



National Pg 3
Livestock indicative prices coming



National Pg 4
Infrastructure refurbishment budget



National Pg 6
Ginger farmers lack reliable market



Chemicals in tobacco products bad - TMDA

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) has identified more than 90 harmful chemicals found in tobacco products, including those causing cancers.

Adam Fimbo, the agency's director general, made these remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the ongoing East Africa pharmaceutical, medical and healthcare international exhibition.

Referring to government investment in technology to identify all sorts of harmful chemicals in tobacco products, he said that TMDA is seeking to raise awareness to the public on ensuring they are safe from tobacco products.

Chemical substances in the products cause leukemia, oesophagus cancers and other non-communicable disease (NCDs), he stated, cautioning that harmful substances can cause infection and must thus be minimized.

TMDA is responsible for testing all imported tobacco products before their being released to the market, and if found with chemicals they are withdrawn from the market, he said.

Elaborating, he said the complex mixture of chemicals in tobacco smoke includes carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, benzene, formaldehyde, nicotine, phenol, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and tobacco-

TURN TO PAGE 2



President Samia Suluhu Hassan chairs a cabinet meeting at the Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

Census terminated, 99.93pc of households enumerated

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AT LEAST 99.93 per cent of households in the country has been counted as the Population and Housing Census 2022 is formally

terminated.

Dr Albina Chuwa, the statistician general, said yesterday that the exercise which kicked off at midnight hour on the start of August 23, ended on Tuesday, but counting activity

on demand was prolonged for seven days to September 5.

She said no more enumeration exercise will continue thereafter as there is only room for extension up to 14 days from the actual

counting date.

Any person who is not counted up to September 5 could still alert local government officials or call toll numbers for arrangements to forward his or

TURN TO PAGE 2

'Samia right in criminal procedure reform orders'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

HUMAN rights and good governance stakeholders yesterday hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan for moving to reform criminal justice delivery by checking the conduct of the police and prosecutors.

This follows a hard hitting address by the president to castigate the behaviour of a whole range of police officers and prosecutors in arresting suspects and dragging them to remand before conducting investigations. This is contrary to human rights conventions and should be ended, she said.

Anna Henga, executive director for the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) commended the directive, noting that in order for it to be observed, the government needs to work on the Criminal Procedure Act, to close the loopholes for such conduct.

She said many people are arrested and stay in police custody for a number of years waiting for investigation on their cases, which violates human rights conventions.

As a result, the suspects lose their anchorage in this or that activity, and if the case is later dropped there is no compensation for the damage or loss, she said, noting that the government spends a lot to feed inmates for long periods with

scant genuine reasons.

"LHRC welcomes the president's directive with open arms because it has come at the right time as we struggle to find ways of ensuring offenders get their rights," she said.

"We call on President Samia to watch the criminal procedure system giving total power to police and prosecutors and denying the rights of offenders as individuals," she further stated.

Offenders should be arrested when investigation on the case are completed as everyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court in accordance with applicable provisions of the law, she stated.

John Seka, former president of the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) said the criminal justice system should be reformed to entrench human rights provisions.

At present, the police and prosecutors have unbridled power against suspects as they can arrest before conducting investigations, he said, also acknowledging that investigations should be completed before offenders are arrested.

This shall avoid delays and wastage of time when offenders remain in police custody waiting for investigations, he stated.

The president's readiness should start by instructing a review of the Criminal Procedure Act which infringes the rights of anyone, especially those accused of economic sabotage, he counselled.

In his twitter post, ACT-Wazalendo leader Zitto Kabwe, said "this is how it is supposed to be. Thank you president," that there should be no arrest without evidence being complete, such that people's rights are not infringed.

In her remarks, President Samia directed the Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI)

TURN TO PAGE 2



Khatib Haji Hamis, the winner of the CRDB dhow race stands on the boat presented as a gift by the bank to Kizimkazi Mkungunio village worth 25m/- for stimulating fishing activities, on Tuesday. The minister for Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Riziki Pembe (with red scarf) handed over the boat. Looking on is CRDB corporate affairs director Tully Mwambapa (to the minister's left). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Polio drops drive starts, targeting 12m children

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

OVER 12m children under the age of five are expected to be reached in the polio vaccination door-to-door nationwide campaign starting

today and ending on Sunday.

Health minister Umyy Mwalimu said in a statement yesterday following positive outcomes in the first two phases in the past few months, the third phase is geared to cover the breadth of the

country after some regional outbreaks earlier.

The campaign involves polio vaccine drops administered on all under-fives who weren't covered in the earlier phases conducted in south western regions close to countries that experienced outbreaks.

The campaign is critical to help improve children's immunity against polio, a paralysing viral infection.

"The government expects to reach 12.3m children under the age of five, on the

TURN TO PAGE 2



Census terminated, 99.93pc of households enumerated

FROM PAGE 1

her details.

At a penultimate briefing on the exercise, she said some 6.3m out of the targeted 12.7m houses were enumerated, being 50 percent of projected numbers in the housing census.

Success in this year's census came from adoption of digital technology that helped in cutting down costs of materials carried by clerks or compiling reports, she said, affirming that despite that the country has held several census exercises this year's conduct has demonstrated the usefulness of enhanced technology.

Digital creativity has increased performance in government work, cutting costs by combining various spheres of activity into a data pool, she stated.

The housing census collects,

compiles, evaluates, analyses and publish or otherwise disseminates statistical data on living housing units and their occupants countrywide, she said.

Parliament approved 400bn/- estimates for the census exercise in the current financial year, implying that costs involved in counting one person were slotted at 6,265/-, the director intoned.

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) analysis shows that African countries conducting census exercises used upwards of \$2.0 and \$5.0 in 2020 while Kenya that conducted its census in 2019 and spent \$3.52 per person as average cost in counting one person.

Temporary work contracts for enumeration officials from 21st August are slated for completion today September 1, which remains unchanged, she added.

Turkish Ambassador commends Tanzania's security institutions

By Henry Mwangonde

TURKISH Ambassador to Tanzania Dr Mehmet Güllüoğlu has hailed Tanzania's security institutions for ensuring that the country is safe saying this was important for national development.

The envoy made the remarks during an event to mark Victory Day also known as Turkish Armed Forces Day, a public holiday to commemorate the decisive victory in the Battle of Dumlupınar, on 30 August 1922.

The ambassador added that his country's policy dwells on victory in every area of cooperation saying the country would love to see African countries remain peaceful.

"Our policy is to ensure that African countries including Tanzania remains

peaceful for the wellbeing of people of the respective countries," he said.

He said the efforts by Tanzanian security agents to ensure Tanzania's borders remain safe were an important aspect to the relationship between the two countries. "Tanzania is a true friend to Turkey, we are committed to boost our cooperation including in military, security through various meetings and others.

The day commemorates the triumph of the Turkish people against foreign forces in the final battle of the three yearlong Turkish War of Independence.

It also honours those who fought and sacrificed their lives in what was a pivotal step towards the founding of an independent, sovereign, secular, and democratic Turkish Republic.

Chemicals in tobacco products bad - TMDA

FROM PAGE 1

specific nitrosamines (TSNAs).

Some of the chemicals found in tobacco smoke include nicotine (an addictive drug that produces the effects in the brain that people crave after) and hydrogen cyanide, he said.

Harmful chemicals in tobacco products include acetaldehyde, acetamide, acetone, acrolein, acetamide, anabasine, arsenic, anisidine, o-anisidine, ammonia, catechol, carbon monoxide, caffeic acid, cobalt, furan, hydrogen cyanide, lead, mercury.

Others are nickel, nitromethane, ndela, selenium, quinoline, styrene, uranium 235 and uranium 238, he explained.

All such unapproved drugs are not supposed to be in the country, such that if dealers are caught selling such products, stern measures will be taken

against them.

TMDA was bolstering its role of increasing awareness to the tobacco consumption community to make the right decisions, he said.

The regional exhibition was officially opened on Tuesday by Health deputy minister Dr Godwin Mollé, a platform for industry players to connect, collaborate, explore and network. "It is an opportunity to display the latest products and services as well as comparing prices and quality," the deputy minister noted.

Boosting local pharmaceutical factories will create employment and reduce the cost medical supplies compared to imports, he affirmed.

Investing in local pharmaceutical factories stands to alter the medical and pharmacy business and the government was ready to collaborate with industrialists to produce with reasonable margins of profit.

'Samia right in criminal procedure reform orders'

FROM PAGE 1

Ramadhan Kingai to ensure that there

is adequate investigation and evidence before arresting anyone.

Samia mourn late Mwinyi's son

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday sent a message of condolence following the death of Hassan Ali Hassan Mwinyi, elder brother of Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi.

Hassan (70) son of former Union and Zanzibar President Ali Hassan Mwinyi served in various leadership positions both in Zanzibar and Mainland. He died on Tuesday at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in the Isles after a long illness.

"I am saddened with this information about the death of the son of the former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi and brother of the Zanzibar President, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi. I pray for him to rest in eternal peace and I join the deceased's family and relatives at this

difficult time," President Samia said.

Hundreds of citizens including senior government leaders attended the burial ceremony of the late Mwinyi, which was held at Mangapwani village in Unguja North Region.

Asha Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the first born said the late Hassan was the second born among the 12 children of the former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi.

"The late served in various positions in the country before he retired," she said.

The burial ceremony was attended by the various leaders including the former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi, Zanzibar former President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein and the former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings with Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Amos Makalla at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The PM was from Tunisia where he represented President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) of heads of state. Photo: PMO

Polio drops drive starts, targeting 12m children

FROM PAGE 1

basis of hospital records, in line with World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations for countries to introduce immunization if there is an outbreak of disease in a country or in the neighbourhood.

Parents and guardians need to respond to the polio vaccine exercise and send their children to medical centres for the vaccine, she

said, recalling that the first phase was conducted from March 24 to 27 in regions bordering Malawi, namely Mbeya, Songwe, Ruvuma and Njombe.

A total of 1.1m children under-five were reached, while the second phase took place from May 18 to 21 reached 12.1m, which the minister said was above the targeted mark.

The third phase now starting is expected to reach 748,235 children of

the same age, to complete the under the age of five are expected to receive immunization drops in the third phase. Beatrice Kapufi, a senior coordinating official, said preparations are finished and 1,668 centres readied for the exercise, as continuation of the first two phases where set targets were exceeded.

Dr Gerald Maro, a World Health Organisation (WHO) specialist, said the children will be reached on a house-to-

house campaign. Groups of inoculators have been set for the task, he said.

Tanzania's last cast of polio was registered in 1996 and was certified as being polio free in 2015 by an independent committee. Tanzania has not detected a polio virus case since 1996 but last February a polio case was identified in a three-year old girl in Lilongwe district of Malawi, triggering a regional inoculation drive.



Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Mashimba Ndaki (3rd L) and the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Water chairperson Dr Christine Ishengoma (2nd L) witness the ministry's Permanent Secretary in-charge of Fisheries Dr Rashid Tamatamah and the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) managing director Frank Nyabundege (R) moments after signing documents of partnership in Dodoma yesterday. The event aimed to loan 32 billion shillings for fishermen in the country at zero interest rate for a period of 5 years. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent

QATAR Chamber has hosted a meeting between representatives of Qatari recruitment offices and a delegation representing Tanzanian recruitment agencies.

Held on Tuesday, the meeting discussed manpower co-operation and regulating the employment of expatriate workers, as well as co-ordination between Qatari agencies and their Tanzanian counterparts.

Qatar Chamber assistant director general for government relations and committees affairs Ali Bu Sherbak al-Mansouri said the meeting aims at enhancing co-operation between both sides and discussing the views of the recruitment agencies of both countries to facilitate the recruitment

Qatar Chamber hosts meet with Tanzanian recruitment agencies

of Tanzanian workers to Qatar.

He noted that the chamber welcomes the recruitment of skilled workers from Tanzania and to benefit from them in projects being implemented in the country.

Jamal Katundu, Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), thanked the Ministry of Labour and Qatar Chamber for their interest to meet with Tanzanian recruitment agencies.

He explained that the aim of the delegation's visit to Qatar is to

promote Tanzanian employment and to get acquainted with recruitment procedures being implemented by Qatar.

Katundu said he is looking forward to enhancing co-ordination between the two sides and exchanging information on the Qatari market and the most prominent professions required in the services, construction, and other sectors.

During the meeting, Najlaa al-Ishaq delivered a presentation on employment laws in Qatar, including Law No 15 of 2017 on service workers

in the home or the Domestic Workers Law. She also reviewed the services provided by the ministry's Employment Offices Section.

The Tanzanian delegation reviewed the most important features of Tanzanian employment and the training procedures and programmes for those who are seeking jobs. Members of the delegation stressed that efforts were being made to qualify their workers before entering the Qatari labour market, adding that they are keen to meet with the recruitment offices in Qatar.



Mbeya District Commissioner Dr Rashid Chuachua (2nd L) receives a souvenir gift on behalf of Mbeya Regional Commissioner Juma Homera from Azania Bank Limited director of treasury and security markets Gilbert Mwandimila during a dinner gala organised by the bank in Mbeya city on Tuesday evening. The Dar es Salaam based bank organised the dinner as part of its reaching out programme for its clients countrywide. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TADB, ministry ink 60bn/- loan agreement for fishers

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries have signed a 60bn/- loan agreement meant for individuals and groups of fishers in the country.

Speaking before witnessing the signing of the memorandum, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Mashimba Ndaki said the government has prepared a programme aimed at developing aquaculture by providing financial support to players in the sector.

He said the programme follows a directive issued by President Samia

Suluhu Hassan on 7th January, 2022, calling for stakeholders to utilize available opportunities brought by the blue economy, including improving aquaculture.

During this year's farmers and livestock show, commonly known as 'NaneNane Exhibitions, the president called on the ministry to ensure fish production increases from 497,567 tonnes to 600,000 tonnes by 2025.

"In implementing the directives issued by the head of State, the ministry has come up with a programme to empower individual fishermen, groups, aquatics, fishing cooperatives and companies," said the minister.

The minister explained that financial

assistance will be for purchase of modern fishing equipment like fiber boats, fishing nets, fish finger lets, fish food and inputs for Kilimo cha mwani.

He called on the fishing stakeholders to tap the opportunity and get the loans, emphasizing that local government authority encourages people to go for the support and help improve their activities.

Minister Ndaki thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for setting aside 60 bn/- for the development of the fisheries sector in the 2022/23.

"It is my hope that if this amount is wisely utilized, the president is likely to approve a budget increment in the coming financial year," he added.

Meanwhile, the ministry Deputy Minister, Abdallah Ulega acknowledged that fishermen hardly access loans from the financial institutions, commending TADB for the good gesture.

"TADB has a big role in ensuring that loans reach the targeted groups of people for many people have struggled to access such services in vain," he said.

In the same vein, the Parliamentary Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee Chairperson, Dr Christine Ishengoma expressed the committees' gratitude on the matter, saying it has always pushed the government to see how to improve the fishing sector.

TADB Director, Frank Nyabundege said the institution will continue supporting the agriculture sector as its core business.

He said the aim of the bank is to boost agricultural production, increase food availability in the country and change lives of people, especially those directly involved in the agriculture production chains.

Livestock indicative prices coming - govt

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE government is planning to involve livestock stakeholders in fixing indicative prices for livestock in various auctions in the country that would rescue pastoralists from price fixing by unscrupulous traders.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Mashimba Ndaki made the remarks after inspecting the newly constructed Buzirayombo International cattle auction in Chato district, Geita Region.

He said the government was drafting new indicative prices for cattle saying already a team of experts was in the final stages.

"We will now involve pastoralists and traders so that they come up with an agreed indicative price to be used in our auctions," he said.

Once implemented the indicative prices would remove the challenge of price fixing between buyers and sellers of livestock.

According to the minister, upon creation of the prices this would enable buyers to bargain for the number of cattle needed to purchase among others.

The indicative prices would also enable herdsmen to make informed decisions whether to sell their cattle on a particular date or not.

At the moment the price of indigenous cattle ranges from 350,000/- to 650,000/- per head.

Apart from indicative price, he said the government now wants to weigh cattle before they are sold, instead of estimating.

"We want all auctions that are owned by district councils to install measurement scales for weighing cattle's so as to avoid price cheating for herdsmen."

Chato Legislator, Dr Medard Kalemami hailed the government through the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries for constructing an international livestock auction in Chato.

He asked for speedy and timely

construction of the project which would benefit thousands of people in Lake Zone and other nearby areas.

Unveiling this year's budget estimates in Dodoma recently, Minister Ndaki was quoted as saying that in efforts to encourage commercial livestock and increase efficiency in the subsector, the National Ranching Company (NARCO) is intending to lease its five blocks with 32,500 hectares to Tanzanian and foreign investors.

He said the investors will also be required to develop grazing farms, and produce quality seeds for pastures, provide a market for products produced by small scale livestock keepers including providing them with quality breeds.

The government will continue to attract investment in construction of factories for processing livestock feeds and pasture seeds.

Herdsmen have been advising livestock researchers to conduct studies which will help to increase production and boost efficiency in the sector.

Most pastoralists are still keeping cattle in traditional ways which contribute little to the growth of the sector.

Tanzania has the third largest livestock population in Africa comprising 25 million cattle, 98 percent of which are indigenous breeds, complemented by 16.7 million goats, 8 million sheep, 2.4 million pigs, and 36 million chickens.

Livestock indicative price plays a crucial role for the development of the economy, since it will benefit both herdsmen and traders. It would also enable the government to collect taxes and improve various services such as health, education and infrastructure.

"We want all auctions that are owned by district councils to install measurement scales for weighing cattle's so as to avoid price cheating for herdsmen."

PROPOSED ACQUISITION BY SCANCEM INTERNATIONAL DA OF 68.33% OF THE ISSUED SHARES IN TANGA CEMENT PLC, A COMPANY ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, REGISTERED AT BRELA UNDER THE NUMBER 5068 ("TANGA CEMENT")

Shareholders of Tanga Cement are referred to (i) the joint announcement made by HeidelbergCement AG ("**HeidelbergCement**") and AfriSam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited ("**AfriSam**") on 26 October 2021 ("**Joint Announcement**"), and (ii) the further joint announcement made on 1 July 2022 ("**First Extension Announcement**"), which announcements relate to the proposed acquisition by Scancem, a subsidiary of HeidelbergCement, of 43,504,403 ordinary shares in Tanga Cement from AfriSam, which shares constitute 68.33% of the issued share capital of Tanga Cement ("**Acquisition**"). The Acquisition is regulated by a share purchase agreement concluded between Scancem, AfriSam and AfriSam (South Africa) Proprietary Limited on 22 October 2021 ("**SPA**"), as amended.

Terms written with a capital letter in this Announcement bear the meaning ascribed thereto in the Joint Announcement and the First Extension Announcement.

Shareholders are advised that the parties concluded a further addendum to the SPA on 31 August 2022 in terms of which the Longstop Date been further extended from 31 August 2022 to 30 September 2022 or such later date as the parties may agree.

Shareholders of Tanga Cement are cautioned that there can be no certainty that all Conditions will be fulfilled or waived timeously and in the circumstances, there is no certainty that the Acquisition will be implemented. Shareholders are advised to continue to exercise caution when dealing in their Tanga Cement shares until a further announcement regarding the completion of the Acquisition is made.

About Scancem

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

AfriSam
Creating Concrete Possibilities

HEIDELBERGCEMENT

247023001



DEADLINE EXTENDED – CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Tanzania, under its project on Strengthening Women's and Girls' Meaningful Participation, Leadership, and Economic Rights at Local Levels (WLER), is pleased to announce a **Call for Proposals** from organizations with a track record in human rights, women's rights and gender equality to implement creative and innovative strategies, approaches, and interventions to transform gender norms, discriminatory behaviour and practices; as well as to promote women and girls' voices, meaningful participation, leadership, and economic rights at the local level (ward, village, streets, vitongoji, e.t.c.) in the selected district councils of Dar es Salaam, Coast, Lindi, Mtwara, Arusha and Singida.

The organizations should have a base and previous experience in implementing projects in the respective regions. If it's a national organization that does not have experience in the respective regions, but plans to expand its projects to the WLER Project regions building on learnings from similar projects, it should indicate previous collaboration with other human and women's rights organizations and networks including those promoting the rights of young women and women with disabilities and duty bearers, including local government actors and community facilitators in the respective regions to deliver on the project objectives. The organizations should also demonstrate experience working with key influencers such as community and traditional leaders, religious leaders, male gender equality and women's empowerment champions, decision-makers and the media.

The full Call for Proposal (CFP) may be downloaded from:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/programme-implementation/2022/08/call-for-proposals-unw-esa-tza-2022-001-transforming-gender-norms>

The deadline for the Call for Proposals has been extended to **16th September at 23.59 hrs (EAT)** (Tanzanian Time).

All proposal MUST be submitted through email cfp.tanzania@unwomen.org with subject line REF: CFP No. UNW-ESA-TZA-2022- 001 on Transforming Gender norms and discriminatory behaviours and practices at local levels to promote women and girls' voices, meaningful participation, and leadership.

Only those short-listed will be contacted for further screening and consideration.

Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, please email: agness.hanti@unwomen.org by **16th September 2022 at 23.59 hrs (EAT)**.

247023001

No child should miss studies over lack of contributions, heads of schools directed

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

GEITA Regional Commissioner Martin Shigela has warned heads of both primary and secondary schools to stop expelling students due to lack of contributions.

He rather wanted the heads of schools to find alternative ways to ensure the contributions are collected without disturbing the children.

He made the directives on Tuesday here when receiving a total of 43,800 donated books of various subjects including Science, Math and English for standard seven and 8,883 numerous and literacy books for standard one and two.

Worth 438m/-, the books were donated by Plan International through the Keeping Adolescent Girls in School (KAGIS) Programme implemented in various primary schools in Geita.

"I don't want to see school children missing classes just because their parents haven't paid required contributions, this is not acceptable, teachers have to find other ways to get the contributions but at the same time ensure that children are not bothered as this may affect their academic progress," he said.

RC Shigela said he is going to commence a special tour in wards to inspect if children are learning.

He said the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been dishing out over 20bn/- to finance fee-free education and ensure that children attend school without having any obstacles.

"So, the government issues enough money to finance issuance of education, so if schools have other agreements with parents on certain contributions, this should not involve children, leave them to study in peace

to achieve their educational dreams," he insisted.

He commended Plan International through the KAGIS project for facilitating availability of 52,889 books to support children learning.

He also wanted education officers, heads of schools to take good care of the books for them to last long and benefit more students.

KAGIS project director, Nikodemus Gachu said the project which has been supported by the Canadian government helps to stimulate learning to thousands of primary and secondary school children in Geita.

"The books we donated today will benefit 73 primary schools where each will get 600 books," he said.

He said KAGIS's major goal is to improve the realisation of adolescent girls' rights to safe, quality and gender-responsive education. It is implemented in Geita and Kigoma regions for five years.



I don't want to see school children missing classes just because their parents haven't paid required contributions, this is not acceptable, teachers have to find other ways to get the contributions but at the same time ensure that children are not bothered as this may affect their academic progress



NMB Bank's head of personal banking, Aikansia Muro (L) hands over NMB fliers to the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Camillus Wambura (R) when he paid a visit at the bank's pavilion during the senior police officers conference held at the Tanzania Police Academy in Moshi, Kilimanjaro Region. Third (L) is NMB Bank's Chief Executive Officer Ruth Zaipuna and second (L) is the Bank's head of government business, Vicky Bishubo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Make use of weather forecasts, TMA tells public

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) has called upon the society to make effective use of weather forecasts and information issued by the entity for proper management of various sensitive sectors.

Speaking at a media workshop yesterday in Kibaha, Coast Region, TMA Director General Dr Agnes Kijazi

said the media has a role to play in informing the society about sensitive weather forecasts.

She said there is a section of the society which relies on weather information from social media saying this was dangerous adding that TMA was mandated by the law to issue weather forecasts.

"Journalists are doing a good job in informing the general public on

weather related issues, however there are those who still use social media and other means to get information which at times are misleading," she said.

He said effective use of weather information is aimed at facilitating effective planning in various sectors such as fisheries, farming and transport.

"The forecast issued by TMA is the

right channel because we are linked up with various institutions which later prepare mitigation strategies in case there are risks," she said.

TMA is expected to issue the weather forecast for the Vuli season which begins from October to December.

This year's forecast goes together with the theme 'Effective use of weather information for progressive development'.

Govt increases budget for power infrastructure refurbishment

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has increased the budget to refurbish power infrastructures from 197.61bn/- in FY 2021/22 to 211.56bn/- in 2022/23 aimed at improving the country's electricity supply.

This was disclosed in Dodoma early this week by the Energy ministry team led by minister January Makamba as he briefed the Parliamentary Energy and Minerals Parliamentary Committee on the implementation of its directives in February this year.

The committee was also told the budget increase has been effected in order to ensure the revamping of the power infrastructures are fully carried out and in time to improve power accessibility.

In addition, the government has set aside 500bn/- for the improvement of the national Power Grid aiming to

improve the country's power supply whereby, among other tasks, a total of 3,930 km of power transmission lines will be built, as well as 62 substations and 2,572 km of power supply lines.

The committee was also told that the Julius Nyerere Hydro-Power Project (JNHPP) was 67.18 per cent complete and that some TANESCO institutions were fully involved in supervision of the project including a committee comprising Permanent Secretary from various ministries.

The parliamentary panel was also informed that the construction of the 44 KV transmission line from JNHPP to Chalinze is progressing as well as substations, all of which were 60 per cent completed and are expected to be finished in January 2023.

In regard to the construction of huge oil reservoirs to store more than 1.24 million cubic metres to enable the country to import more oil in anticipation of the drop in world oil prices, the government said it has directed TPDC, in collaboration with its subsidiary, TANOIL has started the implementation of building huge tank farms to be used for storage of the nation's oil reserves.

The committee meeting was attended by the permanent secretary in the energy ministry, Kheri Mahimbali, the Commissioner of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Edward Ishengoma, Commissioner of Petrol and Gas, Michael Minja and other senior officials from the Ministry of Energy.



BARRICK
NORTH MARA

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION Primary Ventilation Fans

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and qualified parties to provide the following:

Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Zitron Axial Fan 950kw

Specifications

- Model ZVN 1-30-950/6
- Impeller Diameter 3,000 mm
- Maximum Shaft Power Required: 736 kw
- Total Installed Power: 950kw
- Motor Poles: 6-
- Motor Speed: 993 r.p.m
- Motor Voltage: 6600 v

Submission of Quotes

Please submit your quotes via email to nm.proposal@barrick.com. The reference "Primary Ventilation Fans" must be quoted in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit a quote through this advertisement.

Key Dates

- Last date to submit EOI 6 September 2022

North Mara Gold Mine Limited

217023801



Arusha residents line up for free eye check up medical camp organised by Hatumul Abyaa institution and WHO held yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Asraji Mvungi

Dodoma's Majengo market counts over 1bn/- loss in past eight months

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

In the past eight months, Dodoma's main Majengo Market has claimed to have counted a loss of over 1.2bn/- following a decision by city authorities to ban offloading of fruits and vegetables in the market.

Majengo market chairman, Godson Rugazama revealed this here yesterday at a general meeting with traders at the market.

Rugazama said during the period the market created the loss because city officials banned the offloading of supplies at the market as opposed to earlier practice.

He said city officials imposed

the ban on claims that they wanted the Ndugai Market to have hectic business activities after seeing it lacked traders.

"As for now, traders at Majengo market are forced to hire smaller vehicles to ferry goods from Ndugai market.

"The argument that offloading goods at Ndugai Market will liven up the market is weak, hence we traders call on city officials through the councillors meeting to work on the matter as quickly as possible for a solution," said Rugazama.

He further said that currently six banana trucks and ten trucks carrying fruits are forced to proceed to Ndugai

market to offload the cargo after which smaller vehicles are hired to bring the stuff to Majengo market, thereby cutting down traders' profits.

He further said they recommend restoration of the former practice to offload goods at Majengo market.

"The Ndugai market was not established to kill other traders' businesses, city officials should look for other means and not use the Ndugai market to kill the Majengo market," he added.

Speaking at the meeting, Gertrude Lumambo, the city market officer said they have received their complaints on behalf of the city director and will refer them to appropriate authorities.



Turkey ambassador to Tanzania Dr. Mehmet Güllüo lu (2nd L) presents his speech at 100 years anniversary of victory day for remembrance to those the soldiers who died during the war to fight for independence of the country. The event was held in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mimbaga

Factory farming fuels climate change - report

By Francis Kujubi

A new report by World Animal Protection (WAP) shows that factory farming is fuelling climate change as well as causing many other impacts in the earth thus threatening peoples' lives and other living organisms.

The findings of the report released on Monday revealed that, the ongoing expansion of factory farming will put achievement of the Paris Climate Agreement goals and a climate-safe future out of reach.

Dubbed: 'Climate change and cruelty: revealing the true impact of factory farming' analyzed the environmental impact of factory farmed chicken and pork in four of the world's biggest factory farming hot spots.

Factory farming is a type of intensive agriculture, specifically an approach to animal husbandry designed to maximize production.

The report shows that emissions from chicken meat in Brazil, China, Netherlands and the United States alone are equivalent to keeping 29 million cars on the road for a year.

Pork and chicken are often overlooked as contributors to climate change, as more emphasis is placed on the methane that cows produce from digestion and manure.

"This report exposes the hidden climate impact of factory farming, showing that we need to shift diets away from pork and chicken as well as beef to plant based diets if we are to combat climate change from our food system," reads part of the report.

According to the report findings from four of the biggest factory farming

hotspots show that land is cleared in biodiversity hot spots to grow crops to feed farmed animals, releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and destroying wild animal habitat.

However, when deforestation to grow feed crops, especially soya for global trade is considered, this doubles the overall climate change impact of factory farmed meat in the Netherlands and increases the impact by more than one and a half times in China.

"A 50 percent reduction in consumption of both chicken and pork by 2040, along with a 50 percent adoption of higher welfare products would halve the annual climate impacts of chicken and pork production across these four hot spots;

This would be equivalent to taking 45 million cars off the road for a year in the four hot spots combined," reads the report.

The report suggests eating less factory farmed chicken and pork could help safeguard the global climate if combined with ending the cruellest practices on factory farms.

The report comes as factory farming is expected to explode, as demand for meat is expected to increase as much as 30 percent in Africa, 18 percent in Asia Pacific, 12 percent in Latin America, and 9 percent in North America by 2030.

Commenting on the report findings, Dr Victor Yamo, Farming Campaign Manager at World Animal Protection said: "When people think of the major causes of climate change, they often think about burning fossil fuels for industrial purposes, energy and transport. But there's a hidden climate

culprit, and one that could be on your plate factory farmed meat.

He asserted that factory farming either directly or indirectly through the feed chain, is to blame for the destruction of vital habitats, the displacement of wildlife, and is the largest cause of animal suffering on the planet.

He affirmed that sentient animals are deprived of any quality of life, and instead suffer their entire lives - many never see sunlight, roam freely in a field, or even have a life free of pain. This is cruelty at its very worst and it must end.

"We need governments to step-up to meet commitments to address deforestation and emissions by ending factory farming. They need to recognise the damage it does to animals, people and the planet. We are running out of time to save our planet, and they are out of excuses not to address it," said Dr Yamo.

Dr Yamo is calling for governments to stop approving new factory farms now by imposing a moratorium for a 10-year period. Governments are the key player in subsidizing factory farming.

He said they have the power to shift policy and funding decisions away from factory farming in support of humane and sustainable food systems.

He is calling for an industry to transition to a humane and sustainable food system by implementing farm animal welfare standards as a minimum, halving production of animal protein by 2040, and phasing out sourcing of monocrops like soya as feed for farmed animals.

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

Ginger farmers in Rungwe decry lack of reliable market

RUNGWE District authorities have admitted on the lack of reliable market for ginger and are now seeking small investors for processing the crop from inside and outside the country, including neighbouring countries of Malawi and Zambia.

Rungwe District Commissioner, Dr Vincent Anney made the remarks here yesterday that ginger production in the district is huge compared to demand, the situation that force farmers to sell the crop at loss.

In the circumstances, he said, they have started creating a friendly environment to woo investors to process the crop to assist farmers.

He added other strategies include

continuing seeking for foreign markets in countries like Malawi, Zambia and South Africa which had announced their intention to buy ginger being produced in abundance in Rungwe District.

Azamela Bryceson, a ginger farmer, said ginger business was very bad and feared seizure of their crop from loans they had taken as capital in ginger farming.

"We have cultivated huge quantities of ginger but there is no market for it, we are forced to sell at 500/- to 1,000/- per kilo but we get no profit at all from

our labours," he added.

As Rungwe ginger farmers complain of lack of market, traders in Mbeya city say they reap profits from the crop they buy from Rungwe farmers at giveaway prices.

Stella John, one of the traders explained that they in fact earn up to 3,000/- profit for a bowl of ginger which they buy for 2,000/- and sell at 5,000/-.

"Prices are good for ginger, on my side I count profit every day because one bowl of the product which is purchased at 2000/- is sold at 5,000/-



Content Development and Production for Project Visibility EU-AKDN Covid-19 Response Partnership Project - Tanzania

1. Introduction

The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), a group of private not-for profit, non-denominational international development agencies, institutions and programmes that work primarily in the poorest parts of Africa and Asia to improve the quality of life of communities in remote and resource poor areas. Globally, AKF seeks sustainable solutions to long-term problems of poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and ill-health, with special emphasis on the needs of rural communities in mountainous, coastal, and other resource-poor areas. Established in Tanzania since 1992, AKF is managing a robust and expanding portfolio of multi-sectorial initiatives that includes programs in inclusive economic development, health, nutrition, early childhood development, education and civil society strengthening. AKF operations are currently being carried out in Dar-es-salaam, Mtwara, Lindi, Arusha, Mwanza, Morogoro and Zanzibar.

2. Background

A. AKF is implementing the COVID-19 Response

The EC COVID-19 Partnership project funded by the European Commission (EU) and implemented by the AKDN East Africa in four countries, namely Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Mozambique. By the end of the program, 140,000 individuals (60% female) will be reached directly in vulnerable communities and 604,000 indirectly. In all, a total of 739,000 people will be reached in all four countries. In Tanzania, the project is implemented in four regions namely Dar Es Salaam, Mwanza, Lindi, and Mtwara. The target is to reach 11,000 individuals directly (60% female) and 55,000 indirectly.

The overall objective is to improve systemic, gender-sensitive responses to overcome health, economic and social vulnerabilities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in East Africa. The project anticipates the following intermediary Outcomes.

1. Strengthen coping strategies against socio-economic shocks for vulnerable men, women, and youth.
2. Increase access to youth-friendly employability and entrepreneurship development opportunities

The project aims at strengthening coping strategies against social-economic shock for vulnerable communities.

The main activities, that will lead to the above outcomes are (i) Provide a total of TZS 356,500,000 Rapid Response Funds (RRFs, match funding) to boost financial recovery of vulnerable Community Based Savings Groups (CBSGs), aka Vikoba members; (ii) Facilitate the transition of 500 CBSGs from cash-based to digital savings platform for efficient and risk mitigating funds management; (iii) Support 2000 youth to access employability skills training; (iv) Support scale up of 75 promising youth-led innovations with tailored business development advisory and access to up to TZS 21M Flexible Responsive Innovation Funds (FRIFs). The key stakeholders of this project include female and male members of Community Based Saving Groups (CBSGs); youth both female and male, LGAs at all levels from the Village to regional level, TAMISEMI PO-RALG, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDED), Ministry of Education and other related NGOs and CSOs and agencies.

3. Consultant Scope of Work

AKF is seeking to engage partner organisations and/or individual consultants to develop and disseminate learning and public interest content for use across diverse media including visual, audio, and written formats over the next 10 months, in both Swahili and English. The scope of work includes:

- i. Oversee the planning, creative design, and dissemination of a diverse set of communication materials including storylines, case studies, learning pieces, etc. from individual beneficiaries, groups and sites (including Youth Groups, entrepreneurs, teachers, and learners, CBSG, Young men and women).
- ii. Develop content for key milestone project events (workshops, design process/journey, learning in session) in video (short clips), in print, and via social media and facilitate dissemination.
- iii. Design and edit briefs on key approaches/strategy/models employed by the project for sharing as learning within the AKF and the wider community of practice.
- iv. Review project reports and develop learning pieces for dissemination for EU-AKDN Covid-19 Response Partnership Project.
- v. Ensure coherence, continuity, and integrity between different content and media of the storylines, in line with project objectives, national development interests and priorities, and per AKF and EU branding and communication guidelines.
- vi. Producing and managing additional creative content as needed.
- vii. Develop, share for review and execute a dissemination plan of communication materials targeting different audiences to ensure excellent visibility with integrity.

4. Key Deliverables

At a minimum, the deliverables include:

- i. Draft a detailed communication strategy and work plan to be reviewed within 10 working days after signing the contract
- ii. 2 short-form impact storylines and stories for online/social media dissemination (## CBSG ## Entrepreneurs ## Youth M/F, in Quarterly bases.
- iii. 6 Short clips and articles on 6 milestone events including EU-AKDN Covid-19 Response closing event
- iv. 4 Model briefs/report summaries for EU-AKDN Covid-19 Response designed and edited

5. Work Plan

The applicant can recommend different ways to ensure how the deliverables are achieved. However, the below timelines for are non-negotiable:

Product	Tentative Period
• Impact Stories for online and social media dissemination for CBSGs, entrepreneurs and Youth M/F	September 2022, March, and June 2023
• Short Clips and Articles on milestone events	September 2022, March, and June 2023
• Model Briefs/ report summaries designed and edited	September 2022, March, and June 2023

6. Qualification and Experience

The LEAD consultant is expected to have the following qualifications.

- A strong background in Social Science with a particular focus on Economic Development and Livelihoods, Financial Inclusion and Youth Empowerment with a minimum of 5 years' professional experience will be preferable.
- A minimum of a master's degree in relevant fields including Communications, Data analysis, statistics Social Sciences, Economics or Development Studies in relation to Youth.
- Strong understanding of gender issues in Tanzania especially in the context of youth programming.
- Knowledge of the local context of the target regions
- An extensive experience in conducting impact stories, determination strategies, social media engagement
- Evidence of undertaking similar work in Tanzania within the past 3 years.
- Superior communication, data analysis, report writing and presentation skills in both English and Kiswahili languages
- Extensive experience in producing development work related documentaries for international organizations with the aim of reaching both local and international audiences.
- Exceptional photography skills.
- Outstanding videography skills.
- Excellent photo and video editing skills.
- Experience working in remote areas.
- Proven ability to work in multicultural environment.
- Ability to adhere to deadlines and flexibility.
- Availability to travel immediately, upon signing of the contract.
- Swahili and English-speaking skills will be an advantage.

7. Copyright and Intellectual Property Rights

- In consideration of the fees paid, the Consultant expressly assigns to AKFTZ any copyright arising from the works the consultant produces while executing this contract. The consultant may not use, reproduce, or otherwise disseminate or authorize others to use, reproduce or disseminate such works without prior consent from the AKFTZ.

8. Application Procedure.

Interested consultants should submit an expression of interest in the form of a technical and financial proposal which should include:

- An understanding of the assignment based on the objectives.
- Proposed methodology and approaches that are appropriate and effective to the scope and key deliverables.
- Qualifications and experience of the team members who will be involved in the assignment.
- Proposed work plan with activities and timeline
- Detailed budget with daily rates and level of effort (days) for each activity and staff and operational costs
- Three referees for previous relevant work done in the last 3 years and their contact details.
- Contact details of the consultant (email, telephone, and physical address)

All interested applicants must submit the following documents in a folder, to Aga Khan Foundation Tanzania through email to akftzprocurement@akfea.org cc. Gloria.Ngatuni@akdn.org by close of business on 9th September 2022. Please mention the title of the consultancy in your email subject.

For further details of the requirements, kindly contact Gloria.Ngatuni@akdn.org or visit our office at this address: AGA KHAN FOUNDATION, Plot 37 | Haile Selassie Road | Oyster Bay, P.O. Box 125, Dar- es - Salaam, Tanzania.

Applications without all relevant documents will not be considered. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

AKF is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is Committed to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Expects all Staff and Partners to Share this Commitment.

The Aga Khan Foundation is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (www.akdn.org)

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
PUBLIC SERVICE RECRUITMENT SECRETARIAT

Ref.No.JA.9/259/01/A/146

24th August, 2022

JOB VACANCY

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On behalf of The Tanzania Commercial Bank PLC (TCB), Public Service Recruitment Secretariat (PSRS) invites dynamic, proactive, experienced and suitable qualified Tanzanians to fill one (1) vacant post of the Chief Executive Officer of Tanzania Commercial Bank PLC (TCB).

2.0 TANZANIA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC (TCB)

Tanzania Commercial Bank PLC (TCB) is one of the oldest bank in Tanzania tracing its history since 1925 when Tanganyika was under British Rule and was then known as Tanganyika Postal Office Savings Bank (TPOSB). It later became a Savings Bank under the then East African Post and Telecommunications Corporation which ceased to operate after the collapse of the East African Community and led to the formation of The Tanzania Posts & Telecommunications Corporation (TP&TC). The Tanzania Post Office Savings Bank was formed under TP&TC and continued its operations until 1991 when it was transformed into a separate entity from TP&TC as Tanzania Postal Bank (TPB) by The Act of Parliament No. 11 of 1991 which was repealed in 2015. In 2016 the bank was incorporated under the Companies Act (Cap 212) as TPB Bank PLC and in 2018 TPB Bank PLC was merged with Twiga Bancorp Limited and Tanzania Women's Bank Limited. In 2021, TIB Corporate Bank Limited and TPB Bank PLC were merged to form Tanzania Commercial Bank Plc (TCB). Over the years TCB has been transformed into one of the largest and most profitable commercial bank in Tanzania.

TCB offers the full suite of financial solutions and has a track record of being one of the most innovative banks in Tanzania. TCB has 1,093 employees, 82 branches, 84 ATM's and over 3,800 agents' country-wide. It is a universal bank that serves both the bottom of the pyramid (low end market) up to the top of the pyramid (high-end market). The activities of the bank are regulated and supervised by the Bank of Tanzania (BOT) and the Government of Tanzania (GOT) is the majority shareholder with minority stakes held by the Tanzania Posts Corporation, the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Posta na Simu Savings and Credit Society, Public Service Social Security Fund and Workers Compensation Fund. The following are the detailed requirements for the post:

POST	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
EMPLOYER	TANZANIA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC (TCB)
REPORTS TO	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUPERVISES	HEADS OF DIRECTORATES AND UNITS
KEY COMPETENCIES/ATTRIBUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Visionary, Strategic thinker, Scenario Analyst and Planner; ii. Business continuity mindset; iii. High level of integrity for sustaining the banks credibility within the context of nationally, regionally and internationally corporate governance principles, frameworks and practices; iv. Excellent interpersonal, communication, public relations and customer relationship skills so as to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders; v. Business acumen, Commercial awareness and Entrepreneurship skills; vi. Capacity to analyze and interpret big data and make sound decisions in a complex environment; vii. Excellent Risk Management Skills; viii. Ability to build teams, Foster team spirit, oversee and lead teams with diverse disciplines and expertise and unify their efforts within the development financing agenda; ix. Excellent performance management skills; x. Ability to create value proposition for various internal and external stakeholders of the bank; xi. Proven Service Marketing skills for promotion of the bank locally, regionally and internationally; xii. Knowledge of nationally, regionally and internationally practices in Commercial Banking and Financing; xiii. Treasury, Assets and Liability management skills; xiv. Commercial Credit Management Skills; xv. Microfinance Finance Management skills and techniques; xvi. Understanding of public policies, laws and regulations related to the Banking Industry in Tanzania; xvii. Knowledge of the best national, regional and internationally accepted banking practices; xviii. Ability to interpret policy objectives for establishment of the Bank, the country's development agenda, economic policies and position the bank in implementation of the policies and agenda; xix. Understanding of public policies, laws and regulations related to the Commercial Banking locally, regionally and internationally; and xx. Ability to Innovate and create banking solutions to high end and low-end markets.

JOB SUMMARY

Manage and transform the Tanzania Commercial Bank (PLC) to be a profitable and credible bank locally, regionally and internationally within the context of digital economy and the 4th Industrial Revolution and ensure the operations of the bank are conducted in accordance with the provisions of the State Laws, Regulations and Guidelines of The Bank Of Tanzania and Government policies.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. Coordinating the supervision of the activities of the bank and ensuring that they comply with country laws, BOT regulations and Guidelines, internal policies and procedures, Board directives and generally accepted banking practices;
- ii. Managing the day to day operations of the bank so as to ensure that the bank operates within sound commercial principles;
- iii. Leading the management team in supervising the implementation of the Bank's Strategic Plan and ensuring that the targets set therein are achieved;
- iv. Ensuring the Annual Business Plan is prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and the operations of the bank are in conformity with approved business plan;
- v. Ensuring that the annual budgets are prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval for every ensuing year and that the bank operations are conducted within the approved budget;
- vi. Ensuring the bank performance reports including progress reports on the financial performance and staff development are prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors quarterly;
- vii. Ensuring the financial accounts of the bank are audited every year and reports submitted to the Board of Directors in accordance requirements of the law;
- viii. Ensuring various Policies and Programs for management of operational risks, credit risks, liquidity risks, foreign exchange risks and any other inherent risks are put in place and implemented accordingly;
- ix. Supervising recruitment, performance evaluation, promotion or disciplining of employees whose recruitment are within the powers of Management;
- x. Monitoring the effectiveness of the Organization Structure of the bank and proposing to the Board of Directors changes when deemed necessary;
- xi. Building effective working relationship with Government leaders, Regulatory Bodies and Business Partners in the market;
- xii. Motivating, coaching and developing high performance teams; and
- xiii. Undertaking any other duties that may arise as assigned by the Board of Directors or as result of government policy and strategic directions.

Allocate budget for emergency transport for pregnant women, RC directs councils

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

TANGA Regional Commissioner, Omari Mgumba has instructed all local councils in the region to incorporate the issue of emergency transport for pregnant women in their annual budget plans.

Mgumba said the budget which also involves infants will assist in reducing transport costs for pregnant women as they go to health centres in emergency.

He gave the directives yesterday on Tuesday this week when he launched the plan for beefing up emergency transport for pregnant women when visiting health centres to give birth.

The plan is sponsored by Vodacom Tanzania in collaboration with the government, Touch Foundation and Pathfinder International as stakeholders.

“The intention here is to avert maternal deaths by improving the referral structure and the M Mama transport for rural areas. A good number of pregnant women die due to lack of reliable emergency services when needed, as quite often health staff often do not promptly attend to pregnant women when they arrive at health centres,” he said.

Director of M-Mama Tanzania from Vodacom/Vodafone Foundation, Dolorosa Duncan said the plan is a

viable technological solution to boost transport for referral services for women who give birth.

Duncan said through the plan Vodacom Tanzania supports government efforts in averting maternal deaths in making sure they boost referral services.

She said they created the M Mama system which is 100 per cent managed by the government that began operation in 2013 beginning with two districts, Sengerema and Shinyanga.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan officially inaugurated the plan on April 6 this year thereafter Vodacom injected more funds, from \$9 million to \$15 million.



Zanzibar Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Minister Riziki Pembe consoles Nadil Issa who has been admitted at Mazi Mmoja hospital yesterday after his grandmother jumped off to save themselves from an outbreak of fire in Mji Mkongwe. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman.

Residents in Masasi appeal for safe, clean water supply

By Guardian Correspondent, Masasi

WOMEN in Nanganga Ward, Masasi District in Mtwara Region have appealed to the government to make deliberate efforts to strengthen supply of safe and clean water in the ward as it is currently facing an acute shortage of the precious liquid.

The residents said this on Tuesday this week at a public meeting convened by the District Commissioner, Claudia Kitta at Nanganga Village to discuss various development issues.

They said the acute water shortage in the ward impacts on individual

women development and the entire ward because women are forced to wake up at midnight to fetch water from rivers and ponds.

Speaking on behalf of fellow women, Fatuma Issa, a Nanganga resident called on the government to look into the issue and provide them with safe and clean water supply service.

She said they are also forced to walk long distances to neighbouring Nangoo Ward looking for water.

Ashura John, another Nanganga resident said the practice of waking up at midnight to fetch water endangers their lives from wild animals, muggers

as well as endangering their marriages.

Somoe Bakari appealed to the government to do all it can to initiate a water project in the village to save women from the hardships they experience while looking for the commodity.

Responding to the complaints, the district commissioner said the government has received their request with two hands, hence he will stress on the need for the ward to have safe and clean water supply.

He said the government in Masasi District will sit together with RUWASA discuss the matter.

Kitta said the aim of the government is to see every village has a reliable supply of safe and clean water, and people should have ample time for their development activities.

WHO urges govts to invest in traditional medicines research

By Guardian Reporter

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has urged governments in Africa to strengthen collaborations between science, technology and innovation institutions; traditional health practitioners and the private sector so as to fast-track research development for manufacturing of traditional medicine-based therapeutics for the health and well-being of people.

In her statement to commemorate the African Traditional Medicine Day, WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti said in the African Region said traditional medicine has been the trusted, acceptable, affordable and accessible source of health care for African populations for centuries.

However, still today, 80 percent of the continent's population relies on traditional medicine for their basic health needs.

“On 31 August every year for the past two decades, we have marked African Traditional Medicine Day, to honour the integral role of traditional medicine in the health and welfare of generations of people on the continent,” she said.

This year's theme: “Two Decades of African Traditional Medicine Day: Progress Towards Achieving Universal Health Coverage in Africa”, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the progress towards African traditional medicine being afforded the prominence it deserves in national health systems.

She noted that since African Traditional Medicine Day was initiated in 2003, the continent has seen the implementation of WHO Regional Strategies on Promoting and Enhancing the Role of Traditional Medicine in Health Systems, 2001-2010 and 2013-2023, as well as plans of action for the First (2001-2010) and Second Decades of African Traditional Medicine (2011-2020).

Member States have used the day to catalyze discussion forums around

national policies on traditional medicine, cultivation of medicinal plants, including training of traditional health practitioners, and their collaboration with their conventional counterparts.

These activities prompted more than 40 African countries to develop national traditional medicine policies by 2022, up from only eight in 2000. Thirty countries have also integrated traditional medicine into their national policies, a 100 percent improvement on the situation in 2000. Additionally, 39 countries have established regulatory frameworks for traditional medicine practitioners, compared to only one in 2000, demonstrating good governance and leadership.

“Today, with 34 research institutes in 26 countries dedicated to traditional medicine research and development, it remains a promising industry, with great commercial potential if marketed appropriately internationally. Twelve of these countries reported making public fund allocations to this research and development across the past 10 years,” she said.

These institutes have employed WHO guidelines and protocols to assess the quality, safety and efficacy of traditional medicine-based therapeutics for priority diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, diabetes, hypertension, Sickle-Cell Disease and, recently, COVID-19. Currently 17 countries, as opposed to zero in 2000, have frameworks for the protection of intellectual property rights and traditional medical knowledge.

To advance continental efforts towards equitable access to medical products and technologies, all but eight African member states are now engaged in large-scale cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants.

Nineteen countries have also

established facilities for the local manufacturing of herbal medicines, with the number of herbal medicines registered by national regulatory authorities in 14 countries increasing from just 20 in 2000, to more than 100 this year. More than 45 herbal medicines now feature on national essential medicines lists.

In another important advance, 25 countries have now integrated traditional medicine into their health sciences curricula, while 20 have established training programmes for traditional health practitioners and health sciences students, to strengthen human resources in both traditional medicine and primary health care. Thirty-nine countries have also developed legal frameworks for traditional health practitioners.

“Positive signs of traditional and conventional health systems working in parallel for the good of their patients are that referrals of patients between the two sectors are now taking place routinely in 17 countries. A total of 24 countries have also developed Codes of Ethics and Practice for traditional health practitioners, to ensure safety and standards of service delivery. Ghana is setting the example for the continent, with the establishment of traditional medicine clinics in 55 regional hospital settings to date,” Dr Moeti noted.

She said WHO in the African Region has supported joint missions with partners to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Madagascar, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda, to monitor clinical trials of traditional medicine-based therapeutics proposed for COVID-19, eight of which are ongoing. The political will displayed by countries to support these innovations has been inspiring, as has the level of available infrastructure and skills.

QUALIFICATION	Master's Degree in the following fields: - Business Administration, Finance, Accounting, Banking, Economics, Marketing, Law or Entrepreneurship from a recognised Institution. Holding a PhD in any of the above fields will be an added advantage.
LANGUAGES	Preferably Kiswahili and English. Knowledge of other languages such as French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese will be an added advantage.
EXPERIENCE	Must have at least ten (10) years working experience in related field, five (5) years of which should be in a Senior Management position.
AGE LIMIT	Not more than fifty-five (55) years.
TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT	Contractual between three (3) to five (5) years renewable based on performance.
REMUNERATION	Negotiable
APPLICATION TIME LINE	Twenty-one (21) days from the date of the advertisement

3.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- i. Applicants must attach an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) having reliable contacts, postal address/post code, e-mail and telephone numbers;
- ii. All applicants must be Citizens of Tanzania;
- iii. People with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply and should indicate clearly in the portal for Public Service Recruitment Secretariat attention;
- iv. Applicants should apply on the strength of the information given in this advertisement;
- v. Applicants must attach their certified copies of the following certificates: -
 - * Postgraduate/Degree/Advanced Diploma/Diploma/Certificates.
 - * Postgraduate/Degree/Advanced Diploma/Diploma transcripts.
 - * Form IV and Form VI National Examination Certificates.
 - * Professional Registration and Training Certificates from respective Registration or Regulatory Bodies, (where applicable).
 - * Birth certificate.
- vi. Attaching copies of the following certificates is strictly not accepted: -
 - * Form IV and form VI results slips.
 - * Testimonials and all Partial transcripts.
- vii. An applicant must upload a recent Passport Size Photo in the Recruitment Portal;
- viii. An applicant employed in the Public Service should route his application letter through his/her respective employer;
- ix. An applicant who is retired from the Public Service for whatever reason should not apply;
- x. An applicant should indicate three reputable referees with their reliable contacts;
- xi. Certificates from foreign examination bodies for Ordinary or Advanced level education should be verified by The National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA).
- xii. Professional certificates from foreign Universities and other training institutions should be verified by The Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) and National Council for Technical Education (NACTE);
- xiii. A signed application letter should be written either in Swahili or English and Addressed to Secretary, Presidents Office, Public Service Recruitment Secretariat, P.O. Box 2320, Utumishi Building-University of Dodoma and Dr. Asha Rose Migiro Buildings - Dodoma;
- xiv. Deadline for application is **13th September, 2022;**
- xv. Only shortlisted candidates will be informed the date of interview; and
- xvi. Presentation of forged certificates and other information will necessitate legal action;

NOTE: All applications must be sent through Recruitment Portal by using the following address; <http://portal.ajira.go.tz/> and not otherwise (This address can also be found at PSRS Website, Click 'Recruitment Portal')

Released by:

SECRETARY

PUBLIC SERVICE RECRUITMENT SECRETARIAT



Keeping abreast of the changing nature of our world

WILDLIFE traditionally refers to undomesticated animal species, but has come to include all plants, fungi, and other organisms that grow or live wild in an area without being introduced by humans.

Wildlife can be found in all ecosystems. Deserts, forests, rain forests, plains, grasslands and other areas including the most developed urban areas, all have distinct forms of wildlife. While the term in popular culture usually refers to animals that are untouched by human factors, most scientists agree that much wildlife is affected by human activities.

Humans have historically tended to separate civilisation from wildlife in a number of ways including the legal, social, and moral sense. Some animals, however, have adapted to suburban environments. This includes such animals as domesticated cats, dogs, mice, and gerbils. Some religions declare certain animals to be sacred, and in modern times concern for the natural environment has provoked activists to protest against the exploitation of wildlife for human benefit or entertainment.

The global wildlife population decreased by 52 per cent between 1970 and 2014, according to a report by the World Wildlife Fund.

Indeed the world is full of amazing creatures from every possible medium. From the birds of the air to the majestic whales of the sea, wildlife abounds in the most unusual and unexpected places. Wildlife benefits us in many ways, and has since time out of mind. World Wildlife Day is a day to remind us of our responsibilities to our world and the life forms we share it with.

On March 3rd, 1973 the United Nations General Assembly took a stand against to protect endangered species throughout the world. Whether plant or animal, the importance of these species in every area of human life, from culinary to medical, could not be understated. At this time hundreds of endangered species were being

threatened every year, and extinction was at a staggeringly high rate. CITES was put into place (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) to ensure that the world did not continue to hemorrhage species that would never be seen from again.

On December 20th, 2013 another step was taken to help spread awareness of the fragility of endangered species in the world.

The first thing that always comes to mind when we think about World Wildlife Day is heading out to our local zoo or botanical conservatory and reminding ourselves of the vast variety of life our world offers. If you're feeling particularly adventurous, an outdoor excursion with a book of local flora and fauna (That's plants and animals) can help make that connection come even closer to home.

Tanzania's natural beauty and sheer density of plant and wildlife species make it a top destination for ecotourists. Almost a third of the country is protected, providing habitat for scores of species across 14 national parks. A fifth of Africa's large mammals can be found within its borders, including lions, hippos, elephants, zebra, and wildebeest, whose mass migration through the Serengeti is a major draw for safaris.

As with other African nations, the majority of Tanzanians are forced to live off the land, which, in turn, compromises it. With trees often the only source for fuel, deforestation has led to soil erosion. That and overgrazing by livestock has led to desertification in some parts of the country. Subsistence farmers then venture closer to wildlife to find fertile land.

Clashes are inevitable. Elephants, zebras, and other species destroy crops. Distraught farmers resort to killing wildlife to protect their own livelihood. Individual conflicts like this pale in comparison to the massive wildebeest migration: Only 15% of this natural phenomenon occurs on protected land. As the herds move, predators follow and nomadic herders' helpless livestock is caught in the middle.

Let us invest in youth skills' development

YOUNG people are almost three times more likely to be unemployed than adults and continuously exposed to lower quality of jobs, greater labour market inequalities, and longer and more insecure school-to-work transitions. In addition, women are more likely to be underemployed and under-paid, and to undertake part-time jobs or work under temporary contracts.

That is why education and training are key determinants of success in the labour market. But unfortunately, existing systems are failing to address the learning needs of many young people, and surveys of learning outcomes and skills show that a large number of youth have low levels of achievement in basic literacy and numeracy. Skills and jobs for youth feature prominently in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and SDG target 4.4 calls for a substantial increase in the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills.

The World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) was for the first ever time observed on 15 July 2015 globally. The day was observed under the theme: Youth skills for work and life in the post-2015 agenda. The theme is in line with the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030.

The World Youth Skills Day was established by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on 11 November 2014. The Assembly designated 15 July as the World Youth Skills Day in order to raise awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development.

Often times there's a pool of youth

who grow up knowing they are talented but fail to find the right trajectory to sharpen their skills.

There ought to be movements offering professional performing arts education, opportunities, exposure, and leadership training to talented African youth resulting to an empowered generation of performing artists, world leaders and responsible global citizens. It is set to positively impact and build Africa socially and economically, also promoting a social mindset shift towards performance arts in Africa.

We fully believe that Africa is one of the most talented continents in the world when it comes to arts, that is a given because despite all the different challenges we have as a continent, talent still shines despite all the trials.

A project supported by Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO) is helping over 9,000 young people in Tanzania to access skills and training which has the power to transform their futures.

Tanzania has embarked on a five year training programme on skills development that will enable at least four million young people to have easier access to labour markets. The network will strengthen the skills development of the youth, where about 27,000 of them will be reached.

The network is part of the government's plan to address unemployment of the youth countrywide. The programme will also help the youth to acquire practical skills and experience to address challenges at workplaces, which has been 'negating' their access to find jobs as a prerequisite, especially the young graduates coming out of learning institutions.

The Guardian Limited Key Contacts

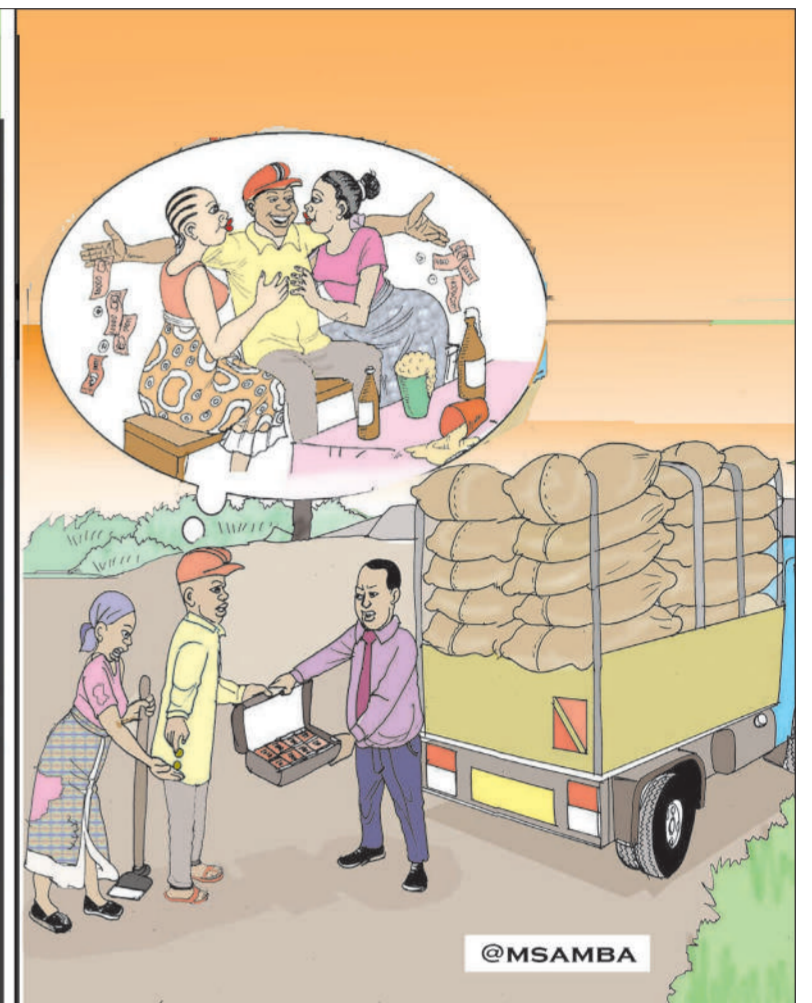
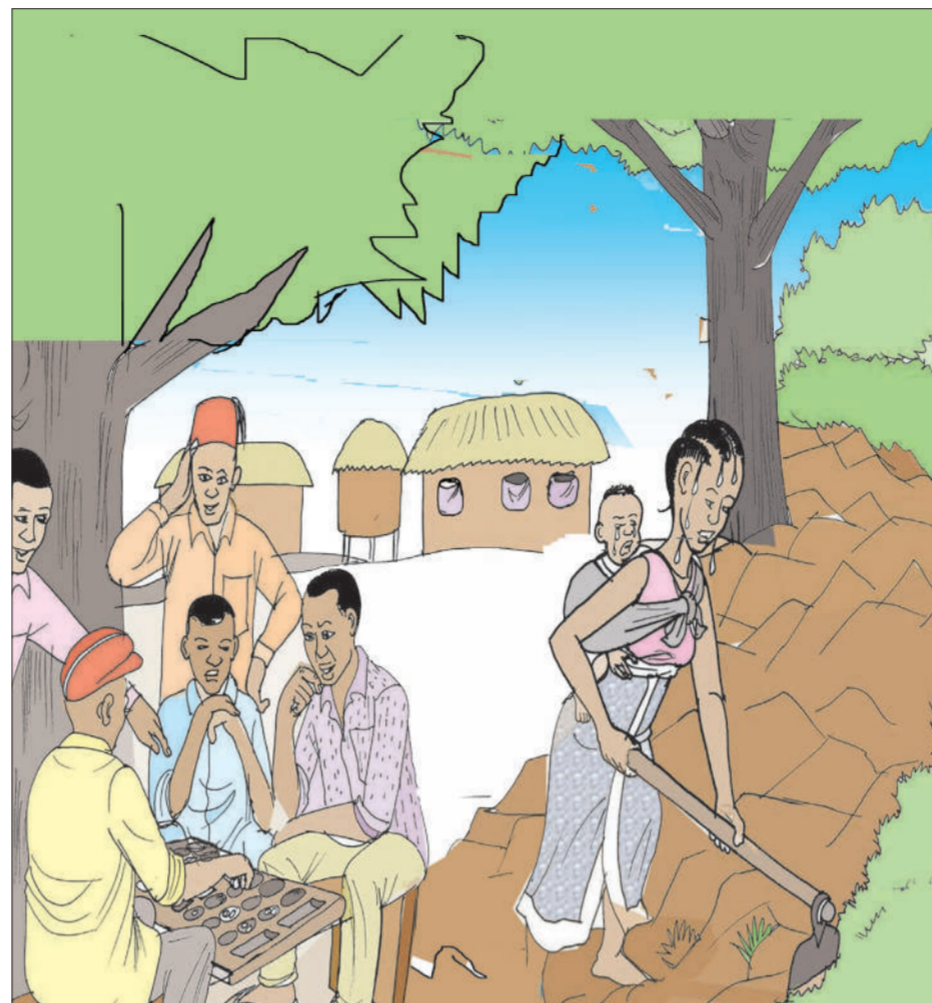
Managing Editor: WALLACE MAUGGO
Circulation Manager: EMMANUEL LYIMO

Newsdesk

News Editor: LUSEKELO PHILEMON
0757154767
General line: 0745700710
E-mail: guardian@guardian.co.tz

Advertising

Mobile: 0782253676
E-mails: advertise@guardian.co.tz
Website: www.ippmedia.com
epaper.ippmedia.com



Urgency, simplification and effective change management key to digital transformation success

By Special Correspondent

SINCE the start of the pandemic, digital transformation has become a core objective and top priority for nearly every business in the world.

From enabling remote and hybrid work environments to shifting customer-facing operations to digital channels and implementing data and analytics to better understand a volatile and highly unpredictable business environment, digital transformation has featured prominently in boardrooms over the past two years.

Even as the world races to a return to some form of normalcy, companies continue to invest heavily in digital technologies. A recent IDC report predicts that digital transformation investments will account for more than half of all ICT investment by 2024.

While the immediate task of adapting to disruptions and changes caused by the pandemic and a host of other factors remain the focus, all indications are that new digital technologies will feature prominently in future transformation initiatives.

For example, the same IDC report found that 90% of organisations worldwide are expected to prioritise investment in digital tools that augment physical spaces with digital experiences.

And considering the urgency of the fight against climate change, it's no surprise that more than 90% of companies will use digital transformation to reduce their carbon footprints by 2023.

Even prior to the pandemic, studies found that companies who reach a higher level of digital maturity were 26% more profitable, grow 9% faster and have market valuations 12% higher than their less transformed peers.

However, despite the enormous benefits of digital transformation, the majority of digital transformation projects fail, with McKinsey data estimating that less than a third of such projects succeed worldwide.

Every failed project costs the business money, resources, time, and opportunity. A failed digital transformation project undermines faith and confidence in future initiatives and increases organisational resistance toward further digital transformation efforts.

So, why is digital transformation success so important to building successful modern businesses?

The 'why' of digital transformation For most companies, a digital transformation initiative will be rooted in either growth objectives or to protect



the business against disruption.

A growth-based digital transformation may see the organisation adopt new technologies such as IoT to bring greater transparency to core business assets, for example sensors based in delivery vehicles tracking e-commerce fulfilment.

By integrating the data produced by sensors to a powerful analytics and business intelligence platform - and matching those insights to third-party data such as traffic and weather data - organisations could identify ways to optimise the delivery process and improve the customer experience.

A growth-based digital transformation initiative could also involve a re-engineering of customer experience processes, for example a retailer developing omni-channel customer experiences that deliver personalised offers at scale through a variety of digital and physical channels.

For companies wishing to utilise digital transformation to protect against disruption or risk, the use cases will be slightly different. For example, in light of ongoing supply chain issues, many organisations are seeking to digitally transform their supply chain processes to achieve greater transparency and predictability over such processes.

Building safe, accessible, and collaborative hybrid work models protects the organisation against the disruption of lockdowns and helps to future-proof their workforce engagement strategies by enabling much-needed flexibility.

A blueprint for successful digital transformation

Every digital transformation effort has three core elements: People, Processes, and Technology. Each of these elements need to be aligned to a clear, strategic vision and defined business objectives to ensure the digital transformation project delivers to actual business and customer needs.

One McKinsey survey found that companies believe their digital transformation initiatives were a success mainly when they improve performance and equip the organisation to sustain improvements over time.

What are the key ingredients to implementing a successful, value-generating digital transformation initiative?

Firstly, organisations need a sense of urgency about the transformation, driven from senior management throughout every layer of the organisation. Many of the most impactful digital transformation projects show quick time-to-value, which helps secure further support and buy-in for the project from the broader organisation.

Digital transformation projects should focus on simplification by means of standardisation and the use of templates. In most cases, the biggest cost of an implementation stems from the organisation's need to adapt systems to meet unique requirements. Leveraging a global services provider that can bring international best practices to a digital transformation initiative can significantly cut down on the project timeline and reduce associated costs.

Prioritisation is also essential. Digital transformation initiatives are meant to

shape the future of the organisation. Companies should therefore commit their top talent and skills to seeing the project to a successful outcome.

This does raise the challenge of how to keep the business running optimally when some of the best teams and people are focused on the new initiative. Companies need to be clear on their current capacity and not take on too much, avoiding in particular large-scale once-off transformation initiatives. Finding the correct balance is key to a successful transformation project.

A sometimes-neglected but always critical element to any successful transformation initiative is the change management needed to embed new systems and processes within the organisation.

Digital transformation initiatives promise a new end-state for the organisation, one that features new and enhanced capabilities. But the implementation itself puts the organisation in an interim state between what was and what could be. Companies should be ready to navigate users through this interim phase and give the correct level of consideration to technical and change management elements, over and above successfully deploying the technology.

Once companies have established a suitably powerful technology platform, they can innovate across a broad range of business areas. Digital transformation is not about finding new tech to perform old functions better or faster: it's about shifting mindsets to unlock greater innovation capacity that can help drive the organisation's success for years to come.

BY THOMAS LYIMO

Independent thinking helps us thoroughly evaluate obstacles from all sides

INDEPENDENT thinking is billed as one of the best ways to solve problems since it allows someone to evaluate obstacles from all sides. As a result, they know the difference between situations that they can get through alone and those that will require outside support.

The concept is still new to many because it was not common in the past decades. But today's world demands more understanding of concepts and their connections to socio-economic development so that the society can move to a better place.

This conviction is what makes it worth discussing the phrase. The levels of thinking of people change over time, making it possible to have new concepts from time to time. This line of thought urges the society to train individuals to think well as thinking activity is probably the most paying job in the world.

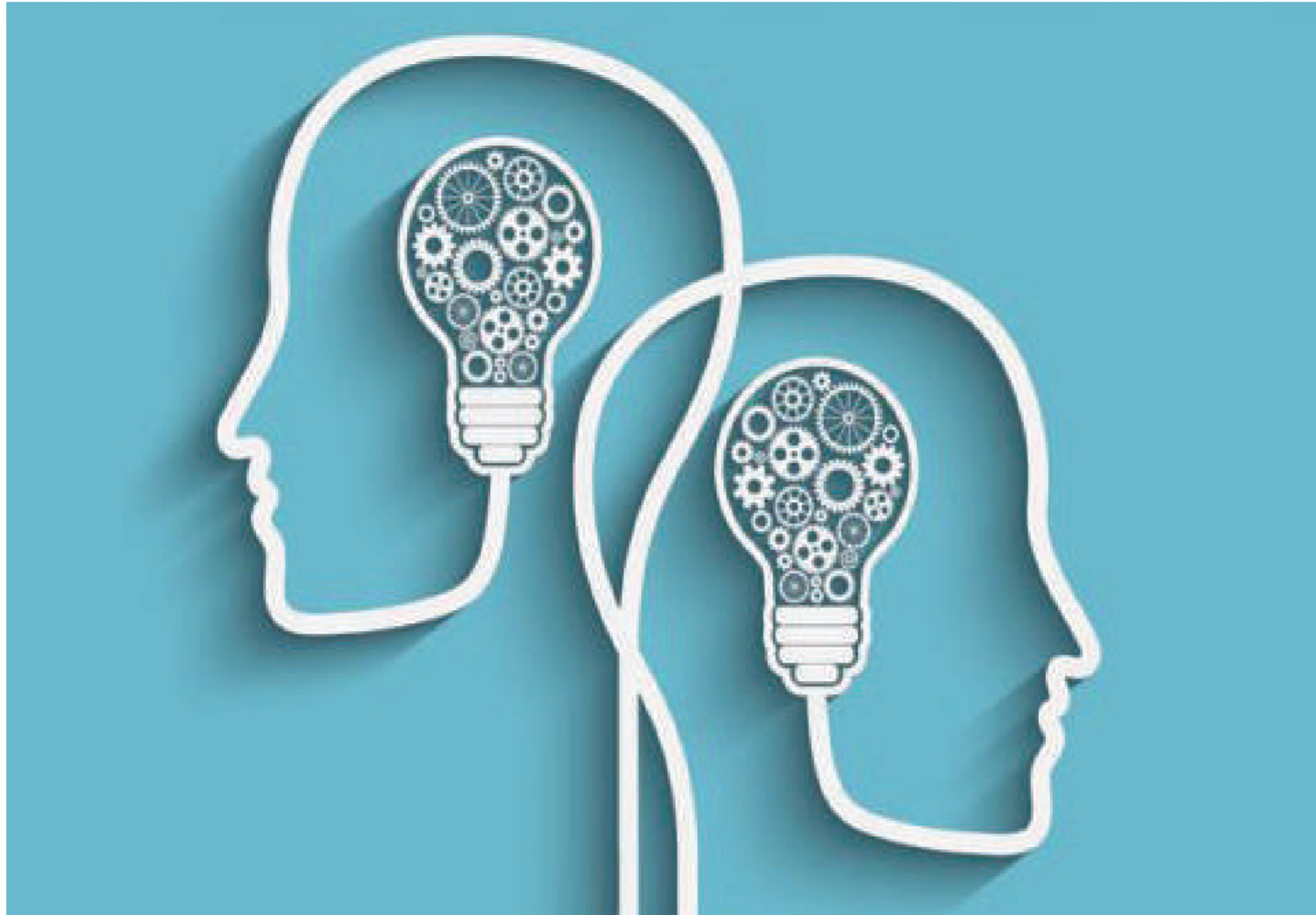
Although the phrase independent thinking exists in today's world, its meaning is not common as people explain it with variations, depending on how they understand it.

Some thinkers I recently interviewed who are graduates from our universities said that independent thinking is the ability of an individual to think on his or her own without dependence on others. The explanation they provided may be true but the aim of today's analysis is to extend the explanation of the phrase so as to fuel more thinking in order to produce a more dependable way of explaining it.

My pursuits to understand the meaning of independent thinking made my eyes bump on an article written by Sharon Presley as a contribution to the Resource for Independent Thinking Organization in the year 1996.

According to the article, independent thinking means more than only the ability of an individual to think on his or her own. The meaning goes further to include the ability to accept or reject ideas or postulations based on logical reasoning.

In the first place, Presley who has



a PhD in social psychology suggests that an independent thinker is the one who critically accepts or rejects values or ideas. In the second place, she posits that independent thinking is making sense of the word based on one's own observation and experience rather than just depending on the words of others. This second place's explanation by the scholar agrees to what the

thinkers I interviewed said.

According to this expert, it is the way that we seek information and how we apply it that makes us dependent or independent thinkers. So, if we are to define independent thinking in a sentence, we better consider the views by the thinkers I interviewed and the two places premises of explanation by Presley.

The definition would go something like independent thinking is the ability of an individual to think on his or her own without dependence on others and it entails the ability to accept or reject ideas, postulations or other thinking by applying logical reasoning.

Trying to examine the administrations which Tanzania has gone through, we can see an element of

independent thinking. The first administration under Julius Nyerere believed in socialism and self-reliance and applied all efforts to make the aim achieved.

It is hard to say the aim was not achieved. The second administration under Ali Hassan Mwinyi resorted to liberalism, meaning allowing capitalism in the form of free market which was contrary to socialism.

The economic situation which prevailed in 1980s justified what Mwinyi, popularly known in Tanzania as Mzee wa Ruksa opted for. The third administration of Benjamin Mkapa continued with liberalism but made some reforms to make that it more profitable. Here, several government institutions were formed, one of them being Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)—the engine in the financial sector.

The fourth phase under Jakaya Kikwete came with a diplomatic approach in solving problems and he is remembered for his popular saying that issues, no matter how difficult, are discussable.

John Magufuli came with an idea of eliminating bureaucracy and instilling the spirit of hard work with his popular Hapa Kazi Tu (Just work, nothing else) philosophy.

Currently, with President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Tanzania has opened doors for foreign investments, economic diplomacy and tourism as a way of boosting economy through expanded cooperation and revenues to enable the country recover from the devastating impact of Covid-19 pandemic.

All the presidents who have led this country have been independent thinkers in their own right as they made decisions regarding

the prevailing situations and chose which way to go. What worked and what did not work is open for discussion and conclusion by any independent thinker.

However, if someone values independent thinking, they should not be afraid to criticize or being criticized positively so as to build strong perspectives on which societal expectations may rest.

Although our administrations are guided by constitution, if applied, independent thinking may allow violation of constitution in some cases so as to pursue policies as per the will of the leader in office.

Independent thinking can help us reject old stands whose validity is hard to prove. There is a cost incurred in believing something and therefore if the belief is wrong, the social progress is hindered unnecessarily. This shows us that working hard day and night to try to find the validity of certain belief or stand is something recommendable.

Pupils are told to study hard so that they can have good jobs and hence live good life. But what if they cannot secure those jobs? Are they ready to face the irregularities that life may put forth?

With these two questions, it is high time teachers in all levels from primary school to universities enabled pupils and students to think independently so as to be able to overcome the challenges of modern world which are enormous. Let us embrace independent thinking because it pays.

The author is a teacher based in Moshi.

He can be reached through lyimo.thomas@yahoo.com



INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK

INVITATION TO BID TENDER NO. ICBTL/CD/2022/03 SALE OF A COMMERCIAL/ RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

International Commercial Bank Tanzania Limited (ICBTL) in collaboration with National Housing Corporation (NHC) and Al-Karimo Investment Limited intends to sell a commercial/ residential property with 16 storey under construction, located on Plots No. 928/17, 2038/17 and 2039/17, situated at Flur II, Corner of Zanaki Street/Jamhuri Street, Ilala Municipality, Dar es Salaam.

1. ICBTL now invites sealed tenders for the purchase of the said Commercial /residential Building on the above stated plots of land.
2. For inspection of the building, interested bidders may communicate through ICBTL's telephone number provided below. The property will be disposed on **"as is, where is"** basis and inspection of the building may be done by interested Bidders before submission of bids.
3. Bids indicating offer for the purchase of the above mentioned property with specific amounts, and full address of the Bidders, should be submitted by 15th September 2022, 10:00am at the Head Office of ICBTL at the 2nd Floor, Vijana Towers, Plot no 1081/2/2, Fire Station Road, West Upanga, and P. O. Box 9362, Dar es salaam.



4. Bidding will be conducted through competitive procedure and ICBTL reserves the right to accept or decline the bids.
5. At the discretion of ICBTL, Bidders may be invited to negotiate their bid price, after opening of the bid invitations, and the invitation will be made by ICBTL on its own **absolute discretion**.
6. The successful Bidder shall be bound to make a twenty five percent (25%) advance payment of the Bid price within forty eight (48) hours of

the date of the official award and the balance seventy five percent (75%) shall be paid within twenty one (21) days from date of award.

7. In case the successful Bidder defaults in payment of the remaining seventy five percent (75%) within twenty one (21) days, ICBTL reserves the right to forfeit the advance payment and the next highest Bidder may be considered for the award.

Contacts:

**The Chief Executive Officer,
International Commercial Bank
Tanzania Limited,
2nd Floor, Vijana Towers, Plot no
1081/2/2,
Fire Station Road, West Upanga,
P. O. Box 9362, Dar es salaam.
Telephone: +255 653 005 019
E-mail address: tender@icbank.co.tz**

Africa should trade its carbon credits to fund renewable energy - UNECA

BULAWAYO

Africa needs to trade in carbon credits to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, finance the transition to renewable energy, and boost economic development, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) says.

Carbon credits present an opportunity for African countries - many dependent on fossil fuels for energy - to protect themselves against climate change while raising much-needed finance for the transition to renewable energy transition, said Jean-Paul Adam, Director for Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division at UNECA.

Carbon credits are globally traded commodities or permits that allow the emission of one tonne of CO2 or one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent gases to be traded on national or international carbon markets. These credits, which can be used to boost economic growth and attract financing for various projects, are traded on the carbon offset markets.

By selling carbon credits, African countries can also tackle climate change by protecting their forests which absorb and store a measured amount of carbon. Besides, the carbon credits can also be sold as 'offsets' to companies unable to cut pollution to reduce emissions elsewhere.

Lack of finance and capacity to trade on the global carbon markets are hurdles for African countries have to overcome in the growing global carbon markets, where the carbon pricing revenue increased by almost 60 percent last year to about \$84 billion, according to the World Bank.

Cashing in on carbon credits

Africa suffers energy insecurity, as seen in chronic power load shedding and blackouts that have a huge cost on people's livelihoods and economic growth.

Fossil fuels dominate Africa's energy mix, which comprises crude oil, coal, natural gas, hydropower, wind, and solar power. Africa is an untapped market for carbon trading. About two percent of global investments in renewable energy in the last two decades were made in Africa, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) report.

But letting go of fossil fuels is a catch-22 situation for African countries. Many could lose essential revenue and risk stranded natural



Africa needs to transit away from fossil fuels to renewables to boost energy security. Pictured here is a coal production plant in Hwange, Zimbabwe. Credit: Busani Bafana/IPS

resources as the world demand for fossil fuels declines in favour of renewable energy.

According to the African Development Bank, more than 600 million people in Africa have no access to energy, and the continent has some of the world's lowest

electricity access rates for African countries at just over 40 percent.

The UNECA is supporting African countries to raise their resources reliably and transparently through carbon trading, said Adam, noting the need for an appropriate supervisory body for transparent

carbon credit trading.

He said that African countries are the guardians of some of the world's important carbon removing assets. Large-scale natural and land-based assets can enable African countries to meet 30 percent of the world's sequestration needs by 2050.

"We know that the rate of deforestation in Africa is the highest in all regions of the world, and therefore a well-structured carbon credit system can allow African countries to protect at-risk resources and generate income from the protection of those resources," said Adam.

UNECA projects that through nature-based carbon removal, Africa can generate between \$15 and \$82 billion annually, depending on the price of carbon. For example, at \$50 per tonne, the revenue potential from natural carbon sequestration removal would be \$15 billion. Adam said the average price for carbon credit in Africa was currently about \$10 per tonne, which could be raised with the creation of high-integrity registries.

Africa's carbon market was not as well developed as many countries did not have a registry to measure carbon emissions and trade them.

Adam argued that a predictive carbon market would benefit African countries with long-term access to affordable energy.

Africa accounts for only three percent of cumulative global CO2 emissions and less than five percent of the world's an-

nual CO2 emissions. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) highlights that Africa has made the smallest historical contribution to the greenhouse gases causing global warming but bears the brunt of the negative impacts of climate change.

"African countries on average are spending nine percent of their budgets, that means for every \$100 that governments are spending, \$9 is being removed right at the onset just for paying for climate change," Adam told IPS. "Essentially, climate change is putting a tax on African countries that is higher relative to incomes in other countries."

Adam says Africa has crafted an energy transition plan to boost energy security using natural gas as a transition fuel, given that many countries did not have access to geothermal and hydropower that could also be used for baseload generation.

African countries, through the African Union, have adopted a common position for energy transition recognising natural gas as a temporary energy need with oil and coal being phased out and allowing for more investment in renewable energy, particularly solar, wind and geothermal.

No to gas

The African Common Position on Energy Access and Transition proposed for adoption by African Heads of State and to be launched at COP27 in Egypt this year comes on the back of the European Union's recent vote in favour of a new rule that will consider fossil gas and nuclear projects as "green".

The African Group of Negotiators (AGN) and the African civil society have opposed the plan. They worry it would detract from Africa's energy access and transition goals while locking the continent into fossil fuels for decades.

"Africa is blessed with abundant wind, solar, and other clean, renewable energies. African leaders should be maximising this potential and harnessing the abundant wind and sun, which will help boost energy access and tackle climate change," said Mohamed Adow, Director of Power Shift Africa.

Lorraine Chiponda, Africa Coal Network Coordinator, said the acceleration of gas projects in Africa was another colonial and modern 'Scramble and Partition of Africa' among energy corporations and rich countries.

While Omar Elmawi, coordinator of #StopEACOP, commented, "Africa needs to wake up and stop behaving like (it's) Europe's petrol station and always looking at resolving their (developed nation's) energy problems. It is time to think collectively about what's best for the continent and its people. This is a continent ripe with renewable energy potential."



Jean-Paul Adam, Director for Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division at UNECA.

CAPITAL RADIO

RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

MONDAY TIME PROGRAMME	TUESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	WEDNESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	THURSDAY TIME PROGRAMME	FRIDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SATURDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SUNDAY TIME PROGRAMME
05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS HALI HALISI 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)	05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-21:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)	05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-21:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)	05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS SPORTS 21:00-23:00HRS MALUMBANO YA HOJA 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)	05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS SPORTS 21:00-23:00HRS KIPIMA JOTO 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)	07:30-10:00HRS DK 90 DUNIANI 10:00-11:00HRS KADOGOO 11:00-13:00HRS BONGO HITS 13:00-14:00HRS DW RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS ZAIDI YA UMJUAVYO 16:00-18:00HRS ALIYEVUMA 18:00-21:00HRS BUZUKI TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPOTI 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)	07:00-09:00HRS HABARI NA MATUKIO YA WIKI 09:00-11:00HRS THE SUNDAY 11:00-13:00HRS TOP 20 13:00-14:00HRS DW RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CAPITAL MICHEZONI 16:00-18:00HRS UKURASA WA MBELE 18:00-21:00HRS JIACHIE 21:00-22:00HRS SPOTI 22:00-01:00HRS LADHA LAINI 01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)

Tembelea mitandao ya kijamii ya CAPITAL RADIO



CAPITAL RADIO

ADVERTISEMENTS

The
Guardian

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION
OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF CONDITION
MONITORING TRAINING TO RELIABILITY PRACTITIONERS AT GEITA
GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring a Service of conditioning monitoring training and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible contractors to submit Expression of Interest for the service as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01491	PROVISION FOR CONDITION MONITORING TRAINING TO RELIABILITY PRACTITIONERS AT GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors and their nationalities	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate/Contractors Registration Certificate	1.00%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.00%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.00%
Health and Safety Policy and Management Plan	1.00%
Quality Policy and Management Plan	1.00%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01491)	60%
The institute should provide professional certifications that are ASNT or ISO for all courses with their levels.	10%
Proof of providing Vibration analysis (Level 1 &2)	10%
Proof of providing Ultrasonic Testing (Level 1&2)	10%
Proof of providing Magnetic Particles Inspection (Level 1&2)	10%
Proof of providing Liquid Penetrant Inspection (Level 1 &2)	10%
Proof of providing Thermograph (Level 1 &2)	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01491)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 15th September 2022** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

-END OF ADVERTISEMENT-

**RE-ADVERTISEMENT**

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF
CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LOW BED TRAILER
OF A CAPACITY OF 150TONNS ON DPP (INCOTERMS 2010)
TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Low bed on DPP Bases and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01492	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LOW BED TRAILER OF A CAPACITY OF 150 TONNS ON DPP (INCOTERMS 2010) TO GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01492)	60%
Proof of manufacture of the lowbed trailer or dealership letter	15%
Proof of experience of supplying and manufacturing low bed trailer (Attach sample photos of the lowbed trailer and brand that your company have been supplying to other companies)	15%
Proof of copies of registration cards of lowbed trailer that your company have supplied to various company and authorization of manufacturing lowbed including the company profile & brochure template.	15%
Share lowbed Data Sheet & Technical drawing that have indicative dimensions in millimeter's, Loading Capacity 150 Ton, Axle & Suspension Leaf Spring, (4)row and eight axles of swivel walking beam 37.5 ton each.	15%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01492)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 15th September 2022** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

-END OF ADVERTISEMENT-

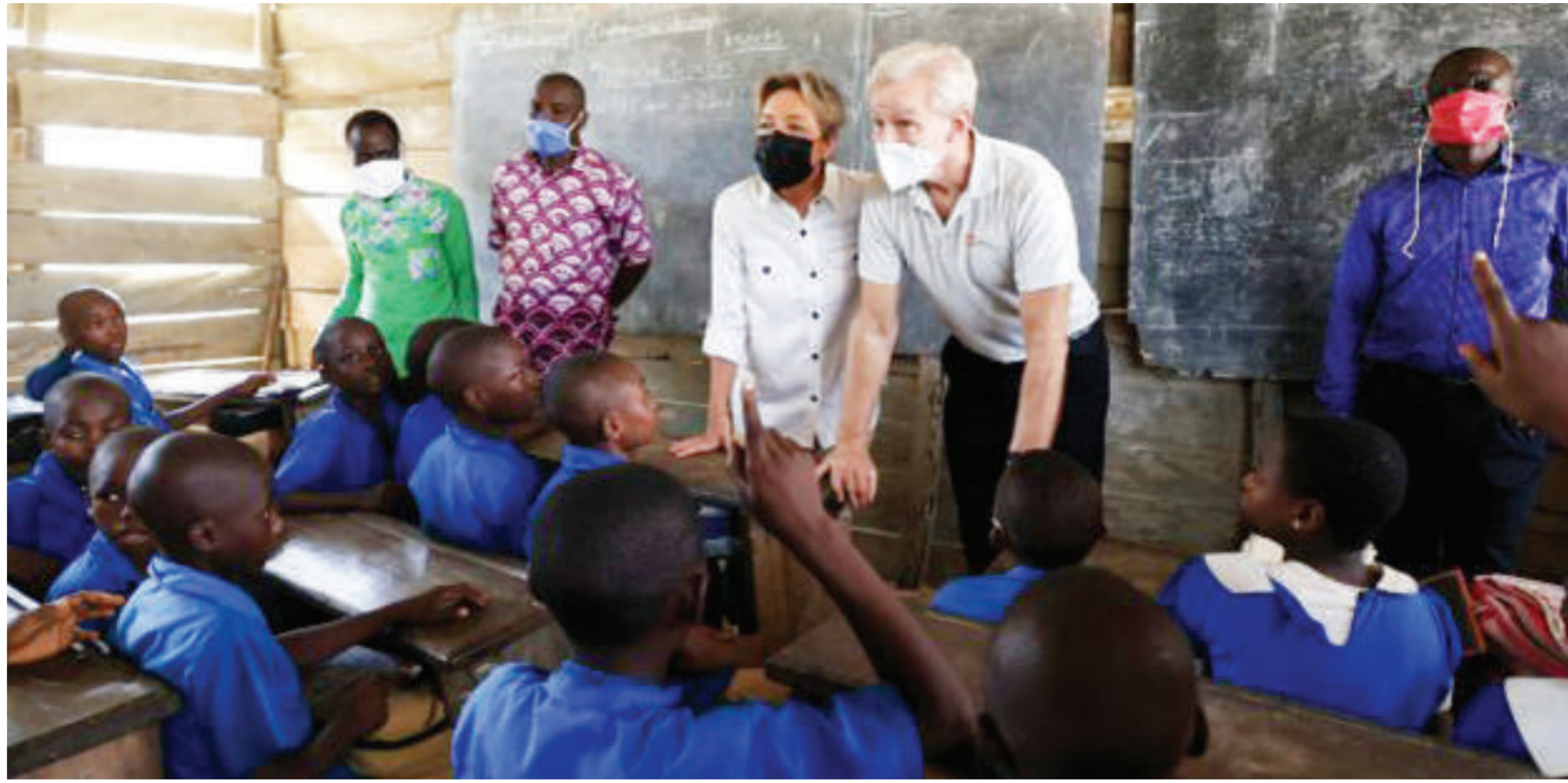
Mental health as a human right left behind for children in fragile and humanitarian settings

COPENHAGEN

Hiding in basements during bombings, fleeing their homes, going hungry, and facing the devastating and life-transformative traumas of losing their loved ones as their childhoods go up in flames of war. These are the lived experiences of crisis-impacted children and adolescents.

"They have also seen militia, army and may have been subjected to war crimes, violations of international law, sexual violence and torture. When you go through such experiences, without a doubt, you are going to suffer some form of trauma," says Yasmine Sherif, Executive Director of Education Cannot Wait (ECW), the United Nations global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises.

She tells IPS that this is the reality for many of the 222 million crisis-impacted children. At the forefront of extreme, unrelenting violence and brutality, but left



Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait and Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council meet students at the Souza Gare school in the Littoral region, Cameroon. The school hosts displaced children who have fled the violence in the North-West and South-West regions. Credit: ECW/Daniel Beloumou

furthest behind in accessing a most critical human right, mental health services.

"It is imperative that for every child, every adolescent that lives in this complex humanitarian crisis, that their mental health is safeguarded and supported that they receive psychosocial services working with their resilience. For they

indeed have a resilience that took them that far and enabled them to survive," she says.

Sherif stressed that acknowledging and addressing the need for student and teacher mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) is fundamental for children and adolescents to be able to learn.

That if they are going to resume education, it is critically important that they receive psychosocial support.

"We must ensure that education investments always entail a strong component of mental health and psychosocial support. ECW has integrated mental health and psychosocial services into all our investments. There is no investment in any of the 44 countries where we have invested which does not have a component of mental health and psychosocial services," Sherif tells IPS.

"Crisis-impacted children and adolescents receive psychosocial support through the education that we have invested in. It is therefore very important that financing for education through ECW dramatically increases so that we can provide even better context-specific mental health services and psychosocial support."

Speaking against the backdrop of the Nordic Conference on MHPSS in Fragile and Humanitarian Settings, Sherif unpacked safe, inclusive, and quality education as child-centered, holistic education that includes, amongst others, school feeding, teachers, water and sanitation as well as mental health and psychosocial support.

"ECW has reached 7 million children and adolescents in less than five years, and MHPSS is at the core of our work with our partners. To have an impact on

MHPSS, we need funding, long-term investments, and working across organizations and disciplines," Sherif remarked during the conference's opening panel.

Over 13,800 learning spaces now feature mental health and/or psychosocial support activities, and the number of teachers trained on mental health and psychosocial support topics doubled in 2021, reaching 54,000.

"It costs money to save the world. To give a holistic education centered on MHPSS requires a minimum of 150 dollars per child, and we are speaking about 222 million crisis-impacted children. We have the greatest dream and science on earth, but if we cannot pay for that, it is not going to happen," Sherif emphasizes.

Co-hosted by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Danish Red Cross, the inaugural conference "A Human Right Left Behind: A Nordic Conference on MHPSS in Fragile and Humanitarian Settings" was held on August 29 and 30, 2022, in Copenhagen.

The conference aimed to solidify Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) as a priority concern in all humanitarian responses and address urgent needs to increase access to quality MHPSS.

Recognizing the need for meaningful, collaborative approaches and solidarity in MHPSS, the conference's Steering Committee includes the IFRC PS Centre for Psychosocial Support, Danish Red Cross, International Children's Development Program Norway, MHPSS Collaborative, Save the Children Denmark and War Child Sweden.

The conference marks the beginning of a process and movement of joint strategies and collaborative action between multilevel MHPSS stakeholders.

Conference themes include localizing and strengthening MHPSS systems, direct MHPSS interventions, child-, youth-, and caregiver-focused MHPSS, cross-sectoral integration/coordination mechanisms, and innovative approaches.

Conference outcomes include a Nordic Network on MHPSS Launch, 2022-2030 Joint Nordic Roadmap on

MHPSS in Humanitarian Settings, and a Copenhagen Declaration on Prioritizing MHPSS in Humanitarian Action.

ECW's most recent estimates released in June 2022 show 222 million school-aged children and adolescents are caught in crises globally, 78.2 million who are out of school. An estimated 65.7 million of these out-of-school children, 84 percent, lived in protracted crises.

Approximately two-thirds of them, or 65 percent, are in just ten countries, including Afghanistan, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Yemen.

The difficulties they face from sustained conflict and forced displacement are now multiplied by climate-induced disasters and the long-term effects of COVID-19.

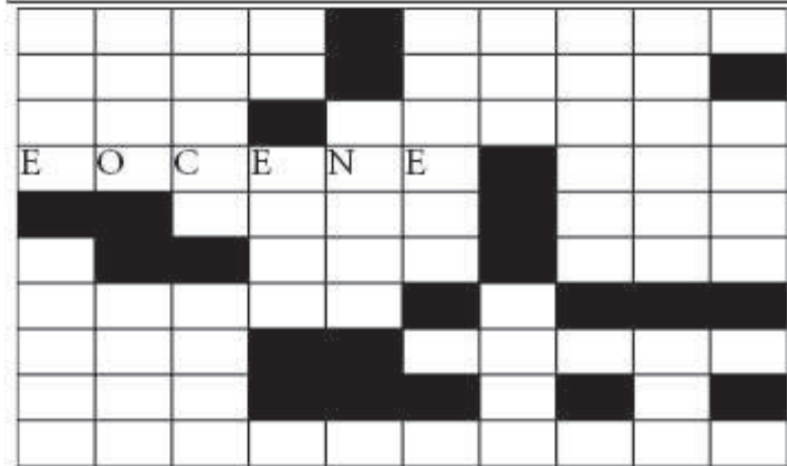
Within this context, Sherif urges the global community to respond with an education package centered on healing the brutalized minds of the affected children.

ECW's landmark Technical Guidance Note on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in Education in Emergencies, and Protracted Crises (EIEPC) provides practical guidance to grantees to ensure children and adolescents receive a holistic education that protects and promotes student wellbeing.

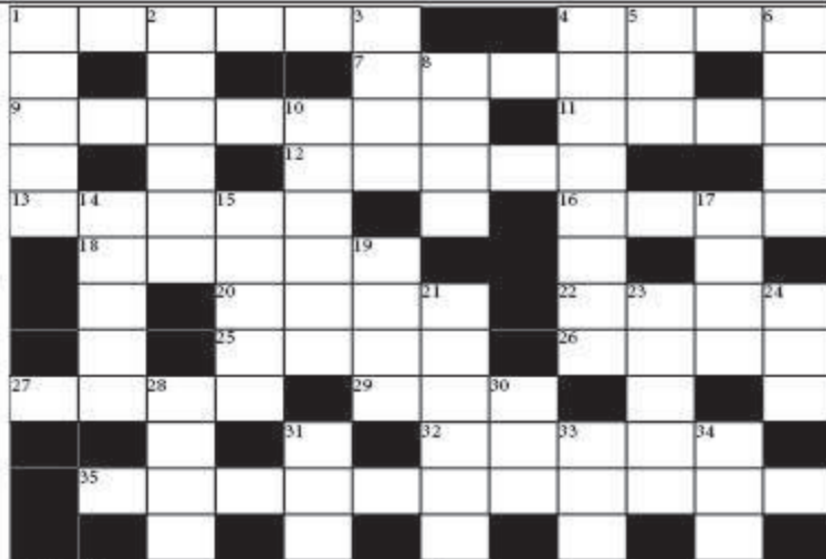
An education that is blind to the special mental health needs of children and adolescents in fragile and humanitarian settings, she says, will simply not keep the promise of a safe, inclusive, and quality education for the world's most vulnerable children.

To keep the promise of holistic education, ECW's High-Level Financing Conference will take place in Geneva in February 2023. Hosted by Switzerland and Education Cannot Wait - and co-organized by Germany, Niger, Norway, and South Sudan - through the 222 Million Dreams campaign, the conference calls on government donors, private sector, foundations, and high-net-worth individuals to turn commitments into action by making substantive funding contributions to ECW.

THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 350 00--



- 3 letters: NBA, LEI, EMS, ARC, TOT, SEM, ONE, PER, SIR
- 4 letters: GIRL, GONE, OGEE, IGBO, EASE, HAKA, CERO, ACTS, ONER, WERE, MOOR.
- 5 letters: REACH, SLOPE, INKER, DOWER, ADOPT, NOISE
- 6 letters: EOCENE, SCREAM, IRINGA, ORNATE, POGROM
- 10 letters: TREASURERS



- CLUES: Across**
1. a building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited
 4. densely populated areas
 7. a person who shows people to their seats in a cinema
 12. poor
 13. a bishop's crozier
 16. the imposition of a tax
 18. amok
 20. travel in a boat
 22. place where a bird breeds
 25. sharp-pointed sword
 26. days before religious festivals
 27. actually existing
 29. Value added Tax
 32. a quilt or duvet
 35. harmed good reputation of someone
- Down:**
1. the sound so produced
 2. not often
 4. a polyester fibre used to make light, crease-resistant clothing, bed linen, and sails
 5. monetary unit of Denmark
 6. a child's word for a donkey
 8. a small tropical African tree bearing oily nuts
 10. a mushroom
 14. set upright
 15. ouzel
 17. vice
 19. Ukraine's Capital
 21. the Person who leads
 23. a thing that takes place
 24. teaspoonful
 28. surrounded by
 31. take action
 33. petroleum
 34. Atomic Energy Authority

WORD-FIT

CROSSWORD

SOLUTIONS

MAI SHARES
 AGO EON
 YOB AAWN DU
 A L L A M E N
 DECI TAI
 RICE PAPER
 ADO REAR N
 C BIG GAME
 KEY DIE UN
 MESS AGE

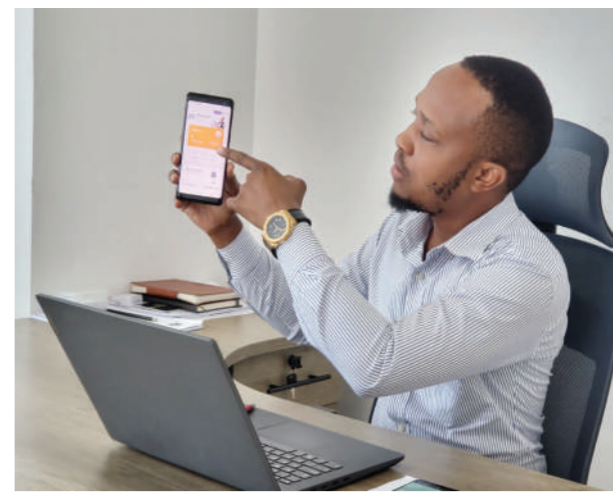
PHONE BL
 O G E C L A I M S
 P U R E E O B I
 E L E C T R O V A N
 A A A R D V A R K
 A M I R I I E
 A T O V A R I S H
 M S E R E N E I
 A H P R O M O T E
 S T A S H D E R I D E
 S R A E N E M A
 K A N U T E M U

RADIO One

RATIBA YA VIPINDI

JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME
05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DJ SHOW 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.10 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22.15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 09.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA SHERIA 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.10 AM VALIYOMO YAMO 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DJ SHOW 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN / MUZIKI 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22.15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 23.03 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 09.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA UKIWI 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.10 AM VALIYOMO YAMO 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DJ SHOW 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN / MUZIKI 20.10 HRS MATANGAZO / MUZIKI 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.05 HRS CHAGUO LA DJ 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 09.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA UKIWI 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.10 AM HIZI NAZO 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DJ SHOW 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.10 HRS MATANGAZO / MUZIKI 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.05 HRS KIPIMA JOTO 22.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.00 HRS WEEKEND SHOW 01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM COMMERCIALS 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM NEWS PAPERS REVIEW 07.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA KISWAHILI 09.00 AM MATOTOTO SHOW 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.15 AM MIWANI YA MAISHA 11.00 AM MITA WA MASOMA 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS CHAGUO LA DJ 15.00 HRS MUZIKI NA MICHEZO 16.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.15 HRS MIDUNDO 16.30 HRS BONGO TEN 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.15 HRS CHEMCHA BONGO 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.03 HRS WEEK END SHOW I 21.03 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS WEEK END SHOW II 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS WEEK END SHOW III 01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM COMMERCIALS 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.15 AM NEWS PAPERS REVIEW 07.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA - FAMILIA 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.15 AM SUNDAY SPECIAL 11.00 HRS MIBAYU ZANGU 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS NANI ZAIDI 16.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS MAMBO YA PWANI 18.00 HRS AFRICAN PANORAMA 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20:10 HRS MIBAYU ZANGU 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.03 HRS MAMBO MSETO 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS RAFIKI I 22.15 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS RAFIKI II 01:00-05:00 MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO)	



NCBA Group shores up Tanzanian subsidiary capital

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

NCBA Group has announced that it is investing Sh2 billion (38bn/-) in its Tanzanian subsidiary this year to shore up its capital which was eroded by losses and a rise in defaults due to the economic fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The new capital injection into NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited is part of efforts to improve the performance of the regional subsidiaries that have recorded lower profitability compared to the mainstay Kenyan market.

"We have made Sh1 billion (19.4bn/-) investment in Tanzania so far to support capital and we intend to continue with more investment and make another close to Sh1 billion (19.4bn/-) by the end of the year," NCBA chief executive John Gachora said.

"We had closed four branches this year. We don't plan to open the branches but what we are doing is reconfiguring the business to go after corporates and we need to lend them more money and therefore need more capital to do so. The investment is really to support business growth in Tanzania."

The Tanzanian subsidiary made a



NCBA chief executive John Gachora PHOTO FILE

net loss of Sh1.1 billion (nearly 21bn/-) in the year ended December 2021, larger than the Sh770 million net loss recorded the year before.

The performance was attributed to an increase in bad loans and

provisions for the same. The subsidiary's non-performing loans ratio stood at 20.3 percent which is significantly above the recommended level of five percent.

The bank was also slightly

above other capital requirements, constraining its ability to lend more. The new funds are expected to recapitalise the business and put it on an expansion path.

The recapitalisation is being

accompanied by a review of operations and client focus to fast-track the move to profitability.

NCBA Bank Tanzania is now pivoting to serve large businesses while closing excess branches in specific locations.

Standard Chartered Tanzania also recently announced it will exit the retail banking business and retain institutional banking, indicating that the mass market is less profitable.

In other markets including Kenya and Uganda, NCBA Group has grown aggressively in the retail market through digital banking services in partnership with telecommunications companies.

The new capital being deployed in Tanzania will raise the Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed firm's cumulative investment in that market to Sh7 billion from the Sh5 billion recorded at the end of last year.

The Kenyan banking multinational owned a 93.44 percent stake in the Tanzanian unit as of December 2021 and it was not immediately clear whether the minority shareholders are also participating in the recapitalisation.

On Monday this week, NCBA Group said it is planning to pay up to 50 percent of net earnings as dividends going forward, indicating increased

returns to shareholders for a bank that previously kept its cash distributions at 20 percent of net income.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed lender said it now targets to set a dividend policy of paying 35 percent to 50 percent of profits in a policy that also takes into account capital investment requirements.

The dividend policy comes after the bank emerged from the amalgamation of the former CBA Group and NIC Group -which previously did not have a formal dividend policy but had a tradition of paying a fifth of net income to shareholders.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed firm proposed an interim dividend of Sh2 per share for the half year ended June when most other listed banks suspended payouts citing new uncertainties brought by rising inflation, weakening shilling and disputed presidential elections.

"Certainly, one of the things we look at is how much capital we need for the next year of investments. Our planning session is September/October and as we go into that some of the things we shall look at are what investment we need to make for our subsidiaries, investment banking, and products," NCBA chief executive John Gachora said.

CRDB Bank's race to promote cultural tourism, says the minister

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

Minister of community development Riziki Pembe has said the just ended CRDB Bank's Ngalawa race; part of Kizimkazi festival held on Tuesday this week is part of efforts in promoting tourism in Zanzibar, the main sector of the economy.

Speaking during the opening of the festival, Minister Pembe said various festival events including Ngalawa "dhow" race is part of cultural tourism activity, which is important in attracting tourists.

The race which was held at Kizimkazi beaches attracted 20 master sailors from Kizimkazi Mkunguni and Kizimkazi Dimbani with hundreds of spectators witnessed the show, whom some were tourists.

"It is my hope that this festival and the race in particular, will add value to our beaches through entertaining tourists visiting Zanzibar and will create job to our youths," she said, urging the ministry responsible for sports to collaborate with CRDB Bank in ensuring the festival is not a one time show.

She advised CRDB Bank Plc to support the government in addressing social challenges to spur community development.

"I congratulate CRDB Bank for continued



Minister of community development in Zanzibar Riziki Pembe Juma speaking during the official opening of CRDB Bank Ngalawa race organized by the bank as part of ongoing Kizimkazi festival on Tuesday at Kizimkazi beaches in South Unguja PHOTO/COURTESY

efforts in supporting our communities because your supports in different development projects, particularly at Kizimkazi area shows your concern about improving people's lives," the minister added.

CRDB Bank Plc communications

director Tully Mwambapa said the bank has decided to invest in culture and sports, especially Ngalawa race as part of supporting traditional games, which are supplementary activities in promoting cultural tourism sector.

"Our President Samia Suluhu

Hassan has made a lot of efforts in promoting tourism sector, including Royal Tour marketing film, and we as a patriotic bank have decided to support her efforts through sponsoring this festival, which is part of promoting cultural tourism," she said.

She said this is the second edition of the race and the bank is focusing to ensure that Ngalawa race is empowering youths economically to turn the sport as economic activity.

"In realizing our intention, we supplied all participants with equipment including dhows and life-saving jackets valued 50mn/- to motivate them and make this race more competitive," she said.

During the race, sailors competed on two mile round trips, whereby Haji Hamis, resident of Kizimkazi Mkunguni emerged the winner and was awarded 2.5mn/- cash and fishing boat for his fishing group in the village he is living.

The second winner was Juma

Ramadhani from Kizimkazi Mkunguni who walked away with 1mn/- cash and third winner was Muhammad Ambar M pate from Kizimkazi Mkunguni who won 700,000/- in cash.

The fourth winner of the race was Daudi Wajiji Zahor resident of Kizimkazi Dimbani who won cash prize of 500,000/-.

CRDB Bank say has spent a total of 65mn/- in sponsoring Kizimkazi festival which featured various sports activities including soccer, cycling, traditional games, tag of war, drawing, soccer and netball.

The bank also financed the construction of a complete school laboratory with all facilities at Kizimkazi School valued 50mn/- to promote science subjects up taking among students.

The Kizimkazi festival is expected to reach its climax on September 3 and President Samia Suluhu Hassan will be the guest of honour whereby various development projects will be handed over.

SA banks cautious on shifting to cashless

JOHANNESBURG

South African consumers from all walks of life say they're ready for a big shift to cashless banking - but banks say they need the government to step in and deliver the right regulatory environment for it to work.

New data from the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), compiled in partnership with Discovery Bank, showed that 86 percent of consumers are ready for digital banking as long as banks in the country can provide ease of use and secure channels.

The survey on consumer attitudes found that more than two-thirds of South Africans (69 percent) believe that the country's banks will transition to a fully digital banking system within five years.

The consumer paradigm shift goes beyond an expectation that banks will simply offer digital apps and websites atop their core brick-and-mortar services and operations.

And a majority of South Africans (60 percent) believe that in just five years, there may be no need for banks to have physical branches at all.

Presenting the data on Monday (29 August), Discovery Bank said that banks cannot accomplish the transition to a cashless society by themselves, however.

"A clear regulatory policy is essential to have a roadmap to a cashless society," the bank said, adding that regulatory changes are needed to drive down costs and assure all potential users that the cashless system is secure.

The new report by the BCG surveyed 1,000 South African consumers from various walks of life, 400 businesses, and several industry experts to explore what they think the future of banking will be.

Managing director of BCG, Tjibbert Creemers, said that in terms of a cashless banking system, there is still a legacy issue in which people are used to doing transactions in cash.

It's a long-held habit, he said, and there are concerns around the reliability of online banking and its participation in the informal economy.

Interest-free loans possible under Islamic banking - says finance guru

LONDON

Islamic Finance is a system of banking that affects many Islamic countries around the world and that has some key differences to conventional banking.

Ibrahim Khan, Islamic finance guru and a private equity/venture funds lawyer said that Islamic Finance holds several unique attributes around debt, ownership, and the types of assets or trading vehicles that are allowed or prohibited.

"The key thing in Islamic finance is that there are a few big no-nos," said Khan. "Interest is not allowed. You're not allowed to have excessive uncertainty in transactions. So, for example, gambling or spread betting would be problematic."

He added that, given proscriptions against interest, gambling, and immoral activities, "Muslims have to think carefully and structure [a loan] in a way that makes it work."

In Islamic finance, loans with

interest are considered haram, or forbidden. Islamic loans are instead structured as equity contracts.

Khan gave the example of a borrower who only has \$5, but needs to purchase a \$10 pencil. An Islamic bank would lend the borrower the additional \$5, in return for a 50 percent equity stake in the pencil.

There would then be rental payments instead of interest payments. "I would actually rent [the bank's] proportion of the pencil," Khan explained. "Let's say it's \$5 in rent over the course of the next year for [the bank's] proportion, and I'll buy it off [the bank]."

Over time, the borrower would pay "rent" on the 50 percent of the pencil the bank owns, while buying up the full equity in the pencil.

Khan admitted that rent, in this case, is similar to interest payments. However, he said that "from a risk perspective... [the bank] was actually taking an ownership risk in the pencil. If anything happened to the pencil, [the bank] would end up



losing out."

Central banks typically conduct monetary policy by buying or selling interest-bearing bonds, and by setting interest rates. In turn, they interact with retail banks, which

create money through fractional-reserve lending. Such activities would be considered problematic in Islamic finance.

"We've never had a pure Islamic economy, certainly since the

decoupling of gold from currency," said Khan. "I think what would happen is you would have a public investment bank... This public investment bank would create new money, and put that into infrastructure projects and other projects that are needed. That would be the way that new money enters into the economy."

Khan said that while the question is "theoretical," an Islamic central bank could be modeled on this public investment bank framework.

"The base rate or the prime rate would be linked to the rate of money creation of this public investment fund," he said. "That's how you would control or dampen the issuance of money through the ecosystem."

The global Islamic finance industry continued to expand in 2021, with assets up 10.2 percent, versus 11.4 percent in 2020 (excluding Iran), support-

ed by banking asset growth.

The increase last year was supported by Islamic banking assets in some GCC countries and Malaysia, sukuk issuances exceeding maturities and the solid performance of the Islamic funds industry.

This year, higher commodity prices are expected to underpin a stronger recovery in many core Islamic finance markets.

Moreover, most of these countries are relatively resilient to macroeconomic shocks resulting from the Russia-Ukraine conflict. This will support the industry's prospects for 2022-2023.

However, global headwinds could change the picture by continued stubbornly high inflation, lockdowns related to Covid-19, and the US Federal Reserve and other major central banks ramping up their fight to rein in the inflation.

New fintech operator sets for debut next month

By Correspondent
Beatrice Philemon

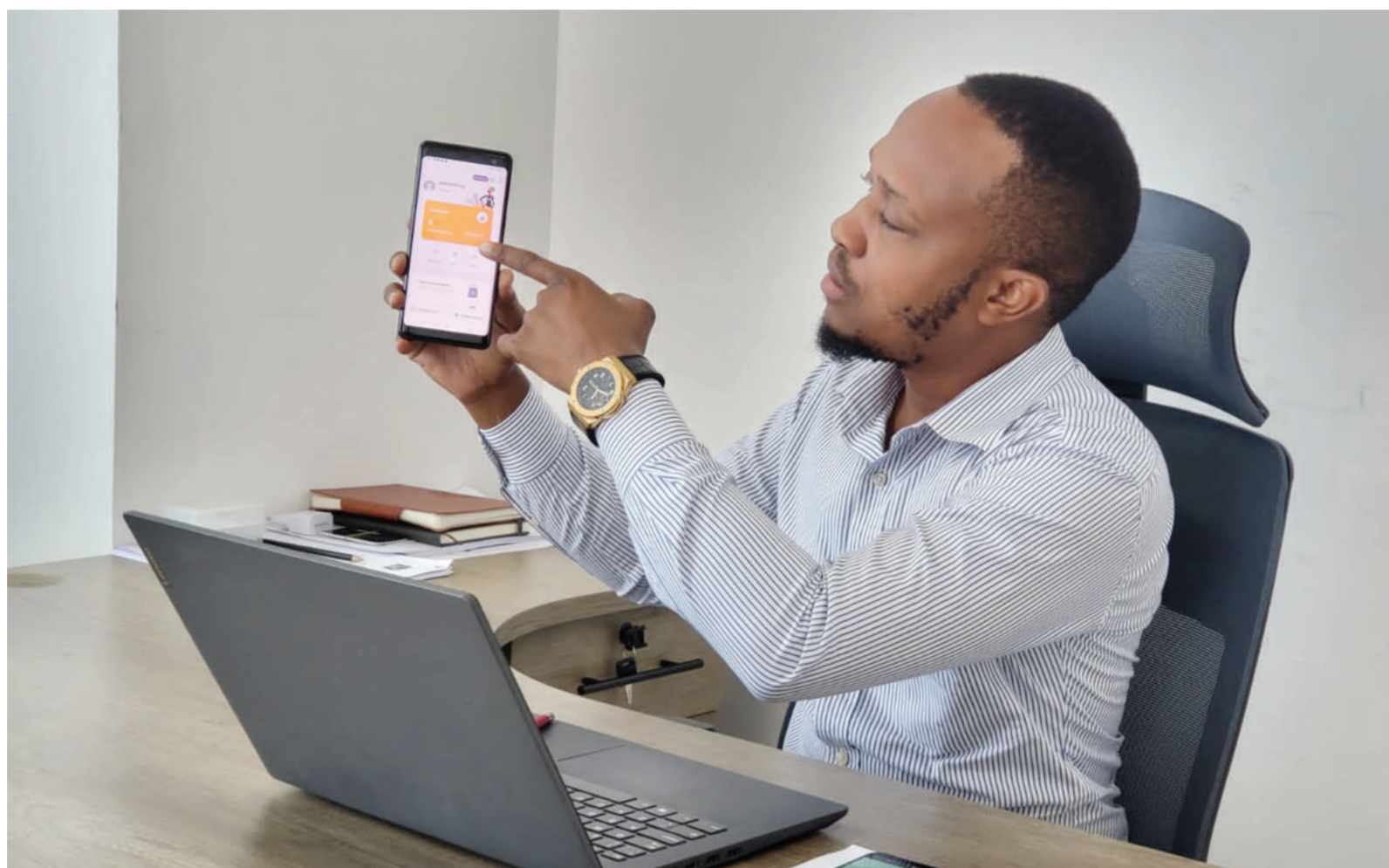
Tanzania's fintech is expected new player after Dar es Salaam Based Company-Aron Group Tanzania Limited expected to establish a digital mobile payment solution targeting small, medium and large enterprises. The solution namely Shake App is targeting to contribute to financial inclusion as well as promoting cashless economy.

The company's Chief Operation Officer, Leonce Mongi, said yesterday that the application will be officially launched next month and will enable merchants to receive payment for their goods and services from App users.

So far, more than 100 businesses have been registered to use the application across the country, he said, calling on merchants engaged in different economic activities sectors to download the application free of charge.

Currently, the shake app is available via the Google Play store and the App-Store.

"We want to assist the community to use cashless payment solution to transform the economy digitally," he said.



The company's Chief Operation Officer, Leonce Mongi show how Shake App work to enable merchants receive payments for their goods and services PHOTO/BEATRICE PHILEMON

He said the company will continue to create more awareness in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar on Shake app, using social media

influencers and brand ambassadors that in -turn will help more people to be aware and utilize it for the business and services they

provides in their localities.

"Shake App is a mobile phone based payment solution that utilizes QR scanning technology

along with a fun "Shake n Pay" feature and users of our app can pay their cash through Vo-

acom, M-Pesa, Tigo pesa, Airtel money, Halopesa, Z-Pesa and Visa and MasterCard," he said.

Users willing to use their app in all areas where they are across the country, the app is accessible through both android and IOS Smartphone.

According to him, the Shake App is very fast and users can make payments in as little as four seconds and the interface for both the user and merchant app are easy to use.

He said the Shake app uses the merchant and users accelerometer feature to enable all users to shake and pay.

He also noted that payments can be done via all mobile platforms, all customers to pay through their Visa and MasterCard, it offer and redeem points and coupons as well as locate stores near you.

Merchants who will be ready to use the app, the company will need TIN Certificate, Business License, BRELA and certificate of Incorporation.

Elaborating on the benefit of the app, he said the

application will help merchants and users to have a proper record of their business transitions, digitize their operations and make payments from all mobile money network operators by scanning a QR code and they don't need to withdraw their cash from their Smartphone to make payments.

This will allow them to market their products through online digital payment system and assist more people adopt the use of electronic payment payments while helping people who lack access to formal financial services such as bank accounts and who often subsist almost entirely in an informal and cash only economy.

"Our target is to transform all forms of business payments system in Tanzania into cashless economy, be the most reliable payment services provider in Tanzania and through creativity, good service and consistency, we pride ourselves as one of the leading payment service start-ups in Tanzania," he said.

Nyanzaga Gold project study delivers impressive results

By Carlos Banda

Nyanzaga's Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) has delivered impressive results across all key metrics, demonstrating that the project has robust economics, it has been announced.

The announcement made by OreCorp say it is confirmed that the project can produce more than 242,000 ounces of gold per year for 10 years at a low all-in sustaining cost of less than \$1,000/ ounce, with annual gold production peaking at 295,000 ounces in Year 6.

Nyanzaga's DFS, led by experienced global engineering firm Lycopodium Minerals Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Lycopodium Limited, detailed all facets of geology, mining, processing, supporting infrastructure and Project execution to a nominal accuracy of ±15 percent.

"Our estimated pre-production capital cost of \$474M includes underground development, open pit pre-strip, plant, project infrastructure and a \$36M contingency. We expect payback to be within four years post-tax," says the announcement.

With a post-tax Net Pre-



The company has appointed Auramet as debt advisors and has commenced financing discussions with local and international banks and financial institutions for funding PHOTO/COURTESY

sent Value5 percent of \$618M and Internal Rate of Return of 25 percent, Nyanzaga has compelling metrics on the back of strong gold production over a long mine life, according to an announcement.

"We have appointed Auramet as our debt advisors and commenced financing discussions with local and international banks and financial institutions. With the DFS now complete, we are excited to progress Nyanzaga, targeting first gold in 2025," it says.

"The Directors believe that the positive result of the DFS underpins the Company's strategy of focusing on near-term production

to generate an early cash flow, and further demonstrates the potential of the Project to deliver significant returns for stakeholders from a substantial gold operation with competitive costs."

A Special Mining Licence (SML) for the Project was granted by the government to Sotta Mining Corporation Limited (SMCL) on 13 December 2021 and the Environmental Certificate (EC) was transferred shortly thereafter.

The Company says it intends to immediately progress with key activities in preparation for the development of Nyanzaga, including but not limited to pursuing Project funding

and tendering of key contracts (including Front-End Engineering Design (FEED), Bulk Earthworks and Mining Contracts).

Other progress will include preparation for procurement of long-lead equipment vendor data and reparation for resettlement of communities within the Special Mining Licence (SML) boundary.

DFS confirms concurrent open pit and underground mine schedule delivers the optimal economic outcome for the Project.

Underground mining is scheduled to deliver 1.64 Moz (including underground development material) at 3.55 g/t gold using an average weighted lower cut-off grade of 2.0 g/t gold as underground will be developed to a depth of 700m below surface and deposit remains open at depth.

Underground mine development is expected to commence six months earlier than the open pit with a box cut to be developed adjacent to the open pit.

The first underground material is expected to be processed in Year 1 and reach full underground production rates of 1.6 Mtpa in Year 5.

The process facility is based on a conventional flow sheet design with a primary jaw crusher, feeding a semi-autogenous mill/ball mill configuration and pebble crusher (SABC), and then gravity recovery and CIL processes, according to an announcement.

However, the company cautioned that the production target referred to in the DFS comprises 92 percent Probable Ore Reserves and 8 percent Inferred Mineral Resources.

"There is a low level of geological confidence associated with Inferred Mineral Resources, and there is no certainty that further exploration work will result in the determination of Indicated Mineral Resources or that the production target itself will be realized," it says.

Turkish banks' profits increase 417 percent

ISTANBUL

The combined net income of Turkish banks stood at 207.8 billion Turkish Liras in January-July, rising from 40.2 billion liras in the same period of last year, data from the banking sector regulator (BDDK) have shown.

Interest income from loans grew 75 percent to 405 billion, with the net interest income of lenders rising 216 percent year-on-year to 359 billion liras.

The industry's total assets increased by 33.5 percent from the end of 2021 to stand at 12.3 trillion liras, according to the BDDK.

Loans, the largest item in assets, amounted to 6.5 trillion liras as of July, rising 32.9 percent. The securities portfolio also exhibited a 38 percent rise over the same period to 2 trillion liras.

Deposits, the biggest fund resource of the banks, increased by 40.6 percent compared to the previous year-end to 7.46 trillion liras.

The total shareholders' equity rose by 46.8 percent from the end of 2021 to 1,048,288 million liras compared to the end of 2021.

The non-performing loans to total loans ratio improved from 3.71 percent from July 2021 to 2.42 percent last month.

The capital adequacy ratio is almost unchanged from a year ago to stand at 18 percent, the BDDK said.

In July alone, banks collectively posted a net profit of 38.7 billion liras against a net profit of 6.4 billion liras a year ago.

The number of banks in Türkiye increased from 52 to 55, while employment in the banking sector increased from 200,700 to 203,000 people.

Turkish banks had a total of 48,736 ATMs as of the end of July, down from 48,717 a year ago.

BANKING & FINANCE

India's Axis Bank eyes 10pct stake in Go Digit



MUMBAI

India's Axis Bank is in talks to acquire a stake in Go Digit Life Insurance, two sources with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters, as the country's third biggest private lender seeks to tap a fast-growing insurance market.

Axis is planning to take a 10pct stake for around \$9 million in the start-up's upcoming life insurance business, effectively valuing the business at \$90 million, said the two sources, who declined to be named as the talks were private.

The move comes after India's biggest private lender HDFC Bank said in a stock exchange disclosure last week that it planned to buy a 9.94pct stake

in Go Digit Life for up to 700 million rupees (\$9 million).

Start-up Digit, which already works in the general insurance business, is foraying into the life insurance market with its "Go Digit Life" venture.

A Digit spokesperson declined to comment, saying the company had not yet received a licence for its life insurance business. Axis did not respond to Reuters' request for comment.

Go Digit General Insurance, Digit's general insurance business, says it is valued at \$4 billion and backed by Canadian billionaire Prem Watsa and Sequoia Capital. It offers products such as health, travel and automobiles coverage.

Axis' plans underscore growing in-

terest in India's lucrative insurance business from private lenders, one of the sources said, adding that the partnership with Digit could help Axis fulfill its insurance ambitions.

India's life insurance market, the world's tenth biggest, remains largely untapped. Life insurance penetration - which is measured by the country's life insurance premium as a percentage of its gross domestic product - grew to 3.2pct in the fiscal year to 2021, up only slightly from 2.15pct two decades ago, according to data from India's insurance regulator.

While Axis currently offers some insurance products in partnership with Max Financial, the Digit deal may give Axis a better understanding about the

online insurance industry and allow it to improve outreach to insurance customers with its own banking offerings, the source said.

Insurance companies in India are increasingly luring customers with online offerings, promising instant policy issuance and easier claims. The sale of insurance through traditional agents remains popular in India, particularly in small towns.

Go Digit General Insurance recently filed papers to raise at least \$440 million via an initial public offering, eyeing a valuation of \$5 billion.

Its founder Kamesh Goyal is an industry veteran who previously headed the India joint venture of Germany's Allianz.

Z'bar launches "Silicon" initiative to attract tech investors

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

The government of Zanzibar yesterday announced the launch of Silicon Zanzibar, a new initiative to attract and relocate tech companies from across Africa to the island.

Silicon Zanzibar will streamline the issuance of work visas to skilled tech workers from across Africa and beyond to relocate to Zanzibar.

The government will also offer strong incentives to participating companies under Zanzibar's existing Free Economic Zone program, which includes exemption from corporate income tax for ten years.

Tech companies in Africa received over \$6B in financing in 2021, in what has be-

come the continent's fastest growing major industry.

To commemorate the launch of Silicon Zanzibar will be held today at The Pavilion in Fumba Town with high-profile attendees including the Zanzibar Minister of Investment & Economic Development Mudrick Soraga and Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries Suleiman Masoud.

Other will include Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock Shamata Shaame, Minister of State Office of the Vice President Harusi Suleiman, West Unguja District Commissioner Hamida Mussa Khamis, ZIPA Executive Director Shariff Ali Shariff.

In response to the opportunity, Zanzibar Minister of Investment & Economic Development Mudrick Soraga declared, "No longer will



Zanzibar Minister of Investment & Economic Development Mudrick Soraga (L) claps hands soon after launching Pavilion Commercial Centre at Fumba town in Unguja, the event which went hand in hand with the official launching of Zanzibar Silicon initiative, aimed at attracting foreign tech investments to the Isles. Right is Sebastian Dietzold, CEO of CPS, which is managing the centre PHOTO/COURTESY

tech companies need to open offices and move their people to Dubai or London to manage their operations in Africa. We are providing an open and enabling environment for all tech companies and their team members to be based in Zanzibar—one of the world's most attractive destinations—allowing everyone building tech for Africa to be based in Africa."

Silicon Zanzibar directly supports the government's Blue Economy Policy to promote economic development with low environmental footprint and sustainable resource requirements.

Technology businesses are particularly economically resilient to climate change risks since they are not dependent on weather conditions, which will support Zanzibar in diversifying its economy against seasonal industries such as agriculture and tourism.

The relocation of world-class technology workers will also significantly contribute to the Zanzibar tax base through their income and local spending power while sharing their skills and experience with the local ICT workforce.

The physical base of Silicon Zanzibar will be located in Fumba Town, the flagship

development of German engineering firm CPS, which is constructing hundreds of modern residential and commercial units along a beautiful 1.5km seafront and is located only 15 minutes south of the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport.

Sebastian Dietzold, CEO of CPS, added "CPS supports developing vibrant communities that add value for investors, such as Wasoko, with a core purpose of empowering the Zanzibar people and businesses".

Silicon Zanzibar has already attracted its first anchor company: Wasoko, Africa's fastest growing company as recognised by the Financial Times, has announced the opening of a new hub in Fumba Town alongside the relocation of over 40 tech workers and senior leaders including Daniel Yu, Wasoko CEO.

Sharing his perspective on the decision to establish the new hub, Yu explained, "As a Pan-African tech company, Wasoko has been looking for a location where we can bring together the best talent from across the continent and beyond to innovate and develop new products and services for our customers."

He added, "We are honoured to be a founding partner for Silicon Zanzibar, and expect Wasoko to be the first of many tech companies to establish a presence on the island." Minister Soraga concluded, "We are excited to officially partner with Wasoko and other tech companies coming to Zanzibar to co-create policies and initiatives that will transform Zanzibar into a leading tech centre for the African continent."

China's mega banks see slower profit growth

BEIJING

China's biggest banks, including Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd., reported slowing earnings growth after being roped in by Beijing to help stave off a deeper economic slump in the world's second-biggest economy.

ICBC, the world's biggest bank by assets, said net income rose 4.9% to 171.5 billion yuan (\$24.8 billion) in the six months ended June 30, according to a filing. Bank of China Ltd. reported its net income grew 6.3% to 119.9 billion yuan in the same period, while China Construction Bank Corp reported a 5.4% jump year-on-year to 161.6 billion yuan in that figure.

The \$52 trillion banking industry is facing an increasingly difficult year, with its largest lenders cutting loan rates while bad debt is piling up amid a property crisis. Authorities in Beijing are expecting them to help economic growth at the cost of earnings as they contend with falling home prices, stalled developments and a nationwide consumer mortgage boycott.

"The bank will further give play to its leading role



as a large bank to implement, in a high-quality manner, the central government's package of policies for maintaining stable economic growth, and be a good leader in countercyclical credit supply," ICBC said in its report.

The banking industry's outstanding non-performing loans rose to a record

2.95 trillion yuan as of June. The lenders' exposure to real estate is bigger than that of any other industry, with 39 trillion yuan in outstanding mortgages and 12 trillion yuan in loans to developers, official data show. In particular, Bank of China's exposure to mainland property is higher than its peers, at

about 38% of total loans.

ICBC reported its non-performing loan ratio on real estate rose to 5.47% in the first half from 4.79% at the end of 2021. Agricultural Bank of China Ltd. earlier said its real estate NPL grew to 3.97% from 3.39% at the end last year. Bank of Communications Co. last

week reported a 79% jump in non-performing property loans for the first half while China Merchants Bank Co. saw its non-performing loans to real estate double.

The squeeze of being told to lend more while borrowing demand is scant has also forced some big banks to employ unusual practices to shore up loan volumes.

China's central bank this month cut its benchmark interest rate to shore up growth. A Bloomberg poll of economists forecast China's annual economic growth at 3.5%, far below the official target of 5.5%, hurt by Covid lockdowns, tepid domestic demand and troubles in the real estate sector.

Banks will face even more margin pressure in the second half of the year as the impact of lower benchmark rates emerge, said Grace Wu, head of Greater China bank ratings at Fitch Ratings. Banks are facing capital constraints, with their core-capital positions having deteriorated this year, just as they are expected to boost lending.

"It puts banks in a bit of a tricky situation," she said in a Bloomberg Television interview on Tuesday before the reports.

UBS cuts China debt bankers in Hong Kong

BEIJING

UBS Group AG is letting go of several bankers in Hong Kong in its China debt issuance team as turmoil in the world's second-largest economy hammers offerings, prompting global banks to rein in their presence in the once lucrative market.

Among those let go were Wenyang Gao, an executive director, Victor Wong, a director, as well as an analyst, according to people familiar with the matter who asked not to be named discussing private information. A UBS spokesman and Wong declined to comment, while Gao couldn't be immediately reached.

UBS in the past year was also said to trim staff in equity capital markets in Europe, the Middle East and Africa and retreat from investment banking in India and South Africa to focus more on wealth management, Bloomberg has reported. Rival Credit Suisse Group AG, saddled by major losses, is preparing large cuts to its investment banking unit and is questioning its long-term plans for China amid slowing growth and geopolitical tension.

Investment banking revenue at UBS tumbled 57% in the second quarter during what Chief Executive Officer Ralph Hamers said was one of the most difficult periods for investors in a decade.

In Asia, UBS has been focused on the sale of Chinese junk bonds to wealthy clients, a business that has almost evaporated as Chinese property developers remain largely shut out of the market amid a deepening property crisis.

Offshore bond sales by Chinese firms have slid 44% this year to \$63.9 billion, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

UBS, meanwhile, has plunged in the league tables of dealmakers, falling 24 places to rank 42nd. The Swiss bank is ranked 45th for Asia high-yield bonds denominated in dollars, euro and yen, slumping 38 places so far this year, the data showed.

Defaults by property firms including giants in the offshore market such as China Evergrande Group and Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd. have dented investor appetite. The average weighting of China property bonds in Asian junk funds dropped to 16% in June from almost 28% at the end of last year, according to research firm Morningstar Inc.

The move by UBS also comes as China steps up scrutiny of companies seeking to sell debt abroad as defaults worsen to record levels.

Borrowers, including financial firms, will need to receive approval for issuance of debt with maturities longer than one year from the National Development and Reform Commission, according to an Aug. 26 draft for comments. The consultation period runs until Sept. 26.

Credit Suisse faces \$4.1bn capital gap

BERLIN

Credit Suisse Group AG faces a capital gap of at least 4 billion Swiss francs (\$4.1 billion) to improve its financial strength, fund its restructuring and support growth, according to Deutsche Bank AG.

The size of any equity raise would be determined by the Swiss bank's ability to quickly sell its securitized-products trading business, Deutsche Bank analysts wrote in a note to clients on Tuesday.

While Credit Suisse exceeds its regulatory minimum requirements, the bank is below its future targets as well as the metrics of larger rival UBS Group AG, they wrote.

Credit Suisse is undertaking a deep overhaul after a string of scandals and losses called into question the wisdom of trying to compete as a global investment bank. The bank's new Chief Executive Officer Ulrich Koerner is looking at how to reshape that division, including by attracting third-party capital for securitized products.

"Capital generation as well as running down businesses take time and are likely more back-end loaded whereas strengthening capital and funding the restructuring require capital up-front,"



Deutsche Bank analysts Benjamin Goy and Sharath Kumar Ram-anathan wrote. "The sale of securitized products has some execu-

tion risks, in our view."

If sold at book value, Credit Suisse would free up about 3 billion Swiss francs of capital by fully

de-consolidating that business, according to Deutsche Bank. Selling less than 100% of securitized products would "significantly reduce

the capital benefit" as the remaining minority stake might still bind financial resources, the analysts wrote.

Other options include the sale of certain businesses or stakes held by Credit Suisse's asset management unit, although a sale of the unit as a whole is unlikely, according to Deutsche Bank. The Swiss lender could also shrink the size of its investment bank, particularly in fixed income trading as well as high-yield debt capital markets and leveraged loans, the analysts wrote.

The Deutsche Bank analysts also said that while the focus has previously been largely on Credit Suisse's investment bank and wealth management divisions, "the steady Swiss business was typically the largest driver of profits." The analysts said they expect the lender to retain complete ownership of the unit and support it with "further front-to-back digitalization."

WORLD

Former Soviet leader Gorbachev dies at 91

SAN FRANCISCO

MIKHAIL Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, has died at 91, Russian media reported on Tuesday.

The Central Clinical Hospital, where Gorbachev had been admitted earlier for treatment, confirmed his death in a statement by saying that he died Tuesday evening after a long, serious illness.

World leaders mourned Gorbachev's death. Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed deep condolences, reported Russia's RIA Novosti news agency on Wednesday.

"In the morning, he (President Putin) will send a telegram of condolences to Gorbachev's family and friends," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres issued a statement on Tuesday calling Gorbachev "a one-of-a-kind statesman who changed the course of history".

Guterres said the world had lost a "towering

global leader, committed multilateralist, and tireless advocate for peace".

The Reagan Foundation and Institute in a statement Tuesday said it "mourns the loss of former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, a man who once was a political adversary of Ronald Reagan's who ended up becoming a friend".

Born in March 1931 to a poverty-stricken farmer's family in Stavropol, Gorbachev ascended to the Kremlin in 1985 as the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union at the age of 54.

In March 1990, he became president, and aimed to tackle a series of internal and international problems.

On Dec 25, 1991, Gorbachev appeared on national television to announce his resignation. The Soviet Union was officially dissolved and broken into independent states - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine, in addition to Russia.



This undated file photo shows former Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who died on Aug 30, 2022 after a prolonged illness. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

Gorbachev had been active in the public arena since stepping down from his political post. He wrote his memoir, appeared in interviews and regularly commented on topics such as disarmament.

In a January 2021 interview with the RIA Novosti news agency, Gorbachev reiterated that Russia and the United States should extend the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), which the two nations signed in 2010 to stipulate limits to nuclear warheads and strategic de-

livery systems by both nations and to adjust their nuclear doctrines.

Russia and the United States should shift to a no-first-use nuclear policy rather than the current one based on limitations, Gorbachev had said.

According to Russia's Tass news agency, Gorbachev was survived by a daughter Irina, and two granddaughters. He will be buried at Moscow's Novodevichy cemetery next to his wife Raisa, who died of leukemia in 1999. **Agencies**

Iraqi PM threatens to quit if political conflict continues

BAGHDAD

IRAQI Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi on Tuesday expressed his regret that the political conflict had reached the level of the use of weapons among Iraqi factions, warning that he would declare his post vacant if the dispute continued.

In a televised speech, al-Kadhimi said that he was overwhelmed with pain by the political conflict, "the Iraqi blood that was shed yesterday sends a warning to every Iraqi that today we must put weapons under the authority of the state."

"I warn that if chaos, conflict, discord, and hostility continue and the voice of reason is not heard, I will take my moral and patriotic step to declare the position of (Prime Minister) vacant in due course... and holding them (conflicting parties) the responsibility before the Iraqis and before history," al-Kadhimi said.

He said that Iraq has been bleeding for many years as thousands of Iraqis were killed, stressing that "every drop of blood is caused by chronic political failure."

Earlier in the day, Iraqi President Barham Salih also said in a televised speech that "going to early elections under a national understanding represents a way out of the stifling crisis in the country instead of political dispute or clash."

He also called on the Shi'ite Coordination Framework, an umbrella group of Shi'ite parliamentary parties, to communicate with the leader of the Sadrist Movement, Moqtada al-Sadr, to come up with a political solution that addresses the issue of the new elections and the formation of a new government.

On Tuesday, al-Sadr called on his followers to end their protests and withdraw from the Green Zone in Baghdad, after clashes killed 22 people and wounded more than 200 others.

At a televised press conference in the city of Najaf south of the capital of Baghdad, al-Sadr apologized to the Iraqi people affected by the violence, stressing that he was hoping for peaceful protests, "not bullets and bombs."

He called on his followers to "withdraw in 60 minutes," including from the sit-in in front of the parliament, or he "will not recognize them."

On Monday, al-Sadr's supporters stormed some of the main government headquarters in the Green Zone following their leader's announcement that he was quitting politics in protest against the corruption of political parties in the country.

Political tensions in Iraq have escalated in the past weeks between al-Sadr and his rivals in the CF.

On July 30, al-Sadr's followers broke into the Green Zone and held an open sit-in in and outside the parliament building, demanding the dissolution of the parliament and holding early elections, which are rejected by the CF parties.

The CF became the largest alliance in the Iraqi parliament after al-Sadr ordered his followers in the Sadrist Movement, the biggest winner of the Oct 2021 elections with 73 seats, to withdraw from the parliament.

During the past months, the continued disputes among the Shi'ite parties have hampered the formation of a new Iraqi government, making it unable to elect a new president by a two-thirds majority of the 329-seat parliament under the constitution.

If elected, the president will appoint the prime minister nominated by the largest alliance in the parliament, now the CF, to form a new government that would rule the country for the next four years.

Brazil's ex-president Lula leads polls ahead of October presidential race

BRASILIA

BRAZIL'S former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has maintained his lead in the polls ahead of the October general elections.

Lula, who represents the Workers' Party, holds 42.3 percent of voter support, while current President Jair Bolsonaro of the conservative Liberal Party has 34.1 percent, according to the latest poll released Tuesday by the MDA Survey Institute and commissioned by the National Transport Confederation.

Both candidates have gained support since the previous survey released in May when Lula garnered 40.6 percent and Bolsonaro, 32 percent. "Lula is leading among those who earn up to twice the minimum wage, with up to a ninth-grade education, Catholics and in the north-east region," the poll said.

"Bolsonaro, on the other hand, is preferred by those earning more than twice the minimum wage, with a middle or higher education, evangelicals, and in the south and central-west regions," it added.

Ciro Gomes of the Democratic Labor Party was in third place with 7.3 percent, followed by Simone Tebet of the Brazilian Democratic Movement with 2.1 percent.

Xinhua

WHO: Monkeypox outbreak can be eliminated in Europe

LONDON

IT is possible to eliminate the monkeypox outbreak in Europe, World Health Organization officials said on Tuesday, highlighting evidence that case counts are slowing in a handful of countries.

There are encouraging signs of a sustained week-on-week decline in the onset of cases in many European countries, including France, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Britain, as well as a slowdown in some parts of the United States, despite scarce vaccine supplies.

"We believe we can eliminate sustained human-to-human transmission of monkeypox in the (European) region," said WHO Regional Director for Europe Hans Kluge. "To move towards elimination...we need to urgently step up our efforts."

The rollout of Bavarian Nordic's monkeypox vaccine has been affected by limited supply of the shot, which is also approved to prevent smallpox, although regulators are taking steps to stretch out existing stocks.

US, European Union and British

regulators have backed changing the way the vaccine is administered by injecting a smaller amount of the shot intradermally, which increases by fivefold the doses that can be used from one vial.

In addition to the vaccine supply crunch, given the time it takes to deploy the vaccine and for it to take effect, the significant factors behind the slowdown appear to be earlier detection, which leads to patients isolating themselves sooner, and behavioral changes, Catherine Smallwood, senior emergency officer and monkeypox incident manager at WHO/Europe said in a press briefing.

"We do have some pretty good anecdotal evidence that people - particularly men who have sex with men who are in particular risk groups - are much more informed about the disease."

More than 47,600 confirmed cases in 90 countries where monkeypox is not endemic have been reported since early May. The WHO has declared the outbreak a global health emergency.



A patient shows his hand with a sore caused by an infection of the monkeypox virus, in the isolation area for monkeypox patients at the Arzobispo Loayza hospital, in Lima on Aug 16, 2022. AFP

COVID, polio

Meanwhile, cases of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses are also expected to see an uptick this autumn and winter, as is typically the case in the cooler months, WHO officials said.

The preventative measures that kept seasonal flu at bay in 2021 and 2020, for instance, are no longer in place - so it may not be a typical flu season this year, Smallwood said.

Separately, polio, a deadly dis-

ease that used to paralyze tens of thousands of children every year, is spreading in London, New York and Jerusalem for the first time in decades, spurring catch-up vaccination campaigns.

The cases appear to be linked to so-called vaccine-derived polio, which rarely stems from the use of an oral polio vaccine containing weakened live virus.

After children are vaccinated, they shed virus in their feces for a few weeks. In under-vaccinated communities, this can lead to a spread of the disease, which may mutate back to a harmful version of the virus.

While countries like Britain and the United States no longer use this live vaccine, others do - particularly to stop outbreaks - which allows for polio to spread globally.

The evidence suggests the polio virus detected in all three locations appears to be genetically linked, said WHO/Europe's vaccination expert, Siddhartha Datta.

But what remains to be investigated is whether there are links around the cases, he said.

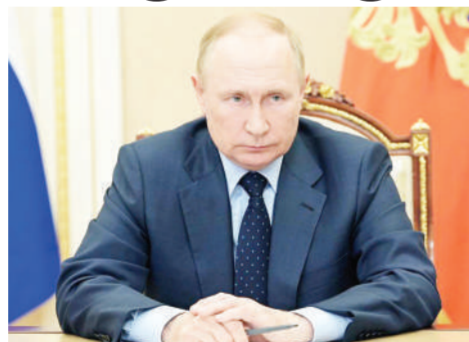
Putin has very strong 'background of popular trust' - Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said that President Vladimir Putin enjoys a very strong "background of popular trust."

"I recall one day when Putin was Russia's prime minister. It was a year of strong wildfires. He visited one village, a fairly large village that had burned to the ground. He talked to the local residents, who were in an extremely grave difficult condition.

They lost everything: IDs, homes, schools, clothes and food. Putin alone made them certain that in just two months everything



would be up and running. And he did that," Peskov said at the educational marathon of the Russian society Znaniye (Knowledge) yesterday.

"But in order to have this power of persuasion, one must not only understand what is realistic and what is not. You need to have a background from the standpoint of trust. Putin has earned this background and it is very strong. The people know that if he promises something, he will surely do that," he added.

The skill of persuasion, he said, is often used in the most dramatic circumstances. Peskov disagreed with one of his listeners in the audience in that one must adhere to the opinion of the majority in order to master the art of persuasion.

"It depends on the charisma, the degree

of each person's responsibility. After all, you use the ability to persuade in the most difficult situations," Peskov stressed.

While answering a question about manipulation, Peskov noted that all people came across manipulation attempts from time to time when it came to persuasion.

"Most often, those who have some unscrupulous motives are faced with manipulation. Let's put it this way: harmless manipulations have existed all along and they will continue to exist. Please, treat this with understanding. For every power of persuasion there is a power of counter-persuasion. Use it," he said. **Agencies**

China's poverty alleviation efforts of global significance: Cambodian official

By Zhao Yipu, People's Daily
China's poverty alleviation efforts are of global significance, said Kemreath Viseth, chairman of Cambodian Civil Society Alliance Forum (CSAF), an organization supporting Cambodia's development through civil society in accordance with the country's national development policy.

These efforts provide experiences for developing countries including Cambodia, Viseth noted.

According to him, poverty alleviation projects jointly launched by Cambodia and China have made constant and positive progress in the past years, and China's poverty reduction experiences have benefited many rural areas in Cambodia.

"Chinese government and non-governmental organizations provide us with selfless assistance, which drives

local economic and social development," the chairman told People's Daily, adding that Cambodia-China cooperation on poverty alleviation enjoys broad prospects.

On a bookshelf in Viseth's office, the Cambodian keeps two volumes of the Cambodian version of Chinese President Xi Jinping's book - Xi Jinping: The Governance of China.

He said these two volumes are an important collection of his because they record the secrets to the development of China, the largest developing country in the world.

"China has achieved astonishing progress in the past decade, and the book is a window from which the rest of the world can observe and under-

stand the country," Viseth said.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) has united and led the Chinese people to complete many missions that were considered impossible by others, such as achieving sustained and stable economic growth, expanding international influence, and reaching its first centenary goal of completing a moderately prosperous society in all respects, Viseth said.

"The answers to why the CPC is able to make such achievements are all in the book," he told People's Daily.

He said the line "Enabling the people to have a stronger sense of benefit" in the book impressed Viseth very much.

The CPC is a party that's closely con-

nected with the people, he explained, adding that the CPC has united and led the Chinese people to achieve a glorious victory against poverty, bringing tangible benefits to the people.

Viseth has paid frequent visits to China upon the invitation from the International Department of the CPC Central Committee and other departments.

When he visited a village in suburban Beijing in 2017, he was deeply impressed by the poverty reduction course of the villagers.

Under the support of local poverty alleviation policies, the villagers planted grapes and strawberries, and grabbed a fair share in the Beijing market. Besides, many of them have

opened fruit-picking orchards to attract tourists from downtown Beijing.

"Many cars from downtown areas were seen parked at the gate of the village on holidays," said Viseth. The once-quiet village is now home to a number of noisy agritainment facilities, and it is these practical measures that have led the villagers to a better life, he noted.

"I've visited many places in China to learn the country's poverty alleviation experiences, and I can list more examples," he told People's Daily.

China's theory and practice prove that absolute poverty can be eliminated as long as a country's government adopts positive political visions, science-based poverty reduction strat-

egies and appropriate policies, and works together with its people, Viseth remarked.

A China-Cambodia demonstration project of poverty alleviation officially kicked off in a Cambodian village 60 kilometers away from Phnom Penh in January 2021. Under the three-year project, the Chinese side will connect the Cambodian village to roads and clean drinking water, improve the village's education and healthcare, and offer the village with vocational training.

Viseth told People's Daily that the project is expected to apply China's poverty alleviation experience in Cambodia's rural construction and find a way to poverty elimination that suits local conditions. According to him, the project is currently well under way. **People's Daily**

Serbia won't consider imposing sanctions on Russia, Vucic insists

BELGRADE

SERBIA isn't planning to change its policy course regarding sanctions on Russia, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said on Tuesday, when asked whether Belgrade could reconsider its stance and introduce restrictions against the Russian Federation. "As far as the sanctions are concerned, we expressed our position almost 190 days ago through a decision by the Security Council.

These decisions have been in place for six months and Serbia has been demonstrating its seriousness. You never know what may happen one day, but we are demonstrating our seriousness and resolve, and our convictions.

This is our policy, and right now we aren't thinking about changing our policy. I think the policies that we have pursued so far have been proven to be wise [ones], despite all the difficulties that we have had to endure," Vucic explained.

The Serbian leader said all the pressure that his country has been experiencing in the past six months over the issue of sanctions on Russia could serve as a script for a book or an action movie.

"I could write a book about this that would be thicker than Marx's Das Kapital. We will stick to our policy," the president vowed.

The European Parliament by a majority of votes earlier adopted a resolution demanding that Serbia join the



EU sanctions against Russia, as well as sign an agreement with Kosovo, which hasn't been recognized as an independent country, to develop relations based on mutual recognition.

In an address to the nation following a meeting of the Security Council, Vucic said that Serbia supports the territorial integrity of Ukraine, but will not impose sanctions on Russia.

The president said that the Balkan country will suspend military and police exercises with all foreign partners. He said that Serbia considers Russia and Ukraine to be fraternal nations, and regrets what is happening in Eastern Europe, and is ready to provide humanitarian assistance to Kiev. In a speech at the Globsec forum in Bratislava, Vucic said that 77% of Serbs oppose sanctions against Russia.

Agencies

NASA to make 2nd attempt at debut moon rocket launch on Sat

WASHINGTON

NASA aims to make a second attempt to launch its giant next-generation moon rocket on Saturday, Sept 3, five days after a pair of technical issues foiled an initial try at getting the spacecraft off the ground for the first time, agency officials said on Tuesday.

But prospects for success on Saturday appeared clouded by weather reports predicting just a 40% chance of favorable conditions that day, while the US space agency acknowledged some outstanding technical issues remain to be solved.

At a media briefing a day after Monday's first countdown ended with the flight scrubbed, NASA officials said Monday's experience was useful in trouble-shooting some problems and that additional difficulties could be worked through in the midst of a second launch try.

In that way, the launch exercise was serving essentially as a real-time dress rehearsal that hopefully would conclude with an actual, successful liftoff.

For now, NASA officials said, plans call for keeping the 32-story-tall Space Launch System rocket and its Orion astronaut capsule on its launch pad to avoid having to roll the massive spacecraft back into its assembly building for a more extensive round of tests and repairs.

If all goes as hoped, the SLS will blast off from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Saturday afternoon, during a two-hour launch window that opens at 2:17 pm, sending the Orion on an uncrewed, six-week test flight around the moon and back.

The long-awaited voyage would kick off NASA's moon-to-Mars Artemis program, the successor to the Apollo lunar project of the 1960s and '70s, before US human spaceflight efforts shifted to low-Earth orbit with space shuttles and the International Space Station.

NASA's initial Artemis I launch attempt on Monday ended after data showed that one of the rocket's main-stage engines failed to reach the proper pre-launch temperature required for ignition, forcing a halt to the count-

down and a postponement.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, mission managers said they believe a faulty sensor in the rocket's engine section was the culprit for the engine cooling issue.

As a remedy for Saturday's attempt, mission managers plan to begin that engine-cooling process roughly 30 minutes earlier in the launch countdown, NASA's Artemis launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson said. But a full explanation for the faulty sensor requires more data analysis by engineers.

"The way the sensor is behaving doesn't line up with the physics of the situation," said John Honeycutt, NASA's SLS program manager.

The sensor was last checked and calibrated months ago in the rocket factory, Honeycutt said. Replacing the sensor would require rolling the rocket back to its assembly building, a process that could delay the mission for months.

The first voyage of the SLS-Orion, a mission dubbed Artemis I, aims to put the 5.75-million-pound vehicle through its paces in a rigorous demonstration flight pushing its design limits, before NASA deems it reliable enough to carry astronauts.

Named for the goddess who was Apollo's twin sister in ancient Greek mythology, Artemis seeks to return astronauts to the moon's surface as early as 2025, though many experts believe that time frame will likely slip by a few years.

The last humans to walk on the moon were the two-man descent team of Apollo 17 in 1972, following in the footsteps of 10 other astronauts during five earlier missions beginning with Apollo 11 in 1969.

Artemis also is enlisting commercial and international help to eventually establish a long-term lunar base as a stepping stone to even more ambitious human voyages to Mars, a goal NASA officials say would probably take until at least the late 2030s to achieve.

But NASA has many steps to take along the way, starting with getting the SLS-Orion vehicle into space.

Kenyan farmers embrace cassava as industrial crop to boost earnings amid climate change

NAIROBI

CATHERINE Otaga, a member of the Tangakona Commercial Village, a group based in Busia, western Kenya, smiles with hope as she lifts a bunch of freshly harvested cassava.

"This will give me very good flour after I dry and mill them," Otaga told Xinhua in a recent interview. She picks a knife and chops three of the tubers, revealing a fleshy white mass. This, as Otaga noted, is hope for prosperity.

The Tangakona Commercial Village grows and processes the drought-resistant tuber into various products. The group consists of 11 smaller outfits, with up to 50 members each spread across the border region.

The members grow the cassava individually but add value as a group. Otaga herself farms the crop on four acres (about 1.6 hectares). She is in charge of processing at Tangakona.

Once she harvests her produce after about 10 months, she takes it to their plant for drying first and later processing. Initially, farmers would sell the produce to households where it was eaten raw or boiled before being consumed.

"All our members now bring their cassava to the center where we wash, remove the outer cover, chip into tiny pieces and then dry for between three to five days before we mill using a machine that grinds up to 10 tonnes once," she explained.

Otaga said farmers sell their produce to the group at 10 shillings (about eight U.S. cents) per kg. "We used to buy at 0.04 dollars a kilo but the current shortage of maize in the country has pushed up the cost of cassava due to increased demand," she said.

Once milled, some of the flour is used in making cookies, crisps and chapatis, but the bulk is sold to a manufacturer from Nairobi, the national capital, who uses it to fortify other flours in particular sorghum and maize.



Catherine Otaga, a member of the Tangakona Commercial Village, displays a bunch of cassava in Busia County, Kenya, Aug. 3, 2022. The Tangakona Commercial Village, a group based in Busia, western Kenya, grows and processes cassava into various products. Xinhua

The farmers' group sells to the processor the milled flour at 0.56 dollars per kg, making more earnings through the value-added produce.

Most farmers in the group used to grow maize as well as cassava but embraced the latter exclusively due to frequent dry spells and the ready market from the value addition project.

From an acre, farmers harvest an average of eight tonnes of cassava. With a kilo going for 0.08 dollars, one can earn 640 dollars. "Life becomes better as farmers earn more," Otaga said.

Kilometers away in Kilifi County, a

town on the coast of Kenya, north of Mombasa, Pwani Ufanisi Farmers Cooperative is another group that is reaping the benefits from cassava value addition.

Kauli Mwembe, the organizing secretary, revealed that they work with about 1,000 farmers who bring in their cassava for value addition.

From the cassava, the farmers' group makes pure flour that they sell at 0.67 dollars a kilo and at 1 dollar per kilo blended with maize, said Kauli.

As Kenyan farmers take up cassava production seriously, one of the biggest challenges, however, is diseases,

in particular cassava mosaic and cassava brown streak.

But there is hope for farmers as Kenyan scientists are working on genetically modified (GM) cassava that is resistant to the two deadly diseases. GM cassava is expected to offer farmers higher yields and boost the value addition of the crop.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, about 60 percent of cassava in Kenya is produced in the western region, 10 percent in the eastern region, and 30 percent on the Coast.

Kenya currently produces 1 million tonnes of cassava, most of which is consumed locally, but the country has the potential to produce more than 3 million tonnes annually.

Kenya in 2019 developed the National Roots and Tuber Strategy to guide the development and production of the crop for industrial use in particular.

It identifies tuber crops as an important source of food for humans and livestock, especially as climate change effects unfold. Annie Nyaga, the chief administrative secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, said recently that Kenya has taken measures to increase the production of cassava as a way to boost food security amid a decline in maize and rice output due to climate change.

The agriculture sector is the bedrock of Kenya's economy, contributing approximately up to 33 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

China achieves progress in building international consumption centres

PROGRESS has been made by Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Tianjin and Chongqing, one year after the five leading cities were approved to develop international consumption centers cities.

On Aug. 8, Aveda, a high-level manufacturer of hair care products owned by Estée Lauder Companies, opened its first store on the Chinese mainland at the Taikoo Li Qiantan, a mega shopping mall in Shanghai.

On the same day, a batch of internationally renowned brands launched Shanghai their first retailing outlets in China, including the multinational stationery manufacturing company KOKUYO and Australian skincare brand Aesop. Playmobil, one of the world's top ten toy brands from Germany, also opened its world's first experience center in the city.

Shanghai has been a leading city attracting brands to open their first stores in China. Over 130 "first stores" have opened in the megacity since July this year, and there are more to come. In the first half of this year, 366 "first stores" were established in Shanghai, up 14 percent from the same period in 2020.

Following Shanghai, the other four cities planning to build international consumption hubs are also encouraging both domestic and international brands to debut their products and open their "first stores."

In the first half of this year, Beijing saw the opening of 393 "first stores," flagship stores and concept stores. So far, over 2,000 "first stores" have opened in the Chinese capital.

According to statistics released by Data Quest China, a big data application service provider for commercial real estate, Guangzhou has become a desirable test field for new brands



Visitors pose for pictures at the Universal Beijing Resort, April 22, 2022. (Photo by He Luqi/People's Daily Online)

and new business forms thanks to the city's policy support and sound business environment.

Chongqing has been witnessing the emergence of a batch of young brands, and urban commerce in Tianjin, an important consumption hub in north China, is also upgrading.

These cities have shown their own features in building international consumption centers, which play an important role in releasing consumption potential and promoting high-quality urban economic development.

On Aug. 5, a nightlife festival kicked off at the Chongqing Grand Theater, Chongqing, which staged over 200 click-and-mortar nighttime commercial, tourist, cultural and sports activities.

Over recent years, the municipality in southwest China known for its hilly landscape, rivers and bridges, has made its local features and splendid night views a major highlight of its nightlife. The nighttime economy now serves as a new engine driving the municipality's construction of an interna-

tional consumption center.

In the next three years, Shanghai is planning to nurture around 100 "15-minute community life circles," which are multipurpose areas that house a number of consumption scenarios such as cafeterias, health centers and lounge areas.

Beijing, in an effort to cultivate diverse consumption models, is currently building intelligent commercial areas and high-level demonstration zones of autopilot, to drive innovative consumption with information technology.

In the past year, the building of international consumption centers has significantly boosted market confidence and improved consumption vitality for the five cities.

In 2021, total retail sales of consumer goods exceeded 1.8 trillion yuan (\$262.31 billion) in Shanghai, up 13.5 percent year on year and ranking first in China. In Beijing, total consumption, service consumption and total retail sales of consumer goods increased 11 percent, 13.4 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively, and 22 traditional com-

mercial areas have been upgraded.

Guangzhou's total retail sales of consumer goods and foreign trade both exceeded one trillion yuan, marking the southern Chinese city the third one in China to reach the milestone, after Beijing and Shanghai. Besides, Chongqing's total retail sales of consumer goods surged 18.5 percent from a year ago.

As the five cities are making intensive efforts to build international consumption centers, they are attracting new commercial bodies and international brands, and a number of international and diverse consumption scenarios are underway.

People's Daily



For now, NASA officials said, plans call for keeping the 32-story-tall Space Launch System rocket and its Orion astronaut capsule on its launch pad to avoid having to roll the massive spacecraft back into its assembly building for a more extensive round of tests and repairs

End of a short era as Kim Poulsen quits Taifa Stars in 1-0 loss fallout

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

BEWILDERMENT was on the air as word went around that the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) had confirmed sacking national team head coach Kim Poulsen.

It was not a matter of track record of inability to obtain results but that there were no desired results in one match, in the wake of the team's 1-0 loss to familiar Uganda Cranes on Sunday at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, alias 'Lupaso', in the qualifiers for African Nations Championship, the continental home-based players' tournament.

No word has been heard from the outgoing coach, but he remains with the national youth sides.

Reactions ranged from astonishment to irony, in the sense of there being a hidden agenda wishing to express itself, an event that was visible in how the side instantly obtained a new coach, a relatively unknown professional with a semblance of Premier League track record.

An online chronicler did not say much about the new coach but FM radio stations' pundits were saying he has been the head coach for Namungo FC.

His assistants are better known, Mecky Mexime who has struggled in his coaching career, and Juma Kaseja, a veteran Taifa Stars' goalie tasked to assist in that department.

A semblance of the debate came up as to whether TFF should have left Poulsen to finish the remaining assignment, the return match in the suburbs of Kampala, with Travis Mutyaba's score, the only goal of the last week's game played in Dar es Salaam, having largely sealed the outcome.

TFF decided it was a moment of reorganization by clutching to a hypothetical emergency, the urgency for the national side to



Kim Poulsen, former Tanzania's senior national soccer squad 'Taifa Stars' head coach. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

overturn the tables in Kampala.

The rationale for the change was the need to take the goal of overturning the table as an emergency, not a routine tie as Poulsen would advise.

There are similar instances in club soccer, while a semblance of the current shift was in 2019 when Emmanuel Amunike took Taifa Stars to the AFCON finals and then went out at the group stage.

As usual, soccer administrators are unsatisfied with the level a team reaches, and blame the coach for not taking them to the next level.

Technically it means the coach can never really do enough as there is always a level he failed to reach, given the fact that grabbing cups routinely is just a dream.

The idea that qualifying for the African Nations Championship's finals is an emergency for either Tanzania or TFF as such is open to debate, if it has any merits at all as it fails to see the federation

will not need him at the senior national side.

That may be realized, that he no longer serves on the side, but not because the new team picked will prove to be capable enough.

Unless the government decides to hire another good coach from outside, TFF is likely to be satisfied with its virtually temporary coaching staff, in this way, the federation has ample leg room on remunerations, etc.

Unless there are substantively changed conditions, the federation joys with that kind of staff as they raise no questions and stick to the 'daily order' given by federation officials.

It used to be so with the Premier League top sides but as they have a cohesive fan base to satisfy, they have little room for error, pettifogging with the local coaches' lobby, etc.

That is what appears to be at the helm in TFF right now, using the painful loss to Uganda as an

excuse to place some pals there.

Listening to this lobby, the ideas they give out as new are recycling some outdated brainwaves of past decades, like scouting players for Taifa Stars or holding youth tournaments to get good players for the national side.

Those making suggestions of that kind ought to know that scouting is conducted by Premier League sides, and the primary sort of scouting in schools, etc they prefigure to be essential can at best be a prerogative of junior league runs.

The national coach selects from Premier League sides if it is a home-based players tourney, budding teens are spotted by clubs, first.

There was a time in the past that then Simba SC head coach Abdallah Kibadeni was obtaining draws in a row, saying he is building the side - from that kind of youngsters that TFF pundits are preaching to be the solution to the supposed crisis in Taifa Stars.

The fan base and the leadership could not tolerate the Msimbazi Street giants wasting a whole season building the side and removing the coach.

Scouting never generates a good side but lays the basis for a side of the future, etc.

While these issues are debated over the next year or two the local coaches' lobby will be in a felicitous mood by overthrowing a foreign coach, and unless there is a series of stinging defeats with inept coaching, they may stay on the technical bench for a while.

Football is a bit like boxing, with moments of animation, and resoluteness that are followed by a normal demonstration of ability.

Poulsen was at a 'cruise' speed in his handling of the last match and the next, let us see if this sense of emergency produces results while experts see Uganda as better than Tanzania.



Yanga's president Hersi Ally Said.

Yanga to make full use of home stadium in 2022/23 CAF CL preliminary round

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S NBC Premier League outfit, Yanga, has disclosed playing two-legged 2022/23 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round against South Sudan's Zalan FC Rumbek at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam is an advantage to the Jangwani Street club.

The two teams are set to meet in the first preliminary round matches, the first leg is scheduled for September 10 whereas September 17 is the date for the return leg.

However, after Zalan FC Rumbek, South Sudan Premier League champions requested to use the Tanzania venue with 60,000 capacity as their home ground, the move means Yanga will play both matches in Dar es Salaam.

"I can easily see a clear path for us to advance to the second preliminary round of CAF Champions League especially after seeing both matches will be staged here," Yanga's president Hersi Said stated in Dar es Salaam.

The leader noted most Yanga players have vast experience in the CAF Champions League, hence an indicator that they can easily achieve the target of reaching the group stage of Africa's biggest club competition.

However, before engaging Zalan FC

Rumbek, Yanga has a difficult puzzle to solve as they host Azam FC in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on September 6 this year.

Both sides have begun the season on a positive note, as they are yet to taste defeat in the two games they have played so far.

For Yanga, it will be their first home match of the season after playing away in their opening two fixtures.

Their first beat Kilimanjaro's Polisi Tanzania FC 2-1 in the opening clash, before downsizing Coastal Union of Tanga with a 2-0 win, both games were played at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha.

The victories have given Yanga six points as is the case with age-old rival Simba SC which has also generated six points from two games but boasts of a superior good goal average which places the latter top.

Azam FC won 2-1 against Kagera Sugar in the opener before being held to a 1-1 draw by Geita Gold FC with the clashes being played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Ahead of the next week's anxiously awaited league clash between Azam FC and Yanga, Tanzania's football lovers are scratching their heads wondering which team will be the first to draw blood.

Twiga Stars promise to retain COSAFA Women's Championship title

By Yusuph Yasin, TUDARCO

PLAYERS making Tanzania's senior national women's football squad, Twiga Stars, have promised to perform well in this year's Council of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) Women's Championship that kicked off in Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa on Wednesday.

The footballers stressed they are determined to reach the goal of retaining the competition's title.

Twiga Stars' skipper, Amina Ally, pointed out: "Due to the preparations we have had and motivation we got from the technical bench, government, and supporters we promise we will never let them down, we are going to win the title once again."

The side's head coach Bakari Shime disclosed that he has full confidence due to having top players in the squad.

Shime revealed his key performers, Julieth Singano, Gelwa Yona, Opah Clement, Fatuma Issa, Mwanahamisi Omari, and Amina are in good shape, thus he and the rest of the squad's technical bench is confident of enjoying a good spell.

The gaffer stated: "We tried to have young players from the national U-17 women's squad, Serengeti Girls, joining the senior side to get exposure and ex-

perience before they go to take part in U-17 Women's World Cup which will take place in India later this year."

Serengeti Girls is expected to take part in the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup slated for October 11-30, with 16 nations battling it out in the global showpiece.

This year's COSAFA Women's Championship will take place in South Africa, with the body's member countries' squads and a guest country's squad set to compete in the tournament.

Participating squads are Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, Mauritius, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and hosts South Africa. Twiga Stars are the guest squad.

Twiga Stars, the showdown's defending champion, is an invited participant that lifted the past tournament's title, notching a 1-0 victory over Malawi in the final which took place in Nelson Mandela Bay.

A host of Tanzanians have disclosed they are optimistic Twiga Stars' players and technical bench will excel.

One soccer fanatic, Nassir Kussah, disclosed: "I believe Twiga Stars will perform well due to the achievement they had, it makes us hopeful about them and I believe they can make it happen."

Former Arsenal midfielder backs Simba SC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

CAMEROONIAN midfielder Alex Song that turns out for Djibouti's AS Arta Solar 7 believes that Simba SC of Tanzania has a great opportunity to sell many players outside the country in a short period.

Song, who is in Dar es Salaam with AS Arta Solar 7 currently setting up a camp for the new season, said that Simba SC is made up of many talented players.

The veteran footballer noted that if the Msimbazi Street side's footballers are putting in more effort, time will tell before they get a chance to play professional football in top outfits elsewhere.

AS Arta Solar 7 is expected to play an international friendly game against Simba SC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on September 3.

Song pointed out he does not know Tanzanian football very well but he was present at the summit of 'Simba Day' and saw how Tanzanians love football and the manner the outfit's supporters root for it.

He said Simba SC players that took part in an international friendly duel against Ethiopia's St. George are good.

The veteran midfielder added he believes that many of the Msimbazi Street side's footballers have a chance to play football outside Africa, stressing they need to fight and commit themselves.

The performer pointed out: "I have never followed Tanzanian football, I managed to witness Simba SC's friendly game against St. George of Ethiopia, what attracted me was seeing many fans come out and fill the stadium."

Song noted: "This is a sign of Tanzanians loving their country, but I have seen good players and if they put more effort they will get a chance to play football outside Africa."

The midfielder stated: "I believe that our professional stint in Europe came about due to listening to those who have surpassed us, being careful, push-



Midfielder Alex Song (L) is in action for AS Arta Solar 7 during an international friendly match against Rwanda's APR FC that took place in Kigali recently.

ing ourselves, following what we are told by coach, as well as making sure that we value the logo of the jersey you don."

"That is the main reason that has made us successfully turn out for various clubs in Europe," Song noted.

Regarding his decision to return to Africa and join a club participating in Djibouti's Premier

League, Song said it was caused by his determination to continue to share his experience and advise young footballers so they can achieve their goals.

"In Africa, there are very few countries where the players come from a football center, most of them do not have the basics of football from the grassroots to senior level, now my presence at

AS Arta Solar 7 Club is to advise the youth and tell them how to achieve their goals to play football as was the case with me," Song pointed out.

Song is turning out for the club with the former Chelsea winger, Ivorian Solomon Kalou, with the Djibouti club slated to take part in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.



Kylian Mbappe Paul Pogba

Prosecutors: Pogba paid €100,000 to extortionists

PARIS

WORLD Cup winner Paul Pogba paid €100,000 (\$100,000) to an organised group, including his brother, that was trying to extort him for millions, French officials said Tuesday.

French prosecutors are investigating allegations that Pogba was the target of extortion by his brother, Mathias Pogba, and childhood friends from the east suburbs of Paris, where they grew up. They demanded €13 million from the France midfielder, and repeatedly intimidated him, claiming he didn't support them after he became an international star.

No charges have yet been made, prosecutors said, but sources told ESPN that Pogba told the police that the group told him he owed them money for looking after him as a youngster and that they expected a cash payback.

An official close to the investigation confirmed to ESPN on Tuesday that Pogba told investigators he had already paid €100,000.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with official practice during an ongoing investigation.

According to French media reports, Paul Pogba told investigators the alleged extortionists wanted to discredit him by claiming he asked a witch doctor to cast a spell on another France star, Kylian Mbappe.

Paul Pogba denied the allegation. Mathias Pogba on Sunday appeared to address the witch doctor claim in a Twitter post, directed at Mbappe: "Kylian, do you understand now? I have nothing against you, what I am saying is for your own good, everything is true and known, the witch doctor is known!"

Mbappe has not responded and has not commented on the scandal that appears to stem from a family feud.

A source told ESPN that the Mbappe family is monitoring the situation.

Mathias Pogba released a new video on social media on Tuesday in which he claimed his brother had paid millions of euros to witch doctors over the years in order to avoid injury and that "these practices require you to do bad things for their rituals with a desire to do harm."

He also defended himself against the accusation of extortion.

"In his relentless effort to discredit anyone who knows his dirty little secrets, Paul claims that the money he gave to his childhood friends was part of an extortion," Mathias Pogba said. "But what if this money is justified by official and registered documents, and there is evidence of a consenting gesture?"

France team coach Didier Deschamps has been aware of the issue between Pogba and his brother for some time and is monitoring the situation, sources told ESPN.

The president of the French Football Federation, Noel Le Graet, downplayed the scandal that involves two of France's stars just four months before the World Cup.

"These are just rumors at this point," Le Graet said in an interview with Radio Monte Carlo on Monday.

Regarding Paul Pogba, who is currently sidelined by a knee injury, Le Graet added: "I love Paul. I hope this does not call into question his [World Cup] spot on the French side."

The case became public after Mathias Pogba posted on social media last weekend threats to share "explosive" revelations about his brother, Rafaela Pimenta (Paul's agent), and Mbappe.

In Instagram videos, Mathias seemed to be reading a statement in Italian, Spanish, English and French promising "great revelations."

"All this is likely to be explosive," Mathias added.

According to ESPN sources, a childhood friend of Pogba who spent a lot of time in Pogba's house in Manchester stole €200,000 via a credit card.

France's public broadcaster BFM reported Tuesday that Pogba made the payment in April after he was threatened by masked, armed men in a Paris apartment in March while he was in France for national team matches.

The group also allegedly made demands of Pogba at the Juventus training center in Turin. He said Mathias was among them, according to reports by France-Info, also a public broadcaster.

In response, Paul Pogba issued a statement through his lawyer that said his brother's claims were "in addition to threats and extortion attempts by an organised gang against Paul Pogba."

The Paris prosecutor's office said on Monday it opened an investigation this month into attempted organized extortion, which is being handled by anti-corruption police. It would not provide further details involving an ongoing investigation.

Paul Pogba, 29, won the World Cup with France in 2018 and returned this summer to Juventus after six seasons at Manchester United.

Mathias Pogba, three years older, is also a soccer player who has spent most of his career with lower-tier teams in Europe.

(Agencies)

Should Man United let Ronaldo go for nothing?

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

LIFE has come full circle for Cristiano Ronaldo at Manchester United, and he has now become a handbrake on the team's prospects of a successful future. It is time for United to let him go because the positive dividend on the pitch will, sooner or later, outweigh the financial cost of allowing him to leave Old Trafford for free this week.

Ronaldo's goals last season -- 24 in 38 appearances -- counted for little as United finished in sixth position in the Premier League and failed to win a trophy, but a bad season would probably have been much worse without the 37-year-old's contributions during a campaign that saw the team play under three managers and lurch from one crisis to another.

Yet football moves quickly, and as he approaches the first anniversary of his return to United from Juventus, Ronaldo has become yesterday's man.

The debate as to whether he was United's saviour last season, or the lightning rod for everything that went wrong, will rage on well beyond his second spell at the club. However, just four games into Erik ten Hag's reign as manager, it is clear that Ronaldo is now a bit-part player with no obvious role beyond that of a malcontent on the substitutes' bench.

United have yet to prove they can live without Ronaldo's goals -- with Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho, Anthony Elanga and Anthony Martial still to show prolonged consistency up front. The €95 million signing of Antony from Ajax this week would help boost ten Hag's options, but nonetheless,



Cristiano Ronaldo

Ronaldo remains the only forward in the squad who can genuinely be described as a regular goal scorer.

There is a bigger picture that ten Hag and United must now survey, and it cannot include Ronaldo and his goals. Back in 2006, then-United manager Sir Alex Ferguson made the bold decision to offload striker Ruud van Nistelrooy to Real Madrid, despite the Netherlands international delivering incredible

consistency with 150 goals in 219 appearances for the club.

It was a controversial move by Ferguson, but he would later reveal that he sanctioned Van Nistelrooy's exit because the player had become a brooding presence in the dressing room and was, in particular, stifling the development of a young teammate: Ronaldo.

"Ruud had started to mouth off all the time to

[coach] Carlos Queiroz about Ronaldo," Ferguson wrote in his autobiography. "There were a few altercations all the way through his final season with us, but it was mainly Van Nistelrooy on Ronaldo."

Sixteen years on, there are similarities between Van Nistelrooy's departure and the situation United now face with Ronaldo.

While there are no question marks over Ronaldo's professionalism and fit-

ness, sources have told ESPN over a period of months that he has become a divisive figure within the squad. His demand for the highest standards on the training pitch should not be criticised, but sources have said that Ronaldo has been unable to accept that the United side he rejoined was a world apart from the one he left, both in terms of the calibre of the squad and the personalities within it.

In short, he expects the likes of Harry Maguire and Rashford to perform like Rio Ferdinand and Wayne Rooney and makes no allowances for their obvious shortcomings. When Ronaldo's desire to leave United became public in July, a source told ESPN that the news was greeted with joy by the majority of his teammates and that Ronaldo had become a "pain in the a--."

By missing the team's preseason tour of Thailand and Australia due to "personal reasons," Ronaldo was on the other side of the world as ten Hag got to work with his new squad, attempting to forge a sense of unity that had been absent last season. As soon as Ronaldo returned to action, he angered his new manager by leaving Old Trafford at half-time of a preseason friendly against Rayo Vallecano.

Then came the woeful performance during a 4-0 defeat at Brentford, when Ronaldo was as culpable as the rest of his teammates for the loss. It was his only start under ten Hag -- he played the full 90 minutes -- and has so far registered just 153 minutes, and no goals, in four games this season.

Having been greeted as a returning hero just 12 months ago, Ronaldo is now a source of friction in the dressing room and

is failing to offer his new manager a positive football reason to select him in the starting XI. So why is he still at Old Trafford?

Primarily, United have simply been unable to find a club to take him. While the public position has been that Ronaldo is not available for transfer, sources have told ESPN that efforts have been made to find a club and that a move away from the Premier League would suit both parties. Yet with a year to run on a contract worth £500,000 a week, the lack of interest in a player who will be 38 in February is unsurprising, though Napoli and his former side Sporting CP are the latest to be linked with a possible loan move.

If Ronaldo was a less expensive proposition, clubs would undoubtedly emerge to sign him, so United now have a big decision to make.

In recent years, Arsenal took a financial hit by cancelling the contracts of Mesut Ozil and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang -- along with a host of others -- in order to accelerate Mikel Arteta's rebuilding job at the Emirates, and with the Gunners now sitting at the top of the Premier League with an exciting young team, those decisions are beginning to pay off.

By coming to an agreement with Ronaldo, United would be giving ten Hag the same opportunity to clear the air and push forward with his own agenda. The alternative would be keeping him until the end of his contract and hope that the problems will go away, but that is likely to be an even more expensive gamble.

From a football perspective, there is only one decision United can make.

Nevada judge almost unseals Ronaldo rape case documents

LAS VEGAS

A LAS Vegas police report compiled a decade after a woman first made a 2009 rape complaint against international soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo almost became public Tuesday by mistake, before a Nevada judge backtracked and kept it sealed.

Clark County District Court Judge Jasmin Lilly-Spells decided to at least temporarily follow a federal court order shielding from public view the results of the police investigation, a confidentiality agreement with the alleged rape victim and allegedly stolen records of attorney-client discussions between Ronaldo and his lawyers.

"The court is ordering that the temporary seal remain," Lilly-Spells said, inviting written arguments by Sept. 6 from attorneys for Ronaldo, the woman, Kathryn Mayorga, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper.

Mayorga went to Las Vegas police after the June 2009 encounter, but the criminal investigation was dropped because she neither identified her alleged attacker by name nor said where the incident took place, police and prosecutors said.

Police reopened the rape investigation after Mayorga filed a civil lawsuit against

Ronaldo in 2018. But Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson declined to pursue criminal charges, saying too much tie had passed to prove the case to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt.

On Tuesday, the judge rejected a request by Las Vegas police to rule whether the department could be sued by Ronaldo for damages if it released the records. The documents were not made part of the court public record.

As part of that ruling, Lilly-Spells declared that several other pending items were moot -- including a temporary order keeping the disputed documents sealed pending a hearing. As arguments stretched into the afternoon, the judge acknowledged and corrected the error.

Yet to be decided is whether the documents should be released under Nevada state public records law, after Mayorga and her lawyers lost a U.S. District Court case challenging the validity of a hush-money confidentiality agreement that paid Mayorga \$375,000 in 2010.

The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they are victims of sexual assault. But Mayorga gave consent through her attorneys to be named in news reports.

The New York Times

began a fight to release the records in federal court, and the Review-Journal took up the battle in state court. Attorney Margaret McLetchie has represented both newspapers.

Ronaldo's lawyers, led by Peter Christiansen and Kendelee Works, have fought at every turn of a four-year legal battle to prevent the documents from becoming public.

Mayorga's attorney, Leslie Mark Stovall, has sought to release them, at times attaching them to court filings before Ronaldo's lawyers took quick legal action to keep them sealed.

U.S. District Judge Jennifer Dorsey in June dismissed Mayorga's civil lawsuit -- which had been moved in 2019 to federal court, where Stovall sought

at least \$25 million more in damages from Ronaldo, plus attorney fees.

Stovall has appealed Dorsey's dismissal of the case to the 9th U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Mayorga's lawyers allege that Ronaldo or his associates violated the confidentiality agreement before a German news outlet, Der Spiegel, published an article in April 2017 titled "Cristiano Ronaldo's Secret" based on documents obtained from what court filings called "whistleblower portal Football Leaks."

Ronaldo's lawyers argue the "Football Leaks" documents and the confidentiality agreement are the product of privileged attorney-client discussions and there is no guarantee they are authentic.

They're also asking Dorsey to order Stovall to pay more than \$626,000 in court costs and fees to punish him for what Dorsey -- in a scathing commentary -- labeled "bad-faith conduct" by a court officer and the improper use of leaked and stolen documents to pursue Mayorga's case.

"The fact that he wasn't the original thief adds no element of innocence to his calculated expropriation of documents from a third party without concern for their obviously privileged and confidential nature or the suspicious circumstances surrounding them," the judge wrote.

Mayorga is a former model and teacher who lives in the Las Vegas area. Her lawsuit said she met

Ronaldo at a nightclub and went with him and other people to his hotel suite, where she alleged he assaulted her in a bedroom. She was 25 at the time. He was 24.

Ronaldo's legal team does not dispute Ronaldo met Mayorga and they had sex in June 2009, but maintains it was consensual.

Ronaldo, now 37, is one of the most highly paid and recognizable sports stars in the world. He plays for the English Premier League club Manchester United and has captained the national team of his home country, Portugal. He played in recent years in Italy for the Turin-based club Juventus.

AP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

Should Man United let Ronaldo go for nothing?

PAGE 19

5 EATV THURSDAY

TO NIGHT @ 9:00

NIRVANA

NIRVANA

eastafrica RADIO

88.1FM DAR ES SALAAM

06:00 Supa Breakfast
10:00 MAMAMIA
12:00 Kipenga Xtra
13:00 Planet Bongo
16:00 EA Drive
20:00 Kipenga
21:00 The Cruise

KMC FC all out to stun Simba SC in PL

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

DAR ES SALAAM'S Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's head coach Thierry Hitimana has said that he is making good use of the international break to strengthen his team and ultimately return to the pitch with new vigour.

The Kinondoni-based Premier League outfit started the new season by losing 1-0 to Coastal Union before settling for a hard-fought 2-2 draw with Kilimanjaro's Polisi Tanzania with both duels taking place in Arusha.

Rwandan Hitimana disclosed after failure to get off to good start in the two opening clashes that took place away at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium, he realized that his defensive line has shortcomings, which he has now worked on to win the coming fixtures.

The gaffer revealed: "Last season we had a problem with the central defender, we have made a registration for the role, I'm continuing to create a good combination of the squad by improving defense, midfield, and attack."

"We are using this break to play friendly games to keep ourselves in good shape and, when we return to the league, we need to win matches including the game against Simba SC," the coach noted.

He added that they are prepared to play cautiously in the game against Simba SC while praising the recruited footballers at Kinondoni Municipal Council FC saying the registration will help his club garner positive results.

Kinondoni Municipal Council FC will be away in the league game against Simba SC slated to take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in the city on Wednesday next week.

Meanwhile, despite winning this season's CAF Women's Champions League qualifier for the CECAFA Zone and getting a chance to participate in CAF Women's Champions League, Simba Queens' head coach Sebastian Nkoma has revealed he still has a lot of work to do to ensure the team performs well in the coming showpiece.

Simba Queens will participate in this season's CAF Women's Champions League, which will feature eight outfits from across the continent, in September in Morocco.

The showdown's defending champion, Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies, Zambia's Green Buffaloes WFC, and hosts FAR Rabat WFC are to be some of the competitors in the tournament.

Simba Queens, the Mainland Women's Premier League (WPL) champions for three consecutive seasons, set a record of turning out to be the first women's outfit in Tanzania to win the CAF Women's Champions League's CECAFA Zone qualifiers.

The side commanded a 1-0 win over She Corporate FC of Uganda in the qualifiers' final which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Coach Nkoma noted he is happy to win the showdown's title and see to it his club is one of the outfits that have brought excitement in the game but he still has a lot of work to do due to the weaknesses he saw in his squad.

"It was a good competition for us, it has built our confidence and has given us a great measure towards the continental tournament, I have work to do because I have seen weaknesses," the gaffer noted.

The tactician revealed: "I have enough time before going to Morocco, I will make sure that I address the mistakes that were in view to continue showcasing the quality in the tournament we are going to participate in."

Nabi oversees intensive training for Yanga ahead of Azam FC duel



Yanga's players, winger Ducael Moloko (L), and midfielder Zawadi Mauya take part in training with teammates in Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the 2022/23 NBC Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC), and CAF Champions League fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By correspondents Nassir Nchimbi & Ismail Tano

YANGA's head coach Nasreddine Nabi is determined to help his side grab three points in a 2022/23 Premier League clash against Azam FC by ensuring that his players are fit before coming up against their opponents on September 6.

The Jangwani Street club will be at home at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam in the game, welcoming Azam FC which will be taking part in its first away game this season.

Azam FC kicked off its campaign in the tournament at its stadium, Azam Complex Stadium, beating Kagera Sugar

2-1 and later being forced to a 1-1 draw against Geita Gold FC.

Coach Nabi is currently preparing his players for physical training to see to it they are in good shape to showcase their prowess in the match.

The Yanga squad has been seen doing tough training since Monday, taking part in

drills in the morning at the Gymkhana gym in Dar es Salaam and continuing to build up at the Avic Town grounds in Kigamboni, where they have set up camp.

Coach Nabi said that he has planned to send his players to Coco Beach to continue sharpening them because he needs to ensure the footballers

are fit and ready to face Azam FC.

The tactician pointed out he wants to see his players have enough tenacity and it is a special program he prepared for his footballers during the international break.

"I need to have a good team with great ability to fight in all minutes of the game, physical training is important because it builds physical fitness and keeps them strong from the beginning to the end of the match," Nabi revealed.

"I am struggling to build a better team because I need to have a strong team in this season in which we are determined to fight to get good results in all matches we will play," the gaffer added.

"I want the squad to be able to play at a high level, that's why we fight to make sure they are strong, we need to be better than we were last season," Nabi said.

After the game against Azam FC, Yanga will continue with the preparations to play South Sudan's Premier League champions Zalan FC in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round.

The two squads' first leg match is set to be played on September 10 at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and the second leg will be held at the same

stadium week later.

Simba SC coached by Serbian Zoran Maki is the 2022/23 NBC Premier League leader, followed by Yanga with both recording six points.

The Tunisian gaffer further stated he trusts his side but has resorted to having intensive training be attended by winger Bernard Morrison so that he can reach the level the gaffer needs.

"According to the quality of my team, I have decided to give Morrison another training to be stronger and ready because I have a lot of confidence the side will do well against Zalan FC so that I can take the next step," Nabi added.

He has increased the training regime to be followed by Morrison that is currently under physio Healmu Gueldich that has created a special program for the winger.

"We need to have players who are ready to compete before entering the second stage of the playoffs, the problem is that Morrison is not at the level that we want, that's why we are improving him," Nabi noted.

He has said that should Morrison become fit, he believes the winger can add quality to his team in collaboration with others including Piston Mayele and Stephan Aziz Ki.

I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC secures progression to 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup last four

By Guardian Reporter

HARSHEED Chohan showcased all-round displays top guide I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC to the semi-finals of the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament, after the side cruised to a 75-run drubbing of All Season Lions last weekend.

I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, as a result, became the third team to join the showdown's hosts, Alliance Caravans, and DTB Gymkhana Club to book their place in the semi-finals.

Novum Strikers, Black & Decker Upanga SC, and Aruti Aces are in search of the tournament's remaining semi-finals' places that are up for grabs.

In the last weekend's Group A tie, I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC had a chance to start batting, posting 170/5 in 20 overs.

They had to find ways to crawl back after experiencing an early blow in the form of the early dismissal of veteran performer Vishal Patel.

The reliable opening batsman was outfoxed by All Season Lions' Gulraiz Haideri's skillful bowling, making his way back with just a run.



Harsheed Chohan, I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's all-rounder (L), receives ColorFlex Man of the Match prize from an official upon completion of the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's duel between I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC and All Season Lions which was held in the city last Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Patel's fellow opening batsman, Abhik Patwa, withstood All Season Lions' bowling unit's pressure for several overs and registered 15 runs that consisted of three boundaries.

There were also two-digit figures notched by Vinu Kumar deployed at number three, as I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's batsmen fought to wade off All Season Lions' challenge.

There was a significant improvement in I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's quest for a convincing total when Dhrumit Mehta took the crease, the prom-

ising cricketer nailed 33 runs which included three fours.

After another blow which witnessed reliable cricketer Riziki Kiseto making a quick return to the pavilion with just nine runs, Harsheed Chohan steadied the ship with his 43 runs not out blasting five boundaries and a six.

He partnered with another promising all-rounder, Arsalan Premji, to propel I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC to a respectable score as the latter nailed 41 runs not out, cracking two fours and two sixes.

Haideri and Rehaan Rafiq were the cricketers with meaningful contributions when All Season Lions fielded, given the performers recorded two wickets apiece.

Although All Season Lions' batting unit gave its all when it took the crease, the team lost steam having posted 95/9 in 20 overs.

Opener Mohamed Salim and youthful cricketer Abubakar Selemani were so far the cricketers with significant showing, whereas other batsmen were sent back in quick succession.

Salim top scored for the losing squad after recording 40 runs, and Selemani ended with 26 runs.

Harsheed Chohan wrapped up his scintillating displays with three wickets for I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC and was efficiently assisted by Mehta and Laksh Snehal, as the duo took two wickets apiece.

This weekend's duels' results will be crucial on not only two match points but also the margin of win/defeat, which will play a big role in determining the fourth team that will advance to the semi-finals.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharma, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

Jihusu, Flashnet, Ashton Media, Rotana, Aura Suites, Bank of India, Datamanics, Samaki Samaki, A One Bottlers, and G1 Security complete the showdown sponsors' list.

The DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which

has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) and the DC.

The showdown is regarded as the country's biggest T20 tournament and it is usually held during the last quarter of the year.

The competition is backed by several companies in the country which support the initiative as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Previous editions of the tournament have been graced by government officials and foreign envoys.

They include former Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakyembe, his deputy, Juliana Shonza, and Director of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuph Singo.

Former India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, and top officials from various firms are other dignitaries that have graced the competition's previous editions.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

