tsogo Sun Hotels is celebrating 50 years of successful growth and an enduring contribution to the South African hospitality industry as the country's biggest hotel group.

The company was founded in 1969 with the launch of six Southern Sun Hotels by SA Breweries and Sol Kerzner, and today consists of 110 hotels and a 60% interest in Hospitality Property Fund. Ravi Nadasen, Tsogo Sun Hotels COO, says the group has been consistently responsive to the market and has maintained a robust focus on growth.

"The milestones in the group's five-decade history are many, and we are in the fortunate position of being able to look back with pride at our rich heritage in the hospitality industry in South Africa and the African continent." Of the first Southern Sun hotels opened in 1969, three are still in the group – Beverly Hills, one of Umhlanga's most iconic luxury hotels; Pine Lake Inn, now Pine Lake Resort; and Sabi River Bungalow Hotel, now Sabi River Sun Resort.

The group's Rewards programme was also launched in the founding year as Natal Sun & Fun Holidays, which was renamed SunBreaks in 1986, when guests could book a stay for ZAR29.50.

"SunBreaks has remained our flagship and highly popular consumer leisure offer – and as a thank you to our many thousands of loyal supporters and in celebration of our 50th birthday, we are offering our guests up to 50% off for winter holiday stays at selected hotels, between 15 June and 15 August 2019," says Nadasen.

Tsogo Sun Hotels' achievements, changes, and acquisitions have contributed to the development of both the hospitality and tourism industries in South Africa. "Our distribution of hotels reaches from Langebaan to Ulundi, up to Polokwane, and everywhere in between, and the variety of product offerings ensures that we cater for every traveller's needs."

"We have been part of the industry's growth and our products and offerings have evolved along with the needs of the industry and travellers on the continent and Indian Ocean Islands, venturing beyond SA to the Seychelles in 1988 and into Africa in 1993." "We've always sought to attract and retain the best talent and grow our people – and they are the differentiator. We have people who've been with us for over 40 years and who are an integral part of our journey and growth."



Palazzo Hotel

## Africa gets its first Canopy by Hilton hotel brand

CAPETOWN

Hilton (NYSE:HLT) announced the signing of a management agreement with Growthpoint Properties, South Africa's largest REIT, to open a hotel under its lifestyle Canopy by Hilton brand.

The 150 guestroom Canopy by Hilton Cape Town Longkloof is expected to begin welcoming guests in 2021 and will be the brand's debut property in Africa.

Canopy by Hilton launched in 2014 to appeal to travelers seeking locally inspired stays and wishing to immerse themselves in the culture and history of local neighbourhoods. It currently operates

in nine destinations around the world with more than 35 properties in the pipeline, aiming to guarantee travelers unique and authentic experiences.

Located a stone's throw away from the city's historical epicenter, the Company's Garden, and will bring to life the heritage of a 112-year-old site, Longkloof Studios. The project forms part of a precinct redevelopment by Growthpoint, representing a R550m investment in the city.

DHK architects will redevelop a building which began life as the premises of what was then the United Tobacco Company and subsequently served as the home of Cape Town's Women's Institute.

Rudolf Pienaar, Chief Development and Investment Officer, Growthpoint Properties, said: "Growthpoint is thrilled to partner with Canopy by Hilton to launch this phenomenal brand in Africa. Our prime Longkloof redevelopment project is in a magnificent multi-faceted historic urban quarter of Cape Town and is the perfect setting for the first Canopy by Hilton branded property on the continent."

Our investment in this property reflects our confidence in Cape Town as well as Hilton's exceptional upscale lifestyle hotel brand. We believe Canopy by Hilton Cape Town Longkloof will become a South African landmark and will be supported by

travellers from all over the country and the world."

Patrick Fitzgibbon, Senior Vice President, Development, EMEA, Hilton, said: "Cape Town is one of the world's most sought-after destinations, offering an array of attractions to suit every travel occasion. Canopy by Hilton becomes our third brand to gain a presence in the city and we are eyeing further expansion. The decision to locate Africa's first Canopy by Hilton here, is testament to not only the strength of the destination, but the quality of partners at Growthpoint as we seek to create a showcase interpretation of the brand to introduce to the African continent."



## CONSTRUCTION

By Paul Reeve

## A ZERO CARBON UK BY 2050: WHAT IT MEANS FOR BUILDINGS

Astonishingly, today, the UK Government has agreed with the recent recommendations of the Committee for Climate Change (CCC) and intends to pursue a "zero net carbon" economy.

With Prime Minister Theresa May's announcement today, the UK becomes the first major nation to propose this target. It already has a 2050 target to reduce emissions by 80%, agreed by MPs under the Climate Change Act in 2008.

But this new goal, intended to become law, is much tougher. The CCC's report, issued at the beginning of May, points the way to achieving a remarkable 96% cut in greenhouse gases (GHG) by 2050, across the following areas of the economy: Power and hydrogen; Buildings; Industry; Transport (all types); Agriculture; Waste; F-gas emissions, and Greenhouse gas (GHG) removal.

A key target area for the CCC recommendations is buildings, where the persistent challenge is delivering low-carbon heating. The electrification of energy, based on a massively decarbonised grid, has a central role in the CCC recommendations for the built environment.

In addition, smart building control systems (e.g. controlling EV charging and hybrid heat pumps) will be needed to help manage increased electricity demand and maximise renewable energy use.

The CCC recommendations for buildings also hinge on a massive roll-out of heat pumps, hybrid heat pumps and even hydrogen boilers in new and existing premises (supplementing or replacing gas boilers). This would be supported by urban district heating, smart storage heating and high levels of energy efficiency.

Energy efficiency alone cannot deliver a net zero carbon UK. Even so, it's a great place to start and in



Holiday Inn London is a green building technology structure.

many cases it is the most cost effective measure. As such, the CCC adds that "an energy efficiency retrofit of the 29 million homes across the UK should be a national infrastructure priority." However, any planned programme will clearly need to be far more successful than the failed 'Green Deal' retrofit scheme.

The new recommendations are likely to provide a fillip for

the 'Each Home Counts' report, which examined the aftermath the Green Deal and made numerous recommendations to avoid future failures in energy retrofitting.

In the CCC report, hybrid (dual fuel) heat pumps would be used to optimise the use of renewable energy in buildings, and a 2018 government report suggests there may be lower carbon abatement costs compared to standard heat

pumps.

All this proposed activity would boost current low-carbon heating from only 4.5% of buildings to a game-changing 90% by 2050, but at a high average abatement cost of around £140/tCO<sub>2</sub>e (non-residential cost £95/tCO<sub>2</sub>e).

The total cost of installing the measures above, along with decarbonising the grid, could ramp up to tens of billions of pounds

annually, though the CCC suggests that cost reductions would accompany deployment at scale, as seen for example by offshore wind.

Government policy and investment

To achieve UK-wide scale, the Government will need to provide a policy framework for building decarbonisation that includes a fully-fledged strategy for decar-

bonised heat in 2020. It will also need to deliver on the 'Future Homes' standard (ensuring new build has low-carbon heating and excellent energy efficiency by 2025, with ambitious standards for new non-residential buildings).

Meanwhile, the Treasury will need to work with BEIS to provide not just direction, regulation and standards, but imaginative fiscal measures, including significant initial funding. All this will need to be effectively co-ordinated at national and regional level, and regional and local planning systems would need to keep up. None of this will be easy to deliver, much less cost-effectively.

Although the CCC report relies on using feasible technology the UK is also well short of the infrastructure, supply and installation capacity needed to introduce low-carbon heating at scale. For example, the report acknowledges the need to move from 20,000 heat pump installations annually to around a million a year (a fifty-fold increase in UK installation capacity), overcoming poor customer awareness and nascent market development on the way.

Meanwhile, building a hydrogen boiler infrastructure in 15 years, and from a standing start, is a tall order. Interestingly, the contribution of BIM, whole-life building performance, and even the circular economy was not included in the otherwise comprehensive CCC report, but these processes and approaches could also help to unlock the type of carbon reductions needed in the years ahead.

As such, the CCC's report also recommends that the Government deploys the Construction Sector Deal to help tackle major 'low carbon' (along with ventilation and thermal comfort) skills gaps across building design, construction and installation.

Yet the risk is all too apparent that the UK could forge on with 'sub-optimal installation at scale'. Going forward, the quality of contractors, products, design and systems will be everything.

No-one should expect the feat of resolving the UK's carbon footprint for good to be anything other than both hugely challenging and costly. However, against this is the enormous cost of climate inaction and potentially, there are phenomenal opportunities for UK businesses and the economy.

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## Hong Kong developers turn to old buildings for projects

HONG KONG

Real estate developers in Hong Kong are turning their attention to the city's old buildings as new land for development remains scarce.

More developers have been redeveloping old residential and commercial buildings, after finding it increasingly difficult to acquire sites in the government land sales market. A total of 39 compulsory sale applications were received in 2018, a six year high and up 160 percent from the previous year, according to figures reported by the Lands Tribunal.

"A highly competitive government land sales market and large sums arising from the bigger plots on offer have effectively shut a lot of small-to-medium sized developers out," says Denis Ma, Head of Research at JLL Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is infamous for its space constraints, leading to small floor spaces and sky high rents. The vacancy rate for Grade A offices has fallen from 11.9 percent at the start of 1999 to 2.0 percent at the end of 2018, resulting in escalating rental costs for



Real estate developers in Hong Kong are turning their attention to the city's old buildings like this as new land for development remains scarce.

occupiers in what is already one of the world's priciest property markets.

Compulsory sale applications allow developers to gain full control of a building after securing 80 percent ownership and were introduced to encourage the redevelopment of old and vacant buildings through the country's Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelop-

ment) Ordinance (Cap. 545 of the Laws of Hong Kong) in 1999. The ordinance enables individual owners who hold a specified majority of the undivided shares in a lot to file an application to the Lands Tribunal for an order to sell it for redevelopment.

"Compulsory sales are a viable alternative source of land supply for devel-

opers to sustain their project development pipelines," Ma says.

Government support And the Hong Kong government is encouraging the process, announcing in the 2018 Policy Address, the re-activation of its industrial building revitalisation scheme, more commonly referred to as 'Revitalisation 2.0.'

In addition to exempting waiver fees on changes to a building's use, the re-jigged scheme will allow for the relaxation of the gross floor area plot ratio by up to 20 percent, enabling owners to build at a higher density. The new scheme has also been expanded to allow the conversion of industrial buildings into transitional housing.

## Aldar launches Dh1.7bn residential development for EmiratIs

ABU DHABI

Aldar Properties, Abu Dhabi's biggest listed developer, launched a Dh1.7 billion residential project. It is the developer's third this year, featuring plot sales to tap demand for land in the capital's property market.

Alreeman II in Al Shamkha will be available for purchase to EmiratIs only. The project follows the success of Alreeman, launched in January, which generated Dh1.6bn in sales. Aldar is offering about 1,700 plots to investors in Alreeman II, ranging from 500 square metres to 1,000 square metres. The developer will begin selling the plots in the third week of June. Prices range from Dh690,000 to Dh1.2 million.

Aldar expects sales to equal the Dh1.7bn gross development cost of the project, said Rashed Al Omaira, director of sales and development. "We continue to be very optimistic about Abu Dhabi's property market. We are continuously assessing what we need to release ... there is certainly pent up demand for plots of land," Maan Al Awlaqi, Aldar's executive director of commercial said on Wednesday.

Construction on the project will commence at the end of this year, with the first handovers beginning from the end of 2021, he said.

The UAE property market slowed in the wake of the 2014 drop in oil prices, with tenants and buyers seeking more affordable options. The fall in residential sales and rental prices has slowed this year and some analysts predict a market recovery as the down cycle ends soon. Government initiatives such as a Dh50bn three-year economic stimulus package and the long-term visa system, offering residency of up to 10 years to specialists in technical fields, are expected to contribute to the recovery of the real estate market.

In April, the Abu Dhabi government also made changes to related laws allowing foreigners to own freehold property in designated zones. Foreign investors in Abu Dhabi's real estate market were previously granted leasehold for a maximum time period of 99 years. The change in the legislation is a boon to the real estate market, Mr Al Awlaqi said. It will increase appetite among foreign investors for property in Abu Dhabi, he added.

## Passengers flying from London soon to be able to keep liquids and laptops in bags

LONDON

Travellers at Heathrow Airport will soon be able to get through security screening faster thanks to new scanning technology.

London's busiest airport is investing millions in computer tomography (CT) security scanners that will let passengers keep laptops and liquids inside their carry-on bags, speeding up the security process.

The news is also a step in the right direction for the environment, as the airport will scrap obligatory plastic bags for liquids. The 100ml liquid limit — introduced in 2006 after the discover of a liquid bomb plot — will remain in place.

London's busiest airport will invest £50 million (Dh233 million) in the technology, which will be rolled out across all terminals and airport security lanes over the coming years.

Completion is due by 2022. The new scanners will cut airport security screening times as passengers will be able to load bags on to security belts without having to remove anything from their luggage.

Similar to CAT scanners that are currently used in hospitals, the technology produces detailed 3D-images of passengers' bags. This will make it easier for airport staff to see the contents of each bag, without

having to look inside. The current technology uses X-ray scans which are much harder for staff to decipher. Advancements in technology will also allow airport computers to be able to detect explosives and dangerous liquids more effectively than the human eye can.

Chris Garton, Heathrow Chief Operations Officer said: "This cutting-edge kit will not only keep the airport safe with the latest technology, but

will mean that our future passengers can keep their focus on getting on with their journeys and less time preparing for security screening."

The technology is already in place in other airports in Europe and the USA. London Heathrow is the first airport in the UK to invest in the scanners after deeming trials of the technology successful.



## WORLD

# As Democratic voters warm to free trade, White House candidates struggle for positions

LANSING

DEMOCRATIC presidential contender Elizabeth Warren is churning out reams of policy proposals on everything from daycare to manufacturing. But despite her piles of written plans, she has yet to tackle trade.

Warren and most of the other 23 Democrats seeking the party's 2020 White House nomination have avoided issuing a robust outline of how they would approach one of the central issues in Republican President Donald Trump's bid for re-election.

Trade policy has become tricky territory for Democratic candidates after Trump upended traditional partisan divisions on the issue. None appears willing to agree outright with Trump's philosophy, so most have tried instead to find grounds for criticizing how he is implementing his policy.

Yet in a sprawling field of Democratic contenders who agree on many major issues, trade presents a chance to draw some distinctions.

"Trump's blowing a big hole in those kinds of traditional alignments, and that creates chaos but it also creates opportunity for the Democratic Party," said former Democratic U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp, of North Dakota, who now works as a pro-trade advocate.

"There is a lot of opportunity for Democrats to talk about how important free trade and fair trade is for American workers."

In past decades, Republicans favored free trade, joining business in supporting low tariffs and multinational trade deals. Democrats, heavily influenced by unions, were viewed as more protectionist, opposing trade deals and supporting tariffs.

Democratic Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama began shifting from that position, with Clinton signing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in the 1990s and Obama negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Trump departed from his party's



Elizabeth Warren

orthodoxy and embraced protectionist policies, walking away from the TPP and imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum imports and \$250 billion of imports from China.

Democrats in Congress have oscillated on their views on the Trump administration's trade policy, at times being critical but at others supportive, including encouraging Trump to be tough on China.

## BLUE-COLLAR VOTE

Trump's emphasis on trade and "putting American workers first" helped him woo blue-collar voters in the 2016 election, including in places like Michigan where he crucially won a state that had not voted for a Republican presidential candidate in decades.

Democrats need those voters back in 2020 but have to navigate carefully given that many workers in industrial states still like Trump's trade policies. But voters have evolved on the issue. A Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted in early June found that many Democrats were strongly opposed to the sweeping tariffs Trump proposed - and then canceled - on goods imported from Mexico as a way to stem illegal immigration.

The poll found seven out of 10 Republicans supported the tariffs, compared with seven out of 10 Democrats opposing them.

Overall, 42% of U.S. adults polled opposed the tariffs and 39% supported them.

Linda Solem, 69, of Grand Ledge, Michigan, is among the Democratic voters who have changed

their tune. She supported tariffs during the 10 years she spent as a union member working on the production line of a General Motors plant.

Now retired, she is ready to see the Democratic Party embrace free trade.

"We don't even make TVs here anymore," Solem said. "You've got to have some tariffs, but you can't go wild with tariffs and you can't use them to be a bully."

## 'LIBERAL CASE FOR TRADE'

Even as Trump creates openings for Democrats to talk about trade, most are not taking it.

"Democrats have done a poor job making the liberal case for trade," said Christina Davis, a professor at Harvard who specializes in trade and foreign relations.

The decline of organized labor's influence could open opportunities for Democrats to develop new positions, she added.

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders put out a trade plan in April dealing with China. His proposal sounds a lot like Trump's rhetoric, including wanting to punish multinational companies that move jobs overseas and undoing trade agreements.

Warren, campaigning in Michigan and Indiana this month, echoed Trump's criticism of companies moving abroad but then took aim at how he had executed his policies.

She called for more discussions on trade but stopped short of offering specifics when asked if she was going to release a trade plan.

"The plan is no small part about who sits at the table," Warren said. "When the people sitting at the table are all the lobbyists and executives from multinational corporations, then the policies that come out of that help the giant multinational corporations."

Business groups in Washington are watching what Democratic presidential candidates say on the campaign trail.

Ahead of a vote on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) - which would replace NAFTA - candidates serving in Congress like Warren may be forced to take a more definitive stance. So far, Democrats have been blocking a vote because of opposition to labor provisions, a nod to their union base.

"That very much is going to be a test," said a Washington business lobbyist who asked not to be identified. "It's very difficult for a member of Congress to say they're pro-business and then vote against USMCA. In fact, I don't think you could do it."

## Leading powers should cooperate to solve contemporary problems - envoy

WASHINGTON



RUSSIA believes that present-day problems can be efficiently solved only in cooperation of the world's leading powers, Russia's US ambassador Anatoly Antonov has said.

"We are convinced that problems of the modern world can be efficiently solved only through serious and fair cooperation among the leading powers and their unions. We believe that teaming up to solve real, not imaginary threats is the most important task. Terrorism is one of those major threats," he said during the Russia Day celebration at the Russian embassy in Washington.

Antonov said that Russia is interested in "stable and predictable" relations with the United States.

"We, as the world's biggest nuclear powers, are vested with special responsibility to ensure strategic stability and security," he went on.

The diplomat added that Moscow is ready to cooperate with any country, willing to establish relations "based on mutual recognition of [national] interests and on search for mutually acceptable compromises."

According to the ambassador, Russia's approach to solving key international problems is shared by the majority of states members of the United Nations, BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

"In other words, Russia is not fighting against someone, it fights for solving all problems on the basis of equality and [mutual] respect," he said.

"Russia is an influential and responsible member of the international community," the ambassador went on. "We are not seeking to impose our will on anyone and strictly observe the international law."

"Our foreign policy priorities are no secret," he said. "Our goals are clear: ensuring safety at our borders and creating favorable external conditions for Russia's sustainable internal development."

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## UK House of Commons rejects bid to rule out no-deal Brexit

LONDON

BRITISH opposition lawmakers failed on Wednesday in their latest attempt to ensure the UK can't leave the European Union without a divorce deal.

The House of Commons voted 309-298 against setting aside a day later this month to try to pass legislation that would prevent a no-deal Brexit.

"This is a disappointing, narrow defeat. But this is just the start, not the end of our efforts to block 'no deal,'" said Labour Party Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer.

The governing Conservative Party is holding a contest to replace Prime Minister Theresa May, who quit as party leader last week after Parliament three times rejected her divorce deal with the EU.

Some of the 10 contenders, including front-runner Boris Johnson, say if they become prime minister, they would take Britain out of the

EU on the twice-extended withdrawal date, now set for Oct 31, with or without an agreement.

Many economists have argued a no-deal Brexit would cause economic turmoil and plunge Britain into recession. But Johnson (pictured) and other Brexiters say the Conservative Party will be destroyed by angry voters if Brexit is delayed again.

Parliament has already voted against leaving the EU without an agreement on divorce terms, but there is no easy way for lawmakers to stop a government that is determined to carrying out Brexit without a deal.

Opposition legislators fear a pro-Brexit prime minister could even suspend Parliament to force a no-deal exit.

Starmer said Wednesday's defeated motion would have ensured that "if the next prime minister is foolish enough to try to pursue a no deal Brexit, then Parliament would have the means to prevent that."

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## Huawei ban would harm UK's mobile leadership

LONDON

UNITED Kingdom mobile operators plan to warn the British government that a ban on Chinese telecommunications company Huawei would jeopardize the UK's role as a leader in mobile connectivity.

Several operators reportedly plan to send a letter to Cabinet Secretary Mark Sedwill asking the government to urgently clarify whether it intends to allow Huawei to bid for 5G contracts in Britain, according to the BBC.

The UK has been under pressure from the United States to boycott Huawei due to alleged security concerns. UK mobile operators have historically used a substantial amount of Huawei kits when updating network infrastructure.

In a draft of the letter, which

was seen by the BBC, the operators expressed frustration that they have had to delay investment decisions while the government debates the Huawei question. The operators also reiterated that a Huawei ban would delay 5G roll-out in the UK by up to two years and damage Britain's chances of becoming a world leader in future technologies.

A recent report commissioned by four of the nation's major mobile network companies EE, O2, Three and Vodafone claimed that delayed rollout of 5G technology could cost the UK economy between 4.5 billion pounds (US\$5.9 billion) and 6.8 billion pounds.

The government has been conducting a supply chain review for several months and was expected to reach a verdict on Huawei in late May, though no decision has been made public.



"The Telecoms Supply Chain Review will be announced in due course," a government spokesman said in response to the BBC report. "We have been clear throughout the process that all network operators will need to comply with the government's decision."

The security and resilience of the UK's telecoms network is of paramount importance. We have robust procedures in place to manage risks to national security and are committed to the highest possible security standards."

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Last month, The Telegraph reported that the UK government had decided to allow the use of Huawei kits, with various restrictions in place. The Telegraph received the information via a leak from a top-level security meeting. Gavin Williamson was fired from his position as UK defense secretary following an investigation into the leak.

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nity, which includes the US, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

On Monday, Huawei cybersecurity chief John Suffolk answered questions from a parliamentary select committee concerning the security of the company's equipment.

He told the committee that Huawei had never been asked "to do anything untoward" by the Chinese government.

"There are no laws in China that obligate us to work with the Chinese government with anything whatsoever," Suffolk said.

"We stand naked in front of the world, but we would prefer to do that, because it enables us to improve our products. We want people to find things, whether they find one or one thousand, we don't care. We are not embarrassed by what people find."

Xinhua

## Iran's Ayatollah tells Abe he has no reply to message from Trump

LONDON

IRAN will not repeat its "bitter experience" of negotiating with the United States, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe yesterday, amid an escalating confrontation between Tehran and Washington.

Abe, who visited Tehran carrying a message to Iranian leaders from US President Donald Trump, warned on Wednesday of unintended clashes in the crisis-hit

Middle East after meeting Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

Tensions between the United States and Iran, already at a high pitch, were expected to escalate further yesterday after reports of suspected attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf.

Washington has dispatched additional forces to the region in recent weeks after accusing Tehran of threatening shipping there. Iran has denied being behind previous similar attacks.

State media quoted the Ayatol-



lah as saying in his meeting with Abe: "I do not see Trump as worthy of any message exchange, and I do not have any reply for him, now or in future."

The Ayatollah (pictured) also

said Trump's promise not to seek regime change in Iran was "a lie", adding that he did not believe Washington's offer of honest negotiations with Tehran.

Strains between Washington and Tehran have sharply increased in recent weeks, a year after the United States abandoned a 2015 nuclear agreement between Iran and world powers to curb Tehran's nuclear program in exchange for the lifting of sanctions.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has no trust in America and will

never repeat the bitter experience of previous negotiations with America in the framework of the JCPOA," Ayatollah Khamenei said, using the acronym for the nuclear deal. "No wise and proud nation will accept negotiations under pressure."

Abe told reporters in Tehran that "Supreme Leader Khamenei made a comment that the country will not and should not make, hold or use nuclear weapons, and that it has no such intentions."

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## 'Belt' of security and 'Road' to development for SCO in challenging times

BEIJING

SITUATED along rivers and beside mountains, Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan and host of this year's Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit, used to be a key juncture along the ancient Silk Road.

The historical trade routes snaked through the Central Asian country for centuries, witnessing and facilitating commercial and cultural exchanges between the East and the West.

Today, the Belt and Road Initiative

(BRI), proposed by China and inspired by the historical link, has offered Bishkek a new opportunity to rejuvenate its old glory in global trade.

The city has now become an economic partner with China's eastern port of Qingdao, host of last year's SCO summit.

Over the years, the organization has made strides in bolstering security cooperation among its members, including combating the "three forces" of terrorism, separatism and extremism, as well as in cracking down on transnational organized crime across the

region.

After 18 years of growth, the SCO has now matured under the guidance of the Shanghai Spirit, which features mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for cultural diversity and pursuit of common development.

The SCO has expanded from a six-member group when it was founded in 2001 to one of the world's most important multilateral platforms that, in addition to tackling shared security problems in the region, also seeks to promote economic development and

people-to-people exchanges.

Robust and sustainable economic and social development is key to fundamentally addressing security challenges.

The BRI, now in its sixth year, can bring the SCO members both the "Belt" of security and "Road" to development in the face of rising trade protectionism and economic nationalism to achieve lasting stability and common prosperity.

Spreading across the Eurasian continent, the now eight-member SCO accounts for nearly half the global popu-

lation, and over 20 percent of global gross domestic product (GDP), according to official statistics. These numbers provide a glimpse of the SCO members' immense demand and potential for development cooperation.

In previous gatherings, leaders of the SCO members expressed their support for the BRI and pledged to dock their respective development strategies with it.

Some SCO members like Russia and Pakistan have become key partners with China along the Belt and Road,

and their BRI-related cooperation has made notable strides.

Take Russia for example. With a boost from the growing synergy between the BRI and the Eurasian Economic Union, two-way trade between China and Russia hit a record high of over 100 billion U.S. dollars last year.

The two sides have also worked closely on major inter-connectivity cooperation projects, such as the construction of gas pipelines and cross-border roads and bridges.

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## Xi's neighborhood diplomacy to forge closer community with shared future

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping is in Central Asia from Wednesday to Sunday for state visits to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and for the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and that of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

Against the backdrop of growing uncertainties worldwide, his trip is expected to further consolidate multi-dimensional cooperation within the frameworks of the SCO and the CICA and pool efforts to create a shared future of security and prosperity for all countries in the region.

Leaders of the SCO member states will gather in Kyrgyzstan's capital of Bishkek for this year's summit and are expected to declare a unified stance on major regional and international issues.

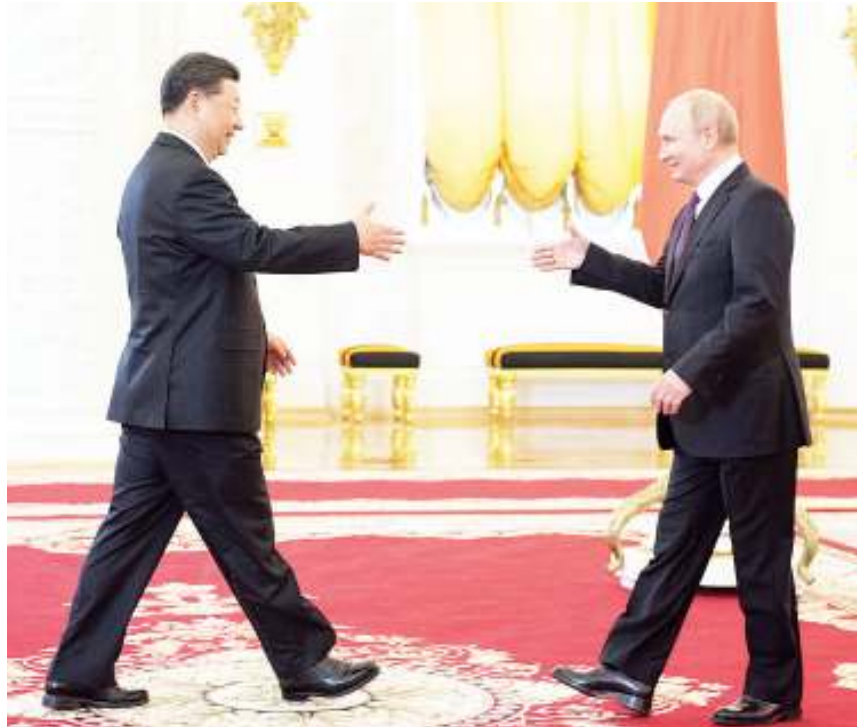
When the SCO was founded in June 2001, its primary mission was to build mutual trust, safeguard trans-border security and boost anti-terrorism cooperation.

Over the past 18 years, the SCO has grown into the world's largest regional organization for comprehensive cooperation in terms of both the area it covers and the population it represents.

Cooperation among member states has been largely enriched in such fields as security, economy and people-to-people exchanges.

As for the SCO's next stage of development, Xi, in a speech at the SCO Qingdao summit in 2018, called on countries involved in the regional bloc to work closely to build an SCO community with a shared future.

The SCO can take a leap forward in promoting the building of such a community, said Shi Ze, standing director of the Chinese Center for Shanghai Cooperation Organization Studies. Because the SCO member



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) shakes hands with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin ahead of their talks in Moscow, Russia, June 5, 2019. (Xinhua)

states are faced with common challenges in security and economic development, they share a broad consensus on many issues, he added.

During the SCO summit, Xi will exchange views with leaders of the participating countries on the status quo and prospects of SCO's development, as well as major international and regional issues.

The leaders will "discuss new ideas and new measures to jointly address risks and challenges, and promote security, stability, development and revitalization under the current situation," according to Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Hanhui.

In fact, under the guidance of its bedrock principle -- the Shanghai Spirit, the SCO has been steadily advancing to achieve the goal.

It has become an influential force in combating the "three evil forces" of terrorism, separatism and extrem-

ism, as well as in cracking down on cross-border and cyber crimes.

Meanwhile, practical cooperation among member states in military, energy, transport, telecommunication, infrastructure and agriculture has been yielding tangible results and bringing concrete benefits to the people in the region and beyond.

At this year's summit, member states will adopt a series of important documents and further promote multilateral cooperation within the SCO framework, according to SCO Secretary-General Vladimir Norov.

Like SCO member states, many Asian countries also need to deal with traditional and non-traditional security challenges including the "three evil forces" -- drug trafficking, extreme poverty and border disputes.

At the same time, the return of a Cold-War mentality, hegemony and

zero-sum games has posed serious threats to the stability and security of the world as well as Asia.

Only by working together can countries overcome these challenges and achieve prosperity and development for themselves and for the region as a whole.

As the only active Pan-Asian multilateral mechanism on security cooperation, the CICA has been actively enhancing mutual trust between its member states with measures being taken in areas including military and politics.

Established in 1992, the CICA was a forum for dialogue and consultation on security issues in Asia.

Through years of joint efforts, the mechanism has been a security cooperation forum that has the widest coverage, the largest membership and the most adequate representation in Asia, and it has played an important and constructive role in promoting regional stability and prosperity.

Security cooperation is the root of the SCO and the CICA, noted Shi. Enhancing cooperation in this area is the fundamental demand of member states of both organizations to tackle changes of situation in the Eurasian region, he said.

Therefore, security cooperation will be the core topic on the agenda of the SCO summit in Bishkek and the CICA summit in Dushanbe, said Shi.

Leaders need to negotiate on this issue and find suitable solutions to address those security challenges and threats, he added.

In recent years, China has been continuously improving its relations with central Asian countries under the guidance of principles of amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness.

In Kyrgyzstan, China has provided assistance to the construction of medical facilities by building the Osh Hospital and a congenital heart dis-

ease research center.

China also helped repair roads in Bishkek and strengthen security capability of the country. Kyrgyz President Sooronbai Jeenbekov commented that China is a close neighbor, reliable friend and strategic partner of his country.

Tajikistan, the world's first country to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the Silk Road Economic Belt with China, has been experiencing accelerated economic development with China's assistance.

The country's key sectors such as infrastructure, energy and electricity as well as communications and transportation have achieved huge breakthroughs in development.

At present, China has become a major trade partner and investor of both Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

China's cooperation with the two countries in transport, infrastructure, trade and mining have been consistently deepened. Learning the Chinese language and studying in China have become popular choices of local youth.

Xi's visits are expected to further promote comprehensive strategic partnerships with the two countries and promote practical cooperation within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Moreover, Vice Foreign Minister Zhang said, the heads of state will transform high-level political mutual trust into more tangible cooperation results, and ensure that the bilateral relationships will achieve greater development under the new situation.

Yao Peisheng, former Chinese ambassador to Kyrgyzstan, said China and central Asian countries including Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan have already formed a community with a shared future, which will be taken as a paradigm for China's relations with other neighboring countries.

Xinhua

## Algeria's unprecedented crackdown on corruption targets senior officials

ALGIERS

THE Algerian Supreme Court on Wednesday sent to prison former Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia.

The move is part of an unprecedented anti-corruption campaign in the history of this North African nation that has been witnessing continuing popular protests since Feb. 22 to claim radical changes and trial of figures who served under ousted president Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

On Wednesday, Ouyahia has been sent to provisional prison, while former minister of public works and transport, Abdelghani Zaalane, has been placed under judicial probation pending investigation.

These two former senior officials are accused of squandering public funds while providing illegal privileges to specified businessmen, including former head of Employers Forum (FCE) and CEO of construction and public works group ETRHB, Ali Haddad.

The indictment list also includes the Kouninef brothers, who own a large construction group named KouGC, and Mahieddine Tahkout, CEO of an auto assembly and student transportation group.

Haddad, Kouninef brothers and Tahkout, in addition to billionaire Issad Rebrab, CEO of the largest private group in Algeria, Cevital, have all been sent to investigative custody so far.

The Algerian justice has accelerated the pace of prosecutions, given that a group of 12 former senior government officials are also due to be tried for violations, squandering of public funds, and corruption while they were serving on public posts.

Xinhua

## Chinese textile company brings new life to Tajikistan's cotton industry

DUSHANBE

"I'm happy to sell cotton to Chinese people," said Tajik cotton farmer Vahit, who did not give his full name, when telling his stories about China's Zhongtai (Dangara) New Silk Road Textile Industry Company, a large cotton processing and textile producing enterprise bridging China and Tajikistan.

His special relationship with Zhongtai started three years ago, when Zhongtai made an exception for Vahit and bought a batch of his cotton that had been soiled in a truck accident.

Deeply touched by the generous gesture, Vahit has decided to prioritize his business with Chinese companies ever since.

This is an epitome of Zhongtai's people-oriented development plans. Founded in the Dangara District of Tajikistan's Khatlon Province in 2014 by China's Zhongtai Group and Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, the company, with vigorous support from the Tajik government, aims to build a modern cotton industrial base which helps boost the economy and improve local people's livelihood.

Zhongtai has a reason to be confident in its growth, considering that a suitable climate with adequate light and heat enables Khatlon to produce one of the best cottons in the world, and its potential has yet to be fully tapped.

With more than 13,000 hectares of cotton fields provided by the Tajik government, Zhongtai has introduced advanced tech-



Chinese President Xi Jinping is received by his Kyrgyz counterpart Sooronbay Jeenbekov upon his arrival in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on Wednesday. (Xinhua)

nologies from northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which substantially increased the annual output of cotton in the area.

Under the scorching sun, sweeping green cotton fields stretch far off to the mountains in the distance. Irrigation pipes neatly aligned across the fields are watering the cotton branches, in preparation for the harvest two months away.

"We have not only enhanced cotton planting technologies, but also promoted the cotton and textile industrial chain and helped Tajikistan expand its overseas market," said Zhao Jianlong, head of Zhongtai's general management department.

After the first and second stages of its project went into operation, Zhongtai has set up an industry chain of cotton growing, ginning and spinning, which is "one of a kind" in the Central Asian country, Zhao said.

At present, the company produces 150,000 spindles of yarn annually, accounting for 80 per-

cent of Tajikistan's total spinning capacity.

Its products are exported to various countries including Turkey, Russia, Italy and Poland, making it the largest exporter in Tajikistan in terms of foreign currency earnings.

The Zhongtai project is a symbol of strengthening cooperation between China and Tajikistan in recent years.

As Tajikistan's biggest investor and a major trading partner, China has invested in many large industrial enterprises or projects in the country, bringing high tax revenues and a large number of jobs to local people.

Currently, the Zhongtai project has nearly 600 Tajik employees, who have either learnt their skills at the company or participated in training programs in China.

It is known to locals that the incomes of Zhongtai's employees are even higher than those of local civil servants and white-collar workers, which has attracted many applicants. Standing in

front of a row of cotton-spinning machines in a spacious textile workshop, Sharipova Shifo, a single mother of two children, recalled her memorable four-month training experience in China as an employee of the company: "I liked the cities in China! I learnt how to work at a textile factory there."

When I returned back here, I work as a specialist and I know all the equipment ... I love my job and I have a good salary," she said.

"The textile factory has an excellent reputation here. In addition to the locals, many people from other areas have come here expecting to become employees," said Navruzchon Khabib, the company's interpreter and a core member of its technical personnel.

Though jobs at the company are in short supply at the moment, thousands of locals are expected to be hired after the final stages are put into operation, Zhao said.

In support of the project, a number of universities in Dangara have set up textile training courses to cultivate more professionals in this field, while factories in the region provide maintenance and repairs for Zhongtai's equipment.

The following stages of the Zhongtai project are scheduled to be completed and put into operation by 2021, when the industry chain will be upgraded into an entire integrated process involving factories for weaving, dyeing, and clothing manufacturing.

Xinhua

## Good Russian-Ukrainian relations will inevitably return – Putin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin hopes that the new Ukrainian government would actively engage in restoring relations between Russia and Ukraine, adding that the process of normalizing relations was inevitable.

"Restoring our relations is inevitable. It [the present situation] is simply impossible between two parts of the same ethnicity, or, in other words, between two brotherly nations," Putin said in an interview to the Mir channel, a fragment of which was posted on YouTube on Wednesday night.



"It does not matter what kind of relations we had with the political establishment, with the political elites of the past, with, so to speak, the individuals whose lives centered around personal success, profit and preservation of their wealth, accumulated at the expense of the people of Ukraine and kept

somewhere abroad. <...> But at least I hope that the new government is not restricted by those limitations, feels free to act and is relying on the confidence bestowed by the people of Ukraine upon their newly elected president, that it will be able to take active measures both to restore relations between Ukraine and Russia and to solve domestic problems," the Russian president went on.

Putin also expressed hope that Ukraine's new political leadership would not try to conceal its reluctance to solve domestic problems behind "Russophobic thoughts and ideas."

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## Cyclone batters fishing hub but veers away from Indian coast

VERAVAL, India

A cyclone in the Arabian Sea battered an Indian fishing hub with heavy wind, wave and rain yesterday and was forecast to still bring dangerous weather even as it veered away from the western coast.

The India Meteorological Department says Cyclone Vayu, the season's second major storm and named after the Hindi word for wind, has jogged west, skirting the coast of the western state of Gujarat and unlikely to hit it head on as previously forecast. Pakistan warned of rough seas and dangerous heat, though the cyclone wasn't expected to di-

rectly hit the port city of Karachi.

In anticipation of the storm, rescue workers evacuated nearly 300,000 people, taking a cue from Cyclone Fani, which came ashore on India's eastern coast in May, killing 34 people in India and 15 in neighboring Bangladesh.

An unprecedented evacuation effort that involved relocating about a million people ahead of Fani was credited with saving many lives.

Though not as severe as Fani and unlikely to make landfall, Vayu could leave dangerous conditions in its wake, Indian authorities cautioned. Sathi Devi, the government

scientist in charge of monitoring the storm, said Vayu will come closest to land around 2 pm, stirring up winds of up to 150 kilometers per hour before turning sharply westward into open water.

In Veraval, a hub of India's fishing industry, heavy wind and rain from Vayu battered the beaches. Fishing boats were splintered by huge waves crashing onto shore. Local police were making a last-minute appeal to hut dwellers to leave their homes.

A blanket of steady rain came down in the coastal city of Porbandar, the birthplace of Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi. Agencies

## Africa's female agripreneurs to propel next wave of growth, prosperity - experts

NAIROBI

GREATER involvement of African women in commercial agriculture could offer durable solution to the continent's endemic challenges like poverty, hunger, malnutrition and inequality, experts said at a forum in Nairobi on Wednesday.

The experts and policymakers, who spoke at the inaugural African women in agribusiness

conference underway in Nairobi, stated that governments should leverage on skills and innovations from the female gender to enhance sustainability of commercial farming. Sabdiyo Dido, an agribusiness specialist at the Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA), said that Africa's ability to achieve sustainable development hinges on greater participation of women in commercially oriented

food production systems.

"We must increase the number of women in agribusiness by providing them with requisite skills, capital and technology," Dido remarked. "Gender sensitive policies are required to ensure there is a level playing ground for women keen to venture into trade in agricultural produce," she added.

More than 100 participants from 21 African countries who

included policymakers, entrepreneurs, financial experts and innovators attended the two days conference that discussed new strategies to promote women in agribusiness. Dido said that creation of an African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) presents immense opportunities for women farmers keen to explore new markets for their produce.

"The continental free trade combined with existing regional

economic blocs could provide lucrative market for agricultural commodities that are mainly produced by women," said Dido.

She said that capacity building coupled with access to affordable credit and digital platforms is key to ensure that African women are key players in the agricultural value chains.

The World Bank's projections indicate that agribusiness in Sub-Saharan Africa will be worth

1 trillion U.S. dollars by the year 2030 and will be central to the continent's industrial transformation.

Beatrice Gakuba, executive director of African Women in Agribusiness Network (AWAN), said that policy reforms, awareness creation and financing is key to ensure that women are at the heart of transition to mechanized farming that promises shared prosperity in the world's second

largest continent.

"Our governments should embark on enactment of inclusive policies to ensure that women are adequately represented in agribusiness," said Gakuba.

Access to finance, removal of non-trade barriers and development of basic infrastructure will ensure that women agripreneurs thrive in their countries and across the borders," She added.

Xinhua



## 6 suspects, including gunman, arrested in Ortiz shooting

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

AN alleged gunman and five accomplices have been detained in the shooting of former Red Sox superstar David Ortiz, Dominican officials said Wednesday, while providing no information about why a group of young men would try to kill their country's most beloved sports hero.

Four other suspects were also being pursued in the shooting, which witnesses said was carried out by two men on a motorcycle, assisted by two other groups of people in cars.

"At this moment, they are being interrogated and we will continue deepening the investigation to get to the truth about what happened," Chief Prosecutor Jean Alain Rodríguez said.

"Nobody involved in this unfortunate episode will escape justice, neither those who carried it out nor the mastermind," he said.

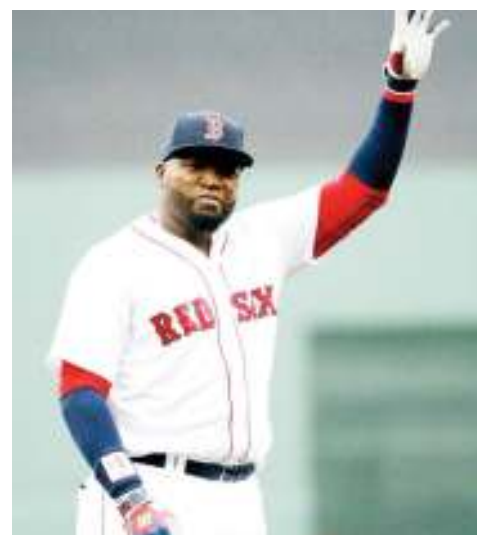
The national police director, Maj. Gen. Ney Aldrin Bautista Almonte, said the coordinator of the attack was offered 400,000 Dominican pesos, or about \$7,800, to orchestrate the shooting. He said the alleged coordinator was also among those in custody.

Rodríguez and Bautista declined to give a motive for the shooting at a popular Santo Domingo bar Sunday night or say who had hired the attackers.

They promised, however, that all those who targeted Ortiz in the baseball-crazy Caribbean country would be brought to justice.

"We recognize the symbolism that David Ortiz represents, and we promise that this case will be cleared up completely," Bautista said.

Ortiz is one of the most beloved figures in sports history in the Dominican Republic and Boston, a fearsome power hitter with a ready smile. The slugger known as Big Papi led the Red Sox to three World Series championships, was a 10-time All-Star and



David Ortiz

hit 541 home runs.

The Red Sox retired his number, 34, in 2017 – a year after he retired – and Boston renamed a bridge and a stretch of road outside Fenway Park in his honor. He maintains a home in Weston, on the outskirts of Boston.

Ortiz galvanized the city in the aftermath of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing that left three people dead, bellowing through a megaphone at Fenway Park: "This is our (expletive) city!"

While Ortiz lived in Boston, he visited the Dominican Republic at least six times a year, where he crossed paths with a wide variety of figures from the country's legitimate and illegal business worlds, according to friends.

Ortiz studiously avoided mixing with shady characters, but a law-enforcement official said on condition of anonymity that officials were investigating whether Ortiz may have formed some relationship or acquaintance during a trip here that, without his knowledge, set off the chain of events leading to his shooting.

Among the suspects in custody was the alleged shooter, identified by authorities as Rofly Ferreyra, aka Sandy, a skinny, tattooed 25-year-old who officials said had confessed to the shooting.

In a statement, officials said the weapon used, a Browning Hi Power semi-automatic pistol, had been handed to suspect Oliver Moises Mirabal Acosta, then to suspect Porfirio Allende Dechamps Vasquez, AKA The Kid, who buried it in the garden of his home.

Both men have been arrested and the gun has been recovered.

Also under arrest were Joel Rodríguez de la Cruz, aka Squiddy; Reynaldo Rodríguez Valenzuela, aka The Chinaman; and the suspected driver of the motorcycle, Eddy Vladimir Feliz García, aka The Package.

Many were caught in the same clothes they were seen wearing on surveillance video, Bautista said.

The four suspects still at large were identified as Luis Alfredo Rivas Clase, aka The Surgeon, as well as a woman known as The Venezuelan, or Red, and two other men, prosecutors said in a statement.

Meanwhile, in Boston, Ortiz's wife said in statement that the former Red Sox slugger was able to sit up and take some steps as he recuperates in the intensive care unit at Massachusetts General Hospital.

"His condition is guarded, and he will remain in the ICU for the coming days, but he is making good progress toward recovery," Tiffany Ortiz said in the statement.

Prosecutors said security camera footage showed two men on the motorcycle talking with other people in a gray Hyundai Accent and in another Hyundai in a nearby street before the shooting.

One of the suspects, Mirabal Acosta, was seen driving the Accent before mounting a motorcycle driven by the 25-year-old Feliz García, the prosecutors said in a court document.

## Warriors F Durant undergoes surgery for ruptured Achilles



Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant (35) walks off the court after sustaining an injury as Toronto Raptors' Serge Ibaka (9) addresses the crowd, while Warriors' Andre Iguodala (9) and Raptors' Kyle Lowry (7) look on during first half basketball action in Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Toronto, Monday, June 10, 2019. (AP)

OAKLAND, CALIF.

KEVIN Durant confirmed what everyone most feared: He underwent surgery for a ruptured right Achilles tendon.

Durant posted on social media Wednesday the severity of his injury two days after getting hurt during Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Toronto in his return from a strained right calf that sidelined him a month.

The 30-year-old posted a photo on Instagram showing himself in a hospital bed and wrote: "I wanted to update you all: I did rupture my Achilles. Surgery was today and it was a success, EASY MONEY."

Just 15 minutes before Durant went public, Warriors coach Steve Kerr said during a finals media availability that he didn't yet have a formal update on Durant. Durant has made his own announcements before, such as writing on The Players' Tribune website about his decision to leave Oklahoma City to join Golden State in July 2016.

The Warriors said later Wednesday that Durant had the surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, performed by Dr. Martin O'Malley.

Kerr said everyone in the organization is "devastated," including Dr. Rick Celebrini, the team's director of medicine and performance. The Warriors made

a "collaborative" decision to clear Durant to play – with the input of Durant and his representative – and had no idea that Durant risked a serious Achilles injury by returning from a strained calf, Kerr said.

"Now, would we go back and do it over again? Damn right," he said. "But that's easy to say after the results. When we gathered all the information, our feeling was the worst thing that could happen would be a re-injury of the calf. That was the advice and the information that we had. At that point, once Kevin was cleared to play, he was comfortable with that, we were comfortable with that. So the Achilles came as a complete shock. I don't know what else to add to that, other than had we known that this was a possibility, that this was even in the realm of possibility, there's no way we ever would have allowed Kevin to come back."

After the game Monday, a teary, emotional general manager Bob Myers asked anyone who was looking to place blame to do so on him – not Durant, the medical staff or athletic trainers who worked so tirelessly to get him back.

Kerr said he also understands people wanting to point

blame somewhere, though he noted, "Kevin checked all the boxes, and he was cleared to play by everybody involved," including doctors from within the organization and from the outside.

"I completely understand the world we live in. As Bob mentioned the other night, there's going to be blame. There's going to be finger-pointing. We understand that and we accept that. This is kind of what you sign up for when you get into coaching, general management, in the NBA," Kerr said. "There's all kinds of coverage, judgment, criticism, and it's all part of it. So we accept that. The main thing is our concern for Kevin and these last couple of days just checking on him. Obviously, everybody feels horrible for what happened."

The two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP was injured Monday night in the second quarter of Golden State's 106-105 victory that forced a Game 6 at Oracle Arena on Thursday. The Raptors lead the best-of-seven series 3-2.

Durant initially was injured May 8 in Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals against the Rockets, then missed the next nine games. A pending free agent, it's unclear what

might be next for Durant now that he is set for a long rehab and recovery. Teammate DeMarcus Cousins returned in January nearly a year after rupturing his left Achilles tendon and undergoing surgery last season while with New Orleans.

Stephen Curry can only imagine how much Durant is hurting emotionally not being able to play – but second-guessing benefits nobody at this stage, the two-time MVP said.

"Everybody has great 20/20 hindsight," Curry said, then added: "I trust our medical staff and know Bob Myers has our best interests in terms of not just what we can do in this series, but long term in our overall health. You see how hard he took it, talking to you guys after the game. And that's really genuine and authentic. So you can waste time talking about the what-ifs and this and that. Injuries are tough and they suck. They're a part of our game, and they're going to continue to be a part of our game. But everybody putting their collective brains together to make the sound, smart decisions, you kind of just live with that, because that's what's a part of our game."

AP

## India call up Pant as cover, hope Dhawan will be fit to face England

NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND

WICKETKEEPER-batsman Rishabh Pant will join the India team before Sunday's clash with Pakistan as cover for opener Shikhar Dhawan who will miss the next three to four games with a hand injury, assistant coach Sanjay Bangar said on Wednesday.

Dhawan's injury, sustained during his match-winning century against Australia, has forced the twice champions into rejigging a settled lineup after two of their nine group matches.

They remain optimistic, however, of welcoming the southpaw back before the June 30 clash against hosts and tournament favourites England.

Bangar confirmed that back-up opener KL Rahul, who was picked to play at number four, will partner Rohit Sharma at the top of the order starting with Thursday's match against New Zealand.

"In 10-12 days we'll be taking a call on the status of Shikhar," Bangar told reporters after the team's light practice at Trent Bridge.

"If and when a replacement is required, it's always good to have the replacement player already in and practising regularly as a standby."

Many pundits had questioned

India's decision to leave out Pant, whose six-hitting prowess makes him a limited-overs asset, and pick Dinesh Karthik as the second wicketkeeper behind Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

Like Dhawan, 21-year-old Pant is an aggressive left-hander from Delhi who has played only five one-day internationals, and was pipped by Karthik, who is 13 years older and has a reputation as a calm 'finisher'.

Dhawan's absence not only denied India a left-right combination at the top but also left them without a southpaw in the existing batting lineup.

"He (Pant) bats in the middle order and obviously being a left-hander it helps," Bangar said, acknowledging the benefit of having a left-right combination which forces bowlers to alter line and length.

"It's always an advantage if you have a right-left combination right at the top of the order," Bangar said.

"Shikhar will definitely be missed in the next three to four games but we have great back-ups for each position. With that we should be able to make it up."

The former test all-rounder also explained why the team have not given up on Dhawan, who has an outstanding record in global events



Rishabh Pant

in England.

"We've been observing him and

it will take ten to twelve days until we get to know where he stands and

(will) be in a better position to take a call," Bangar said.

"You don't really want to rule out a precious player like Shikhar right at the time when his injury happened."

All-rounder Vijay Shankar is likely to fill the void created by Rahul's move up the order but Bangar said the team had other options.

Meanwhile, Pakistan must improve their fielding if they are to beat India in their crunch World Cup match on Sunday, captain Sarfaraz Khan said after the team's 41-run loss to Australia in Taunton.

Pakistan conceded overthrows against Australia and were punished by Aaron Finch, who was dropped by Asif Ali at slip when he was on 33.

The Australian skipper went on to score 82 and built a 146-run opening stand with centurion David Warner to allow the champions to post a competitive total of 307.

"When two good teams play each other, the fielding can make a difference and we conceded runs due to lapses in fielding," Sarfaraz told reporters. "If you want to beat the big teams we can't make such mistakes."

"Our fielding is not up to the mark and we will work hard on that before the India match. India are a strong

team and if you continue to make the same mistakes then you won't get an opportunity to win the match."

At 136-2, Pakistan appeared well set to chase down their target midway through their innings but soon lost Imam-ul-Haq, Mohammad Hafeez and Shoaib Malik in the span of three overs to be reduced to 147-5.

"We made good starts but didn't build partnerships," Sarfaraz added. "The first few wickets were soft dismissals after the batsmen got set... We lost three wickets in 15 balls and that was the turning point in the match."

Pakistan play arch-rivals India next at Old Trafford on Sunday in a fixture where tensions always run high.

Imam, who scored 53 against Australia, said he was looking forward to playing in front of what is expected to be a capacity crowd.

"Obviously to be part of that kind of game, it's great," Imam said. "It's in Manchester, lots of Pakistani fans there, so I'm really excited about it."

"It's a huge pressure game. Pakistan and India, there's a lot of mysteries behind that but we want to just focus on our cricket strengths and how we can get better."

REUTERS



## Griezmann to sign with Barca, says Atletico CEO

MADRID

ATLETICO Madrid CEO Miguel Angel Gil Marin says Antoine Griezmann will be playing for Barcelona next season, confirming what sources told ESPN FC in May.

Griezmann, 28, communicated to Atletico that he would leave the club this summer in the final week of the La Liga season. At the time, sources at Barcelona told ESPN FC that the Spanish champions were hopeful of signing the forward.

The France international has not yet revealed what his next move will be, despite making his Atletico departure public, but Gil Marin has no doubts about where his future lies.

"I've been certain where Griezmann will play next season since March," Gil Marin told Movistar on Wednesday. "He will play for Barcelona."

Griezmann has offered conflicting versions of his current situation over the past few days. He followed up a comment saying he knows where he will be playing next season by backtracking and saying nothing has been confirmed yet.

"I want my future to be decided more than anyone, but let's be patient," Griezmann said on Tuesday. "Maybe in two weeks we'll know something."

Barca are keen to sign Griezmann despite the manner in which he turned them down last summer. His decision to star in a documentary in which he snubbed their offer in favour of remaining with Atletico irked some people at the Catalan club, but president Josep Maria

Bartomeu has remained keen on the attacker.

Bartomeu told ESPN FC that the documentary, titled "The Decision", was "water under the bridge" in an exclusive interview in April.

However, Barcelona need to balance their books before committing to more signings, with the club targeting at least €60 million in sales before the end of June, which is when the financial year ends.

Griezmann's release clause, meanwhile, drops from €200m to €120m on July 1, making him significantly cheaper for Barcelona in just over two weeks than he would be now.

Sources told ESPN FC that Griezmann did not personally reveal to Atletico where he will move, but he did tell them he will deposit his release clause with the league at the start of July.

Barca could try to negotiate a deal with Atletico, but sources close to the club have said they remain reluctant to open talks before July when the clause dips, due to the fact the Rojiblanco reported them to FIFA for making an illegal approach on Griezmann at the end of 2017.

Griezmann is one of a number of signings Barca are lining up this summer following a disappointing end to the season in the Champions League and the Copa del Rey. They have already finalised a deal for Ajax midfielder Frenkie de Jong and are still trying to persuade his teammate Matthijs de Ligt to join.

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Antoine Griezmann

## 'United reject Bale talks with Madrid'

LONDON

MANCHESTER United have rejected the chance to talk to Real Madrid about the possibility of signing Gareth Bale, sources have told ESPN FC.

The Wales international is surplus to requirements at the Bernabeu following Zinedine Zidane's return as boss.

United, along with a host of other top European clubs, have been sounded out as a possible destination but Real Madrid have been informed that manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has other targets in mind.

The Norwegian is open to adding another forward to his squad despite having already signed Dan James from Swansea. Lille's Nicolas Pepe, Lyon's Moussa Dembele and Bournemouth's Ryan Fraser have all been discussed.

United have twice missed out on Bale in the past. He chose Tottenham when he left Southampton in 2007 and then opted for Real Madrid when he left White Hart Lane in 2013. He was also on former manager Jose Mourinho's wanted list in 2017.

He has long been a target for executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward but, at 29, it has been decided he no longer fits into United's transfer strategy during a summer window that has seen the club target young players with potential rather than established stars.

Bale, who has a contract at Real Madrid until 2022, has not ruled out staying at the club but he will find competition for places even more fierce next season after the

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## Inside Man United's painful search for a technical director

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

CONFUSION reigned at Manchester United last summer.

Matthijs de Ligt was dismissed as a possible transfer target over fears he could become overweight. The club's video analysts pushed for the arrival of Brazilian midfielder Fred. Manager Jose Mourinho demanded a new centre-back but didn't get one; he'd be fired just three months after the 2018 summer window closed.

The lack of clear direction was enough to convince executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward, in charge of it all, that it was time for a change. But six months into the search for the club's first director of football -- Woodward prefers the term "technical director" -- and the new man is still not in place.

Last summer, United reached a breaking point in terms of how they sign new players. The club was working to finalize a short list of transfer targets by the end of February 2018, but it was still a work in progress at the end of the season because Mourinho decided a new central defender should be a priority. Names of players who had not been properly assessed or scouted were suggested in meetings without warning, while players who had been appropriately vetted, with mountains of data gathered over several years, were dismissed out of hand.

It was the beginning of a breakdown in communication between Mourinho and Woodward that ended with the Portuguese coach being dismissed in December. His replacement, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, is heading into another crucial summer but supporters waiting for wholesale changes to the way the club is run are still doing just that. Waiting.

If Man United tread water much longer, the danger is that instead of making up ground on Manchester City and Liverpool at the top of the Premier League, they will be surpassed by ambitious, upwardly mobile clubs like Wolves, Leicester and Everton. It is something Solskjaer has already warned of.

United's structure has always been built around the manager, a hangover from Sir Alex Ferguson's 27 years in charge that spanned a time in which other clubs were changing the way they worked. In his heyday, clubs often revolved around singular, iconic figures, but the modern era demands a multi-faceted approach, with responsibilities shared among a group rather than an individual. So far, United have failed to reconcile the glory and processes of the past with the demands of the future.

In structural terms, they are a club left behind.

### Reliance upon singular figures

Former chief executive David Gill tells a story about just how much control Ferguson had. In 2011, Gill decided to rename Old Trafford's North Stand in honour of the Scot to mark his 25 years at the club. Only eight people were told about the plan and the work was carried out at 2 a.m. the day before the announcement. Ferguson was so involved in everything that there was no other way to keep it a surprise.

By the time Ferguson retired in 2013, he was doing everything from picking the team to acting as a default director of football having handed much of the first-team coaching duties to assistants Mike Phelan and Rene Meulensteen. Football has changed beyond recognition since Ferguson's appointment in 1986 but his successor, David Moyes, was still granted the same authority. The structure changed slightly after Moyes was sacked in 2014 and the duties of a football executive divided up, but the two managers after him -- Louis van Gaal and Mourinho -- remained the key figures with little assistance or oversight.

When Mourinho read reports that Woodward had decided to hire a technical director, he demanded to be told it wasn't true. The implication was that he feared his power would be watered down; Woodward insisted it wasn't, knowing very well that making an appointment of that kind would be much easier once Mourinho had gone. That was six months ago.



Ed Woodward

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

Solskjaer has not been afraid to admit the size of the rebuild he faces after watching his team finish sixth in the Premier League, a mammoth 32 points behind champions Manchester City. The problem, though, is that other than the manager, not much has changed. The way United buy players is broadly similar to a year ago. And last time, it did not go well. Instead of bridging the gap with City, they went backwards.

A repeat this summer would immediately put Solskjaer on the back foot ahead of his first full season in charge. After the last campaign ended with eight defeats from the final 12 matches, he needs a flying start.

### Why is it taking so long?

Woodward's plan for a technical director is to hire someone capable of overseeing the football side. In his mind, it is someone who can deal with first-team recruitment while also having the foresight to buy a teenager and organise a loan with the right club to fit his development. There are other issues that this person would need to address, some of them in embarrassingly simple areas such as maintaining clear communication with United players.

For example, Ander Herrera was left panicking about his future last summer after hearing nothing from the club about whether they planned to trigger a one-year extension in his contract. He received a letter notifying him of the renewal only five days before his deal was due to expire.

In the middle of contract talks this season, Herrera heard nothing from United for three months. It was only after Solskjaer was appointed permanently in March that he was made an offer, but by then it was too late. Sources have told ESPN FC that the lack of communication was a major factor in Herrera's decision to leave this summer.

The confusion surrounding Herrera is not an isolated case. A prominent academy player was left stunned after United did nothing about securing his future until weeks before he was due to become a free agent. "He had more attention from the rest of the top six and the biggest teams in Europe than from his own club," one source told ESPN FC.

### It's vital to get this right

Woodward would like the technical director to help join the dots and link the management team with the recruitment team and the academy, one thing that has changed is Woodward himself. There has been an acceptance that while he has been a skilled businessman in driving the corporate side of Man United, different talents entirely are required for the rebuild.

Executives across Europe have been consulted, and experienced sporting directors like Andrea Berta, at Atletico Madrid, and Monchi, at Sevilla, have been considered. However, the fact that Monchi, considered one of the best sporting directors in the world, left Roma during United's search suggests Woodward is keen to go in his own direction. He is keen to install someone who fits the culture at Old Trafford, nurturing young players to fit a style of football that is built around pace and incisiveness.

Woodward has met with Rio Ferdinand, feeling that the former United defender is well placed to relate to players and potential new signings. Woodward believes that Ferdinand understands modern footballers and can sell the club's philosophy to potential signings or squad members. He could be handy, for example, in convincing Paul Pogba and De Gea -- both unsettled -- that United can match their ambition.

Another Ferguson pupil, Darren Fletcher, has also become a resource for Woodward. The pair remained in contact when Fletcher left United for West Brom in 2015 and the possibility of returning in some capacity once his playing career was over was always left on the table. Fletcher, who left Stoke at the end of the season, has not been handed an official role but has been offering help and advice in the first few weeks of the transfer window. Already well known to Solskjaer and Phelan, they are comfortable with his involvement, a crucial point in this precarious process.

The former Scotland international was one of those behind the pursuit of Dan James, confirmed as Man

United's first summer signing on Wednesday, having seen the Wales winger up close playing for Swansea in the Championship. Fletcher has also recommended a closer look at 18-year-old Stoke defender Nathan Collins, his input fitting well with Solskjaer's preference for signing young, British players.

It is a subtle change but sources have told ESPN FC that the atmosphere in recruitment meetings is already calmer than a year ago, when Mourinho felt he was being pressured into agreeing to the signing of Fred by head performance recruitment analyst Mick Court. (The Brazilian midfielder hasn't lived up to expectations, a problem made more painful given the £52 million cost required to sign him.) Rubbing salt into the wound is the fact that the same recruitment team vetoed Mourinho's pursuit of a centre-back: United recorded one of their worst seasons defensively, going 13 games without a clean sheet and conceding 54 goals, a club record in the Premier League era.

De Ligt was discussed but head of global scouting Marcel Bout, who was brought to the club by Van Gaal, argued the Dutchman was too susceptible to weight gain because of his family history. The dissent came a year after Woodward and right-hand man Matt Judge were advised that Ivan Perisic, another Mourinho target, was only worth £22m rather than Inter Milan's valuation of £40m.

In the absence of a technical director, United will continue to buy and sell players in much the same way they did last summer and the one before that. The management team, headed by Solskjaer, and the recruitment team both have a veto, and agreed targets will be pursued, with Woodward and Judge taking over when the time comes to discuss a fee and a contract. Woodward and Solskjaer, in particular, face a critical eight weeks before the transfer deadline as they look to build a squad that can return to the Champions League quickly and in time to challenge for the Premier League title. For now, the responsibility lies with them.

Without a technical director to lighten the load, Woodward can only hope it goes better than last time.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





# Aces cricketers close in on DRCC T20 tourney title



Aces Cricket Club

By Guardian Reporter

**A**CES cricket outfit inched closer to lifting the trophy in the Division A of the Dar es Salaam Regional Cricket Committee (DRCC) T20 tournament, walloping Shree Kutchi Leva by 92 runs in the semi-final match at the Leaders Club venue in the city early this week.

Aces were expected to confront winners of the second semi-final duel pitting General Petroleum Club against St. Gobain, slated to take place at the same venue, in the final.

Aces were put in to bat first and amassed 231 runs for the loss of five wickets in 20 overs.

Opener Ankit Baghel, Bhavesh Govind, Jumanne Mohamed, Salum Jumbo and Nassor Zahoro had an impressive day with the bat and their solid showing were vital in their squad's acquisition of the imposing total.

Baghel and Govind were the top run getters for Aces, given they notched 55 runs and 55 runs not out respectively.

Moh, who opened the innings with Baghel, chipped in with 30 runs and fellow batters, Jumbo and Zahoro scored 26 runs and 24 runs not out respectively.

Ally Mpeka also had double digit figure, in which he scored 16 runs.

Naran Kerai took two wickets for 42 runs in four overs for Shree Kutchi Leva.

Chasing 232 runs to win was a tall order for Shree Kutchi Leva, as they, in response, were skittled for 139 runs in 19.5 overs.

Anil Pindoriya, who batted at number three, was the squad's top run getter, posting 29 runs, as Mukund Vekariya, Naran Kerai and Vipul Pindoria chipped in with 21 runs, 19 runs not out and 16 runs respectively in the

innings.

Mohamed Ali, Emmanuel Choya, Govind and Baghel had a field day with the ball for Aces, taking two wickets each.

The DRCC has hosted the event, which has brought together clubs from across the city, with a view to raising the standard of the game at the domestic level.

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# Azam FC targets impress run next season

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AZAM FC management has disclosed it is optimistic the side's new coach, Etienne Ndayiragije, will live up to their expectations next season.

Ndayiragije had ended speculation surrounding his future after signing a two-year deal with Azam FC in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

The unveiling ceremony of former KMC FC coach took place at Mzizima in the city and witnessed by top officials of the club who included Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Abdulkarim Amin, and members of the media.

Ndayiragije replaces Hans Plujim, whose contract with the outfit was terminated in the middle of the just ended season.

The Burundian coach, who is regarded as one of the best in the country, was tasked with winning all competitions that Azam FC will take part in and give playing opportunities to young players at the club.

Speaking at the event, Amin said they settled for Ndayiragije due to his proven track record in the domestic league and also in his native country.

Azam FC will, this year, compete in the next season's CAF Confederation Cup, Mainland Premier League, Kagame Cup and others.

He said they are confident that the coach will live up to Azam expectations.

"We are confident that in Ndayiragije we have found a good coach who will live up to our expectations, our target is to win all the competition which we will compete this season and also give young players a chance to show their talents," he said.

Ndayiragije who will start his job next week said he is delighted with the new challenge and thanked his previous employers for giving him the opportunity to work with them.

"I am looking forward to the new challenges, but I am very confident we will achieve our goals. I also thank KMC FC for giving me the opportunity to work with them," he disclosed.

However, it was not disclosed whether the new coach will either remain with Iddi Cheche and Abdul Mingango or have an assistant coach of his choice.



Azam FC head coach, Etienne Ndayiragije



# Boogiedance contest launch scheduled for Sunday

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE launch of this year's boogie dance competition will be held at Life Club at Mwenge in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Tanzania Disco Music Association (TDMA) secretary general, Asanterabbi Mtaki, said all is set for the launch and will involve contestants from Temeke, Kigamboni, Ilala, Kinondoni and Ubungo districts.

Mtaki (pictured) said those who will emerge top winners will be presented with cash prize and trophies.

The overall winner will walk away with 1m/-, runner-up will take home 500, 000/-.

The third-placed dancer will receive 300, 000/- while the fourth and fifth-place winners will take home 150,000/- and 100,000/- apiece.

The TDMA official said the finals will be held on July 28. She thanked NBC Bank who are the sponsors of the event.

"We really thank NBC Bank for sponsoring us, the boogie dance helps to expose artistes who were not known, it is also a platform for them to market their skills," she noted.

# Flexibles by David Chikoko

