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President Samia Suluhu Hassan draws the curtain alongside Bank of Tanzania governor Prof Florens Luoga to open the offices of the central bank's new Mwanza city branch yesterday. Photo: State House

Samia: Ready for new digital money, online business shift

By Guardian Correspondent

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) to prepare for crypto currencies, lest Tanzania lag behind as the rest of world embraces new technology.

Opening the BoT 42bn/- zonal branch in Mwanza City, the president said it is prudent to prepare for virtual currencies than being caught unprepared with the technology that is becoming the new normal in global financial markets.

Experts say that cryptocurrency is a digital or virtual currency that is secured by cryptography, which makes it nearly impossible to counterfeit or double-spend. Many crypto currencies are decentralized networks based on blockchain technology, described as a distributed ledger enforced by a disparate network of computers.

President Samia similarly tasked the central bank to ensure that interest rates charged by financial institutions drop to 10 per cent and further below, noting that currently the financial institutions are charging interest ranging from 12 per cent to 29 percent interest charges, which hinders credit

growth.

Interest charged is so high and the time to clear the loans is too short, she said, asserting that low interest rates have a role to contribute for those in the informal sector to rise to the formal sector.

"Since you have a credit reference system, there is no reason for the financial system to continue charging such high rates," she said, urging BoT to set strategies that can ensure financial institutions in the country provide systematic long-term loans.

The central bank must ensure that the Tanzania Instant Payment System, now in the final stages of installation, starts being used to encourage and increase financial inclusions, she said, pointing out that the system will reduce costs that the government incurs to print new notes.

Commenting on the capital account system, President Samia said Tanzania is not an island as the world has now become a village, so it will one day come to the country, challenging the monetary authority to get prepared before the public enters online

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'Consolidate tanzanite sales to end smuggling'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday initiated the process of consolidating tanzanite trade to make the

gemstone not only the pride of the nation but one of key engines of the economy.

Poised between lush blue, vibrant violet and rich purple, exotic tanzanite is found in only one place on earth, in

northern Tanzania, but its mining, sale and revenue generation has for years failed to live up to its uniqueness, and that is what

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EU investors upbeat on business environment

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

INVESTORS from the European Union seeking to open large scale organic commercial farms have expressed optimism following recent efforts aimed at improving the business environment.

At least 150 investors in agriculture held a dialogue here at the weekend with Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda under the auspices of the local chapter of the European Union Business Group (EUBG) where the matter was discussed.

EUBG executive, Cikay Richards said that in the recent past, most investors had started to move out of Tanzania, choosing to invest elsewhere.

"Some remained but hardly expanded their investments. We are now meeting to correct this, ready to work with the government to improve the situation and ensure that more European investors come to Tanzania and those already here expand their undertakings," he declared.

He said the bloc is the largest consumer of Tanzania's agricultural exports, especially horticultural produce. Therefore it was important to maintain links with EU investors who will assist in

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DCB Commercial Bank Plc managing director Godfrey Ndaluhwa (4th-L, foreground) presses a button in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to signal the launch of the rebranded bank's new logo. The event was held during the 19th annual general meeting of the bank's shareholders. To his left is DCB board chairman. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

EABC: Harmonise tax laws to ease integration

By Francis Kajubi

THE East African Business Council (EABC) has called for harmonization of tax laws by the East African Community

(EAC) member states to ease trade and accelerate the ongoing integration process.

The EAC private sector apex body engaged a number of chief executive

officers at the weekend in Dar es Salaam to a round table with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Liberata Mulamula where taxation was identified as an impediment to regional business integration.

The EABC in collaboration with the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) and the Confederation of Tanzania Industries

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Germany's Ambassador to Tanzania, Regine Hess (L), receives a copy of the latest edition of a publication on human rights in Africa from the President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Lady Justice Imani Daud Aboud, at the court's headquarters in Arusha city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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business as it is still unregulated here.

Technology in the financial sector is moving fast, and BoT must work faster to cope with advances in global changes, she stated, on the background of estimates that financial inclusion had reached 65 percent of the population and that BoT needs to ensure people get more access to financial resources on demand.

Minerals minister Doto Biteko, representing the Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba who was on parliamentary duty, said that the country's economy grew by 6.5 percent on average during the past five years, from 2016/2021.

Revenues collected had increased from 850m/- per month to 1.4trn/- expected by next month, he said, urging the central bank to come up with the best way of issuing loans to banks that makes loans affordable.

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BoT Governor Prof Florens Luoga said the monetary authority was finalizing the Tanzania Instant Payment system to fast-track payments and more cheaply. The change will reduce costs incurred to print new notes, he reiterated, noting that the central bank now has four branches, in Mwanza, Arusha, Mbeya and Mtwara, with sub branches in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.

The Mwanza branch serves altogether seven regions, namely Mwanza, Geita, Simuyu, Kagera, Kigoma, Shinyanga and Mara.

The branch building cost 42bn/- where 27bn/- was used for basement construction and 18bn/- used in the installation of machines, he stated, elaborating that the construction of

a new branch in Mwanza follows an increase in economic activities contributed by the mining sector, fishery and agriculture, among others

Completion of infrastructure like the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) will further stimulate the lake side city's economy, he stated, specifying that business operations in the Lake zone were now contributing around 25 percent to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

He said 90 percent of gold production is based in the zone as well as over 90 percent of cotton, to which BoT was finalising the payment and settlement system to reduce cash transactions. Most local traders prefer cash transaction and thus the notes printing costs, he added.

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the Head of State wants to change.

Opening the Mwanza Precious Metals Refinery, the first ever in East Africa, the president directed the relevant authorities to swing to action and change the status and income from the rare gemstone.

She directed Minerals minister Doto Biteko to sit with investors in mining and dealers to brainstorm on how to rebrand tanzanite and ensure it is sold under one umbrella.

Such a move will improve supervision and control smuggling via neighbouring countries which causes huge losses of export revenue, she stated.

"Tanzania is the only country blessed with tanzanite in the world but some countries are famous in exporting it - which is not correct," she said

"We have to rebrand it to restore our country's glory in the world market. It can be done by strengthening supervision and control its smuggling," she told the gathering.

Once tanzanite is sold under one umbrella it will be sold at higher prices and therefore the country earn more revenues, she stated, expressing expectations that the new refinery will enable the government to collect more revenues as all minerals will now be refined in the country.

The company has set the capital sum of 346bn/- to buy gold extracted from small

and medium miners around the country, in addition to building the plant at a cost of 12bn/- . It will have the capacity to refine 480 tonnes especially of gold ore per day, also bearing other minerals, and later rise to over 900 tonnes per day

The firm will stimulate the economy by creating 120 direct jobs and 400 indirect opportunities, the president remarked, urging small and medium scale miners to work hard to ensure that the firm gets enough raw materials.

In the past year the minerals sector grew by 5.2 per cent and this year its growth rate is being put at around 6.7 per cent, the minister noted, elaborating that the government collected 526bn/- last year while up to late April revenue collection from the sector had reached 544bn/- and is expected to attain over 600bn/-.

Anandi Muhani, the Precious Metals Refinery executive director said the company wishes to partner with the government to export refined gold to Asia and the rest of the world.

He said the refinery has can procure and refine gold ore extracted in the country, noting that the plant and offices took two years to build .

Prof Simon Msanjila, the permanent secretary said building the refinery followed an amendment to the Minerals Act in 2017, with its construction starting March 15th last year was finished a year later, and will soon start operations.

Govt will improve ATCL services - Dr Chamuriho

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government plans to make sure air transport services provided by Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) are improved in order to fully realise its objectives.

The remarks were here given by the Works and Transport Minister Dr Leonard Chamuriho in his speech read on his behalf by his Deputy, Eng Godfrey Kasekenya at the launching of the first sitting of the Second ATCL Workers Council.

Dr Chamuriho cited the objectives as including the purchase of three aircraft - a Bombardier and two Airbus whose purchase was going according to plan.

He said the tender for the purchase of five more planes including a cargo plane is expected to be finalised at the end of FY 2020/21.

He said the government will go on in empowering ATCL to enable it contribute

more to the country's economic growth and realizing of its industrial policy.

He also said the government will continue to deal with ATCL debts that continue to affect its performance.

"I hail the ATCL management and the entire company for the great achievements attained so far," the Minister said.

Dr Chamuriho also called on the ATCL management under the Council to make the right timely decisions at all levels keeping in mind of market conditions.

For his part, the Council Chairman, Eng Ladislaus Matindi said the Council dwelt in discussing the company's operations for the period January to June 2020 and Budget priorities for FY 2021 - 2022.

Eng Matindi, who is also ATCL Managing director said another issue discussed was the responsibilities of the Members of the workers Council and the effects of Covid-19 effects in ATCL operations.

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(CTI) organized the meeting to present a documentation of challenges to EAC business integration, on the basis of a thorough study.

The study set out to propose what should be done by the member state governments for easier business interaction among the member states, thus expecting too accumulate strength and guaranteeing ability to compete on the African and global commercial fronts, EAC Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki stated.

In his opening remarks, Dr Mathuki said that without harmonized laws among member states it is difficult to trade amongst themselves compared to trading with other countries in other Africa zone regions.

"Intra-trade among member states stands at only 15 percent compared to over 40 percent that member states trade with other countries out of the region. We need harmonized laws that can bring a level playing field for all," he said, referring to the COMESA membership grouping 21 African countries from Egypt to South Africa to which Tanzania belonged in the past.

"Our recommendation to the government of Tanzania is to urge its cabinet of ministers to direct EAC partner states to finalise the amendment of the EAC Elimination of Non-Tariff Barriers Act 2017 and its regulations to bring into force the Act by the end of next month," the EAC chief executive intoned.

On the other hand, EABC and its partners are calling for the harmonization of product standards, as the region has few

harmonized regional standards, with around 1,500 product standards existing, coupled with low adoption rates of regional harmonized standards, he stated.

"This has led to costly and time-consuming re-testing processes or denial of market access for EAC products. In making this possible, we call for the Tanzanian government to fast-track ratification of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) protocol to pave the way for the finalisation of the EAC SPS Bill along with SPS Standards and SPS Regulations by the start of next month," he urged.

TCCIA president Paul Koyi pleaded to the minister to enhance free movement of workers in the region, noting that this shortcoming is compounded by non-existence of harmonized work permit regimes, hampering free movement of workers and service suppliers.

"We plead that the government abolishes work permit fees for East Africans working in Tanzania by a cabinet declaring the implementation of the EAC harmonised classification of work permit, fees and procedures," said Koyi.

Winding up the meeting, minister Mulamula said the government is determined to work closely with the private sector in achieving faster economic and social development.

"With the vision of President Samia Suluhu Hassan of making the private sector engine to the country's economy. I pledge to work on these challenges to full capacity and where necessary I will consult my colleagues in the cabinet to see that things move forward in a positive way," she added.



Edwin Shio (R), an official with an agency serving small farmers, briefs Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday on sunflower farming in Singida Region. This was at the agency's pavilion at an exhibition held in Singida municipality in tandem with a sunflower stakeholders meeting. Photo: PMO

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ensuring the goods meet their respective countries' standards, he elaborated.

Prof Mkenda said the government was ready to work with European farmers and logistics firms because their presence will also boost local growers who can supply their farms' produce to boost exports quotas.

"Local farmers depend on farm inputs from overseas and it will be a good idea for EU investors to establish seed producing factories to offset shortage of locally produced kernels," the minister noted, promising to visit local farms owned by European investors here to see how they can

be further assisted.

Rory Nightayle, operating the Hortanzia Farm and Africa Sun, said the current government has shown interest to work mutually with investors, with the positive outlook reflected in the recently tabled fiscal plan for 2021-2022.

Dr Jacqueline Mkindi, the chairperson of National Agricultural Council, affirmed that the government has responded to their concerns through the removal of Value Added Taxes on cold rooms, and the 25 percent tax reduction on corrugated boxes packages.

The meeting was also attended by the Netherlands envoy, Ambassador Jeroen Verheul and the EUBG Executive Director, Enza

Zaden executive Wytze Salomons, and the managing director for Poverty Gulch Limited, Sjouke Bruinsma.

Others included the Tanzania Agriculture Development Bank CEO Japhet Justine, the Program Specialist for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Amon Manyama as well as the Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) acting director John Mathew Mnali.

The European Business Group, formed in 2015, is a strategic partner for improving the country's business climate, promoting trade and investment between Europe and Tanzania, helping to foster stronger ties in investment, trade and development

assistance issues.

The meeting heard that the European Union bloc is Tanzania's second biggest export destination and third largest trading partner, with data from the International Monetary Fund showing that roughly 17 percent of Tanzania's exports are destined to the EU's 28 member states.

Eurostat (a statistical chronicle of the European Union) says that by 2016, trade between the EU and Tanzania amounted to 1.3bn euros, reasoning that "this could have doubled by now if things didn't take a downward turn in recent years."

"The environment is set to improve under President Samia Hassan's leadership," the chronicle added.



NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (L) pictured at National Assembly grounds in Dodoma city at the weekend congratulating Finance and Planning minister Mwigulu Nchemba in connection with Thursday's tabling of the Government Budget estimates for financial year 2021/22. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Top manufacturers plan to make Dar assembling hub

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE African Association of Automotive Manufacturers (AAAM) is in negotiation with relevant government authorities with an investment plan aimed at making Tanzanian a car assembling hub on the continent. Representatives of the of BMW, NISSAN and Toyota met Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), William Ole Nasha and the Minister for Communication and Information Technology Dr Faustine Ndugulile over the weekend at the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) offices in Dar es Salaam where the plan was discussed.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Ole Nasha said the investors who represent big car manufacturing companies were impressed by the good investment environment by the 6th phase government and they are willing to invest.

He said if they will build the industry it will be a good opportunity for Tanzanians who will secure jobs and the government increases revenues from taxes and other charges.

"We are very glad to have such kind of prospective investors here in Tanzania and in 6th phase, government investment is given priorities because we believe that new investment is the solution to our unemployment problem and if you want to increase government revenues you must work hand in hand with the private sector," said the deputy.

The Deputy Minister said the government will continue to impress new investment by creating laws and regulations that are friendly to investors and remove all challenges that caused complaints from local and foreign

investors. "Investors have understood the willingness of the government to work closely with them by creating enabling environment that's why there is a good number of investors who come and many others who have shown interest to come in Tanzania. AAAM needs to invest in car assembling we have talked to them and we expect everything to be good," he said.

Founder and Chairperson of Tanzania Association of Oil & Gas Service Providers, Abdulsamad Abdulrahim said AAAM is pleased with Tanzania's industrialization agenda which made the friendly investment condition in the country.

He said the only thing those investors need is the readiness of the government to collaborate with them so that they conduct their business smoothly during the time they decide to bring their investment in the country.

"Nissan is already in Tanzania and has employed a good number of Tanzanians, Bosch also has introduced its new branch recently, Toyota also is doing business in Tanzania so we see their investment as a good opportunity to create employment to many Tanzanians who have different skills," said Abdulsamad.

He said the coming of the investment could be an opportunity to transfer know-how, technology and skills transfer for young Tanzanian engineers through training and also could potentially impact the new car market and lowering the price of new cars in Tanzania.

Abdulsamad said Tanzania is a key market country within East Africa Partner states and both public and private sectors can foster the basis for a real automotive industry in East Africa Community (EAC).

Chadema mourns late cadre Baregu

By Guardian Reporter

THE country's main opposition party, Chadema, yesterday expressed shock over the death of Prof Mwesiga Baregu, who was one of the senior member of its Central Committee.

The renowned scholar passed away on Saturday night at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) where he was receiving medical treatment.

Chadema's Secretary General, John Mnyika, said in a statement that Prof Baregu distinguished himself in words and deeds in the fight for the rights, dignity,

democracy and African dignity wherever he was and he stood firm in it until his death.

Mnyika said: "The late Baregu is one of the scholars who stood firm in the struggle for a multi-party system in the country, establishing it and living it at all times without wavering, he also believed in the country's need for a new constitution based on the views of the citizens themselves."

Mnyika further offered his condolences to the wife, children and the entire family of the deceased for the loss of their father, friend and family pillar.

"We offer our condolences to all Tanzanians for the loss of a true patriot and a champion fighter for democracy, we offer our condolences to the community of Tanzanian scholars and African scholars for the departure of a leading scholar and a true son of Africa."

He added that they will continue to provide additional information in the future after consultation with the family about the entire funeral arrangements.


Mnyika also asked members, supporters and stakeholders of Chadema wherever they are to come together to mourn and pray

for the deceased.

Industry and Trade minister, Prof Kitila Mkumbo said on his twitter handle: "Rest in peace, Professor Baregu."

He described Baregu as one of the scholars who believed that you could not separate the profession from politics. You taught some of us who believe that scholars can do politics without losing their reputation."

Prof Baregu served as senior lecturer in political science and public administration at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), and St. Augustine University (SAUT).



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Govt advises NARCO to start livestock fodder production

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

AGRICULTURE, Livestock and Water Parliamentary Committee has advised the National Ranching Company (NARCO) to start producing livestock fodder to assist herders near its ranches.

Speaking here yesterday at a seminar organised by the Livestock and Fisheries Ministry through NARCO aimed to empower delegates in attendance to understand the company's responsibilities, the Committee's Chairman, Dr Christine Ishengoma said it was the right time for the state owned ranches to start producing animal fodder.

She advised the ranches to be used as demonstration farms for herders in the ranches' vicinities to be provided with better livestock

keeping practices. Contributing to the seminar debate, Moshi Rural Member of Parliament, Prof Patrick Ndakiemi said the panel was supposed to assist NARCO.

He said already NARCO has already prepared a project document, hence it would be better they read it and see which areas could assist to enable the company attain its achievements.

"I beseech on you to continue taking care of your ranch areas as they assist herders facing challenges on grazing areas by renting them," he said.

For his part, Deputy Livestock and fisheries Minister Abdallah Ulega said the Ministry has decided to hold the seminar on NARCO to enable panel members understand on the issue and give their views that would help to

strengthen the company and be able to increase the production of meat and quality livestock breeds to contribute to the national income.

Earlier, a report submitted to the panel spelled out NARCO's achievements, current production plans and priority areas in the 2021/22 Budget, including revamping of five ranches - Kongwa, Ruvu, Kalambo, Missenyi and West Kilimanjaro in order to benefit in the entire value chain for livestock products.

The report also spelled out strategies for the control of livestock deaths at not more than two per cent, to increase and improve grazing areas, to erect visible ranches' boundaries, improve water sources and evict invaders from ranch areas.



Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister Mary Masanja (L) pictured at the Kilimanjaro International Airport at the weekend presenting a Mount Kilimanjaro souvenir to Rawan Dakik (20) in recognition of the latter's efforts to "sell" Mount Kilimanjaro internationally. Dakik has made history by becoming the first Tanzanian woman to conquer the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest (8,850 meters) - on May 22. The ministry has since named Dakik as the country's Tourism Ambassador. Looking on is Arusha regional commissioner John Mongella. Photo: Correspondent Happiness Shayo

President Samia urges EAC to strengthen the private sector

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has urged the East African Community (EAC) to strengthen the private sector to solve youth employment challenges.

According to a press statement issued by Director of Presidential Communications, Jaffar Haniu, President Samia made the call at the weekend when she met and held talks with EAC Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki, who is currently visiting EAC heads of state for introduction.

She appealed to him to implement his duties with more efforts and wisdom to enable people in the EAC to benefit

from their institution and added that within EAC member countries there were immense opportunities that if well utilised they would help in strengthening the economy and develop the infrastructures.

Samia called on Dr Mathuki to supervise well the plan to develop factories within the EAC and having in place appropriate allocation of factories in the bloc.

She also said EAC cooperation has touched more the leadership level leaving the people deal with various obstacles hence she called the EAC Secretariat to deal with the challenge so as to enable the cooperation goes down to the people's level.

For his part, Dr Mathuki thanked President Samia for the reception and the directives given and pledged to work hard to realise the aspirations of the EAC Heads of State.

Dr Mathuki ascribed that great efforts were needed to strengthen the private sector, in empowering the youth, implementing joint projects including the building of inter-state infrastructures and fight for the Kiswahili to recognize at international meetings. Dr Mathuki was accompanied by the EALA Speaker, Hon Martin Ngoga, The President of the EA Court of Justice, Hon Nestory Kayobera and the EAC Deputy Secretary General, Eng Steven Mlote.

Vunjo Afro Company put on notice

By Francis Kajubi

THE Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Selemani Jafo has directed the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to take stern legal measures against Vunjo Afro Company Limited, a construction materials manufacturer for negligence in observation of environmental regulations that threatens people's health due to dust and emissions produced from its factory.

The company that owns a factory for construction materials such as nails, steel and iron bars is alleged for failing to comply with the laws of the country following its negligence to environmental protection regulations compliance.

Jafo issued the directives on Saturday when he toured three factories in Kibaha district in the Coast region as he was not satisfied with the environment protection measures observed by the factory owners.

According to Jafo the factory management had failed to explain where it dumps metal dust generated during production of the materials. He learnt that the management has no waste disposal plan in place thus posing health threats to residents of its neighbourhood if it enters water sources and circulates to human beings.

"I have learnt that you have no specific place to dump the metal dust. On top of it you have never even thought of having a waste disposal plan. There must be hidden places where you dump

the waste. The tiny particles produced cannot be easily seen with naked eye of a common man whom you expose to inhaling the intoxicated air," said Jafo.

Jafo further ordered to be given a detailed report pertaining the factory's operations including the waste disposal plan by tomorrow while promising to come back soon for another inspection of the factory's operational status if it was improved from the current devastated one.

He also ordered the factory to come up with a sewage treatment plan in order to prevent wasted water with dust from entering the factory and not to enter water sources used by Kibaha residents by fitting water filters so that the residents can access clean and safe water.

Mwinyi: Govt due to expand utilisation of ocean resources for robust economy

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said his government will expand the scope in the sustainable utilisation of the ocean and its resources to build a robust economy.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks at the weekend when closing a one-day workshop that carried the theme "Blue Economy for Community and Economic Development and Environmental Preservation".

He said there were still opportunities, benefits and investment priorities under the Blue Economy including in the small fishing sector, deep sea fishing, fish farming and marine products.

He mentioned other sectors as including seaweed farming, building of strategic ocean transport infrastructures, fish processing factories, oils and gas drilling and beach tourism.

He said the decision on putting stress on the Blue Economy

has achieved success after recognizing the contribution of marine natural resources around the Isles coastline and the adjoin small islands.

He added that in mobilising for sustainable utilisation of the ocean in the production of jobs for Zanzibaris, the government is fully mobilised to ensure its decision comes to fruition.

He said the fishing sector was important for Zanzibar's development but nonetheless it has not benefitted many Zanzibaris.

Hence, he added, through the Blue Economy concept, the government was making every effort to develop marine fishing and already plans have already been finalised to purchase vessels for this kind of fishing.

He stressed that the government will continue implementing the exercise to provide modern fishing vessels and other need to fishermen to enhance production and strengthen the existing markets as well as building others.

He said in regard to seaweed farming, his government has begun the construction of seaweed processing factory at Chamanangwe in Pemba hence it was now evident the factory will need huge volumes of seaweed raw materials, hence there is the need for increasing the crop's production.

Dr Mwinyi called upon the Ministry of Tourism, government institutions, the private sector and the people in general to contribute to the efforts in boosting the economy and eradicate poverty.

Regarding the oil and gas sector, President Mwinyi said his government continues to welcome good intentioned oil and gas firms to invest in the sector.

However, he said the implementation of the Blue Economy concept cannot materialize without modern ports, and this is what spurred his government to have plans to build a huge modern port at Mangapwani.



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REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01153	PROVISION OF PROCESS PLANT OPERATION TRAINING VIDEO

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Immediate past Kilimanjaro regional commissioner Dr Anna Mghwira (4th-R) poses for a group photo with tribal chiefs in the region moments after a farewell party held for her in Moshi at the weekend. Photo: Godfrey Mushi

'Dodoma's land owners to have electronic title deeds from July'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DODOMA Region's Land office will start issuing electronic land title deeds to land owners beginning July 1 2021.

This has been revealed by Dodoma Region Assistant Commissioner for Land Thadei Kabonga during the issuance of 223 title deeds to land owners in Miganga and Chinyika areas in Mkonze Ward in Dodoma Region at the weekend.

Kabonga said as for now, all maps of Dodoma Region have been incorporated in the electronic system, hence his office will start issuing soft copy title deeds.

At present the lands ministry has invested in and strengthened the digital systems and already one-paghe electronic title deeds are being issued in the four municipalities of Dar es Salaam Region - Ilala, Temeke, Kinondoni and Ubungo.

He called upon land owners in Dodoma Region to make sure their plots are surveyed in order to get title deeds as the cost has been reduced compared in the

previous years.

For his part, Dodoma Urban Member of Parliament Anthony mavunde who was the official guest at the title deeds issuance exercise said the even was a historical one as the title deed follows the land owners instead of vice versa.

He said the procedure to plan, to survey and to formalise title deeds in Dodoma City carried out by Lands Ministry makes the City of Dodoma have a speedy land surveying exercise aimed at reducing unplanned construction of houses.

Mavunde told residents of Miganga and Chinyika areas that the title deeds given to them provided them with a certain land ownership which can be used to access loans from financial institutions.

Dodoma City's Acting Head of Lands and Planning Department William Alfayo said planning and surveying conducted in the two areas was part of the work being done in all wards of the City as part of Dodoma City 2019-2039 Grand Plan.

Monitor sunflower production to stop edible oil imports, PM calls on officials

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has called upon regional and district commissioners, council directors, agricultural and cooperative officials countrywide to work together in supervising the sunflower cultivation to ensure the country stop depending on edible oil imports.

"The aim of the government is to increase the crop's production through improved research, extension services, quality seeds and pesticides and the use of better farming equipment," he said.

The PM issued the directive yesterday in Singida when addressing sunflower stakeholders at a meeting, and added that there was no reason for importing edible oil as the country has good arable land and

sufficient labour.

"The government's strategies is to increase sunflower production from the average of 649,437 tonnes per year to 1.5 million tonnes that would produce an estimated 300,000 tonnes of edible oil by 2025," he said.

The PM said the country's edible oil demand was estimated at 650,000 tonnes and internal production was 290,00 tonnes or 45 per cent of the total demand per year.

He said the country is forced to import an estimated 360,000 to 400,000 tonnes of edible oil per year to fill the shortfall.

He said edible oil imports cost the nation 474bn/- each year and added that "this sum is huge had we been self-sufficient in edible oil production here, as the foreign exchange could be saved and channeled to other essential

areas including the provision of education and health services and improvement of infrastructures."

He said earlier the government placed stress in the development of oil palm in Kigoma Region by establishing a special research centre at Kihinga.

"From the research we have started seeing big results in the production of quality oil palm seedlings capable to produce the average of five tonnes per hectare as compared to traditional seedlings that produce 1.6 tonnes per hectare," the PM added.

The PM called upon the Agriculture Ministry to continue recognizing stakeholders in the sunflower crop cultivation, factories and markets thereof and connecting them to farmers and other institutions including financial institutions to access to loans for capital.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO CONDUCT SCHOOL FEEDING SUSTAINABILITY STUDY

I. Introduction

Project Concern International, a Global Communities Partner (PCI)'s integrated school feeding program, called Food for Education (FFE III), is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition (MGD) program. Since 2016, the program has provided school meals for more than 200,000 students in the Mara Region, Tanzania. The school feeding model relied first on food importation from the United States, while simultaneously building capacity for local communities to manage and implement the program. Beginning of January 2020, food was no longer imported, and the program relies entirely on community contributions, either in the form of 1) voluntary parent and community groups contributions or 2) harvest from school farms and gardens.

II. Study Objective and Methodology

The School Feeding Study aims to understand the enabling factors for sustained community-led school feeding, which is defined as consistent and adequate meals in schools provided by local communities (either parents, community groups, and/or producers). The School Feeding Study will be conducted by an external study team and has the following objectives:

1. To identify factors promoting or hindering parents' and community provision of food for school meals,
2. Determine whether schools that have sustained community-led school feeding can influence student outcomes such as school enrollment and attendance.
3. Identify, document, and prepare 2-3 case studies from successful community-led school-feeding models.

The school feeding study will utilize a mixed method (quantitative and qualitative), doer/non doer approach, cross-sectional design to answer the research questions above and plus any additional evaluative learning questions deemed relevant by PCI and the consultant.

III. Consultant Deliverables.

- a. Prepare for inception report and study protocol.
- b. Develop all necessary data collection instruments.
- c. Obtain study approval for all relevant GoT partners (NBS, COSTECH, PORLAG, etc.).
- d. Prepare materials for training and lead 3-day enumerator training and field test.
- e. Build surveys into mobile data collection platform and collect, clean and analyses all data.
- f. Collect qualitative data program schools in Bunda, Butiama and Musoma, and translate all transcripts into English.
- g. Prepare a final study report summarizing the methodology, limitations, results, conclusions, and recommendations in response to the study questions.
- h. Prepare study highlight paper (1-2 page).
- i. Document 3 case studies from successful community led school feeding models.

IV. Consultant Qualifications

The consultant(s) should have a good understanding and experience in the national school feeding sector plans and systems, and National education policies and strategies. The suitable candidate should possess a minimum of masters training in social / education and /or health sciences or related field, and have a minimum of five years' experience in assessing education and development programs with:

- a. Experience in administering and evaluating school-based programs
- b. Extensive experience leading project evaluations using quantitative and qualitative data
- c. Extensive experience conducting data collection in Kiswahili and ability to communicate effectively in English, Knowledgeable of the Tanzanian context
- d. Experience evaluating projects funded by the U.S. government/USDA strongly preferred.
- e. Experience conducting observational research studies that involve human subjects
- f. Expertise in doer/non-doer analysis

V. Submission Information

Interested candidates should submit the following by **June 20, 2021**: a) Letter of interest describing qualifications, b) CV of key team members, and c) A list of previous, relevant study/evaluations with the date and client contact information. Please send an electronic copy of the materials with the subject line "School Feeding Sustainability Study" by email to Wilfred Donath, wdonath@pciglobal.org, and Jennifer Simpson, jsimpson@globalcommunities.org. Any questions or clarification questions should be submitted in writing through the same emails above.



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Skills virtual national competition slated for October across Tanzania

By Correspondent James Kandoya

SIX quality projects will be selected from each region to participate in the virtual science national exhibition scheduled for early October this year.

Young Scientist Tanzania (YST) Co-Founder Dr Gozibert Kamugisha said that yesterday in Dar es Salaam that this year projects will involve 150 projects.

Dr Kamugisha said students will present their projects and interact with their judges virtually.

He said prior to the exhibition the students will have submitted video recordings and presentations of their projects and submitted their projects reports.

He said the national exhibition will be preceded by regional exhibition where each region will involve a minimum of twelve projects in July this year.

The Co-Founder said the regional exhibitions are scheduled to take place in kuku 2021; at a selected locations in each region.

"We are to inform you that at a regional level, more than 300 science projects will be showcased at the regional exhibitions across the country," he said.

Given the increased involvement and participation in science research and innovation by students from all over Tanzania, YST has made an important decision to organise regional exhibitions in twenty five regions in this year exhibition..

He said the decision will give the opportunity for many more schools and students to participate in the YST programme.

Furthermore, the YST regional exhibition will allow the region authorities to work in partnership with YST, as the initiative and programme is embedded in their regions.

He said virtual national exhibition will be a prelude to what called "Young Scientists Tanzania Academy Awards" to be held in November this year in Dar es Salaam.

According to him, an exhibition

and awards ceremony involve overall winners of the national exhibitions, runners-up and top winners of the science categories.

These are physical, chemical and mathematical sciences, technology and computers sciences; agricultural science, biological sciences, social sciences, climate change and environment.

For his part, the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) Chair Yusufu Karimjee said that the foundation is proud to be part of the sponsor for over a decade now.

"We believe in long-term and sustainable action to tackle the social challenges facing the country and its communities", he said

Shell Tanzania Vice President and Country Chair Jared Kuehl said the exhibitions continued to be consistent with its commitment to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematical education in secondary schools.



GFA Assemblers board chairman Mehboob Karmali (C) addresses a delegation of Association of African Automobile Segment which visited the firm's assembling plant at Kibaha at Cost Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Dairy board called on to come up with new ways to support smallholders

By Getrude Mbago

THE Ministry for Livestock and Fisheries has directed the Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) to immediately come up with a strategic plan to reach smallholder producers of milk in rural and urban areas with education and farming support so as to increase productivity and boost economic growth.

Deputy minister Abdallah Ulega made the directive in Dar es Salaam over the weekend in a meeting with leaders and staff of the TDB and the Tanzania Meat Board (TMB).

He wanted the two boards to work as team to bring positive changes in the lucrative sectors which are drivers to industrialisation, food and nutrition security and incomes in the country.

He noted that despite the country ranking number three in cattle populations in Africa after Ethiopia and Sudan, the dairy industry is still lagging behind.

From its cattle population of around 33 million cattle, Tanzania produces over 3.4 billion litres of milk annually. Out of this amount, only three percent is processed and the remaining 90 percent is sold unprocessed and unregulated something which affects smallholder farmers and the country's economy.

Ulega wanted the board to coordinate and ensure that the milk storage canes reaches as many small scale herders and industrialists to improve processing and packaging of milk.

"Most of milk in rural areas end up decaying due to lack of market and quality storage facilities, so the dairy board has to ensure that more milk enter in the formal systems which include increasing milk collection centres in both urban and rural areas," he said.

He said that the government has continued creating a friendly business environment to enable locally produced milk to have a greater market wherever they are sold. "In this fiscal year budget, the government has eliminated more levies and taxes to provide relief to investors and thus produce positive results in the country, so levies and taxes are no longer a problem now," he said.

He said that as the government has among others, removed VAT in milk canes, the price will further fall enabling more small producers to access them

Ulega wanted more women groups be reached with education and equipment to increase milk production.

He said that there is a big number of livestock keepers and milk producers who fail to reach to the markets due to lack of knowledge and connection.

"I want you (milk board) to wake up and ensure the sector goes up to benefit small and large scale herders in town and rural areas," he said.

The deputy minister also directed executives in the meat board to ensure that they educate more farmers on smart livestock keeping to increase value and production.

Dr George Msalya, TDB registrar acknowledged that despite producing a lot of milk, consumption in the country was still low and the board has been taking durable solutions to improve the sector.

According to him, the board has been working hard to educate producers and facilitating them to formalize their business and enter into the formal supply system of the dairy sector. "The board's major role is to oversee, coordinate and develop the dairy industry and pastoralists as well as ensure that pastoralists adopt modern farming technologies to produce quality raw materials," he said.

He however that due to several efforts taken, production of milk has increased from 3.1 billion litres in 2019/20 to 3.4 billion litres in 2020/ 21 year where 70 percent is produced from local cattle and 30 percent come from improved cattle.

"Milk processing and packaging has also raised to 208,000 litres per day in 2020/21 from 203,600 litres in 2019/21. However only three percent of the produced milk is processed. This is where we are putting more effort to expand processing," he said.



Heads of civil aviation and airport authorities in East African Community member states Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and South Sudan attend a five-day (June 7 through 11) meeting in Zanzibar. Burundi attended virtually. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt urged to help children get off streets and return to school

By Guardian Reporter

THE Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) has called upon the government to continue helping children who live and work in the streets to return to schools.

The call was made by the Commission's Chairman, Ret. Judge Mathew Mwaimu during celebrations to mark World Day against Child Labour with the theme 'Act Now, End Child Labour'.

The World Day Against Child Labour is observed on 12 June every year around the world. The day aims to spread awareness about the illegal practice of child labour that still prevails.

CHRAGG has made the call to the public, the government and stakeholders on children's rights to join hands to oppose child labour countrywide.

He said the government is supposed to have in place a big strategy to identify employers of such children by taking legal

steps against them while calling the society to continue working together with other stakeholders to disclose all employers engage in the vice.

"Parents should make sure to protect your children by providing them with their basic needs. They should also make sure they attend schools and must not use them as family investment by making them work hard," he added.

Judge Mwaimu also appealed to the government to work together with various stakeholders to continue providing education on children's rights and the adverse effects of children labour.

The day was initiated by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 2002 with the aim of educating the public in the prevention of child labour.

ILO, through International Protocol No 138 place 15 years onwards, and in Protocol No 182 it listed the kinds of work that should not be given to children.

The international community

has appointed 2021 as the International Year for the Eradication of Child Labour

"As Tanzania celebrates this day, CRAGG joins other stakeholders on children's rights to oppose child labour, as well as to educate the society on the adverse effects of child labour," he added.

He said the Commission recognizes and supports various steps taken by the government to eradicate child labour including enacting the law on the child Cap 13 whose Section 12 say the child will not be subjected to any type of labour that can affect his health, education, mental capacity in his growth.

Despite these and other steps taken, there are still several challenges, including children being subjected to hard labour in homes, farms, mines and streets,

He said such jobs have spurred child abuse, some of who are denied education and hence develop mental and health deterioration.

Women activists praise govt for tabling gender-sensitive 2021/22 budget

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) in collaboration with other civil society organizations over the weekend commended the government for coming up with a gender-sensitive budget.

In a joint statement, women activists said although the government has shown its dedication to addressing gender issues in the proposed national budget, however, there are some issues of which the government needs to address to achieve gender equality and equity.

They recommended that the government through the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) and Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) should ensure they enroll many girls and youth from vulnerable groups into their different technical courses so as to enable them be employed in good jobs after completing their courses. "The government should also direct all district councils to allocate funds from their capitation grants to ensure child girls in primary schools are supported with pads during their menstrual period," a statement signed by TGNP's Executive officer Lilian Lihundi reads in part.

On the health sector, they have urged the government to set aside a budget that intends to sensitize the issuing of health insurances at affordable prices for widows in need, the elderly and women from underprivileged families in the country.

They have also reminded the government to adhere to and implement the Abuja Declaration on the health sector of which they signed. The Abuja Declaration was formed in 2001 following a pledge made by AU countries to allocate "at least 15% of [the] annual budget to improve the health sector."

The declaration also "urged donor countries to scale up support. "We also call upon the government and other stakeholders to invest more in giving education on the prevention of diseases so as to reduce the costs of diseases that can be prevented.

On the water sector, they have urged the government to direct the water sector to broaden and densify the safe and clean water network system by strategizing on how to get money for that purpose.

They have also urged the government to give directives to the water sector to remove water levies on public institutions like schools, and health centres so as to be efficient.

And also the government should direct regional water departments to ensure the widows, and elderly are supplied with water at a very low price, or they can even remove and give them for free of charge.

Also, orphanages and elderly centers should be supplied with water for free.

On the agricultural sector, they have suggested that in order to realize the participation of the women and youth in a competitive economy, they have urged the agricultural sector to allocate enough resources targeting the women and the youth to access soft loans, get proper technologies for processing, preserving and accessing markets.

And also be able to access correct information on researches on quality seeds and proper information on irrigation systems. The government should direct all district councils to construct new markets in strategic areas which are potential for women and youth entrepreneurs. We would also like the government to fulfill the Malabo declaration that requires each African member state to allocate at least 10 percent from its national annual budget for the agricultural sector budget.

On the extractive sector, they have proposed the sector to put more effort by ensuring the youth and women involved in the extractive sector are given ownership to plots and are trained on modern technology on how to excavate. And also be updated with professional information on how to access the minerals on a regular basis. And eventually, be connected to markets with good prices.




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Treasury has some work to do to make municipal bonds sell more

USING municipal bonds to finance development projects is one among new ideas raised in the government's fiscal plan for 2021/2022, where it is unclear if it is an idea to be worked upon or a focused plan that can start right away. While for policy purposes it looks new, it isn't altogether an unfamiliar path as it was tried in the past, or rather pushed to the front by some innovative municipalities, noticeably Mwanza, and for all intents and purposes it was a flop. To get a good idea of what happened, compare with Tanzania Oxygen Ltd privatization in 1998 by listing on DSE without a strategic investor buying it first - and later the public was told that 600m/- was collected, and mostly used to pay out company debts.

From that moment onwards the company had what could be called junk shares on DSE until a cycle had passed, say ten years later where this bad patch was out of mind and definitely the market was expanding for oxygen, and its DSE listing started climbing up in value. If this example has not entirely sufficed, a more relevant example is the problem that Zanzibar fiscal authorities have had trying to raise loans or even enter contracts with foreign companies (for instance the now much in vogue 'blue economy') that large firms want the signature of the Union government, not just Zanzibar authorities. It is vital for its security as no other authorities can be placed on international tribunals if queries arise but the Treasury.

At the same time, local remedies (what one can get in court in case of an investment dispute) in the

sense of attachment decree is limited to property of individuals (litigation between persons or firms) not public property in which case municipal authorities can't be taken to court for a debt. Trading with municipal authorities is done at one's own risk, that is, opportunities available the way one moves into a market with a product, rather than conducting a guaranteed transaction like selling a house. It is this element of risk that needs to be removed, so bringing the Treasury as guarantor of any municipal bonds will be essential.

It is obviously to be expected that Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba is aware that simply extending Treasury bills and government bonds to municipal financing needs is possible, but did not take that path. There seems to be a wish in his remarks to make transactions locally based, arising within municipalities. In that case it is the municipal task itself that will have to provide its own guarantee, and that comes back to terms that were rejected in relation to the port of Bagamoyo, to build and give to the government, or to hold it in bondage until the cost is repaid. It is better to build and operate on agreeable terms, not transfer.

In other words there are no easy answers in the quest for workable municipal bonds where land upon which a project will be built isn't available as collateral to the bank loan a company would seek to build, or capable of being put on par with the construction bond. A bond isn't just the promise of a municipality that it will repay the money. A firm must have monetary access, control of the land/facility for it to work.

Blood service a key component of all effective health systems

EVERY year countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. The event serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood.

A blood service that gives patients access to safe blood and blood products in sufficient quantity is a key component of an effective health system. The global theme of World Blood Donor Day changes each year in recognition of the selfless individuals who donate their blood for people unknown to them.

World Blood Donor Day is held on June 14 each year. The event was organised for the first time in 2005, by a joint initiative of the World Health Organisation, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood. World Blood Donor Day is one of 11 official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organisation, along with World Health Day, World Chagas Disease Day, World Tuberculosis Day, World Immunization Week, World Patient Safety Day, World Malaria Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Hepatitis Day, World Antimicrobial Awareness Week and World AIDS Day.

Transfusion of blood and blood products helps and save millions of lives every year. It can help patients who suffering from life-threatening conditions live longer and with higher quality of life, and supports complex medical and surgical procedures. It also has an essential, life-saving role in maternal and perinatal care.

Access to safe and sufficient blood and blood products can help reduce rates of death and disability due to severe bleeding during delivery and after childbirth.

In many countries, there is not an adequate supply of safe blood, and blood services face the challenge of making sufficient blood available, while also ensuring its quality and safety. An adequate supply can only be assured through regular donations by voluntary unpaid blood donors. The WHO's goal is for all countries to obtain all their blood supplies from voluntary unpaid donors by 2020. In 2014, 60 countries have their national blood supplies based on 99-100 per cent voluntary unpaid blood donations, with 73 countries still largely dependent on family and paid donors.

It is celebrated on the birthday anniversary of Karl Landsteiner on June 14, 1868. Landsteiner was awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the ABO blood group system.

Blood is a necessary resource for the planned treatments and the urgent interventions. It is helpful for patients who are suffering from life-threatening conditions for living longer and with a higher quality of life. It supports complex medical and surgical procedures.

An adequate supply can only be assured through regular donations by voluntary unpaid blood donors. WHO's goal is for all countries to obtain all their blood supplies from voluntary unpaid donors by 2020. Today, in just 60 countries, national blood supplies are based on close to 100% voluntary unpaid blood donations, with 40 countries still dependent on family donors and even paid donors.

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Political virus infecting Africa's judiciary

By Carmel Rickard

IN Lesotho, five judicial nominations by the Judicial Service Commission were refused ratification by King Letsie III in September 2020. The government eventually appointed a new JSC headed by a new Chief Justice, but even that has failed to resolve the problem: citing financial difficulties, the government has put all new appointments on hold. As a report by the SADC Lawyers' Association noted in March, the problems of Lesotho are about lack of resources almost more than anything else.

In Zimbabwe, where the rule of law is already in serious trouble, a new constitutional amendment extending the terms of office of certain judges, has caused a whole raft of legal challenges. The amendment allows the Chief Justice and other judges of the apex court to apply to the President for an extra five years. This is an application that the President may or may not grant, entirely at his discretion.

The first legal challenge against the extension of the term of office of Chief Justice Luke Malaba led to the court finding that neither he nor any other judge presently in office could benefit from the amendment, and that he had legally ceased to be CJ from his 70th birthday. One of the many problems raised by the decision was who should hear the appeal that was almost immediately filed against the outcome: all the then members of the Supreme Court had been cited in the first case since they, too, were affected by the constitutional amendment.

That question was resolved last week. Though an urgent application was brought during the week to prevent it, President Emmerson Mnangagwa appointed six new Supreme Court judges from the ranks of the High Court. The challenge had been based, on, among other grounds, a failure by the JSC to interview any candidates who might be considered for the position and who were not already members of the judiciary. Since Mnangagwa appointed only High Court judges to the Supreme Court, that argument would fail, and it is unclear whether the case will continue. Whatever happens, however, the picture that emerges is of an executive exercising undue influence over the judiciary and judicial appointments.

In Kenya, 41 judicial nominations have been waiting formal presidential ratification since mid-2019 (one of the nominees has died in the interim, however). President Uhuru Kenyatta hinted



at 'integrity concerns' with certain candidates and he refused to act.

Despite a court order that the appointments could not be refused by the President, nor could the JSC be ordered to re-think its list, there has been no movement on the problem. Until last week. Out of the blue it appears, President Uhuru Kenyatta appointed or promoted 34 judges last week. The JSC's nomination of six others was ignored. The previous CJ, David Maraga, had made his position clear: appoint all or none, he said.

Quite what, if anything, the new CJ, Martha Koome, might have told Kenyatta in private meetings is not clear. She participated fully in the swearing-in ceremony, however - even being seen making an apparent bow to Kenyatta, a gesture picked up and commented on in social media - along with all the 34 new appointees. But afterwards she issued a statement calling on the President to appoint the remaining six, saying there was a judicial shortage in Kenya and they were needed. Reaction to that statement from judicial commentators was sharp: the six had to be appointed, not primarily because of a shortage, they said, but because it was the law and because of the court judgment that had ordered them all to be appointed.

Legal steps have already begun to challenge these appointments - and non-appointments - and experts have been expressing their deep concern about the situation since the unexpected ceremony.

A Matter of Justice asked judge and academic, Key Dingake, who has written on the judicial appointments' systems of Kenya, Botswana, South Africa and Swaziland (now Eswatini), for his views on the situation. Dingake, who began his judicial career in Botswana and now serves on the apex courts of Seychelles and Papua New Guinea, commented: 'It is inimical to the rule of law, anywhere in the world, for a President to choose which law to obey or disregard.' On the question

of the President's duty in relation to JSC nominations, he said, 'A reading of the relevant sections of the Kenya 2010 constitution seems to suggest that the role of the President in the appointment of Judges is to rubber stamp the recommendations of the Judicial Service Commission. The function is purely ceremonial.'

One of the issues that concerns commentators is that among the six excluded judges are two who sat on the panel that recently found against Kenyatta's Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), a plan that proposed wide-ranging changes to the country's constitution. Kenyatta has not disguised his anger with the court's decision, and many conclude that the exclusion of these two judges from promotion is a form of punishment for their decision. Commentators say it is to prevent personal favours - or the appearance of them - by the executive, that the constitution tasks the JSC with nominating candidates and leaves the President to rubber-stamp the commission's expert decisions.

Like other commentators, Dingake also noted the problem of excluding from promotion the two judges involved in a decision critical of the President. 'Judges Joel Ngugi and George Odunga, who were part of the panel in the now famous BBI judgment case, but have been denied elevation to the Court of Appeal, are amongst the brightest judges you can find anywhere in the world,' he said.

Perhaps, in a way, the problems in all these countries could have been anticipated. What no-one - not even human rights defenders working on the judiciary - appears to have expected, was the launch of new legal action in South Africa. It criticises the way the JSC handled the most recent crop of interviews, asks for a record of the actual closed-session deliberations, and requests that in the light of its alleged unfair and irrational process, the JSC should be ordered to re-consider the list of candidates whose names are sent to the President.

During the April JSC hearings,

interviews with several candidates for positions on SA's apex court had been controversial, seeming unfairly to raise what appeared to be irrelevant or extraneous issues. Sometimes it even appeared that the commissioners from political parties in particular were scoring points off each other via questions asked of the candidates, or were grandstanding by interrogating candidates in a way that would appeal to their political constituents.

As required by the Constitution, the JSC gave President Cyril Ramaphosa a shortlist of names from which to fill the two vacancies, but he has not yet done so. Then, out of the blue late last week, the Council for the Advancement of the Constitution (Casac) launched an urgent application challenging the JSC's nominations of five candidates to fill the two vacancies on the constitutional court.

Analysing the way questions were put to certain candidates in particular - some included and others not included among the five recommended to the President - Casac said commissioners had not behaved properly; instead, they had been engaged in an unfair and irrational process, ambushing candidates, and indulging in 'naked political point settling'. The upshot was that commissioners did not approach their task of choosing candidates 'with an open mind'.

Both by implication and directly, the application criticises the CJ for allowing - and himself indulging in - improper lines of questioning, instead of protecting candidates from the harassment of politicians and maintaining the decorum and dignity of the interviews.

Although unexpected, the application is a timely and useful intervention, highlighting irregularities that the public watching the interviews has, wrongly, come to accept as normal, simply because they happen during many JSC hearings.

The application and the analysis on which it is founded has to be a lesson for the JSC and its chairperson on how proceedings ought to be conducted and what ought not to be tolerated. And it is no mere academic argument: the timing of the application means that the President is likely to delay any announcement of who will fill the vacancies until after the matter is finally settled. Given that two appeals would be possible after the High Court decides the matter, the vacant seats on the Constitutional Court are likely to be warmed by acting appointees for a considerable time.

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PRE-QUALIFICATION NO. TFRA/PQ/2021-2023/F/01
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF BULK FERTILIZER

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR BULK FERTILIZER IMPORTATION FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2021 TO JULY 31, 2023

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NPK	72,886 MT
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Total	570,167 MT

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Announcement for Animal Health AMR/AMU/AMC surveillance Local Consultant

Consultancy Description

Animal Health AMR/AMU/AMC surveillance Local Consultant

Reports To

The Local Consultant will report to the Senior Program Officer overseeing the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) program managing the Fleming Fund Country Grant in support of the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Surveillance Program in Tanzania.

Job Overview

The Animal Health AMR/AMU/AMC surveillance Local Consultant will be responsible for oversight of activities related to strengthening the capacity and systems for AMR and antimicrobial use (AMU) surveillance in animals, food and environment sectors, and support implementation of the Fleming Fund country grant program in Tanzania. This position will provide technical leadership in design, planning, implementation, monitoring, data analysis, data visualization, dashboard and report preparation and sharing of AMR/AMU surveillance in animals, food, and environment sectors. This position is based in Dar Es Salaam with frequent field visits (30% or more) in different parts of Tanzania. The successful candidate will provide technical and programmatic support for the AMR Surveillance Program implementation in Tanzania supported by Fleming Fund through the ASM and SACIDS Foundation. S/he will work towards the success of the program goal of: providing technical guidance and support to the Ministry of Livestock and fisheries (MoLF), the Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency (TVLA), SACIDS and 5 Animal Health Laboratory surveillance sites. Specifically, the Local Consultant will work closely with SACIDS and TVLA to provide:

- (1) Support Animal Health AMR National reference laboratory and selected zonal veterinary laboratories to contribute to the AMR surveillance network;
- (2) Sustain and develop support to enhance AMR surveillance;
- (3) Coordination of training activities to support laboratory personnel in conducting active surveillance
- (4) Support the development of a system to monitor veterinary drugs' imports, manufacturing, sales and uses and support antimicrobial consumption (AMC) and AMU surveillance by TMDA and MoLF.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Provide technical leadership in design, planning, implementation, monitoring, data analysis, data visualization, dashboard and report preparation and sharing of AMR/AMU surveillance in animals, food and environment sectors.
- Provide technical assistance for designing, planning, implementing, monitoring and report preparation of active AMR surveillance in animal health sector, AMU/AMC survey in animal health sector.
- Provide technical assistance to prepare and submit AMR/AMU/AMC-related data and report as per the national, regional and global standard and requirements including annual report to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).
- Provide technical assistance to Central Veterinary Laboratory (CVL) and AMR/AMU surveillance sites to collect, refine, analyze, visualize and use the AMR/AMU surveillance data
- Provide technical support in strengthening the development of guidelines /surveillance protocol that outlines the methodology for sampling of live animals for AMR/U surveillance.
- Support SACIDS to share the findings including AMR/AMU trends to National AMR Multisectoral Coordinating Committee (MCC), and AMR/AMU surveillance technical working group (TWG) quarterly
- Work with SACIDS to design, develop, and conduct surveillance- related training and workshops at the national and surveillance sites level.
- Provide technical support and guidance to SACIDS on surveillance-related activities.
- Perform other related duties as assigned by ASM AMR Lead Consultant.
- Build long-term capacity and sustainability for AMR Surveillance program across laboratory network of the animal health sector in Tanzania and solid working relationship with project teams including MoLF, SACIDS, TVLA and other AMR Surveillance program partners
- Assist with communication and correspondence between ASM, SACIDS, TVLA and MoLF
- Participate in stakeholder meetings and calls and other programmatic support, as needed
- Collaborate with the Human Health and other project staff on promoting project activities to a one health approach
- Provide Consultant Reports outlining the details of the technical assistance, including all deliverables met from the respective scope of work, findings and recommendations for moving forward with the ASM program in Tanzania

Qualifications

- Master's degree in Animal Health or other relevant subjects preferably Veterinary Epidemiology, Veterinary Public Health or microbiology and three years' experience or a Bachelor's degree in Animal health or other relevant subjects and five years' experience in managing and conducting epidemiological and/or social science research and surveillance in Animal/public health.
- Experience in standard epidemiological and statistical methods/tools in research and with quantitative and qualitative research method and/or surveillance.
- Knowledge and experience of AMR/AMU and disease surveillance and other relevant Animal health programs.
- Proficient in WHONET and other bridging software.
- Experience in translating wide range of data set into easily accessible and useful information that supports program objective, for example through maps, dashboard and visualization tools.
- Strong negotiation, coordination, communication and interpersonal skills.
- Proficiency in statistical analysis software such as STATA, R, etc.
- Experience in working in development programmes or applied research
- Good knowledge, and experience in the field of AMR and surveillance
- Sensitivity to cultural differences and understanding of the ethical issues surrounding research and surveillance.

This job posting summarizes the main duties of the job. It neither prescribes nor restricts the exact tasks that may be assigned to carry out these duties. This document should not be construed in any way to represent a contract of employment. ASM reserves the right to review and revise this document at any time.

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CG2 Animal Health AMR/AMU/AMC surveillance Local Consultant Application"

Deadline for application is Friday 25 June 2021

Sierra Leone at 60 - coming of age in Freetown's streets

By Luisa Enria

Debating Ideas aims to reflect the values and editorial ethos of the African Arguments book series. It offers debates and engagements, contexts and controversies, and reviews and responses flowing from the African Arguments books.

"I found a quiet place", reads a text from R on a Saturday afternoon. I know this is no easy feat in Freetown's East End, so I rush to call him on WhatsApp. We are speaking a week after Sierra Leone's 60th independence anniversary and the plan is to reflect on his life and consider what it means to be a young man in the coun-

try today. We have been having similar conversations for a while - over the course of a decade-long friendship. His life and reflections were crucial in shaping my understanding of youth as a social condition in Sierra Leone, tracing the intersections of marginal livelihoods and political imaginations.

This research agenda culminated in my 2018 book, *The Politics of Work in a Post-Conflict State*, which traced the impact of unemployment on urban youths' political trajectories. Today, we are reminiscing about the last ten years, but also retracing his life to get a glimpse into a generational struggle to make it in the city. How is his

personal hustle to become a man in Freetown's streets inscribed in the upheavals of Sierra Leone's recent history? His milestones and setbacks, against this backdrop, are an effort to reclaim the place of young men like him in the telling of the story of Sierra Leone at 60.

R rarely thinks about the past, so we pinpoint moments in our shared history as anchors. We start from when we met on a rainy afternoon in the summer of 2010 in downtown Freetown, where he was selling second-hand phones-doing jewman biznes. "What was your life like back then?" I ask him. "I struggled badly", he remembers as

he describes his transition from his parents' home to the streets of Freetown where he slept for over two years. Sierra Leone emerged from civil war in 2002 and a first democratic transition in 2007, when promising economic growth driven by the mining industry fuelled hopes for a better future ahead.

In this optimistic trajectory, however, the role of young people was ambiguous - their potential as leaders of tomorrow countered by fears that they might take up arms again. Readings of the conflict posited young men like R as ticking bombs - poverty and unemployment were seen as inexorable conduits into violence. R

came from a large family from the Northern province.

They had been displaced during the war and returned to the city after disarmament in the early 2000s. His father was a petty trader who struggled to support his children and his mother was often sick, so as the eldest son he decided that, since "there was nothing at home" he would strike out on his own. He left home and joined a group of young men who introduced him to the jewman biznes.

He was painfully aware of public perceptions of young people in his "selling ground". Their association motto, "Norto bad we do"/"we didn't do any-

thing wrong"), played on this social exclusion but also of the blurred lines of legality in efforts to get by. At the beginning, the boys he linked up with were involved in shinka-buying stolen or broken phones to resell. The key was to be able to run fast, and he was not always successful, resulting in some rough nights in the cell: "I'm a sufferer, so I fought to steady myself".

But the selling ground also gave him a community he did not have before: he was part of something. A vibrant social life and the occupation of public spaces in the streets outside government buildings gave him an identity and at the same time served as provocation to main-

stream society. R's stories piece together the emergence of a distinctive political consciousness around this urban youth culture after the war, marked by tensions between opposition to a system that kept young men marginal and a desperate wish to become included.

As he recounted his interactions with formal politics over the years, he sketched a trajectory from hope to disappointment to disengagement. During the 2012 elections, he rallied and campaigned under the banner of his trading association, but he felt that the elders did not share the opportunities that accrued as the All People's Congress (APC) was re-elected.

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Under the guidance of PAG Secretariat, the event manager will be responsible for the following:

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- Conduct ideation session(s) with the PAG working group to develop concept/ design theme/ audio- visual agenda/ flow

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- Design the layout of the venue chosen by PAG as per requirements
- Installation of stage backdrop/banner, LED wall and any other materials as required
- Lead all event logistics including setting up of the venue and seating arrangements
- Provide a sanitization team to cater for all COVID 19 restrictions
- Provide 10 ushers for the whole 3 days event
- Provide furniture, décor, PA, equipment and manage a side evening reception
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- Setup podium as required
- Coordinate catering services
- Provide flowers for the high seat decor
- Dry-run for the event to ensure everything runs smoothly

2. Participant logistics and registration

- Plan and support travel and logistics arrangement for participants;
- Registration of participants at event

3. Communication and visibility

- Ensure that all facilities are functioning and available while presentations and simultaneous activities are being conducted

4. Support overall event execution

5. Collaborate with other vendors for a seamless event experience

Qualification and Expertise

- Proven experience planning and executing hybrid events with international standards
- Proven experience organizing and managing large scale public events
- Experience working with NGOs

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An experienced and reputable audio-visual company to provide the necessary IT infrastructure, hardware, cloud services, software and/or end-user systems to enable online participants to connect via audio-visual facilities in a large-scale video conference.

The video conferencing facility should be full featured, with HD video, compatible with both desktop and mobile devices, have sharing and recording options, management features, supports up to 500 participants per meeting, with no cap on meeting times and online storage

Responsibilities

- Formulate a time-bound action plan for all tasks related to the hybrid event
- Manage online attendee registration and hybrid event logistics
- Monitor online registration pages - time tickets and google forms
- Setup and test on-site streaming services
- Produce the online event platform with virtualization features including online conference hall, networking lounge and exhibition hall
- Yet and manage any other streaming platforms that will be used
- Support the live streaming of the event to Youtube and other social media

platforms

- Manage content and run of show for 3 days of the conference
- Provide on-site staffing to handle the events production and tech facilities
- Provide event access links to attendees.
- Run at least 2 rehearsals and testing before the event
- Provide sufficient network bandwidth to enable 400 virtual participants
- Ensure video conferencing security: encryption and authentication features
- Ensure the technology used is interoperable with other devices, user-friendly and easy to use
- Provide technology that is scalable (relating to the number of users and the number of people in the conference)
- Record & share each thematic session
- Ensure conferencing facility integration with other apps such as calendars, CRM, email marketing platforms and lead generation tools
- Lead the coordination with the in-person studio to produce content for the live event including giving instructions on camera angles, lighting, sound, stage set-up etc.
- Provide technical assistance, checks of live speakers (i.e. background, sound, internet connection) and presenter instructions to all speakers prior to the live event;
- Oversee the flow and management of the hybrid event including transitions between programme elements in the agenda and lead the coordination with the in-person studio
- Provide on-site technical assistance to speakers and participants and support troubleshooting of event
- Provide technical support to all virtual speakers and panelists throughout the 3 days
- Provide recorded content and sessions, monitoring and evaluation data and other materials from the event platform to PAG Secretariat as needed
- Provide assistance with any other post-event related services as agreed upon with PAG Secretariat.

Requirements

- Be ready to collaborate with event manager, UI/UX Designer, translators, and Event Technical Committee
- Ready to travel to Dodoma when called upon prior to the event to meet with all service providers to create synergies and methodology for delivery of the work
- 4K video conferencing - The video system should be of high resolutions as high as 3840x2160 (4K) can be seen and experienced at their full resolution.
- Provide 2 computers with a minimum 2 GB of RAM and a quad-core processor.
- Have sufficient network bandwidth and a properly designed Wi-Fi network will enable wireless connection from anywhere around the building, just remember that the more participants there are in the video conference call, the more bandwidth is required.
- Deliver an amazing virtual meeting experience.
- Mobile friendliness - video conferencing can connect people remotely, and on mobile devices - both tablets and smartphones to make sure participants have an equally positive experience on these devices as those connecting via desktops or conference room setups.
- Application integration: Ability to integrate third-party applications, such as Microsoft PowerPoint and ways to import presentations and documents.

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CAPITAL RADIO

'Over 10,000 students in Zanzibar never resumed classes after Covid-19 holiday'

By Rahma Suleiman, Zanzibar

MORE than 10,000 students in Zanzibar have never resumed classes when schools re-opened mid last year after closure due to the spread of Covid-19, according to new data released recently by the government in collaboration with other authorities.

That number includes students from pre, primary and secondary schools in both Unguja and Pemba Islands, whereby 5,570 were male and 4,772 female. The study was carried out across the Indian Ocean archipelago by the Zanzibar's Ministry of State, Presidents Office, Regional Administration, Local Government and Special Departments (PO-RALGSD) in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The study was meant to look at students' absenteeism in Isles after the Covid-19 break.

Muzne Kassim Hassan is among the affected students, who after school reopened in July last year did not return to school and missed classes for nine months.

For this year, Muzne would be in Standard Six but had to return to Standard Five after a long absence.

Muzne was living with his aunt in Kitope village in Unguja North Region and after the school closed due to Coronavirus, thereafter his mother moved him from his aunt and lived with him in Muungano village in Unguja.

It is not a bad thing for a child to go to his mother after school closes, but it is sad to see that after the school reopened the child was not returned when he was there in the beginning to continue his studies.

Instead, when her classmates returned to continue their studies, she was burdened with the responsibility of caring for her siblings.

"I used to tell my mother that the schools were open and take me back to my aunt, but she didn't want to, and I stayed home with my little ones," said Muzne



The 14-year-old boy said he's relieved to go back to school and promised to study hard and fulfill his ambition of becoming a pilot.

"But I need support to help with school supplies because my family is poor," said Muzne, who is currently continuing with his studies at Kitope Primary School after the efforts of his father, teachers, the government.

Muzne's aunt, Mwajuma Hassan lauded the school and the government at large for taking extra efforts to ensure the child continues with classes.

Kitope Primary School headteacher, Juma Abedi Muhammed, said the student was among 14 students who did not return to school when the school reopened after Covid-19.

"In July when schools reopened after a long break from Covid-19, fourteen students did not return to school, including Muzne. His colleagues returned later after receiving their information and tracking them down," he said, explaining that the boy didn't get information of school reopening due to the fact that her parents separated.

"After receiving information that Muzne had been taken away by his mother, we worked closely with the Northern District Commissioner's Office 'B' and managed to bring him

back in early March this year," the school teacher said.

He said that when coronavirus disease was at its peak the government closed down schools and after three months reopened, but some children worried about their health and they never came back.

According to him, another effect that emerged after reopening schools, teaching became difficult as they were too far behind to go along with the syllabus for students.

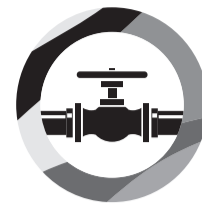
He explained that corona disease has affected the education sector due to student absenteeism and some to this day have not returned to school.

Zuwena Hamad Omar, North B District's women, and children affairs officer, said after receiving news of Muzne dropped out of school, they tracked down and managed to send her back to school.

North B District Education Officer (In-charge of secondary schools) Othman Khamis Machano, said:

"When school reopened students' attendance was not good.

"We sat down with village leaders to come up with a strategy to boost the number of students in schools and eventually the mission bore fruit as classes started increasing, but, some of them disappeared and we're trying to track them."



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READVERTISED:

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT HOUSES FOR EACOP PROJECT
REF: 0010006840

TOTAL East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company), an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable contractors to express their interest in construction of replacement houses under the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), Project Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) implementation.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania. The section of the pipeline in Tanzania will traverse eight (8) regions, 27 administrative district councils and 231 Villages.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

Construction of replacement houses and ancillary structures (kitchens and latrines) for Project Affected People (PAPs) displaced by the pipeline project will be carried out in eight (8) different regions; Kagera, Tabora, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Manyara and Dodoma.

The Project will provide a replacement house(s) at the agreed replacement land, to eligible physically displaced households. The project will determine the type of replacement structures to be provided and the location in agreement with each PAP. Contractors will construct 336 houses, 388 VIP latrines and 345 outdoor kitchens from the Company's detailed house designs all of which all are based on standardized house layouts.

The substructures and superstructures (raft slab, interior/exterior walls only) of every house and ancillary structure will be built using a Company supplied modular and re-usable customised formwork system with a custom concrete mix design. All Contractors will be expected to work with this formwork system. The completion of all remaining scope of work (labour and materials) i.e. roofing, all finishes, electrical and plumbing, civil and landscaping will be responsibility of the Contractor.

All prequalified tenderers will receive an information package on the modular formworks that will clearly demonstrate and detail the installation of the product.

Replacement houses will generally be between two to five rooms, with a gross floor area of 25m² to 75 m². Each house will typically have two (2) ancillary structures, a kitchen and a ventilated improved pit latrine. Replacement housing will be of a good standard of construction. Outside of the substructure and superstructure, the houses will be constructed using modern locally sourced materials, all of which will meet Tanzania quality standards and meet all National Building Codes requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Due to the size of the scope and to assist companies expressing interest, the Project reserves the right to award individual work packages and or multiple work packages to any eligible contractor who expresses an interest.

Interested companies can enter into an agreement with other companies to enhance their service offering, however, all and each partner in the agreement MUST meet the requirements outlined below.

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request by submitting the following:

- Tanzanian National Contractors (Building) Registration minimum Class 2. (Submit copy),
- Examples of building construction experience in Kagera, Tabora, Geita, Shinyanga, , Singida, Manyara, Dodoma Regions of Tanzania. (provide listing of projects within any or all the regions),
- Demonstrate financial capability to undertake the proposed works,
- Provide/demonstrate HSE (OSHA), Social and Quality Assurance and Control policies,
- Provide/demonstrate experience with project management techniques and controls, as well as large scale logistics and procurement capabilities,
- Commitment to developing local/national content value. (provide training details),
- **Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is required.**

Interested companies which have the capacity and resources to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents (Minimum Requirements) an email to talal.mufti@external.total.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on the **15th July 2021**.

Note: A detailed presentation will be presented by EACOP to share more details of the scope, scheduling as well as offering a questions and answers period from interested Bidders - details of the presentation will be communicated at a later stage.



WWF for a living planet

Vacancy

Blue Action Fund (BAF) Project Lead for Rufiji - Mafia - Kilwa (RUMAKI) Seascape Area

WWF is seeking to hire a BAF Project Lead for WWF Tanzania to provide coastal and marine conservation knowledge and skills with ability for ecological monitoring and data analysis, preparation of scientific reports on status and trends of the coastal/marine habitats and species in them for its office in Tanzania, based in Dar es Salaam or Kilwa.

I. Major Functions:

- Manage a multi-disciplinary project for conservation and management of coastal and marine ecosystems, identify threats to the ecosystem and address them as prescribed in the project activities as well as from the candidate's innovative ideas;
- Provide technical expertise in ecological monitoring, statistical data analysis, conservation science, and communication;
- Work as part of an interdisciplinary and international team to ensure professional and effective project implementation;
- Interacts and work with government officials especially from the Fisheries Division, District Authorities, NEMC, TFS, partner NGOs and communities to deliver on project activities;
- Assemble science and collaborate with agency partners referenced above to inform ecosystem and habitat conservation policy and management practices;
- Manage project activities, preparation of annual work plans and budgets implementation and reporting schedules as well as monitoring and evaluation;
- Produce high-quality project reports and lessons for WWF, donors and other relevant stakeholders;
- Co-ordinate relevant training and capacity-building programs related to marine resources management for communities, district staff and partner organizations;
- In Collaboration with MAB Reserve officer, engage GIS expert in developing GIS maps, area demarcation and other project requirement for preparation of MAB Reserve declaration by 2024;
- Ensure compliance with WWF policies and procedures (e.g. ESSF, etc) in all undertakings;
- Prepare and monitor implementation of contracts with third parties and partner institutions in consultation with the Seascape Programme Coordinator;
- As secretary to the BAF tender committee, participate in negotiations and contract development for service providers in consultation with Programme Coordinator;
- Builds capacity and demonstrate sustainable community-based management practices through existing community-led initiative frameworks exercised by Beach Management Units (BMUs), Village Natural Resources Committees (VNRC) and MIMP Village Liaison Committees (VLCs);

II. Specific Required Functional Skills

- MSc, with 5 years' experience in coastal marine ecology, marine research, coastal/marine conservation science, or related field; a PhD in a related field will be an added advantage
- Field experience in coastal marine environments and management;
- Negotiation skills for project related agreements;
- Experience working in, or leading multi-disciplinary teams;
- Effective communication skills including communication with the public and/or media both in writing and verbally;
- Skills and experience in using computer applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and Web browser etc. and
- Work in variable weather conditions and occasionally in physically demanding circumstances in the project's remote (coastal) locations

Additional information, including Terms of Reference, can be obtained through web address: http://wwf.panda.org/who_we_are/jobs/.

Applications must include a complete Cover Letter & CV with full contact details of three referees and should be addressed to the People & Culture Manager, via email to: hresources@wwftz.org by **Tuesday, 29th June 2021 at 4:30 pm**.

Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted and the interviews will take place in Dar es Salaam or via zoom video conferencing.

WWF is an equal opportunity organization.

BUSINESS

PROGRESS

Workers Compensation Fund pays out 27.24bn/- to thousands of workers

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

A record 9,000 plus workers have been compensated over 27.24bn/- since 2016 after sustaining injuries or contracting fatal disease while on duty.

Workers Compensation Fund's Director of Finance, Planning and Investment, Bezil Ewala said in Dar es Salaam last week while briefing members of Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs that despite the success made so far, the main challenge that the fund is facing is lack of awareness among employees.

Ewala said the majority of the recipients are workers employed in

manufacturing industries, mining, cargo truck drivers in both public and private sector who suffered injuries, caught diseases while other died.

"In 2016, we paid a total of 1.55bn/- to members, in 2017 the compensation increased to 2.85bn/- but the highest amount was paid in 2018 when a record 14.9bn/- was paid," he revealed whole adding that last year, 9.10bn/- was paid.

He revealed that so far, 24,936 employers are registered with WCF as members and they include both from the public and private sectors. "Most of our funds are invested in treasury bills and bonds so that we can make profit



Jenista Mhagama (2nd-R), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disability), in discussion with Workers Compensation Fund director general Dr John Mduma (R) and Parliamentary Committee for Constitution and Legal Affairs vice chairperson Najma Giga in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

but also for security reason because the state is a reliable borrower," the WCF Director added.

Newly appointed WCF's Director General Dr John Mduma told the lawmakers that the biggest challenge that they face is lack medical doctors who can help the fund investigate cases of the beneficiaries but also writing competent compensation reports.

"We need more doctors because we are required to provide services to all employees from both the private and public sectors," Dr Mduma said while noting that such a task needs more qualified personnel.

He said in order to address the challenge, WCF has started training doctors on the basics of compensation endorsement reports but also to iden-

tify diseases that workers suffer from to qualify for compensation. "But we also have a challenge of the majority of workers across the country not being aware of WCF presents to demand their rights in case of injuries," he noted while adding that the fund is currently conducting a nationwide awareness campaign.

Minister of State at Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), Jenista Mhagama said that the WCF is an important institution for workers.

"At prime minister's office, we are very glad to hear that right now employees are getting compensation on time while WCF continues to sensitize workers and their employers of the importance of the fund," he noted.

The Parliamentary Committee's Vice Chair, Najma Giga applauded the WCF management for efficiency saying its helping employees obtain their compensation timely thanks to use of digital outlets.

"We are very happy to see what you have achieved, we learned a lot and you have done a commendable job to compensate workers and later on allow them to return in their workplace when healed," Giga said.

NEW DAWN

DCB Bank changes logo, corporate colours as new journey begins

By Francis Kajubi

In a bid to block a repeat of past failures, DCB Commercial Bank Plc has adopted a new logo and strategy to mark an era of success as management focuses on positioning the bank as a market leader going forward.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam on Friday ahead of the 19th annual general meeting, DCB's Managing Director, Godfrey Ndalalwa said the new logo goes in line with the changes and successes that have been taking place at the bank in recent years.

Ndalalwa said the bank which serves a wide range of small, medium and large scale customers has had a turbulent when it made losses between 2016 and 2018 before managing to turn around make profits in the past two years consecutively, is poised to continue the good performance hence clients should forget about the old



DCB Commercial Bank Plc managing director Godfrey Ndalalwa speaks at a past event.

DCB image. "The bank's strategic plan for the past five years has been completed. Last December the bank's management and board of directors discussed and approved a new five-year strategic plan outlining a new vision for success," Ndalalwa said.

He explained that as per the new strategic plan, DCB will aggressively improve its services by recruiting more clients from all corners of the country. "We want to reach more Tanzanians across the country by providing them with the best cost-effective and innovative services through digital tools," he said.

According to him, DCB is rejuve-

nated with bigger goals to provide better services and reach more people especially those in rural areas in line with the government's financial inclusion agenda. "Our new logo has two parallel lines that show DCB is a commercial bank standing on solid foundations with experience and proof of good success since its inception. These principles are rooted in our motto 'DCB a true saviour,'" he argued.

The bank has also changed its corporate colours from light blue to red and dark blue meaning focus on quality service delivery and strength with ample market experience and

stability in serving customers.

The DCB chief stated that the bank's 19 years journey has seen a lot of success including its transformation from Dar es Salaam Community Bank which changed to DCB Commercial Bank Plc in 2012, prior to being listed on Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange, as the first bank ever to do so. Currently, the Dar es Salaam based bank has eight branches, 12 service delivery centers nationwide, DCB Digital mobile money platform, internet banking services, as well as Visa card services. It is part of Umoja switch ATMs network with more than 300 outlets in the country.

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PENALTY

Jafo orders Nemc to take action against polluting steel bars maker in Kibaha

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Environmental Management Council has been ordered to take legal measures against an iron products manufacturer, Vunjo Afro Company Limited for violating environment regulations.

Minister of State Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Selemani Jafo issued the order on Saturday after conducting an impromptu inspections of the Kibaha district based factory saying its conduct threatens the health of workers and the environment. Jafo said the nails and iron bar manufacturer has failed to comply with the laws of the country because of its wanton operations.

Among other things, the minister was not satisfied with where the fac-

tory dumps metal dust and management had no disposal plan for such residues hence threatening water sources in the area where thousands of people live.

"Where do you throw this metal dust you put here, what is your disposal plan? Where you going to throw them away? This is dangerous because there are tiny particles that cannot be seen with a naked eye and they are all toxic," he fumed while wondering why had Nemc not taken any action.

He ordered that the company and Nemc should give him a report on metal disposal plan by today (Monday) while promising to return to the factory within this month to find out progress made in residue disposal.

"You also need a waste water treatment plant here in order to prevent



Selemani Jafo (R), Minister of State Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), speaks at a past event. Left is Nemc director general Dr Samuel Gwamaka.

dirty water with metal dust being dumped around carelessly," he charged while warning that his ministry won't tolerate investors who don't respect the environment. Jafo

tors.

Meanwhile the minister commended Lake Steel Industry which manufactures gas cylinders, for putting in place proper plans and facili-

ties to dump its waste water and solid waste. "This is how things should be done, following Nemc regulations to avoid antagonism with the state," he added.

AGREEMENT

NCC concludes cost-based study for determining mobile international termination rate

ABUJA

The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) has concluded the process for determining the cost-based price of Mobile International Termination Rate (ITR) to ensure healthy competition on traffic handling for voice services between local and international operators in Nigeria.

The Commission made this known at the final Stakeholders' Forum for the presentation of the study on cost-based pricing of mobile ITR, undertaken by Messrs Payday Advance and Support Services Limited, held at the Commission's Head Office in Abuja on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, with Management Staff of the Commission physically in attendance while other critical industry stakeholders participated virtually.

The forum was convened by the NCC to formally present the findings from the study, which commenced in March 2020, to industry stakeholders and to solicit further perspectives, insights, and other input on the findings towards a mutually realistic termination rate for international voice traffic in Nigeria.

Speaking at the forum, the Executive Vice Chairman of NCC, Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta, said the cost-based study became imperative, following previous efforts at finding an optimum price for the termination of international voice services that will be beneficial to all relevant industry stakeholders.

Danbatta said that the "overriding need for regulatory options and intervention in relation to the



NCC executive vice chairman Prof Umar Garba Danbatta addresses journalists.

international termination rate in the voice market segment is predicated on some intractable challenges, most common with economies with severe macroeconomic volatility such as ours."

Going down memory lane concerning MTR determination in Nigeria's telecom industry, the EVC said, in 2013, the Commission issued a Determination stating that mobile Termination Rates (MTR) are the same irrespective of where the call originated. He, however, stated that this was misconstrued by operators at that time to mean that ITR should be the same rate as the MTR, consequently ignoring

the international cost portion.

"Arising from these is the persistent fact that Nigeria's ITR is below that of most countries with which it makes and receives the most calls, making Nigerian operators perpetual net payers. The obvious implication of this is seen in the attendant undue pressure on the nation's foreign reserves, which continue to get depleted by associated net transfers to foreign operators on account of this lopsidedness," Danbatta explained.

Danbatta further stated that regulating the ITR is imperative for developing countries, such as Nigeria, with volatile currencies to prevent

or mitigate the imbalance of payments with international operators. He also said the Commission was faced with the challenge of arriving at a rate that will balance the competing objectives of economic efficiency while, at the same time, allowing operators the latitude to generate reasonable revenues.

He informed the forum, however, that "where ITR is not regulated, it tends to converge to the MTR and for a market like Nigeria with major supply-side challenges, the socio-economic implications, and attendant backlash can only be imagined."

In her comments, the Director,

Policy, Competition and Economic Analysis, NCC, Yetunde Akinloye, corroborated the EVC, noting that the study was intended to complement and consolidate the initial work done by the Commission which had also culminated in the MTR Determination published in June 2018.

According to her, the ITR previously determined was based on actual benchmarking with countries of similar characteristics to Nigeria, but the findings from that study were faced by major national macroeconomic management challenges, ultimately pointing to the need for an ITR that is cost-based, consistent with the MTR.

ITR is the rate paid to local operators by international operators to terminate calls in Nigeria as contrasted with MTR, which is the rate local operators pay to another local operator to terminate calls within the country.

Meanwhile, Danbatta has reiterated the NCC's commitment "to continuously provide a conducive environment and level playing field for the effective interplay of factors that would engender sustained market development and growth, while ensuring the provision of qualitative and efficient telecommunication services to the consumers."

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DEAL-DONE

Telecom Egypt and Vodafone sign a revised agreement over joint venture

CAIRO

TELECOM Egypt and Vodafone Group have signed a revised Shareholders' Agreement, after nearly three years of negotiating a settlement regarding their joint venture Vodafone Egypt.

According to a statement released to the media, legal firm Al Tamimi & Company advised Telecom Egypt on renegotiating aspects of the shareholder's current agreement between Vodafone Group. "The amended and restated shareholder's agreement is mainly targeting the mutual protection for the corporate domination and exit rights of both parties," reads an excerpt from the statement.

The agreement thoroughly stated certain variations to Vodafone's payment policy, the statement continued. Regarding payment terms, Vodafone Egypt already paid 2 billion EGP last March and still has to pay a dividend of 10 billion EGP to its shareholders during this year. Going forward both parties have agreed on an extra 60% of free cash flow.

Ehab Taha, Partner and Head of Corporate Commercial, commented: "We are pleased to have advised Telecom Egypt on this amended shareholders agreement. This agreement enhances the rights of Telecom Egypt as a shareholder in Vodafone Egypt for Telecommunications and sets the way forward for a true partnership between Telecom Egypt and Vodafone Group for future years to come. The new agreement will lead to further stability and enhancement in the mobile telecommunication market in Egypt."

The companies assert that further developments after the restated signed agreement has been announced, Vodafone Egypt will have the accessibility to transfer its data within the wider Vodafone Group. TE still has its existing rights in the agreement and has obtained other superior rights, including access to information.



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CONTROL

SA plans to regulate crypto trading in phased manner

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa has laid the foundation for finance watchdogs to set crypto-asset controls as the nation seeks to curb growing cases of fraud and improve the management of cross-border flows.

As digital currencies move from the periphery of the finance world to the mainstream, crypto-assets service providers have come under increased scrutiny worldwide. In Africa's most developed economy the collapse of a Bitcoin trader late last year, alleged to be the country's largest Ponzi scheme, and other cases of market abuse have highlighted the need for tighter rules, according to a statement by the nation's Intergovernmental Fintech Working Group on Friday.

"Crypto assets will be brought into the South African regula-

tory purview in a phased and structured manner," it said. "It is, however, reiterated that with or without regulation, crypto assets remain inherently risky and volatile."

A position paper by the grouping makes 25 recommendations and outlines a collaborative and activities-based approach for the creation of a regulatory framework. It also highlights the need for better financial literacy for consumers as the retail interest in digital currency grows.

In January, the daily value of crypto-asset trading exceeded R2 billion (\$147 million) for the first time in South Africa suggesting significant appetite in a market that was largely going unchecked by regulatory powers. The South African Reserve Bank said last month it is currently probing the feasibility, desirability and appropriateness of a central bank



Leading cryptocurrencies are heading for regulation in South Africa.

digital currency as electronic legal tender for general-purpose retail use.

The backing of the working group's position paper will present the country's regulators,

including the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, with the required tools to begin implementing measures linked to its recommendations, it said.

"The dynamic development of

the crypto market must continue to be pro-actively monitored, including maintaining knowledge on emerging international best practices through standard-setting bodies" and other measures,

WORLD

G7 leaders agree increased climate finance, details missing

FALMOUTH

CARBIS BAY, England, June 13 (Reuters) - Group of Seven leaders agreed on Sunday to raise their contributions to meet an overdue spending pledge of \$100 billion a year by rich countries to help poorer ones cut carbon emissions and cope with global warming, but campaigners said firm cash promises were missing.

Alongside plans billed as helping speed funding of infrastructure projects in developing countries and a shift to renewable and sustainable technology, the world's seven most advanced economies again pledged to meet the climate finance target.

But climate groups said the promise - in a copy of a draft communique seen by Reuters - lacked detail, most importantly a figure for the increases.

A spokesman for British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said individual nations were expected to set out the size of the increases "in due course".

There was a clear push by leaders at the G7 summit in southwestern England to counter China's increasing influence in the world, particularly among developing nations.

The leaders signalled their desire to build a rival to Beijing's multi-trillion-dollar Belt and Road initiative but the details

were few and far between.

In the draft communique the seven nations - the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan - reaffirmed their commitment to "mobilise \$100 billion/year from public and private sources, through to 2025".

"Towards this end, we commit to each increase and improve our overall international public climate finance contributions for this period and call on other developed countries to join and enhance their contributions to this effort."

In statement released late on Saturday, G7 host Johnson said: "Protecting our planet is the most important thing we as leaders can do for our people".

"As democratic nations we have a responsibility to help developing countries reap the benefits of clean growth through a fair and transparent system. The G7 has an unprecedented opportunity to drive a global Green Industrial Revolution, with the potential to transform the way we live."

PLEDGE OVERDUE

Some green groups were unimpressed with the climate pledges.

Catherine Pettengell, director at Climate Action Network, an umbrella group for advocacy organisations, said the G7 had failed to rise to the challenge of agree-



(From left, front) Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, (from left, rear) European Council President Charles Michel, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, stand for a family photo during the Group of Seven (G7) Summit in Carbis Bay, Cornwall, Britain, on Saturday. (XINHUA)

ing on concrete commitments on climate finance.

"We had hoped that the leaders of the world's richest nations would come away from this week having put their money their mouth is," she said.

Developed countries agreed at the United Nations in 2009 to together contribute \$100 billion each year by 2020 in climate finance to poorer countries, many of whom are grappling with rising seas, storms and droughts made worse by climate change.

That target was not met, derailed in part by the coronavirus pandemic that also forced the British government to postpone the United Nations' Climate Change Conference (COP26) until later this year.

The G7, according to the copy of the draft communique, also said 2021 should be a "turning point for our planet" and to accelerate efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions and keep the 1.5 percent global warming threshold within reach.

But there were few details on how they would manage to cut emissions, with an absence of specific measures to phase out

coal and transition to electric vehicles.

Pettengell said it was encouraging that leaders were recognising the importance of climate change but their words had to be backed up by specific action on cutting subsidies for fossil fuel development and ending investment in projects such as new oil and gas fields as well as climate finance.

British environmentalist David Attenborough told the G7 that tackling climate change was now as much a political challenge as it was a scientific one.

"We know in detail what is happening to our planet, and we know many of the things we need to do during this decade," he said in a recorded video address.

"Tackling climate change is now as much a political and communications challenge as it is a scientific or technological one. We have the skills to address it in time, all we need is the global will to do so." **Agencies**

US should stop shilly-shallying by moving decisively to sanction-lifting - Chinese envoy

VIENNA

THE United States should stop shilly-shallying by moving decisively to complete and thorough sanction-lifting, a Chinese envoy said Saturday as a new round of talks to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), started.

Wang Qun (pictured), Chinese envoy to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna, made the remarks after the latest meeting of the JCPOA Joint Commission, chaired by European Union (EU) official Enrique Mora and attended by representatives from China, France, Germany, Russia, Britain and Iran.

The talks have entered the 11th week and are in the final stages, but negotiations over sanction-lifting and related issues have been dragging on

and yet to be resolved, Wang said.

"Iran's concerns about this issue are legitimate and reasonable," Wang said, noting that in order to resume full compliance with the JCPOA, the United States should first lift its unilateral sanctions against Iran, including "long-arm jurisdiction" against third-party entities and individuals.

The U.S. conventional arms embargo on Iran, which is inconsistent with the JCPOA and relevant resolutions of the United Nations (UN) Security Council, should also be completely removed, said the Chinese diplomat.

The United States lifted some sanctions on Thursday, but it looks somewhat like they were "shilly-shallying," Wang said. Now that the United States has made the political decision to return to the JCPOA, all relevant sanctions



should be lifted "in a complete, clean and thorough manner," he added.

At the same time, through negotiations, practical and effective measures should be taken to prevent the relevant parties from arbitrarily withdrawing from the JCPOA again and re-imposing sanctions, noted the Chinese diplomat.

In the current final stage of the negotiations, it is hoped that all parties concerned will redouble their efforts, maintain a rational and pragmatic

attitude and reach a package of solutions as soon as possible, he added.

Alain Matton, an EU spokesperson, told journalists on Saturday that the EU will continue with the talks with all the participants to the JCPOA and separately with the United States "to find ways to get very close to a final agreement in the coming days."

Matton quoted Mora as saying a few days ago at a UN Security Council meeting that they are "working non-stop to revive the JCPOA in all its aspects, specifically the nuclear activities and the sanction-lifting."

"We are making progress but the negotiations are intense on a number of issues including on how steps are to be implemented," said the spokesperson.

The U.S. administration under former President Donald Trump withdrew from the JCPOA in May 2018 and unilaterally reimposed sanctions on Iran. In response to the U.S. moves, Iran gradually stopped implementing parts of its JCPOA commitments from May 2019.

The JCPOA Joint Commission began to meet in offline format on April 6 in Vienna to continue previous discussions in view of a possible return of the United States to the JCPOA and on how to ensure the full and effective implementation of the JCPOA.

Xinhua

Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, UAE elected non-permanent members of UN Security Council

UNITED NATIONS

ALBANIA, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were elected non-permanent members of the UN Security Council on Friday for a two-year term.

The newly elected members will take up their new responsibilities on Jan. 1, 2022, and will serve till Dec. 31, 2023. All five candidates were running unopposed on Friday.

They will replace the out-

going non-permanent members of Estonia, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, and Vietnam. A candidate must obtain the support of two-thirds of the member states present and voting at the General Assembly session in order to secure a non-permanent seat on the Security Council, regardless of whether the candidate is contested or not.

This means that a minimum of 129 positive votes are re-

quired to win a seat if all 193 UN member states are present and voting. In Friday's voting, Ghana won 185 votes, Gabon 183 votes, Brazil 181 votes, the UAE 179 votes, and Albania 175 votes, according to results announced by Volkan Bozkir, the current General Assembly president.

Among the five newly elected members, Albania is the only country that has never served on the Security Council. Brazil has served 10 times.

The Security Council has 15 members, five of which are permanent ones: Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

The 10 non-permanent seats of the council are allocated by geographic region, with five replaced each year.

The five newly elected countries represent Africa, the Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe.

The Western Europe and

other states group is not contesting any seats this year, as its two seats, currently held by Ireland and Norway, come up for election every other year.

The Security Council is considered the most powerful body of the United Nations.

The council, which is tasked to maintain international peace and security, can make legally binding decisions and has the power to impose sanctions and authorize the use of force.

Xinhua

NATO leadership refuses to take part in Moscow security conference, says diplomat

MOSCOW

NATO has rejected Russia's invitation to the alliance's leadership to participate in the Moscow conference on international security on June 22-24, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told a briefing on Thursday.

"The Russian side's invitation to take part in the Moscow conference on international security has been met with a refusal. What can better testify to the true intentions of NATO and its Secretary-General [Jens Stoltenberg]?" the diplomat remarked.

Each statement by Russia that it is ready for interaction immediately evokes a statement by the NATO leadership that seeks to refute Moscow's position, the spokeswoman pointed out.

"Informationally, Stoltenberg does everything to impose a perception upon the public through the mass media that Russia does not react to NATO's desire to interact. Everything is being done to make our answer simply sink in this narrative repeated time and again," Zakharova added.

"We are open for a dialogue with the alliance. The convocation of a Russia-NATO Council meeting is needed only if the discussion focuses on the specific issues aimed at easing military tensions.

This will undoubtedly require the participation of the military. But we know well that NATO is a military and political bloc, and so there is nothing illogical in that," she said.

Russian Deputy Defense Minister Colonel-General Aleksandr Fomin earlier said that Russia's Defense Ministry had invited the NATO leadership to the Moscow conference on security.

Agencies

Swiss voters to decide on pesticides ban, terrorism law

ZURICH

SWITZERLAND heads to the polls yesterday in a batch of referendums which could see the country become only the second in the world to ban artificial pesticides.

Laws to combat terrorism, cut CO2 emissions and provide emergency COVID-19 funding also face binding votes under the Swiss system of direct democracy.

One initiative aims to prohibit the use of artificial pesticides within 10 years. Globally only Bhutan bans the chemicals.

Supporters say products made by agrochemical giants such as Switzerland's Syngenta and Germany's Bayer and BASF endanger health and the environment.

"It's vital that we stop the use of pesticides which are causing serious health problems for people today and storing up problems for the future," said Antoinette Gilson, a co-author of the Pesticides Initiative.

Manufacturers say their pesticides are rigorously tested and regulated, and crop yields would slump without them.

Many farmers say a ban would boost food prices, cost jobs and increase food imports.

Voters also decide on a separate Drinking Water initiative, which says artificial pesticides are polluting Switzerland's water. It wants to redirect subsidies to farmers who do without them.

In an unusually heated campaign, supporters got death threats, while farmers complained they feel under siege from city dwellers who don't understand their way of life.

If approved, the proposals would amend the constitution while the government drafts implementation laws for parliament to address.

Voters will decide on a new law which aims to further cut carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions via measures like increasing the surcharge on car fuel and putting a levy on flight tickets.

Many farmers say a ban on pesticides would boost food prices, cost jobs and increase food imports

Opponents say the law will increase business costs and not help the environment as the country is responsible for only 0.1 percent of global carbon emissions.

A law giving police new powers to fight terrorism faces a vote. The legislation makes it easier for police to monitor and restrict the movement of potential offenders, with restraining orders and travel bans possible for suspects as young as 12.

The government says the measures will prevent terrorist attacks, but opponents say they risk harming children and exposing people to torture abroad.

A temporary COVID-19 law, which opponents say did not have enough public consultation before its introduction last year, needs voter endorsement.

The law allocates 35 billion Swiss francs (US\$39 billion) to support short-time working schemes; hard-hit industries like restaurants and hotels; and culture, sport and media.

Agencies

CPC offers very important development experiences for human society - Turkish political party leader

"REVIEWING the development and changes of China, which I personally witnessed, is like watching a documentary. Every stage and scene are astonishing," said Dogu Perincek, chairman of Turkey's Patriotic Party in a recent interview with People's Daily.

The Turkish politician, who has made 13 visits to China during the past four decades, said the 100-year history of the Communist Party of China (CPC) is a splendid history of heroic stories and legends.

He noted that the epic jointly written by the CPC and the Chinese people has explored a development path from which the human society can draw wisdom from, and set an exam-

ple for global political parties.

Perincek is a renowned Turkish politician. In 1978, he co-founded the Workers' and Peasants' Party of Turkey and then served as a high-ranking official of the Socialist Party and the Workers' Party of Turkey in the following days. Six years ago, he took up the post as the chairman of the Patriotic Party, which has maintained long-term friendly exchanges with the CPC.

According to him, the book "Xi Jinping: The Governance of China" is placed at a conspicuous position in the library of the Patriotic Party.

"I've read through it. The book creatively answers a series of important questions concerning the develop-

ment of China and the world in the present age, and presents the advanced governance experiences of the CPC to the world," Perincek said.

The CPC has a firm resolution and capability to lead the Chinese people to build the socialism with Chinese characteristics, he said, adding that there is no precedent of such undertaking, and the CPC must learn through its practices.

The CPC has always started from China's realities, and been solving the problems it encounters in an innovative manner, which is a valuable treasure, he said.

"The CPC has a bright future. It has offered very important development

experiences for the human society," he told People's Daily.

In recent years, Perincek has been introducing his visits to China, as well as his profound understanding of the country's development path, on a special column he has established on local newspaper Aydinlik. To respond to the lies related to China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region fabricated by some Western media outlets and politicians, he would introduce what he saw and felt there and sends his voice out through multiple channels.

"Xinjiang has made huge achievements, not only in economic and social development. I saw local cultures well protected when I visited the au-

tonomous regions' Turpan, Kashgar and Ili. Apart from mandarin, minority languages are also taught there," he said.

He also hailed the outstanding outcomes of Xinjiang's fight against terrorism and extremism. Calling terrorism a common enemy of all human beings, he said the international society needs to reinforce cooperation and jointly fight it.

Facing the sudden coronavirus pandemic, the Chinese people united together, and controlled the virus within a short period of time and achieved rapid economic recovery. Perincek praised China's epidemic control effects, saying the fight

against the virus mirrored the CPC's governance philosophy and capability.

The CPC has always placed people's lives and health at the first place, which is crucial for the country to win the fight, he said, adding that China has also made remarkable contributions to international anti-pandemic cooperation by its timely assistance for relevant countries.

China's poverty reduction is a sector that particularly attracts Perincek's attention. He said it is a great historic achievement of human development for a country with 1.4 billion people to get rid of poverty.

People's Daily

Putin expects Biden summit to restore contacts and establish dialogue

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin expects the upcoming summit with his US counterpart Joe Biden in Geneva on June 16 to restore personal contacts and establish dialogue on issues of mutual interest, the Russian leader said in an interview with the program, Moscow. Kremlin. Putin, on the Rossiya-1 TV channel.



A fragment of Putin's interview was posted on the smotrim.ru website yesterday.

"[It is planned] to restore our personal contacts and relations, establish a direct dialogue and create really functioning mechanisms of interaction in the areas of mutual interest," the Russian president said.

The Russia-US summit can be viewed as efficient, if it manages to create mechanisms of interaction in various areas, the Russian leader said in an interview with the programme.

Among the issues of mutual interest, Putin named strategic stability, the topic of regional conflicts, nature conservation measures and environmental protection as a whole, on the global scale, and economic cooperation.

"That is, there are issues where we can effectively work," the Russian president stressed.

"If we create mechanisms of work in all these areas after this meeting, it seems to me that it would be good. It could be said that the meeting has been useful," Putin said.

"[It is necessary] to restore our personal contacts and relations, establish a direct dialogue and create really functioning mechanisms of interaction in the areas of mutual interest," the Russian president said, responding to a question by journalist Pavel Zarubin about the summit's expectations.

The Russian leader also focused on both countries' economic interaction.

"There is mutual interest. Many American companies want to operate in Russia but they are being pulled by the ears from our market and they are ceding their place to rivals. Does this benefit the US economy?" Putin remarked.

"In general, there is something to talk about and there are common issues [to discuss]," the Russian leader said.

However, the fact that the US has abated its negative rhetoric towards Russia in the run-up to the summit should not be misled, Putin said.

"In the run-up to summit meetings, both sides always try to reduce some negative rhetoric to create the corresponding favorable atmosphere for work. There is nothing special in that. I would not be misled on this issue," the head of state said.

In Putin's opinion, this is the manifestation "of a professional approach" from the US. "We are doing the same on our part," Putin stressed.

Israel's Knesset to vote on new govt, end Netanyahu's reign

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's 12-year hold on power was set to end yesterday when parliament votes on a new government, ushering in an administration that has pledged to heal a nation bitterly divided over the departure of the country's longest serving leader.



Netanyahu, 71 (pictured), the most dominant Israeli politician of his generation, had failed to form a government after Israel's March 23 election, its fourth in two years.

The new cabinet, which will be sworn in after a Knesset confidence vote it is expected to win, was cobbled together by the centrist opposition leader Yair Lapid and ultra-nationalist Naftali Bennett.

Bennett, a hawkish hi-tech millionaire, will serve as premier for two years before Lapid, a former popular TV host, takes over. They will head a government that comprises parties from across the political spectrum, including for the first time one that represents the 21 percent Arab minority.

They plan largely to avoid sweeping moves on hot-button international issues such as policy toward the Palestinians while they focus on domestic reforms.

With little to no prospect of progress toward resolving the decades-long conflict with Israel, many Palestinians will be unmoved by the change of administration, saying Bennett will likely pursue the same right-wing agenda as Netanyahu.

Bye bye Bibi?

On the international stage, with his polished English and booming baritone voice, the telegenic Netanyahu has become the face of Israel. Serving in his first term as prime minister in the 1990s and since 2009 winning four more terms in succession, he has been a polarizing figure, both abroad and at home.

Often referred to by his nickname Bibi, Netanyahu is loved by his hard-core supporters and loathed by critics. His ongoing corruption trial, on charges he denies, has only deepened the chasm.

His opponents have long reviled what they see as Netanyahu's divisive rhetoric, underhanded political tactics and subjection of state interests to his own political survival. Some have dubbed him 'Crime Minister' and have accused him of mishandling the coronavirus crisis and its economic fallout.

Celebrations by his opponents to mark the end of the Netanyahu era began late on Saturday outside his official residence in Jerusalem, the site of weekly protests against the right-wing leader for the past year, where a black banner stretched across a wall read: "Bye Bye, Bibi, Bye bye", and demonstrators sang, beat drums and danced.

Agencies

Africa decries huge vaccination gap as COVID third wave pushes caseload above 5 million

ADDIS ABABA

POOR access to COVID-19 vaccines in Africa is causing growing worries over the huge vaccination gap as total confirmed cases in the continent topped five million amid a third wave of COVID-19 infections.

In an update, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said that as of Saturday noon, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases had reached 5,011,502 as the death toll from the pandemic hit 134,239.

Meanwhile, recoveries stood at 4,504,296. Ahmed Ogwell, deputy director of the Africa CDC, told Xinhua on Saturday that the continent is now experiencing a third wave of COVID-19 infections, which could further exacerbate the infection rate.

"What we see in general is that we are slowly getting into the third wave of the pandemic as the numbers continue to increase," he said.

In the past week alone, African countries reported a total of 94,145 new cases, up 26 percent from the previous week. In comparison, the figure stood at just 59,879 in the first week last month, according to Africa CDC statistics.

The southern Africa region accounted for 51 percent of new cases registered in the past week. Countries including South Africa, Zambia, and Uganda, in particular, have all seen new infections surge in recent weeks.

In Zambia, new cases topped 2,000 in both of the past two days. Kennedy Malama, permanent secretary of technical services at the Ministry of Health, said isolation facilities were filling up at an alarming rate and health workers were being stretched.

In Uganda and South Africa, some of the lockdown measures have been re-imposed as cases are rapidly increasing. The Africa CDC attributed the recent spikes to the fast-spreading new COVID-19 variants across the continent, as some 13 African countries are presently facing the B.1.617.2 variant, originally reported in India.

According to the Africa CDC, African countries have acquired around 54.9 million COVID-19 vaccines so far. However, only about 0.6 percent of Africa's population



A nurse injects a Covid-19 vaccine at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds in Kampala, Uganda, on 31 May. (File photo)

have received a full vaccine regimen. "We do not have enough vaccines on the continent. In fact, we are lagging behind in a very significant way from the plan that we had at the beginning and this is creating a lot of concern," Ogwell said.

Ogwell said countries manufacturing vaccines are not making vaccines available as per earlier agreements, and some countries are blocking the vaccines from going to Africa because their domestic use is prioritized.

Cavince Adhere, a Kenya-based international relations scholar, said that as vulnerable groups, such as health care workers and the elderly, as well as people with underlying conditions, have been missing the vital jab, the COVID-19 situation in Africa could be further exacerbated.

"I think it is important to point out that

vaccine nationalism is really an affront on human rights," he said, adding that it is also an economic matter.

"As long as this virus remains in circulation, the economic viability of the countries concerned is not assured.

Social restrictions slow down economic activities, meaning more countries, more populations are facing economic hardships." Costantinos Bt. Costantinos, who served as an economic advisor to the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, said that the developed nations and other countries capable of producing vaccines should ramp up the vaccine supply to Africa.

"It is very important that we have to have the vaccines as soon as possible," the expert said, adding that developed countries hindering the flow of vaccines

to the third world is "a shame."

China has thus far been an important source of vaccines for Africa. Government data show more than 30 African countries have received or are set to receive vaccines produced by Chinese manufacturers.

On June 4, Chad received a donation of vaccines from the Chinese pharmaceutical company Sinopharm.

Chadian Minister of Public Health and National Solidarity Abdoulaye Saber Fadoul thanked China for the donation of vaccines and many batches of medical equipment to the West African country.

Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi last month called on all countries that are capable of doing so to provide COVID-19 vaccines to Africa as quickly as possible.

In the face of this unprecedented pandemic, China and Africa are willing to jointly launch a partnership initiative to support Africa's development, Wang said during a United Nations Security Council open debate on Peace and Security in Africa.

Xinhua

CAIRO

Egypt complains to UN of Ethiopia's moves on Nile dam

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said on Saturday that Egypt has sent a letter to the UN Security Council to reaffirm its "complete rejection" of Ethiopia's unilateral measures on the filling of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD).

The letter sent on Friday accuses Ethiopia of frustrating ef-

forts to reach a tripartite agreement on the rules of filling and operating the dam and attempting to impose "a fait accompli" on the two downstream countries Egypt and Sudan "through unilateral measures and steps that constitute a clear violation of the rules of international law," according to a ministry

statement.

Ethiopia plans to go ahead with the second filling of the GERD in July, while Egypt and Sudan are concerned that the move might affect their share of the Nile water resources.

Last week, Egyptian Manpower Minister Mohamed Saafan told a virtual conference of the

International Labor Organization that Ethiopia's unilateral filling of the dam without a prior agreement would significantly harm the agriculture sector in the two downstream countries.

Decade-long negotiations failed to reach an agreement regulating the filling and operation of the dam, including those

hosted earlier by the United States and recently by the African Union.

Egypt and Sudan currently seek to form an international quartet that includes the African Union, the United States, the European Union and the United Nations to mediate in the tripartite GERD talks, but the proposal has been rejected by Ethiopia.

Xinhua

Chinese electric buses make public transport greener in Europe



Pure electric buses manufactured by Chinese automaker BYD are about to hit the road in Madrid, Spain, May 13, 2020. (File photo Photo)

PURE electric buses made by Chinese automaker BYD have been exported to over 100 cities in more than 20 European countries, as new energy is being massively promoted in the transport sector on the European continent.

BYD electric buses there have run a total mileage of 60 million kilometers, reducing approximately 60,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emission.

Last September, BYD signed an order of 106 pure electric buses with Nobina, the largest public transport operator in northern Europe, which marked the official entrance of the Chinese automaker into the Finnish market.

A spokesperson of Nobina said that BYD's transport solutions were cleaner, more comfortable and sustainable, and totally met Nobina's requirement for high-quality public transport.

In London, red double-decker buses made by BYD are often seen cruising on the streets. Since 2015, BYD has started cooperation with British bus manufacturer Alexander Dennis Limited (ADL) to produce pure electric buses. So far, over 400 BYD-ADL buses have hit the road, occupying over 60 percent of the market share.

Chinese manufacturing is contributing to a clean air revolution on the roads of the UK, said a regional manager of a major British bus operator.

Europe is the birthplace of modern passenger vehicles. For Chinese bus manufacturers, to have a space in the European market creates not only market value, but also brand value.

He Yipeng, general manager of BYD Europe told People's Daily that developed countries in Europe are considered priority destinations for the company when it makes overseas development strategies, as it wants to improve its own capabilities in the fierce local market competition.

In March 2020, the Chinese automaker won an iF Design Award, known as the "Design Oscar," with one of its buses. So far, over 1,500 BYD electric buses have been delivered or on order throughout Europe, accounting for around 20 percent of the market share.

Key technologies are what made the success of Chinese manufac-

turers in overseas market. BYD has acquired the core technologies of new energy vehicle (NEV) chips, batteries, motors, power control, charging facilities and auto assembly.

Power battery is a core part of NEV that accounts for 30 percent to 40 percent of a vehicle's cost. "Our battery technologies are advanced, and no safety accident has ever happened to our buses because of batteries," He said.

A great brand needs not only great products, but also complete services and support. When exporting its products, BYD is also promoting integrated solutions for bus electrification, developing smart monitoring and diagnosis systems for bus operation and using big data for dispatching.

It has significantly reduced after-sale and maintenance cost and offered references for building future smart public transport systems, being welcomed by many countries and regions.

People's Daily

Anti-foreign sanctions law necessary to fight hegemonism, power politics - official

BEIJING

CHINA'S passing of the law against foreign sanctions is an urgent necessity in order to counter the hegemonism and power politics of some Western countries, an official with China's top legislature said on Thursday.

It is also an urgent necessity to safeguard China's national sovereignty, security and development interests, as well as to coordinate both the domestic and overseas-related rule-of-law, an official of the Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) told Xinhua.

The legislation was adopted at the closing meeting of a session of the Standing Committee of the NPC on Thursday.

In recent years, some Western countries and organizations have smeared China's domestic and foreign policies, and imposed so-called sanctions upon related state organs, organizations and public servants by using pretexts including Xinjiang, Tibet and Hong Kong-related issues.

The purpose of formulating the law is to counter, fight and oppose unilateral sanctions on China imposed by foreign countries, safeguard its national sovereignty, security and development interests as well as to protect the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese citizens and organizations, the official said.

The formulation of the law is in line with international law and the basic norms governing international relations, said Huo Zhengxin, a professor with China University of Political Science and Law, noting that it also suits international practices.

It is also in line with the spirit of the UN resolutions, said Li Qingming, a research fellow with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

The law only takes aim at those entities and individuals who grossly interfere in China's internal affairs and spread rumors about and smear, contain and suppress China, Li said.

The law specifies three types of counter measures, which include: Refusing to issue visas, banning entry into China, invalidating visas, and deportation; Sealing up, seizing and freezing movable, immovable and other types of property in China; Prohibiting from conducting related transactions with domestic organizations or individuals; It also includes "other necessary measures." However, the law will not affect China's opening-up, the official said.

China's determination and will to deepen reform, expand opening-up and safeguard its national sovereignty, security and development interests stand firm, the official added.



The purpose of formulating the law is to counter, fight and oppose unilateral sanctions on China imposed by foreign countries, safeguard its national sovereignty

SPORT



Lucy Mayunga (L) conducts a toss a few minutes before the 2020 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Regional Women Cup tournament's tie between Tanga's Simba Queens against Mwanza's Nyanza Queens which took place in Morogoro. Looking on is the game's other umpire. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

TCA now vouches for grooming more female cricket umpires

By Guardian Reporter

LUCY Mayunga is undoubtedly a respected and most successful female cricket umpire in Tanzania, given she has competently served in the position for more than a decade.

Lucy has served as an international umpire in several major tournaments overseen by the continental cricket governing body, International Cricket Council (ICC) Africa.

The competitions include ICC Africa World Cricket League Division Three and the ICC Africa World Cricket League Division in several countries, which include Ghana and Namibia.

Much as Lucy still actively participating in overseeing various competitions hosted by Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), she is aging, which means there is a need for other female cricketers to take up the profession.

The association has for that matter felt efforts should be done to nurture young female cricket umpires that could step into Lucy's shoes.

Lucy pointed out she has lately begun motivating local young female cricketers to take up umpiring.

She disclosed: "There has a directive issued by the ICC to TCA, demanding that local female cricketers should start operating independently."

Lucy noted according to the ICC, the national cricket governing body should host courses for cricket umpiring, involving female cricketers.

The official pointed out she in the past two weeks oversaw a cricket umpiring seminar for female cricketers in Dar es Salaam.

"I held the training for the female cricket umpires and I thereafter gave them a test, seeking to help them put the training to practice, and they did well," she disclosed.

She revealed: "I then expect to visit all regions which are actively developing this sport so I can hold training for female cricketers, motivating them to take up umpiring so that they can eventually take over when I

retire."

Lucy is moreover actively involved in nurturing young cricketers in a development program that is overseen by TCA.

She is now training young cricketers at Chanika Primary School, located on the outskirts of the city. Lucy further regularly organizes a tournament bringing together young cricketers that are trained by her, aiming at allowing the youths to put their skills to show and gain experience.

The TCA official was one of the association's leaders that graced this season's National Women Cricket Championship's opening ceremony which took place in the city on June 5.

Lucy pointed out the showpiece, which will take place at Usagara ground in Tanga from June 18-27, will go a long way in promoting cricket among women domestically.

The TCA will, apart from seeking to develop cricket among women, use the showpiece to select players that will form the national U-19 women team set to feature in the ICC Africa U-19 Women tournament.

She disclosed: "This tournament will see to it the country's female cricketers, to be selected for national junior women squad, shape up well for this season's ICC Africa U-19 Women tournament and eventually excel in the showdown."

Lucy took part in an occasion for honouring another TCA female official, Eunice Moyo, that has played a pivotal role in promoting cricket among women domestically.

Eunice was presented with a kit by TCA in appreciation for her efforts in the event, which took place the same day.

She disclosed women have lately increasingly begun developing a passion for taking part in cricket, with TCA also prioritizing women's participation in the game.

Lucy revealed they appreciate TCA's efforts, saying they are further seeing to it that they make the most of the opportunity.

The TCA official noted currently there are a good number of competent female cricketers nurtured by the association, insisting she is optimistic they will help the county perform well in continental tournaments.

SPORTS

Why it is entirely possible Samatta just doesn't know what comes next

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

SOME soccer pundits have been citing remarks from Tanzania's national football side 'Taifa Stars' captain Mbwana Samatta that he says he doesn't know what is next in his European circuit mid-career adventure, as he is now in his third country at 28 years of age, after arriving there at around 25.

Up to that time, he had already put up a significant legacy with TP Mazembe, as if isn't every one of their players who find their way to Europe, even if the club has had its days as an African circuit giant, in the likes of Al Ahly or Enyimba in Nigeria.

Samatta is one of those who made the shift, but the aftermath has been turbulent in trying to rise higher.

The player is keenly followed locally for the country hasn't previously seen a local player on the England premier league and scoring, though it must be said had it not been for citizenship laws, we would be celebrating quite a few other players.

The most remarkable at present is Yussuf Yurary Poulsen, whose birthday falls on June 15th (born 1994) and at some point wanted to play for the Tanzanian national team.

Failing to get permission on account of citizenship, he plays for the Danish national side, which says something of his abilities, and features for RB Leipzig, an eastern Germany side high in UEFA ranks.

Having finally opted for Denmark, even if we changed our citizenship laws he will not feature for the country as FIFA requires that a player chooses nationality by the time he earns his first call, not to youth but senior sides.

If it could be ascertained that the two players have similar abilities in the sense of basic dispositions that can be mapped out and measured if would follow that Poulsen's growing up in Denmark and having the best facilities and an acute sense of balance in whatever is involved in physical and psychological formation could explain the differences in prowess between them, but it's hypothetical.

Still, looking at transfer market kind of columns without perhaps being very



Mbwana Samatta

keen about it, there isn't much gossip around Mbwana at the moment, the most intense gossiping period being noticed at the time he shifted to Aston Villa, and then to Fenerbahce in Turkey.

While the shift from Aston Villa to the east would appear to show a dent in his European circuit chances, the writing between the lines doesn't quite show as much.

Both sides committed to retaining him for a good while, thus he wasn't sold but put on loan to Fenerbahce, but a rather long period of such loan, as it stretches up to 2024.

That means he is also concomitantly under the hold of Aston Villa during the loan period and if anything comes up they might need him back, though developments there show the contrary.

The club has moved on with more expensive market landings since 2019, where the 8.5m euros or thereabouts they dished to the Belgian side KRC Genk for the player pale into insignificance.

Their current lead scorer and the key striker is Olivier Watkins, a black former England youth starlet who was bought for 25m pounds or so.

In that case, the club's need for Samatta appeared to have been a stop-gap rather than a strategic investment.

While the player's playtime chances have noticeably been higher at Fenerbahce than it was the case at Villa Park, still the goal-scoring prowess at KRC Genk appears to have patterned out, and it could in a sense be said that this is precisely what the management at Villa Park was gunning for, and Fenerbahce scouts.

When that ability can't come up in both clubs - and they represent fairly different environments in terms of the contest one faces as for skills or tackling - some conclusions could be drawn, if a bit hastily.

It can be said that the player has turned a corner in his abilities, no longer a game-changer at that level.

In that case, the sort of utility work that managers at Aston Villa where he is still theoretically bound and also Fenerbahce where he is on a long loan stint hover around their expectations for him or reserve player needs.

That is, skipping the cash it takes to keep him or get in selling him. It is Aston Villa arithmetic.

Surprisingly, the speculative question that was being posed on transfer market columns was 'which clubs could look at Samatta if Aston Villa goes down,' that is, are relegated, and that essentially was during his first season as at that time the threat of relegation was pertinent.

In the just-ended season, no such threat was there as the side started strongly, having made 'big decisions' during the Covid-19 break to make significant purchases, to compete with the big sides somewhat.

It enabled them to affirm a respectable 11th place in the final standings, which it is doubtful if the club imagined it would attain this season.

Simba Queens enjoy winning spree in TCA Tanga Women League

By Guardian Reporter

SIMBA Queens' cricketers have maintained their winning ways in the 2021 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Tanga Women League, commanding a seven-wicket victory over Macechu Girls in the region last weekend.

The match's eventual winners are keeping on holding on to the driver's seat in the three-team showpiece following the victory.

They have recorded a victory in all six clashes they have participated in, settling for 2.8181 in net run rate.

The league leaders have notched 646 runs and gave away 461 runs.

Simba Queens' senior cricketer, Hudaa Mrisho, put match-winning displays with the bat, guiding her club to the convincing win.

Macechu Girls got the opportunity to bat first, they recorded 58 runs all out in 14.5 overs of the 20-over match.

The squad's skilful all-rounder, Swaumu Godfrey, was the only performer with the best performance with the bat, given she scored 26 runs consisting of three fours.

Swaumu, who opened the innings, was to a great extent the player whose displays brought about the squad's respectable score.

The fellow opener, Rahma Yahya, ended one run short of a two-digit score, her efforts to extend her stay were frustrated by Simba Queens' Jenipher Gabriel.

Simba Queens' Sophia Frank went for a catch to send the Macechu Girls batter back to the pavilion off Jenipher's trick delivery.

The dismissal had left the batting squad with 28 runs after 3.6 overs.

Although she could not end with a two-digit score, Rahma had the chance to showcase her ferocity with a four in her stint.

Swaumu executed several good shots and managed to hang on for seven overs, pushing her outfit's total to 42 runs.

She was sent back to the pavilion by Simba Queens' bowler, Mwamvua Hamisi, after 7.2 overs.

Top order performer, Mwanunu Ahmed, was four runs short of a two-



Simba Queens cricket team.

digit score, cracking a six, leaving her outfit with 55 runs once she exited the crease after 12 overs.

Sophia had the best bowling showing, given she took three wickets in 3.5 overs.

Jenipher also made her presence felt, taking two wickets as was the case for Mwamvua.

Jenipher bowled three overs, ending with 5.33 in economy rate, Mwamvua bowled four overs and posted 3.25 in economy rate.

Simba Queens thereafter went to comfortably chase Macechu Girls' modest score, for the loss of three wickets in 9.4 overs.

Opening batter Hudaa duly punished Macechu Girls' bowlers, posting 25 runs consisting of three fours.

The skilful batter stepped up and confidently saw to it Simba Queens

mount successful chase.

She had Simba Queens smoothly wading off an early wobble, which saw fellow opener, Jenipher, succumb to an early dismissal.

Jenipher was six runs short of a two-digit figure, as she was dismissed by the opponents' bowler, Rahma.

Mwamvua then forged a partnership with Sophia, once Hudaa was dismissed after 5.2 overs, and went on to win the clash for Simba Queens.

Mwamvua notched unbeaten 13 runs, cracking a four, Sophia ended with 12 runs not out which included a boundary.

Macechu Girls' Rahma had the best day with the ball, in which she recorded three wickets in four overs.

Rahma nevertheless could not help her outfit defend the paltry total.

Czech Republic seek revenge on Scotland for Covid, race rows

GLASGOW

SCOTLAND'S first match at a major tournament for 23 years is laced with acrimony for the Czech Republic, who travel to Hampden today having been forced into a last-minute change of training camp and without suspended defender Ondrej Kudela.

Kudela was hit with a 10-match ban for racially abusing Rangers midfielder Glen Kamara when Slavia Prague visited Scotland in the Europa League last 16 in March.

The widespread condemnation of Kudela in Britain has not been reflected in his homeland, where Slavia and many of his club and international teammates have stood by the 34-year-old and claimed there was a lack of evidence against him.

"I fight for Ondra all the time," Tomas Soucek, who starred in the Premier League for West Ham this season told Czech publication Idnes.

"I believe that he did not tell him anything racist, there was no evidence, but a lot of people on the islands (the UK) condemned him and he received a severe sentence.

"I find it absurd. I know him so well that I can't imagine him saying anything racist. I also tried to convince the boys in the locker room about that."

On the field, Kudela's presence will be missed. Without him, Slavia were swept aside by Arsenal in the Europa League quarter-finals and the Czechs are not blessed with strength in depth at centre-back.

"When it comes to Ondrej and his case, the entire team can feel it and we would like to have Ondrej with us," Czech Republic assistant manager Jiri Chytrý said this week.

"Nobody wants to risk anything" - But his ban has not been the only bump in the Czechs preparations.

Thanks to qualifying automatically, months before Scotland did so via the Nations League play-

offs, Jaroslav Silhavy's men had snapped up the Scottish national team's normal base in Edinburgh with the first two of their Group D matches in Glasgow before facing England at Wembley.

However, those plans had to be changed just over two weeks before the start of Euro 2020 as the Scottish government refused to ease its strict coronavirus rules for close contacts of a positive case.

Scotland's own bid to qualify was nearly derailed by those rules when key players Kieran Tierney and Ryan Christie missed a play-off semi-final against Israel due to a positive test for Southampton's Stuart Armstrong.

Under those rules, one positive case in camp could force a host of players into isolation.

As a result, the Czechs will be based in Prague and fly into the UK for all three of their group games.

"I personally would be happier if we were in a single place and had the base camp in Scotland. But I also understand nobody wants to risk anything," said Burnley striker Matej Vydra.

To stir the pot even further, the Czech FA even failed in a late attempt to get the match switched from Hampden due to the strict travel rules that prevent travelling fans from attending without spending 10 days in quarantine.

By contrast, Scotland will be roared on by home fans for the first time since November 2019, with 12,000 in attendance.

The Scots have never qualified from a group stage at a major tournament, but will arguably never get a better chance with another home game to come against Croatia and just eight of the 24 teams being eliminated before the knockout phase.

"Obviously a win would be massive in the first game," said Scotland boss Steve Clarke. "Three points can almost guarantee you a place in the last 16, so that would be a great start."

Spectators feared the worst, then chants of 'Eriksen' rang out

COPENHAGEN

A WAVE of relief was felt in the Copenhagen stadium when the announcement came that Denmark's Christian Eriksen was "in a stable condition" after he had sickeningly collapsed mid-game on Saturday.

Some 16,000 spectators in the Parken Stadium had watched in shock as medical personnel administered CPR to the Danish player before he was carried off the pitch.

"I could look down and see he was getting treatment, so everybody was like: 'I can't look at this', and I was like: 'I can't look at this,'" Rasmus Otosen, a 34-year-old Danish supporter, told AFP.

Eriksen "is a national treasure, he's like your best friend," Otosen said.

He and others opted to leave the stands as onlookers feared for the Inter Milan star as he laid motionless for over 10 minutes in the corner of the field where he suddenly collapsed in the 43rd minute of Denmark's opening Euro 2020 game against Finland.

His teammates initial stares of disbelief spoke volumes about their concern as they formed a circle around the 29-year-old midfielder.

As medics performed chest compressions, many in the stadium feared the worst.

"My wife told me he looked dead in his eyes," 50-year-old supporters Benny told AFP.

With the gravity of the situation becoming clear, TV cameras eventually zoomed out.

Fellow players Thomas Delaney, Andreas Christensen and Daniel Wass could be seen wiping tears with their jerseys.

- 'Christian!' 'Eriksen!' - After about 15 minutes of anguish, Eriksen was finally carried off the pitch and rushed to nearby hospital Rigshospitalet.

With the player displaying signs of life with slight movement and holding his hands to his head, hope returned to the stadium.

"My mother died five years ago

and I didn't cry as much as when Eriksen left the pitch," Finnish supporter Mikka told AFP.

Bridging the divide of the competition, Finnish fans began shouting "Christian!" as Danish fans replied with "Eriksen!"

Meanwhile others began chanting the poetic Danish national anthem "There is a lovely country."

"Tonight's match will never be forgotten," Denmark's foreign minister Jeppe Kofod tweeted after the match and offered thanks for the inspiring chants from the Finns.

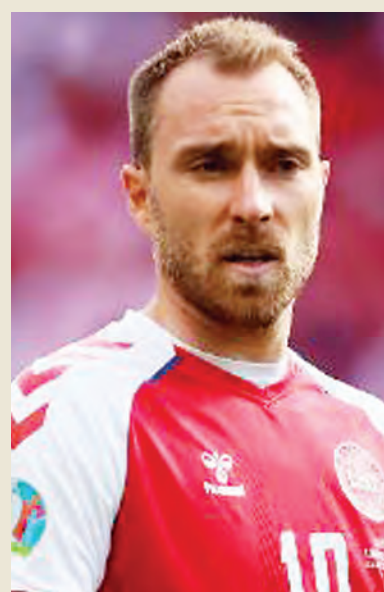
"You embody the very essence of FairPlay!" Kofod said, adding a "Kiitos!" (Thanks in Finnish) at the end.

"It has been a special match for all Danish fans, one of those you will always remember," 44-year-old Rasmus, another Danish supporter, said as he left the stadium.

After it was confirmed that Eriksen was "awake" and in a "stable condition," the game resumed at 8:30 pm.

In the second half a more recognisable silence later fell over the stadium after Finland scored, securing a 1-0 win over the home team.

"I feel a bit disappointed... actually I think the match should never have continued," supporter Peter told AFP, all dressed in Denmark's red and white.



Eriksen's collapse at Euro 2020 a reminder of the fragility of life

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

YOU won't be able to shake the horror of Denmark's Christian Eriksen collapsing on the field during their Euro 2020 opener with Finland in Copenhagen's Parken Stadium on Saturday for a while. Hopefully, you won't be able to shake the humanity that followed, either.

Or the perspective that seeing paramedics fighting to save the life of a 29-year-old father - a fit athlete in the prime of his career - brings to all of us. Sports, career, money ... it all crumbles to dust when faced with what really matters: life.

Maybe this is why the moment resonated worldwide, broken down to its individual components:

Eriksen's teammates forming a human tent around his prone body, shielding him from prying eyes and, at the same time, shielding us from witnessing the moment the light might go out. And all this without knowing if it had, in fact, gone out and whether their gesture was the equivalent of pulling the sheet over a patient's face.

Eriksen's longtime partner, Sabrina Kvist Jensen, the mother of their two children, dressed in his No. 10 national team jersey, being consoled, powerless, the width of a football pitch away, by his captain, Simon Kjær and his goalkeeper, Kasper Schmeichel.

The paramedics racing across the pitch and working to do what they've been trained to do, something that ought to be routine to them, but which suddenly becomes the most important job in the world.

The supporters, shocked, unsure, decked in Finnish and Danish colors, some with their faces



Copenhagen's Parken Stadium came to a standstill as medics tended to Christian Eriksen. (Agencies)

pointed, some shirtless, all terrified by what they were seeing.

And then, in front of screens worldwide, whether TV or social media, the collective worry, the hunger for updates. Mortality is one trait that all of us, rich or poor, share. And no, the fact that all of us, to whatever degree, have spent the past 15 months battling a pandemic that has taken so many lives doesn't prepare us. Not when it's so sudden.

That's when those who are blessed with faith - and some who aren't - pray. Or put their faith in reason and knowledge and the skill of those working to save Eriksen's life. Or both. In those moments, waiting for updates, many of us wondered about the cruelty of it all. This tournament, originally scheduled for last summer, was supposed to be a continent's first baby step on the

way back to some semblance of normality, the first light of dawn after the long nightmare we've endured - and continue to endure.

In those moments, those who love this sport - and even those who just dropped in for the moment - were as one.

Then the news trickled in. From UEFA. From the Danish Football Association. From Eriksen's agent.

He was conscious. He was talking. He was stable.

"I just spoke to Christian's father, and he told me that he is breathing, and that he is able to speak," Martin Schoots, Eriksen's agent, told Dutch radio.

"Moments like this put everything in life into perspective," UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin said in a statement.

As Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand said, "Christian is one of our

best players, is one of the best players there is, and he's an even better person. So, all my thoughts and all my positive energy go out to Christian."

The fans at Copenhagen's Parken stadium, many of whom steadfastly remained, cheered, just as they had done earlier with the sort of call-and-response between Finns and Danes that gives you goose bumps. The match resumed. Finland won 1-0. And Christian Eriksen was given the Star of the Match award.

"Denmark lose. Life wins." That was the headline the Danish paper Ekstrabladet chose for its Sunday edition. It was hard to disagree.

The rest of us said thank you, to God, to medicine, to the men and women who looked after Eriksen. And we felt a little bit more connected and a little more human.

Uncertainty and Covid chaos curbs excitement for Spain's new era

SEVILLE

AFTER a week without training and three years of upheaval, Spain head into their Euro 2020 opener against Sweden today determined to leave the past behind but unsure about what comes next.

Luis Enrique was appointed to ring the changes in the aftermath of the 2018 World Cup, when going out on penalties to Russia had made it three consecutive failures to reach the quarter-finals of a major tournament.

The conclusion in the wake of defeat in Moscow was clear - the historic crop of 2008 to 2012 had grown old and the style that placed Barcelona and Spain at the vanguard of football was painfully out of date.

At La Cartuja in Seville today, only Jordi Alba will remain from the Euro success nine years ago, with Sergio Ramos cut and Sergio Busquets self-isolating after testing positive for Covid last weekend.

And yet while the names bear almost no resemblance to what went before, Spain's fresh mix of promising youngsters and high-end performers arrive without any real sense of what now fills the void.

Since the last World Cup, 61 players have played for Spain's senior team as the desire for a clean slate under Luis Enrique and, briefly, Robert Moreno, meant opportunities were spread far and wide.

But a crystallisation of those ideas never really materialised, meaning even the most forensic observers are struggling to predict who will start Monday's opener in Group E, which also includes Poland and Slovakia.

Some of the biggest question marks hang over the most important positions, with Luis Enrique refusing to confirm if Athletic Bilbao's Unai Simon will play in goal, ahead of David de Gea and Brighton's Robert Sanchez.

- Laporte set to start - Ramos' omission means Pau Torres is expected to be partnered by Aymeric Laporte, the former



Luis Enrique

France defender who declared for Spain last month and would be earning only his second cap against Sweden.

Koke, Rodri or Thiago Alcantara could all form the base of the midfield trio while the central striker might be either Villarreal's in-form Gerard Moreno or Alvaro Morata, who was mocked by his own fans in the last friendly against Portugal.

Results have been no easier to predict, with elation often quickly

followed by disappointment.

Spain thrashed Croatia 6-0 and then lost to them 3-2. They beat England 2-1 before losing 3-2 at home, after being 3-0 down at half-time.

They put four past Ukraine and then went down 1-0 in Kiev. In November, they demolished Germany 6-0 before in their next game drawing 1-1 at home to Greece.

If Spain can deliver the peaks when they need them and eliminate the troughs, they will be among the

cluster of teams ready to capitalise if Euro favourites France fail to live up to expectations.

But their most tepid performances, when possession has been ponderous and ruthlessness lacking, could just as easily leave them short of the latter stages again.

Luis Enrique will hope uncertainty creates competition for places and a chaotic final week might at least have brought togetherness to make up for lost time and preparation.

As one of only three coaches at Euro 2020 to have won a league title in Europe's five major leagues, Luis Enrique represented one of Spain's major strengths. His time with the team should have been precious.

Instead, Busquets and Diego Llorrente testing positive for Covid-19 meant the players trained individually for most of last week while a friendly against Lithuania was handed over to the under-21s.

After picking only 24 players to allow for smoother sessions, Luis Enrique was left to manage 41, some training individually, others called up to form a back-up bubble and a further two self-isolating at home.

When he arrived, Luis Enrique promised to bring "evolution not revolution" but it has largely been about experimentation and now it must bring results. Sweden will be a step into the unknown.

AFP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

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Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, arrives at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma to feature in the 'CRDB Bank Pamoja Bonanza', held in the region on Sunday. Others are CRDB Bank Board of Directors' chairman, Ally Laay (R), and CRDB Bank Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela. PHOTO: GUARDIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Yanga now eyes Zambian forward

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Investment Director of GSM Group, Yanga's main sponsors, Hersi Said, has landed in South Africa for talks with Kaizer Chiefs over a possible transfer for Zambian attacker Lazarous Kambole.

Last week Said was in DR Congo where he negotiated Djuma Shabani's transfer from AS Vita to Yanga and he is now set to meet Kaizer Chiefs' officials for talks over the Zambian star.

Shabani has already agreed in principle to join the Jangwani Street club on a two-year deal.

"Said is set to finish our transfer deals," a source close to Yanga said.

"You must have noted he was in Kinshasa a few days ago and he is now headed to South Africa to see what Kaizer Chiefs has to say about Kambole," he disclosed.

He noted: "We want to finish these transfers as soon as possible to focus on what matters most before the new season."

Kambole has failed to settle at Kaizer Chiefs and has scored just a single goal in 39 appearances for Chiefs, and this season he has not scored in 22 appearances.

Apart from Kambole and Shabani, AS Vita's Jean-Marc Makusu Mundele is also a primary transfer target for Yanga.

Yanga is expected to prioritize the signing of strikers after Fiston Aboulrazak and Michael Sarpong failed to live up to expectations.

Sarpong was signed before the season began and so far does not feature among the top five best scorers.

Aboulrazak came during the mid-season transfer window but has been unable to challenge Said Ntibazonkiza and Yacouba Sogne for a starting berth.

Makusu is expected to return to AS Vita after he failed to replicate his previous goalscoring form while at Premier Soccer League side Orlando Pirates on loan.

The AS Vita star struggled to fully recover from a leg injury, but Yanga nonetheless sees him as one of the best solutions to their problem, according to reports.

Mukoko Tonombe and Tuisila Kisinda, two of DR Congo's stars at Yanga, have reportedly expressed their support for moves for their compatriot.

Should Kambole and Makusu talks fail to bear fruits, the third rumoured option on the list for the Jangwani Street giants is Fiston Mayele of AS Vita. Mayele scored 12 goals in the season and helped the club win the DR Congo's Ligue A title.

He was second on the top scorers' chart behind Tour Puissant's Mazembe's Jean Baleke, who found the back of the net on 14 occasions. Yanga is, however, expected to face a challenge as Mayele is at the heart of coach Florent Ibenge's plans for the next campaign.

Dark Kabungu, the third-best striker in the DR Congo league with nine goals, is said to be on Yanga's transfer wishlist too.

The 27-time Mainland Tanzania champions are also rumoured to be interested in Ivorian forward Magbi Gbagbo.

He had attracted interest from the Tanzanian giants in the previous mid-season transfer, but his club, Wydad Casablanca, were not keen to enter into talks regarding the transfer of the striker.

Africa Kabaddi Championship preparations in top gear

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Kabaddi Association says preparations for this year's African Championship, set to take place from June 29-July 5 at Ubungo Plaza in Dar es Salaam are at an advanced stage.

Abdallah Nyoni, Tanzania Kabaddi Association's president, yesterday said all national team players are attending the training.

Nyoni noted Zimbabwe will be the first country to arrive as it is expected in Dar es Salaam on June 29 while others will arrive later.

"Everything is going on well as planned, the players are attending the training in readiness for the championships which we will host this month-end in Dar es Salaam at Ubungo Plaza," he said.

The Africa Championship was initially slated for March 9-14 but was pushed back to April 6-10 this year and later to this month.

The decision to postpone the championship was announced by the Africa Kabaddi Association in consultation with competing nations.

Nyoni said this was reached after evaluation of Coronavirus which has hit some of the countries which will compete at the championship.

However, he said this time around, they have not received any communication on the same, a situation he points out indicates that the championship will go on as planned.

He also disclosed that the Africa Kabaddi Championship and other activities which the association is undertaking in the country are part of their five-year plan.

He also failed short of saying when Kabaddi coaches from India will come into the country to train the players.

Those who were supposed to be in the country in February are coming courtesy of the World Kabaddi Association.

In the previous interview, he said it is historical for the country to host Kabaddi Championship and it will involve Kenya, Cameroon, Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Uganda, and hosts Tanzania.

He said the country accepted a request from the Africa Kabaddi Confederation and World Kabaddi Association to host the championship as it will be one of the means through which the body can promote and develop the sport in the country.

Nyoni is also the first vice-president of the Africa Kabaddi Association and founder of Dar es Salaam's Buffalo Kabaddi Sports Club.

Polisi Tanzania now ready for Simba SC



Simba SC fullback, Shomari Kapombe (R), negotiates his way past Polisi Tanzania's Hassan Maulid (C), and Matheo Anthony in the previous season's Premier League tie, played at Ushirika Stadium in Kilimanjaro.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

POLISI Tanzania's head coach, Malale Hamsini, believes he has a strong side that can beat Vodacom Premier League defending champions Simba SC in the league's clash, to be played at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on Saturday.

Kilimanjaro-based Polisi Tanzania has a score to settle against Simba after the latter registered a 2-0 victory over the former in the first round tie at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

He said the team is in Mwanza to prepare well for the encounter and he is confident of posting good results on Saturday.

The coach said it will be a tricky match but they want to get maxi-

mum points.

"We lost to them in the first round, but this time around, the team arrived in Mwanza early so that we can have enough time to prepare for the game and I'm sure of good results," he said.

Polisi Tanzania sits sixth in the league table with 41 points while Simba leads the league.

In-form players, Pius Buswita, Hassan Maulid, Tariq Seif, are among key players set to make Polisi Tanzania team which will lock horns with Simba.

With a few games left to finish the league, Simba has what it takes to defend the top honour for the fourth time in a row.

Simba's head coach, Didier Gomes said his side now focuses on the 2021/22 season.

He, however, said they will

make sure that they win their remaining seven games.

He noted: "We are very much prepared to win our remaining league matches. The Saturday game and other games will be different games but we are confident of getting positive results."

The French tactician has just returned from his native country where he went for a short holiday.

Simba started training to prepare for the game without many of its players who are with the senior national team.

Simba SC players who are with the national team are Aishi Manula, Shomari Kapombe, Mohammed Hussein, Erasto Nyoni, Kennedy Juma, John Bocco, and Mzamiru Yassin.

Tanzanians urged to take part in China Tourism and Culture Week

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIANS have been invited to take part in the ongoing China Tourism and Culture Week to enjoy the beautiful natural landscapes and cultural customs of China across time and space.

The China Tourism and Culture week is held online. The Cultural Counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania, Wang Siping, noted this event will continue until the end of June, and a variety of online activities will accompany the audience to spend a happy, fulfilling, and interesting time.

Siping, who as well serves as Director of the China Cultural Center in Tanzania (CCCT), said the event focuses on telling the story of China, showing China's rich cultural and tourism resources in a true, three-dimensional and comprehensive manner.

The official said they hope the event can further promote cultural and tourism exchanges and cooperation between China and Tanzania.

He disclosed that the event is sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, and co-organized by the China Cultural Center in Tanzania (CCCT).

"The China Tourism and Culture Week 2021 kicked off online in Tanzania.

With the theme of 'Beautiful China, Colorful Life', the event is divided into six sections.

They include 'Intangible Cultural Heritage & Beautiful Country Construction', 'Ice & Snow Tourism', 'Food Culture', 'Dragon Boat Festival Customs', 'Chinese Kungfu' and 'Tourist Art Performance' showing China in an all-round way.

"Tanzanians are invited to enjoy the beautiful natural landscapes and cultural customs of China across time and space," he said.

He moreover pointed out during the event, the Tanzanian friends can enjoy the picturesque natural scenery of the Chinese countryside online through the official website and social media platforms of CCCT such as Facebook and Instagram.

They can moreover visit the Chinese ice and snow tourism wonders of thousands of miles of ice, explore the delicious and unique traditional Xinjiang cuisine and humanistic customs.

They will experience the beauty and shock of Chinese-style landscape performances.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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