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Samia wants Kigoma port revamped to spur growth

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday directed authorities in Kigoma Region to prepare a map for the construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure including ports on Lake Tanganyika.

Addressing a public meeting during the end of her four-day tour of the region, she said she was not impressed with the infrastructure when visiting the port.

"Let me call upon the regional authorities to work on this as I work on supporting you

financially," she said, raising this initiative to spur growth in the western part of the country.

After launching various development projects, she said ports to be prioritized in the revamping are Kigoma, Kibirizi and Katosi.

The government intends to construct a new market for the region where small scale traders will do business in a conducive environment. The region has set aside 23 acres of land for hawkers to put up stalls for

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan assisted by Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (3rd-L) in unveiling a plaque when laying the foundation stone of the Lake Tanganyika Port headquarters complex in Kigoma-Ujiji municipality yesterday. Photo: State House



'Take bigger role in next polio vaccination drive'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

REGIONAL and district medical officers have been ordered to work closely with other stakeholders in the coming phase of the polio vaccination campaign to increase coverage rates in their areas.

Prof Abel Makubi (pictured), the Health ministry permanent secretary, issued this instruction yesterday when commissioning the polio emergency operations centre in the capital.

He expressed concern that three phases of the polio vaccination campaign saw several areas performing below the target. Administrative medical officers heighten their involvement in the next phase, he urged.

More than 17m children under five years

of age were inoculated, surpassing the international vaccination target of 85 per cent, he said.

The 176m/- polio services facility is a base for the coordination of emergency services, deploying of responders, identifying needed experts for each unique situation and developing strategies to stop the spread of the disease, he said.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) helped to finance the facility through the eHealth initiative, he said.

It will bring under one roof efforts to fight epidemic threats, he said, urging health sector partners to assist in establishing emergency operations centres in border regions especially.

Surveillance of epidemics is a sixth phase government priority in view of the threat from neighbouring countries, like the spread of Ebola, he stated.

Dr Zabulon Yoti, acting country representative for the World Health Organisation (WHO) commended government efforts in preventing polio, outbreak, satisfied with support by the ministry.

The ministry and the local governments'

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World Bank says Tanzania economy strong, loanable

By Guardian Correspondent, Washington, DC

Tanzania has visibly more sound economic management in comparison with many other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, a high ranking coordinator of World Bank activities in Africa has declared.

Dr Taufila Nyamadzabo, managing director for the bank's Africa Group 1 constituency made this observation in talks with Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba.

They conferred on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington DC, where he showered praise on the country's economic management and implementation of various IDA financed development projects

He said Tanzania is a country to be



The global lender has disbursed more than \$7.2bn (16.7trn/-) for implementing 29 projects in Tanzania that are being pursued at present

emulated in supervising its economy, as despite the Covid-19 challenges and fallout from the Ukraine war Tanzania's economy was in a better shape at present.

He pledged further support from the development lender, assisting Tanzania to alleviate poverty by extending financial resources for various economic and social projects.

The minister assured the World Bank executive that the government was taking vital steps to ensure the economy grows and welfare improves for the population.

He explained that in the current financial year's first quarter, the economy grew by 5.4 per cent, from 5.0 per cent in the period a year earlier, intoning that grand plans put up by the government explain the upward trend.

The economy will grow further to 6.6

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Livestock registration nears end, cattle keepers facing fines, losses

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

LIVESTOCK branding and registration using electronic earrings is set to be closed at the end of the month, the Livestock and Fisheries ministry has said.

Prof Hezron Nonga (pictured), the director of livestock services, told a press conference yesterday that thereafter animal keepers who failed to meet the deadline will face fines and other measures

The 2010 Livestock Identification and Registration Act and the regulations made the following year require that unidentified livestock will not be taken to livestock auctions or abattoirs.

Alternatively, if otherwise transported, the violators will be liable to 2m/- fine,"



he said, underlining that livestock identification, registration and subsequent follow up is essential for the sector's growth.

As it is a legal requirement, every livestock keeper is required to have his livestock identified and registered, as the target is to identify and register 45.9m livestock.

Up to October 15, 4.1m cattle had been registered, just 10 per cent of the target, close to a year since the registration drive was launched, he said.

He alluded to numerous challenges explaining the low turnout, including the failure of local government authorities in allocating adequate funds for the exercise.

Herders were complaining over the 1,750/- charge for cattle and donkey earrings and

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa visibly far from impressed upon seeing a faulty door to the operating room at Namtumbo District hospital in Ruvuma Region yesterday, demanding an rectification of the situation. Right is the hospital's medical officer, Dr Christopher Wabwarumi. Photo: PMO

PM disappointed over construction of Namtumbo district hospital pace

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday expressed dissatisfaction with the progress of the construction of Namtumbo district hospital which he found does not match the money invested in the project.

The PM made the remarks when he addressed residents of Migelegele village in the district soon after inspecting the construction of the hospital in Ruvuma region.

The premier said he will not sit and watch the project being sabotaged while the government has injected more than 7bn/- into the project to ensure people receive

quality services.

"I have inspected the project and am not satisfied with the progress, I have directed that all the doors which are of low quality should be removed because what I have seen is annoying," he said.

Earlier when inspecting the project, Majaliwa found various irregularities including some doors which were not matched with lock pads.

Speaking on the availability of fertilizer, PM Majaliwa said the president has issued a 150bn/- subsidy to protect farmers adding that the regions has been assigned with five companies to distribute the input.

"The companies including Mohammed Enterprises, Yara, OCIP, Premium and ETG have been assigned to distribute the input in the regions saying so far about 9,000 tones have been sent to villages," he said.

Jenista Mhagama, Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) hailed the government for the project saying that he said will be beneficial to women, children and elders.

She said the government will continue assigning health workers to the region saying the government this year employed 30,000 workers.

David Silinde, Deputy Minister in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (RALG) said the government was constructing girls' secondary schools in 26 regions across the country.

"About 4bn/- has been set aside for the project and upon completion, they will accommodate 1, 2000 students studying science," he said.

Namtumbo MP, Vita Kawawa commended the government for the 15.5bn/- meant for development in the constituency which has facilitated the availability of necessary services such as water and health.

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their businesses and build offices.

The ports will be built the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) after the president conferred with the minister to help the region take up the revamping project.

Residents need to come to terms with changes arising as the revamping work starts, when the agency demolishes original infrastructure, she said, as officials prepare compensation schedules in the project area.

The president noted that the government has set aside 43bn/- for 13m cards from the National Identification Authority (NIDA), for wide distribution, including for the region.

Prof Makame Mbarawa, the Works and Transport minister, said the government was renovating

Kigoma airport to a three kilometer runway so that cargo planes can land, hailing the president for the Kibirizi port initiative as it will make the area a business hub.

Zitto Kabwe, leader of Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo) rooted for the Katosi dry port to facilitate easier cargo handling for neighboring countries.

Plasduce Mbossa, the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) director general, said the Kibirizi port project is part of the wider Kibirizi, Ujiji and the main Kigoma port revamping project.

Kigoma Port will have a new building while at Kibirizi a passenger lounge and gate are being built at a total cost of 32bn/-.

The project which started in 2019 will upon completion also serve DRC and Burundi trade activity, he added.

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per cent on average in the coming year, he said, lauding the bank for allocating Tanzania a total of \$2.1bn (4.9trn/-) in the 20th IDA cycle (scheduled loans by the World Bank concessional loans window) for development projects.

This is expected to spur economic growth and alleviate poverty among the people, he said. The global lender has disbursed more than \$72bn (16.7trn/-) for implementing 29 projects in Tanzania that are being pursued at present, the minister added.

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department had shown long-term commitment tied up with cooperation in polio eradication efforts, he said.

A functioning public health emergency operations centre is an effective means of coordinating

partners responding to public health events and emergencies, he stated.

Dr Delayo Zomahoun, the polio eradication country coordinator, said that the centre will have in one place all resources essential for fighting outbreaks of any kind of pandemic.

Five years of violence in Mozambique has forced nearly a million to flee

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NEARLY one million people have fled extreme violence perpetrated by non-State armed groups in northern Mozambique over the past five years, the UN refugee agency UNHCR reported yesterday.

As the conflict in Cabo Delgado province has not subsided, UNHCR is appealing for both an end to the bloodshed and greater international support for the displaced and local communities hosting them.

The situation has had a devastating impact on the population, Spokesperson Matthew Saltmarsh told journalists in Geneva.

"People have witnessed their loved ones being killed, beheaded, and raped, and their houses and other infrastructure burned to the ground," he said.

"Men and boys have also been forcibly enrolled in armed groups. Livelihoods have been lost, and education stalled while access to necessities such as food and healthcare has been hampered. Many people have been re-traumatized after being forced to move multiple times to save their lives."

Meanwhile, the humanitarian situation has continued to deteriorate, with displacement figures increasing by 20 per cent, to over 946,000 in the first half of this year.

The violence has now spilled into the neighbouring province of Nampula, where four attacks were reported in September affecting at least 47,000 people and displacing 12,000.

"People displaced during those latest attacks told UNHCR that they are scared and hungry. They lack medicine and are living in crowded conditions - with four to five families sharing one house," said Mr. Saltmarsh.

"Some sleep under open skies. Lack of privacy and exposure to cold

at night and the elements during the day, create additional safety and health concerns, particularly for women and children."

UNHCR has been responding to the needs of displaced populations in Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa provinces, through humanitarian assistance and protection support.

Staff are providing shelter and household items, helping survivors of gender-based violence with legal, medical, and psycho-social support, and supporting displaced people to obtain legal documentation. UNHCR also supports those at higher risk, including children, people with disabilities, and older persons.

The agency requires \$36.7 million to deliver life-saving protection services and assistance in Mozambique but has so far received around 60 per cent of the funding.

Despite ongoing displacement in Cabo Delgado, some people have returned to their homes in areas they perceive as safe, said Saltmarsh.

Last month, UNHCR and partners conducted the first protection assessment mission to Palma, a town in the far north-east which saw deadly attacks in March 2021. Most of the 70,000 residents were displaced and the majority have returned in recent weeks.

"People who have lost everything are returning to areas where services and humanitarian assistance are largely unavailable. UNHCR is concerned about the risks people face should they continue to return to their areas of origin before conditions are stabilized," said Saltmarsh.

While UNHCR is in favour of returns when they are voluntary, safe, informed and dignified, current security conditions in Cabo Delgado are too volatile for people to go back to the province.

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Swissport Tanzania executive director Mrisho Yasini (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting an ultrasound machine to CCBRT (Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania) Hospital CEO Brenda Msangi. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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1,000/- charge for sheep and goats, he elaborated.

There was a poor understanding of the idea with herders on identification earrings, after the year-long drought since July 2021 which harmed livestock in various areas, he stated.

Mbeya Region is leading for livestock identified and registered, with upwards of one million animals, he said, appealing to local

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government authorities to take up their responsibilities to coordinate the exercise.

Livestock experts have to persist in education and mobilization of herders to have their livestock

branded, he stated, pointing at sustainability benefits of the branding exercise.

Livestock identification, registration and follow up are essential for preventing infectious

livestock diseases, he pointed out. It enhances the livestock market value, enabling access to insurance or loans for herders while locating stolen livestock if the need arises, he added.



Abeda Rashid, Permanent Secretary of Zanzibar's Social Welfare Development, Elderly, Gender and Children ministry, views an assortment of seaweed-based items produced by entrepreneurs. It was an exhibition held in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

230bn/- to implement agricultural projects

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government in collaboration with Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) is looking for funding totaling \$100million (230bn/-) to implement agricultural projects in the country.

More Tanzanians, especially youths are to be empowered economically by the project, which upon completion would cover about 1,000 hectares.

The revelation was made here by the Minister of Agriculture, Hussein Bashe, here.

He was speaking during a joint working tour of various agricultural projects being implemented in Dodoma Region by the Minister and the President of AGRA Dr Agnes Kalibata.

Speaking on separate occasions after inspecting the projects in Chamwino and Dodoma districts respectively, both the Minister and the

AGRA president expressed their commitments to extending partnership in tandem with efforts to maintain a green revolution in the country which will make Tanzania in feeding herself and the continent at large.

According to Bashe, AGRA is now putting everything in place for the implementation of the next Five-Year Strategic Plan, that is why the latter's president had made an official visit to the country to have intensive discussions and consultations with the government of Tanzania on all possible areas of collaboration so as to help the country to meet its targets in the agricultural sector.

AGRA is a farmer-centered, African-led, and partnerships-driven institution that is transforming Africa's smallholder farming from a solitary struggle to survive to businesses that thrive.

During an interview with journalists after the tour, the Agriculture Minister said that the

government had requested AGRA to offer support in the agriculture sector including block farming, development of resilient seed systems as well as a market for agricultural produced products.

"Every five years AGRA has been developing its strategic plan which out to be localized at the country level, that is why today we are glad to have the AGRA president in the country in order to fine-tune key issues that we think will help to revolutionise the sector," he noted.

Bashe said that in implementing robust projects in the country, Tanzania had approached AGRA because of its reputation in the continent to help the government mobilize funds totaling \$100 million from other Development Partners in order to help the country to have food security as well as feeding other countries in the continent.

During her working tour, the AGRA president had a glimpse at two important projects, one of them, a major irrigation project in Chamwino district in the country's capital covering about 300 hectares of land.

Dr Kalibata further toured the Bihawama agricultural training college which draws students from different higher learning institutions and employees from the ministry to provide capacity building programmes in agriculture.

During an interview, the AGRA president said that her team had enough time to discuss with the Tanzanian government on several issues as AGRA kicks off the implementation of the five-year strategic plan.

"Our focus continues to be developing systems that make agricultural sector grow, strengthening capacities, looking at markets and of course looking on the sustainability of farming because we live on climate change time," noted Dr Kalibata.

Queen Maxima meets with farmers, representatives of ACRE Africa

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

QUEEN Maxima of the Netherlands has expressed her satisfaction with the way the Agriculture and Climate Risk Enterprise Ltd (ACRE Africa) in Tanzania has enabled farmers to get crop compensation due to the drought crisis through 'Bima Pima'.

Queen of the Netherlands said this yesterday while discussing with maize farmers at the Uduru Makoa Primary Cooperative Union in Hai District, Kilimanjaro region.

The visiting Queen, who appeared to ask many questions to the farmers, expressed her satisfaction with the way in which the farmers explained how to benefit from the insurance.

A mobilizing farmer, Cleopa Mushi who participated in motivating farmers to buy vouchers (insurance) to deal with the disasters of drought and lack of rain said that next season he and his fellow farmers have planned to buy more vouchers as they have seen the benefits.

"I have received an insurance payment of 120,000/-, I have seen the benefit of this project because the money was used on my phone during the preparation for another farming season. So it helped me because last

season I did not get a good harvest so I would have to go sell other things so that I can start preparing the farm but ACRE Africa's payment for the farm has helped me a lot," said Mushi.

Another farmer Irene Ndenshao said that she bought one insurance voucher which is sold for 1,000/- for fear that she might be cheated so after the season ended the harvest was not good.

"I was surprised to see that I was being charged 12,000/- on my phone and I was very surprised because I had forgotten if I had taken out crop insurance so this season I plan to buy more vouchers," said Ndenshao.

Director of the Acre Africa company in Tanzania, Chrisofa Mzali said that they are implementing an insurance plan in this country starting in 2015 where they have started with Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions.

"Queen Maxima's visit here in Uduru ward was to learn about the crop insurance service we provide to maize farmers where we are managing similar projects in the districts of Siha in Kilimanjaro region and Arumeru in Arusha region," said Mzali and added.

"The insurance we provide to small farmers is called 'Bima Pima',

it is insurance we provide through a voucher system which aims to introduce farmers to the insurance system where one voucher is sold for 1,000/-."

"This protects investment costs of up to 12,000/- for one card, so if a farmer suffers a loss, he can be compensated up to 12,000/-, where the farmer can buy more than one voucher according to the cost he wants to protect in his farming."

Mzali said that they have started operating their activities in the country since 2015 where they have been using mobilizing farmers to educate them on the importance of the insurance that pays for disasters such as drought and heavy rains that damage crops.

"We have planned to provide insurance to one hundred thousand farmers for the next farming season and we will do so in seven regions in the country. In addition to corn, we will look at other crops such as sunflower, cotton, coffee, tobacco and other crops that face the challenge of climate change," said Mzali.

SeedCo Director of the East Africa region, Clive Mugadza said that they are focused on producing seeds that withstand the challenges of the

climate, thus enabling farmers to get more and better harvests.

"We advise farmers to join agricultural insurance because when disasters occur that may cause them not to get a harvest, including lack of rain, then they can get compensation, including being given a free bag of maize seeds for the next season," stressed Mugadza.

CRDB bank's Insurance Manager Wilson Mzava said that they are collaborating with the ACRE Africa institution and have prepared a very good agricultural insurance program that provides compensation to farmers when they are hit by disasters.

"The crop insurance offered by CRDB bank increases food security in the country and also increases the farmer's income security, so we advise many farmers to join this insurance," said Mzava.

One of the farmers informed Queen Maxima that they have seen great success through the insurance because it has enabled them to move from farming local seeds where they used to get four sacks of 100 kg each to one acre where they are now buying seeds from the SeedCo company which enables them to get an average of 25 sacks up to 40 per acre.

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Sahara Ventures CEO Jumanne Mtambalike (L) presents a drawing to UNDP's Deputy Resident Representative in Tanzania, Sergio Valdini, in Dar es Salaam yesterday - a day after the launch of Sahara Sparks. The souvenir was meant as a token of appreciation for UNDP's support to entrepreneurs in Tanzania in the digital economy as well as challenges to society's readiness to face the inevitable transformations brought about by digital innovations. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzania ready to join other stakeholders in water and sanitation sector - minister

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is ready to work together with various stakeholders to improve the water and sanitation sector in the country to enable the people in both urban and rural areas to do away with safe and clean water challenges.

The remarks were made by Dr Stergomena Tax, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation on Monday at the Warsaw University of Living Science, Poland during the first day of her official visit to the European country.

Dr Tax, who met with the University's management and owners of various Polish firms with the intention to invest in Tanzania's water and sanitation sector, said the sector is among the country's priority sectors as they touch the lives of the people, hence serious investors were needed.

She said various cities in the country,

including Dodoma and Dar es Salaam, continue to grow fast hence there is a need to invest more in the sector.

"In the circumstances, we shall continue working together with various countries to ensure the sector is improved, especially in regard to modern water management technology as well as empowering our own experts," said Dr Tax.

The minister further said her ministry will continue cooperating with various institutions involved in the water sector management including the water ministry and together they will continue seeking permanent solutions to various challenges facing the sector.

Earlier, welcoming Dr Tax to the University, the University's Chancellor, Prof Michal Zasada said the university concentrates in teaching modern water management technology and environmental preservation, and that it was ready to work together with Tanzania

by providing training and empowering its experts.

"We are pleased to be visited by you and your delegation. Our university provides various degree courses, including Masters in various fields including the water sector.

"We welcome Tanzanians to join our various training programmes at our college, particularly those in regard to the water sector," said Prof Zasada.

At the meeting, various Polish firms engaged in the water and sanitation sector, including Asseco said they were ready to invest in the water and sanitation sector in Tanzania.

Dr Tax also visited modern laboratories in regard to water management and saw a water project that uses modern technology implemented by the college.

Dr Tax is on a three-day visit to Poland which aims to boost diplomatic and economic ties between the two countries.

Tanzanians encouraged to seize opportunities in govt's projects

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister, Kassim Majaliwa has tasked Tanzanians to fully mobilise themselves and grab opportunities provided by various strategic projects implemented by the government.

Majaliwa made the remarks on Monday after inspecting the construction of Mwanza Main Bus stand at Nyegezi and the building of MV Mwanza ship.

Majaliwa is in three-day visit to inspect development projects in Mwanza Region.

He assured Tanzanians that no strategic project will get stuck as the government is fully mobilised by allocating adequate funds thereon, and called for their trust in the government.

The Nyegezi Bus Stand is expected to cost more than 15bn/- and upon completion at the end of this year, it will hold 120 large buses and 80 small vehicles.

The project, now 98 per cent complete will also be able to inject 2.5bn/- in revenue to Mwanza City Council coffers.

In regard to MV Mwanza "Hapa Kazi Tu," Majaliwa expressed his satisfaction with work progress and stressed on the contractor to finish its construction in time and to adhere to standards.

During his inspection of the vessel on May 7 this year, Majaliwa ordered the Immigration Department to seize passports of the officials of the shipbuilding contractor - Gas Entec Building Engineering for failing to abide by the contract's conditions.

Thereafter, it was discovered that Gas Entec Building Engineering had sold its shares to some other firms without the government's knowledge, and those who bought the said shares were later surprised to see ship building activities in progress, saying shipbuilding was beyond their capabilities.

Majaliwa said at that time the government had already paid 80

per cent of the construction cost but the work done was only at 55 per cent.

He said according to reports received there were only 118 workers, but later only 22 remained.

"We cannot pay all that money while the work was not progressing as it should. Suppose tomorrow these 22 will also be fired and firm officials travel to Nairobi and fly away to their countries?" he queried.

Works and Transport Deputy Minister, Eng Godfrey Kasekenya said the contractor returned on May 16 this year and continued with the project, and following Majaliwa's directives on May 7 2022, all workers who were suspended were reinstated.

He said as for now the project was 73 per cent complete and come November 30 this year, the ship will be launched into Lake Victoria at a cost of 108bn/-.

It will have the capacity to carry 1,200 passengers and 400 tonnes of cargo.



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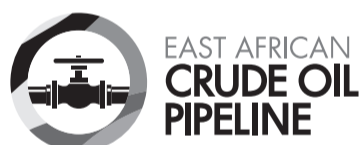
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East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in providing catering services to the EACOP Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleoni peninsula near Tanga in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BACKGROUND:

EACOP TZ LTD is inviting qualified suppliers to express interest in providing catering services. The service provider (contractor) shall be expected to provide lunch meals at the EACOP office premises to approximately 300 staff everyday from Monday to Friday.

The service provider (contractor) shall be required to serve a range of dishes i.e., African, European, Asian and American dishes as shall be indicated by EACOP Ltd prior to commencement of operations and along the contract period.

The eligible and qualified service provider for this Call for Expression of Interest must have a proven experience of providing a range of meals as indicated above.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- Prepare and deliver to EACOP Ltd office premises ready-to-serve lunch meals to staff everyday from Monday to Friday.
- Service Provider shall prepare meal plans and share with EACOP in a weekly basis to provide meal plan on a weekly basis.
- Prepare and share weekly meal reports with the HRs office.
- Daily cleaning and collection of garbage from the terrace (5th floor) where meals shall always be served from.
- The Contract Period shall be ONE YEAR from the date of the start of the supply of meals with an option to renew it upon agreement of both parties.
- The Contractor shall at all times maintain the highest standards required in all aspects including, inter alia, food hygiene, delivery schedules, and standards of transport methods.
- The Service Provider shall be responsible for maintenance and replacement in case of breakages of utensils used.
- Always have a commensurate number of waiters/waitresses to serve 300 staff efficiently.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

This call for Expression of Interest (EOI) is intended to lead to the identification of suppliers that can demonstrate having sufficient capacity and experience to provide catering services in a manner that meets EACOP Ltd expectations.

Therefore, companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration with the Tanzanian relevant authorities including Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Provide evidence of compliance from relevant regulatory food handling bodies and licenses.
- 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 strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Provide financial statements for the previous financial year.
- The profile of the organization clearly showing the years of experience in the business of catering services.
- An updated list of clients especially in the corporate business where similar services have been provided.
- Provide recommendation letters from the clients and contacts (at least two)

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 15:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 25th October 2022. Email subject should be 00100007988.

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies. Only the pre-qualified companies will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company concerned.



INVITATION FOR BIDS DISPOSAL SPARES FOR MOBILE EQUIPMENT

MBEYA CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED (MCCL) is a subsidiary of the Holcim Group with its industrial operations based in Plot No. 1/1 Tanzam Highway, Songwe Industrial Area, Mbeya.

MCCL hereby invites all interested individuals, organizations and the public to participate in a sealed bidding to purchase spare parts for mobile equipment. The items being auctioned on the condition of "as is where is".

All interested bidders shall request for the list of all spares under disposal by sending email to mcc.tender@lafarge.com with Subject **REQUEST FOR THE LIST OF SPARE PART UNDER DISPOSAL**

Bids shall be received both physically or through email marked/subject **DISPOSAL OF SPARE PARTS FOR MOBILE EQUIPMENT** and delivered to below address or email address

**THE TENDER COMMITTEE
MBEYA CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED
PLOT 1/1 TANZAM HIGHWAY
SONGWE INDUSTRIAL AREA
P.O. BOX 529, MBEYA, TANZANIA**

Email: mcc.tender@lafarge.com

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. Items are to be sold on "as is where is". Mbeya cement shall not have further liability after sale.
2. Successful bidder will be required to pay full bid amount within 10 working days from the date of the award.
3. All spares shall be inspected at site from 19th October 2022 to 24th October 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (excluding Saturday and Sunday). All who will visit the site they are required to wear protective gears.
4. Deadline for the Bids Submission: **28th October 2022.**
5. Late bids submission shall not be accepted.

Spare parts under disposal are for the below equipment
BACKHOE - VOLVO 6300
BENZ TRUCK 3825
CAT DOZER- D8K
DRILL RIG- ROC 301
DRILL RIG- ROC 442
GROVE CRANE -RT75S
ISUZU KB 280
JIEFANG TIPPER
LOADER CAT - 980C
NISSAN PATROL TD
TOYOTA -1HZ

Government promises to work with stakeholders in education sector to solve challenges facing PWDs

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

OMARY Kipanga, Deputy Minister for Education, Science and Technology has said that the government will continue to work with all education stakeholders in order to be able to solve various challenges faced by people with special needs, especially in the field of education.

Kipanga was speaking yesterday when celebrating 60 years of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)'s School of Education (SoED) themed "Ensuring equal access to quality education, a reflection of the university's support services to students with special needs."

He said that the government has been striving to ensure that equal and quality education is provided to every citizen in the country.

Citing an example of wavering school fees from primary to secondary government school, the decision increases great opportunities for students with special needs to enroll and get an education more than before when they couldn't afford it due to economic reasons, he said.

"This clearly shows that the education of students with special needs and the solution to their challenges in the education sector in general, is a priority of our government and we will make sure that they achieve their goals," he said.

He further noted that the government pays close attention to the right to education for all groups, including priority groups such as girls and people with special needs.

The government is currently implementing a five-year project

funded by the World Bank which aims to make higher education an economic stimulus in our country, he said.

This project is going to touch higher education as its goal, but it will also touch students with special needs, support the improvement of infrastructures, the availability of modern equipment for students with special needs and the training of employees, he noted.

"I congratulate the university through its SoED for facilitating access to education for all students, especially students with special needs and I can assure you that the Ministry of Education recognizes your contribution and efforts in the provision of services to students with special needs since you started providing services to the first two students with visual challenges until now when you are supporting more than 150 students, keep the good work," he commented.

It is clear that through the service you provide, you have enabled people with special needs to fulfill their educational and employment dreams, he said.

UDSM Vice Chancellor Pro William Anangisye said that the most important mission of special education is to provide students with special needs with development opportunities and a learning process that will improve the quality of their life.

This can only be done through the cooperation of different stakeholders in the country that provide free appropriate education and in this way, people with special needs acquire knowledge in line with their unique needs and abilities, he noted.

Kinondoni's deputy mayor calls on teachers, parents to monitor children's behaviour

By Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

KINONDONI Municipal Council, deputy mayor Joseph Rwegasira has called on teachers and parents to be close to children and monitor their behavior to curb violence against them.

Rwegasira made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking at the Kilimani Primary School's standard seven graduations.

He asked school owners to establish forums that will help build understanding, confidence to express themselves and self-awareness in students.

He said in the research they did for a few children, they managed to find out the sad things that they claimed were happening in the school environment while asking parents to raise children well and follow up on their behaviour so that in the coming years they can have strong, useful and productive children for the nation.

"In order for these young people to be good in our nation, they need good education and education starts at home and school, because that is where they spend most of their time, you may find that the teacher knows the child's behavior better than the parent," he said and added:

"The government encourages teachers as well as school owners to ensure our young people get the best education in their school environment, the other day the Ministry of Social Development launched a campaign to fight sexual violence and cruelty to children," said Rwegasira.

He added that available researches have been showing a lot of violence against children taking place in schools and at the family level, so he insisted that teachers and parents make friends with children so that they can tell them what is happening to them.

According to him, the government is looking at the issue of child abuse and sexual violence with a third

eye, giving an opinion to the school leadership to set up a procedure to have conferences to enable children to express themselves so that they can realise who they are.

He also congratulated various schools in the council including Kilimani Primary School for being good stakeholders in the education sector, and that they have been collaborating with them in following policies, guidelines and regulations that ensure education is provided in accordance with the country's guidelines.

"We are very grateful to Kilimani as our stakeholders, we promise to provide any kind of cooperation and ensure that together with the nation as a whole, we achieve our goals of finding strong young people who will help our nation move forward," said Rwegasira.

Kilimani Primary School assistant principal, Neema Charles said one of the things they also do in terms of training is to develop the talents they discover in the children they teach so that they can later become self-employed.

"We in Kilimani raise children from the age of two years, we see their talents when they are young and we discover them early, so we develop them with great faith that in the future they will come to help them," said Neema.



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Ihala district commissioner Ng'wilabuzu Ludigija (C foreground) briefs Dr Selemani Jafo (L), Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), and visiting National Environment Management Council officials yesterday on the extent of environmental degradation in Dar es Salaam's Msimbazi River valley. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Nape: Communications regulator serves as Telco sector's protector

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) will continue to be in charge of the entire communications sector in the country in a mother-child-like relation to ensure that it makes more positive contribution to the growth of the sector, which helps build the digital economy.

Nape Nnauye Minister for Information, Communications and Information Technology made the remarks in a televised interview earlier this week.

The minister emphasised that one of the duties of the communications regulatory body is to analyse user information and provide feedback to Law Enforcement Agencies

(LEAs) like the police who are tasked with combating cybercrimes and other vices that occur in the online platforms.

"TCRA does not enforce; it is outlawed for TCRA to conduct any seizures; even when there appears to be an obvious cyber-crime, their duty is to conduct cyber-analysis and provide feedback to relevant LEAs," he said, stating: "Their feedback enables other agencies to identify who is who and what is being done in the space."

As a result of the fact that content on the Internet is always available, Minister Nape underlined that every person who uses online services should be sure to make responsible and safe use of the same.

"Whatever you publish in the online space leaves a mark, the internet doesn't forget; I've seen some people miss out on important advantages only because of what they've been posting in their particular online platforms," he said.

He emphasised that the authority would continue to concentrate more focus on educating communication service providers who have TCRA's licences, rather than punishing them, particularly in situations where it is discovered that they have violated licenses criteria and other guidelines as issued by the regulatory.

"TCRA has changed significantly; penalties that the authority used to impose on licensees have been

scaled back," stated Nape. "I've reminded them to work as sector guardians. We've reminded one another that if the service provider commits a mistake, consult them, talk to them, instead of prioritising penalties as it used to be."

The minister's statement is in keeping with agreement on safer use of online platforms that were reached by countries. The month of October will be dedicated to raising awareness of safer online behaviour, as agreed upon by nations according to minister Nape. The agreement aims to increase awareness and educate users of communication services so they may use them responsibly and avoid harmful online platform usage.



Small traders in business as usual at a restricted roadside spot at Mbezi Luis in suburban Dar es Salaam yesterday, claiming that they are yet to find a better site to move to and thus heed a long-issued government relocation order. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

ZRB advised not to charge tax based on estimates

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) has been advised to charge tax using sales reports from electronic fiscal devices instead of making mere estimates which is against the goals for the establishing of the Virtual Fiscal Management System (VFMS).

The advice was given by a cross section of businessmen as they addressed reporters on challenges that came up since the establishment of electronic receipts sales.

They said tax payment by some traders have been rejected and returned to them and were called to pay more than the amounts reflected in the sales report through the electronic fiscal

devices.

"We went to make payments but unfortunately ZRB refused to accept the money telling us to pay contrary to the amount reflected by sales recorded by the electronic machines," said Ali said, one of the businessmen in Zanzibar.

He said there emerged huge inconveniences in regard to inspections in shops due to a string of letters from ZRB instead of making normal auditing, thereby creating difficult environment in conducting their businesses.

"What is surprising is that VAT was reduced by three percent on building materials, including iron bars, roofing sheets and cement, but now it has been reverted to 15 per cent thereby creating

unnecessary inflation," said Juma Mohammed, owner of a shop who sells building materials in Mlandege area, Unguja.

"For example, a roofing sheet costing 18,000/-, the government takes 2,478/- in tax and we remain with only 1,000/- in profit," he added.

"They have sold to us the electronic machines at 400,000/- each but we own small shops and are forced to pay 400,000/- per year, or 2 per cent of the 2m/- sales in disregard they sell the goods or not," said another owner of shop selling curios in Kiponda area.

A Zanzibar economy analyst, Abdulrahman Mshangama said collecting tax based on mere estimates is against the law as well as government's aims in

establishing the electronic system in tax collection.

"In business, tax should be paid according to the volume of the business done, and if the people were sold the electronic machines to record sales, why estimates should continue to be done?" asked Mshangama.

However, addressing reporters, ZRB Acting Tax Payers Education Manager, Makame Mohamed Khamis said one is forced to pay tax on estimates if there is a doubtful environment especially when the tax is smaller than what it used to be paid in the past.

In addition, he said the law empowers them to conduct audit inspections in shops at any time in case they sense any signs of tax evasion.

Ministry called on to ban the use of dental amalgam by children, women

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Ministry of Health has been urged to ban the use of dental amalgam on children and women of childbearing age as it can cause adverse health effects.

Dorah Swai, Agenda for Environment and Responsible Development senior programme officer made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when commemorating Africa Week for Mercury-free Dentistry.

She said that dental amalgam should be banned as it is known to cause adverse health effects particularly when the extent of exposure is high in individuals who have reduced ability to remove mercury from their bodies.

"This call is for Tanzanian and African governments to take deliberate steps toward protecting their populations, especially children and mothers as required by the Minamata Convention amendment aiming at prohibiting the use of dental amalgam to children under 15 years old and women of childbearing age by the end of 2023 similar to the requirements stated in the Tanzania Mercury Regulations (2020) and The Second Guidelines for provision of Oral Health Services in Tanzania (2020)," she noted.

The mentioned above is for facilitating the implementation of the Minamata Convention in Tanzania as it has banned the use of dental amalgam on most vulnerable populations in Tanzania which include children under 15 years old, women of childbearing age, pregnant women and breastfeeding women, she said.

"We argue the government to ensure that dental clinics strictly abide by those restrictions since Mercury-free dental filling material including, but not limited to composite resin and glass ionomer are available and have been in use for decades in Tanzania and other African countries," she commented.

She further noted that the Ministry of Health should set aside a special amount of money that will be used in giving education to people about the effects of amalgam on children and women of childbearing age.

Silvani Mng'anya, AGENDA principal programme officer said that installation of dental amalgam separators in dental clinics is costly and complicated since the device and amalgam waste trapped therein have to be shipped to western countries for sound disposal once full.

He further noted that effects in brain development may have severe negative effects on a child's intelligence quotient (IQ) making the child unable to contribute adequately to learning and ultimately to economic development in the future.

He continued that instead of using such complicated practices, the operator of dental clinics (public and private) should direct their effort on promoting the use of Mercury-free dental filling materials which are superior, tooth-friendly, non-hazardous and nonpolluting.

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Fertiliser company told to finish school project, then go into production

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

AUTHORITIES in Manyara Region have given six months to Itracom Fertiliser Limited to complete the construction of Vilima Vitatu Primary School before it starts production.

The directive was given on Monday by Manyara regional commissioner, Makongoro Nyerere during his inspection visit of the construction of the new school as well as the old one that was in existence which the government entered into agreement with a Burundi investor to build the new school first before he starts fertiliser production.

Makongoro said the investor has all permits and has already paid compensation to land owners whose land was taken for the project.

He also assured the people that the company will build factories in three areas - Manyara, Kigoma and southern Tanzania.

"The aim is to be self-reliant in fertiliser as well as for export to neighbouring countries," he said.

He said the agreement with the investor in the area has attained 60 per cent to completion.

RC Makongoro further said the factory should not create dust to the school that can affect the health of students.

In the same vein, Itracom Fertilisers Limited Managing Director, Nduwimana Nazaire said Vilima Vitatu Village have been given 1,350 acres to invest on which they would be digging up fertiliser and send to the firm's Dodoma factory.

In regard to compensation, he said in Phase one the firm paid 179 people a total of 1.7bn/- and in Phase Two, a total of 293 people were paid a total of 1.6bn/- and they are they plan to pay compensation in Phase three.

Meanwhile, Itracom board of directors chairperson, Capt. (Rtd) John Chiligati said the compensation procedure begins with the government where they endorse compensation rates.

Itracom Board Member, William Ngeleja said the interests of both Tanzania and Burundi will be adhered to and that the factory will create employment opportunities.



EASTERN ARC MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND

(EAMCEF)

MFUKO WA UHIFADHI WA MILIMA YA TAO LA MASHARIKI

JOB VACANCY

JOB VACANCY : RESOURCE MOBILIZATION OFFICER

1. BACKGROUND

The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) is a Trust Fund that was established as a mechanism to provide sustainable financing for effective conservation of biological resources in the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania. The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund was initially conceived as a joint initiative of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the founder members of the Board of Trustees, the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The Fund aims at providing long-term and reliable funding support to conservation activities related to the promotion of biological richness and diversity, improvement of ecological functions and sustainable use of natural resources in priority areas of the Eastern Arc Mountains (EAMs). The Eastern Arc Mountains ecosystem forms a major portion of the Eastern Afrotropical Region which is recognized globally as one of the 34 biodiversity hotspots characterized by high concentrations of endemic species now under serious threat. Major mountain blocks of the Eastern Arc spread over fifteen districts in five regions of Tanzania namely, Tanga (East and West Usambara and Nguu Mountains), Kilimanjaro (South and North Pare Mountains), Morogoro (Udzungwa, Ukaguru, Nguru, Rubeho, Malundwe, Mahenge and Uluguru Mountains), Iringa (Udzungwa Mountains) and Dodoma (Rubeho Mountains). Governed by a multi-sectoral Board of Trustees, the Fund was officially registered in Tanzania in June 2001 under the Trustees' Incorporation Act (Cap. 318 R.E 2002) and it operates as an independent not-for-profit Conservation Finance Trust. Headed by the Executive Director and based in Morogoro Municipality, the Endowment Fund Secretariat is charged with the running of the day-to-day operations and functions of the Trust.

The Eastern Arc Mountains forests are under considerable pressure due to various human activities as a result of increased population. Threats leading to biodiversity loss include expansion of human settlements, shifting cultivation, forest fires, extraction of wood for commercial and domestic uses, gold mining, dry season grazing, extraction of non-wood forest products including honey, fruits, medicines, natural ropes, resins, mushrooms and game hunting. Whereas requirements for financial resources necessary for effective conservation of the Eastern Arc Mountains are quite enormous, the financial position of EAMCEF is currently very modest. Thus, EAMCEF needs to mobilize more resources from all possible sources so as to increase its capital base as well as enhance its capacity to finance its operations and programme activities.

In order for the resource mobilization efforts to be plausibly effective, aggressive fundraising, promotion and marketing, engagement and visibility activities needs to be concurrently undertaken. This will be possible only if the now vacant position will be filled by a right candidate. EAMCEF is thus seeking for a suitably qualified and expertly competent Tanzanian to fill in the vacant position of Resource Mobilization Officer (RMO). The successful RMO will be based at the EAMCEF Head Office in Morogoro Municipality and will be expected to spend ample time traveling for fundraising and resource mobilization, visibility and engagement as well as promotion and marketing activities and operations of the EAMCEF.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1. General Conditions

- * Proven ability in excellent writing and speaking both English and Kiswahili Languages.
- * The position is equally available for both female and male Tanzanian applicants: female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- * Working experience in relevant fields of not less than five years with reputable projects/programmes/organizations.

2.2 Terms and Conditions of Employment

A Contract of two years will be issued to the successful candidate upon satisfactory performance during the probationary period of the first three months. Depending on the ability to perform the assigned duties, the Contract may be renewed at the end of the second year. An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the selected candidate commensurate with professional qualifications and working experience.

3. DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

3.1 Duties and Responsibilities

Reporting and answerable to the Executive Director, the successful Resource Mobilization Officer (RMO) cum Marketing and Engagement Officer (MEO) will be in-charge of and play a leading role in all resource mobilization, fundraising, marketing, promotion, engagement and visibility operations and activities of the EAMCEF. Her/His principal duties and responsibilities will include but be not limited to the following:

- * Effectively playing the dual role of a Resource Mobilization Officer (RMO) & Marketing and Engagement Officer (MEO) of the EAMCEF.
- * Developing and implementing effective promotion, engagement, public relations and marketing strategies for awareness creation and attracting more support from all possible sources.
- * Aggressively increasing the visibility of the EAMCEF accomplishments and the EAMCEF in general through production and dissemination of communication materials fit for social media (Website, Twitter, You-Tube, Facebook, Instagram, etc) and other powerful forums and effective platforms.
- * On an ongoing basis, review and provide professional advise for improvement of the EAMCEF website so developed and managed as a tool for marketing and resource mobilization purposes.
- * Actively assisting in collection, processing, storage and dissemination of useful information about the EAMCEF and its endeavours as well as the Eastern Arc Mountains in general.
- * Effectively assisting, supporting, back-stopping and working closely with the Programme Officer (Planning, Coordination and Information

Management), Field Projects Officers and the Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant in planning and undertaking all activities and functions related to monitoring, evaluation, accountability, learning and reporting as appropriate.

- * Proactively building and maintaining the necessary confidence and trust by donors and inculcate into them a culture of giving more to the EAMCEF again and again.
- * Effectively collaborating and working closely with the Programme Officer (Planning, Coordination and Information Management) and the Planning and Communication Assistant in planning and executing all activities and functions related to planning, reporting, communication, visibility and engagement aspects and issues as appropriate.
- * Assisting, providing back-up support and appropriately gap-filling in the functions of the Programme Officer (Planning, Coordination and Information Management) as it may be required from time to time.
- * Assisting in timely planning, budgeting and progress reporting for all programme activities.
- * Effectively participating in developing, updating and operationalizing the Strategic Plan, Fundraising and Resource Mobilization Strategy, Business Plan, Communication Strategy, Engagement Plan and Promotion and Marketing Strategy documents of the EAMCEF.
- * Effectively improving the fundraising, resource mobilization and organizational capacity of the EAMCEF and proactively creating conditions necessary for philanthropy.
- * Undertaking marketing, fundraising and resource mobilization activities for the EAMCEF targeting potential supporters and other EAMs stakeholders.
- * Making effective research on existing and potential future donors (donor mapping), designing and facilitating the implementation of appropriate approach mechanisms.
- * Setting-up and effectively operationalizing plausible fundraising strategies to raise the required funds from traditional and new and untapped sources.
- * Effectively writing fundraising proposals that are plausible and appealing to a variety of donors and pursuing the strategy as one of the principal means of soliciting funds from potential sources.
- * Raising and attracting funding for the EAMCEF in real amounts commensurate to the EAMCEF targets of increasing its endowment and meeting its operational and programmatic obligations.
- * Assisting and advising the Executive Director in matters pertaining to management, technical and professional aspects and issues as appropriate.
- * Doing any other relevant activity or assignment as it may be directed by the Executive Director from time to time.

3.2 Personal Attributes

- * Possession of both first and second degrees from recognized and reputable higher learning institutions in the fields of marketing, economic development, planning, business administration in marketing, economics, natural resources management, climate change management or other relevant fields.
- * Formal training in fundraising and resource mobilization, promotion and marketing, engagement and visibility aspects is essential.
- * Good interpersonal skills, practical experience and strong background in climate change financing, resource mobilization, fundraising, advocacy, lobbying, networking, marketing, promotion, engagement and visibility endeavours and aspects.
- * Strong background in donor research/mapping and successful track record in attracting and raising funds is necessary.
- * Excellent expertise and demonstrable capability in searching for opportunities and developing fundable project proposals is a pre-requisite.
- * Familiarity with the Eastern Arc Mountains and background in environmental conservation and natural resource management, strategic and business planning is desirable.
- * Demonstrated belief and experience in exploring new opportunities, establishing and maintaining partnerships and keeping track on unfolding social, economic and political events.
- * Excellent knowledge and proven ability in working with computers and a variety of computer programmes especially Microsoft Office Applications (e.g. MS Word, Excel, E-Mail, Internet, Power Point, Access, etc) and establishment and management of databases.
- * Ability to work under pressure and for extended hours including working on week - ends and holidays as it may be required from time to time.
- * Obedient, respectful, honest, trustful, fast learner, smart and socially active.
- * Mature, energetic, hardworking, versatile and self-motivated with demonstrable stability in employment history.
- * Demonstrated ability to work independently or under minimum supervision, effectively supervise and lead others.

4. MODE OF APPLICATION

Seriously committed and highly qualified professionals should lodge their well written applications to the undersigned not later than 10th November, 2022. Application letters with detailed CVs, copies of relevant certificates, testimonials and names of three easily contactable referees should be timely made. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for one or more interviews within two months from the application deadline.

Applications should be addressed to:

**The Executive Director
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With 40,000 cattle dead, we should look beyond indigenous knowledge

A STONISHING reports of the scale of drought and its impact in Arusha Region are bringing to stark reality what is generally identified with climate change. Nearly 40,000 animals, mostly herded livestock have died for lack of grazing pastures and water as drought conditions spread over most parts of the northern zone. The most affected district is apparently Longido, but at an earlier period it was Simanjiro that reported cattle dying from lack of water and pasture, in which case the situation was now true of other areas, without visible, rapid solutions.

One substantial reaction to be heard from this zone isn't firstly that of district officials despite being involved, for instance Nestory Daqqaro, who oversees livestock and climate change at the border district of Longido, was making an overview of the situation lately, at a meeting to review recent reports on indigenous communities' resilience to the effects of climate change. It was not too clear whether this initiative was scaled for the issue, or merely parallels the crisis.

Organising officials said that the material collected from recent research activities was being placed for discussion in the meeting organised by a NGO, Media Aid for Indigenous and Pastoralist Community (MAIPAC) with sponsorship of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The latter has a working agency on the ground linked with the World Bank, namely the Global Environment Fund (GEF) which worked with local activists in the Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRF) to map out the project. Participants explored the traditional protection of water sources and

forests, as part of efforts to control the impact of climate change.

There is an expression in English that says 'too little, too late' as observable in a range of circumstances in life, on account of the fact that crises break out since we aren't prepared for them (as a society, or any other society). So when we try to find remedies, it is a bit of 'more of the same' if not outright 'business as usual' as there will be a huge push to make a difference. That is what we see in this instance, that organisations whose very existence is tied up with traditional livestock rearing methods, try answers for a situation where nearly 40,000 cattle died in one district.

What was especially noticeable about the situation was that it was devastating for numbers of livestock that has succumbed to the crisis, estimated at upwards of 39,000 but with only a scatter of wildlife that also perished.

The dead wildlife counted at 18 zebras, four giraffes and two gazelles, apart from 19 donkeys, sheep and goats added to the mix. It would appear that cattle need large amounts of water, with seemingly a greater difficulty withstanding drought, compared to other livestock and definitely compared with wild animals. But that is beside the point.

Adding the problem of invasive plant species stifling edible grass and causing diseases to animals that consume the strange crops, it is also clearer that cattle are non-resilient in that situation, unlike wildlife. Activists must figure how to rehabilitate the apart from stabilizing water supply, and clearly credit is needed. Migratory herders are unlikely to fetch those funds from banks, nor contribute such the cash themselves, so NGO must find a way to fit cattle into the new landscape.

True, elaborate regulatory innovations can make Kigoma industrial, trade hub

DESPITE the big news as President Samia Suluhu Hassan started a tour of Kigoma region in her current tour of the western zone was delays to start registering farmers in the fertiliser subsidy scheme, the more strategic news was a bit hidden. It was covered in the switching off of generators after the region was connected to the national grid. The president noted that more investors are likely to opt for Kigoma in the wake of improved electricity services, whereupon the wider potential of the region was noticed by accompanying cabinet ministers and experts.

The minister for Works and Transport said that road construction opens up economic and social opportunities by easing the transportation of people and goods. When itemizing how the new roads being launched or completed are capable of stimulating industrial production, elevating fishing and agriculture sectors, he unavoidably looked at how trade can improve with Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Here one needs attractiveness similar to special economic zones now being planned for the coast, or Zanzibar, as industrial layouts require a definite affinity with land as well as the country, firstly.

One method would be to grant special residential status for citizens of member countries of the East African Community, with rights similar to those they will be meeting there, as falling short of voting, but insurance or credit being made accessible. It is a question of dusting our EPZ formats on the basis of best practices elsewhere in the world, as we seek to make Tanzania not just a gateway via the port of Dar es Salaam but also a manufacturing and service hub by our financial sector strength,

minerals, vast arable land some of which is game protected, etc.

The tour by President Samia more or less lays the framework for these conditions, namely in switching off unreliable thermal generators (putting them on some kind of standby function) and hundreds of kilometers of highways surfaced to tarmac level. With regulatory reform in residential rights, property rights and access to banking facilities, investors will do the rest, but the political establishment is more used to calling for 'more production' with scant knowledge of nearby markets, etc.

Such a shift in the regulatory environment would offer new opportunities for those in refugee camps debating whether to say or to leave, as investors would integrate them to new activities where their knowledge of nearby countries would be of some use. It can be an altogether new branch of economic strategy that few other countries in the region can reproduce, meanwhile as a similar push is possible in the south-western zone where we have borders with the southern part of DRC, plus Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique. Terrorists ravage regions sleeping economically.

Tanzania's envoys in nearby countries, like those posted abroad, have overall instructions of fostering economic diplomacy, and they are making efforts. But when investors come with best practices formats on links to land, credits and property they may not find it easy to respond, which diminishes their effectiveness. This doesn't call for overhauling of institutions but merely adapting them to the pivotal need to attract investors, make various parts of the country more dynamic, to even use profitably some of the costly infrastructure we are building at present.

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By Siyane Aniley

SOLIDARITY has become a global buzzword in the development sector and even more in the recent context of global pandemic. However, Solidarity is not a new way of doing things in Africa.

In Africa, we have a philosophy called Ubuntu; meaning, 'I am, Because We are'.

Ubuntu is not just an African philosophy, but a spirituality and an ethic, a powerful tradition demonstrating the need for solidarity at all levels. It expresses compassion, dignity, harmony and humanity in the interests of building and maintaining community with justice and solidarity.

In this increasingly globalized world we live in, our interdependence, and the interconnectedness of the challenges we face collectively makes global solidarity a precondition for our survival and well-being more than ever.

Global solidarity is not limited to aid, charity or humanitarian assistance; it is a broader concept that includes sustainability in economic relations, peaceful coexistence, equal partnerships, and equitable sharing of benefits and burdens.

Global solidarity does not seek to homogenize (unlike the old-fashioned

By Riad Meddeb

AS much of the world was starting to glimpse recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, it now finds itself amid a cost-of-living crisis brought on by disruptions in global energy and food markets that are the result of conflict and climate change.

This again highlights how societal and planetary imbalances reinforce each other, as well as the need for a truly inclusive and green recovery. One that is foundational for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that digital is no longer optional. Countries with existing digital foundations were much better equipped to respond to citizens' needs, including through the effective delivery of public services such as healthcare, social security benefits, and remote education. Digital will play a similarly important role in shaping a global green recovery.

Beyond building national socioeconomic resilience, digital transformation is also proving a key enabler in advancing global climate commitments. Countries supported by UNDP are leveraging digital in innovative ways to redouble their efforts to adopt renewable energy, transition to a circular economy, and to protect biodiversity.

Ecuador is building a digital traceability system for monitoring land use change and to track

War in no way African! A shift from colonial development aid approach to global solidarity

development aid approach) but rather to be the bridge across differences, connecting diverse people and countries with their heterogeneous interests, in a mutually respectful, and equitable manner.

But global solidarity to whom? As James Baldwin (1972) stated, "If one really wishes to know how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the police, the lawyers, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected... and listens to their testimony."

In this case, if we want to show solidarity, it is for the most unprotected.

Human rights-based approach to Global solidarity is meant to be universal, regardless of where one come from, regardless of skin color, religion, and political stands. However, as it was a common practice in the development aid approach, we must not associate the vulnerable groups to the crisis they are facing. This is to the extent that crisis looks like the identity of the global south, as if agony is innate and natural to these groups.

For example, the attitudes towards

Africa, where war crimes against civilians in countries far from the West have become almost acceptable.

On the other hand, the war in a Western County is perceived as unnatural and alarming where refugees are welcomed with open arms, even at household level.

War is not African! The pain of women and children is not African!

We must change this world view. Global solidarity must acknowledge and address crisis as a fixable socio-politically manufactured phenomenon, wherever the location is.

Yes, there must be a shift from the old and colonial approach to development aid:

- Where donors tag Africans with their logo and t-shirts
- Where the poverty of women and children is romanticized with undignified photographs in media and project reports
- Where the southern perspectives and experiences are pushed to the periphery and Africa is only the site of primarily of data collection in policy development and knowledge production
- Where aid is tied to

expectations to policy convergence and homogeneity at the cost of the recipient's autonomy, rather than a virtue of only human solidarity

What is a shift to a good global solidarity?

Global solidarity fundamentally needs democratization of knowledge and development cooperation. As Raewyn Connell (2007) argued that democratization of knowledge is to utilize the potential of the southern intellectuals to produce new knowledge and new theories that are relevant for their context.

In the development cooperation, it is important to end tied-aid approach where partners stand on mutual respect and dignity. Dismantling the systems of sexism, racism and classism against the oppressive structures is possible through a good global solidarity for all.

It is important to build Intersectional, democratic, and feminist global solidarity approach against all forms of oppression and marginalization, regardless of where one come from.

When this happens, we can all one day say Ubuntu - 'I am, Because We are'.

How digital can drive a green recovery

commodities through the supply chain. Papua New Guinea has piloted a mobile phone application to assist law enforcers to quickly record and report environmental harms such as illegal logging and bush fires.

Whether it's emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) or more established digital tools like the mobile phone digital can be a fundamental driver of change. It is reshaping the dynamics between the economy, governments, businesses, and civil society and is an important tool in rebalancing our planetary, societal, and economic priorities.

However, digital is fast becoming the global metric of both inclusion and exclusion. With 37 percent of the world's population still offline, the digital divide, notably, the lack of accessible broadband, gaps in digital skills, and marginalized groups excluded from technology, has become a key barrier for countries wanting to capitalize on the potential opportunities of the increasingly digital economy.

And digital technologies themselves could constrain a Green Recovery. The industry's carbon footprint could account for about 14 percent of global emissions by 2040. If digital were a country, it would nearly surpass the US as the second largest contributor to climate change. And this impact may worsen, with emerging technologies also contributing to increased emissions.

Digital and a green recovery Integrating sustainable development in digital is central to ensuring a green recovery - one that drives inclusive digital access and capacity, promotes openness and open data, and fosters innovations that increase the efficiency of digital technologies and mitigates their environmental footprint.

In this context, the UNDP Global Centre for Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development organized its flagship event 'Digital for a Green Recovery' on the sidelines of the World Cities Summit in Singapore. The event highlighted three priorities for an inclusive and green digital transformation.

First, we must put people at the centre of innovation. This includes ensuring the availability of foundational digital infrastructure so that everyone can benefit. We must also ensure that the technical standards and explorations of emerging technologies are 'human-centred', founded on the local needs and aspirations of populations, but also 'environment-centred'.

Second, we need to strengthen collaboration between innovation ecosystems. Innovation doesn't happen in a vacuum. It requires an enabling ecosystem comprising policies and regulations, investors, incubators and accelerators; and educational institutions. Digital can be a potent enabler for connecting

dispersed national and global innovation ecosystems in pursuit of sustainability.

Third, data is the lifeblood of digital transformation and could be an important equalizer for countries in accelerating their efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

However, a number of countries lack even foundational data infrastructure, such as data centres, communication networks, and energy grids. We need to accelerate efforts to build data capacity to ensure that existing digital divides are not widened.

Digital is an indispensable enabler for driving a green and inclusive recovery. But it is truly a 'whole-of-society' endeavour.

As a platform to showcase innovation, best practice, and to foster partnerships, the UNDP Global Centre for Technology, Innovation, and Sustainable Development will continue to convene global discussions, support and align innovation ecosystems around the world, and guide governments in leveraging the potential afforded by digital. Through driving the experimentation, adoption, and scaling of digital, we can shape a Green Recovery that works for both people and planet.

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Sometimes losing provides practical lessons which can change your life

AMERICAN self-help author Napoleon Hill famously remarked that “a quitter never wins and a winner never quits. “All I do is win, win, win no matter what,” sang DJ Khaled, an American record executive and producer. Inspirational, isn't it?

What is your take on winning is losing and losing is winning? There is this argument that winning is not everything and sometimes it's good to lose. Losing is not always failure as long as you don't give up or keep fighting to get what you lose.

If you believe in yourself, you never lose. If you allow your mind to stop your efforts, that is the beginning of losing. Due to some reasons, you are unsuccessful but you are having plans to try again. That is the secret of many winners.

That's how the universe works. When you are winning, you are really losing and when you are losing, you are really winning because eventually, winning becomes boring and makes you complacent. When you become content with how things are, it becomes easier to stop learning.

You're more vulnerable to going on autopilot and that's when bad habits begin to develop. Constantly winning or winning early on, could also be detrimental because it may give you a false sense of your own abilities. Just because you're winning doesn't mean you're the best, and you may stop striving to be or working as hard. One can't always win or always lose.

You can learn more than you know by losing than you can by winning. The reason for this is the loser will generally have a lesson to learn because they lost whatever it is they were trying to accomplish. The



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winner has no need to question why they have won.

Winning and losing will come up many times throughout your child's life. Losing a game or coming last in a race may seem something small, but it can be difficult moment for a child. Your children don't have the ability to express all their feelings or understand some of their emotions. They may cry and get upset, but you need to help them improve their reactions to winning and losing in different situations.

You have to praise your child by telling them how proud you are of their efforts regardless of whether they win or lose. If they win, tell them why you're proud, but if they lose also you do the same thing, praise their efforts instead of the result.

So, winning and losing are a part of life. They are two sides of the same coin. Winning and losing come in cycles; today's victor is tomorrow's or yesterday's defeat. Winners must know the value of losing. What does it mean to win at something? In sports and competitive endeavors, there are clear-cut winners and losers.

We learn tremendous amount from losing. We learn from failures, mistakes, adversity and setbacks. How we begin to win is by moving forward with a positive attitude and strong work ethic and building our foundation for our next win on the previous losses. That's how our success begins.

Losing leads to winning and winning does lead to success. Every great innovation, idea and breakthrough in personal development comes from building upon losses and mistakes. And winners know it is through losing that they begin to build for the next win.

In our everyday life, we may not compete for a professional sports championship but we have decisions or choices to make every day. A winning choice is always to collaborate with a group of people who will bring out the best in us and vice versa.

But life is not all about winning or losing; life is all about living. One can experience both winning and losing. Nowadays, the actual meaning of one's existence is lost. Just try to live each and every moment of your life by maintaining a balance between winning and losing.

Indeed, answer to joblessness among graduates can be found in agriculture

By Thomas Lyimo

YOUNG graduates with brown envelopes containing copies of their academic papers are commonplace in Tanzanian cities. These are brilliant young men and women looking for white collar jobs which are not available for all and it is not their mistake.

Our education system is wired such that graduates from higher learning institutions—including those teaching agriculture—expect to work in white collar environment. As a result, many waste years living with parents or relatives as they wait for employment opportunity.

But all indications point to agriculture as the solution if we change mindset and invest in the sector to make it attractive to young people. Tanzania's agriculture sector which contributes nearly one-third of our GDP and employs over 75 per cent of the population has the potential to create millions of jobs, increase incomes and improve livelihoods.

According to the World Bank, agricultural development is one of the most powerful tools to end extreme poverty, boost shared prosperity, and feed a projected 9.7 billion people in the world by 2050. Growth in the agriculture sector is two to four times more effective in raising incomes among the poorest compared to other sectors.

We know that jobs can be easily created in agriculture but waste time looking for white collar jobs which are not the only way to attain social significance and prestige which nearly every educated young person would prefer.

I remember an advice given to youth who were to graduate in a platform which aimed at promoting creativity and innovation. The advice from the academician who was a Rector of one of higher learning institutions was: “Competences are many but employment opportunities are few.”

This line of thought gives a message to the graduates and the general public on the need to reconstruct the perspective that higher education is meant for white collar jobs and instead think of engaging in other activities like agriculture which has shown positive results in recent years.

If someone wants to retain their status in the society, they need to make sure that they make impact in that particular society. For many years, people from colleges and universities in Tanzania have been of impact to the society due to their ability to help others using the money they are paid monthly or when they are assigned to do a special task.

That era for education to mean direct success has gone and a new era has come that demands a graduate to be a job creator and not a job seeker. As we have agreed upon the fact that competences are many but employ-



ment opportunities are few, it is time to advise graduates to look for an alternative way to maintain their status because if they fail to do so, the society may devalue them.

The best examples of maintaining high status while engaging in agriculture are of the retired President Jakaya Kikwete and the former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda. These high profile figures who are both graduates ventured into agriculture after retirement.

If these reputable figures and senior citizens engage in agriculture, why should our energetic young graduates be afraid of doing the same? The graduates should not be

afraid of engaging in agriculture because it is the most viable sector.

The society should not be astonished to see graduates engaging in agriculture—an activity that has been mistakenly considered to be reserve for people who have not gone to school. Things have changed because it is at framers conference where you can rub shoulders with the likes of JK.

Graduates need to be careful with the wrong perception they get after completing their studies which can make them forget the primary aim of education which is enabling them live according to their environment and for the case of Tanzania, engag-

ing in agriculture is the simplest way to live and retain status as the country reserves enough arable land not yet agriculturally exploited.

It is indisputable that the graduates should be the role models. But for this to be possible, they need to be humble as the quality of any other leader who wants others to follow them. One of the ways to be humble is engaging in agriculture.

As said earlier, it is not the fault of our young graduates to shun agriculture. It is our collective fault as a society. It is true that agriculture is not attractive because framers till the land with hand-held hoe

and largely depend on rains.

That is why the government and private sector investors need to inject investments to make agriculture modern and attractive. With irrigation systems, mechanization, inputs and extension services, our graduates will easily introduce themselves as employed or self-employed in agribusiness.

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By Simon Potter

The BBC at age 100: The future for global news, challenges facing the World Service



People pass by the BBC headquarters in London, on 26 May 2022. File photo

THE BBC celebrated its 100th birthday yesterday (October 18). The big day came as the institution faces increasing competition for audiences from global entertainment providers, anxieties about the sustainability of its funding, and a highly competitive global news market.

Its international broadcasting operation, the BBC World Service, is only a little younger - established 90 years ago. Delivering news and programmes in 40 languages across the continents, it faces similar, significant questions about financing, purpose and its ability to deliver in a world of increased social media and online news consumption.

Currently, the BBC's international services are mostly funded by British people who pay a television licence fee, with one-third of the total cost covered by the UK government.

The BBC claimed that, as of November 2021, the World Service reached a global audience of 364 million people each week.

The role of radio

Radio is still clearly a key means to extend the reach of the World Service and a core part of the BBC's global news package. It is highly adaptable and reasonably affordable.

It also gives people in parts of the world where access to media can be difficult relatively easy access to news. Short-wave radio, the traditional means of broadcasting over very long distances, is also difficult for hostile regimes to block.

Recently, fears that Russia would target Ukraine's internet infrastructure and erect firewalls to prevent its own citizens' accessing western media sources led the BBC to reactivate short-wave radio news services for listeners in both countries. UK government funding of £4.1 million supported this.

Current thinking about the World Service has been shaped by a 2010 decision of UK prime minister David Cameron's government to withdraw Foreign and Commonwealth Office funding for BBC international operations from 2014.

This seemed to end a 60-year-long era when the BBC was the key subcontractor for British global "soft power", meaning using cultural resources and information to promote British interests overseas.

The plan was that British TV licence-fee payers would fund the World Service, seemingly as an act of international benevolence, free of government links. However, this seemed unlikely to be sustainable at a time when BBC income was being progressively squeezed.

In 2015, World Service revenues were boosted by a major grant from the UK's Official Development Assistance fund, covering around one-third of the

World Service's running costs.

One anonymous BBC insider was quoted by The Guardian (UK) as saying that this would sustain the corporation's "strong commitment to uphold global democracy through accurate, impartial and independent news".

Even before the Second World War, the BBC claimed that it only broadcast truthful and objective news. Policy makers recognized this as a crucial asset for promoting British interests overseas and seldom sought to challenge (openly at least) the "editorial independence" of the BBC.

The BBC's 2016 royal charter further entrenched this thinking, stating that news for overseas audiences should be "firmly based on British values of accuracy, impartiality and fairness".

The idea that a truthful approach to news was a core "British value" that could help promote democracy around the world became part of the BBC's basic mission statement.

In 2017, the BBC established 17 new foreign-language radio and online services. To maximise possibilities for listening, it purchased FM transmitter time in major cities around the

world and deployed internet radio increasingly accessible to many users via mobile devices.

The focus was on Africa and Asia. However, the World Service also strengthened its Arabic and Russian provision to serve those who "sorely need reliable information".

Fake news factor

The World Service's rationale has been strengthened by growing concerns about "fake news": distorted and untrue reports designed to serve the commercial or geopolitical interests of those who manufacture it.

The BBC has, in response, further emphasized its historic role as a truthful broadcaster. In its trusted news initiative it has worked with other global media outlets to tackle disinformation, hosting debate and discussion and sharing intelligence about the most misleading campaigns.

Claims for continued relevance also rest on a drive to bring news to an ever larger audience. The BBC's stated aim is to reach 500 million people this year - and a billion within another decade.

In 2021 the BBC claimed to be on course to realize this goal, reaching a global audience of 489 million. The audience for the World Service accounted for the single largest component of this global figure.

What then should we make of the BBC's announcement in September 2022 that 400 jobs would have to go at the World Service owing to the freezing of the licence fee and rapidly rising costs?

Radio services in languages including Arabic, Persian, Hindi and Chinese will disappear, while programme production for the English-language radio service will be pared down.

Certainly, these cuts will reduce the BBC's impact overseas. But they should also be understood as part of a longstanding and ongoing transition from shortwave radio to web radio.

Similarly, cutting back on World Service non-news programming might not be a major cause for concern. In an age of global streaming services and social media, audiences can receive programmes from providers from across the globe.

The World Service would find it hard to compete with many of these services. However, the BBC remains in a pre-eminent position to offer trusted news.

By focusing on providing news online, the World Service is putting its resources where it can best promote British soft power and international influence, thereby improving prospects for its own continued existence.

However, abandoning radio entirely would be a mistake. As the Russian invasion of Ukraine has demonstrated, radio remains a crucial way to reach audiences who might find their access to trusted news via the internet suddenly cut off.

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Botswana entrepreneur turns to indigenous trees for livestock fodder

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LIVESTOCK farmers in Botswana are often blamed for preventing the regeneration of trees and thereby contributing to the degradation of hill slopes, rangelands, and riparian areas due to overgrazing.

However, 26-year-old Tlotlo Phuduhudu from the Molepolole village, some 60km west of Gaborone, the capital of Botswana, is slowly but surely changing such a trend through her indigenous trees fodder.

Through her company called Healthy Delights, which was established in 2016, Phuduhudu is producing livestock feeds using natural resources within her community. "Our livestock feeds are a composition of crushed crop residues mixed with sunflower and maize together with fodder trees and shrubs,"

Phuduhudu told Xinhua in an interview.

According to Phuduhudu, this type of livestock feed is very cheap and affordable to community farmers who are not into commercialized breeding and fattening of cattle, goats and sheep.

Besides being cheap, Phuduhudu said the livestock feed is very nutritious. She said most farmers in her native village of Molepolole now prefer her feeds compared to modern ones since they are very nutritious.

"Farmers are now saving a lot of money because the feeds are now readily available in the country," said Phuduhudu, adding that Botswana imports raw materials for livestock feed production worth an estimated 1.6 million U.S. dollars annually. In addition to cutting Botswana's import bill, Phuduhudu said fodder trees and shrubs are



Tlotlo Phuduhudu, founder of Healthy Delights company, shows some of the livestock feeds produced using indigenous trees, plant by-products, and crop residue in Molepolole, Botswana, on Sept. 20, 2022. Livestock farmers in Botswana are often blamed for preventing the regeneration of trees and thereby contributing to the degradation of hill slopes, rangelands, and riparian areas due to overgrazing. (Photo by Tshkiso Tebalo/Xinhua)

now well cared for because of their necessity for the survival of livestock during periods of drought and scarce grazing.

Phuduhudu is also assisting farmers with the know-how to care for fodder trees and shrubs - something that will contribute significantly toward saving indigenous trees from extinction in the southern African country.

"Fodder tree plantations could thus be an effective intervention for supporting the survival of small-holder livestock farmers," said Phuduhudu, who exhibited her product at the 2022 Forbes Under 30 Summit Africa, which was held in Gaborone earlier this year. Dick Ketschabathupa, who is working closely with Phuduhudu and using livestock feeds from Healthy Delights, said the feeds have made a noticeable difference to his flock of lambs.

Ketschabathupa hailed Phuduhudu's initiative, saying it is promoting reforestation since farmers are now giving trees and shrubs that provide fodder an opportunity to regrow in order to benefit again in the next season.

Interestingly, distinct species of fodder trees also hold spiritual, emotional, and cultural significance in different religions and traditional communities historically, he said.

Fidelis Molao, Botswana's Minister of Agriculture, told Xinhua in a telephone interview last week that the meat of animals fed from indigenous fodder trees and shrubs is of good quality. He said the meat is very tasty and easy to cook.

Agriculture contributes about three percent to Botswana's gross domestic product and 80 percent of this contribution stems from the livestock industry.

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Poaching surges in birthplace of white rhino conservation

By Jim Tan, KwaZulu-Natal

IN the first nine months of this year, poachers have killed 190 rhinos in state-run protected areas in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province. That's one rhino killed every 35 hours. Most of this surge in poaching has taken place in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, better known as HIP.

HIP is one of Africa's earliest proclaimed conservation areas, established in 1895 in large part to protect the southern white rhino (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) from extinction. At the time, there were believed to have been fewer than 100 left, all in KwaZulu-Natal. HIP's rhino conservation was so successful that white rhinos have now been translocated back to many countries across their previous range. White rhinos can now be found in Namibia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Rwanda, Mozambique and Zambia – all of them a direct result of the work done in HIP.

"Wherever you see a [southern] white rhino, it's from this park," says Amos Tembe, head of HIP's anti-poaching unit. "That's why it's so special."

After several decades of recovery, white rhino populations are once again in decline, with 18,064 left in the wild, according to the latest figures from the IUCN, the global wildlife conservation authority. HIP is home to one of the largest and densest white rhino populations anywhere on Earth. But unless something can be done to stem the recent tide of poaching, the future looks uncertain for the rhinos of this historic park. HIP is one of Africa's earliest proclaimed conservation areas, established in 1895 in large part to protect the southern white rhino.

No one can say for certain what has driven the spike in poaching in at HIP in 2022, but there are a couple of plausible explanations and factors that are likely exacerbating the

situation on the ground.

The first is that HIP quite simply has such a large population of white rhinos as well as a smaller population of black rhinos. South Africa's flagship Kruger National Park has been the epicenter of the country's rhino poaching crisis, losing 75% of its rhinos between 2011 and 2021.

"Kruger has lost so many rhino that they are actually bloody difficult to find," says Dave Cooper, recently retired chief veterinarian for Ezemvelo, the government body responsible for managing conservation areas in KwaZulu-Natal. "They tracked it from Kruger and a lot of [the poachers] have come down this side."

Ezemvelo no longer release their rhino numbers for security reasons but based on previous figures HIP's white rhino population is currently approximately 70% that in Kruger National Park in an area 20 times smaller.

Another factor is that many parks and private reserves in South Africa are also now choosing to dehorn their rhinos, including selective dehorning of certain female rhinos in Kruger National Park.

"We haven't dehorned," Cooper says. "I'm not saying dehorning is the silver bullet, the private sector has dehorned and we're the only significant population that hasn't, and we're being hammered."

And then there's COVID-19. With more police on the road and restrictions on movement, the pandemic was actually a period of relative respite for anti-poaching teams. As things slowly return to normal, poaching activity has escalated, possibly a sign that syndicates are making up for lost time, Tembe says, but there are also more people who have been pushed into desperate economic conditions and difficult choices by the pandemic.



HIP is a challenging park for rangers to cover. It spans 960 square kilometers (371 square miles) and is surrounded by communities on all sides, in many cases living right against the boundary, while a public road runs through the middle of the reserve. The high rhino density means the animals can often be seen from outside the fence, and the smaller area means poachers can be in and out in hours, rather than the days they may need to be in Kruger National Park.

Issues with HIP's fences have also long been a problem: they allow wildlife out, which creates tension with local communities through human wildlife-conflict, and allow poachers in. The situation has improved in recent years, in part through a partnership between Ezemvelo and Wildlife ACT, a conservation NGO, to install a "smart" fence that can detect poachers. But problem areas still remain.

To make matters worse, the rhino poaching crisis has come at a difficult time for Ezemvelo. A report into rhino poaching in KwaZulu-Natal, commissioned in 2016 by the province's Executive Council but never fully released, was highly critical of Ezemvelo's performance. The report describes issues around staffing shortages, dilapidated tourism facilities hampering Ezemvelo's ability to generate revenue, limited opportunities being provided for surrounding communities, and poor coordination with wider law enforcement agencies.

In particular, the report took aim at mismanagement by a

board it described as disconnected from conservation operations on the ground – a point that was emphasised when Ezemvelo's CEO was forced to step down amid controversy in 2017 and the entire Ezemvelo board was dismissed in 2020.

Mismanagement and a faltering economy squeezing government revenues have left Ezemvelo severely under-resourced. Tembe estimates he has fewer than half of the rangers he would need to effectively patrol the reserve, and with incursions by poachers occurring daily, including coordinated incursions from multiple points, the anti-poaching team is stretched to breaking point.

A visit to the nearby Manyoni Private Game Reserve gives some insight into what it takes to curb rhino poaching. Reserve manager Karen Odendaal runs a slick and well-resourced operation using what she describes as a toolbox of anti-poaching measures. The tools range from the LoRa network that monitors the location of all the reserve's rhinos, to the well-drilled anti-poaching teams who undergo regular integrity testing, to a community outreach program. But the tool that Odendaal says has had the most impact is dehorning. "Considering the number of rhinos we lost prior to dehorning compared to post, it's night and day for us," she says.

CCRO: Challenges, solutions for rural women in Tanzania

By Correspondent Khadija Mrisho

ON my recent visit to Ikongosi village of Mufindi District in Iringa Region, a woman shared her excitement upon receiving her Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCRO)

"I can't believe I now have a CCRO that shows I own a piece of land! I can now farm freely and produce food for my family. In the past, there were many family conflicts over land use and ownership. As a woman, you could farm on the family land, but your brother could take over the same piece of land – and you are told you're a woman you will get married..." said Consolata Kibiki, a resident of Ikongosi Village.

Around the world, women play a pivotal role, as they comprise 80 per cent of farm producers and 70 per cent of the labour force, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

In Tanzania too, the majority of workers in agriculture are women accounting for 70 per cent of the labor force. Thus, rural women significantly contribute to food production and food security.

The theme for this year's International Rural Women Day 2022 celebrations on October 15th was "Rural women Cultivating Good Food for All" and the national theme was "Mwanamke wa Kijijini ni Mzalishaji Mkuu wa Chakula: Tumwezeshé." Both themes mean rural women are key food producers, let us empower them. Both international and national themes centered on recognizing rural women's fundamental contribution to food systems.

Despite this fundamental role and contribution to the country's food systems and development, the majority of women in Tanzania still face multiple barriers when it comes to access, ownership, and control of land, all of which are essential for women's participation in agriculture.



In 2017, it was reported that only 25 percent of women owned land individually. Joint ownership accounted for 16 percent as per the Land Tenure Support Program evaluation report.

Reflecting on rural women's contribution to food systems, both at global, regional, and national levels, International Rural Women Day should not only celebrate rural women for their contributions but also deliberate, call for action, and draw practical solutions to respond to their needs and address structural and socio-cultural norms that hinder women from ac-

cessing, owning, and controlling land.

For instance, in typical Tanzania's patriarchal societies, land titles are held through male lineage where young women are less likely to get land from their families. They are expected to get married and access land from their husbands' families. In the case of inheritance rights, under customary law widows are not entitled to inheritance rights as girls are placed at the 3rd degree of inheritance. Sometimes women are given less productive lands compared to men.

On the other hand, structural challenges include the ineffec-

tive participation of women in land governance and decision-making bodies partly due to customary norms and gender roles. Underdeveloped land markets where both formal and informal markets present complexity and fee requirements make it difficult for women to navigate the socio-cultural barrier by acquiring land through this avenue due to a lack of resources.

The Stand for Her Land (S4HL) campaign in Tanzania is supporting rural women by addressing socio-cultural norms that are discriminating against women from realizing their land rights individually, jointly, and

communally. Understanding that land is foundational to rural women livelihood and sustainable food systems, S4HL partners in collaboration with central and local governments are supporting villages to undertake land use planning and issuance of Certificate of Customary Rights of Occupancy (CCROs) to ensure the community's security of tenure particularly women.

In Mid-September 2022, Landesa in collaboration with PELUM Tanzania and the Mufindi District Council issued more than 2000 CCROs in Ikongosi and Ikongosi Juu villages of Mufindi district, Iringa region

where 45 percent of CCROs were issued to women individually and jointly with spouses. Other campaign partners, the Land Rights Research & Resources Institute (HAKIARDHI), Pastoral Women Council (PWC), UN Women, Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRF), Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA), and Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT), are also supporting villagers to undertake land use planning and issuance of CCROs in different parts of the country.

However, apart from secure land rights, women also need access to extension ser-

vices, affordable input and seeds and weather forecasting information to mention a few. Therefore, to address rural women's challenges, and draw practical solutions, it is important to take holistic approaches where land rights challenges and other related needs will be addressed and responded to in order to increase women's contribution to sustainable food systems.

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BUSINESS

EABL market caps up by 474bn/- after share buying notice

By Mnakubani

THE share price of Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) cross listed brewery - the East African Breweries Limited (EABL) jumped by more than one-fifth in one day, pushing its market capitalization sharply up by 474.47bn/- during the week's opening.

The DSE daily market report shows EABL share price closed at 3,240/- on Monday this week, from 2,640/- recorded during the closing session of last week, an increase of 22.73 percent.

This has increased its market capitalization to 2,562.11bn/- during Monday close, from 2,087.64bn/- recorded on Friday last week, overtaking KCB Bank from the position of the second largest listed company.

The major price gain by EABL has

also pushed the DSE market capitalization to 15,697.52bn/- on Monday close from 15,283.09bn/- on Friday's close.

EABL is the majority shareholder of Tanzania's Serengeti Breweries Limited, owning 85 percent stake.

This follows after Diageo, through its subsidiary Diageo Kenya Limited announced on October 14 that has served notice on EABL of its intention to increase its equity stake up to 65pct, by means of a partial tender offer made to other shareholders of EABL.

As at the date of the announcement, Diageo Kenya was holding 50.03 percent of the issued share capital of EABL.

"Subject to receipt of the relevant regulatory approvals, details of the proposed partial tender offer will be set out in a tender offer document,

which will be made available to shareholders of EABL," Diageo said in a statement last week.

Diageo Plc, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange, said it is seeking to raise its stake in EABL, through the purchase of an additional 118.39 million shares, at a price of Ksh192 (3,600/-) per share.

Diageo Kenya, which holds 395.6 million shares in EABL, will pay Ksh22.7 billion (437bn/-) for the additional stake, whose purchase it expects to conduct in two phases between January 30, 2023 and February 7, 2023, and February 20 and March 10, 2023, Kenyan media reported.

After the announcement, the firm's share price rallied by 23 percent Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), to Ksh170- (3,273/-) valuing the brewer at Ksh134.4 billion (2.57trn/-), which also meant a removal of the daily 10 percent cap on share price movement at the bourse on the day.

"The tender price represents a premium to the volume weighted average price (VWAP) at which shares of EABL traded on the NSE days up to October 12 ... of 31.4 percent to the last 30 days VWAP; 42.5 percent to the last 90 days VWAP and a premium of 33.5 percent to the last 180 days VWAP," said Diageo in its notice.

The willingness by Diageo to offer a steep premium on the EABL shares indicates that the firm sees



Production at Tanzania's Serengeti Breweries Limited, a subsidiary of EABL. file photo

undervaluation on the stock, but also an intention to take advantage of the prevailing lower prices at the NSE to strengthen its hold on the brewer, Kenya's based Business Daily reported.

EABL has been one of the most profitable listed companies at the NSE in Kenya, offering a stable dividend policy due to the maturity of its business in terms of capital investments.

Meanwhile the DSE share indices opened the week on high note following the appreciation of

EABL and NICOL share prices.

The DSE All Share Index (DSEI) gained by 49.73 points to 1,883.53 pints on Monday close, from 1833.80 points recorded on Friday last week while the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) slightly gained by 0.12 points to 3,840.40 points from 3840.28 points respectively.

The daily market report shows NICOL share price increased by 1.45 percent to 350/- from 345/- respectively.

Oil prices rise on softer dollar, supply woes

SINGAPORE

OIL prices climbed on Tuesday, bolstered by a weaker US dollar and supply woes, although gains were capped by the spectre of lower fuel demand from China as it persists with its stringent zero-COVID policy.

Brent crude futures rose 82 cents, or 0.9%, to \$92.44 per barrel by 0643 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures gained 86 cents, or 1.0%, to \$86.32 per barrel.

The US dollar index - which measures the greenback against six major peers including sterling - sagged to its lowest since Oct. 6. A weaker dollar makes oil cheaper for buyers holding other currencies, making them more likely to make purchases.

Following the steep production cut agreed on by OPEC+ - the Organization of the Production Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, including Russia - earlier this month, investors have been seen increasing their long positions in futures, ANZ Research analysts said in a note.

OPEC+ member states have been lining up to endorse the cut to the output target after the White House accused Riyadh of coercing some other nations into supporting the move.

Meanwhile, expectations that China will stick to a loose monetary policy to help its economy, hobbled by COVID-19 restrictions, lent some support to oil prices. The country's central bank rolled over maturing medium-term policy loans on Monday while keeping its key interest rate unchanged for a second month.

China's fuel demand outlook, however, weighed on sentiment after the world's top crude oil importer delayed the release of its economic indicators, originally scheduled to be out on Tuesday, CMC Markets analyst Tina Teng said. No date for a rescheduled release has been given.

China's adherence to its zero-COVID policy has continued to increase the uncertainties about the country's economic growth, Teng said.

On the supply side, US crude oil stocks were expected to have risen a second consecutive week and are estimated to have increased by 1.6 million barrels in the week to Oct. 14, a preliminary Reuters poll showed on Monday.

Output in the Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico, the biggest U.S. shale oil basin, is forecast to rise by about 50,000 barrels per day (bpd) to a record 5.453 million bpd this month, the Energy Information Administration said.



Upstream oil well

Asia stocks, pound savour relief following UK U-turn

SINGAPORE

ASIA stocks rose yesterday as the dramatic U-turn in British fiscal policy brightened investor sentiment, while sterling flirted with two-weeks high on hopes the Bank of England may further delay plans for quantitative tightening.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was up 1.55%, while Japan's Nikkei rose 1.59%.

European stock futures indicated stocks were set to continue their ascent, with the Eurostoxx 50 futures up 1.25%, German DAX futures up 1.22% and FTSE futures up 0.87%. U.S. futures also pointed to a higher opening with S&P 500 futures up 1.6% and Nasdaq futures up 1.8%.

The British central bank, which had already delayed the start of a scheme to sell down 838 billion pounds (\$954.90 billion) of government bond holdings, is likely to push the sale of the bonds, the Financial Times reported on Tuesday.

The FT report comes a day after Britain's new finance minister Jeremy Hunt abandoned most of Prime Minister Liz Truss' economic plan that



had led to a political maelstrom fuelled by market turmoil, resulting in the Bank of England being forced to intervene to calm the bond market.

Sterling was last trading at \$1.1382, up 0.26% on the day, adding to its gains of 1.6% in the previous session. The pound had jumped 0.36% to \$1.1398, near Monday's high of \$1.144, the strongest since

Oct. 5.

Morgan Stanley analysts said the fiscal U-turn was likely to have significant implications for the BoE as its economists now revise their call for the November meeting to a 75-basis-point rate hike, from 100 basis points.

"Given such a wholesale scrapping of Truss' Tory leadership promises, it remains an open question how long Truss will remain in power," said Tapas Strickland, head of market economics at National Australia Bank.

China's stock market nudged higher, up 0.2% as the Chinese ruling Communist Party's twice-a-decade congress remains in session this week.

Chinese state banks are stepping up intervention to defend the weakening yuan, banking sources told Reuters on Monday, while many companies have announced share buyback programmes.

The dollar index fell 0.178%,

touching its lowest levels since Oct. 6, while the euro was up 0.21% to \$0.9859.

The Australian dollar rose on Tuesday after the Reserve Bank of Australia said it expects to raise interest rates further over the coming months.

The yen touched a fresh 32-year low of 149.10 per dollar on Monday, not far off the psychological metric of 150. [FRX]

Investors have been watching out for any signs of further intervention by the Bank of Japan, with authorities repeatedly warning of a firm response to overly rapid yen declines.

Intervention is more about speed of moves than it is levels, said Ray Attrill, head of foreign-exchange strategy at National Australia Bank.

"I don't think the Japanese authorities are particularly keen to see dollar yen at 150 in the immediate term and that's why markets are being a bit guarded."

KAMPALA

Bad loans in Uganda predicted to rise

ALTHOUGH NPLs are yet to reach highs of 10 percent last seen in 2017, that is where the situation is likely headed as the economy slows and Bank of Uganda responds to inflationary pressures by raising the Central Bank Rate, Daily Monitor writes.

Since the turn of 2022, flip a newspaper in the classified section and what will be noticeable is property being advertised for auctioning. Several of these have defaulted on their loans and the

banks are taking action to recover their borrowed funds.

On September 5, President Museveni wrote to the Prime Minister requesting that a government institution acquires 50 acres of land belonging to Geoffrey Rugazooro. Rugazooro's company, MOGAS operates fuelstations in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Since 2019, the company debt had ballooned to nearly Sh50b and the cracks begun to emerge.

The defaults started and since then, the lender, Stanbic Bank has been seeking to recover the money using legal means. This is still an ongoing case in Uganda's courts that have largely been flexible with Mogas to find the money to at least get the bank loan with Stanbic back to performance levels.

In September, Twaweza a Non-Governmental Organisation, Uganda Revenue Author-

ity (URA) and Tax Justice Alliance Uganda released a report highlighting that at least 55 percent of businesses opened in the five years prior to the Covid-19 lockdown in 2020, had closed shop. The reasons range from low business environment, lack of capital, the effects of Covid-19 and the high cost of inputs.

The state of the economy since Covid-19 restrictions came into play has broadly af-

ected business, with potential recovery in 2022 hit by the Russia-Ukraine war influence on global commodity prices and the supply chain disruptions as the world opened up from the Covid-19 lockdowns. Uganda has not been spared.

On top of auctioneers placing properties up for sale over non-payment of loans, there are several disputes in the commercial court as borrowers try to save their proper-

ties from the hammer. These are indicators of loans going bad. By the time a bank puts up a property for sale, the borrower has failed to meet obligations.

According to the Financial Institution Act (2016), when a borrower fails to pay interest or principle on a loan for a period of at least 90 days or more, banks are required to classify this as a Non Performing Loan (NPL).

In Bank of Uganda's (BoU) Financial Stability Review

for quarter ended June 2022, NPLs to total gross loans in commercial banks were 5.3percent, lower than the 5.72 percent in the quarter to March 2022. This reduction is bound to edge upwards.

"However, NPLs could increase in the near term due to the slowdown in economic growth coupled with rising lending rates. Moreover, the reduction in the banks' NPLs was partly attributed to write-offs of bad loans..." the financial stability report reads.

New initiative to bolster Africa continental trade

By Guardian Report

Trust Africa alliance has launched new initiative to boost intra-Africa trade, which is still low, as the continent is embarked on creating the continental free trade area.

According to the 2021 Economic Development in Africa Report, lack of trust is being revealed as the main reason causing low intra-African trade when compared with intra-European trade.

Intra-African trade is currently low at 14.4 percent of total African exports compared to 69 percent for Intra Europe trade.

"The fact that many individuals and entities are unable to prove that they are who they claim to be, or unable to provide the necessary credentials to allow them access to goods and services," says a report.

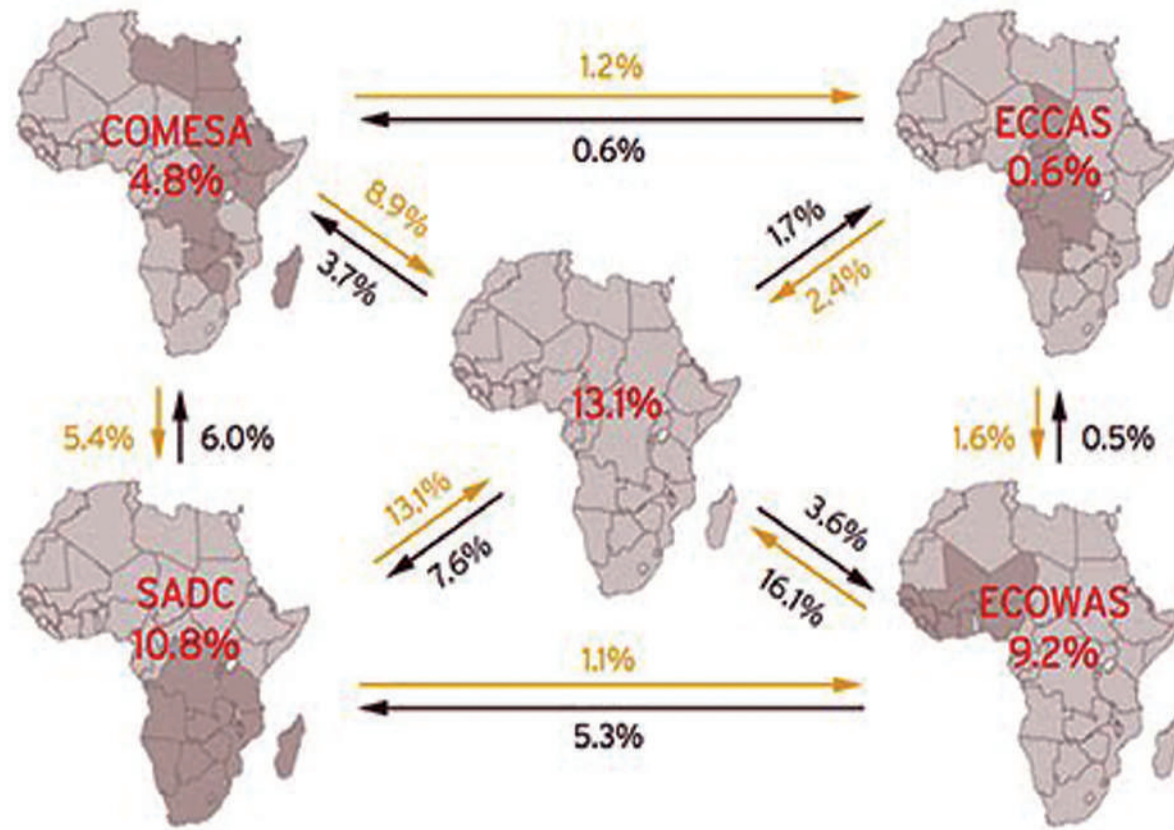
Smart Africa alliance comprises 32 African countries,

international organisations and global private sector players tasked with Africa's digital agenda.

With a vision to create a single digital market in Africa by 2030, the Smart Africa Alliance brings together Heads of State who seek to accelerate the digitalization of the continent and create a common market.

In line with the instructions of the Board, the Smart Africa Secretariat has launched a Working Group to provide a platform for collaboration with and among a range of stakeholders to develop a blueprint for a continental concept for digital identity - named the Smart Africa Trust Alliance (SATA).

SATA is expected to establish institutional ownership and accountability combined with a trust framework based on standards and trust assurance mechanisms to facilitate cross-border interactions such as e-pay-



ments.

Smart Africa Member States and private operators now have access to a reference document presenting high-level principles and the required institutional arrangements, with an initial roadmap on how to create an effective framework for safe and trusted cross-border digital interactions in the fu-

ture.

In line with this, the Smart Africa alliance will join forces with Uqodo to further advance the digital ID initiative among its member states. Other initiatives include data governance, cybersecurity, and cross-border e-payments.

"Digital ID, data governance and cross borders

e-payments are critical to advance the digital transformation we want for Africa. Therefore, welcoming Uqodo to the alliance is clearly aligned with our ambitions. Their expertise and experience will be a great asset to our organisation" emphasized Mr. Lacina Koné, CEO/Director General, Smart Africa Secretariat.

The Uqodo platform adopts advanced digital identity technology including biometrics, certified 3D liveness detection, NFC-based passport reading, cognitive document analysis, AI and blockchain.

This enables users to experience a fast, secure and frictionless onboarding process whilst protecting the organisation from fraudulent activities simultaneously ensuring the organisations are fully compliant with KYC, AML and CDD regulations.

"We are excited to become part of the Smart Africa family and to collaborate on a number of levels. Through this partnership, uqodo will bring trust to digital interactions through identity, as Smart Africa enables commerce across Africa," said Mohamed Fagiri, CEO of uqodo.

Tackling the prevalent problem of identity theft due to the absence of proper identity verification, he said, uqodo aim to work in partnership with Smart Africa to establish a framework based on trust to facilitate cross-border interactions.

"Our alliance with Smart Africa will help advance digital identity in the continent and aid in data governance and cybersecurity, helping individuals and companies keep their data protected and establishing accountability," he added.

Global oil, gas exploration dive 60 pct in 2022

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden has repeatedly urged US oil companies to step up production in a bid to increase oil supply and ease fuel prices.

However, it appears his pleas have been falling on deaf ears considering the dearth of oil and gas exploration—which is, of course, perfectly understandable given his historic hostility toward fossil fuels as well as the very real risk that new drilling won't pay off over the long term.

When the energy crisis hit a nadir two years ago, highly indebted oil and gas companies quickly changed their play-

book, adopting stricter cost discipline, cutting back on expensive drilling programs and vowing to return more cash to shareholders in the form of dividends and buybacks.

Many energy companies are still reluctant to go back to their trigger-happy exploration and drilling days despite high oil and gas prices and record profits, and have mainly been falling back on their dwindling stocks of drilled but uncompleted wells (DUCs) to keep going.

But the biggest African sources lie south of the Sahara—including Nigeria, which has about a third of the continent's reserves, and Tanzania.

Senegal has recently discovered major offshore fields.

Norwegian energy intelligence firm Rystad Energy has revealed that a mere 44 oil and gas lease rounds will take place globally this year, the fewest since the year 2000 and a far cry from a record 105 rounds in 2019.

According to the Norwegian energy punter, only two new blocks had been licensed for drilling in the U.S. as of the end of August this year with no new offers for oil and gas leases originating with the Biden administration itself.

Indeed, the handful of auctions that have gone ahead under Biden or bled into his

presidency were decided upon during the presidency of Donald Trump. Meanwhile, Rystad has revealed that Brazil, Norway and India are the world leaders in terms of new licenses.

But such low levels of exploratory interest is not sustainable and might come back to bite the world before long.

A year ago, Rystad Energy warned that Big Oil could see its proven reserves run out in less than 15 years, thanks to produced volumes not being fully replaced with new discoveries.

Global oil and gas companies cut their capex by a staggering 34% in 2020, in re-

sponse to shrinking demand and investors growing wary of persistently poor returns by the sector. Capex is only set to rise 12% in the current year.

ExxonMobil, whose proven reserves shrank by 7 billion boe in 2020, or 30%, from 2019 levels, was the worst hit after major reductions in Canadian oil sands and US shale gas properties.

Shell, meanwhile, saw its proven reserves fall by 20% to 9 billion boe last year; Chevron lost 2 billion boe of proven reserves due to impairment charges while BP lost 1 boe. Only Total and Eni have avoided reductions in proven reserves over the past decade.

The UK has announced plans to open up the North Sea for oil and gas exploration with more than 100 licenses likely to be issued for the coast off Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk. However, this is unlikely to become a trend across Europe due to strict climate mandates, meaning the continent might have to at least consider the final frontier as it looks to solve its energy crisis: Africa.

Vijaya Ramachandran, director for energy and development at the Breakthrough Institute, has urged Europe to look to Africa if it's serious about achieving energy security.

Ramachandran notes that

the continent is endowed with substantial natural gas production, reserves, and new discoveries in the process of being tapped. Very little of Africa's gas has been exploited, either for domestic consumption or export.

Algeria is already an established major gas producer with substantial untapped reserves and is connected to Spain with several undersea pipelines.

Germany and the EU are already working to expand pipeline capacity connecting Spain with France, from where more Algerian gas could flow to Germany and elsewhere. Libyan gas fields are connected by pipeline to Italy.



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Bitcoin volatility falls to two-year low

WASHINGTON

DESPITE its reputation as an unpredictable and risky asset class, crypto hasn't been especially volatile in recent weeks.

According to crypto market data provider Kaiko, Bitcoin's 20-day volatility has come to equal that of the NASDAQ for the first time in two years.

But while Bitcoin's price has remained roughly the same since the start of September, both the NASDAQ and S&P have fallen 13% and 10% respectively since that time.

Historically, Bitcoin has been tightly correlated with tech stocks, but with higher beta (volatility relative to the rest of the market)—thus defying its label in some circles as a safe-haven asset, or "digital gold." However, despite a violent crash in June, crypto has proven to be one of the best-performing asset classes in Q3, next to the US dollar.

As with its volatility, Bitcoin's actual price descended to late 2020 lows last week after the core U.S. Consumer Price Index or CPI (which excludes food and energy) reached another 40-year high.

Bitcoin and stocks both fell on the news, but quickly bounced back into



their respective ranges.

June's initial collapse followed the release of May's CPI data, which revealed inflation at 8.6%. Markets took it as a sign that the Fed wouldn't be ending its aggressive policy stance any time soon, inspiring participants to withdraw from "riskier" assets.

That said, although inflation has remained elevated by rough equal measure, crypto hasn't seen much significant price action with subsequent CPI updates. Stocks, by contrast, continue to trickle downwards.

Meanwhile, the hawkish stances of central banks worldwide are beginning to turn bonds into a volatile-yet-rewarding asset class.

As Bloomberg reported last month, bond yields have been skyrocketing thanks to Fed policy, while DeFi yields have fallen to under 100 basis points on protocols like Aave.

Last week, popular Twitter analyst Will Clemente noted how Treasury market volatility has skyrocketed against Bitcoin volatility over the past few months. At the time, equity volatility was also reaching all-time highs against

Safaricom executives get Sh390mn free shares

NAIROBI

SENIOR Safaricom managers were awarded 15.28 million shares with a current market value of Sh390 million for free in the year ended March as compensation for past performance.

The employees had cashed out 17.8 million units of stock the year before, with the company's cumulative

spending on the share-based compensation scheme standing at more than Sh4 billion.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed firm buys its own shares in the open market and allocates them to specific employees who eventually take ownership three years later when they are free to sell the stocks or continue holding them.

"Additionally, 15.28 million

shares historically valued at Sh519.4 million (2021: 16.42 million shares valued at Sh480.7 million) vested and were exercised by eligible staff," the telco says in its latest annual report.

The free shares and Safaricom's long-term stock price rally have made the company's stock-based compensation one of the most lucrative among the country's publicly

traded firms.

The telco's share price has, however, dropped significantly in recent months, an outcome attributed to foreign investors' flight to developed markets that have raised interest rates to combat inflation.

The stock closed trading at Sh25.5 yesterday, slightly above the 52-week low of Sh23 recorded on June 27. The share price had rallied to touch re-

cord highs of Sh45 in August last year, helped by investor enthusiasm after a Safaricom-led consortium won a telecommunications licence in Ethiopia.

Safaricom has focused on giving high-scoring managers shares at no cost after closing a separate scheme where a more diverse group of employees was previously offered an opportunity to

buy shares at a fixed price of Sh5.4 each. Unlike other employee share ownership plans (Esops), Safaricom's has not diluted investors since the stocks are bought in the open market.

Safaricom says it bought 12.4 million shares at a cost of Sh489.4 million in the year ended March as it prepares to award qualifying employees in the near future. The telco,

through a trust, now holds 11.5 million shares which it bought at Sh416.2 million.

The shares will be given to senior executives for free as part of their compensation for meeting or exceeding performance targets.

The company's chief executive and chief financial officer have traditionally taken most of the stock-based compensation.

IFC invests new Sh55 billion in Kenyan firms

NAIROBI

THE International Finance Corporation has invested an additional \$459.8 million (Sh55.6 billion) in Kenyan companies, cementing its position as the largest provider of capital to local firms.

The institutional investor says in its latest annual report that its cumulative investments in Kenyan companies rose to \$4.1 billion (Sh497 billion) in the year ended June.

This was an increase from \$3.6 billion (Sh442 billion) the year before. Banks, manufacturers, insurers, and real estate developers are among the entities that have benefitted from IFC's backing in the form of loans and capital subscriptions.

The number of companies supported by the IFC rose to 143 in the review period, up from 138 a year earlier.

The global financier, which is part of the World Bank Group, also participated in offering loans and guarantees to local financial institutions to the tune of \$267.2 million (Sh32.3 billion) in the year ended June, helping to spur lending to the private sector.

This marked an increase from \$168.9 million (Sh20.4 billion) of such participation a year earlier. Altogether, IFC's local commitments in Kenya rose 14.6 percent to \$4.3 (Sh530 billion) from \$3.8 billion (Sh462 billion).

Some of IFC's recent activities in Kenya are the purchase of a 6.7 percent stake in Equity Group for Sh14 billion. The institutional investor also sold its minority stake in supermarket operator Naivas Limited after more than doubling its two-year investment of \$15 million (Sh1.8 billion).

IFC has become the biggest lender to local banks that in turn use the funds to boost their capital and expand lending including categories prioritised by the global financier such as climate-friendly projects and women-owned businesses.

For the local banks, these IFC loans help to augment their capital for onward lending to small businesses, with a significant amount coming in



IFC investment officer Mwombeki Baregu at an event in Nairobi on September 29, 2022. PHOTO BY NMG

when the Covid-19 pandemic hit Kenya in March 2020.

Equity Group accounted for the largest share of these loans at Sh38.9 billion, which it took for its Kenyan and Democratic Republic of the Congo subsidiaries by the end of last year.

KCB Group and Co-op Bank carried IFC loans worth Sh27.9 billion and Sh17.9 billion respectively by the end of last year, while loans to DTB and NCBA

stood at Sh6.35 billion and Sh814 million respectively.

The foreign currency loan also builds up these banks' forex positions – just like the government's external borrowing bulks up official forex reserves – which allows them to support businesses that import products or raw materials.

The tenor of these loans is also an important factor for the banks, allowing them to offer smaller businesses longer

credit terms.

Equity's IFC loans, for instance, were pegged at rates of between 1.9 percent and 5.6 percent above the benchmark US dollar Libor (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate).

KCB's borrowings are pegged at between 3.5 percent and 5.3 percent above Libor. The facilities will, however, need to be repriced now that the Libor benchmark has been phased out.

Zambia restricts number of mining licences to five

LUSAKA

ZAMBIA, Africa's second-largest copper producer, said on Monday the number of mining licences that a company can hold at a time will be restricted to five to curb speculative purchases within the country's licensing system.

The ministry of mines in February suspended the issuance of mining licences and commissioned an audit in response to public complaints about a lack of transparency. "Every miner will be restricted to five licences and those that need more will have to justify it," Zambia's mines minister Paul Kabuswe said during a briefing on mining regulations.

"We have had a lot of licences being used for speculative purposes and we want to curtail that," Kabuswe said.

He did not name the companies holding more than five licences but said those should get in touch with the ministry.

The audit revealed that some companies owned as many as 50 licences. It also found that some were not registered with Zambia's patents and companies registration agency and may not be paying tax.

The licensing department, which was expected to reopen on April 11, will resume work on October 19, Kabuswe added.

He also said illegal miners would be given 90 days of amnesty to register with the ministry of mines.



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EU to propose 'last-resort' gas price ceiling

BERLIN

BRUSSELS is set to table "last-resort" measures to curb gas prices, as the EU seeks to ease the bloc's energy crisis and prepare for even greater supply challenges next year.

According to a draft European Commission proposal seen by the Financial Times, the EU should be able to intervene in markets and set a "maximum dynamic price" at which gas transactions can take place on the Dutch Title Transfer Facility, a benchmark for gas traded in the bloc.

The plans follow an extraordinary meeting of EU commissioners on Sunday and are due to be formally presented after a second meeting of the bloc's executive arm on Tuesday.

The mechanism would only be used as "a last-resort measure" if gas prices reach unsustainable heights, the document said, and it should not increase gas consumption or affect intra-EU flows.

Any emergency ceiling should only last three months, it added.

An EU diplomat described the package as "historic" in its ambition. "If you try to narrow down what this encompasses, it's huge."

Gas prices on the TTF exchange are now more than 200 per cent higher than in October 2021 due to Russia's squeeze on gas supplies to the EU – a retaliation for the bloc's sanctions against Moscow and support for Ukraine.

Energy-intensive industries have already shut hundreds of factories across Europe, while the increase in energy bills is fuelling decades-high inflation.

Next year could prove more challenging still if Russian supplies, now less than a quarter of what they were, are completely cut off and energy demand from China, whose industries have been curtailed due to Beijing's zero-Covid policy, rebounds.

The draft proposal emerged as member states prepare for a summit in Brussels on Thursday and Friday aimed at finding solutions for curbing the crisis. EU capitals have been at loggerheads over how best to tackle the energy price surge together, with the question of capping gas prices proving particularly contentious.

Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark have claimed market intervention will trigger an increase in consumption by lowering prices at a time when saving gas is key. But other EU countries fear further hikes in energy prices could stoke social unrest.

Italy, Greece, Poland and Belgium were among member states to put forward suggestions for a price cap mechanism last week.

One senior EU diplomat said the use of TTF prices as a reference gave "clarity and predictability" to companies. Member states wanted to ensure the commission stuck to a tight timeline for putting the new rules into force.

The commission's draft suggests the ceiling on TTF gas prices should work in conjunction with other measures aimed at lowering prices, including mandatory joint purchasing of gas.

The EU has already been negotiating with Norway, now the bloc's biggest gas supplier, to try and collaborate to reduce costs.



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	10:02	Shika Bamba 5
	10:30	Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
	11:10	Chetu ni chetu rpt
	11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
	12:40	Usafiri Wako rpt
	13:10	Korean: Jumong rpt
	13:50	Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt
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16:30	Igizo: Rebecca	
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21:15	Igizo: Rebecca	
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22:10	ITV Top 10	
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	8:00	Ai Jazeera
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	11:50	Bongo Movie rpt
	14:00	Tamasha la Michezo
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	16:30	ITV Top 10
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WORLD

Report: Trump administration impeded federal COVID fight

WASHINGTON

A US congressional panel released a new report on Monday detailing efforts by the Trump administration to politicize federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis accused the White House under Donald Trump of undermining "public health to benefit the former president's political goals".

Trump and his top aides repeatedly attacked the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's scientists, compromised the agency's public health guidance, and suppressed scientific reports in an effort to downplay the seriousness of the coronavirus, Congressman James Clyburn, chair of the panel, said in a statement.

"This prioritization of politics, contempt for science, and refusal to follow the advice of public health experts harmed the nation's ability to respond effectively to the coronavirus crisis and put Americans at risk," Clyburn alleged.

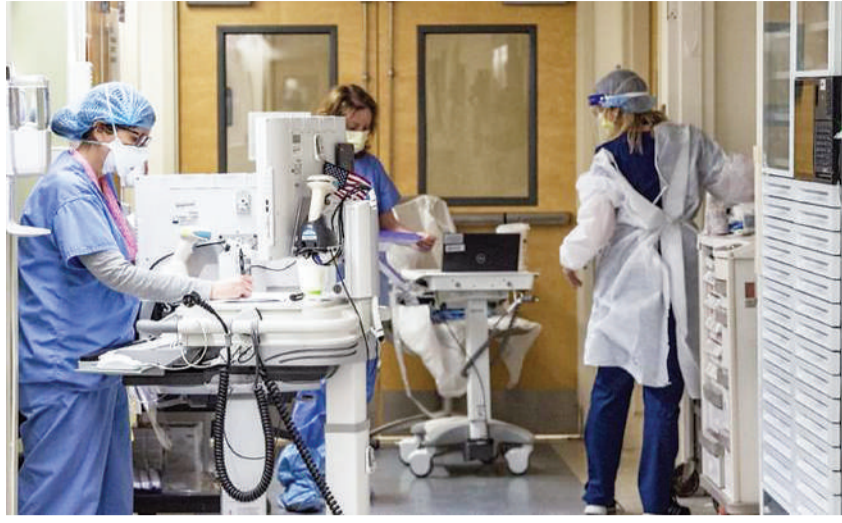
The investigation uncovered that Trump's appointees sought to influence CDC's scientific reports - attempting to change the publication process, manipulate the content, or block the dissemination of at least 19 different reports that they deemed to be politically harmful to the administration.

The subcommittee has been investigating the Trump administration's "political interference" across the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic since June 2020.

The United States has reported nearly 97 million COVID-19 cases and more than 1 million deaths, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

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Medical workers treat patients in the COVID-19 ward at the US Department of Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare system campus and medical center in West Roxbury, Massachusetts on Jan 11, 2022. File photo

Newly-elected Iraqi president urges quick formation of new govt

BAGHDAD

IRAQ'S newly-elected President Abdul Latif Rashid assumed office on Monday, expressing his hope for a quick formation of the new government.

"We keep in mind what the Iraqi people are waiting for from the new government, which we hope will be formed quickly, and be strong, efficient, and unified to meet the people's aspirations for security, stability, and services," Rashid (pictured) said in a televised speech during a ceremony held in the presidential palace in Baghdad.

Rashid pledged to protect the constitution, sovereignty, unity, and independence of Iraq, and to exert every effort to bring the political forces closer through dialogue, including solving the problems between the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan and the central government in Baghdad.

"I will also seek to establish strong and balanced relations between Iraq, neighboring countries, and the international community to promote common interests," Rashid added.

On Oct 13, the Iraqi parliament elected Rashid as the new president, marking a crucial step toward forming a new government for the country and ending a year of political deadlock.

According to the power-sharing system in Iraq after 2003, the presidency should be reserved for the Kurds, the parliament speaker's post for the Sunnis, and the prime minister's post for the Shi'ites.

Rashid's election came as political tensions have been rising in the past months between the Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's Sadrist Movement, the biggest winner in the parliamentary elections in 2021, and their rivals in the Coordination Framework (CF), an umbrella group of Shi'ite parliamentary parties.

Al-Sadr demanded to dissolve parliament and hold early elections, but it was rejected by the CF parties, which became the largest bloc after al-Sadr ordered his followers to withdraw from the parliament in June.



Chinese people inspired by national rejuvenation blueprint

BEIJING

PEOPLE from across China have been reinvigorated by a sense of mission to build the country as the Communist Party of China convenes its five-yearly national congress this week in Beijing.

From villagers in deep mountains to jetliner designers, members of the public from all walks of life have expressed an eagerness to contribute to the country's modernization drive.

On Sunday, the CPC unveiled its blueprint for building a modern socialist China in all respects for the next five years and beyond as the 20th CPC National Congress opened.

"From this day forward, the central task of the CPC will be to lead the Chinese people of all ethnic groups in a concerted effort to realize the Second Centenary Goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects and to advance the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization," Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, said in a report at the opening session of the congress.

In Shibadong Village of central China's Hunan province, villagers dressed in traditional attire of Miao ethnic group watched the live broadcast of

the report.

Shibadong, where Xi first proposed the "targeted poverty alleviation" idea during his visit in 2013, was once a poor mountain-locked village. But it has now become known as a success story in poverty alleviation.

"Eradicating poverty is not the end of our endeavor, but rather the starting point of a new journey," said Shi Kang, an official of the village. "We have full confidence that our country will become stronger and the villagers' lives more prosperous."

Zhao Keliang, deputy chief engineer of the C919, China's first homegrown large jetliner, has every reason to be proud of what he and his colleagues have done. The C919 obtained last month the type certificate, a milestone step on its journey to market operation.

"The achievements in the past decade have shown us the power of dream," said Zhao. "It is a dream of the country and the expectation of the people to have China's homegrown large jetliner fly in the sky."

On Sunday, Xi stressed maintaining absolute Party leadership over the people's armed forces and further modernizing national defense and the military. The remarks came through loud and clear to the People's Liberation Army (PLA). "We will never fail the Party



The first C919 passenger jet takes off for a test flight at Shanghai Pudong International Airport on May 14, 2022. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

and the people," said Qiu Tiefeng, a top fighter-jet pilot in the air force of the PLA. "We will commit ourselves to achieving the goals for the centenary of the PLA in 2027 and more quickly elevating the people's armed forces to world-class standards."

Xi also listed achieving common prosperity for all as one of the essential requirements of Chinese modernization.

East China's Zhejiang province, a demonstration zone for achieving common prosperity, has made steady strides in the regard. As a key indicator of balanced development, the income ratio between urban and rural residents in Zhejiang decreased from 2.37 to 1 to 1.94 to 1 in the past decade.

"We will continue our efforts to promote common prosperity," said Lan Wenzhong, a village Party chief in Zhejiang. "As long as we roll up our sleeves and get down to work, a happy life will

be around the corner."

China's vast number of internet users have also been closely following the congress online, giving thumbs-up to the country's achievements over the past decade.

As Xi delivered the report, about a dozen main takeaways such as "three major events in the past decade" and "the essential requirements of Chinese modernization" instantly became trending on China's popular microblogging service Weibo.

Xi encouraged China's young people to display their full talents and realize their dreams.

Echoing Xi's expectations, an internet user by the name of "Little Bear Sister-Zora" wrote, "We are living in a remarkable time and also shouldering great responsibilities. We need to aim high but stay down-to-earth, and dare to think big and take action."

Xinhua

No one will be able to drive a wedge between Russia and Kazakhstan – Lavrov

MOSCOW

THE level of mutual trust allows Russia and Kazakhstan to frankly discuss and resolve the most difficult issues, and no one will ever manage to drive a wedge between the two countries, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a message to the readers of the International Affairs Journal on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Russia and Kazakhstan.

"We are looking with optimism into the future of our

relations with our Kazakh friends. No one will manage to drive a wedge between us.

The current level of mutual trust allows us to frankly discuss any issues, even the most difficult ones that our countries are faced with in real life, and to agree on mutually acceptable ways of solving them," Lavrov stressed.

"At the same time, we are not going to feel satisfied with what we have achieved," Lavrov continued. "We will continue to work together to bring bilateral relations to new highs to the benefit of our



fraternal peoples and in the name of strengthening regional security and stability."

He noted that over the past three decades, the two countries have managed to strengthen the centuries-old ties of friendship and good neighborliness that unite their peoples. Today's relations between Russia and Kazakhstan continue to develop in the spirit of strategic partnership and alliance.

"Large-scale joint projects are being implemented in crucial economic sectors and in the scientific and educa-

tional sphere. The advantages of Russia's and Kazakhstan's transit potentials are being used effectively.

Ties are expanding among small and medium-sized businesses. Interaction is being stepped up along the world's longest land border," Lavrov recalled.

"The Baikonur cosmopolis is a vivid example of a truly strategic partnership. The same-name city can rightly be considered as a symbol of Russian-Kazakhstani friendship and privileged research-intensive cooperation".

Turkmenistan and China to keep advancing on the road to progress and prosperity

By Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov

I'm glad to share with the readers of People's Daily my thoughts on the past development and future of the friendly relationship between Turkmenistan and China.

This year, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Turkmenistan and China. The two countries' friendship goes back to hundreds of years ago, during which the two peoples have deepened mutual understanding and learned from each other in terms of culture, tradition and worldview.

The great Silk Road that connects the two countries is a bridge of not only trade, but also cultural exchanges.

Since the two countries signed the Joint Declaration on Establishing Strategic Partnership between China and Turkmenistan in September 2013, their cooperation has been brought onto a new level. The declaration defines the two countries' current relationship, as well as its nature, direction and connotation.

I would like to point out that China has shown strong support for the proposals raised by Turkmenistan in the UN. Turkmenistan always has a firm and clear stand on the concerns of China, including the issues concerning China's territorial integrity and national reunification. We firmly follow the one-China principle and oppose separatism in any form. The situation in Central Asia has an important position in

Turkmenistan-China dialogues, on which the two countries have similar stands. They both advocate establishing a stable regional security system based on balanced multilateral interests and solving problems through political and diplomatic approaches.

Turkmenistan and China, as responsible members of the international society, have made concrete contributions to the establishment of a regional cooperation mechanism. I must say that China's objectiveness on its cooperation with Central Asia has played a constructive role in the political and economic development of the region. At present, China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Turkmenistan's development strategy to revive the Silk Road are gain-

ing more and more synergy. The two countries share common interests, which makes them good partners under such synergy.

Both the BRI and Turkmenistan's development strategy to revive the Silk Road inject strong impetus into the economic development of the Eurasia. They connect the vast region between the Pacific and the Atlantic with modern principles, forming interconnected technological chains, industrial chains and industrial belts, which helps solve social issues and improve people's livelihood. Energy remains an important direction of Turkmenistan-China cooperation. The reason is simple - Turkmenistan enjoys huge potential in the energy sector. Considering China's growing demand spurred by its expanding economy and our energy poten-

tial, we are planning to increase our supply of natural gas to China. In this regard, we are willing to launch feasibility discussion on the construction of a fourth natural gas pipeline from Turkmenistan to China.

Both Turkmenistan and China attach high importance on transport cooperation. Turkmenistan sees China as its most important cooperation partner in Asia Pacific, because we take our cooperation with China as a priority in our foreign economic policy.

(Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov is the chairperson of the Upper Chamber of the National Council of Turkmenistan)

Agencies

Observers worldwide laud China's milestone achievements under CPC leadership

BEIJING

THE report delivered by General Secretary Xi Jinping at the opening session of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Sunday comprehensively summarizes the achievements and experience of China's reforms and development, and contains an overall strategic plan for the cause of the party and the country, overseas analysts and observers said.

The CPC will score even greater achievements, lead the Chinese people to write a new chapter along the new journey toward building a modern socialist country in all respects, and to join the rest of the world in building a better future for all humanity, the analysts and observers noted.

Xi said in the report that the past decade marked three major events of great immediate importance and profound historical significance for the cause of the party and the people. "We embraced the centenary of the Communist Party of China; we ushered in a new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics; and we eradicated absolute poverty and finished building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, thus completing the First Centenary Goal," he said.

"This report contains the crystallization of the CPC's important experience and provides ideological guidance for China's march towards the second centenary goal," said Vanxay Tavinyan, the editor-in-chief of the Pasaxon, the newspaper of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee, who has been closely following this CPC national congress.

Deeply impressed by the CPC's adherence to the people-centered development philosophy, he said China has secured a victory in the battle against extreme poverty, the largest scale of such efforts ever made in history, and made significant contributions to global poverty reduction.

"China has achieved many milestones" in the past decade, said Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, chief executive officer of the Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development in Pakistan, after listening to the live-streamed report via the Internet.

China's big achievements have demonstrated that socialism with Chinese characteristics is presenting a better model with global appeal, Ramay added. Under the CPC's guidance, China has shown the world how to achieve goals like eradicating extreme poverty with political will and effective actions, said Ronnie Lins, director of the China-Brazil Center for Research and Business, adding that realizing economic and social development, and eradicating poverty and social inequality are a sure way to build a healthier world.

The poverty alleviation efforts led by the CPC will be remembered by the human society as a model of good governance in human history, Lins added. "Every time when I returned to China, I could clearly see the rapid economic and social progress in the country," said Rafael Hernandez, director of Cuban political magazine Temas, adding that he was impressed by the data on China's economic development in the report.

The CPC's historic achievements since the 18th CPC National Congress have demonstrated that the party is dedicated to pursuing happiness for the people and



Xi Jinping delivers a report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on behalf of the 19th CPC Central Committee at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Oct. 16, 2022. The 20th CPC National Congress opened on Sunday. Xinhua

rejuvenation of the nation, he said, adding that it's the CPC's strong leadership that has led to China's great success today.

The 20th CPC National Congress is of great significance, said Yuri Tavrovsky, a professor with the People's Friendship University of Russia.

Over the past decade, China has made great achievements in accelerating the construction of a modern economic system, promoting technological innovation, improving state governance, eliminating extreme poverty, and pushing for green development, he said, adding that China's development path has become more attractive to the international community.

China's development is very important to global development, and China's successful experience offers reference and inspiration to many countries, said Alexey Maslov, director of the Institute of the Asian and African Studies of Moscow State University.

From this day forward, the central task of the CPC will be to lead the Chinese people of all ethnic groups in a concerted effort to realize the Second Centenary Goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects and to advance the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization, Xi emphasized in the report.

To build a modernized society for more than 1 billion people is undoubtedly a huge contribution to the progress of mankind, Adhere Cavince, a Kenya-based international relations scholar, told Xinhua. China is setting a good example for other develop-

ing countries to hold in hand their own path to national regeneration and development, Cavince added.

The Chinese path to modernization is a modernization of shared prosperity for a huge population and it is also committed to facilitating global peace and development, said Cavince. It is immensely important that the report elaborated on a new philosophy on China's comprehensive development for the goal of improving people's living standard, said Zivadin Jovanovic, former Serbian senior diplomat, adding that China's focus on its further modernization is really important for the global economy.

The Chinese-style modernization is a vision of a world without poverty, hunger, war, conflict, discrimination, and hegemony, among others, said Joseph Matthews, a senior professor at Cambodia's BELTEI International University. The Chinese path to modernization pursues inclusive development, common prosperity, as well as a harmonious relationship between human and nature, and will have a direct positive impact on global development, Matthews told Xinhua.

Kanat Beisek, chairman of the Board of the Kazakh-Chinese Trade Promotion Association, said he looks forward to seeing the Chinese path to modernization, noting that through cooperation with China in such fields as agriculture, energy, e-commerce, he has deeply felt that the continuous progress of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has benefited Kazakhstan and other countries along the route. While concentrating on major tasks at

home, Chinese development has produced positive spillover effects to the world, reflecting China's wisdom and strength, Beisek said.

The Chinese path to modernization will drive the country to make new economic and social achievements, and will also bring more cooperation and development opportunities to Kazakhstan and other developing countries, he added.

Giving great attentions to the Chinese path to modernization, the CPC national congress mapped out a clear plan for China's sustainable development in the future, said Diaa Helmy, secretary-general of Cairo-based Egyptian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

The successes achieved by China will continue as it sticks to socialism with Chinese characteristics, Helmy said, noting that China will strongly go further in its modernization process.

China has always been committed to its foreign policy goals of upholding world peace and promoting common development and is dedicated to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, Xi said in the report. China put forward the Global Development Initiative (GDI) and the Global Security Initiative (GSI) and is willing to implement them together with the international community.

The Chinese people are ready to work hand in hand with people across the world to create an even brighter future for humanity, he said. "From the report, I strongly feel China's determination and confidence in striding forward, developing peacefully and opening up to the outside world," said Uzbek political observer Tulanbay Kurbanov.

By striving to realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation through Chinese-style modernization, China will provide huge development opportunities for developing countries and inject impetus into global economic development, he added.

The GDI and GSI proposed by China are in line with the common aspirations of the international community for justice, peace, and development, and will surely further build global consensus, gather strength for cooperation, and inject strong positive energy into improving global governance, Kurbanov said.

Xi's report emphasizes that China adheres to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence in pursuing friendship and cooperation with other countries, and will firmly support and help developing countries achieve faster growth, which will further encourage emerging economies like Indonesia to recover at a faster pace, said Teuku Rezasyah, international relations expert of Indonesia's Padjadjaran University. **Xinhua**

UN envoy urges political progress to resolve Syrian crisis

DAMASCUS

THE visiting UN special envoy to Syria, Geir Pedersen, on Monday called for progress on the political front to resolve the Syrian crisis.

Speaking to reporters following his meeting with Syria's Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad, Pedersen recounted the difficulties facing the Syrian people, saying that despite a ceasefire being established in 2020, many civilians are still being killed, and 15 million Syrians still need humanitarian assistance.

Pedersen made it clear that the UN is still committed to working on providing humanitarian assistance and supporting a nationwide ceasefire, but these two factors are not enough without progress achieved on the political front.

The UN envoy said he and Mekdad discussed ways to establish "confidence-building measures" in line with Security Council resolution 2254 that provides for a roadmap for a political settlement of the Syrian crisis.

"We start slowly but steadily to implement the different provisions of the UN Security Council resolutions, and the good news is that all parties say they are committed. The question is can we build a little bit of confidence so that we are able to move forward," he said.

The two officials also discussed the UN-facilitated Syrian Constitutional Committee, said Pedersen, adding although the mechanism hasn't been working so far, its prospects remain.

The Syrian Constitution Committee was launched in late 2019 in Geneva, as part of the peace process that seeks to reconcile the Syrian Government with its opposition and to revise the Syrian constitution or draft a new one. Since then, it has held several meetings but has yet to agree on an agenda.

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China's geospatial industry sees strong growth

FROM the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System tens of thousands of kilometers above the ground, to the map applications in our mobile phones, the rapid technological development has made China's geospatial industry one of the most powerful engines driving the country's digital economy, by highly integrated with smart city construction, digital government, health governance and smart lifestyles.

With geospatial technologies, one can easily find available parking space on a mobile phone via satellite navigation, browse the information of all the companies in an office building through 3D scene platforms, and manage underground pipelines with advanced devices that can "see through" the ground surface.

Recently, the 2022 Conference of Chinese Geospatial Industry and Sciences was held in Hefei, east China's Anhui province.

As the highest-level, largest-scale and most influential conference of China's geospatial industry, the event was highlighted by a series of technological advances.

At the conference, Chinese drone giant DJI displayed a dock, which makes drone operations completely automated and unattended. CHC Navigation based in Shanghai presented its latest breakthroughs in long-range laser radar, which made China a step closer to the independent development of high-precision long-range laser radars.

Industry-leading spatial-intelligent infrastructure company Qianxun SI also brought a new technology that helps with the impacts of ionospheric variability on unmanned aerial vehicle surveying, high-precision laser



A laser radar system developed by CHC Navigation is exhibited at the 2022 Conference of Chinese Geospatial Industry and Sciences held at the Binhu International Convention and Exhibition Center, Hefei, east China's Anhui province, Aug. 11, 2022. File photo

radar ranging and other scenarios.

The Chinese geospatial industry has achieved fruitful results in innovation and shown strong resilience.

According to statistics released by the conference, the total output of China's geospatial industry reached 752.4 billion yuan (\$105 billion) in 2021, up 9.2 percent year on year. The compound output growth rate of the industry stood at 11.5 percent in the recent five years and 17.5 in the past decade.

The constantly expanding industry is driving employment growth. As of the end of 2021, there were over 164,000 entities engaged in the industry, up 18.5 percent from a year ago. Enterprises accounted for 94.7 percent of these entities.

Around 35,800 entities in the

industry were newly registered last year, up 29.2 percent year on year. Besides, nearly 4 million people were working in the industry as of the end of 2021, growing 18.5 percent from a year ago.

Deqing county, Huzhou, east China's Zhejiang province has established a 3D model of its territory that precisely presents its landscape. Based on the model, the county launched a series of digital applications to assist its farming, disaster management, pandemic control and other work.

In Hefei, geospatial technologies are employed for the ecological conservation of the Chaohu Lake, one of the major freshwater lakes in China. The city has set up a digital platform to share data and trace sources of pollution, which is able to perform

real-time monitoring of water quality and volume, and algal bloom on the Chaohu Lake.

Encouraging the development of smart city construction, digital twin and geospatial technologies will create new opportunities for China's geospatial industry.

Xu Guanhua, former Minister of Science and Technology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, noted that massive geospatial data have been generated and stored through basic surveying, satellite remote sensing and major engineering projects launched over the past years.

Making good use of such data will be a key priority for future development, and making these data serve the demand of the country will accelerate the industry's development, Xu said.

People's Daily

Russian envoy says German authorities crossed the red line with arms deliveries to Kiev

BERLIN

GERMAN authorities should not have crossed the red line with arms supplies to Kiev, given the country's historical responsibility to the Russian people, Russian envoy to Germany Sergey Nechaev said in an interview with TASS.

"The German-made lethal weapons, supplied to the Kiev regime, are used not only against Russian servicemen, but also against civilians. It is certainly a red line that the German authorities should not have crossed, given Germany's historical responsibility to our people for Nazi crimes during the Great Patriotic War," the diplomat stressed. "Not to mention our contribution to the postwar reunification of Germany," he added.

"And one should understand that this red line has always existed in Germany as well," Nechaev pointed out, recalling that for decades Berlin refrained from sending weapons, especially heavy military equipment, to armed conflict zones.

"There was a broad domestic political consensus on this. The practice has changed only now and only with regard to Russia," he stressed. "It was a decision of the new coalition government of Germany, which we consider a serious mistake," the envoy said.

"Of course, such a turn could not help but have a most negative effect on our bilateral relations and the prospects for their development," he noted.

Nechaev warned that "the uncontrolled

pumping of Ukraine with weapons in violation of international arms trade and export control rules only leads to a prolongation of the conflict, new destruction, civilian casualties, and further destabilization of the situation in Europe, including Germany itself."

"There is a real threat of Western weapons from Ukraine, including anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs) and man-portable air-defense systems (MANPADS), falling into the hands of terrorist groups and extremist organizations," he said.

The Russian diplomat pointed out that "the sale of lethal systems on the darknet is in full swing." "One would hope that common sense would prevail, but so far we only hear about plans for more and more German arms deliveries to Ukraine," Nechaev concluded.

On February 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a special military operation in Ukraine following a request for assistance from the leaders of the Donbass republics.

The West then imposed sweeping sanctions against Russia and ramped up shipments of weapons and military equipment to Kiev by billions of dollars at this stage.

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SPORT



Mtibwa Sugar midfielder, Balama Mapinduzi.

Former Yanga midfielder explains reasons for local players' failure

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MTIBWA Sugar attacking midfielder Balama Mapinduzi has opened up on the reasons behind the failure of some local players to make their presence felt once signed by Simba SC and Yanga.

Mapinduzi revealed a lack of trust from the clubs' coaches despite the footballers' hard work has been a challenge to many players, missing out on a chance to play regularly as was the case with their spell in former clubs.

The skilful diminutive midfielder is still remembered, to a large extent, by Yanga fans for his thunderbolt which went straight in when the Jangwani Street side confronted rivals Simba SC in a thrilling Premier League clash in the 2020/21 season which had the clubs locked to 2-2 draw.

Mapinduzi was signed by Yanga for a three-year contract from Mwanza's Alliance FC and the midfielder played for only one season due to injuries he sustained.

He spent the remaining years of his contract on the sidelines and no agreement for contract extension took place, a situation which brought about his move to Mtibwa Sugar as a free agent.

Mapinduzi was injured in June 2020 after the Mainland Premier League had resumed following the break which was occasioned by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, and since then he had been sidelined.

When the new season kicked off, Yanga had hoped the player will return to action but it was not the case as he had failed to recover from the injury that saw him stay out for another season.

"There is no player who does not like to be

the best, everyone wants to be great through big clubs like Simba and Yanga, when local players get the chance to be registered and trust is not invested in them by the coaches, it becomes for the players to impress because they rarely get game time, hindering the opportunity to get into the first eleven directly to show what the players have," the midfielder noted.

Balama has started six games for Mtibwa Sugar in the Premier League this season, the player came from the bench in one tie.

The attacking midfielder has yet to score a goal this season, with his outfit winning two outings, settling for a draw in three, and losing two in the seven clashes.

"Many local players have the potential, the problem is failure to win coaches' trust, something that causes many players to find themselves going back to sides they previously served, a problem that has been hurting many of us, but I believe that if we were trusted and played regularly we would have an impact and score goals," Mapinduzi noted.

Speaking about his move to Mtibwa Sugar, he said it is the right place as he has been out of the field for a long time due to injuries, but he believes he will regain his form.

"To be trusted and get a chance to play regularly at Mtibwa sugar is the dream of any player who has not played for a long time," the player pointed out.

The footballer stated: "It will take time to return to my best but this will be enhanced by getting the chance to play every day in competitive matches so that I can regain my confidence and fitness."

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The presenter chose to formulate an overall rationalization of Ujamaa villagers, where Gezaulole and other such settlements not far from the city were located, and opted to skip the city scenario where the song is visibly and explicitly anchored to pick up a far-flung rural landscape of no relation to the stanza, lyrics

SPORTS

How Simba SC triumphantly advanced to CAF Champions League's group stage



Tanzania's Simba SC midfielder, Augustine Okrah (R), gets the better of Angola's CD Primeiro de Agosto's center-back Bobó Ungenda as the clubs took on each other in 2022/23 CAF Champions League's second preliminary round rematch in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. Simba SC commanded a 1-0 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AFTER disappointingly missing out on the 2022/23 CAF Champions League group stage last season Simba SC has comfortably eased into the group stage of continental football's foremost championship this season.

This follows their wafer-thin 1-0 triumph over Primeiro de Agosto of Angola in the second leg played at the stately Benjamin Mkapa Stadium here in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Simba SC's slender 1-0 win in the second leg means that they qualified for the group stage 4-1 on aggregate after impressively outplaying their Angolan foes 3-1 in the first leg in Angola.

Indeed, Simba SC's passage to the group stage has left hordes of their fans thumping their chests with pride over the team's brilliant feat.

However, it is vividly clear that in many ways for Simba SC the real do-or-die battles that they have encountered this season doubtlessly begin now in earnest in the group stage of the CAF Champions League.

Unarguably, the CAF Champions League's group stage is perpetually a high-stakes affair with a lot on the line for all the teams jostling for top honours in the traditional two groups of the tournament. As witnessed innumerable times in the past, the CAF Champions League's group phase has wonderfully

served as a fitting stage for indisputably gladiatorial battles to take place between teams in the upper echelon of continental football.

It seems crystal clear then that such potentially epic slug-fests await Simba SC in the group stage of this season's CAF Champions League.

And, to smoothly navigate their way through the treacherous waters of continental football, Simba SC will have to be bold without exhibiting any braggadocio and respectful without being so to a fault.

Let us now dig into women's youth football where the burgeoning FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup recently got underway in India.

With our Serengeti Girls being one of the teams eagerly battling for the spoils of victory the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup has taken on added importance for Tanzanians this time around.

Sadly though, our female starlets painfully found themselves on the receiving end of an utter 4-0 drubbing by Japan in their opening encounter of the huge event. Thankfully though, the Serengeti Girls bounced back splendidly in their second game against European titans France which they admirably won 2-1.

It is hoped then that the tide has distinctly turned for the Serengeti Girls in the global event.

One also dearly hopes that the Serengeti Girls can win their last group face-off against Canada at a canter, which would dramatically improve their chances of progressing to the tournament's knockout round.

Returning to the CAF Champions League, numerous Yanga fans must be glum and gloomy following their team's saddening ouster from the elite continental football competition last Sunday.

Indeed, Yanga lost their second leg clash 1-0 against Al Hilal of Sudan on the latter's home turf last weekend which ultimately means that the Jangwani Street outfit lost the tie 2-1 on aggregate following a deeply dissatisfying 1-1 draw in the first leg here in Dar es Salaam.

Despite the cruel setback, it is crucial to note that the loss is distinctly not an embarrassing one as through the years Al Hilal has built a reputation for being a banana skin that Africa's biggest clubs can easily and disastrously trip over.

Having been tossed out of African football's most highly regarded championship, it should be expected that Yanga will now redouble their efforts to regain domestic football's top-flight title.

Thus, despite the sourness of defeat, Yanga fans should justifiably feel bullish that there is still a lot to play for this season.

TAVA mulls organizing national volleyball tournament

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Volleyball Association (TAVA) says it plans to have a strong and competitive league that can produce top clubs and players who can represent the country at international tournaments.

Shukuru Ally, TAVA Assistant Secretary, said so after the country's volleyball teams performed poorly in the just-ended Nyerere International Volleyball tournament that took place in Arusha.

Much as the country is the exclusive host of the Nyerere International volleyball tournament, this is the fourth time in a row that local volleyball teams are playing second fiddle to foreign teams.



Dar es Salaam volleyballers put their skills to show in a tournament, which was played at SabaSaba venue in the city recently. PHOTO: FARU VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Seventeen domestic volleyball squads participated in this season's showdown but so far two outfits made their presence felt.

MCT settled for the third spot in the competition's men's category and Magereza's side took the third spot in the women's category.

Kenya's GSU squad won the men's category with a 3-1 victory over Rwanda's APR, and the former's compatriots, the DCI squad, lifted the top honour in the women's category having cruised to 3-0 win over Rwanda's APR.

The TAVA leader pointed out: "If you compare with the previous editions, this year, our clubs have done well but it's very painful that despite hosting the event our teams are failing to win the tournament."

"We have agreed to come up with a national tournament which will be very strong and competitive, we will also make sure that we are investing in training for coaches and umpires," he said.

This year's edition of the Nyerere International Volleyball tournament took place at Ngarenaro.

The showdown had attracted 24 clubs from across the East African region.

To reach the finals in the men's category, APR beat Arusha's Pentagon 3-0 while GSU outclassed MCT 3-0.

In the women's category, Magereza lost 3-1 to DCI and APR beat the former's compatriots, Jeshi Stars.

The showdown brought together clubs from Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and the host Tanzania, with winners in men's and women's categories receiving medals.

Kenya was represented by four teams, Rwanda brought two sides, and there was moreover one from Burundi.

There were further 17 clubs from various parts of Tanzania, namely Jeshi Stars, Chui, Arusha Champions, Karatu, MTC, Mipango, Pentagon, Mbulu, and Kampala International University in Tanzania (KIUT).

Kenya which participated in the men's category are GSU, DCI, and Kenya Forest, Rwanda had APR in the category.

Women's category sides are Tanzania's Jeshi Stars, JKT, Star Girls, Golden Wings, Magereza, Chui, and Orkeeswa, Kenya's Young Speakers, and DCI, as well as Rwanda's APR.

The Nyerere International Volleyball tournament takes place annually in commemoration of the Father of the Nation the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere.

Blackmail 'not uncommon' in football, says France star Pogba's agent

PARIS

PROFESSIONAL footballers are frequent targets for blackmailers, says Paul Pogba's agent with the France star embroiled in an alleged extortion plot.

In August Pogba's elder brother Mathias published a bizarre video online promising "great revelations" about the Juventus midfielder, who according to sources is being targeted by a criminal gang.

And Rafaela Pimenta, the heir to deceased superagent Mino Raiola's empire, told Italian daily *Tuttosport* that players are often targeted by people hoping to extort money from very rich sportsmen.

"Being extorted or living under threat is not an uncommon problem with footballers. They're threatened because they are very exposed," Pimenta said in an interview published on Monday.

"I've seen it all, especially blackmail. The players are scared to flag these things up because they're worried about their image or they're ashamed. They keep quiet and live under incredible stress."

Sources close to the Pogba family

have told AFP that money is being demanded from Paul Pogba if he wants to avoid the dissemination of allegedly compromising videos.

Mathias Pogba, 32, was charged last month along with four other people, all close to the World Cup winner who filed a complaint with Turin prosecutors in July which said he was being blackmailed for 13 million euros (\$12.6m).

Paul Pogba told investigators that his blackmailers wanted to discredit him by claiming he asked a marabout (holy man) to cast a spell on Paris Saint-Germain and France star Kylian Mbappe, which Pogba denies.

"When Paul finally asked for help, his situation improved and he realised that there is a solution," added Pimenta.

"Everything is in the hands of the lawyers. Paul has done everything he could do."

On the field, Pogba's hopes of playing for France at the World Cup in Qatar next month hang in the balance after a knee injury. He had surgery that was described as "successful" earlier this month.

AFP

Man City to avoid charge on fan chants - sources

LONDON

MANCHESTER City will not face sanctions for supporters chanting "Murderers" during Sunday's Premier League 1-0 defeat against Liverpool at Anfield, sources have told ESPN, with the Football Association (FA) powerless to take action unless the chants are deemed to be discriminatory.

Sources have told ESPN that allegations of Liverpool fans throwing coins at City boss Pep Guardiola (pictured) and of away team bus being attacked by objects after the game are also likely to be outside of FA jurisdiction.

However, Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp could still be charged by the FA and receive a touchline ban after he was sent off during the second half by referee Anthony Taylor.

The FA have condemned the chanting by the City supporters of "murderers" and "Always the victims, it's never your fault" -- both chants relate to the deaths of 97 Liverpool supporters at the 1989 Hillsborough disaster -- but sources have told ESPN that no action will be taken against City for failing to control their supporters unless it can be proved that the chants were discriminatory, such as if they were racially motivated or an anti-gay.

Liverpool issued a statement after the game on Sunday to highlight the chanting and offensive, tragedy-related graffiti in the away section, adding they would work closely with City to "ensure that these chants are eradicated from football altogether."

City are yet to issue a statement in response to Liverpool, although City sources have told ESPN that the chants were an unfortunate consequence of comments made by Klopp in his prematch news conference when he said rival clubs could not compete with the wealth of Gulf-owned clubs such as City, Paris Saint-Germain and Newcastle United.

City declined to address the matter on the record when contacted by ESPN.

ESPN has also been told that City's claims of coin-throwing at Guardiola and of their team bus being attacked by objects after the game are likely to be outside of FA jurisdiction.

If Guardiola was attacked by individuals throwing coins, it will be a matter for Liverpool and Merseyside Police to address. The FA can only act if it is judged to have been a large section of the stand throwing missiles at the City boss.

Claims of the bus being attacked are also due to be dealt with by the police rather than the FA unless the incident happened within the stadium perimeter.

ESPN witnessed City's two buses emerging from Anfield without incident after the game, although City sources have said that the missiles were thrown away from the stadium, further down Anfield Road.



Benzema wins Ballon d'Or; Gavi best U21 player

PARIS

KARIM Benzema was awarded the 2022 Ballon d'Or at a ceremony in Paris on Monday after a stellar 2021-22 season saw him lead Real Madrid to a Champions League and LaLiga double.

Benzema, 34, scored a career-best 27 times in LaLiga and was top scorer in the Champions League with 15 goals, including hat tricks against Paris Saint-Germain and Chelsea.

He finished ahead of Bayern Munich's Sadio Mane and Manchester City's Kevin de Bruyne, who came in second and third, respectively. PSG striker Kylian Mbappe came in sixth, while Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo was 20th.

"I'm really proud seeing this prize, it's been my dream since I was a kid. I grew up with this in my head, and after that I had the motivation," Benzema said.

"I had two role models in my life: Zizou [Zinedine Zidane] and [Brazil legend] Ronaldo. It's a lot of work; I never gave up and I kept that dream in my head. Anything is possible.

"It's been difficult for me. There was a time when I wasn't playing for the national team, but I didn't give up. It's been difficult for me and that just makes me stronger mentally. I'm really happy with my work."

The France international picked up the prize -- which is awarded by the magazine *France Football* -- for the first time in his career at a ceremony at the Theatre du Chatelet in Paris.

A day earlier, Benzema opened the scoring as Madrid beat Barcelona 3-1 in El Clasico to go three points clear at the top of the LaLiga table. He is the first Madrid player to receive the award since Luka Modric in 2018, and the first Frenchman to win since 1998 honoree Zidane, who awarded Benzema the trophy.

"I'd like to thank my teammates at Real Madrid and the national team,



Real Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema (left) and Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Alexia Putellas (right) receive the Ballon d'Or award during the 2022 Ballon d'Or France Football award ceremony at the Theatre du Chatelet in Paris on Oct 17, 2022. (Agencies)

my president [Florentino Perez] who is like family to me, and also the Lyon academy and president [Jean Michel] Aulas, thanks to him I fulfilled my dream of playing for Real Madrid," Benzema added.

Lionel Messi won the award in 2019 and 2021, while no Ballon d'Or was given out in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 13 years at Madrid, Benzema has lifted five Champions League trophies, four LaLiga titles, two Copas del Rey, four UEFA Super Cups and four Spanish Supercopas.

Benzema received widespread recognition for his performances in the Champions League last season, scoring 10 goals in Madrid's knockout stage wins over PSG, Chelsea and Manchester City on the way to winning the club's 14th European Cup.

After a six-year absence from the France national team, he returned to help them win the UEFA Nations League in 2021 and is expected to lead their attack at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Earlier in the ceremony, Barca midfielder Gavi won the Kopa Trophy, the award presented to the best player under age 21.

Gavi, who turned 18 in August, claimed the prize ahead of Borussia Dortmund's Jude Bellingham and Bayern Munich's Jamal Musiala. He succeeds Barca teammate Pedri, last year's winner.

After breaking into the first-team setup at age 16 last year, Gavi went on to make 47 appearances for Barca in all competitions in 2021-22, scoring two goals.

His performances for the Catalan club earned him a call-up to the Spain national team and he became the youngest player to ever represent La Roja, at the age of 17 years and 62 days.

Gavi has since won 12 caps for Spain and is a regular for club and country heading into next month's World Cup.

Meanwhile, Robert Lewandowski won the Gerd Muller award for the best striker of the year, and Madrid's Thibaut Courtois won the Lev Yashin for best goalkeeper.

Ballon d'Or organisers added a humanitarian prize named after the late Brazil midfielder Socrates. The trophy went to Mane for his charity work in Senegal, including building a hospital and donating to schools.

Meanwhile, Barcelona midfielder Alexia Putellas has won the Ballon d'Or Feminin for a second successive year, becoming the first woman to win the award twice since it launched in 2018.

Putellas, 28, was named the best women's player in the world at the Monday gala in Paris despite being sidelined since June with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

She finished ahead of Arsenal's Beth Mead and Chelsea's Sam Kerr, who were second and third, respectively. "Without my teammates this would not have been possible," Putellas said after receiving the award. "I want to thank the staff and the coach and everyone involved at Barcelona."

"I'm very happy to be back here and pleased because a year ago I was able to win this prize and it pushed me to want to be even better."

Prior to her injury in the summer, Putellas captained Barcelona to a third successive Primera Division title. The Catalan side made history by winning all 30 of their league games throughout the 2021-22 campaign.

She also led Barcelona to success in the Spanish Super Cup and the Copa de la Reina to complete a domestic treble, although they came up short in the Champions League.

Putellas' strike in the final was not enough to stop French side Lyon from beating Barcelona 3-1 in Turin.

However, after scoring 11 goals in the Champions League, more than any other player in the competition, Putellas was later named UEFA Women's Player of the Year ahead of Mead and Lena Oberdorf.

In addition to those 11 goals in Europe, she scored 18 league goals from midfield, four in the Copa de la Reina and one in the Super Cup.

Putellas had hoped success would follow for Spain in the summer, but she tore her left ACL in training with the national team ahead of the European Championship in England.

She has not played since and is expected to remain out of action for several more months.

Premier League is wide open and even Man United, Liverpool can win something

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

LIVERPOOL'S 1-0 victory over Manchester City on Sunday did more than end the reigning Premier League champions' unbeaten record this season: Mohamed Salah's decisive goal at Anfield also set up the prospect of the most unpredictable and open title race for years.

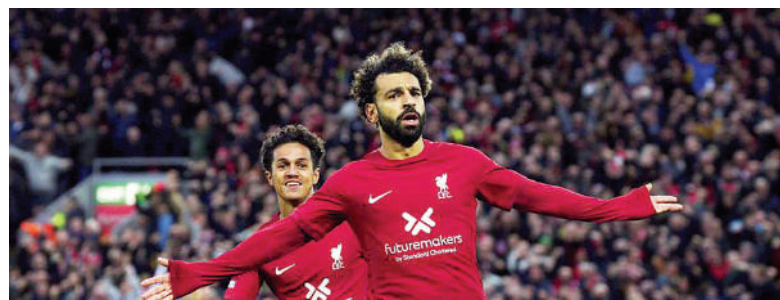
Only the most optimistic Arsenal supporter would argue against the suggestion that City, champions in four of the past five seasons, remain favourites to win the Premier League again this time, despite Mikel Arteta's Gunners opening up a four-point lead at the top of the table following Sunday's 1-0 win at Leeds and City's loss at Liverpool.

But while the goals of Erling Haaland and the title-winning experience of Pep Guardiola's squad give City the edge, there is a distinct sense that all of the so-called Big Six, and an emerging Newcastle United, are capable of achieving their respective ambitions this season.

Arsenal could yet surprise us all by emerging as champions. Leicester City in 2015-16 and Blackburn in 1994-95 both held their nerve to capitalise on strong starts and end the campaign by raising the Premier League trophy and Arsenal have now given themselves a cushion and momentum to go all the way and win a first title since Arsene Wenger's "Invincibles" in 2003-04.

Meanwhile, third-placed Tottenham Hotspur's 2-0 win against Everton on Saturday confirmed their best start to a season in the Premier League era -- it is their best start for 59 years -- yet Antonio Conte's side have so far managed to avoid the spotlight and scrutiny that comes with challenging for a title. With Harry Kane's goals (nine in 10 games) and Conte's track record of having won titles in England and Italy (with Chelsea and Juventus), Spurs are contenders and their trip to Manchester United today will offer a true gauge of both clubs' prospects this season.

United, who are in fifth position after Sunday's goalless draw against Newcastle at Old Trafford, are clearly still some distance from being title



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah celebrates after scoring his side's opening goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Manchester City at Anfield stadium in Liverpool, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022. (AP)

challengers, but perhaps for the first time since Sir Alex Ferguson retired in 2013, they appear to have a manager with a coherent plan to take the club out of its decade-long malaise. Erik ten Hag has plenty of rebuilding to do, but his summer signings, particularly Lisandro Martinez and Christian Eriksen, have significantly improved the team and United look to be a club that, finally, have everyone pulling in the same direction.

They won't win the league this season, but victories against Liverpool and Arsenal so far show that United can rise to the occasion and, therefore, foster hope that they could win a cup and end a six-year silverware drought.

Just over a month ago, suggesting that Chelsea could enjoy a successful season would have seemed outlandish following the firing of coach Thomas Tuchel after three defeats in seven games. But since appointing Graham Potter as Tuchel's successor, Chelsea have won five out of six under the former Brighton manager.

If they win their game in hand, Chelsea would move to within a point of Spurs and City and, having spent over £250 million on new players this summer, begin to look like a team that has just enjoyed a period of major reinforcement.

And although Liverpool are the one team in the Big Six that are unquestionably underperforming this season, winning just three of nine Premier League games to sit eighth, last week's 7-1 Champions League demolition of Rangers and Sunday's win against City proved that Jurgen Klopp's team are still a side capable of beating anyone and winning any competition.

Klopp has a midfield to rebuild, there are defensive issues to address and £75m club-record signing Darwin Nunez has endured a difficult start to life in England, scoring just four goals in 11 games, but despite all of Liverpool's problems, they are still one of the best teams in the world and capable of anything this season.

Newcastle, under Eddie Howe, are the big threat to the established Big Six due to the immense wealth of their Saudi Arabia-backed owners. In time, Newcastle

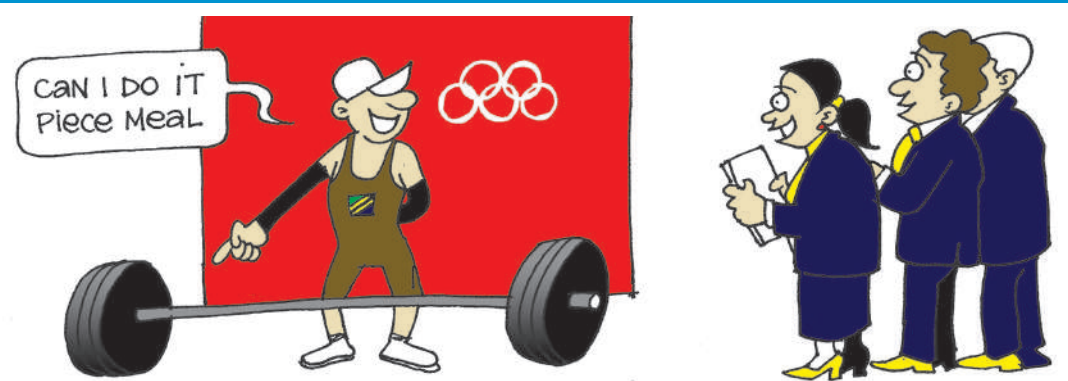
could go on to dominate as City have done in recent years if they are as astute and ambitious in terms of player recruitment. We are still some way from Newcastle being title challengers, they are overperforming so far this season (sitting in sixth position) and will be able to accelerate their plans by attracting better players if they secure European qualification.

There has rarely been such a Premier League season when all of the major clubs are in a position to win something. Throughout the 30-year history of the competition, there has often been one or two dominant teams, a couple in a period of transition, with the others lurching from one crisis to another.

Liverpool, United and Arsenal have all enjoyed great success, but also seasons of despair, while City and Chelsea were nothing more than also-rans -- City spent a season in the third tier in 1998-99 -- prior to each club being acquired by billionaires who transformed their fortunes and the make-up of the Premier League. Tottenham are still waiting for years of promise to come to fruition, while Newcastle's hopes of recreating their exciting times under Kevin Keegan in the mid-1990s looked to be a distant dream until the Saudi takeover 12 months ago.

But for the first time, the stars are aligning for all of the top clubs to be competitive during the same period. City's dominance might continue this season, but the 2022-23 season feels like a campaign that will signal a new era and could define what happens, and who wins, for the next 10 years.

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Polisi Tanzania FC's head coach Joslin Sharif.

Polisi Tanzania vows to turn their season around against Namungo FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

POLISI Tanzania will host Namungo FC in this season's NBC Premier League clash slated for today at the Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya, aiming to ensure that the club changes the tide of awful results in the top flight.

The Police-owned team that has been using the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha as a home venue had decided to move to Mbeya to change the environment as it believes the move can give the squad good results this season.

Namungo FC is regarded as good when taking part in away games, thanks to the team's one win away to Ihefu SC (1-0). The Lindi squad's other four games took place at home, winning three ties and drawing two to join Simba and Yanga as clubs that are yet to lose in the league.

Polisi Tanzania's assistant coach stated that the team has already arrived in Mbeya for the game he admitted will be difficult and have many challenges due to the fine form of their opponents.

He disclosed he has done a great job of preparing Polisi Tanzania to achieve the team's first victory this season after conceding a loss in five games and settling for a draw in two to collect two points.

The gaffer revealed: "The game will be difficult and very competitive, we have made good preparations to ensure that we win and continue to put ourselves in a good position in the Premier League."

"We are at the bottom of the league, it is not a good sign for a team that wants to compete and win, it is the responsibility of not only the technical bench but also the players to be ready to receive instructions and change the situation in the position," the tactician pointed out.

It will be yet another test for the struggling Polisi Tanzania as the opponent Namungo FC has scored in four of five games the side has honoured, netting five goals whilst conceding two to hold on to the fifth position in the league standings.

At the same time, Polisi Tanzania's leadership has announced to part ways with Burundian tactician, Joslin Sharif Bipfubusa, following poor results that haunted the squad since the beginning of this season.

The coach has led the team in seven games, helping the side score five goals ship in 12 goals in the process, drawing twice and losing five.

The situation has left Polisi Tanzania languishing at the base on this season's NBC Premier League standings so far.

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Betting company commends Simba SC for securing CAF CL group stage qualification

By Guardian Correspondent

A prominent sports betting company in Tanzania, M-Bet Tanzania, has congratulated Simba SC for being the country's only team to qualify for the group stage of the CAF Champions League for the fourth time in its history.

M-Bet Tanzania signed a lucrative five-year sponsorship deal with Simba SC worth 26.1 bn/- on August 1 this year.

The deal made the Msimbazi Street side become the first team to sign the richest sponsorship contract in the country.

M-Bet Tanzania's Marketing Director Allen Mushi said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that they are proud of Simba SC's success as they head towards the middle of the season since their company signed the five-year contract to be the club's main sponsors.

Mushi said that M-Bet feels great comfort to see the team the firm supports perform well in the CAF Champions League and even the domestic league where it is currently leading the standing.

The official stated: "M-Bet is the main sponsor of the Simba and so far the fruits of our sponsorship have started to be seen. Simba SC will continue to promote our brands as well as promote the country outside its borders through participation in the group stage of the CAF Champions League."

Mushi pointed out: "M-Bet's main goal is to contribute to the football development in the country through football giants, Simba SC."

"It is clear that the club's members, fans, and other football stakeholders are enjoying the success of the club," Mushi disclosed.

He said that Simba SC has been doing well in the CAF inter-club competitions for many years but the most memorable year is 2003 after the side knocked the then CAF Champions League trophy holder, Egypt's Zamalek, out of the preliminary stage at the Cairo Stadium.

"Simba also reached the group stage in the 2018/2019 season, 2020/2021 season, and this season, with the stage's draw to be held next month. We ask the fans to continue to support Simba SC in the next stage as well as participating in betting with M-Bet," he said.

Yanga faces trip to Tunisia for 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup playoff



Tanzania's Yanga midfielder, Feisal Salum (R), negotiates his way past Sudan's Al Hilal SC player as the sides took on each other in the second leg of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League second preliminary round match which took place in Sudan last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's Young Africans SC has discovered the outfit's next opponent in the CAF Confederation Cup, as the club attempts to qualify for the group stages of the 2022/23 edition of the continental competition.

Following a draw conducted by CAF in Egypt on Tuesday afternoon, it has been confirmed that the Green and Yellow club, alias Yanga, will face Tunisian outfit, Club Africain.

This represents another toughest test yet for the Jangwani Street side, which has failed to win in previous outings on Tunisia soil.

It will be the second time this season that the Tunisian club plays a Tanzanian side after eliminating Zanzibar's Kipanga in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League first preliminary round.

They eliminated Kipanga with a 7-0 aggregate score over two legs, as the first leg held in Zanzibar cul-

minated in a 0-0 draw and the second leg had Club Africain trouncing Kipanga 7-0. In 1991, Club Africain became the first Tunisian team to win the CAF Champions League. They have won the Tunisian Premier League 13 times, the last time being seven years ago.

The Tanzanian representatives, Yanga, were knocked out of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League after losing 2-1 on aggregate to Sudanese giants Al Hilal SC.

They return to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup for the sixth time in their history, having last competed in 2018 where they reached the group stage.

Victory for Yanga over the Tunisians will ensure that they enter the group stage for the second season running after exiting in the quarterfinals in their last attempt.

Yanga will host the first leg scheduled to take place on November 2, while Club Africain will host the second leg to be played on November 9.

The 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup playoff round gathers the 16 teams qualified from the 2022/23 CAF Confederation

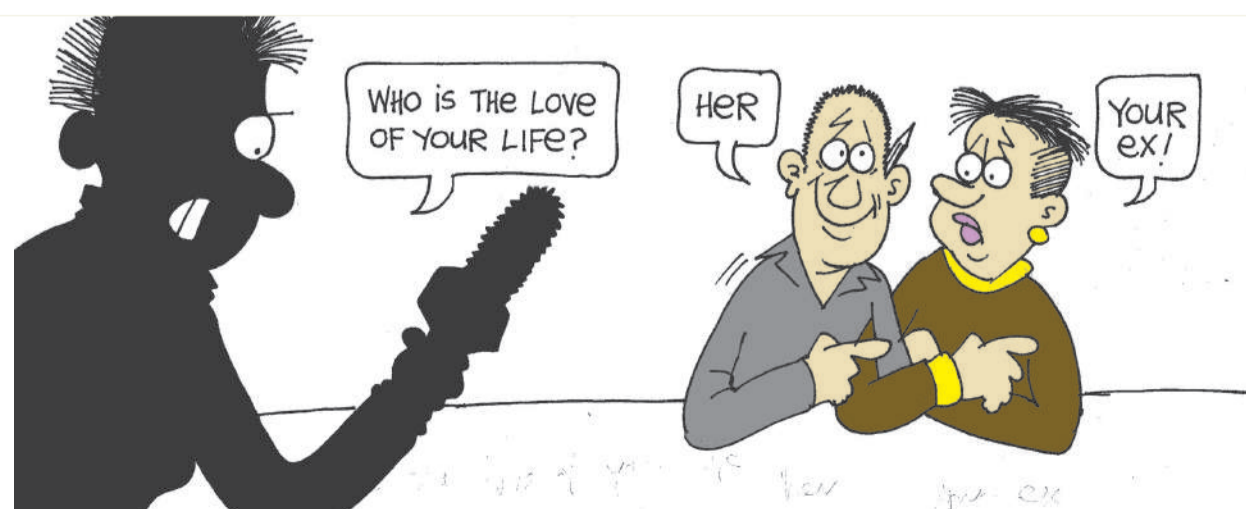
Cup second preliminary round, facing the losing 16 teams from the 2022/23 CAF Champions League second preliminary round.

Full draw:

Plateau United FC (Nigeria) vs Al Akhdar (Liby), La Passe FC (Seychelles) vs Diables Noirs (Congo), ASN Nigelec (Niger) vs Pyramids FC (Egypt), Cape Town FC (South Africa) vs USMA (Algeria), US Monastir (Tunisia) vs RS Berkane (Morocco), Rivers United FC (Nigeria) vs El Nasr, Flambeau du Center (Burundi) vs DC Motema Pembe (DR Congo)

ASKO de Kara (Togo) vs CS Sfaxien (Tunisia), Al Ahli Tripoli (Libya) vs Marumo Gallants FC (South Africa), Djoliba AC (Mali) vs ASFAR (Morocco), ASEC Mimosas (Côte d'Ivoire) vs SC Gagnoa (Côte d'Ivoire), CD Primeiro de Agosto (Angola) vs Future FC (Egypt), TP Mazembe (DR Congo) vs Royal AM FC (South Africa), Royal Leopards (Eswatini) vs AS Real Bamako (Mali), Rail Club Kadiogo (Burkina Faso) / AS Vita (DR Congo) vs St. Eloi Lupopo (DR Congo)

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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12:00 Mpera Mpera
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13:30 Kali Za Wana
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14:00 Bongo Hits
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Mpera Mpera
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16:00 Zafe Kuntu
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17:00 S5ELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Bongo Hits
19:00 EATV SAA 1
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:30 Mid Week Movie
22:30 Zafe Kuntu
23:00 KURASA
23:05 EATV SAA 1

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