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By Guardian Reporter

IMPLEMENTATION of the 2019 blueprint for regulatory reforms had by the end of last year enabled the government to drop 232 (about 61 per cent) of 380 levies, fees and penalties, listed as unfriendly to business and investment growth.

Dr Jim Yonazi, the Policy, Parliament and Coordination permanent secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), told an inaugural meeting of the business environment working group of the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) held in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

By late December 2022, 40 of the 88 nuisance laws, regulations and irritant practices spotted had been dropped, with these steps being taken via a careful implementation of requirements of the blueprint, he said.

The permanent secretary, who doubles up as the working group chairman, stated that the reforms are bearing fruit, resulting in accelerating the growth of investment in industry, business, agriculture, livestock rearing, health delivery, natural resources extraction and tourism activities.

In the same vein, at the local government level, the government has brought together industry, business and investment into one department, while implementing strategic

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This is a much-improved, cleaner and more efficient way of drying sardines, with dealers operating near the Igombe estuary on the Lake Victoria shores using solar power and modern gadgets supplied by Mwanza city's Millennium Engineering Factory at a fee they say is affordable. They added that the support has also made it possible for them to continue with business even in the event of inclement weather, including when it rains heavily. Correspondent Neema Emmanuel witnessed the goings-on at the location yesterday.

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The good investment climate has resulted in construction of a number of sugar factories

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE government has expressed satisfaction with efficiency in operations of the TPC Ltd sugar factory near here, Kilimanjaro Region.

Nehemiah Mchechu, the Treasury registrar, applauded the company's work at

the shareholders' meeting here yesterday, saying that the government as an investor is happy with operations of the factory.

He pointed at increased efficiency noticed in the 72.7bn/- profit before tax for fiscal 2022/2023, with 235bn/- obtained from sugar sales. The factory also provided a 69.9bn/- dividend to shareholders in the year, he said.

Since 2000 production has been rising annually, with sugar output standing at 116,700 tonnes at present from 36,000 tonnes two decades ago, with the increase tied to higher sugar cane yields, standing at 1.15m tonnes this year, he said.

Upwards of 116,700 tonnes of sugar was produced from June 2022 to March 2023, a milestone for the factory since production started in 1936, he stated. The six phase government has directed that efforts be made to promote investment in the agricultural sector, initiating

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Treasury Registrar Nehemiah Mchechu (R) has a word with TPC Limited CEO Marius Jacobs (L) shortly after attending a meeting of the company's shareholders yesterday. Located in Kilimanjaro Region, TPC is one of Tanzania's largest sugar estates and production firms. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

School feeding guidelines issued, with call to parents

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

GUIDELINES for making food available in schools were launched yesterday to implement the feeding programme in primary schools countrywide.

Prof James Mdoe, the Education, Science and Technology deputy permanent secretary, urged before local government officials and regional secretariats for education, that parents and stakeholders need to make an effort in donating foodstuffs for pupils.

Proper implementation of the guidelines depends on the participation of parents, government agencies and other stakeholders, he said, asking parents to add the school feeding aspect in planning their food budgets at home.

"They must realise that there is a need for them to allocate a portion of such

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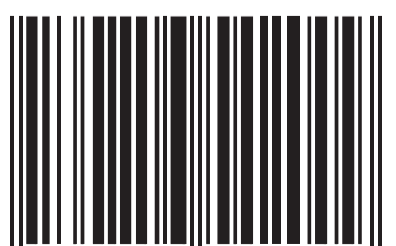
Drug misuse invites global antimicrobials 'apocalypse'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE government is working on experts' fears that the world will be losing over ten million people in projected mass deaths from drug resistant pathogens by the end of this decade.

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projects like the standard gauge railway, roads, water, rural electrification and additional energy sources like the Julius Nyerere Hydropower project to promote growth, he stated.

He reminded participants that during the 14th TNBC general meeting, President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed that the TNBC working groups conduct its work professionally and present implementation reports to the TNBC executive committee.

He appealed to working group members to set benchmarks and list out priorities of work, draw up expert recommendations on how to promote the national economy and remove barriers to an improved

business and investment environment.

Government efforts in encouraging ICT use, reducing the time lag in getting permits and licenses are intended to facilitate private sector growth, he said, underlining the duty of upholding the hopes and expectations of the government and the private sector in that regard.

Dr Godwill Wanga, the TNBC executive secretary, said TNBC working groups are vital in promoting public private dialogue. TNBC has formed eight working groups to meet that goal as part of efforts to improve the country's business and investment environment. It plays a key role in promoting macro-economic conditions for development, he added.

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funds for their children to get food at school," he said, asserting that this will enable pupils to concentrate when in class and overcome hunger-based challenges of absenteeism.

School feeding programmes are crucial in improving learning performance, he said, noting that the guidelines will be of great help to facilitate the full participation of pupils in classes.

Education administrators seek to work with stakeholders to motivate parents to contribute foodstuffs to primary schools, while Rogatus Mativila, his Regional Administration and Local Governments counterpart in the President's Office, said the government acknowledged contributions of experts from various institutions who participated in preparing the feeding plan.

He paid tribute to the World Food Programme (WFP), an agency of the United Nations, for conducting a

census on food and nutrition services in primary schools, whose results were essential for drawing up the school feeding programme.

Stakeholders had of late contributed 33,000 book copies launched at the event, for distribution in primary and secondary schools countrywide, he said, noting that the books will be better used in schools when the feeding programme is being implemented.

The school feeding program is divided in two groups of pupils, the boarding school students served by the government and day school students expected to be assisted by faith based organisations, private companies, host communities and individual parents, he explained.

The government allocated 124.3bn/- in the 2020/21 financial year and 141.8bn/- in 2022/23 for the school feeding programme, with this financial year the government allocating 145.4bn/- for disbursing to public schools, he added.

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minister, made this remark when officiating at the third national antimicrobials resistance (AMR) symposium, with the theme 'preventing antimicrobial resistance together.'

Research shows that misuse and overuse of antimicrobials are the main drivers in the development of drug-resistant pathogens, with over 70 percent of human health ailments originating from livestock and wildlife.

The minister highlighted that over 50 percent of the Tanzanian population is made up of numerous livestock keepers along with actual pastoralists, where non-prescriptive use of over the counter drugs propels drug resistance.

Prof Robinson Mdegela, a leading researcher at the Sokoine University of Agriculture, said that more than 1.3m people in the world lose their lives yearly from effects of antimicrobial resistance. AMR was increasingly becoming a global health and development threat meriting urgent multi-sectoral action.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared antimicrobial resistance as among the top 10 global public health threats, with antibiotics increasingly ineffective.

Drug-resistance spreads rapidly around the world leading to greater difficulty in treat infections, causing more instances of fatality, while the lack of clean water and sanitation is pervasive, he said.

Inadequate infection prevention and control promotes the spread of microbes, with ineffective courses of treatment fortifying microbes to become more resistant to antimicrobial treatment, he explained.

Not addressing antimicrobial resistance can be disastrous to the economy as in addition to causing death and disability, AMR imposes prolonged illness absorbing resources in longer hospital stays and being bedridden at home.

More expensive medicines are required to combat pathogens resisting earlier drugs, which again leads to financial constraints for patients and their families, he added.

Danish embassy here to stay, Makamba confirms

By Guardian Reporter

DENMARK will no longer close its embassy in Tanzania, the government has confirmed.

January Makamba, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, announced yesterday on his X account that the government of Denmark has reversed its decision which was announced some two years ago.

The announcement comes two years after the European country made public that it was phasing out bilateral development cooperation in Tanzania and close the Danish Embassy in Dar es Salaam in 2024.

On his X account, minister Makamba said Denmark has decided to stay in Tanzania following a fruitful meeting with his counterpart Danish foreign minister Lars

Lokker Rasmussen in Algiers last month.

"So Denmark will continue its storied 60 years stay in Tanzania, I welcome this news with gratitude and happiness, aware of what it means for relations between our two nations," Makamba said.

In 2021, Denmark announced it would close its embassy in Tanzania as it restructures its foreign service in order to deliver on government priorities. The move also included the closure of embassies in Argentina, Its consulate in Chongqing, China and its trade mission in Barcelona, Spain.

The Danish government further stated that the reorganization was to help Denmark target the efforts they make inside and outside the country so to make the biggest possible difference.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pictured at Zanzibar State House yesterday swearing in Salum Hassan Bakari (R) as Judge of Zanzibar High Court. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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investments in the sugar sub-sector.

The government protects the domestic market against low-priced imported sugar that competes with quality sugar produced locally, he said, pointing at motivated sugar producers investing more in the local sugar market.

"The good investment climate has resulted in construction of a number of sugar factories," he said, citing local and foreign investors al-

ready setting up factories.

With government support, TPC will invest up to \$50m this financial year to build a new factory for molasses, left over after sugar production, he said, noting that work on the factory is set to start early next year.

Jafary Ally, an administrator at TPC, said government taxes, levies and dividends amounting to 99bn/- was paid last year, much higher than the 2bn/- TPC was paying in all its obligations at its privatisation in

2000.

"We started paying dividends to the government in 2010," he said, pointing out that dividends were rising annually, with TPC the sector leader for three consecutive years.

Using the company community service unit, FTK, TPC spends 1.2bn/- a year to serve surrounding communities, as villagers introduce projects in education, health, roads and irrigation, he said.

The company fund supported the construction of a public secondary

school in Chekereni/WeruWeru, with most of its structures completed by the government through COVID-19 relief funds, he stated.

The school has modern facilities for classrooms, toilets, kitchen, desks and a laboratory, set for launching soon after the local authorities complete installation of furniture, he said.

"We help in repairing damaged roads, drilling water wells and building cattle dips for the use of surrounding villages," he added.



Bruce Mwile Mwasenga (L), CRDB Bank Plc's chief operations officer, addresses a reproductive maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Chaired by former private sector and other institutions/organisations can contribute more effectively to health service delivery in Tanzania. Looking on (C) is the Aga Khan Foundation's East Africa zone programme manager, David Siso. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

JKCI attends to over 30,000 patients down with cardiac complications in 3 months

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) has treated 32,867 patients with heart complications in three months.

Out of the number, 30,616 were adults and 2,251 children.

JKCI Executive Director, Dr Peter Kisenge made the revelation when presenting the institutes' performance report from July to October 2023 in the 2023/24 financial year at a meeting that was attended by JKCI staff in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Dr Kisenge, who is a cardiologist, said there were 1,131 admitted patients, of which 1,030 were adults and 101 children.

"Through the Cath Lab plant, which is a laboratory that uses specialized radiation for the diagnosis and treatment of heart diseases, 638 patients, 630 adults and eight children received diagnostic services. They were diagnosed with blocked heart blood vessels and were implanted with cardiac assistive devices," he said.

He said 129 patients underwent major heart surgery for valve replacement, coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), repair of dilated or ruptured heart blood vessels, sealing of heart valves, tumour removal in the chest or lungs, transplant and

exposure of the blood vessels of the legs.

Dr Kisenge said that during the period, they attended 61 patients from African countries—Uganda, Rwanda, Comoro Islands, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He said some patients came from outside Africa—Canada, France and India.

"We did 14,864 tests on how the heart works (Echocardiography - ECHO) and the electrical system of the heart (ECG), 3,815 X-Rays were done, 7,966 laboratory tests and 1,881 ultrasounds were also done and medicines were given to 30,249 patients", he said.

Dr Kisenge said due to excellent services provided at the institute, it has attracted many patients from inside and outside the country, thanking the government for continuing to strengthen cardiac treatment services in the country.

Meanwhile, employees of the institute who attended the meeting commended the management of JKCI for guiding them. "There are many people in need of cardiac treatment services, it is our responsibility as an institute to advertise our services through the media and social networks to be able to reach more people," said Lilala John who is a Nursing Officer at the institute.

Prof Msofe urges MUHAS to focus on research for improved services

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has tasked the Muhimbili Health University and Allied Science (MUHAS) to focus more on research for improved health-care provision and address challenges in the health sector.

Prof Peter Msofe, the Director of Higher Education at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when opening a symposium to commemorate 60th years of the MUHAS. He said research as one of core functions of varsities, saying MUHAS has contributed a lot in the formulation of the health policies and treatment of emerging diseases in the country.

The event was attended by the academicians, alumni, officials from the government, private sector, parents and development partners.

Prof Msofe commended MUHAS for its contribution so far in the health sector including research in HIV/AIDS and the deadly tropical malaria disease.

"I'm informed that you are now prepared to start building the new campus in Kigoma under the Higher Education and Economic Transformation (HEET). I call on the varsity management to implement the project as per government and World Bank directives," he said

MUHAS Vice chancellor Prof Appollinary Kamuhabwa said that

since its inception, the varsity has contributed a lot in areas of academics, research and consultancy.

The don said so far, MUHAS has produced 20,000 experts from bachelors and 4200 with masters' degrees and PhDs.

Prof Kamuhabwa said that the research conducted has helped to prevent some of the diseases including epidemic

He said there are over 100 degree programmes offered at MUHAS, including 20 super-specialty level programmes.

According to him, all efforts being put in place support MUHAS core functions teaching, research and consultancy.

He said the symposium is accompanied with exhibitions, free medical checkups adding that on Saturday there will be a charity walk.

MUHAS started as the Dar es Salaam medical school in 1963.

The school then transformed into the faculty of medicine of the University of Dar es salaam and in 1991 it was upgraded and became the Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences (MUHAS).

In 1996, the Faculty of Medicine was upgraded to a constituent College of the University of Dar es Salaam, with the aim of nurturing it to a full-fledged university later on was merged with the Muhimbili hospital to create the Muhimbili Medical Centre (MMC).



Dr Jim Yonazi, Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy and Parliament Coordination) doubling as the Chairman of Tanzania National Business Council's Business Environment Working Group, speaks at a TNBC meeting held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. He is flanked by TNBC executive secretary Dr Godwill Wanga (R) and the working group's co-chairman, Vincent Minja. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Gertrude Mbagu

Ratify ILO pact to promote decent living, govt advised

THE government has been urged to put more effort in ratifying the International Labour Organisation (ILO)'s convention number 189 in order to promote decent living and working conditions for domestic workers.

The ILO had adopted its convention number 189 in June 2011, which is the first time the rights of domestic workers were recognised and now some countries are also taking efforts to ratify it.

Speaking during a media training in Dar es Salaam early this week, Wagala Shungu, secretary of the Conservation, Hotels, Domestic and Allied Workers Union (CHODAWU) said ratifying the convention will greatly formalise the domestic workers field making the workers become respected by everyone.

She said that it is high time now the government adopts and implements the convention to recognise the rights and contributions of domestic workers as participants in decent work.

She noted that ILO Convention 189 is an important step towards achieving decent working and living conditions, respect for human rights, fundamental rights, and access to social protection for domestic workers. Article 14 of ILO C189 states that domestic workers should enjoy conditions that are not less favourable than those applicable to workers generally in respect of social security protection, including with respect to maternity.

"Domestic work is an important source of employment, but the people behind these numbers are too often invisible behind the doors of private households without easy access to worker protections. This makes them more vulnerable to the worst types of abuse, we need to change mindsets and respect this professions we are doing in others as

these people working hard to ensure that families stay healthy and safe," she explained.

Wagala said the recognition of domestic work as work legitimizes the claims of domestic workers to dignity in the workplace, respects their labour rights, and renders them visible to authorities tasked with ensuring that labour standards are enforced.

ILO statistics indicate that 1 in every 25 women workers worldwide is a domestic worker.

"Due to the nature of their work many domestic workers are working in isolation, where there is little or no inspection or monitoring of their working condition and vulnerability to exploitation, violence and abuses. Many experience forms of abuse from physical, verbal, and sexual violence, lack of rest, non-

payment of wages. Their situation can quickly turn into forced labour. Ratification and implementation of ILO C189 ensures that these abuses are ended and are taken to address forced labour, so we hope that the government will put effort to ensure that the treaty is ratified," she noted.

Wagala said the international treaty acknowledges domestic workers as equal to any other wage earners with an acceptable minimum standard for working conditions. C189 is also an important tool to support and guide its ratification while bringing us international recognition and dignity.

Statistics from the International Labour Organization indicate that there are currently 67 million domestic workers across the world. They comprise a big part of the global workforce.

Botanists unveil six new plant species in Tanzania

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Arusha

SIX new plants never seen before in the world have been discovered at various remote locations in Tanzania by Botanists who believe the latest types of vegetation may have potent medicinal values.

"The six newly listed plants form part of the 30 strange shrubberies we recently found at various spots in the country's landscape, the other 26 are yet to be fully studied," revealed American Botanist Barry Yinger the researcher who discovered the new plants alongside his Tanzanian associate Robert Sikawa.

The six new species of plants have already been listed in the global scientific journals as well as in the National Herbarium which operates at the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA) in Ngaramtoni Arusha, where there is a collection of preserved plant specimens and associated data used for scientific study and identification.

The researchers have also sent the plants' profiles, descriptions and their properties to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (ICBN).

The ICBN is the world's authority behind the set of rules and recommendations dealing with the formal botanical names that are given to plants.

Each of the listed plants bear tentatively proposed names indicating their respective locations of discovery.

"For instance, we have the 'Sumbawagana,' which is a new species in the Sansevieria family of thick leafed plants, discovered in Sumbawanga," revealed Robert Sikawa.

The other six new species of vegetation include the 'Muhansis,' named after the Muha tribe and which was found in Kigoma, in Western Tanzania; Rukwana a new

plant which grown on the shores of Lake Rukwa, and the 'Virdi Flora,' or 'Green Plant,' which was discovered in Mwanga District of Kilimanjaro.

There is also the 'Bangalalana,' a new plant taken from the slopes of the Pare Mountains also in Kilimanjaro Region and the previously discovered 'Embere' (Maasai Spear) which was found in Arusha earlier on. As it happens, the new shrub is also shaped like a spear.

Special greenhouses have been established at the Sing'isi Ward of Meru District where the Tanzania Sansevieria Foundation keeps and grows the new discoveries.

Scientists have all reasons to believe that the new plants are endemic to Tanzania as they are yet to be seen anywhere else in the world.

Their discovery was also by accident because the American tourist Barry Yinger who was visiting Tanzania in 2020 found himself marooned here following the outbreak of Covid-19 which grounded most airlines and there was no way he could fly back home.

So he decided to spend the lockdown period going around the country studying plants and being an expert botanist, he eventually came up with a series of discoveries in flora.

Yustina Andrew Kiwango is a renowned Tanzanian Ecologist and conservator who is a PhD Candidate studying Ecosystem Resilience at the University of Groningen in Netherlands had earlier stated that the earth may sometimes yield new types of plants and vegetation cover as some form of natural self-defence mechanism, among other reasons

Kiwango pointed out that, new plants may sprout in some areas either to protect the soil or shield other forms of vegetation being threatened by the changing environment, hostile weather conditions or invasion of human activities.



Reference: PAT/ITT/MEC-01/2023 – INVITATION TO TENDER ("ITT") FOR MECHANICAL WORKS_SS-5 FLOWLINE REPLACEMENT AT SONGOSONGO GAS FIELD OPERATED BY PANAFRICAN ENERGY TANZANIA LIMITED

Date: 16th November 2023

1. PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd., a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Kilwa District, Lindi Region, hereby invites potential bidders to submit bids for Mechanical Works_SS-5 Flowline Replacement.

2. This ITT is the start of an open, transparent, and objective tender process which will commence from the date of this notice.

3. The potential bidder must be able to respond to the following scope of work:

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The scope of services to be executed by the contractor includes.

- The supply qualified personnel, consumables, tools and machinery as stated in the method statement to be provided.
- Fabrication of offshore and onshore pipe sections, provide assistance to QA/QC personnel during inspections, perform Tie-ins and assist in flowline pre commissioning operations.

4. Potential bidders must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience and, as a minimum, must include the following:

- Proof of experience in providing sustained scope of services in remote areas.
- Registration as a Local Supplier and Service Provider with EWURA or PURA.
- Proven technical capability.
- Proven HSE expertise and good record (attach relevant HSE policy, emergency response plan, Risk Assessments for onshore fabrications, waste management procedure, quality assurance documents, accident/incident statistics for the last three years.)
- Proof of suitable levels of insurances, including:
 - Employment Liability Insurance
 - Private Health coverage and medical care for its personnel
 - Public Liability Insurance. Prior to site mobilization,

bidder should be able to provide evidence of insurance policy covering liabilities incurred under the agreement/Purchase order/Contract to be entered to.

(vi) Specific payment terms in Tanzania Shillings. Rates to be inclusive of Withholding Tax at the prevailing rates. Payment should clearly indicate costs in each area of the Scope of Work. Quotations will be subject to the terms of the agreed Service Agreement.

(vii) Proof of registration with the respective authorities. i.e., Certificate of registration/compliance with BRELA, TRA (TIN & VAT), Valid Business License, current annual returns updated in the BRELA Online Registration System/ORS Detailed Company Search Report. Form No. 128 will not be considered.

(viii) Proof of valid permits from the relevant authorities for the required services including:

- Minimum Class 1 CRB classification.
- Evidence of approved welding procedure from renowned third-party contractor.
- Evidence of up to date, properly certified coded welders for those proposed to undertake the Scope of Works.

(ix) Proof of financial capability. Provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain detailed SoW by writing to Jeremiah Luhanga Jeremiah.luhanga@panafricanenergy.com with a copy to Rehema Shija at rshija@panafricanenergy.com

All responses to be sent to the following address before **28th November 2023 at 2pm.**

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WWF TCO has received funding from USAID/Tanzania to implement the project titled Mara River Catchment (MRC) Conservation in Tanzania, for three years from April 2022 to April 2025. This project works with communities across six districts (Serengeti, Butiama, Tarime, Rorya, Musoma and Bunda) in the Mara Region and benefits the people through water resource conservation, improved water supply schemes, and enables more sustainable livelihood practices.

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TCRA makes strides in raising digital and blue economy growth in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

TANZANIA Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has made significant strides in fostering growth of the digital and blue economy in Tanzania, demonstrating its commitment to fulfilling its mandate.

Rolf Kibaja, TCRA's Head of Communications and Public Relations Unit made the remarks yesterday here during Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF) annual general meeting (AGM).

He elaborated that the authority's efforts is to enhance communication infrastructure, promote digital skills, and encourage the adoption of digital technology across various sectors.

Kibaja emphasised TCRA's dedication to ensuring Tanzania possesses a modern communication infrastructure that supports the burgeoning digital economy.

He highlighted the provision of resources for high-speed 4G and 5G internet as one of the key measures undertaken by TCRA to accelerate the country's digital transformation.

On education, he said: "TCRA is actively implementing programs to cultivate digital skills, including the establishment and coordination of digital clubs in schools and universities."

He explained that these clubs empower students to grasp digital technologies and their practical applications, urging students from all levels of education to actively participate in these initiatives.

Recognising the importance of nurturing young innovators, Kibaja underscored TCRA's partnership with Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) to provide digital technologies innovators with free communication resources namely numbering resources, frequency spectrum and dot tz domains.

"TCRA is unwavering in its commitment to empowering young innovators in the digital technology domain by providing them with resources they need to develop and implement digital solutions that can positively impact healthcare, agribusiness, entrepreneurship,

education, social services, and businesses," he stated.

Kibaja further emphasised TCRA's public education campaigns, which advocate for utilisation of digital technology in various sectors, including agriculture, tourism, and education.

He asserted that these technologies hold immense potential to bring about positive change in the lives of Tanzanian citizens.

He also urged media editors to strengthen collaboration in disseminating information about digital and blue economy. He highlighted the crucial role of mass media in raising awareness about the transformative potential of these technologies and mobilising public support for their adoption.

Presenting the latest sector figures, the head of communication for TCRA showcased several notable achievements in the organisation's endeavours to foster the digital and blue economy in Tanzania. These successes include a significant increase in the number of mobile phone lines, rising from 64.0million in June 2023 to 67.12million in September 2023. Additionally, there has been a remarkable reduction in the cost of phone connectivity, dropping from 30.58/- in 2015 to 1.86/- per minute in 2023. The number of internet users has also witnessed a substantial increase, now reaching 34 million users.

Another notable success he said is the growth in the number of mobile money accounts, mounting from 47,275,660 in June of this year to 51,369,347 as of September 2023.

"There has been a commendable decline in the number of phones linked to indicators of fraud or crime, decreasing from 39,394 in June 2023 to 23,328 as of September 2023" he asserted.

The head of communication informed editors that these achievements underscore TCRA's effectiveness and active involvement in advancing Tanzania's digital and blue economy. He urged the news leaders to prioritize dissemination of positive and constructive information geared at accelerating the country's development.

Govt teams up with players to end water shortage in Chemba District

By Correspondent Doreen Parkshard

CHEMBA district commissioner Gerald Mongella has said that water woes that residents encountered over the years have finally ended, thanks to efforts by the government and stakeholders—Centre for Counselling, Nutrition and Health Care (COUNSENUH).

Local government authorities collaborated with the organization to implement the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs under the Lishe Kijinsia project with funding from Irish aid and managed to improve water services to residents in Usandaweni and Urangini in Chemba.

Mongella said the government is striving to ensure people have access to clean and safe water, calling upon other stakeholders to also support the various initiatives undertaken by the government.

"We are battling the impacts of climate change; we are ready to work with stakeholders to ensure they accomplish their plans towards increasing the availability of clean water to the people in Chemba," he said.

Chemba District has been facing water challenges for 13 years since it split from Kondoa District in 2010.

COUNSENUH Executive Director, Shakila Mayumana said the WASH initiative has changed the daily narratives of women in the district. "Our goal is to improve the livelihood of local communities, especially vulnerable groups such as women, children and adolescents who are the main characters of challenges brought forth by water shortage," said Mayumana, adding the presence or boreholes has increased access to clean water, thus becoming a catalyst for societal, economic, and cultural growth.

She added: "Women and girls used to walk long distances in search of water, leaving them vulnerable to gender-based

violence (GBV) such as rape and hindering their education and personal development. Marriages often faced strain due to lack of water for household needs. But now, with the boreholes, the lives of villagers have been transformed."

Mayumana said the impact has gone beyond just the convenience of access to water whereas women can now engage in income-generating activities, fostering economic independence.

"With easier access to water, we are no longer exposed to dangers along the journeys. This has safeguarded our community against GBV, ensuring a safer environment for all," she stated.

The boreholes drilled by COUNSENUH became the linchpin for an entire transformation, offering a new trajectory of progress for Isini village. Mwanahawa's testimony stands as a testament to the newfound resilience and hope that the community embraces.

COUNSENUH's Lishe Kijinsia project has strategically implemented several impactful interventions in Chemba District, addressing various critical areas and improving community livelihoods.

Zuleha Khalifa, a resilient in the community, bravely shared the harrowing ordeals that once cloaked their days. Khalifa said: "We faced perils of unimaginable magnitude. Before the boreholes, we walked for miles in search of water becoming vulnerable to GBV. Many of us encountered the haunting spectres of rape and brutal beatings from a gang group called Maronjoo."

She said with the boreholes, the shackles of fear have been dissolved as they can access the precious liquid in their nearby vicinity.

Testimonies of the women stand as a testament to the power of collective effort, unwavering determination, and the profound impact of the Lishe Kijinsia project.



USAID Mission Director Craig Hart (in cap) pictured yesterday viewing drawings on effective handwashing as prepared by Naureen Kalinga, a pupil at Iringa Region's Njiapanda Primary School. The school is taking part in the Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone Activity, part of whose thrust is on providing specific prevention services. These include Determined, Resilient, Empowered AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe (DREAMS) and Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM). The visit sought to highlight the impact of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in Tanzania in the last 20 years. Right is Anna Hoffman, USAID's deputy health office director. Photo courtesy of US Embassy

Tanzania Defence Intelligence College project lands support

By Guardian Reporter

THE US Ambassador to Tanzania, Michael Battle, and the Commander of United States Africa Command, Gen Michael Langley have presided over the inauguration of a partnership cornerstone at the Tanzania Defence Intelligence College in Dar es Salaam.

The cornerstone was laid at the site of a 3.8bn/- US and Tanzanian construction project providing a housing block for instructors and

students at the intelligence college.

The ceremony was attended by the commandants of the Tanzanian National Defense and Intelligence Colleges, Maj Gen Wilbert Ibuge and Brigadier Gen Furahisha Ntarena.

The Tanzania People's Defence Force continues to shine as a regional security exporter. With Tanzania supporting peacekeeping missions in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic, its

growing participation requires a professional and capable defence intelligence cadre.

The Tanzanian Defence Intelligence College is the Tanzania People's Defence Forces' premier strategic intelligence school and has been the focus of US security assistance since its inception in 2014.

In addition to the construction of the main administrative and lecture building, the US Army's Southern European Task Force -

Africa has aided with instructor and institutional development projects amounting to over 3.1bn/- over the next two years, bringing total US investment in the college to nearly 16.3bn/-.

The event marked a continuation in the long bilateral military relationship between the two countries, adding up to over 7.5bn/- annually in training, equipment, and other support.

Construction for the housing block is expected to begin in 2024.



This is but one of several houses in Dar es Salaam's Tabata Liwiti suburb risking imminent collapse should raging floodwaters continue to eat away the banks of this section of the Msimbazi River just inches away. Correspondent Pilly Kigome captured this scene yesterday.

WHO praises Tanzania for investing heavily in better healthcare services

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has applauded the Tanzanian government for heavy investments and commitments in improving health care services across the country.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the second national reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, adolescent health and nutrition (RMNCAH+N) scientific conference, WHO Cluster Lead, Health Systems Strengthening, Dr Tefoyet Thomas Galbert Fedjosaid: "We are happy as the government is putting efforts in health care services and expansion of health care facilities."

Dr Galbert mentioned areas being supported by WHO as early child improvement, adolescent aid, reduction of maternal

mortality and improvement of the safety of abortion in the country.

He said the 2022 Demographic Health Survey (DHS) revealed a notable decline in pregnancy-related deaths to 104 per 100,000 live births.

"This achievement stands as a testament to the sustained investments and unwavering commitment of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania over time. As we applaud these accomplishments, Tanzania is poised to share its success story with others," he said.

WHO programme manager, Dr Sisay Tegegne said: "WHO pledges support for the government in documenting the narrative beyond mere statistics. This documentation effort becomes paramount in not only showcasing achievements but also in shedding

light on the journey and strategies that contributed to this positive outcome."

He said it is imperative that we delve into the root causes of each avoidable maternal, newborn, or child death, fostering a comprehensive understanding that will guide future interventions.

He said the commitment to thorough analysis ensures a holistic approach to addressing health challenges and fortifies the foundation for sustained progress.

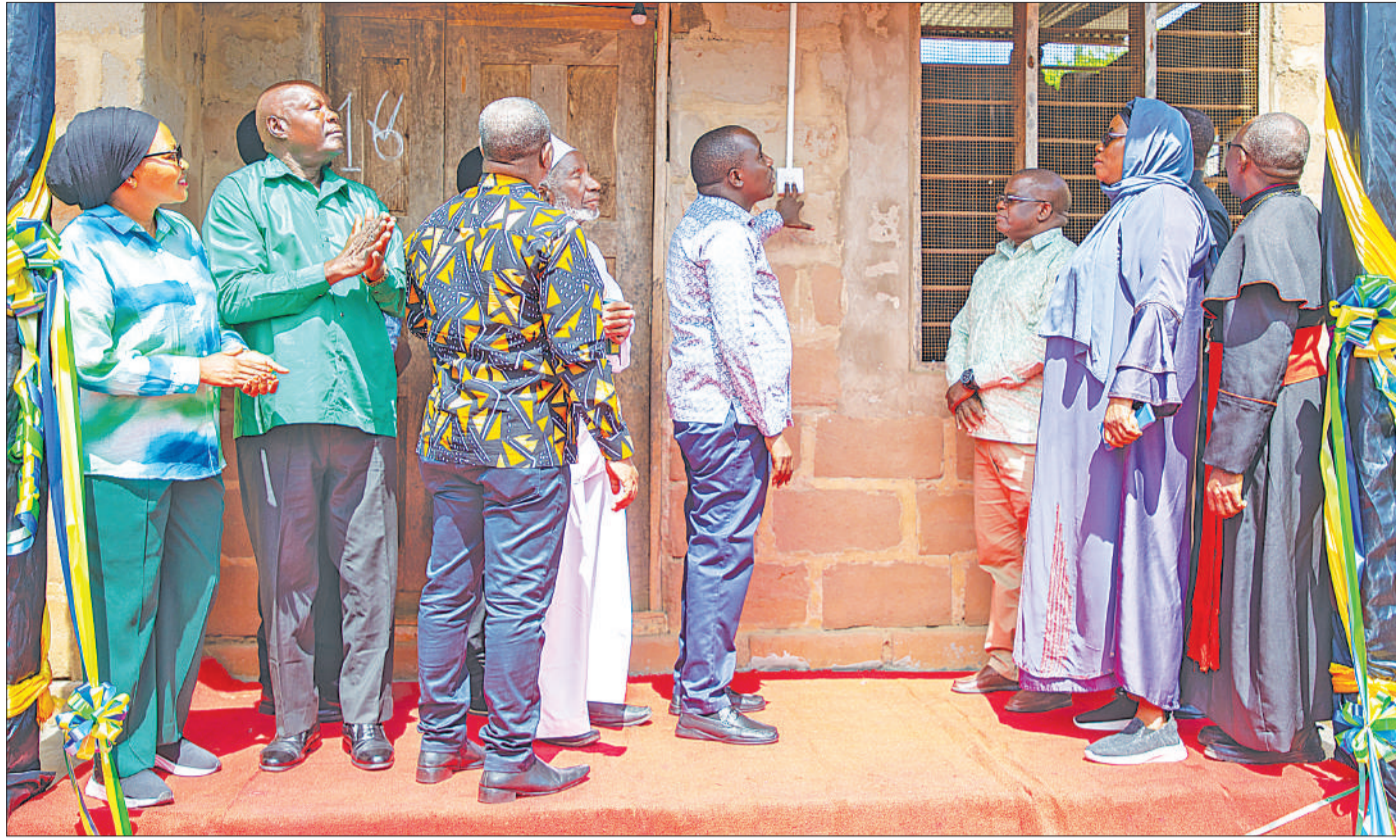
"We commend Tanzania for endorsing the universal health insurance bill, this represents a crucial milestone in the journey towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by guaranteeing that the citizens of the country have access to health services without facing financial

hardships," he remarked.

As we witness an increasing number of mothers and children surviving, the imperative now is to ensure that children reach their full developmental potential, thereby contributing significantly to the country's economic productivity, said Tegegne.

Prioritizing Early Childhood Development (ECD) is of utmost importance, recognizing that investing in this critical phase lays the foundation for human capital development, national socioeconomic growth, and overall progress.

In Tanzania, only 47 percent of young children aged 24-59 months are currently on track for optimal health, learning, and psychological well-being. WHO is committed to providing technical assistance to reverse the trends.



Deputy Prime Minister and Energy minister Dr Doto Biteko presses a switch to turn on the light when launching an electrification project covering Pachota A and Nachenjele villages in Naliendeke ward in Mtwara Region on Wednesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Flash floods kill one, leave 100 homeless in Simanjiro

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

ONE person has died, 20 households have no shelter in Simanjiro district as 10 houses have been washed away following heavy rains that have currently hit Manyara region.

Speaking on the calamities that have befallen the area, Manyara Regional Commissioner Queen Sendiga said the residents who are homeless have been kept at their neighbors at Endiamtu ward.

RC Sendiga said the person who lost life drowned in a dam located at Hilbadau village in the district, while the 10 houses have collapsed at Shambalahi ward in Simanjiro district due to the heavy rains.

On the state of destruction caused by the rains, the RC said: "Until now there

are no connection between Mirerani and Naisinyani, which has been blocked due to the rains."

He said Naberera and Landai villages have also been disconnected as the Tanzania Rural Roads Agency (TARURA) engineers were on the ground working on the matter.

"Let me call upon people those who live in valleys to move out because the rains are just beginning now," she said.

The RC said those who are in drainage systems should not wait for the calamities to reach them before moving out.

So far, five people have killed by flash floods caused by heavy and continuous rainfall in Arusha Urban district.

The floods have also left 90 people homeless and caused damage to

infrastructure, including roads and bridges.

Felician Mtahengerwa, the Arusha Urban district commissioner, said that the local authorities are currently assessing the extent of the damage caused by the floods.

"We have recorded five deaths so far, but the situation could be worse, especially as most houses on the slopes of Mount Meru have been submerged," Mtahengerwa said, noting that fallen trees have blocked some roads, rendering them impassable.

Mtahengerwa urged residents in the affected areas to remain calm, as authorities are working to repair damaged infrastructure and relocate people whose houses were affected by the floods.

Continue using traditional seeds in farming, smallholder farmers urged

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

SMALLHOLDER farmers have been challenged to continue using traditional seeds for farming to enhance conservation and control reliance on the use of genetically modified seeds.

Euphrasia Shayo, Envirocare Tanzania project coordinator made the call during the workshop that was organized to food stakeholders in Kilimanjaro to rethink about sustainable consumption and what can be in the future if tolerance on genetically modified seeds will surge.

Euphrasia said that through the workshop the participants were able to develop one or several visions for sustainable consumption for the year 2030 and beyond.

"The workshop mainly brings together elders and youths on board to share ideas and vision, on how to strategies the issue of sustainable consumption, this goes parallel with focus of the project which seek to establish a sharing community to bridge the knowledge gap between elders and youth regarding local seeds and traditional foods," she said.

The project's impact will be the revitalization and preservation of local seed knowledge, improved intergenerational cooperation, and enhanced environmental

sustainability in Tanzania's agricultural sector.

The coordinator added that the results obtained from the visioning workshops will contribute to the research on sustainable consumption.

"Through this, we will be able to analyze and compare differences and similarities of the different visions and we will write about this in a report that will be accessible to everyone as inspiration," she said.

Evaluation methods include surveys, interviews and monitoring of knowledge adoption and engaged levels whereby success will be measured by assessing changes in knowledge and awareness, tracking the adoption of traditional farming practices, and establishing online platforms of local seed knowledge.

"By expanding the visioning workshops to other countries and contexts, we can gain further insights and understanding of different approaches. This will enhance our knowledge of how to make the transition to sustainable consumption more inclusive and relevant," she said.

As part of this year's Green Action Week, through the theme Sharing Community, the campaign should support and stimulate consumer awareness action and could be completed with a well-defined advocacy activity.

Ultimately, this initiative supports sustainable agriculture, enhances biodiversity conservation and contributes to the long-term environmental health of Tanzania's agricultural systems.

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Re-Tender Notice

Kerala Cashew Board Limited invites e-tenders through e-procurement portal for the import of 2000-5000 Metric Tonnes of quality **Dried Raw Cashew Nuts of 2023 Current Crop - Tanzania Origin**, with the following quality specifications on import basis. (Tender Id: 2023_KCBL_612321_2)

Outturn	: 52 lbs. per 80 Kg bag
Nut Count	: 195 Numbers per Kg

Last date for submission and uploading e-tenders	1700 hours on 29 th November 2023
Opening of e-tender	1100 hours on 30 th November 2023

All details can be viewed, downloaded and applied through the e-procurement portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

UNDER REGULATION 24 OF THE CAPITAL MARKETS AND SECURITIES (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITIONS, TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS) REGULATIONS, 2006 (THE "REGULATIONS")



SCANCEM INTERNATIONAL DA
 (Incorporated in Norway)
 (Registration Number 943 513 716)
 ("Scancem")

CONDITIONAL VOLUNTARY OFFER RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Scancem International DA ("**Scancem**" or "**Acquirer**") refers to the announcement issued on 15 November 2023, advising of the acceptance by AfriSam Mauritius Holdings Limited of Scancem's Conditional Voluntary Offer to shareholders of Tanga Cement PLC ("**Tanga Cement**" or "**Target Company**") to acquire a single block of 43,504,403 ordinary shares in Tanga Cement pursuant to and in accordance with regulations 9(5), 9(6), 11(3), 15(4), 15(5) and the Fourth Schedule of the Regulations (hereafter referred to as the "Offer"), and to the announcement by Tanga Cement of the results of the vote of its shareholders regarding the Offer at the extraordinary general meeting held on 10 November 2023. Terms written with a capital letter in this announcement bear in the meaning ascribed to them in the announcement released by Scancem on 31 October 2023 regarding the Offer and the Offer Document referenced therein.

Scancem is pleased to advise that all the Conditions to the Offer have been satisfied and the Offer is now unconditional and will be implemented in accordance with its terms.

The results of the Offer are provided in the table below.

1. Results of Offer

1.1 Results of Offer

Particulars	Number of Shares
Total number of voting shares to which the Offer relates and:	
a) for which acceptances have been received, after having received the Offer Document in accordance with these Regulations	43,504,403

b) which the Acquirer and all persons acting in concert with it was holding at the time the Offer Document was issued in accordance with these Regulations	0
c) which have been agreed to be acquired during the offer period	43,504,403
d) the shareholding and voting structure of Tanga Cement subsequent to the Offer	As per 1.2 below
e) percentage of the relevant classes of share capital and percentages of voting rights represented by these numbers	As per 1.2 below

1.2 Schedule of shareholding of Tanga Cement subsequent to the Offer

Particulars	Number of Shares	% Shareholding	Class of Shares
Scancem International DA	43,504,403	68.33%	ordinary shares
Various minority shareholders	20,166,642	31.67%	ordinary shares
Total	63,671,045	100%	

About Scancem

Scancem is a Norwegian partnership company founded in 1986 and is located in Oslo, Norway, with registration number 943 513 716 and registered address c/o Heidelberg Materials Norway AS, Lilleakerveien 2A, 0283 Oslo, Norway. The partners are two Norwegian limited liability companies, both ultimately owned 100% by Heidelberg Materials. Scancem is part of the lumber and other construction materials merchant wholesalers industry and produces and distributes cement.

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CHANGES TO OUR TARIFF GUIDE

Dear customer,

NBC management would like to inform you that there will be some changes to the tariff guide for the below listed services effective from 17th December 2023. All other charges not shown below will remain the same.

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RUWASA implements 14 water projects worth 21.5bn/- in year

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

RURAL Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) has implemented a total of 14 projects worth 21.5bn/- in Msalala, Ushetu and Kahama District councils in Shinyanga Region aimed at addressing water challenges to residents.

Paschal Mnyeti, Ruwasa acting manager in Kahama Municipal made the sentiments when releasing a report on water projects during a stakeholders meeting which was held in Kahama municipality, saying the projects ranged from July, 2022 to September 2023.

He said in the year 2022/23 the agency spent 21.5bn/- to implement the projects to relieve residents from water woes, saying five projects out of the 10 have been completed.

"From July 2022 to September last year, we implemented 14

projects whereby six are located in Msalala, five in Ushetu and Kahama municipality has three, we call upon residents to take care of the projects so that they last long," he said.

He said this year alone, they received 322m/- for water research and drilling in 20 villages of Ushetu district and 12 in Msalala saying currently they are mobilizing contractors to ensure the projects are completed timely.

A water basin expert from Kahama -Ruwasa sub-office Elia Samson called upon residents to stop conducting human activities especially 60 meters from a water source.

Accountant for the Community Based Water Suppliers Organization (CBWSO) in Kahama, Mazolwa James said they are expecting to disconnect water in government institutions which have not paid bills amounting to 500,000/- and

above. He said, at the moment they have given a period of one month to ensure that all government institutions that are owed water bills make sure they pay within that time saying when it comes to December this year and no payment has been made, they will stop the service.

James named the institutions as primary schools, secondary schools, clinics, health centers and police stations located in Msalala and Ushetu and that the Ilogi police station in Bulyanhulu ward is owed 1m/-.

Kahama District Commissioner Mboni Mhita said, the government has been providing funds for the implementation of rural water projects to favour women who are the victims of water woes asking RUWASA to ensure that projects are completed on time so that citizens do not continue to use dirty water that is not clean and safe.



Livestock and Fisheries deputy Minister Alexander Mnyeti (R) pictured earlier this week presenting a modern fishing boat to one of 60 fishermen operating on the shores of Lake Nyasa in Kyela District who have landed loans issued courtesy of facilitation from the Livestock and Fisheries ministry. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

HESLB to release names of loan defaulters

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole,

Lindi

THE Higher Education Students Loans Board (HESLB) has said it will soon make public the names of loan defaulters currently employed at various institutions and companies.

HESLB Loan Recovery Manager,

George Mziray made the remarks on Tuesday at the 7th annual general meeting of the Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF) in Lindi Region.

He said the board has discovered that many people, especially those employed in the private sector, have been avoiding paying their loans, noting they are all going to be exposed in the coming campaign.

"We call upon loan beneficiaries to start repaying the money before we disclose their names in our planned campaign. It is one's responsibility to repay the loan since they benefitted," he said, adding the campaign will be sustainable and that they are going to collaborate with local government officials and employers to ensure all the defaulters are reached.

He said the board has reached 95 percent of the set goals in recovering the loans. He said they have digitalized the payment system to allow those who are self-employed in the private sector to pay via mobile phones.

"You don't need to visit our office to repay the money; our systems are integrated with private and public institutions. Repayments begin two years after a student has graduated," he added.

HESLB Public Relations Manager, Omega Ngole said the board has made various improvements to its systems and has been disbursing loans on time, which has brought stability to universities.

He said next year the board will celebrate 20 years since it was established. He said the government has for all the years provided a total of 7trn/- that has benefitted more than 700,000 students.

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Background

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) is an indigenous NGO established under non-governmental organization act No 24 of 2002 in 2011. THPS works in partnership with the Government of Tanzania (GOT) through Ministries of Health (MOH) in Mainland and Zanzibar; Ministry Community Development Gender Women and Special Groups; Presidents' Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), and the Ministry of Home Affairs with a goal of ensuring accessible high-quality health care services to Tanzanians; through the strengthening of health and community systems.

In FY24 year the Government of Tanzania (GOT) under the leadership of the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups and Ministry of Community Development and Gender in Zanzibar; in collaboration with stakeholders through funding from the US Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)/US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will conduct the second Welfare and Health of Youth and Children Survey (WHYS 24). The WHYS2024 is based on the broader work that has been done through the Together for Girls (TFG) partnership and through funding from the US Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)/US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Through data, nationally led action, and advocacy, the survey aims to raise awareness, promote evidence-based solutions, and galvanize coordinated action across sectors to end violence against boys and girls, with a special focus on sexual violence against girls. WHYS2024 data are intended to inform a comprehensive, national multi-sector policy and programmatic response to the issue of violence against girls and boys.

WHYS 2024 will be conducted with support from the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and technical assistance through the U.S. CDC, CDC, Tanzania Office, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) - the lead implementing partner. Data collection will be done by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in Tanzania mainland, The Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS) in Zanzibar, and Survey will be implemented in collaboration with multisectoral partners including, the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), the Zanzibar Institute of Health Research (ZAHRI), and Ministries of Health through national Public Health Laboratories, the National AIDS Control Program (NACP), and the Zanzibar Integrated HIV, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis and Leprosy Program (ZIHHTLP). THPS will work with NBS and OCGS as subgrantees. The number of completed survey will be 9,144, targeting 500 primary sampling units with the objective of reaching 12469 households (HH) in mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar targeting children (boys and girls) and youth aged 13 - 24 years.

THPS is therefore seeking to recruit qualified and competent candidates to fill the following positions:

Position:	WHYS Field Supervisors (6 positions)
Reports to:	Directly to WHYS Survey Coordinator and indirectly to Senior Survey Advisor
Supervises:	WHYS Team Leads
Employment Type:	Full-Time
Job Location:	TBD
Travel:	Up to 80% in intervention districts outside of job location
Duration:	Six (6) months from January to June 2024

Overall Job Function:

Reporting directly to the WHYS Survey Coordinator and indirectly to Senior WHYS Survey Advisor, the WHYS Field Supervisors will provide strategic survey implementation and monitoring support in the planning and implementation of WHYS in the regions. The Field Supervisors will build the capacity of the Survey Team Leaders and Interviewers. He or she will coordinate field work with local representatives/community members including securing permission from local community leaders for data collection in selected clusters.

Specific Responsibilities and Duties:

- Oversee and review all aspects of fieldwork, including management of team leaders and field workers, on a daily basis.
- Ensure that field teams adhere to WHYS protocol and Standard Operating Procedures.
- Maintain adequate and accurate participant records, as per the study protocol.
- Determine readiness for survey implementation in each enumeration area (EA) and complete pre-implementation steps.
- Ensure the data collection teams are provided with adequate supplies and equipment's all the time during data collection.
- Assess ongoing performance of Field Team Leaders and Interviewers and identify training needs.
- Documents and reports all field incidences as per protocol.
- Documents, report protocol deviations and take correct measures.
- Maintain good communication between team leader and Survey coordinator.
- Conduct refresher training to data collection team whenever required.
- Perform EA and Household spot checks when and where needed.
- Plan the logistics for fieldwork data collection.
- Participate in community engagement activities, including making courtesy calls with relevant authorities.
- Ensure EA completeness as per deployment plan.
- Work closely with Team leader and transport Manager to ensure vehicles are well serviced and maintained in good condition.
- Ensure safety movement of teams within and across EA during all periods of data collection.
- Ensure tablets are secured and maintained as per tablet security SOP.
- Verify and ensure data quality by performing completeness and consistency checks.
- Provide feedback to the supervisor and write weekly progress reports that include the number of completed households per EA.
- Perform any other tasks as assigned by supervisor.

Qualifications, Knowledge, and Skills:

- Required Education:** Bachelor's degree in Social Welfare, Sociology /Medicine /Statistics /Demography /Economics or related field from a reputable academic institution. Postgraduate degree will be an added advantage
- Required Technical Experience:** Minimum one-year experience managing and implementing nationwide surveys or similar research.
- Required Managerial Experience:** Minimum 1 year's supervising a survey team.
 - Demonstrated experience managing teams of people who are working in remote locations.
 - Strong interpersonal, group facilitation and oral presentation skills.
 - Ability to meet tight deadlines and successfully manage multiple assignments concurrently.
 - Ability to function independently with a strong focus on results.
 - Excellent organizational and analytical skills with close attention to detail.
 - Ability to creatively solve problems and work collaboratively as part of a team.
 - Knowledge of Tanzania context and cultures in urban and rural areas.
 - Ability to communicate effectively (verbally and written).
 - Advanced knowledge of relevant software packages and tablet applications not limited to Microsoft Office Suite, Windows 8, Skype, and internet search engines.
 - Working knowledge of operational/programmatic rules and regulations for recipients of United States Government funding preferred
 - Familiar with Tanzania context; fluency in Kiswahili required

Position Title:	WHYS HTS Supervisors (6 positions)
Reports to:	Directly to WHYS Survey Coordinator and Indirectly to WHYS HTS Advisor
Supervises:	WHYS Field Testers
Employment Type:	Full-time
Job Location:	Dar es Salaam
Travel:	Up to 80% in intervention districts outside of job location
Duration:	six (6) months from January to June 2023

Overall Job Function:

Reporting directly to the WHYS Survey Coordinator and indirectly to WHYS HTS Advisor, the WHYS HTS Supervisors will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of field biomarker activities. Through supervision and spot checks, the WHYS HTS Supervisors will ensure that household HIV Rapid tests are conducted in line with SOPs as well as QA/QC procedures for point of care HIV rapid testing. In addition, HTS Supervisors will be responsible for overseeing HTS supplies as well as be responsible for dealing and resolving all non-conforming events (NCEs) relating to the field biomarker component of the survey.

Specific Responsibilities and Duties:

- Monitor and supervise field teams on household HIV rapid testing.
- Ensure all field biomarker activities are in accordance with SOPs.
- Oversee ground level supply chain including submitting timely requests, recording receipt.
- Ensuring correct storage of all necessary survey implementation materials.
- Collaborate with the survey coordinator and HTS Advisor and other central supplies team to ensure all necessary materials are available when needed for ground level survey implementation activities.
- Ensure smooth transitioning of field teams from one region to the next by collaboratively working with WHYS Field supervisor.
- Manage documentation of biomarkers weekly field implementation activities.
- Ensure timely submission of field reports (weekly, monthly, quarterly & project) as requested.
- Coordinate the supply, elution and aliquoting of QC materials for field teams.
- Coordinate once per monthly QC and periodic PT Panels administration and execute corrective action where necessary.
- Mentor field teams on proper waste management and disposal.
- Responsible for all NCEs arising from field biomarker activities.
- Responsible for retraining testers on all biomarker activities.
- Ensure adherence of proper pre and post-test procedures and safety of the participant.
- Submit weekly reports on field biomarker activities to survey coordinator and HTS Advisor.
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the supervisor

Qualifications, Knowledge, and Skills:

- Required Education:** Degree in Medicine, Nurse, biomedical or laboratory sciences or equivalent from a reputable academic institution
- Required Technical Experience:** Minimum 2 years working experience in a medical laboratory or health facility with HIV testing.
- Preferred:** Experience in HIV serology
- Required Managerial Experience:**
 - Minimum 1 years supervising staff in a laboratory or health facility setting
 - Excellent written and verbal communication skills with fluency in English and Kiswahili required.
 - Strong computer skills (MS Excel, Access, Word, and PowerPoint at minimum; preferred proficiency with statistical Software such as SAS and SPSS).
 - Attention to detail and high accuracy.
 - Ability to maintain confidentiality at all times
 - Ability to lead and work with a diverse team
 - Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and strong problem-solving skills.
 - Flexible to work after normal working hours and on weekends with significant travel outside of duty station.
 - Familiar with Tanzanian context; fluency in Kiswahili preferred

Position: WHYS Community Engagement Officer (5 positions)

Reports to:	Directly to WHYS Communication and Community Engagement Coordinator and indirectly to WHYS Survey Coordinator
Supervises:	Community guides (CGs)
Employment Type:	Full time
Job Location:	TBD
Travel:	Up to 80% in intervention districts outside of job location
Duration:	Six (6) months from January to June 2024

Overall Job Function:

Under the supervision of the WHYS Communication and Community Engagement Coordinator and survey coordinator, WHYS Community Engagement Officer will work with survey team to coordinate all community engagement activities at different levels in support of the implementation of the WHYS 2024.

Specific Responsibilities and Duties:

- In liaison with the WHYS communication and community engagement coordinator, plan and be responsible for overseeing all field related community engagement procedures and activities prior to a survey team entering an EA, during survey data collection, and after survey teams depart from the EA.
- Lead with the identification and recruitment of community guides (CGs) from all selected survey Enumeration Areas (EAs).
- Identify and work with key local leaders and inform them about WHYS 2024 project to facilitate smooth community entry and exit meetings for all survey teams.
- To work with Community Guides in providing support to survey teams in mapping, listing of EAs, and pre-screening for eligible households.
- Ensure targeted households are mobilized about their participation in the survey prior to data collection.
- Provide feedback to data collection team on myth, misinformation and work with data collection to develop and communicate mitigation plan.
- Work with data collection team to ensure they inform them about boundaries and landmarks of selected EA and support smooth household entry.
- Perform any other tasks as assigned by THPS.

Qualifications, Knowledge, and Skills:

- Required Education:** Bachelor's degree in Community Development, Sociology or Social Work or equivalent from a reputable academic institution
- Required Technical Experience:**
 - At least three years' work experience in community development and or community engagement or mobilization position
 - Experience in the use of community participatory methodologies in health promotion
 - Experience in training, advocacy for change and ability to work with local leaders at the community level.
 - Fluent in English and Kiswahili and or any other locally spoken languages
 - Proven leadership, management, inter-personal communication, and analytical skills
 - Strong experience on working cultural diversities.
 - Community negotiation skills
 - Excellent written and verbal communication skills with Familiarity with Tanzanian context; and fluency in Kiswahili and English required.
 - Strong computer skills (MS Excel, Access, Word, and PowerPoint at minimum
 - Ability to lead and work with a diverse team
 - Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and strong problem-solving skills.
 - Flexible to work after normal working hours and on weekends with significant travel outside of duty station.
 - Self-motivated and able to work under challenging situations

Position Title:	WHYS 2024 HIV Services Linkage Officer (2 positions)
Reports to:	Directly to WHYS Survey Coordinator and indirectly to Senior WHYS Advisor
Employment Type:	Full time
Job Location:	Dar es Salaam
Travel:	Up to 80% in intervention districts outside of job location

Overall Job Function:

The WHYS 2024 Linkage Officers will be responsible for ensuring day-to-day operations related to tracking referrals to HIV Prevention and Services through existing systems. This position reports to the Survey Coordinator

Specific Responsibilities and Duties:

- Facilitate the linkage of HIV positive participants to care and treatment services as per the WHYS referral to care SOPs
- Support MOH and/or partner organizations with communicating to facilities of participants' preference and obtaining the collected information from those facilities.
- Support health facilities by verifying enrollment in care status of HIV-positive survey participants.
- Understand and adhere to the study protocol, relevant SOPs, and other appropriate regulations, procedures and policies.
- Maintain confidentiality of study participants and adhere to principles of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and ethics of human subjects' research.
- Validate referral forms and SMS notifications against results and communicate with respective health care providers.
- Participate in stakeholder meetings at district level.
- Work with ICT and Data Manager in providing regular reports and updates on referrals and outcomes, including feedback from partner organizations and facilities on a weekly basis.
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the supervisor.

Qualifications, Knowledge, and Skills:

- Required Education:** Formal training in Medicine, or Nursing, other clinical discipline from a reputable academic institution
- Preferred:** Experience in clinical and HIV referral
- Required Technical Experience:**
 - Minimum 2 years' experience with HIV pre/post-test counselling and explanation of laboratory results.
 - Familiarity with HTS and ART national M&E tools
 - Excellent written and verbal communication skills with fluency in English required.
 - Knowledge of linkage mode for HIV Prevention and treatment Services.
 - Strong computer skills (MS Excel, Access, Word, and PowerPoint at minimum; preferred proficiency with statistical Software such as SAS and SPSS).
 - Ability to lead and work with a diverse team
 - Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and strong problem-solving skills.
 - Flexible to work after normal working hours and on weekends with significant travel outside of duty station.
 - Familiar with Tanzanian context; fluency in Kiswahili required

Position Title:	WHY 2024 Administration and Logistics Officer (1 position)
Reports to:	WHYS Project Director
Job Location:	Dar es Salaam
Travel:	Up to 25% outside of job location

Overall Job Function:

The WHY Admin and Logistics coordinator is responsible to organize and supervise administrative activities that facilitate smooth running of the WHY2024 team. The WHY Admin & logistics coordinator, working with the THPS procurement and logistics Manager, will also ensure effective procurement systems are adhered to through following the purchasing processes and ensure timely delivery of items to intended recipients.

Specific Responsibilities and Duties:

- Support the administrative office processes affecting:
 - Utilities
 - Internal transport services
 - Stock control & Inventory Management
 - Reconciliation of vendor accounts
 - Coordinate meetings, agendas, materials, minutes, and follow-up activities with key Project partners
 - Organizing the coordination of events, site visits, workshops, and conferences
 - Booking and arranging travel, transport and accommodation for the team
 - Carry out administrative duties such as filing, typing, copying, binding, scanning etc.
 - liaising with staff, suppliers and clients
 - Resolve administrative problems for the project
 - Handling office tasks, such as filing, generating reports and presentations, setting up for meetings, and reordering supplies.
 - Screening phone calls and routing callers to the appropriate party.
 - Maintain front desk procedures including contact information, directions and frequently requested company information
 - In collaboration with Program Staffs compile list of participants, write invitation letters and ensure its receipts and confirmation of attendance
 - Liaise with the Finance team to ensure that people in the trainings and meeting are paid on time
 - Preparing administration and program purchase requisitions, necessary Advance requests, Petty cash etc.
 - Work hand in hand with the WHY team to ensure that their travel authorization is done on time and they are paid on time
 - Contribute to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed
 - Compile documents for payment (Attach the received invoices on the Approved Purchase orders) and send the same to Accounts department.
 - Liaise with technical WHY team to establish technical specifications of items for supplies to be ordered.
 - Ensure WHY vendors are paid
 - Ensure WHY procured materials are delivered to the required final destination
 - Any other duties as assigned by supervisor

Qualifications, experience & skills required

- Bachelor Degree or equivalent in Public Administration, Business Administration, or related subjects from a recognized College/University.
- Minimum 4 years office administrative support experience is preferred. Experience working for an NGO.
- Good computer skills particularly use of power point and word processing.
- Excellent organizational skills including the ability to multitask, prioritize and work efficiently.
- Be of high integrity and able to maintain confidentiality.
- Proven record to work under minimum supervision and meet deadlines.
- Self-motivation and good office management attributes.
- Reading, written, and verbal fluency in English and Kiswahili
- Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines

How to apply:

Interested applicants should send an email recruitment@thps.or.tz attaching their application cover letter one page maximum and CV four pages maximum by 26/11/2023 with a position title as a subject line, for example: "WHYS Field Supervisors". Only short-listed applicants will be contacted. Please do not attach any certificates when submitting online. THPS is an equal opportunity employer; women, people living with HIV/AIDS and people living with disability are encouraged to apply.

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To fare well, a Zanzibar bourse would have to widen asset base

REPORTS that the Zanzibar government is planning to open a stock market to attract capital transfers is an illustration of the formula 'we must run while others walk' - that Zanzibar cannot wait for long time simply to get spill-over benefits from the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

A high-level team of policymakers visited the city bourse for a learning tour, with a deputy minister leading the delegation - on which there were members of the Zanzibar House of Representatives' Budget Standing Committee. By all indications, the key inputs are already in place - just about ready for implementation to get going.

What Zanzibar wants to do and the model they came to check or learn from at the DSE are likely to be different things, in which case there was need to learn in order to improve on what is being done there.

So, it is apparent that Zanzibar is not about to put up a stock exchange by copying and pasting DSE structures and operations.

There is an explanation that the ruling CCM's election manifesto for Zanzibar in the past general election actually envisages such a step, implying that this is part of long-term planning for the Isles. It requires that it sets up a workable strategy, fast.

There was an impression from remarks by their DSE hosts that setting up another exchange within the country might amount to duplication, but they agree that legislation setting up DSE does not create a monopoly in that area.

To an extent, a top DSE official who received the Zanzibar delegation appeared to take a number of things for granted - for instance, as relates to the emphasis on the products to be traded there.

The delegation was more insistent on using the stock exchange to attract capital to Zanzibar, while at DSE the issue is the trading of products for institutional benefit - so, now ways to make DSE accommodate Zanzibar's stock needs.

One vital aspect of the Zanzibar vision of the bourse is to use it as an instrument for opening up the economy and getting large investors

or financiers fairly fast, an aspect of design that perceptibly lacks at DSE.

There is no national or strategic design on DSE specifically but a facility for traders, merchants or manufacturers wishing to make their businesses public by shareholding to do so.

For the Treasury, DSE serves as a platform for the issuance of government securities, but that is a relatively secondary role as securities don't need a stock exchange to be floated.

The crucial aspect where a Zanzibar bourse may have to differ or go further than DSE is that it needs to climb over the relative timidity with which the DSE was created.

There are examples of the overnight creation of stock markets which became near-instant world beaters, while DSE has been there for a whole three decades but still has by and large marginal impact on the country's economy.

True, the public view may be that the bourse has served to bring a number of big investment assets. However, when it comes to growth in assets, its record is mixed - it loses capital by outflows nearly as fast as it has gained.

Cases of rapid growth stock markets include those of Russia after its static socialist economy collapsed in 1991, while there is the Chinese one that could apply to DSE if the government went far enough.

There is also the South Korean case. This particular one is helpful for industrialisation, by giving land to smallholder farmers on freehold basis, and they sold to capitalists, building a base for bank lending in vast quantities.

In Russia, the post-Soviet authorities issued shares of mostly loss-making state firms to workers, by voucher value. These went on to sell the shares to 'oligarchs', these setting up a market for assets that even foreigners could buy.

DSE has no such features, only trading stocks of some important firms though not necessarily crucial corporations. Let's wait and see how gainfully Zanzibar will tap from the experience of this particular stock exchange and any others it may elect to learn from.

Yes indeed, rare metals can place Tanzania on world map rather fast

EFFORTS are gathering speed around the world to use renewable energy rather than traditional fuels like thermal electricity.

Accordingly, countries endowed with rare metals like nickel and cobalt, apart from less rare varieties like lead, copper and others often found along with rare metals, are gaining attention in world markets and investment drives.

Tanzania is already in that league and as each natural resource discovery often requires a peculiar regime for managing it, something of the sort is building up with rare metals. This relates primarily to compensation, pushing up some service industries near mines and, in future, environmental implications.

The Mineral minister has been saying just as much of late, with people being paid out to leave their village lands in Ngara District.

A nickel mine is coming up there and the government believes that should provide an example for what is to be done in due course for such investments.

Two cabinet ministers, including the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development one, participated - alongside a combined parliamentary committee oversight team for the energy, minerals, land and natural resources sectors.

What the residents of the areas in question are being assured about is compensation, as other issues like environmental safeguards will likely be addressed at the preliminary stages.

One positive element on the envisaged nickel investment is that it will have modern technology for sorting out the ore, the intention being to preclude environmental drawbacks.

For one thing, such prerogatives are always tied up with expected costs and benefits and, after the government has taken up 16 per cent statutory shares in the new enterprise, it will be charged with the wider environmental work, aside from the supervision.

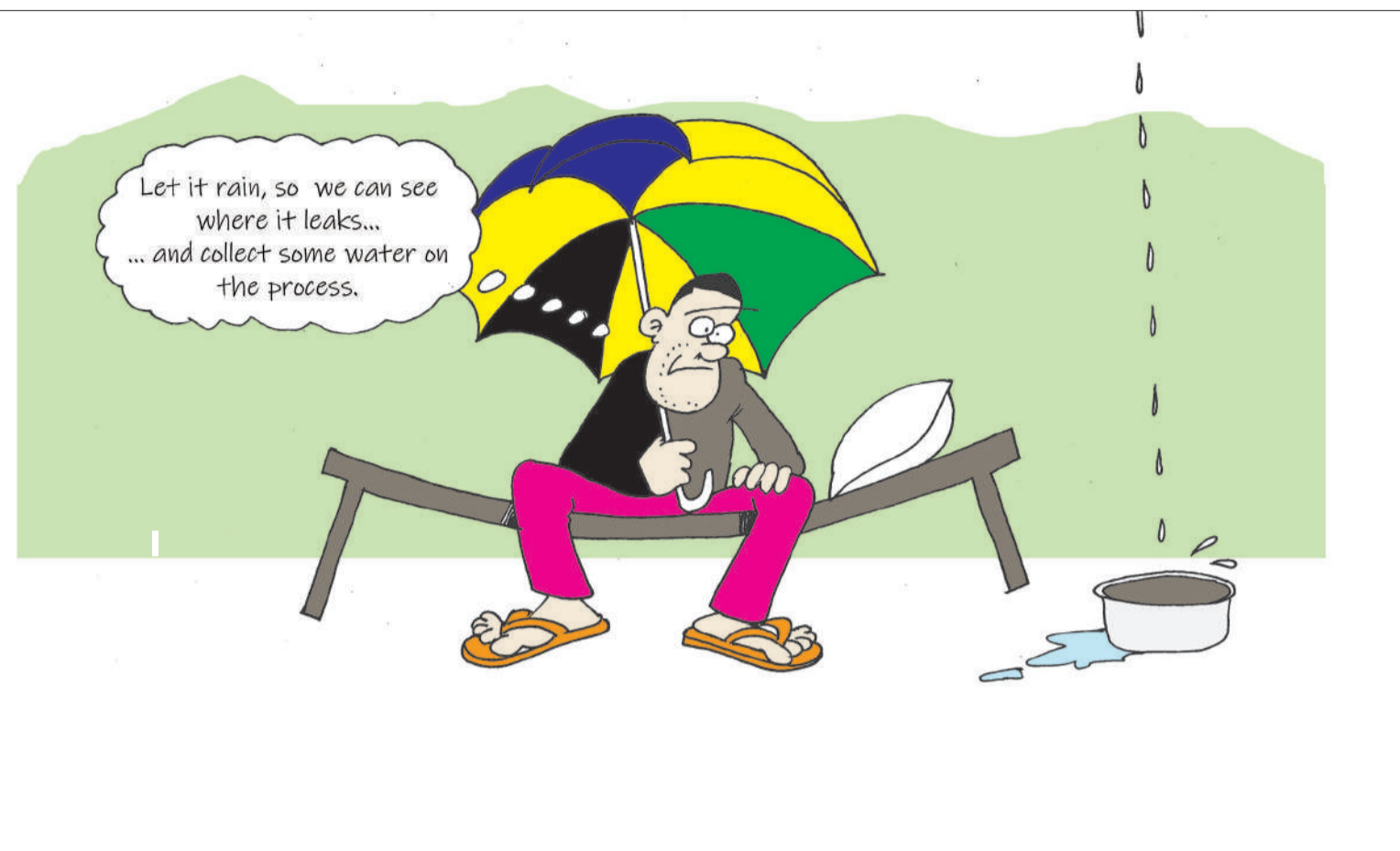
Taking care of the environment is a daunting challenge as miners are issued with licences to mine, environment being an extra cast to please the government.

Obviously, it is hard to see what use the public has with land earmarked for mining. It would thus be helpful to change tack and alter the strategy, providing a long-term land lease so that the company itself plans wider business use of that land.

Any business that the firm would set up from environmentally reclaimed land after mining activity ends, or within its continuation by care, is expected to add to the number of registered businesses, jobs and taxpayers.

There are supposedly stringent regulations that, when a company is done with the mining, it restores the land to its original state - which is usually hard to enforce and, revenue-wise, seldom helpful.

Tanzania can rise faster on the world map if long-term land occupancy becomes part of the package, enabling first class conservation and its reuse.



Adaptation interventions help African small farmers combat climate change

By Alessio Perrone

SUB-SAHARAN Africa's small-scale farmers, who account for more than half of the continent's workforce, must be a focus of climate conference COP-28, according to experts at a recent press briefing organised by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Agricultural innovation and supporting farmers in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia is a top focus area for the foundation.

Experts at last week's briefing pushed for more investment in solutions such as seed breeding, weather intelligence and agricultural emissions reductions in order to help farmers adapt to climate change.

Smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan Africa, whom the Food and Agriculture Organisation defines as those working on up to ten hectares, are disproportionately affected by climate change.

Temperatures in the region have risen faster than the global average, and losses on African farms are almost twice the global average.

According to United Nations climate experts, climate change already has reduced per capita GDP across Africa by 13.6 per cent, mostly because of its impact on agriculture.

Yet sub-Saharan Africa accounts for only 4 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions and only 1.7 per cent of climate finance is targeting the needs of the region's smallholder farmers.

"We want the world to understand why we will not solve the global climate emergency if we continue to neglect African farmers," said Enock Chikava, interim director of agricultural development at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, at a recent meeting with journalists.

"But we are not just admiring the problem - we believe that there are solutions already available that need to be funded," he added.

The briefing took place in the weeks before COP-28 starts on November 30 in Dubai and follows a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report which found that the world faces an enormous gap in tackling climate adaptation.

The key solutions that experts showcased include AI for seeds, with one of the most promising solutions for farmers to adapt to a drier, hotter climate is to identify the most resilient varieties of their staple crops - and reproduce them.

Farmers usually rely on their senses to do this - for example, by selecting plants bearing more fruits



or the ones with greener leaves.

Known as phenotyping, the process is however time-consuming and often inaccurate - for example, it's impossible to count all the open flowers in a given field.

The Artemis project, developed by the Alphabet company Mineral and the Alliance of Biodiversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), is seeking to equip small-scale farmers in sub-Saharan Africa with a smartphone app that uses digital imaging technology to perform many of the tasks.

"Computers can do things that human eyes can't do, such as counting every bean pod or every flower in the field every day," said Steve Mutuvi, a data scientist at the Alliance of Biodiversity International and CIAT.

He added: "If we can collect good data on flowers and pods, it will allow breeders to better predict performance of new varieties, making the process more accurate but also faster and cheaper."

Another one is better weather data in that African farmers often use more pesticides and chemicals than counterparts in other regions, in part because of the lack of access to timely weather data.

This is according to Georgina Campbell Flatter, executive director of the nonprofit TomorrowNow.

"If it rains and you have applied your pesticide already, the pesticide will wash off into the rivers and the farmers will reapply," she told journalists.

Similarly, Flatter said untimely rains often waste the seeds sown by farmers or the fertiliser applied.

TomorrowNow, another project showcased in the briefing, is trying to connect agricultural communities in Africa with the latest weather technology to advance early warning systems.

For example, partnering with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation, (KALRO), TomorrowNow sends about 1 million smallholder farmers in Kenya weekly text messages containing timely crop advice based on weather technology.

The experts also Agriculture is also the source of up to one-third of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, said Aditi Mukherji, director of climate change adaptation and mitigation impact action platform at the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), which works on a variety of agricultural adaptation innovations - from climate resilient seeds, to water management, to landscape management.

Some of those emissions come from livestock farming, such as the enteric methane emissions produced by cows.

But Mukherji noted that, while livestock production in the global north is industrial, it can be a vital component of smallholder farmers' livelihoods in low-income countries. This makes cutting the sector's emissions more challenging because it risks compromising the food security of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Mukherji said that CGIAR is turning to improving the management of livestock feed, pasture and manure to find ways to cut emissions without threatening

the livelihoods of African small-scale farmers.

At the institutional level, Seyni Nafo, the coordinator of the Africa Adaptation Initiative, called for political commitments to be reaffirmed at COP-28.

He mentioned the pledge that high-income countries made at COP-26 in Glasgow to double adaptation finance by 2025, together with the UNEP Adaptation Gap Report showing that public adaptation finance flows to lower-income countries had actually declined by 21 per cent between 2020 and 2021.

"I think it's extremely important that those who committed reassert their interest to meet and honour that commitment first," he told journalists, adding: "Then, that needs to be translated into language that ensures that those commitments are going to be delivered."

Nafo called for a minimum floor "in the billions" of dollars for the forthcoming loss and damage fund and for more clarity around the goal that will replace the 2009 pledge for high-income countries to deliver US\$100 billion in annual climate finance to their lower-income counterparts by 2025.

He also said the Initiative was launching an investment fund for African small and medium enterprises in the food security and climate value chain, as well as a project preparation facility.

"This is because after commitments are delivered, it's key to build capacity so that African stakeholders are able to access that finance," he added.

Due process of law in administering a deceased person's estate (1)

IT is human nature to accumulate wealth in various forms such as land, real estate, money both cash and in bank accounts, shares in companies or stock exchange markets among others. In the process of accumulating wealth, liabilities can also be created which require to be cleared or settled, whether that person is alive or dead.

As a matter of general practice, intention of most people is to make use of their accumulated wealth either themselves or distribute to other member of the family or any other person as they wish.

Unfortunately, when life can be terminated is unknown to us hence the said accumulated wealth and liabilities remain pending. Our laws are not silent on the process of administering estate whether the deceased left a will or not.

This article provides highlights on some few steps which are required to be taken to ensure the deceased's intention is achieved whether they left a will or not. Legally, the whole process of administering a deceased's estate is called probate and administration of estate.

Probate and administration are both legal processes of handling the deceased person's estate. Each represents its own process of administering estate. The laws which govern the two processes are the Probate and Administration of Estate Act, Cap 352 and Primary Courts Administration of Estate Rules GN 1971.

Probate is a legal process in courts of law either to confirm or negate validity of a will left by the deceased. Upon confirmation by court, the will becomes valid, meaning the next step is for the executor to administer the same in accordance with the law.

What prevails after the will is confirmed by court is implementation of the wishes of the deceased and not otherwise. The

will might state the name of the administrator who is required to administer the left estate or not but courts accommodate either situation because the law permits appointment of any other person in case name of the administrator is not provided.

On the other side, in administration of estate where the deceased left no will but there are assets and liabilities to be cleared, the whole process of appointing estate administrator is done through a court of law following presentation of application by any interested party.

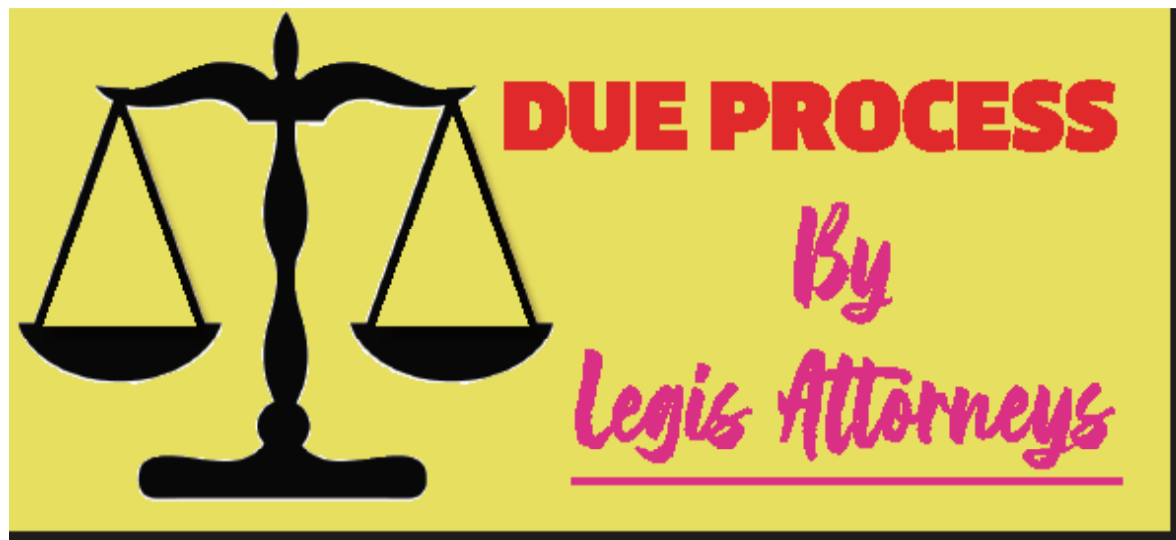
Appointment of the administrator is entirely discretion of the court. However, guidelines or conditions which the court may employ are provided under section 33 of the Probate and Administration Act. They include priority to interested person who was close to the deceased. When there is no such person, then creditors or any person can be appointed for the purposes of convenience.

Distribution of assets is done by the said appointed administrator. However, the same should be done subject to law governing administration of a deceased person's estate.

It is a matter of law that a person appointed by court to administer the deceased person's estate has mandate to step into shoes of the deceased as provided in section 99 of the Probate and Administration Act and do such things like collection of the deceased's assets and clear or settle debts and distribute the same to the rightful beneficiaries of the estate.

The legal motive behind appointing administrator or executor by court is to stand in the position of the deceased to discharge some statutory duties entrusted to them by law as if the deceased is alive. That is why the appointed administrator can either sue or be sued on behalf of the deceased.

The Court of Appeal, in the Civil Appeal No 385 of 2019 between Abbas



Ally Athuman Bantulaki and other vs Kelvin Victor Mahity, held that administrator steps into the shoes of the deceased with legal mandate to exercise all the powers the deceased would exercise under section 100 and 101 of the Probate and Administration Act, including the power to dispose of any of the deceased's estate in representative capacity.

Due to the nature of the law, it is highly recommended that a proposed person to be appointed by court of law to administer the deceased's estate

should be well assessed and accepted by the deceased's family members in absence of will.

But even in the case of will, when one is alive, it is important to be careful with the person named as the executor to avoid misunderstanding. When the executor is a family member, they should not only be competent but able to discharge the deceased's duties in good faith.

This is important because once he or she is appointed, no one can interfere be it beneficiary or family member with

issues such as consent or consultation. If he or she entertains the same, then it is as a matter of fiduciary relationship and not as a matter of law as decided in the Civil Case no 183 of 2016 between Joseph Shumbusho vs Mary Grace Tigewe and two others.

One thing to be noted is that once appointment is done by the court of law, then anything done by virtue of this 'office' cannot be erased or reversed lightly by court of law on the ground that beneficiaries were not involved

or otherwise, unless fraud is committed.

It is also important to note that proof of fraud is not something easy in our legal system because if one wants to go for criminal remedy, they are required to prove beyond reasonable doubt while for civil remedy, standard should be beyond or above balance probability.

Therefore, it is important to be careful with the proposed person to be appointed as administrator to avoid all these sagas. Due diligence should be

done before proposing a person to stand on behalf of the deceased despite all the precautions provided by law such as issuance of commitment bonds and having sureties in place.

In the recent case in the Court of Appeal of Tanzania, Civil Appeal No 430 of 2022 between Said Mpambije Kamanga and another vs Nyamende Swetu Fundikira and three others, the court heard that the administrator sold the deceased's property to the third party.

The beneficiaries became aware of the existence of the said transactions when it was ready completed hence a case was initiated in court. Among grounds the applicant relied on was that the said transaction was not blessed by beneficiaries or consent was not provided.

The ground was rejected by the court which said that once the administrator has been appointed, when discharging his or her duties, they are not required to seek consent from the beneficiaries.

Further, we shall address other issues in the

next article, including the fact that the successor administrator cannot have mandate to seek an order to nullify or set aside things or sale conducted by the previous administrator unless fraud is successfully proved. The relevance of all this is to show how powerful estate administrator once he or she is duly appointed by court.

Note: the material and information contained in this article are for general information purposes only. They only provide either elementary or basic legal knowledge on the above subject. Anyone considering legal action should consult an experienced lawyer to understand current laws and how they may affect a case in question.

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Open letter: Over 500 South African Jews call for ceasefire in Gaza

By Concerned South African Jews

WE are a diverse group of South African Jews who are dismayed by the situation that is unfolding in Israel and Palestine. Through it, the world has witnessed a catastrophic loss of life, and indeed, a loss of humanity. We mourn every life lost: Palestinian and Israeli.

We believe in the universal values of peace, justice and equality, and condemn in the strongest terms any and all violence against civilians, and against children in particular. We must hold to account those responsible for violence against civilians – whether perpetrated in Gaza, the West Bank, or Israel. We do so not in spite of our Jewish identity, but because of it. One of the core beliefs of Judaism is the sanctity of human life and the duty to preserve it, enshrined in the principle of *pikuach nefesh*.

The assault on Gaza follows an unprecedented and brutal attack by Hamas in southern Israel on 7 October. We are devastated that the lives of over 1,200 Israelis, including 31 children, were lost to the gratuitous violence that occurred on this day. We grieve with the families whose loved ones were killed or taken as hostages.

We insist, however, that one heinous crime does not justify another. The ex-



An explosion following an air strike on the northern part of the Gaza Strip, as seen from Sderot, southern Israel, 14 November 2023. EPA-EFE/ATEF SAFADI

perience of persecution and genocide is woven into our collective memory. We are therefore called upon to prevent it from happening again, anywhere, to anyone. Moreover, we have a particular obligation to oppose such atrocities when perpetrated in our name.

For this reason, we call for an immediate cease to Israel's bombardment and blockade of Gaza. We condemn the denial of basic resources such as water, food, electricity, internet and medical supplies to Palestinian civilians. As of Wednesday 15 November, Israel's

campaign in Gaza had exacted a toll of at least 11,078 Palestinian lives, including 4,506 children. We abhor the use of collective punishment and see Israel's response as dramatically disproportionate. We are distressed at the fact that this has taken place alongside state and

settler-led violence against Palestinians in the West Bank.

We acknowledge that the current cycle of violence is rooted in decades of dispossession. We also acknowledge that this conflict is fundamentally asymmetrical in nature; between a powerful military force and a stateless people who have resisted the denial of their basic human rights for generations.

We note with great concern the rising incidence of Islamophobic and anti-Semitic hate crimes worldwide. We reject attempts to conflate the parties to this conflict with entire religious or ethnic groups, just as we reject the notion that criticism of the State of Israel necessarily constitutes anti-Semitism. As Jews with diverse views, we do not feel represented by the institutions that claim to speak on behalf of the South African Jewish community on Israel and Gaza.

We join the many voices worldwide calling for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the occupation, and the release of all hostages and detainees unjustly held both in Gaza and in Israeli prisons. We believe that the only lasting solution to ensure genuine safety for all is one that secures the equal rights and dignity of all Israelis and Palestinians.

Five important takeaways from the Biden-Xi meeting

By Mike Wendling

WHILE officials tried to keep expectations low before the meeting between Joe Biden and Xi Jinping on Wednesday, the encounter resulted in agreements on several key issues.

"I believe these are some of the most constructive and productive discussions we've had," President Biden said after the meeting. "We've made some important progress."

President Xi earlier acknowledged that US-China relations have "never been smooth sailing".

After the meeting he added that the door to talks between the two superpowers "cannot be closed again".

Here are five things we learned from their California talks.

There was common ground on climate

The two countries, which are the world's biggest carbon emitters, agreed on further measures to tackle climate change, but stopped short of committing to end the use of fossil fuels.

They promised to co-operate to slow methane emissions - a particularly potent greenhouse gas - and support global efforts to triple renewable energy by 2030.

Experts told the BBC that these are noteworthy developments in advance of a major climate change conference, COP28, in Dubai later this month.

"It's small but important steps on climate change," said Bernice Lee, an expert on China and a fellow at Chatham House, a UK think tank.

David Waskow, from the World Resources Institute, called the methane agreement a "major step".

"China is the world's largest methane emitter and serious actions to curb this gas is essential for slowing global warming in the near-term," Mr Waskow said.

They agreed to tackle fentanyl trafficking

The two sides said they would co-operate to fight drug trafficking, and China agreed to crack down on chemical companies in order to stem the tide of illegal fentanyl into the US which has contributed to a rise in overdose deaths.

The powerful synthetic opioid played a role in around 75,000 US deaths last year.

Chinese manufacturing companies are a source not only of the drug itself but of precursor chemicals that can be combined to make it.

Vanda Felbab-Brown, an expert on international organised crime at the Brookings Institution, said the agreement was "a diplomatic and political statement", but its real impact is still a question mark.

"It remains to be seen how China will go after these companies," she said. "Will it go after three of them? Five? Fifty?"

She said she believes China will probably continue to use counter-narcotics co-operation as a "bargaining chip" and "an instrument of conducting broader



Mr Xi and Mr Biden met at the Filoli Estate, a country house outside San Francisco

diplomacy".

China has clamped down on direct shipments to the US, which means much of the illegal trade has shifted to routes through Mexico. US officials say that China hasn't done enough to stop trafficking, while China counters that the US opioid epidemic is solely America's fault.

After a tense period, military communication will resume

The two countries also agreed to resume military-to-military communication - a step that was high on the Americans' wish list.

The military links were cut by China last year after then-US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan.

Relations deteriorated further

after a suspected Chinese spy balloon floated across the continental US earlier this year before being shot down over the Atlantic Ocean.

"During the Cold War, the United States and the Soviet Union always maintained military-to-military communication to avoid any accident or misreading of intent that could cause a war between nuclear powers," said Mick Mulroy, a former US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence. "This needs to also be the case now between China and the US."

BBC North America correspondent John Sudworth - who reported from China for a decade - points out that there were already signs of a thaw before

Wednesday's meeting.

Last week, for instance, for the first time in years, the two sides met in Washington for discussions about their nuclear arsenals.

The two presidents also had substantial discussions about Taiwan on Wednesday. Mr Xi told his American counterpart that he should "stop arming Taiwan" and that China's reunification with the island was "unstoppable", according to China's foreign ministry.

A senior US official told reporters that the American approach to the issue would not change. The US is quietly arming Taiwan to the teeth

Why businesses are pulling bil-

lions from China

Talks will continue While there were several specific points of agreement, the mere fact that a meeting happened - and that Mr Biden and Mr Xi shook hands - is a positive sign, according to the BBC's North America editor Sarah Smith.

Having two of the most powerful presidents in the world speaking to each other is a diplomatic achievement in itself. If they can agree to keep in touch, then that alone could be considered a success.

As the meeting began Mr Biden told Mr Xi: "I value our conversation because I think it's paramount that you and I understand each other clearly, leader to leader, with no misconceptions or miscommunication."

The Chinese leader agreed. "Conflict and confrontation has unbearable consequences for both sides," he said.

The two countries are still far apart on many issues. While agreeing to disagree peacefully is a start, some observers warned against overly optimistic predictions.

"The last four months have seen a truly remarkable improvement in communications between Washington and Beijing," said Dimitar Gueorguiev, director of Chinese studies at Syracuse University.

"Much of that was directly tied to this Apec meeting, however... we should not assume that the positive momentum can or will be sustained," he said.

Pandas as 'envoys of friendship' After the meeting, Mr Xi hinted that Beijing is open to sending more pandas to US zoos.

China - where the cuddly bears are seen as a "national treasure" - has for decades used so-called panda diplomacy to help foster relationships with other countries.

"Pandas have long been envoys of friendship between the Chinese and American peoples," Mr Xi said to an audience of business leaders at a dinner on Wednesday night.

After 23 years at the National Zoo in Washington DC, three giant pandas were returned to China this month. The Atlanta Zoo bears - the only four left in the country - will go back at the start of 2024.

"I was told that many American people, especially children, were really reluctant to say goodbye to the pandas, and went to the zoo to see them off," Mr Xi said of the much-loved DC bears.

The Chinese leader said Beijing was ready to continue its co-operation with the US on panda conservation and, while he didn't offer a timeline, he suggested the bears could be sent to San Diego's zoo.

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Experts step up efforts to tackle diabetes trends in the African region

BRAZZAVILLE

IN June 2021, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Emmanuella Selasi Hormenoo, an 18-year-old Ghanaian university student, was teetering on the brink of death. "The doctors initially thought that I might have COVID-19, but when they did the tests, they were always negative. During one of the blood transfusions I had to have, I went into cardiac arrest, and slipped into yet another coma."

After three horrific months in and out of hospitals and battling life-threatening complications, including being paralyzed from the waist down for several months, Emmanuella was finally diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. This is the most severe form of the condition which affects around 10 percent of people living with diabetes. Emmanuella now regularly injects herself with insulin to keep her blood sugar levels normal and give her energy.

Diabetes is a chronic lifelong condition that occurs when the body is unable to produce enough insulin or cannot effectively use the insulin it produces resulting in raised levels of blood sugar. Left untreated, diabetes can lead to complications such as heart disease and stroke, nerve damage, kidney damage, lower-limb amputation, and eye disease that can result in blindness.

There are an estimated 24 million people living with diabetes in the African region, a figure projected to more than double to 55 million in the next two decades - the highest projected increase worldwide. Estimates show that that only half of the people diagnosed with diabetes are receiving adequate treatment.

"The diabetes challenge in Africa is threefold," explains Dr Maïmouna Ndour Mbaye, head of the Marc Sankalé National Centre for Diabetes Control in Senegal. "First, we have the highest projected num-



ber of new cases, worldwide. Second, we have the highest estimated number of people living with the condition without being aware of it, and who are at a high risk of life-threatening complications. Third, we have the lowest investment rate in diabetes care worldwide, at only 1 percent of the region's health expenditure. Our health systems are designed for acute, infectious diseases, and not enough attention is given to chronic diseases, in terms of infrastruc-

ture, equipment and human resources."

To address this, World Health Organization's Regional Office for Africa (Afro) is currently working on the Diabetes Blueprint for Africa, under the framework of the Global Diabetes Compact, the WHO global diabetes control initiative launched in April 2021, on the centenary of the discovery of insulin.

The primary objective of the Global Diabetes Compact is to reduce the risk of diabe-

tes and to ensure that people diagnosed with the condition have access to equitable, affordable, comprehensive and quality treatment and care. At its core, the compact is a comprehensive package representing the sum of all available WHO information and guidelines on the prevention and management of diabetes. It is focused on four principal areas: increasing political will and resources, strengthening health systems, improving access to affordable medicine

and technologies, and empowering people living with diabetes.

The Diabetes Blueprint is a strategy to implement the Global Diabetes Compact in the African region, by focusing on the region's needs and particularities and tangibly strengthen diabetes prevention and management. Experts across the region worked alongside WHO Afro technical and medical officers to develop and finalize the Diabetes Blueprint.

Starting with a situational analysis detailing diabetes control programmes in Africa, experts have focused on regional priorities and commitments on diabetes prevention and integration into noncommunicable disease programmes across the region. The experts agree that a common challenge is that many health systems are still dealing with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic which stretched capacities sometimes beyond limits and rendered services for the detection and treatment of chronic conditions such as diabetes scarce if existent at all.

To strengthen diabetes control efforts in high prevalence countries in the African region, several gaps must be addressed. These include myths and misconceptions about diabetes among the public, fragile primary healthcare systems and insufficient capacity and training of healthcare workers. Other gaps include the scarcity and high costs of healthy diets and the lack of advocacy for health, amid gaps in political leadership and difficulties in obtaining quality data.

Emmanuella has experienced first-hand many of these challenges. "One of the most difficult things when living with this condition has to do with cost of the drugs, and personal upkeep, which includes your food as well as other medications you have to take when you have complications," she says.

In her final year of university, Emmanuella has used her experience to become an advocate and works with Diabetes Youth Care, a Ghanaian nongovernmental organization which raises awareness, addresses stigma and provides guidance for young people living with the condition. Considered a diabetes champion by her peers and her mentors, Emmanuella has come a long way on her journey towards better health and well-being.



One in every four Somalis could go hungry by the end of the year - UN

MOGADISHU

A Quarter of Somalia's population, or 4.3 million people, is at risk of going hungry by the end of the year, the UN has warned, as the impoverished country in the Horn of Africa faces deadly floods.

According to the World Food Programme (WFP), the floods have severely affected communities already struggling to recover from the worst drought in decades, which brought millions to the brink of starvation.

Humanitarian aid has so far prevented a famine situation, but according to the WFP, Somalia is facing its worst levels of malnutrition

for more than a decade.

Due to insufficient funding, the UN agency is only able to provide food assistance to less than half of those most in need.

"But with a quarter of Somalia's population - 4.3 million people - expected to face crisis food insecurity or worse... by the end of the year, support from the humanitarian community remains a lifeline", added the WFP.

At least 31 people have died and some 500,000 have had to leave their homes in Somalia due to flooding caused by incessant rain, according to an official report on Sunday.

Since the beginning of November, Somalia has been experienc-

ing incessant rainfall due to the El Niño weather phenomenon, which has flooded homes and farmland. El Niño is currently amplifying the rainy season in the Horn of Africa, with serious consequences in Ethiopia (at least 20 dead) and Kenya (at least 15 dead).

Somalia, where the majority of the country's 17 million inhabitants live off livestock and agriculture, is one of the countries most vulnerable to climate change, experiencing extreme weather phenomena with greater frequency and intensity.

This poor country is also prey to attacks by Islamist fighters, affiliated to al-Qaeda, who have been waging a bloody insurrection for over 15 years.

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TEMBO NICKEL PROJECT TO MAKE HISTORY IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, SAYS MINISTER

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngara

MINERALS minister Anthony Mavunde was witness at Tembo Nickel's kick-off of the compensation process to people who will be relocated to pave way for the nickel project in Ngara District, Kagera Region.

He said the project will make history, south of the Sahara and that the government will use it as a benchmark for all the critical mineral projects in the country.

Mavunde was speaking recently when he visited Tembo Nickel's Kabanga Nickel Project accompanied by Minister of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Jerry Silaa and members of the Parliamentary committees on Energy and Minerals and the one responsible for Land, Natural Resources and Tourism.

While speaking to communities at Bugarama village in Bugarama ward, Mavunde said the project is of huge benefit to Tanzania, adding the government has a 16 percent stake in Tembo Nickel.

"This project is beneficial because the world is currently focusing on green energy and one of the crucial metals in the process is the critical mineral—nickel, which is found in Ngara. You are located in an important district which is going to be a game changer in the country's mining sector," he said.

He added: "This project is going to make history and will be amongst the



Minerals minister Anthony Mavunde (2nd L, foreground) in conversation with Tembo Nickel CEO, Benedict Busunzu when visiting the Kabanga Nickel Project in Ngara District recently. Others include Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister for Jerry Silaa (2nd R) and CRDB Bank Chief Commercial Officer of CRDB Boma Raballa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

few that will have modern technology for refining the mined minerals. This modern technology will have a much lower environmental impact and this project will be used as a benchmark for all subsequent projects in the critical minerals space and value addition."

He said currently the demand for nickel in the world is 10 million tonnes per annum by 2050.

"Tanzania wants to fully participate in critical minerals and green energy space for the benefit of Tanzanians and the global economy," he said, adding that apart from the mine in Ngara District, Tem-

bo Nickel will also have a refinery in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region.

Tembo Nickel will build a refinery in Kahama, he said.

Meanwhile, Silaa praised Tembo Nickel's whole relocation process saying that it has adhered to both national and international law and standards, which will greatly reduce grievances from the affected communities.

"The government is a shareholder so we have your interests at heart," he said, noting a total of 1339 households will be affected by the project.

The project is guided by IFC standard principal number 5 which addresses the relocation of affected communities. Tembo Nickel has full engaged communities through its Relocation Action Plan.

This has significantly reduced grievances and for this process I congratulate Tembo Nickel for because using these standards lives of those affected will be improved.

"Currently the project affected people are having their entitlement briefings and their compensations are being disclosed, they will then sign their agreements for compensation. Construction of model relocation houses is on-going and is done at great momentum for the project to move fast," he said.

Tembo Nickel Chief Executive Officer Benedict Busunzu, said the project affected people are divided

into 2 groups, the first group are those just with farms but are not residents of the area whose number is 990 and those who are actual residents whose number is 349.

He said all the project affected people have undergone financial literacy training, which has gone hand in hand with opening of special bank accounts which will be used for compensation payments.

"We have ensured that women are included every step of the way and so married people will have joint accounts and it is our hope that both husband and wife will oversee these compensation payments together," he emphasised.

Busunzu said: "This exercise is not an event but rather a process which has taken a good while and today, we have reached a milestone where we will start compensation payments to the project affected people. We also want to stress that because it is a process there are still quite a few things that still need to happen before we can actually start our mining activities."

"Paying compensation is one thing but more importantly we want to ensure that the project affected people are prepared for a new life in their new locations, in their new houses but also to have livelihood restoration programs that will lift them economically," he added.

Expert urges African govts to invest heavily in infrastructure to unlock real estate market

LONDON

AFRICAN countries have been urged to invest in their infrastructure development in order to unlock real estate market globally.

Dr Tinashé Manzungu, the Sub-Saharan infrastructure development expert made the call when speaking at the just-ended Public Annual Lecture commemorating the 2023 African Achievers Awards at the European School of Economics in London.

Dr Manzungu who is also a Board Director of African Business Council as well as COMESA said Africa is emerging as a potential hotspot for real estate investment due to its rapid urbanisation, as such the continent should escalate its projects towards establishing the global real estate market.

Manzungu was a guest speaker at the lecture which was a sideline event of the 13th African Achievers Awards where he also scooped the Excellence in Leadership and Global Corporate Enterprise in

Africa Award.

"Africa is emerging as a potential hotspot for real estate investment due to its rapid urbanization, rising middle-class population, increased foreign direct investment, and improving business environment. Statistics show promising opportunities and strategies that can accelerate Africa's growth in the real estate sector," said Manzungu.

"Investing in infrastructure is crucial for unlocking the potential of Africa's real estate market. Developing quality transportation networks, power supply, and other essential amenities will attract more investors and drive economic growth."

He said the continent should also encourage partnerships between the public and private sectors in real estate development whereas governments provide policies, land and infrastructure support, while private investors bring capital and expertise.

As many countries in Africa are experiencing



Dar es Salaam city aerial view

massive urban migration where people are moving from the rural area to the urban areas in pursuit of greener pastures, Manzungu also noted that it is essential for African countries' governments to establish affordable housing initiatives.

He said, "Africa is experiencing significant urbanization, with its urban population expected to double by 2050. This urban growth creates a demand for housing, commercial spaces, and infrastructure, making it an attractive investment opportunity for real estate developers."

"Promoting affordable housing projects can address the housing deficit in African cities and provide opportunities for real estate developers. Governments, with the support of the private sector, should provide incentives and remove regulatory hurdles to encourage affordable housing development."

The immediate past Zimbabwe National

Chamber of Commerce (ZNCC) president emphasised on the essence of technology adoption in the real estate development urging the continent to use the necessary technology to ensure transparency that lures global investors. He said Africa should adopt technology solutions such as digital platforms, smart cities and proptech (property technology) to enhance efficiency and transparency in the real estate sector. "Technology can streamline property transactions, facilitate property management, and attract tech-savvy investors," he added.

On the other hand, Manzungu encouraged the European countries to invest in the real estate sector in Africa now more than ever as the continent is currently experiencing a rising middle-class population. According to Manzungu the expansion of the Africa's middle class is bringing about increased disposable incomes and a desire for

improved living standards as well as driving demand for quality housing, retail spaces and leisure facilities.

"Africa's middle class is projected to reach 1.1 billion people by 2060, representing a significant consumer base for real estate developers. The retail sector in Africa is expected to grow at a CAGR of 7.3% between 2021 and 2026, driven by the rising middle-class population," he added.

"Africa has been attracting increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in recent years, including in the real estate sector. International investors are recognizing the untapped potential and attractive returns offered by African real estate markets."

Manzungu said the FDI flows into Africa's real estate sector increased by 14% in 2019 reaching an estimated US\$3.3 billion. He added that South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya have been the top destinations for real estate FDI in Africa.

Tigo Tanzania set to expand business into DRC, Mozambique come upcoming year

By Guardian Reporter, Cape Town

TIGO Tanzania is set at extending its business services to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Mozambique immediately after the two countries have been fully connected to the National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB).

Yvonne Mashuda, Tigo Business Regional and International Wholesale Manager revealed that on Tuesday in an interview at the ongoing AfricaCom technology exhibitions in Cape Town.

According to her, Tigo Business expansion plan comes at a time when growth on Internet penetration for Tigo within and outside the country between 2022 and 2023 reached 20 percent.

"The plan is to achieve 95 percent of growth come 2024," said Mashuda.

She asserted that such projected growth will be realized in line with the implementation of the company's five strategic plans with effect from next year.

The plans in place are network modernisation to be favoured by big investment worth \$500million (about 1.2trn/-) by the pan-African Axian Group in Tanzania.

She said plan will cover backhaul investment and partnerships with the government for terrestrial fiber to the landlocked countries such as DR Congo, Mozambique, Malawi, Rwanda, Zambia Burudani and Burundi.

"The third strategy to achieve such growth will be focussing on growth of network capacities through our key investor Axian Group currently offering 4 terabyte internet capacity under Eassy submarine cable and 300Gig in two Africa cable," she said.

However, the company is set at realizing further growth in microfinance services from the 8.7 percent it registered between 2022 and 2023.

Such success in microfinance services growth has made Tigo Tanzania to be nominated for this year's Fintech award.

Tigo will also invest in modern data centre as currently it has achieved the tier 3 uptime certified with capacity of 200 racks with proper redundant power.

Speaking of the company's participation in the ongoing AfricaCom exhibitions, Mashuda said that it targets at attracting new agreements and business partners in its mission of simplifying internet connectivity especially in landlocked countries.

She further declared that Tigo is now connected to Europe via EASSY northern route, southern route and SEACOM northern route.

As a matter of fact, the Tigo IP network is connected to caches and peers locally to improve the overall customer experience. Tigo peers at the local internet exchange (TIX) as well as internet exchange in Mombasa and Johannesburg.

"Speaking of our data centre penetration success, we do offer colocation service with uptime 99.982 percent per year with redundancy of every component with 1.6 unavailability per year with multiple paths and power with cooling redundancy systems," she said.

On wholesale services, Mashuda affirmed on the strength of Tigo infrastructure in providing the building blocks to offer end-to-end customer solutions to meet customer telecommunication needs.

HUAWEI CRUSADING FOR ACCELERATING DIGITAL AFRICA FOR PROSPEROUS, SUSTAINABLE REGION

By Guardian Reporter, Cape Town

DIGITALISATION and decarbonisation are currently driving humanity towards an intelligent world, according to Leo Chen, Huawei President in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Chen made the remarks in his opening keynote for AfricaCom 2023, Africa's largest tech conference, currently underway in Cape Town.

He said Africa can ride a new wave of digital-physical convergence, which marks a new phase of digitalisation, to leapfrog development in the digital economy era.

To achieve these goals, Chen believes that "Africa's first priority must be to accelerate the development of connectivity infrastructure. That is because, in the future, more people, things, and applications will be connected."

"This process will generate far more data than it does today. So, we need a more secure, reliable, and developed network to act as the foundation for digitalisation."

This infrastructure, he pointed out, should be more advanced, more future-proof, and more inclusive and accessible.

"Achieving the first of these simply means ensuring that African countries have access to the same leading-edge connectivity technology as the rest of the world, such as Huawei's 4G, 5G and even 5G-advanced solu-

tions," he stressed. Chen noted that infrastructure should support future application scenarios, like smart solutions in vertical industries and smart homes adding that inclusive connectivity remains a significant challenge on the continent.

For example, Chen said, "Huawei's cost-effective wireless RuralStar solution can provide remote areas with broadband coverage, access to the Internet, and digital services. This bridges the digital gap and enables inclusive development."

According to Chen, embracing the full capabilities of the cloud is another important facet of digitalisation for African countries.

"It is important that African countries establish national cloud data centres to provide computing resources to the governments, public and SMEs," he said, adding: "This will drive the innovation ecosystem."

"By establishing 'e-Government Clouds,'" he said, stressing: "Governments can improve operational efficiency, and provide citizens with one-stop and innovative services."

Using cloud service is also a



Leo Chen, President of Huawei Sub-Saharan Africa, opened the AfricaCom 2023, a major ICT event in the African continent.

simple and economical way for African countries to obtain AI capabilities. For example, as the world's fastest-growing cloud ser-

vice provider, Huawei Cloud is equipped with the Pangu AI model which is 'born for industry', and can also be used in Africa for

agriculture, and disaster prevention and mitigation, improving the livelihood of African people. Chen also highlighted the fact

that it is 'people' that drives all these innovations. "This is why Huawei has always put digital talent cultivation at the centre of the digital ecosystem," he said.

"Over the past five years, Huawei has trained 100 000 digital talents in Sub-Saharan Africa. Between 2022 and 2025, we will train another 100 000," he said, noting that Huawei believed in localised joint innovation, and are proud of being supporting the world well-known M-Pesa and Mobile Money innovations in Africa.

"To accelerate digital Africa is to create a prosperous and sustainable Africa," Chen concluded. "To this end, we are ready to work with all parties to achieve this great mission."

As a key participant and sponsor at AfricaCom, Huawei presented its latest technologies and solutions in a 350-meter exhibition and supported and organized four forums, including the African Ministerial Forum for a Future-Oriented Digital Infrastructure, Africa Fibre Forum 2023, Africa Operations Transformation Forum 2023, and the Africa 5G Summit.

Africa ministers seal contract on building digital infrastructure

By Savious Kwinika, Cape Town

SOME African Ministers of Communications and Digital Technologies have committed to collaborate and align their countries' policies and strategies to promote the development of future-oriented digital infrastructure in the continent.

This is in line with the African Union Agenda 2063, the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) Strategic Plan 2020-2024, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

A communique has been signed after the Ministerial Forum on Building a Future-Oriented, Digital Infrastructure for Africa, co-organized by the ATU and the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) of South Africa.

The forum in Cape Town, held with the aim of advancing the digital transformation agenda in Africa, consisted of keynote speeches by John Omo, Secretary-General of ATU and Ministers/Deputy Ministers from Botswana, South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

They pledged to create an enabling

environment for future-oriented digital infrastructure development, including through fostering a conducive regulatory framework and mobilising adequate resources.

The officials recognised the importance and benefits of a future-oriented digital infrastructure such as Network and Cloud in Africa for enhancing social welfare, economic competitiveness, regional integration and sustainable development.

"We acknowledge that future-oriented digital infrastructure is not only a means to an end but also an end in itself, as it can improve the quality of life and well-being of the people of Africa," the communique read.

The participants called upon other stakeholders, including international organizations, development partners, private sector actors, civil society organizations, academia and research institutions to join in efforts to build a future-oriented digital infrastructure in Africa.

Omo said the countries' commitment to Building Future-Oriented Digital Infrastructure for Africa should be extended beyond the AfricaCom forum and the upcoming World Radiocommunication Conference 2023



African Telecommunications Union Secretary-General, John Omo

(WRC-23).

It is set for Dubai from November 20 to December 15.

"Let it be a sustained effort, a collective endeavor that defines the trajectory of Africa's digital future for generations to come. Through firm dedication, collaboration, and a shared vision, we can transform our continent and position Africa as a global leader in the digital era," Omo said.

UNDP commits to supporting a 'Made in Africa' revolution

ADDIS ABABA

THE United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is supporting African countries by collaborating with their governments to develop and implement policies for structural economic transformation.

Africa remains the least industrialized continent, with a less endowed production capacity accounting for only 2.1 percent of global manufacturing.

This situation, experts say, is further complicated by an almost non-existent trade among African countries, resulting in a less-desired economic performance.

At the 2023 African Economic Conference (AEC), jointly organized by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), stakeholders are making a strong case for liberalizing trade and promoting intra-African trade, which has been identified as a prerequisite for Africa's industrial revolution.

"Now is the time to invest in Africa's value addition - because it is the only way that Africa will change the status quo - investing in its abundant raw materials and commodities that have transformed the economies of several advanced economies," Matthias Naab, Director, Regional Service Center - UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa noted while adding that Africa must ensure that this value addition is also based on the regional value chains approach.

He also noted: "UNDP is supporting African countries - thanks to our presence in all African countries - working with governments to develop and implement policies for structural economic transformation. With specific regard to intra-African trade, we are invested - working with sister agencies in the UN Country Teams, in ensuring that the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and our own UNDP Country Programme Documents identify trade, investment and industry - as critical levers for economic growth and sustainable development".

Matthias Naab is Director of Regional Service Center, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP

In 2021, UNDP published the Futures Report in collaboration with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, highlighting the critical importance of maximizing a Made in Africa Revolution. The sectors identified as emerging include automobiles, lithium-ion batteries, leather and leather products, clothing and textiles, soya, cocoa, pharmaceuticals, vaccines, mobile financial services, and entertainment services. This revolution will need to be underpinned by new investment ventures in goods and services that promote value addition and beneficiation.

Also present at the event was Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia, who added her voice to the African Industrialization agenda, stating that "It is increasingly evident that industrial development is not a luxury but an essential component for sustained and inclusive economic growth." Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia

The diplomat also urged her fellow African leaders and captains of industry to closely collaborate to adopt a more efficient strategy towards achieving import substitution while promoting intra-African trade.

CBA to start 1,000 real estates in Africa to fulfil social responsibility

ADDIS ABABA

ALLIANCE of China Business in Africa for Social Responsibilities (ACBRSR) has revealed its plan to build 1,000 real estates in Africa as part of fulfilling its social responsibility.

A delegation led by the ACBRSR Executive Chairman Diao Chunhe held consultations with Women and Social Affairs State Minister Huria Ali yester-

day. Speaking during the consultation, Women and Social Affairs State Minister Huria Ali commended the contribution of the Chinese enterprises in supporting Ethiopia's effort to improve the lives of the community and promoting sustainable development.

Besides carrying out development activities in Africa, they are also fulfilling

their social responsibility in such kind of initiatives, she added.

Alliance of China Business in Africa for Social Responsibilities Executive Chairman, Diao Chunhe, said the alliance will provide the big share of the real estates to built in Africa for Ethiopia considering the long standing relationship of the two countries.

According to him, the alliance will work to improve

the livelihood of women and children.

Diao called on the pertinent bodies to provide essential support for the success of the project.

The alliance, established voluntarily established by Chinese enterprises, is engaged in various investments, economic and trade cooperation in Africa that provide various socio-economic supports.

There are over 400 Chi-

nese companies engaged in various investment fields.

ACBRSR is a non-governmental, non-profit and unincorporated organization voluntarily established by Chinese enterprises involved in investment as well as economic and trade cooperation in Africa, Commercial Associations for Chinese enterprises, as well as China based Chinese enterprises.

CONSTRUCTION

CHINESE FIRMS SHOULDER SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN AFRICA



Employees of BeU Delivery, a Chinese-invested company, prepare to deliver meals in Addis Ababa.

NAIROBI

AS Chinese companies help build infrastructure in Africa that has accelerated the continent's economic growth, they have also taken full charge of their social responsibilities.

Over the past 10 years such companies have built more than 6,000 kilometers of railways, more than 6,000 km of highways, nearly 20 ports and more than 80 large-scale power facilities in the continent, the Corporate Social Responsibility Report of Chinese Business in Africa 2023 said.

China has also sent about 9,000 medical personnel to African countries over the past 10 years, provided more than 100,000 training places and built a number of infrastructure and social and livelihood projects.

"The majority of Chinese businesses in Africa focus on helping the continent cultivate endogenous growth capacity and actively promote the process of poverty reduction and development

in Africa," said the report, published in Nairobi by the Alliance of Chinese Business in Africa for Social Responsibilities.

Cavince Adhere, a Kenyan expert on international relations, in particular China-Africa relations, said the report has given the lie to the Western accusation that Chinese companies do not care about their social responsibility in African communities in which they operate.

Against these numbers Western smears pale into insignificance, Adhere said.

Chinese companies have contributed more than 20 percent to Africa's economic growth in the past 10 years, he said, and they have done an amazing job in Kenya with their corporate social responsibility activities, such as supporting education, modernizing infrastructure in local communities and giving generously in the wake of disasters.

"Some companies like China Road and Bridge Corporation have seconded students for training in China as part of their social responsibili-

ties, people who have later turned out to be excellent employees in the firms."

The report said Chinese businesses have created more than 4.5 million jobs in Africa since the beginning of the century and provided more than 100,000 training places, helping African countries to turn huge demographic dividends into talent dividends and empowering the continent's modernization.

The first modern deep-water port, Lekki Port in Nigeria, invested in, built by and operated by Chinese business, could provide 170,000 jobs for locals.

In Zimbabwe the Chinese government provided help in building 1,000 water wells in the 10 years to 2021.

Popularly known as Chinese wells, they provide clean and hygienic water, benefiting more than 400,000 people, accounting for 3 percent of the country's population. The project has greatly alleviated water scarcity in the country's rural areas.

'Build capacity to expand access for all to housing financing in West Africa'

By Mazen Bouri

IN West Africa, houses are built brick by brick, room by room, with the pace of construction determined more often than not by the rate at which money comes in. It takes years and even decades for a house to be completed and for the occupants to move in. The West African Economic and Monetary Union community, which comprises Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo, is facing a deficit of decent housing of around 3.5 million units. A total of 250,000 additional houses would have to be built each year to respond to the combined impact of demographic growth and rapid urbanization.

Access to mortgage loans remains difficult and the process for obtaining a loan is fraught with numerous obstacles. As most of the population lives and works in the informal sector, earnings are irregular, often quite low and sometimes difficult to track, making it hard to get a sizable loan. Furthermore, because of limited resources, lending institutions are not able to grant long-term loans. The terms and conditions for granting a loan mean that the majority of households are excluded from consideration, while lending institutions often find the collection process difficult. This is compounded by a shortage of affordable housing and poor market regulation systems.

In 2017, the World Bank approved \$155 million in financing from the International Development Association (IDA) for the West African Development Bank (BOAD) and the WAEMU Commission to support the development of affordable housing finance for households with low and irregular incomes, which constitute the target beneficiaries of the regional WAEMU

Affordable Housing Finance Project.

The Regional Mortgage Refinancing Company (CRRH): a major structural and institutional change that addresses real needs

In 2019, only one out of every 100 persons in West Africa had secured a mortgage loan. The housing finance market was only at its early stages then and had to grapple with deep structural and institutional weaknesses in the area of mortgage refinancing.

In July 2020, an official of the Atlantic Bank in Mali, one of the banks refinanced through the regional project, noted that "In Mali, we suffer from a critical lack of long-term resources adapted to funding for housing loans."

According to the CEO of CRRH-UEMOA, Yedau Ogundele, "CRRH-UEMOA was created in 2010 as a facility open to banks and decentralized financial institutions within the WAEMU space. This is how it works: it raises long-term resources on financial markets and from development partners to provide long-term financing to financial institutions, thereby enabling them to develop long-term mortgage loans at affordable rates for their customers, including the poorest households."

Open up the market to allow as many people as possible to own decent housing

The maximum size of a loan granted is around \$30,000, repayable over 10 to 15 years. Thanks to the multiplier effect of the regional project, CRRH has already raised an additional \$385 million on international markets, thereby providing even more funds for refinancing mortgage loans.

The first impact assessment conducted in 2023 showed that 86 percent of beneficiaries were applying for a housing loan for the first time and were successful thanks to the CRRH-UEMOA refinancing loan facility. The regional pro-

ject has therefore amply demonstrated its impact on financial inclusion, as 75 percent of beneficiaries were low- or middle-income applicants.

Major potential going forward to support the sustainable development of affordable housing

The cultural shift in the financial system has encouraged many more banks in WAEMU countries to offer housing loans. So far more than 50,000 persons have seen their dream of living in their own home come true thanks to over 12,000 loans (including 8,700 under the IDA financing). Thousands more households with the same dream will see opportunities open for them. The new homes financed represent some 40,000 jobs created.

Given current projections, it appears that CRRH-UEMOA is poised to register historic rates of growth over the long term. Indeed, CRRH-UEMOA has demonstrated its capacity to operate with increasing effectiveness in the face of a critical lack of long-term financing in "fragile" countries such as Mali and Niger. In addition, the ever-improving prospects for market growth in Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire following the introduction of promising reforms will help the institution achieve its full potential in the years ahead.

With the region experiencing rapid population growth and urbanization, better access to housing will yield substantial benefits to the economies of the region and to individuals. The project financed by the World Bank is scheduled to close in the coming months but the institutions that it has supported will live on. The system established will continue operating to significantly improve the living conditions of the population.

Mazen Bouri is the lead financial sector specialist



It's New solar energy plans for homes and businesses

By Grace Ashiru

NEDBANK has launched cutting-edge solar financing solutions on its Avo Solar platform, designed to make solar energy systems and backup batteries both affordable and accessible for households and businesses in South Africa.

These packages stand out for their competitive pricing, comprehensive installation by certified professionals, decade-long warranty, and tailored options.

Nedbank offers flexible financing

with repayment periods extending up to 84 months, breaking down the cost barrier and fostering inclusive adoption of solar power.

"South Africans have realised that incorporating resilience into their energy solutions, particularly through solar power, is essential for living and conducting business.

With the unreliability of electricity supply and the continuous rise in electricity costs, investing in solar and backup power is more logical than ever," explains Ciko Thomas, Nedbank's Group Managing Execu-

tive of Retail and Business Banking. This move is in step with the increasing need for dependable energy sources in the face of ongoing load-shedding issues in South Africa. "Minimizing reliance on Eskom not only has financial benefits but also enhances life quality and business efficiency," Ciko adds.

"We're dedicated to assisting as many South African homes and businesses as possible to address their energy challenges with our cost-effective and reliable solar energy solutions."



Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal meets Neal Mohan, CEO of YouTube, in California on Wednesday. ANI

UK approves world's first gene therapy for sickle cell disease, beta thalassaemia

LONDON

MEDICAL regulators in the UK have approved a gene therapy, that aims to cure two blood disorders—sickle-cell disease and beta-thalassaemia.

After rigorous testing on safety, quality and effectiveness, Britain's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has authorised the world's first gene therapy, that will work to treat sickle-cell disease as well as B-thalassaemia in patients aged 12 and above.

The medicine called Casgevy utilises the innovative gene-editing tool CRISPR.

Inventors of the ground-breaking tool, Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna were awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize.

Both sickle cell disease and B-thalassaemia are genetic conditions caused by errors in the genes for haemoglobin, which is used by red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body. "Sickle cell disease is particularly common in people with an African or Caribbean family background. B-thalassaemia mainly affects people of Mediterranean, south Asian, south-east Asian and Middle Eastern origin," Britain's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) said on Thursday.

MHRA Interim Director Julian Beach said in the statement that both sickle cell disease and beta-thalassaemia are painful, life-long conditions that in some cases can be fatal. "To date, a bone marrow transplant - which must come from a closely matched donor and carries a risk of rejection - has been the only permanent treatment

option," Beach said.

The CRISPR system has been called "genetic scissors", which will be able to resolve the genetic coding holding sickle cell disease and B-thalassaemia. These genetic errors can lead to "attacks of very severe pain serious and life-threatening infections, and anaemia"

The Casgevy medicine will edit the faulty gene in a patient's bone marrow stem cells, enabling the body to produce functioning haemoglobin. In order to achieve this, the stem cells will be removed from the bone marrow of the patient, edited in a laboratory and then re-infused with the patient, with potentially life-long results.

Chief Executive of the Sickle Cell Society, John James OBE said, "There are limited medicines currently available to patients, so I welcome today's news that a new treatment has been judged safe and effective, which has the potential to significantly improve the quality of life for so many."

In trials, 28 out of 29 sickle cell patients were free of severe pain and 39 of 42 beta thalassaemia patients no longer needed blood transfusions for at least a year.

The MRHA will continue their thorough monitoring of the novel medicine, testing its safety and effectiveness, through data and post-authorisation safety studies being carried out by the manufacturer.

The authorisation of Casgevy was endorsed by the UK government's independent scientific advisory committee, the Commission on Human Medicines, after a robust review of the available evidence.

ANI

S. Koreans take first mask-free college exam since pandemic

SEOUL

HALF a million South Koreans sat for the annual nationwide college entrance exam yesterday, the first time in four years that the exam, often considered life-defining in the highly competitive society, has taken place free of pandemic rules.

This year, nearly 505,000 high school students, graduates and others signed up to take the single-day, five-session College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT) held at 1,279 test sites across the country, the education ministry said.

Test-takers were not required to wear face masks, unlike the previous three years. The annual exam is widely considered one of the most important tests in the country. Even airline flights

are suspended during the listening comprehension portion of the English test.

South Korean financial markets opened an hour later than usual at 10 am (0100 GMT) to ease traffic.

Outside schools, parents cheered for their children, hugging them and some wiping away tears.

"I feel so nervous. Maybe I'm more nervous (than my daughter)," said Kim Mi-jae, mother of an 18-year-old student, after sending off her daughter for the exam at a high school in Seoul.

The difficulty of this year's exam has yet to be confirmed, but South Korean officials have said it would not include the so-called "killer questions" typically drawn from material not covered in public school curriculum. **Agencies**

US sabotaged balanced UN Security Council resolution on Mideast – Russia's UN envoy

UNITED NATIONS

SINCE the Israeli-Palestinian conflict escalated in early October, the United States has been sabotaging a balanced UN Security Council document on the issue, Russia's Permanent Representative to the UN Vasily Nebenzya said.

"From the very beginning of the current escalation in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict zone, the US delegation has sabotaged any attempt to develop a balanced and depoliticized document aimed at taking real and urgent measures to de-escalate the situation.

Our American colleagues on the



Council justified the collective punishment and annihilation of the Palestinians, first of all the civilian population, under the slogans about the fight against terrorism and Israel's right to self-defense, effectively paralyzing the work of the main UN body for the maintenance of international peace and securi-

ty," Nebenzya told the UN Security Council after it adopted a resolution on the Middle East.

In his words, Washington has consistently rejected draft resolutions demanding a humanitarian ceasefire.

The diplomat expressed his regret over the fact that "under pressure from Washington, the language of the resolution has been emasculated."

"The Council does not even demand humanitarian pauses, but only calls for them, which is a mockery of the Council's prerogative," Nebenzya said.

Agencies

Israeli army raids Gaza's Al-Shifa Hospital despite ceasefire calls

JERUSALEM/GAZA

ISRAEL Defense Forces (IDF) Spokesman Daniel Hagari said on Wednesday that IDF troops had raided Al-Shifa Medical Complex, Gaza's largest hospital, adding evidence was found there "proving beyond any doubt that Hamas operated a military command center inside."

However, video footage and photos released by the army on the social media platform X only presented some weapons and ammunition, with limited evidence suggesting the hospital housed military headquarters, contrary to Israel's repeated claims.

The photos of the findings showed rifles and rifle cartridges, vests and uniforms, shoes, and a green headband believed to be used by Hamas's military wing.

In a video released by the IDF, its spokesman Jonathan Conricus toured the hospital's MRI unit, displaying what he claimed was military equipment found there, as well as a laptop which he said provided "a lot of incriminating evidence."

The video also showed damage to the hospital building, including a completely shattered door.

In response, Hamas said the Israeli army's saying of weapons found in the Al-Shifa Complex is "a blatant lie that serves to justify its crime aimed at destroying the healthcare sector in the enclave."

The hospital director, Mohammed Abu Selmeia, told reporters that the Israeli army forces withdrew on Wednesday evening from inside Al-Shifa Complex, 16 hours after storming it, "but tanks and



In this image taken from a video released by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) on Wednesday, Israeli soldiers walk in the area of Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City. (PHOTO / IDF VIA AP)

forces are stationed completely in its vicinity."

Earlier today, Abu Selmeia said dozens of Palestinian employees were detained by Israeli troops who entered the hospital in an alleged "targeted and precise operation" against Hamas.

Speaking to soldiers in southern Israel on Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that Israel's forces might expand the fighting in the Gaza Strip from the northern part to other areas.

"They told us not to enter Al-Shifa - we entered it. It is in this spirit that we say something simple: There is no place in Gaza that we cannot reach," he said.

His warning came despite calls for a ceasefire by international humanitarian organizations and a new Qatari proposal for the release of women and children hostages in exchange for the release of Palestinian women and children prisoners held in Israel.

Also in the day, about 500 relatives of Israeli hostages continued their march from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem for the second day.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's wife Sara urged the

immediate release of hostages held in Gaza and requested the Red Cross to visit them promptly.

The spokesperson for the Qatari Foreign Ministry, Majed bin Mohammad Al Ansari, said on Wednesday that despite Qatar's efforts to mediate the release of hostages, Israel's continued bombing in the Gaza Strip complicates the efforts to rescue hostages held there.

Israel has been carrying out an all-out attack on Gaza over the past weeks and has imposed a siege on the enclave to retaliate against the Hamas attacks on southern Israel on Oct 7, during which Hamas militants killed about 1,200 people and took more than 200 hostages. The conflict has also led to the deaths of over 11,500 Palestinians in Gaza. **Agencies**

David Cameron meets Volodymyr Zelenskyy, reiterates UK's support for Ukraine

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy yesterday met UK's new Foreign Secretary David Cameron. During the meeting, Cameron reiterated the UK's support for Ukraine.

The two leaders held a meeting focused on weapons, strengthening air defence and protecting the people of Ukraine and its critical infrastructure. It was David Cameron's first visit to Ukraine as UK's Foreign Secretary.

Taking to X, Zelenskyy stated, "Hosted @David.Cameron on his first visit to Ukraine as Foreign Secretary

of the UK. We had a good meeting focused on weapons for the frontline, strengthening air defense, and protecting our people and critical infrastructure. I am grateful to the UK for its support!"

In his remarks, Cameron reiterated the UK's support for Ukraine. He stressed that the UK will continue to support Ukraine for "how long it takes." Cameron acknowledged that he had disagreements with former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson. However, he added that he fully backed Johnson's support for Ukraine.

David Cameron said, "I admire the strength and determination of the Ukrainian people. And what I want to say by being here is that we will continue to give you the moral support, the diplomatic support, the economic support, but above all, the military support that you need, not just this year and next year, but how long it takes."

"I had some disagreements with my friend Boris Johnson, but we've known each other for 40 years and his support was the finest thing that he and his government did.

And I back it 100 per cent. And

Turkish President labels Israel a 'terrorist state,' Netanyahu hits back

TEL AVIV

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in a recent speech to his ruling party, branded Israel as a "terrorist state", CNN reported.

Erdogan said, "Israel is implementing a strategy of total annihilation of a city and its people. I say very clearly and frankly that Israel is a terrorist state."

The Turkish President also vowed to take steps to ensure that Israel's political and military leaders face trial in international courts for their actions in Gaza. "We will take steps to ensure that Israel's political and military leaders who brutally murdered the oppressed people of Gaza will face trial in international courts," he said, according to CNN.

Responding to Erdogan's remarks, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fired back on social media platform X, accusing Erdogan of supporting the "terror state of Hamas."

Netanyahu emphasised, "By contrast, there are forces that support the terrorists. One of them is President Erdogan of Turkey, who calls Israel a terrorist state, but supports the terror state of Hamas and bombed Turkish villages inside Turkey itself. So, we're not going to get any lectures from them."

Erdogan didn't stop there, accusing Netanyahu of threatening Gaza with nuclear bombs. He warned, "I am telling Netanyahu, you have atomic bombs, nuclear bombs and you are threatening with them. We know this. And your end is near. You can have as many nuclear bombs as you want. No matter what you have, you are on your way out."

Erdogan had cancelled a planned visit to Israel the previous month, asserting that Turkey has "no problem with the Israeli state; however, Ankara would never approve of Tel Aviv committing atrocities," according to CNN.

He also reiterated his stance that Western countries consider Hamas a terrorist organisation, asserting that "Hamas is not a terrorist organisation but a liberation group that struggles to protect its lands and citizens."

Meanwhile, responding to a UN Security Council resolution adopted today that calls for "extended humanitarian pauses" in Gaza, Israel's Foreign Ministry demanded the body work to free the hostages held in the Strip, according to The Times of Israel.

In a statement, the Israeli Foreign Ministry said that there is "no room for extended humanitarian pauses as long as 239 hostages are still in the hands of Hamas terrorists."

The UNSC resolution did call for the immediate release of all the hostages.

ANI

CHINESE President Xi Jinping recently replied to a letter from Matias Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of the Philadelphia Orchestra, the first American orchestra to perform in China after the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Xi said in his reply that half a century ago, the orchestra's historic China tour marked a thaw in China-U.S. cultural exchange, which was a very important part in the normalization of the two countries' diplomatic relations.

Since then, the orchestra visited China 12 times as an active cultural envoy, playing an instrumental role in strengthening China-U.S. ties.

Music renewing chapters of friendship between Chinese, American people

Xi said it was a pleasure to learn that the Philadelphia Orchestra would visit China in November for the 13th time and join the Chinese side to celebrate the orchestra's China tour in September 1973 with musical performances and activities and renew the 50-year musical friendship between the orchestra and the Chinese people.

On the evening of Nov. 10, the 50 Years of Friendship Special Anniversary Concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra's 1973 China Tour was staged at the National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing.

The concert was jointly presented by the Philadelphia Orchestra and the China National Symphony Orchestra. As young conductor Tristan Rais-Sherman of the Philadelphia Orchestra gently lifted his baton, the Overture to Candide composed by American conductor Leonard Bernstein was performed. After the uplifting piece, a serene and melodic tune started, the well-known Er Quan Ying Yue (Two Springs Reflecting the Moon), which witnessed the 50-year friendship between the Philadelphia Orchestra and the China National Symphony Orchestra.

Rais-Sherman said the concert was an honorable moment, and its repertoire was a homage to the Philadelphia Orchestra's 1973 China tour.

He noted that the Echoes of Ancient Tang Poems staged in this concert was a new composition combining Western and Chinese symphonic music. In January this year, he performed excerpts from it in Philadelphia and New York, and received positive response.

It was through that performance that Rais-Sherman was exposed to Chinese Tang poetry and characters. He called it a fascinating cultural interaction,

which made him appreciate China's rich historical and cultural heritage. He said he will learn and study Chinese culture his entire life.

Philadelphia Orchestra cellist Ohad Bar-David said that Xi's reply made the concert this time even more extraordinary.

He told People's Daily that he was touched and honored to hear that Xi said the musical performances and activities this time would renew the 50-year musical friendship between the orchestra and the Chinese people.

Music is a bridge of communication for people, and music

and friendship are the common assets of the Chinese and Americans, he noted, adding that the assets should be passed on by musicians. Ryan Fleur, executive director of the Philadelphia Orchestra, said he believes that music transcends borders and facilitates communication in ways that words cannot express.

The Philadelphia Orchestra's visit to China this time aimed at using music as a medium to promote understanding between the Americans and Chinese, he told People's Daily, adding that he was delighted to share these cross-cultural musical works with the

Chinese people.

"President Xi's reply has further strengthened our confidence in continuing to promote cultural exchanges between China and the United States," said Zhou Yu, Party secretary of the China National Symphony Orchestra.

In his reply, Xi emphasized the importance of cultural exchanges between China and the U.S., which is a great encouragement to artists. Zhou said, adding that as the first national-level orchestra in the history of the People's Republic of China, the China National Symphony Orchestra has played an important role in music exchanges between China and other countries. **People's Daily**

NATO to replace AWACS surveillance jets with modified Boeing 737

BRUSSELS

NATO will place its ageing fleet of AWACS surveillance planes, in service since the Cold War in the 1980s, with a militarized version of the Boeing 737 commercial jet, the alliance said on Wednesday, in a deal likely worth billions of euros.

Acting like a flying radar tower, the AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) jets with the distinctive, nine-meter wide radomes on their backs have been NATO's eyes in the sky since 1982.

With their rotating radar, the current modified Boeing 707 jets can detect aircraft at a distance of more than 400 kilometers.

They are capable of monitoring an area of some 300,000 square kilometers, a territory the size of Poland, according to NATO, and can also detect ground targets such as ships.

To replace the old AWACS jets, NATO aims to purchase six Boeing E-7 A Wedgetail planes, with the contract to be signed in 2024 and the first jet ready for operational duty by 2031.

"Surveillance and control aircraft are crucial for NATO's collective defense and I welcome allies' commitment to investing in high-end capabilities," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said.

"This investment in state-of-the-art technology shows the strength of transatlantic defense cooperation as we continue to adapt to a more unstable world."

The alliance did not specify why it chose to replace its fleet of 14 AWACS planes with only six Wedgetail jets, but it said the new aircraft would have better capabilities and be more expensive than their predecessors.

The United States, Britain and Türkiye also either fly the Wedgetail or plan to operate it.

Based at Geilenkirchen airbase in Germany, the AWACS fleet has been widely used for NATO surveillance missions along the alliance's eastern flank in the wake of Russia's special military operation in Ukraine.

In the past, the aircraft supported NATO missions in the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq, but also events such as



A NATO AWACS surveillance plane is parked at the Romanian Air Force 90th Airlift Base, in Otopeni, Ilfov, Romania, Jan 17, 2023. File photo

the 2006 World Cup in Germany and summit meetings.

In a conflict, the AWACS planes can not only provide a radar picture for allied fighter jets, ships and control centers, but also direct NATO combat

jets to their targets.

The aircraft, one of the few assets NATO actually owns, are staffed with multinational crews from 19 of the 31 allied nations.

Agencies

German court deals \$65b budget blow to Scholz government

BERLIN

The German government froze major spending pledges focused on green initiatives and industry support on Wednesday after a constitutional court ruling on unused pandemic emergency funds blew a 60 billion euro (\$65 billion) hole in its finances.

The decision threw into disarray budget negotiations taking place this week within Chancellor Olaf Scholz's three-way ruling coalition, whose popularity has slumped as Europe's biggest economy teeters close to another recession.

Wednesday's decision by the constitutional court could also set a precedent for fiscal responses to future crises.

Finance Minister Christian Lindner will meanwhile face increased scrutiny over how he plans to keep spending in check, just days before he is due to meet his French counterpart for talks on enforcing fiscal discipline across the European Union.

Germany has hitherto burnished its reputation as the defender of sustainable financing in negotiations to reform EU fiscal rules in a pan-European deal by the end of the year.

Scholz (pictured) said the ruling on Wednesday would have far-reaching consequences for the government's Climate and Transformation Fund (KTF) but that his coalition would look for other sources of funding.

"We will now quickly revise the economic plan, incorporate



the necessary changes and adopt new ones," he said on social media.

Lindner said the ruling could have a big impact on federal and state budgets but the government would respect the decision and not interrupt the process of finalizing the budget for 2024.

The 60 billion euros had been earmarked for initiatives such as making buildings more energy efficient and subsidizing renewable electricity and chips pro-

duction, as well as supporting energy-intensive companies.

Lindner said moves to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy use in the building sector would be excluded from the freeze.

But he may face growing calls from within the coalition to suspend Germany's constitutionally enshrined debt brake again, something he has hitherto ruled out, along with raising taxes.

"This ruling will come as a massive setback to the government. The practice that was now dismissed by the court had allowed the government to forge policy compromises that kept all three parties in Scholz's coalition satisfied," said a note by the Eurasia group.

"Spending cuts now look un-

avoidable and Eurasia Group believes that the bulk of the cuts will likely hit climate-related projects."

"Far-reaching consequences"

Scholz's center-left Social Democrats (SPD), Economy Minister Robert Habeck's pro-spending Greens and Lindner's fiscally cautious Free Democrats (FDP) agreed in December 2021 to transfer debt raised to help the country cope with COVID-19 to a climate fund. The move - via the Second Supplementary Budget Act 2021, which retroactively amended the 2021 Budget Act 2021 - allowed the parties to make the most of a temporary suspension of borrowing limits in the constitution. Agencies

Xi, Biden agree to resume high-level military-to-military talks

SAN FRANCISCO

CHINESE President Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden agreed Wednesday to resume on the basis of equality and respect high-level military-to-military communication.

The two leaders agreed to enhance dialogue and cooperation in various fields during a summit, with both sides pledging to initiate intergovernmental talks on artificial intelligence, step up counter-narcotics cooperation and jointly tackle the climate crisis.

These consensus between the leaders of the world's two largest economies were reached during their hours-long meeting at Filoli, a historic estate south of San Francisco, California. The summit included several sessions, a working lunch and a brief walk after the lunch.

The two presidents agreed to, on the basis of equality and respect, resume high-level military-to-military communication. This includes the China-US Defense Policy Coordination Talks and the China-US Military Maritime Consultative Agreement meetings, as well as telephone conversations between theater commanders.

They also agreed to commit to working toward a significant increase in scheduled passenger flights early next year, and expand educational, student,

youth, cultural, sports and business exchanges.

They welcomed recent positive discussions between special climate envoys from Beijing and Washington. These included plans for national-level actions to reduce emissions in the 2020s, common approaches toward a successful COP28 and operationalization of the Working Group on Enhancing Climate Action in the 2020s.

The two presidents also stressed the importance of both countries treating each other with respect and finding ways to live alongside each other peacefully. They also emphasized maintaining open lines of communication, preventing conflict, upholding the United Nations Charter, cooperating on areas of shared interest and responsibly managing competitive aspects of the relationship.

During Xi's first visit to the United States in six years, he told Biden that there are two options for China and the US in this era of global transformation that is unseen in a century. The two sides can either enhance solidarity and cooperation and join hands to meet global challenges and promote global security and prosperity, or they can cling to the zero-sum mentality, provoke rivalry and confrontation, and drive the world toward turmoil and division.



U.S. President Joe Biden escorts Chinese President Xi Jinping to his car to bid farewell after their talks in the Filoli Estate in the U.S. state of California, Nov. 15, 2023. Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. President Joe Biden on Wednesday had a candid and in-depth exchange of views on strategic and overarching issues critical to the direction of China-U.S. relations and on major issues affecting world peace and development. The meeting was held at Filoli Estate, a country house approximately 40 km south of San Francisco, California. Xinhua

The two choices point to two different directions that will decide the future of humanity and Planet Earth, he said.

"For two large countries like China

and the US, turning their back on each other is not an option," Xi stressed.

"It is unrealistic for one side to remodel the other. And conflict and confrontation have unbearable consequences for both sides."

He went on to say that major-country competition is not the prevailing trend of current times and cannot solve the problems facing China and the United States or the world at large.

"Planet Earth is big enough for the two countries to succeed, and one country's success is an opportunity for the other," he said.

The president said that China will not take the old path of colonization and plundering, or the wrong path of seeking hegemony with growing strength as it forges ahead with the Chinese path to modernization, adding that it does not export its ideology or engage in ideological confrontation with any country.

He stressed that China does not plan to surpass or unseat the US, and, likewise, the US should not scheme to suppress or contain China.

The two nations are fully capable of rising above their differences and find the right path to get along, as long as both sides respect each other, peacefully coexist and pursue win-win cooperation, he said.

While recalling pledges made by Biden during their meeting in Bali, Indonesia, last year, Xi highlighted the necessity for Beijing and Washington to assume a new vision and build five pillars of China-US relations.

The first pillar, he said, is to jointly develop a right percep-

US support for Ukraine is 'nearing inevitable end,' Medvedev says

MOSCOW

WASHINGTON will soon stop providing support to Kiev, as it spends too much on it to little or no avail on the battlefield, the Russian Security Council's Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev has said.

"US lawmakers are derailing the funding of Israeli and Ukrainian military spending for this year. The reasons are technical and... not quite technical," he wrote in his Telegram channel.

"While in Israel's case the reason is obviously technical, for that country is more important to the US Congress than its own, everything is more complicated as far as the Ukrainian regime is concerned," Medvedev said, drawing attention to the fact that "the United States easily writes off its minions when they become useless."

Medvedev forecasts that this is exactly what will happen to Ukraine.

"The reason is not just the Republicans and Democrats are at odds on the eve of the US presidential election. They're just fed up: these minions devour mammoth funds, theft thrives and nothing has been achieved on the battlefield," he explained.

"Also, the Israeli-Palestinian crisis has erupted. To put it in a nutshell, the support for this scoundrel on the loose is nearing its inevitable end," Medvedev concluded.

He acknowledged that Washington's support would not run dry overnight.

"More money will be squandered, there will follow more schizoid rhetoric about democracy, bombastic assurances of a coming victory, false promises of allied relations for all time, and so on and so forth. But the situation is clear: the moment when another US puppet will sink into oblivion is drawing near," he emphasized.

"The problem is that this Banderovite has not yet realized who he really is," Medvedev added.

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Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with U.S. President Joe Biden at Filoli Estate in the U.S. state of California, on Wednesday. Xinhua

SOT appeals to Special Olympic leaders to improve their national associations

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Special Olympics (SOT) has appealed to the participants of the just-ended Special Olympics Unified Champion School Project workshop which was held in Zanzibar to utilize the knowledge they gain to improve their national associations.

The three-day workshop attracted participants from 13 countries and in his remarks, Charles Rays, who is SOT director, said the workshop was organized to sharpen skills and knowledge about Special Olympics.

Rays also thanked all the workshop participants and Zanzibar's Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdalla who graced the opening of the workshop.

"The workshop of the Unified Champion School Project ends today (Wednesday) and I am appealing to all the participants to use the knowledge gained to improve their respective National Special Olympics. Let's make our national associations visible and also it's time to encourage many young people with intellectual impairment to join Special Olympics," he said.

Rays said the presentation during the workshop was mainly based on associated disabilities, basic delivery of sports skills, sport-specific and competition-based fitness, competition, and safety among others.

The 13 countries that had their representatives at the workshop were Angola, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Zimbabwe and the host Tanzania.

Initially, 16 countries were to take part in the workshop, but representatives from three countries failed to attend due to logistical challenges.

On Monday, Zanzibar's second vice-president said his government is committed to implementing a sports inclusiveness policy and disclosed that from next year games for dis-

abled and intellectually challenged athletes will be incorporated as games at national memorial events taking place in the Isles.

He also disclosed that his government will increase its funding to sporting activities that involve the disabled and intellectually disabled athletes.

The second vice-president, who represented the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi, hailed the organizers of the workshop, saying on top of improving sports it has also promoted tourism on the Island.

"This workshop has come at a right time when many countries around the world are implanting inclusive policies. I am sure by the end of this (workshop) many disabled and intellectually disabled will be involved in sports," he said.

Zanzibar Minister of Information, Youth and Culture Tabia Maulid Mwitwa said she expects a meeting between SOT officials and President Mwinyi as she proposed in Germany during the World Summer Special Olympics.

She also hailed SOT official from Zanzibar Saada Hamad on her efforts to promote sports and the welfare of people with intellectual challenges.

In his remarks, Special Olympics Africa (SOA) President Charles Nyambe, who represented the International Special Olympics (SOI) president, Tim Shriver, thanked Tanzania for hosting the workshop.

He said the workshop has given participants more knowledge on Special Olympics games and the welfare of the athletes.

Special Olympics Provides year-round sports training and athletics competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The events provide continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship.

Simba to distribute AFL fans award replicas to branches



The information and communications manager of Simba SC, Ahmed Ally. (Agencies)

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC are aiming to make more replicas of the African Football League fans award they received last Sunday after the conclusion of the final between Mamelodi Sundowns and Wydad Casablanca at Loftus Versfeld in South Africa.

CAF president Patrice Motsepe along with FIFA boss Gianni Infantino were present when Simba Chairman of the Board of Directors, Abdallah Salim, alias Try Again,

received the award on behalf of the fans.

The information and communications manager of Simba SC, Ahmed Ally, has said that the award replicas will never stay in the office and instead will be distributed to the club's branches throughout the country, to thank them for their contribution during the tournament.

"The Best AFL Fan Award 2023 will not stay at the offices of Simba SC, but will be moving to various branches. But we will also have award replicas like this which we will take to different branches so that they

will have memories," said Ally.

In another step, Ally has asked Simba SC fans to make sure they show up in numbers on Saturday, November 25 to cheer their team when they play against ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast.

He said the main mission of Simba SC towards the game is to assure the world that they did not fill the stadium during the AFL opening game by chance, but also to support their players because they are the 12th player.

"They should come in numbers to support their players and have a fruitful campaign. This time we are going to do the usual which is we will fill the Mkapa stadium. I tell Simba fans to be angry, and to come to the stadium to find happiness, They will find it on the field.

"Ticket sales have begun. Buy tickets and let's go to the stadium. It is true that we were not playing our attractive football, but we are going to change the technical bench. We are counting on the upcoming coach who will come to have a change in our style of play." Said Ally.

The Reds host ASEC Mimosas in their first group stage match of the CAF CL at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on November 25th.

Thereafter, Simba will travel to play their second Group B match against Jwaneng Galaxy at Francistown Stadium in Botswana on December 2, their first away game of the season's CAF Champions League.

Kings overcome LeBron's triple-double, hold on in 4th quarter for 125-110 win over Lakers

LOS ANGELES

DOMANTAS Sabonis had 29 points and 16 rebounds, and the Sacramento Kings overcame LeBron James' 108th career triple-double and the Lakers' fourth-quarter comeback bid for their fourth straight victory, 125-110 over Los Angeles on Wednesday night.

De'Aaron Fox and Kevin Huerter scored 28 points apiece for the Kings, who snapped Los Angeles' three-game winning streak with their fifth win in six meetings with their downstate rivals.

"Got out to a great start," said Huerter, who hit six 3-pointers. "We established ourselves offensively, got out in transition, played fast. I don't think we maintained it

the rest of the game, but shows what we're capable of when we're playing at that level."

James had 28 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in his first triple-double of his 21st NBA season, breaking his tie with Jason Kidd for the fifth-most in NBA history. He also led the Lakers' rally in the fourth quarter, when they sliced Sacramento's 26-point lead to nine before running out of steam.

Sacramento coach Mike Brown called the 38-year-old James' effort "amazing."

"I don't know if you can put a timetable on when he's going to be done," added Brown, who coached James for five seasons in Cleveland. "I think there's only one person that can, and that's him. Well, maybe two, because

his wife might be able to do something about that. He's absolutely amazing to do what he does at his age. It's phenomenal. I'm amazed every time we go against him."

The Kings have won three straight over the Lakers in Los Angeles, and their three top scorers staked them to a 106-80 lead early in the fourth quarter. The Lakers surprisingly kept their starters in the game and made a 30-13 run, but couldn't close the yawning gap.

"Whenever we get stops (and) we take care of the ball, we're usually fine," Lakers coach Darvin Ham said. "I know the amount of scoring that we have on our team, particularly those five guys that finished for us. You've got to give them a chance to see what we can do. Maybe some turnovers, missed shots on their part, you can dig into the lead and make it a game, and I thought we did that."

D'Angelo Russell scored 28 points for the Lakers, who lost at home for the first time in six games this season. Anthony Davis managed just nine points on 3-of-9 shooting with nine rebounds and four blocked shots in Los Angeles' fourth game in six days.

Davis scored four points in the game's first four minutes, but didn't score again until the fourth quarter.

"I just played bad," said Davis, who has struggled with a hip muscle injury in recent days. "I'm not going to put it on anything. It was just missed shots. ... I'm still treating it every day. Obviously, you don't get that day to really attack it (when playing) back-to-back. It was still bothering me a little bit, but I've still got to go out there and do my job."

The Kings needed

overtime to beat the Lakers in Sacramento last month, but they opened a 19-point lead in the first quarter of this matchup. Los Angeles closed the gap to 119-110 on Cam Reddish's 3-pointer with 3:05 left, but James made a turnover and missed a 3-point attempt on the Lakers' next two possessions.

The loss ends a positive stretch of play for the Lakers, who followed a three-game skid with a three-game winning streak capped by their first blowout win of the season Tuesday over Memphis. Los Angeles again struggled to defend the perimeter, allowing 16 3-pointers to the Kings after the Grizzlies hit 20.

Meanwhile, in New York, the NBA has suspended Golden State's Draymond Green for five games for grabbing Minnesota's Rudy Gobert around the neck "in an unsportsmanlike and dangerous manner," the league said Wednesday night.

Also penalized by the league for their roles in the incident, which happened early in Tuesday's game between the Timberwolves and Warriors, were Gobert, his Minnesota teammate Jaden McDaniels and Golden State guard Klay Thompson - all fined \$25,000 by the league.

But Green will pay the biggest price, both in terms of games missed and money lost. The suspension will cost him \$769,704 in forfeited salary.

"The length of the suspension is based in part on Green's history of unsportsmanlike acts," the NBA said in the release announcing the penalties. Those sanctions were handed down by Joe Dumars, the NBA's Executive Vice President and Head of Basketball Operations - and a long-time mentor of Green's.

The incident started when Thompson and McDaniels "became entangled and were grabbing and pulling at one another's jerseys," the NBA said, and got further out of hand when Gobert got involved and put his arms around Thompson.

Green got involved not long after that, wrapping his arm around Gobert's neck.

Thompson and McDaniels were each assessed a technical foul and ejected, while Green was assessed a Flagrant Foul 2 for grabbing Gobert. That category of flagrant comes with an automatic ejection, which was Green's second in Golden State's last three games.

Gobert voiced his displeasure with his fine after Wednesday night's game against the Suns.

"Every situation is different, but to me, that was more than just a reaction. That was a personal attack," Gobert said. "Me being fined when I was being a peacemaker, and I chose to keep my hands up while I was being assaulted, it's shameful. Shameful. And I'm going to appeal that fine."

Green will miss home games Thursday and Saturday against Oklahoma City, another home game Monday against Houston, a road game with Phoenix on Nov. 22 and then a home NBA In-Season Tournament game against San Antonio on Nov. 24.

He would be eligible to return Nov. 28 at Sacramento. The Warriors - who will also be without star guard Stephen Curry for at least Thursday's game because of a knee issue - have lost four consecutive games and are 6-6 through 12 games this season, just 1-4 at home.

AP



Sacramento Kings forward Domantas Sabonis (10) is defended by Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis (3) in the first half at Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, California, USA. (Agencies)

Yoane Wissa scores in DR Congo World Cup victory

AFP

BRENTFORD forward Yoane Wissa scored for the Democratic Republic of Congo in a 2-0 World Cup qualifying win over Mauritania on Wednesday.

Wissa put the hosts ahead after 62 minutes at a packed 80,000-seat Kinshasa stadium and substitute Theo Bongonda increased the lead nine minutes from time.

DR Congo triumphed in Group B on the opening day of qualifying in Africa for the 2026 World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Wissa broke the deadlock in the Congolese capital with a clinical close-range shot past goalkeeper Babacar Niasse after a long clearance and two slick passes set him free in the box.

A long throw from Congolese goalkeeper Lionel Mpsi reached Bongonda in the centre circle and he dashed forward, rounded Niasse and netted to seal victory.

Goals were scarce on the opening day of a 263-match schedule that stretches to November 2025, with all nine group winners guaranteed qualification.

Former Premier League forward Emilio Nsue scored on 67 minutes to give Equatorial Guinea a 1-0 win over Namibia in Group H in Malabo.

Zimbabwe drew 0-0 away to Rwanda in Butare as they returned to international football after being barred by FIFA from 2024 Africa Cup of Nations qualifying due to political interference.

The Zimbabweans came closest to winning the Group C clash with a Prince Dube shot rebounding off the post during the first half.

Ethiopia and Sierra Leone drew 0-0 in a Group A match interrupted three times by fog in the Moroccan coastal city of El Jadida.

The match was moved from Ethiopia because they do not have an international-standard venue. They are among 19 African countries who must play home qualifiers at neutral venues.

A further eight qualifiers were to be played later yesterday, with powerhouses Algeria, Egypt and Nigeria in action.

AFP

Exiled, but no regrets for Myanmar footballer two years after protest

OSAKA

REFUGEE goalkeeper Pyae Lyan Aung fears for his safety if he returns home to Myanmar but he says he has no regrets about raising an anti-junta salute before a game two years ago.

The former Myanmar international flashed the three-fingered gesture, a popular symbol of protest against the country's 2021 military coup, as his team lined up to face Japan in a World Cup qualifier in Chiba, near Tokyo.

Worried about what would happen if he returned to Myanmar, he refused to board the flight home and was eventually granted refugee status in Japan.

Now, as the two teams prepare to face each other again in Osaka on Thursday, Pyae Lyan Aung has given up football and still cannot return home to meet his family.

But he insists that he did nothing wrong by making his one-man protest, and wants the world to know what is happening in Myanmar.

"Everyone wants to be a top player, but sacrificing that is nothing compared to what is happening in the country," the 27-year-old told AFP. "I can't accept this unjust coup happening in Myanmar, and I think I did the right thing for a citizen to do."

Myanmar's military ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi from power in a February 2021 putsch, triggering a mass uprising that saw hundreds of thousands protest daily for a return to democracy. The Myanmar team arrived in Japan for their May 2021 match missing several players who had boycotted the trip in opposition to the junta.

Around 70 protesters gathered outside the stadium before kick-off, carrying pictures of Aung San Suu Kyi and waving flags from the country's 1988 uprising.

Pyae Lyan Aung was a substitute and TV cameras captured him making the Hunger Games-inspired salute on the sidelines.

He says his teammates had decided before leaving Myanmar that they would all take a stand together. But when team officials warned them not to in the days leading up to the game, they began to have second thoughts.

"That day when we were eating lunch, I asked my teammates who was going to do it but they had all started to go their own way," he said.

"They were saying that things could be bad for them and their families when they got back home, so they had decided not to do it. But even if no one else was going to do it, I had decided to do it myself."

Japan granted Pyae Lyan Aung refugee status three months after the game and he was offered a one-year professional contract to play futsal -- an indoor version of football -- by local team Yokohama SCC.

AFP

Beckham says Messi at Inter Miami is 'our gift to America'

MIAMI

DAVID Beckham told AFP in an interview on Wednesday that his Inter Miami franchise signed Lionel Messi as "our gift to America and the MLS".

Former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder Beckham, speaking on his first ever visit to India and in his role as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, admitted he still has to pinch himself when he sees the Argentinian World Cup winner on the teamsheet in Florida.

"It's still hard to believe that when someone turns around to me and says Inter Miami have Lionel Messi in their team, you know," he said. "It's a very proud thing for me to have as an owner, to have a player like that, the best player in the world, in our team."

"We always knew that bringing Leo to America, not just to Miami, it was our



David Beckham

gift to America and the MLS. Because someone like that changes the game. You know, someone like that inspires another generation of soccer players.

"And that's why we wanted to bring Leo to the team. Of course, we want to win championships. Of course, we want to be the best team in the league."

"But one of the reasons why we bought him was to also in-

spire the next generation of soccer players in America.

"To want to be soccer players. So bringing him does that and it's an important thing for us."

Former Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain star Messi shocked the football world when he shunned stratospheric offers from Saudi Arabia and elsewhere to join Inter Miami in July, seven months after he

had led Argentina to World Cup glory in Qatar.

The 36-year-old went on to light up Major League Soccer with some stellar performances but was unable to carry Inter Miami into the playoffs this season.

- 'Faces light up' -

Beckham, 48, who has turned a successful playing career that included captaining England and winning the Champions League with Manchester United into a high-profile role as a rights advocate and style icon, is the co-owner of Inter Miami.

He was speaking to AFP in Mumbai before attending the start of the Cricket World Cup semi-final between India and New Zealand, in an interview for which questions had to be vetted in advance.

Beckham explained that his first contact with the UN children's charity began when he was a teenager.

"My first involvement with UNICEF was when I was 17 years old in Thailand when I was there with Manchester United, and I went to a women's care centre," he said.

"But obviously with my travels over the years, I've seen how young girls are getting left behind, they're not getting the same rights and the same equal opportunities as the boys."

"So our focus has really been on girls in the last five to 10 years and that is the same here."

Beckham said he was convinced sport could play a key role in children's lives, as it had in his own.

"It gave me the foundation to have leadership, teamwork, discipline, focus. And just to have that confidence," said the father of four children.

"I've seen when I've gone into different villages around the world with UNICEF, when I take a football into this village, these children's faces light up."

"For that time when I'm playing football with them or they're kicking a football around, they forget about everything else that is going on around them that is not good."

AFP

A rivalry heated by history - the significance of Morocco's World Cup win over Spain

By Tyrese King

A PANENKA penalty straight down the middle of the goal.

Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon dives to his right and gets nowhere near the ball. Achraf Hakimi, born in Madrid but belonging to Morocco, sets off in celebration.

His manager and team-mates stream on to the pitch in pursuit. And, around the world, the celebrations begin.

On London's Edgware Road, the car horns blare long and loud. Smoke from the flares cloaks the Christmas lights. Flags flap in the cold December air.

In Paris, in Berlin, in Rotterdam, the images are the same.

However, in the Spanish city of Valencia, it is a little more complicated. Morocco's last-16 win over Spain at the 2022 World Cup brought the past and present into conflict.

Lina Achafik is a student. Born in Casablanca, she studies at the Polytechnic University of Valencia.

"For me personally when we won against Spain, I could not go to uni the next day," she said. "The uni chat groups were not looking good. There was a lot of hate and I did not feel safe to go."

"The game against Spain was a little bit different because of the history that we have. Whether we won or lost, we were going to take it very personally. And so were they. The hateful comments from the chat had nothing to do with the game."

"It was more about the colonisation, the fact that we come here to take their opportunities and stuff like that. It's very heated."

The heat comes from a tangled history.

The present-day tension between the two nations is most clear in the twin coastal towns of Ceuta and Melilla. They have been pockets of



Fouzi Lekjaa (centre), the president of the Moroccan Football Federation, poses with his Spanish counterpart Pedro Rocha (left) and Portugal's Fernando Gomes (right). Agencies

Spanish territory on African soil for about 500 years.

Morocco, on whose northern Mediterranean coast they are situated, claim Ceuta and Melilla should revert to its control. The border between Morocco and the two towns has become a flashpoint in relations - with African migrants attempting to cross into Ceuta and Melilla as a route into Europe.

In June 2022, at least 37 migrants died, crushed to death between six-metre-high fences as the Moroccan border guards used tear gas and batons to hold back crowds attempting to enter Melilla.

Morocco's influence spreads far across the Mediterranean Sea and back into Spain's history. In Andalusia, there is an enormous Islamic, Berber and Moorish influence that has shaped Spanish culture, language and architecture.

Valencia, where Achafik studies, was once known as Medina al-Turab - the city of sand - and monuments that can trace their history back to 14th century Arab rule dot the city.

Today, more than 800,000 Moroccans live in Spain, making them the largest expatriate population.

"It's the closest Euro-

pean country to Morocco so it's the easiest to go to," explained Achafik.

Taoufik M is another Moroccan who moved to Spain, though he has since returned to the capital Rabat, where he watched that last-16 win at the World Cup.

"It was an emotional rollercoaster," he said. "The drama was very intense. Luckily it had a happy ending for us which gave us a lot of satisfaction and a lot of hope to believe in miracles."

"It was very satisfying to beat Spain because of the long history, the long rivalry between us and them, not only in the sports, but also militarily, politically and economically. It was an extremely sweet result to get one back on them."

In Valencia, where Achafik watched the match, there was a heavy police presence during every game of the Atlas Lions' campaign.

"Whenever there was a game with Morocco there was a lot of police outside because they know that there was a lot of Moroccans here," she said.

"It's not a good feeling that the police were only out when Morocco was playing, but I cannot say that I was where anything bad happened."

Not everywhere was as peaceful.

Arrests were made in the Spanish city of Granada, while footage posted on social media allegedly showed a confrontation between police and female Mo-

rocco fans in Ceuta.

Many of the Morocco team, like Achafik and Taoufik, are, or have been, expatriates.

Fourteen players in last year's World Cup squad were born outside Morocco, and the Atlas Lions have close ties to countries such as France, Spain and the Netherlands.

Coach Walid Regragui embodied this. Born in France, he also played club football in Spain, but, internationally and emotionally, he was only ever Moroccan.

"We didn't like the fact that previous coaches weren't Moroccan," explained Achafik. "So it felt different this time from the beginning. It felt like he wanted to win as much as the players and the fans because it would mean as much to him."

She saw the Moroccan roots in the way the team spoke, as well as played.

"A lot of them did grow up in other countries but I feel that they still hold on to their Moroccan side," said Achafik.

"For example, Hassaniya [a local Arabic dialect]. It's a very old language, translated from generation to generation. They don't teach it in schools."

"Your parents would have to teach it to you and a lot of the players only speak Hassaniya. So it was very heartwarming to see that even though they grew up in

other countries they still had Morocco in them."

On the pitch, the victory did away with an inferiority complex that had held back Morocco on the international stage.

"I think sometimes a Moroccan or African player has a complex when they have to play against European or South American teams," goalkeeper Yassine Bounou, who saved three penalties in the shoot-out win over Spain, told BBC World Service's Sportsworld.

"Morocco has shown that it is possible at the next World Cup for other African teams to emulate our performance. We opened a door as a team and showed that it is possible for everybody to beat big teams and big players."

Spain and Morocco's rivalry on the pitch has reached a new level. Off it though, they are working together.

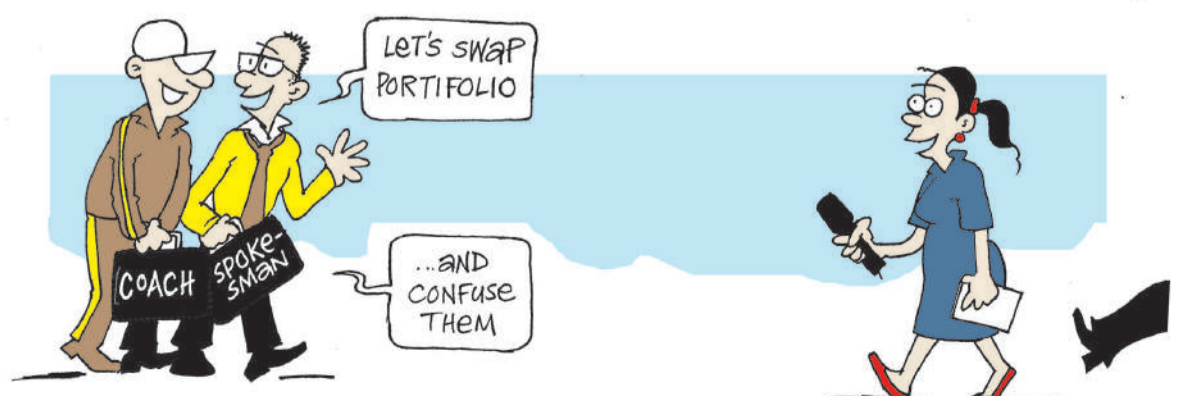
Morocco is part of a joint bid to stage the 2030 World Cup, alongside Spain and Portugal, and are set to be ratified as hosts at a Fifa congress next year.

"I believe that Spain and Morocco joint bid will bring them closer. I think that the two countries will be close for as long as they have shared interests," said Taoufik.

"But at the end of the day, they are competitors - and that competition will never go away."

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Tanzania lands tough group in CECAFA U-18 boys tournament draw

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

TANZANIA has been drawn in Group B of the upcoming inaugural CECAFA U18 Boys Championship that is slated to take place from November 25 to December 9 in Kenya.

The draw was conducted by the CECAFA Competitions Director, Yussuf Mossi, at the FIFA Technical Centre on the sidelines of the CECAFA U-15 Boys Championship in Njeru, Uganda.

"We shall have the best two teams from each group qualify for the semi-finals. The semi-finals and the final will all be played in Kisumu," added Mossi.

Group B has tough youth boys in Tanzania, Zanzibar, South Sudan and Uganda and will be based in Kakamega.

Hosts Kenya have been placed alongside Somalia, Rwanda, Sudan and Djibouti in Group A to be based in Kisumu.

However, after the draw had been conducted, the Djibouti Football Federation (FDF) General Secretary, Youssef Ahmed, communicated that they had withdrawn their team from the CECAFA U-18 Boys Championship.

In addition to the U-18 Boys Championship, Kenya will also host the Zonal qualifiers for the Pan-African Schools Championship.

The specific dates for this event are yet to be confirmed for the event slated for December.

"Kenya will host both the CECAFA U-18 Boys Championship between November 25 and December 9 and the Zonal qualifiers for the Pan African Schools Championship later in December," announced CECAFA.

The news takes place after Kenya missed out on hosting the CECAFA Under 18 Women's championship that was initially slated for Kenya in June but was later called off with a host of countries pulling out of the prestigious regional tournament.

Along with the under-18 CECAFA, the under-15 tournament hosted in Uganda leads a contingent of aspiring footballers set to flock in the near future with Tanzania, Somalia, and Rwanda all set to grace the tournament. Others are Sudan, fast-rising South Sudan, Zanzibar, and Eritrea.

Yanga now step up preparations for Champions League campaign



Yanga tactician Miguel Angel Gamondi. (Agencies)

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIAN champions Young Africans have intensified their preparation ahead of their CAF Champions League group stage opening game next week.

Having set sight on doing well in their return to the CAF Champions League group stage after a long exile, Young Africans resumed training this week at Avic Town, Kigamboni with players who are not on national duties.

These preparations, including fitness drills, tactical planning, and practice matches

are designed to ensure the team's readiness for the rigorousness of the continental competition.

Players on national duties are expected to join the team immediately on Wednesday.

Young Africans, runners-up in the CAF Confederation Cup last season, won all their four CAF Champions League qualifiers to book a group stage ticket for the first time since 1998.

They have been drawn in

Group D of the CAF Champions League along with Al Ahly of Egypt, Algeria's CR Belouizdad, and Ghana's Medeama.

Al Ahly are the reigning CAF Champions League winners.

CR Belouizdad reached the group stage for the fourth consecutive with a 6-2 aggregate win over Bo Rangers.

Medeama edged out Remo Stars of Nigeria on penalties, then pipped

Horoya of Guinea on 4-3 aggregate to become the first Ghanaian side to reach the last 16 since Berekum Chelsea in 2012.

The Tanzanian representatives are set to begin the African endeavours with a trip to face CR Belouizdad on matchday one at the Stade du 5 Juillet on Friday, November 24 (kick-off 22:00 EAT).

Their first home outing will be against Al Ahly at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium

on Saturday, December 2 (19:00 EAT) on matchday two.

A busy December will also see Young Africans travel to Ghana for a date with Medeama for the first time since 2016 when the two teams met in the CAF Confederation Cup group stage.

The game is set to take place on Friday, December 8 (kick-off 19:00 EAT).

The reverse fixture in Dar will follow next on matchday four, as Wananchi host the Ghanaians.

The confirmed date for that encounter is Wednesday, November 20 (16:00 EAT).

The competition will take a two-month break and resume in February with Young Africans facing a tricky home-soil encounter against CR Belouizdad on matchday five.

The final group-stage game is set to be played away on matchday six, with a mammoth meeting with Al Ahly penned in for Friday, March 1 at the Cairo International Stadium.

The clubs finishing first and second, after matchday six in each of the four groups, will qualify for the quarter-final slated for March.

Simba eye one friendly match before facing ASEC Mimosas in the CAF CL

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC are eyeing to play one friendly game before going toe to toe with familiar opponents ASEC Mimosas in the first match of the CAF Champions League Group B at the Benjamin Mkapa stadium.

The Msimbazi Reds aim to keep their players fit under acting coach Dani Cadena, while analyzing their previous games with the opponents in their latest games via video footage to find out their strengths and weaknesses and know how to combat them.

The squad has already entered the camp since Monday to prepare for the game under Cadena and his assistant Selemeni Matola while the search for a new head coach continues.

"We have informed the leadership to request one friendly game before meeting ASEC Mimosas. The goal is to analyze how players have received the tactical training.

"The players also need to increase their match fitness after spending a long time without playing a competitive game. This will bring our players back to the game as they prepare to play against ASEC Mimosas," said Cadena.

"After the game, the technical bench and all the players will hold a meeting together and look at the video footage of the last matches ASEC Mimosas have played with the aim of checking their strengths and weaknesses," he added.

Speaking about the ongoing

preparations, coach

Cadena said: "Preparations are going well for the game against ASEC Mimosas. I am happy to see every player re-

gaining his morale. I hope when the others return from international duties we will have a good blend of group."

Simba host ASEC Mimosas in their first group stage match of the CAF Champions League at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar

es Salaam on November 25.

Thereafter, Simba will travel to play their second Group B match against Jwaneng Gal-

axy at Francistown Stadium in Botswana on December 2, their first away game of the season's CAF fixture.



KCB Bank sponsored driver Karan Patel (R) and his co-driver Tauseef Khan in a jovial mood after being crowned the African Rally Champions for the year 2023. The KCB racing team scooped the continental title with 144 points after a successful win in five countries including Kenya, Burundi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. The final competition was held in Iringa, Tanzania on Saturday and Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

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