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# Disability units to dot public health centres

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government is to set up rehabilitation centres in government health facilities across the country for people with disabilities to ensure they get quality health care.

The sections for patients with disabilities—to be manned by among others, physiotherapists—will also cater for newborns with physical defects.

The Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Ummu Mwalimu, revealed this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when launching the Kila Siku Community Based Rehabilitation Centre, run by the Roman Catholic Church at Kawe suburb in Kinondoni district.

The centre offers rehabilitation services for disabled children with focus on the protection and empowerment of PWDs. This is achievable through a holistic action aiming at ensuring equal opportunities, active participation in community life and fulfillment of their

**“We want to ensure that each and every health facility has this kind of centre to ensure PWDs get quality services and at the same time feel they are part and parcel of society”**

rights, the minister stated.

There are only two rehabilitation centres in Dar es Salaam against a population of more than five million, she said, noting that the government is preparing to open rehabilitation centres for the disabled in all the 510 health facilities across the country. The project will be implemented in a three year period, she stated.

“We want to ensure that each and every health facility has this kind of centre to ensure PWDs get quality services and at the same time feel they are part and parcel of society,” she affirmed.

About 5.8percent of Tanzanians are disable, she pointed out, noting that to begin with, the government will construct 50 centres in the first year.

The project is funded by an Italian non-governmental organisation cited as Com.Sol (community solidarity) while rehabilitation will be conducted with support from the Comprehensive

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## RC Gambo: Forex shops reopening soon

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

GENUINE foreign exchange shops that were closed late last year in Arusha will reopen soon as investigation into their operations by authorities nears completion, it was announced here yesterday.

Arusha Regional Commissioner Mrisho Gambo made this affirmation during the CRDB Bank's customers



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and clients training session held at the Mount Meru Hotel.

But only those found with no serious issues will be allowed back into business as the stoppage by the financial sector regulator, the Bank of Tanzania was prompted by concerns of involvement in financial malpractices

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British High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sarah Cooke (C) addresses a news conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday when the UK Government through its Department for International Development (UK-DFID) launched the second five year civil society programme, Accountability in Tanzania (ACT2) worth 126bn/-. Others are Head of DFID Tanzania, Beth Arthy (R) and Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) Executive Director Francis Kiwanga. Photo: John Badi

## UK unveils 126bn/- governance project second phase

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Kingdom has launched the second phase of Accountability in Tanzania (ACT2) programme aimed at enabling ordinary citizens hold the government to account.

Implemented by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), the five-year £42 million (about 126bn/-) initiative will fund civil society organisations to enable them influence delivery of improved public goods and services.

A DFID statement on the program said yesterday

that the KPMG Tanzania-managed programme is one of the largest governance and accountability programmes in Africa, and the largest mechanism for supporting civil society in Tanzania. Principally, the UK Aid-funded initiative aims to increase the responsiveness and accountability of the government via a strengthened civil society.

“The Accountability in Tanzania (ACT2) programme funds civil society organisations and networks in Tanzania to ensure the voices of ordinary and marginalized citizens are heard. It

also seeks to address issues related to anti-corruption, climate change, gender equality and social inclusion that benefits all citizens,” it reads.

Information on the ACT2 website says that the innovative, national level governance and accountability programme commenced implementation in February 2018 and will run until December 2022. It has a one year extension option and evolved from the ACT1 programme, which was implemented from 2009 to 2016.

During the first phase, the programme reached 7.5

million citizens directly and benefited another 22.5 million indirectly. Its impact was estimated to be 392bn/- in monetary benefits derived from various improvements, it was noted.

These included increased public budget allocations for services, increased government revenue through taxes, public services, oversight and law enforcement. The list also includes reallocation or restoration of land, reduced barriers to market access and increased earnings for small holder farmers.

Speaking yesterday at the media launch of ACT2, the

British High Commissioner, Sarah Cooke said the UK government believes that transparency, accountability and a strong citizen voice are pivotal in spurring development, driving economic growth and fighting poverty in the country.

For that reason, she explained, the United Kingdom supports government programmes and works closely with civil society and the local media to support achievement of these endeavours. The UK Government has a long-standing partnership with

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## Brace for heavy rains, MET tells 10 regions

By Guardian Reporter

RESIDENTS of the Lake Zone, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Dar es Salaam regions and Zanzibar should brace for

heavy downpours in the coming weeks, the Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA) has said in its latest forecast.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TMA

Director General Dr Agnes Kijazi said the regions are expected to receive above-normal long rains expected from early March to late May.

She named the regions as

Kagera, Mara, Mwanza, Geita, Simiyu, Shinyanga, Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar. The rest of the country will receive normal rains, the meteorology chief

stated.

“As for the Lake Zone regions, the heavy rains are expected to start in the last

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Health, Community Developments, Gender, Elders and Children minister Ummy Mwalim (C) together with Italian ambassador to Tanzania Roberto Mengoni (R) and chairman of Communita Solidali Nel Mondo of Italy Michelangelo Chiurchiu cut a ribbon to inaugurate Kila Siku community based rehabilitation centre at Kawe in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

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Community-Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT). The medical facility has an all-inclusive programme fostering inclusion of people with disabilities in Dar es Salaam region. It is expected that about 2,250 children and young people with disabilities as

well as their families will benefit from the centres, while about 428 health workers will be trained on disability prevention and care treatment.

In his remarks, Italian Ambassador to Tanzania Roberto Mengoni said that Italy will continue to work with Tanzania especially in

ensuring that PWDs are empowered.

Earlier, the Regional Nursing Officer for Dar es Salaam, Dr Victoria Bura said the main challenge with rehabilitation centres has been the lack of trained professionals in handling PWDs.

"We thank the Italians for the support

they have been offering us including training to workers of the centres," she said.

Com.Sol Director Michelangelo Chiurchiu said his organisation will support a work group engaged in developing a national policy on rehabilitation services in collaboration with La Sapienza University of Rome.



Chargé d'Affaires of the US embassy Dr. Inmi Patterson greets members of the defence and security committee in Geita when she visited the region on Wednesday. Behind Dr. Patterson is acting Geita Regional Commissioner Eng. Mtemi Simeon Msafiri who is also Chato District Commissioner. The Chargé d'Affaires was in Geita as part of her Lake Zone itinerary to meet partners of various US-funded development projects. Photo: US embassy.

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week of this month in Kagera region before spreading to other regions," she said.

Dr Kijazi affirmed that long rains are expected to start in the middle of the last week of this month in Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Zanzibar, Arusha, Manyara, Kilimanjaro and northerly parts of

Morogoro region.

She advised the various authorities to take precautions especially in sectors agriculture, fisheries, construction and health as downpours can most likely lead to some disruptions.

"The mining sector in the Lake Zone regions should be mindful of the possibility of

landfalls if the outpouring is too heavy," the director cautioned.

On Wednesday, TMA attributed current changes in weather patterns including extreme heat, unusual intensity and frequency of rainfall in Dar es Salaam and other parts of the country to climate change.

TMA said this was the cause of the diversity of rains in different parts of the country whereby in recent days the agency recorded in some parts of the country uncharacteristically large amounts of rain.

"Climate change remains a key driver of weather patterns in various parts of

the country as it is part and parcel of the weather cycle," said Dr Ladislaus Chang'a, the director of services and forecast.

He was speaking in Dar es Salaam during a media workshop on weather forecasts for the long rains whose contents were released yesterday.

The long rains expose the wanting state of urban planning in many Tanzanian cities and towns every year as drainages clog and thousands of people in unplanned neighbourhoods are momentarily displaced, or become homeless.

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that the operation on Bureaux de Change in the city was normal precaution procedures executed to ensure that the business is conducted in safe and well-regulated conditions," the RC affirmed.

Investigations carried out by a special team were on final stages and soon the Bureaux de Change will open shop and resume business, he said.

He lauded the CRDB Bank for opening special windows to cater for foreign exchange activities, instead of compelling customers to queue at bank counters to observe forex procedures.

For his part CRDB Bank's Chief Executive Officer Abdulmajid Nsekela said the financial institution will also establish a special Bureau de Change at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) which will be operating 24 hours, seven days a week, non-stop.

Back in November BoT conducted a special operation in Arusha aimed at identifying bureaux de change which were operating without licence or carrying out illegal operations, including money laundering.

As a result of the operation, the bureaux de change were closed pending investigations. Legal actions were also to be applied on forex entities discovered to operate contrary to BoT regulations.

CRDB officials similarly said that the bank's venture beyond Tanzanian borders was proving to be successful. Overall, the CRDB Bank in Burundi has been ranked third in terms of Return on Assets (ROA) and Return on Equity (ROE), as the bank boasts four branches in the country.

The CRDB Management has revealed that general business performance of the financial institution by the end of last year grew by over 20 percent.

RC Gambo has on the other hand urged CRDB to organize special training on investments to cater for small scale traders recently issued with special operating ID cards.

"The reason small scale traders fail to grow and prosper is that all financial institutions do not value business ideas or investment plans from people without money. This is despite their projections being valuable and may prove to be better collateral than cash money or fixed properties," he told the participants.

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Tanzania that has not only delivered economic value but also helped to create thousands of jobs, the envoy underlined.

"Whilst working to support Government programmes is important, we are also working to support civil society and the media in Tanzania. We want to help people in Tanzania influence decisions that affect their lives and hold decision makers to account," the top British diplomat in the country asserted.

"At the core of this is civil society. Civil society is at the heart of bringing together people and the institutions that serve them to create a better way," High Commissioner Cooke intoned.

She said the Act2 programme will focus on key development issues, which affect the everyday lives of Tanzanians. In that regard, the funding will help give citizens a voice in the decisions which affect them, support the inclusion of women, girls and people with disabilities, tackle corruption and deal with effects of climate change.

"As you know, the UK Government has a long-standing partnership with Tanzania. We are the second largest bilateral donor spending of 462bn/- a year," Cooke said.

"With this money, we work with the Government of Tanzania on a range of sectors. This includes 120bn/- to improve the quality of education and 24bn/- to support the president's anti-corruption campaign," she specified.

"Additionally, British companies make positive contributions to Tanzania's prosperity; we estimate they pay five per cent of all tax revenues in Tanzania and have created nearly 300,000 jobs in sectors such as agriculture, tourism, energy and manufacturing."

The Accountability in Tanzania (ActT) programme started 10 years ago with a purpose of increasing "the responsiveness and accountability of Government in Tanzania, through a strengthened civil society."

ActT awarded its first grants in March 2010 and since then it has evolved from being a five-year £20 million programme to incorporating a dedicated Climate Change and Environment (CCE) grant window of £4.2 million in 2012, funded by DFID.

Rehema Tukai, the acting director of the programme, said the overall value of ActT1 was £36 million of which direct funding of civil society organisations amounted to £27.7 million. She said ActT2 will help to strengthen the ability of civil society to analyse and adapt to future challenges.

"It will also seek to improve engagement between decision-makers, citizens and service providers in order to improve access to public goods and services," she stated, elaborating that the programme's work complements the government's efforts to curb corruption and promote accountability.

Top beneficiaries of ActT2 will include the Foundation for Civil Society whose executive director, Francis Kiwanga said the organization expects to support over 400 NGOs annually during the five-year period of the programme.

The head of DFID Tanzania, Beth Arthy, said the programme will tremendously jack up the government's anti-graft drive.

# 'Government working on research findings to bring changes in agriculture'

BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT, DODOMA

**T**HE government is working on research findings from various institutions to bring changes in the agriculture sector, Investment Minister, Angella Kairuki has said.

She was speaking on behalf of Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa at the opening of the 5th agricultural policy forum in Dodoma yesterday.

Agricultural stakeholders are meeting for three days in the country's capital to discuss challenges and ways to improve the sector.

She said the country's agricultural sector faces a number of challenges which has resulted into farmers not benefiting with their sweat.

Kairuki said the researches will help the

government to come up with the best policies to improve the sector as well as the welfare of farmers.

"We are striving to ensure conducive environment for farmers, we are improving infrastructures such as roads, railways and ports. Our aim is to ensure competitiveness of Tanzanian agricultural products and enhance productivity", said the minister.

She said with the good policies, the country is likely to attain its targets in the agricultural sector which facilitates establishment of industries.

She said the government recognizes the contribution of private institutions in improving the agriculture sector, mentioning ASPIRES Tanzania as one of them.

"Tanzania is blessed with enough arable land for cultivation of various food and cash crops. We are also endowed with

enough rains, the only thing we need is the best agriculture policy", said Kairuki.

She mentioned some of the challenges facing the sector as updated laws which do not support commercial agriculture, presence of too many institutions working to control the sector and a number of nuisance taxes.

Kairuki said the national strategy to improve business environment will also eradicate challenges in the agricultural sector.

She said the government requires a lot of researches to successfully implement the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP-II). Agriculture Deputy Minister, Omary Mgumba said the government

is implementing the ASDP-II in order to improve the sector and ensure value chain for all the major crops.

"We are going to work on all the research findings submitted to our office. We are optimistic that such findings will enhance productivity and promote construction of industries", said Mgumba.

He said there is need to enhance agricultural productivity to be to attain the industrial strategy since most of the factories will require agricultural products for raw materials. Agriculture policy advisor from ASPIRES Tanzania, Prof David Nyange said the researches they are conducting plays a pivotal role in improving the sector.

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Arusha Regional Commissioner Mrisho Gambo (C) listens to CRDB managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (R) and CRDB board chairman Ally Laay shortly after officiating at a seminar organised by CRDB for Arusha customers yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Tanzanian agronomist introduces tissue culture to boost production of banana

By Guardian Reporter

BANANA production is set to increase in Tanzania if peasants will use seedlings produced by way of tissue culture which is currently being popularised in Zanzibar and in several regions in the mainland.

The initiative is championed by a Tanzanian company called Kilimo Organo Limited in order to increase good raw materials for local industries, agricultural exports and peasants' disposable incomes.

Kilimo Organo managing director Ammar Mussaji told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday he was confident that Tanzania will become a big exporter of bananas and pineapples if peasants will embrace the invention that had been introduced to boost agricultural production in line with the national agro-industrialisation strategy.

"If our people will embrace this farming approach we are introducing, Tanzania will soon pro-

duce a lot of bananas and pineapples for local and external markets. I have no doubt about this prospect because Tanzania has a lot of good arable land and hard working people. All we need to do is to organise and train our smallholders for prosperous future," he said. Mussaji said that his company was proud of having the latest lab and if the technology fully exploited by Tanzanian farmers, the sector's production would grow and contribute significantly to the national economy.

"We whole heartedly support the fifth phase government under President John Magufuli's efforts of transforming the country's economy into mid-sized and industrial base by 2025," said the young Tanzanian Mussaji.

According to the MD, the seedlings with a tissue culture background are disease resistant, need little or no fertiliser. He said seedlings are planted in only soil-tested plots to stave off

guess work and guarantee good harvests to farmers. The company gives extension services to growers.

Bananas are harvested after 12 months, Mussaji said, explaining that a well-kept acre would reward a grower between 13-15m/- and one plant would produce bananas weighing between 35-45 kilogrammes.

"If we can make our peasants earn 13m/- after 12 months of hard work. We can be confident to win our fight against widespread poverty and succeed in our national industrialisation strategy," The company can produce seven million seedlings annually and is currently working with peasants in Zanzibar and the mainland regions of Tanga, Coast, Morogoro and Arusha. It exports seedlings to Namibia, Uganda, Kenya, Ghana and several Latin American countries.

The company was registered in 2015 and became operational the following year and is based in Dar es salaam's Mikocheni area.

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Communication manager at Zantel, Rukia Mtingwa (L) EzyPesa product manager, Leonard Kameta (C) and National Gaming officer, Abdallah Mrisho, look at the number of winners during ZANTEL EZYPESA promotion first draw held in Dar es Salaam, which enabled 30 service users to win SmartPhone handsets and cash prizes. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## MOI conducts hip and spinal surgeries

By Guardian Reporter

THE Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) has started conducting hip and spinal surgeries in collaboration with specialised surgeons from Zydus hospital of India.

The hospital is conducting the surgeries to six patients who were to seek the treatment abroad.

MOI director, Dr Respicious Boniface said the patients had undergone hip replacement and spinal operations. The surgeries, according to him, were conducted in six days.

Dr Boniface said that MOI and Zydus hospital signed an agreement in October last year to conduct spinal and hip clinics, sharing of experiences and training of staffs.

He said the clinics were conducted last year by doctors from both countries, but the surgeries were scheduled for this year.

"We are doing all these to upgrade our hospital to international standards. We want to offer similar services with those offered in India. Patients from Tanzania will not travel to India to seek hip and spinal surgeries", he said.

He explained that specialised doctors from Zydus hospital are providing support because the surgeries for hip replacements are complicated. He said the surgeries are conducted in modern and professional style compared to previous ones.

"We will in near future be able to conduct the operations without their assistance", he said adding the

operations take two hours only.

He said the decrease in operation time will also reduce the costs. He said currently, such surgeries cost between 4m/- and 5m/-. He linked the hip and spinal complications with the increased road accidents especially for people aged 60 years and above.

Dr Violeth Luondo who is the specialised hip surgeon at MOI, said with the acquired skills, they will now be able to conduct similar surgeries locally.

"We want our hospital to offer specialised medical services. Tanzanians will now benefit from the services locally because we are using modern technologies that are being used by doctors abroad", she said.



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## ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD



## PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT REFORM PROGRAMME (PFMRP)

TENDER NO. SMZ/PFMRP/ F0111/C/ NCB/2018~19/11

FOR

## CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOP ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has received funds from donors under Basket Funds arrangement toward the cost of Public Finance Management Reform Programme (PFMRP) Phase V and intends to apply part of the proceeds for eligible payments under the contract for developing Zanzibar Revenue Board Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan.
- The overall Scope of assignment will involve diagnostic review over ZRB's existing system as regards to fraud prevention and anti-corruption; assess the staffing capacity of the internal audit and evaluation of operations of legal affairs department; prepare a policy and relevant procedures on integrity, fraud prevention and anti-corrupt and prepare an action plan for the effective implementation of the policy and procedure for integrity, fraud prevention and anti-corruption; and strengthening the capacity of staff of the department of Internal Audit and evaluation of operations and those of the legal department on integrity fraud prevention and anti-corruption.
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## ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD



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## CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPING A TADAT ACTION PLAN AND A FOURTH FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2018/19 – 2022/23 FOR ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has received funds from donors under Basket Funds arrangement toward the cost of Public Finance Management Reform Programme (PFMRP) Phase V and intends to apply part of the proceeds for eligible payments under the contract for developing a TADAT Action Plan and a Fourth Five-Year Strategic Plan 2018/19 – 2022/23 for Zanzibar Revenue Board.
- The overall Scope of assignment will involve review of the existing ZRB Strategic Plan 2014/2015 - 2018/2019 and TADAT Performance Assessment Report for Zanzibar and undertake situation analysis of ZRB operations, and develop a five-year strategic and Investment Plans.
- The Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB), on behalf of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, now invites eligible consulting firms to express interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience of working in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff including Team Leader, Policy Analyst, Tax Expert and other relevant information of the firm). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
- Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Zanzibar Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No.11 of 2016 (Goods, Works, and Consultant Service by Tender) and its Regulations of 2006 (Selection and Employment of Consultants based on Consultant Qualifications Selection i.e. CQS). In assessing the submissions, consideration will be given to the technical competence of the consultants, the qualification, and experience of key staff to be proposed for the assignment, experience in similar projects and the capacity to undertake the assignment.
- Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 08:00-15:00 hrs, Monday through Friday.
- This is not a request for proposals. After a review of expression of interests, only the best-qualified consultant will be invited to submit the technical and financial proposals. The consultancy will be for a period of **sixty (60) days** and is expected to commence on **June, 2019**.
- Any request for clarification with regard to this assignment shall be addressed to the undersigned. The Client shall respond to clarifications received not less than one week before the deadline for submission.
- Expression of Interest in one (1) original and three (3) copies must be delivered to the address below at or before **10:00hrs Friday 15th March, 2019 and marked "CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPING A TADAT ACTION PLAN AND A FOURTH FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2018/19 – 2022/23 FOR ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD"**.
- The Expression of Interest (EOI) will be opened immediately after deadline for submission in Public and in the presence of Consultants' representative who choose to attend in the opening at the Conference Room, 4th Floor of the Zanzibar Revenue Board Building- Mazizini- Zanzibar.
- Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances

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Deputy Minister for Works, Transport and Communication (Communication Sector) Eng Atashasta Ndiye (C) addresses Tanzania Telecommunication Company Ltd (TTCL) management during his visit at the firm headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. He is flanked by TTCL Board Chairman Eng Omary Nundu (R) and the ministry communication sector Deputy Permanent Secretary Dr. Jim Yonazi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TTCL urged to address communication challenges facing the rural customers

By Getrude Mbagu

DEPUTY Minister for Works, Transport and Communications, Atashasta Ndiye has issued 30 days ultimatum for Tanzania Telecommunication Company Limited (TTCL) to address communication challenges facing rural customers including shortage of vouchers and sim cards.

He said that the corporation must work to ensure that rural customers also enjoy smooth communication services at it is in urban areas.

Ndiye made the directive yesterday in Dar es Salaam when he visited the corporation to oversee its operations.

The deputy minister said that he had received a number of complaints from various customers over shortage

of sim cards and vouchers thus causing havoc among them.

"I want TTCL to ensure that this challenge is addressed within the given timeframe," he said.

For his part, TTCL board chairman Eng Omary Nundu assured the deputy minister that the corporation is committed and will work on all the directives.

He said that TTCL will continue improving its services to enable the underserved communities access and use communication services to improve their living standards.

"TTCL is now growing and at a remarkable progress. Since it was born again a year ago, the market share had grown from 1.1 per cent to 8.8 per cent," he said.

In February last year, the

government launched officially the operations of the new TTCL, with a strong call for increasing efficiency as a propeller for economic growth.

This followed the endorsement of the Tanzania Telecommunication Corporation Act, 2017, to replace the Tanzania Telecommunication Company Limited (TTCL).

The entity is operating as fully-fledged communications corporation with the main objective of safeguarding national security, promoting socioeconomic development and managing strategic communications infrastructure.

Under the new law, the corporation is tasked to enhance safety, security, economic and commercial viability of national telecommunications services and

telecommunications infrastructure promotion for effective management and operations of telecommunications services.

TTCL Corporation operates and manages the government's National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) which is the largest fiber backbone infrastructure in Tanzania, the largest internet point of presence and largest data Centre.

NICTBB helps to fulfil the increasing demands of information services, strengthen competitive abilities of domestic data and voice operators as well as bridging the digital divide.

It is necessary in developing high speed broadband and helps to efficiently exploit the benefits from undersea submarine cables landing in Dar es Salaam.

# Agro-processors undergo capacity building training to boost business

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

OVER 200 small-scale agro-processors from across Morogoro Region have benefited from capacity building training aimed at addressing challenges facing their daily activities.

Involving entrepreneurs, who are specialised in processing sun flowers, spices, and soft drinks, the two-day seminar, which kicked off yesterday here has been organised by the Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA), Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), and Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO).

The beneficiaries are trained on different skills ranging from packaging, storing and production.

Speaking at the official opening of the training, Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) Dr Masumbuko Igembya said that the training came at the right time when most of the entrepreneurs lacks skills on how to produce, package and store goods before getting into the market.

"This is one of the reasons as

locally-made products fail to compete in the markets. So, the training will help to address the challenge that thwarts development of SMEs," he said.

He added: "I am very optimistic that this platform will encourage small-scale entrepreneurs to put more efforts in producing quality products that are able to compete in the market."

For his part, TFDA's assistant director Lazaro Mwambole said that training is meant to scale up their understanding on better production of their goods to increase their income and government's revenues.

According to him, Morogoro is blessed with fertile land which allows production of different crops, but the challenge is on how to add value of those crops.

"This seminar is one of the solutions to these challenges," he said.

Conzo Kiaman, one of the training participants said maize storage and packaging frustrated some of entrepreneurs in the region, making some to abandon the business.

"But, this training is an eye-opener to some of us. I thank God; I got some of the skills from this training particularly on how to improve my business."



Deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office (People with Disability) Stella Ikupa (R) listens in sign language on a new innovative irrigation technology from Dodoma special deaf school Standard Seven pupil Eliabi Chilongola during her visit in Dodoma yesterday. Looking on (C) is Dodoma District Administrative Secretary Edward Mpogolo. Photo: PMO

## 'Grow to Sell' mindset triple broccolis' sales price

By Guardian Reporter

"Now I am getting three times higher price for the broccolis' sales than it used to be. Having contracts with supermarkets before sowing seeds is more profitable than searching for a market after the harvest," said a horticulture producer in Lushoto District.

According to a statement issued by Japan International Cooperation Agency

(JICA), horticulture producers will learn how to change their farming from "Grow and sell" towards "Grow to Sell".

It said that a new technical cooperation "Project for Strengthening DADP Planning and Implementation Capacity through Use of SHEP Approach (TANSHEP)" has just started.

TANSHEP is implemented by Ministry of Agriculture and President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Govern-

ment (PO-RALG) in collaboration with JICA from January 2019 for 5 years, a statement said. According to JICA, TANSHEP focuses on promoting market oriented horticulture development by applying SHEP (Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion) approach.

It encourages horticulture producers to conduct market survey first and collaborate with relevant stakeholders—buyers, input suppliers and even middlemen, to

improve production and marketability, so as to realize the increase of income for the betterment of rural livelihood in Tanzania.

Kickoff of TANSHEP will be held on February 15, this year by the First Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting at Ministry of Agriculture in Dodoma, whereby Permanent Secretaries (PSs) of Ministry of Agriculture and PO-RALG will be attending.

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT QC CHEMIST

Location: Iringa, Tanzania

PCT owns and operates a pyrethrum processing factory in Mafinga, Mufindi District- Iringa region, Tanzania. PCT is seeking to fill the position of QC Chemist.

**The primary purpose:** Efficiently and accurately analyze raw materials and in-process and final products to ensure that products meet production, business and customer requirements. Work responsibilities include round the clock and weekend coverage.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES** include the following.

- Perform analysis on raw material, production, shipping and developmental samples using approved and standard methods.
- Experience and capability to operate a variety of laboratory analytical test equipment like HPLC, UV-Vis Spectrometry etc., including set up and calibration along with the capability of using statistical programs to evaluate results.
- Maintain accurate records of all QC data using available software packages, batch cards, notebooks, reports and checklists necessary for the specific type of data being recorded.
- Collect and maintain product samples, properly labeled, sorted and stored for all lots in process and final acceptance, single or compilation sample for required retention period.
- Participate in continuous improvement activities for lab, lab-plant interactions, and production processes; including recommending procedure changes, documenting non-conformance incidents for root cause investigations, and actively learning and reviewing test methods and laboratory protocols.
- Maintain the laboratory in safe, organized, neat, well stocked, functional condition; including cleaning up work areas, submitting purchase requests for depleted items, prepare replacement stock solutions, maintaining method calibrations, monitoring lab chemical and reagent shelf life and repairing or notifying others of malfunctioning equipment.
- Check and maintain the calibration of lab equipment
- Be able to troubleshoot basic problems related to test results and/or product flow
- Develop and validate new assay methods as well as design protocols and create study reports.
- Ensure full compliance and registration of the Laboratory and factory as required by applicable regulations.
- Ensure QC personnel understand job expectations, performance metrics and safety requirements for the Laboratory and the company.
- Other duties or special projects may be assigned.

**Education:**

- BSc/MSc in Chemistry preferably with a bias in Industrial Chemistry or BSc/MSc in Chemical and Process Engineering or related discipline. Knowledge on Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) will be an added advantage.

**Specialized or Technical Knowledge:**

- Background in Analytical Chemistry with emphasis on routine testing and method development and validation preferably in a regulated industry.
- Strong practical knowledge of Chromatography, Spectroscopy, Particle Size Distribution and wet chemistry.
- Solid computer skills

**Work Experience:**

- Minimum Required: 3 years agro- processing or chemical industry experience a must.

**To Apply**

- Please email your cover letter and resume in English, including your salary expectations, to Human Resources Manager. Email: [hr@pct.co.tz](mailto:hr@pct.co.tz)
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Location: Iringa, Tanzania

PCT owns and operates a pyrethrum processing factory in Mafinga, Mufindi District- Iringa region, Tanzania. PCT is seeking to fill the position of Laboratory Technician.

**The primary purpose:** The primary purpose is to perform laboratory tests, reviewing the accuracy of testing results and initiating investigation, reagent preparation and proper handling of chemicals.

**Essential Functions:**

- Making sure that all QC practices/procedures are followed in all analytical work
- Reviewing the accuracy of testing results and initiating investigations when results do not conform to specifications.
- Sampling and preparation of pyrethrum flower samples and other samples using the approved procedures.
- Perform laboratory tests using Standard Operating Procedures to produce reliable and precise data.
- Carrying out calibration of equipment according to schedules and record results on appropriate log books.
- Making sure all equipment is kept clean at all times.
- Proper handling of chemicals and making sure chemicals and reagents are stored properly.
- Preparation and labeling of reagents and standard solutions and making sure expired chemicals and reagents are not used in analytical work.
- Supervising junior staff when necessary by making sure they follow instructions as per established SOPs.
- Maintain good housekeeping practices in the laboratory while adhering to correct health and safety guidelines
- Perform and other duties as may be assigned by the Quality Control Manager or Process Chemist.

**Education:**

- Diploma in Laboratory Science and Technology from any reputable Institution.
- Basic Chemical process overview

**Work Experience:**

- Minimum Required: 1year agro- processing or chemical industry experience preferred.

**Skill**

**Specialized skills/knowledge needed for the job:**

- Ability to use technical equipment with accuracy.
- Knowledge of Good Laboratory Practices (GLP).
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills:
  - o Communicating clearly, both verbally and in writing, in order to create a clear and communicative environment with co-workers in the laboratory;
  - o being able to read and write technical reports; and
- Analytical and critical-thinking skill:
  - o Being precise and accurate in their analyses, since errors could invalidate results.
- Organizational and time management skills and meticulous attention to detail:
  - o carrying out routine tasks accurately and following strict methodologies in performing analyses;

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## Future of African youth lies in agriculture, not Europe

**M**aking agriculture profitable and “cool” for young people in Africa is key to lifting millions out of poverty and stemming migration to Europe, said the president of the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Akinwumi Adesina was named the winner of this year's World Food Prize on Monday for his decades-long work to boost food production in his native Nigeria, increase access to credit for small farmers across Africa and transform the continent's agriculture.

Kenneth Quinn, president of the Des Moines, Iowa-based World Food Prize Foundation, said the \$250,000 award reflected Adesina's “breakthrough achievements” as Nigeria's minister of agriculture and his critical role in the development of the nonprofit Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

Adesina, 57, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation he was humbled by the award but felt his work to ensure Africa could feed itself was “uncompleted business”.

Almost 30 per cent of the 795 million people in the world who do not have enough to eat are in Africa, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

“When I look at Africa today I see that many rural areas unfortunately have become zones of economic misery,” Adesina said in a phone interview ahead of the award's announcement.

No sector has greater potential to revive those areas than agriculture, but investments are needed to make it attractive for young people, many of whom risk their lives migrating in search of better opportunities in Europe, Adesina said. “We must make agriculture cool for young people,” he said.

“The key is to make agriculture a business. Agriculture is not a way of life, it is not a development activity, it's a business.”

Africa has 65 per cent of the world's uncultivated arable land but imports

food for \$35 billion every year, a bill that is expected to swell to \$110 billion by 2025.

It makes no sense. That is food Africa should be producing, processing, selling and exporting, said. Africa in the future should not only feed itself but it must contribute to feeding the world.

Toward this end, agriculture must become more industrialized, with farmers gaining better access to seeds, fertilizer, credit, power and infrastructure.

Farmers should be supported to transform from producers of raw materials, such as cocoa and cotton, to manufacturers of finished goods such as chocolate and garments, which have less volatile prices..

To accelerate growth, the AfDB aimed to invest \$12 billion in the energy sector, hoping to leverage another \$50 billion from the private sector. Last year, AfDB had invested \$800 million to support young agro-entrepreneurs in eight countries and planned to extend the scheme to 30 nations.

Adesina called on governments and institutional investors, such as pension and insurance funds, to “see the gold” in African agriculture and invest in it to unlock its potential.

He said he was convinced the future billionaires of Africa would come from agriculture.

Turning plastic into profit in Somalia. “I don't believe that the future of African youth lies at the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea,” he said.

“The future of African young people lies in a more prosperous and inclusive Africa, and there is no other sector that has greater power to create growth than the agricultural sector.”

Adesina was named winner of the World Food Prize, regarded as the equivalent of a Nobel Prize for agriculture, in a ceremony on Monday at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington.

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## UNDETECTABLE = UNTRANSMITTABLE (U=U) A PUBLIC HEALTH AND HIV VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION TO END THE AIDS EPIDEMIC DR LEO ZEKENG, UNAIDS COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR TANZANIA

Twenty years of evidence demonstrates that HIV treatment is highly effective in reducing the transmission of HIV. People living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy who have an undetectable level of HIV in their blood have a negligible risk of transmitting HIV sexually.

Three large studies of sexual HIV transmission among thousands of couples, one partner of which was living with HIV and the other was not, were undertaken between 2007 and 2016. In those studies, there was not a single case of sexual transmission of HIV from a virally suppressed person living with HIV to their HIV-negative partner. Hence, in addition to enabling people living with HIV to stay healthy and have a lifespan like people not living with HIV, antiretroviral medicines now provide an opportunity for people living with HIV who have an undetectable viral load to have sex without a condom with effectively no risk of passing HIV on to their partner.

Globally, 47% [35–58%] of people living HIV are virally suppressed. From the Tanzania HIV Impact Survey (THIS), a household based national survey, conducted between October 2016 and August 2017, the prevalence of viral load suppression among HIV-positive adults aged 15 to 64 years stood at 52% (57.5% among females and 41.2% among males). The primary purpose of antiretroviral therapy is to keep people living with HIV in good health. For most people living with HIV, antiretroviral medicines can reduce the amount of HIV in the blood to levels that are undetectable by standard laboratory tests. With the right choice of antiretroviral medicines, viral levels will decline over several months to undetectable levels and allow the immune system to begin to recover. **Access to antiretroviral therapy is transformative for people living with HIV. It enables people to regain their quality of life, return to work and enjoy a future with hope.** For many people living with HIV, the news that they can no longer transmit HIV sexually is life-changing. In addition to being able to choose to have sex without a condom, many people living with HIV who are virally suppressed feel liberated from the stigma associated with living with the virus. The awareness that they can no longer transmit HIV sexually can provide people living with HIV with a strong sense of being agents of prevention in their approach to new or existing relationships.

### UNDETECTABLE = UNTRANSMITTABLE PROGRAMME SUPPORT

There is no definitive answer as to how long a person needs to be taking antiretroviral medicines before they become virally suppressed and have essentially zero risk of transmitting HIV. **To maintain an undetectable viral load, it is very important for a person living with HIV to stay on treatment and have regular viral load tests.** Regular viral load testing helps people living with HIV and their health-care



providers to monitor the success of a treatment regimen.

Efforts to reduce a person's viral load to undetectable levels, and prevent onward transmission of the virus, must be tailored to the individual, considering factors such as the duration of viral suppression, adherence to the antiretroviral medicines, the desire to stop using condoms and the desire to become pregnant.

Deciding on a strategy with a health-care provider also provides an opportunity to reinforce and support adherence to antiretroviral medicines, ensure regular returns for health checks and provide sexual and reproductive health advice. HIV-negative partners of people living with HIV who are virally suppressed should consider continuing to use condoms as well as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) if they have sex with people other than their partner.

### THE FUTURE

Worldwide approximately 1.6 million adults became newly infected with HIV in 2017. Many of those new infections were transmitted by people who did not know their HIV status, were not on treatment or who had started antiretroviral therapy but had not yet become virally suppressed or had poor adherence to their treatment. **In addition to their primary goal of keeping people living with HIV in good health, antiretroviral therapy and maintaining an undetectable viral load are important prevention tools within the combination prevention framework.** Other prevention tools include male and female condoms, voluntary medical male circumcision, PrEP,

and continue follow-up care.

3. Globally, there needs to be better access to viral load assays at affordable prices, combined with effective laboratory systems and robust health services. Stronger efforts should be put in place to ensure that all people living with HIV have access to treatment as soon as they are diagnosed.
4. UNAIDS Fast-Track approach and the 2016 United Nations General Assembly Political Declaration on Ending AIDS lay out recommendations that address the primary prevention and structural changes required to reach everyone affected and to provide accessible and affordable treatment for all people living with HIV.
5. Male and female condoms and other combination prevention strategies remain a key part of the HIV response as primary prevention tools. Stronger condom programming is essential to ensure sexual and reproductive health in general.
6. Increase efforts to ensure that accessible, affordable and stigma-free testing and treatment, including better access to viral load testing, is available to all people living with HIV.
7. Address stigma, discrimination and unjust criminalization that violates human rights and deters people living with HIV from accessing HIV prevention, treatment and care services.
8. **Raise awareness and promote the knowledge that undetectable = untransmittable.**

### VIRAL LOAD FACTS:

1. Viral load is the term used to describe the amount of HIV in a person's blood.
2. The higher the viral load, the quicker a person's immune system will be damaged, increasing their chances of catching infections that the body would normally fight off very easily.
3. When a person living with HIV is taking effective antiretroviral therapy, the viral load becomes so low that it is undetectable (less than 50 copies per millilitre of blood).
4. A person with an undetectable viral load has no chance of passing on HIV.
5. Viral load levels should be monitored regularly to be sure that the HIV medicines are working.

**UNAIDS**, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) leads and inspires the world to achieve its shared vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths. UNAIDS unites the efforts of 11 UN organizations—UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, UN Women, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank—and works closely with global and national partners towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Learn more at [unaids.org](http://unaids.org) and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

## SADC's undying frontline spirit commendable

**T**he formation of a democratic government in South Africa in 1994 led to the dismantling of the Frontline States alliance, whose main objective was to dismantle white settler rule.

The Pan-African leaders of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe probably believed that the major war against colonisation was won and that imperialism would eventually die.

Was it not Kwame Nkrumah who once warned that the only good imperialist was a dead one? The enemy is still alive and fighting to restore the racist colonial order.

Ever since embarking on the historical land reform programme in 2000, Zimbabwe has been under continuous attack, but this time not through the barrel of the gun. The enemy lines are holding strong thanks to economic sanctions and the mighty of the pen.

This two-pronged approach is not too complex to understand, but is extremely effective. The economic sanctions hurt the ordinary man who when disgruntled is “assisted” by Western funded non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and political parties in turning against government.

Government reaction to Western-sponsored violence is then used by anti-Zimbabwean media to paint a picture of a military state on the brink of collapse.

However, the sustained and deliberate onslaught on Zimbabwe suffered a knock on Monday when the Southern African Development Community (Sadc) acknowledged efforts by President Mnangagwa to address economic and social transformation since assum-

ing office.

The spirit of the Frontline States is leading SADC into war with an enemy that never died, that never gets tired of fighting.

In a statement on Monday, SADC chairperson and Namibian President Dr Hage Geingob said: “The SADC heads of state and government noted that since coming into power, the new government of Zimbabwe has continued with concerted efforts to address socio-economic challenges and transform the economy, particularly through the Zimbabwe Transitional Stabilisation Programme (2018-2020), and to consolidate unity and peace in the country.”

“This, notwithstanding, some internal groups, in particular NGOs, supported by external forces, have continued to destabilise the country.”

If SADC heads of state were gullible where would Zimbabwe be today? We commend SADC for remaining steadfast and standing in the frontline together with Zimbabwe.

The gains of Zimbabwe's independence are not hers to protect alone. The liberation of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), South West Africa (Namibia), and the Republic of South Africa was a joint effort by sister countries.

For example, many lives were lost in Mozambique, Zambia and Botswana so that Zimbabwe could be free.

With South Africa already embarking on a land reform path, in a bid to fully exploit the gains of hard-won independence, very soon Zimbabwe will not be alone on the receiving end of Western engineered attacks.

SADC leaders should continue from where the founding fathers left off. The war is far from over.



# 2019: The year of pushing beyond self imposed limits



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Success? What is it and how do we achieve it? Circumstances are tough and even tougher when you are a woman literally! The struggle to fit in, the pressure to stand out and most so to see the world through a positive eye and embark on the journey to your dream future unbothered and fearless is every woman's wish but well if only wishes were horses...

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When you identify your goal, write it down and work on strategies towards achieving it.

How sweet would it be for people to know you as the lady who worked her own way to the top and curved her destiny with her own hands?

There is a difference between just being somewhere and leaving a

lasting impression. Push yourself to become the person you dream to be!

Each time national examination results are released, the top scorers are interviewed and they exhibit lofty dreams. Some say that they want to be surgeons, others pilots while others, engineers. Question is; do these young people really know what it takes?

Success begins with a well thought out and written down goal, followed up with strategies for its actualization. For the goal to be objectified, several aspects have to be applied, key amongst them: Principal of Personal Initiative.

Personal Initiative uses an active approach that is characterized by its self-starting and proactive nature and by overcoming difficulties that arise in the pursuit of a goal. Self-starting suggests that the goals are not given or assigned by someone else, but that the person himself or herself develops these goals. Successful people always have the inner power that starts all action. Instead of dwelling

on what is required of them, they do the extra things that bring more meaning to their life.

Realistically speaking, in 1988, if Larry Page and Sergey Brin who were Ph.D. students at Stanford University by then, didn't put their heads together and invented Google, maybe we wouldn't have any search engine by now. Their self-drive pushed them towards actualizing their goal.

Similar to Hutchings Goddard an American engineer, professor, physicist and inventor, on March 16, 1926 launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket that he had created and built through his personal initiative and knowledge. Today, he recalls it. Thanks to the personal initiative of Louis Braille, the blind can now read using the Braille system that he developed.

We are able to read of the inventions that happened in the past, thanks to the Personal Initiative of the writers and historians who saw it worthy to package the information for the future.

The world yearns for people who can push themselves beyond their limits to see things happen. The youth graduate yearly from universities and quite a number are unemployed.

It is quite unfortunate that most of them have their minds tied around the careers they studied in university or college that they cannot think outside the box. Some have business ideas but are stuck at when and how to start. They lack inner drive!

Some apply for jobs and sit at home waiting for responses which might or might not come but it is



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also quite uncertain that they also fail to come with a thousand other attempts.

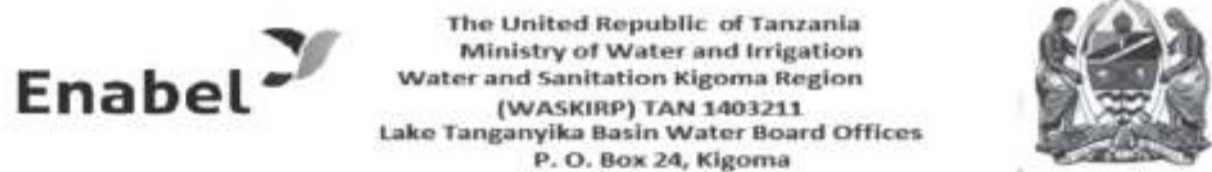
It is not startling that you will meet people who will say that before they landed their first job, they stayed jobless for over eight years. One wonders how an educated person can manage to stay broke for so long.

Everyone has to carry their own cross, it is a no brainer that some misfortunes in people's lives are as a result of the laxity and carelessness of people. And the lack

of personal initiative, the drive, the inner voice that pushes you as an individual.

To add a punch to this personal initiative principle, Napoleon Hill notes that, success is something you must achieve without someone telling you what to do or why you should do it.

It's not only another prosperous year, but it's yet another chance to push harder and let the sky be the only limit you set for yourself.



## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Service provision to conduct Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling Of 6 Boreholes and Pumping Test of Drilled 6 Boreholes At; Kazuramimba (Uvinza), Kidyama Kasulu (Town Council) And within Kabingo, Kiziguzigu, Ruyenzi and Kiyobera (Kakonko)**

### Introduction

Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP) is a 5-year partnership project between the Governments of Belgium and Tanzania aimed at contributing towards equitable development and poverty reduction among Kigoma communities through improved access to safe and clean water supply and sanitation services. The project is rehabilitating gravity-fed schemes and it plans, in some areas, to drill production boreholes for water supply schemes to serve a population of about 200,000.

The project is now inviting qualified drilling firms to conduct ground water exploration and drill 6 production boreholes in Uvinza, Kasulu and Kakonko Districts in Kigoma region.

### Scope of work

The contractor shall explore ground water availability through suitable hydrogeological methods and drill 6 boreholes (two per district) and based on contractor's own survey recommendations. The contract shall also do a pumping test and produce a comprehensive report on the pumping exercise.

The expected yield per borehole shall not be less than be 25m<sup>3</sup>/hr. The boreholes shall be drilling within the following locations:

- Kazuramimba village in Uvinza District,
- Kidyama village in Kasulu,
- Kabingo, Kiziguzigu, Ruyenzi and Kiyobera villages in Kakonko.

The estimated population to be served by these boreholes is 68,108 distributed unevenly in the selected villages.

### Required contractors

The project requires that interested firms must provide a capacity statement supported by the following:

- Valid registration certificate of Drilling and Drillers Licence from the Tanzania's Ministry of Water and Irrigation. And Business Licences and Contractors certificate from respective authorities
- Tax i.e. Income Tax and VAT payment certification.
- Proof of possession of exploration and sets of drilling equipment (drilling rigs, supply trucks and pumping test unit. Please provide specification of different available pumps.
- A record of similar assignments undertaken in Tanzania and other countries, giving the client name and the year in which the project was carried out and their values
- A summary of type and methods of drilling applied for different formation drilled
- Qualifications and experience of the key personnel in the field of the assignment; i.e. Senior Hydrogeologists, Hydrogeologist, Hydrogeology Technicians, Drillers etc
- Reports of different assignments undertaken i.e. Drilling and Pumping test reports etc
- Evidence of understanding the drilling legislation under the Tanzania law
- Any other information that may be relevant in support of the EOI

### Duration of the assignment

The duration of the assignment is estimated to be 10 weeks.

### Submission of expression of interest

All submissions should be in both soft and hard copies, appropriately bound and clearly marked: "Expression of Interest to conduct; Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling of 6 boreholes and Pumping Test of drilled 6 boreholes at; Kazuramimba (Uvinza), Kidyama Kasulu (Town Council) and Kabingo, Kiziguzigu, Ruyenzi and Kiyobera Kakonko". Soft copies should be submitted on at least two CDs and these should be addressed to:

The Project Manager,  
WASKRP,  
Lake Tanganyika Basin Water Board  
P.O. Box 24,  
Kigoma.

The closing for the receipt of the submissions is 18:00 hours on Friday 22 February 2019. Any documents received after this time will not be accepted. The Expressions of Interest will be opened soon after the deadline and successful firms will be served with full terms of reference (TORs) and for bidding.

For any information related to this, please contact +255755270540 form 09:00 hours to 17:00 hours local time.



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- ✓ Takes the initiative, and can foresee potential opportunities and problems.
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- Television programmes: 'Meet the Leader' - <http://uongozi.or.tz/tv-productions/meet-the-leader/> and 'In Focus' - <http://uongozi.or.tz/tv-productions/in-focus/>;
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- Contact details for three referees.
- Certified copies of qualifications.

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P.O. Box 105753, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

OR via Email: [recruitment@uongozi.or.tz](mailto:recruitment@uongozi.or.tz) with subject line **COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER**.

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# Nigerian writer hits 50-language milestone

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The year 2018 ended on a high note for the Nigeria born writer Mohammed Umar who is celebrating in London after getting his books translated and published into 50 languages.

"When copies of the Kinyarwanda editions of my children's books were delivered from Kigali recently, I counted the books and realised that it was the 50th language on the shelf. It was such a surreal moment, a real milestone and I was of course very thrilled and happy." Mohammed Umar, who has written and published seven books, said.

Born in Azare, Bauchi State of Nigeria, Mohammed Umar graduated from the Faculty of Journalism, Moscow State University in 1991. It was during his stay in Moscow that he wrote his first novel *Amina*, which was published by Africa World Press, in New Jersey, United States of America in 2005. *Amina*, a novel about the conditions of women in Muslim societies has been translated and published in 33 languages. "I feel so honoured and privileged to have been translated into so many languages in different parts of the world. It has been a huge experience," added Mohammed Umar.

Before he went to Moscow in 1985, Mohammed Umar studied political science at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. After Moscow, Mohammed Umar went on to study political economy and international relations at various institutions in London, United Kingdom.

In 1996, he was appointed the Foreign Rights Manager at ZED Books in London. "This helped me a lot in understanding the publishing world and how it works and that was how I met and became friends with Kassahun Checole, the publisher of Africa World Press. Once *Aminawas* published in English, it was a lot easier for me to present it to publishers in other languages. *Aminahas* been well received all over the world. The novelist Aminatta Forna described the novel as, "A powerful, beautiful and ultimately compelling narrative. *Amina* lets in the light upon an untold story." Triena Ong, the President of Singapore Book Publishers Association



Mohammed Umar

said of the book: "The message in this book is universal and timeless. Women in different societies and cultures are still experiencing the issues described. Hopefully in generations to come, the world will be a changed place and this book will serve as a historical record of a long-suffering era."

Professor Michael Janis who reviewed the book for *Africa - Journal of the International African Institute* said: "Mohammed Umar must be considered a literary pioneer of African feminism. Umar's work is unique in contemporary Nigerian literature as a progressive cry for social justice."

Mohammed Umar, who was the Sales Manager at Pambazuka Press (2008-2012) added that, "Getting *Amina* out in other languages went hand in hand with writing children's stories and bearing in mind the challenges I faced getting a publisher for my novel, I decided the best way forward was to set up my own publishing house, which I did in 2010. Through

Salaam Publishing, I have published *The Adventures of Jamila*, a story for young adults. *The Hunter Becomes the Hunted*, a story for six-nine year olds. *Samad in the Forest* and *Samad in the Desert* - illustrated children stories for two-six years old. *The Enemies Inside* - an illustrated spiritual/philosophical story book for children. I have also published some bilingual editions of the children's stories."

The writer was a judge for the Caine Prize for African Writing in 2009 and has recently published a semi-autobiographical novel titled *The Illegal Immigrant*, a novel that has received very positive reviews. For example, the former Mayor of London Ken Livingstone endorsed the book saying, "This book is amazing. It taught me more about what it is like to be an illegal immigrant than anything else I have read. Everyone should read it. You won't be able to put it down." Becky Clarke MBE, the publisher at Ayeibia Clarke Publishing in Oxford wrote that, "This is the best book

about the African immigrant experience in London and well worth waiting for. A must-read for anyone interested in walking in the shoes of an African immigrant in a contemporary context. It will become a classic."

"It was definitely not easy getting publishers interested in my books and I have invested a lot of time and resources in ensuring that the books are published in as many languages as possible - in some cases, I subsidised the translation of the books into local languages.

I'm determined to get my books out in more African languages as there is a dearth of books especially children's books on the continent. Some of my children's books are published in bilingual editions which I think are beneficial to children a lot."

Mohammed Umar was the winner of The Muslim News Award for Excellence in Arts in 2010. "All the languages are special but I'm still shocked by one or two like Sanskrit for example.

I honestly thought the language was long dead until the Sanskrit edition of *Aminawas* launched at the first Sanskrit Book Fair in Bangalore, India, in 2010. To be read in Sanskrit is such an honour. I'm particularly happy my books are available in Nigeria in Hausa, Fulfulde, Yoruba, Kanuri and Igbo - all published locally.

2019 should be very busy as I'm expecting the publication of my books in at least ten languages. Of course, I will be out there looking to add more languages to the existing ones," continued Mohammed.

Living the dream  
It is rather remarkable and extraordinary to be able to write and singlehandedly

get one's books published in dozens of languages around the world. "I faced the usual problems and challenges of being rejected by publishers but I keep trying. As Ghanaians say, 'It is by going and coming that the bird builds its nest'. By getting one language at a time, here I am with 50 languages. I must say that I was lucky in some cases, but in the end you make your own luck."

Asked why his books travelled well into so many parts of the world, from Finland to Sri Lanka, from the United States to Japan and have been able to pass through the censors in Saudi Arabia and Iran, Mohammed Umar said, "I think it's the message but the truth is I don't know. I am simply enjoying every minute of it."

The dream of every writer is to be read and I'm so happy I'm being read. I am living the dream, as they say!" Languages in which books are published

Acholi, Afrikaans, Arabic, Azeri, Bahasa, English, Farsi, Finnish, French, Fulfulde, Greek, Hausa, Hindi, Igbo, Japanese, Kannada, Kanuri, Khandeshi, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Luganda, Macedonian, Maithili, Malay, Malayalam, Marathi, Mongolian, Ndebele, Nepali, Oriya, Polish, Punjabi, Rajasthani, Sanskrit, Santali, Serbian, Sesotho, Shona, Sindhi, Sinhala, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Vietnamese, Xhosa, Yoruba, Zulu.

Languages in which books are in production

Albanian, Amharic, Bengoli, Burmese, Chichewa, Kashmiri, Montenegrin, Oromo, Sepedi, Setswana, Siswati, Thai, Thivenda, Tigrinya, Tumbuka, Uzbek, Xitsonga, Yao.

## Huge infrastructure projects in Africa less beneficial than human investments

BY GAUDENSIA MNGUMI, RECENTLY IN ADDIS ABABA

GRAND Pan-Africanists like Julius Nyerere, Kenneth Kaunda, Kwame Nkrumah and Haile Selassie sought to decolonise Africa together with uniting the continent, but today African leaders are seen as having done little to guide the continent to development to make it a better world for Africans, to accomplish the vision of the founding fathers.

Now, close to 60 years after independence African leaders continue to frustrate their countries' constitutions and laws. Many of them don't respect presidential term limits as a score of the presidents are undemocratic.

They do not want to step down, and some have clung to power for decades for example in Congo where Denis Sassou Nguesso has ruled his country for 30 years.

In order to find solutions to challenges of African development the continent has shifted away from liberation politics to the new post-independence struggle for democracy and good governance since the early 2000s, when the Organization of African Unity (OAU) was converted into the African Union (AU) in 2001.

In a bid to make Africa more democratic and accountable on governance matters, the AU adopted governance tools like the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), an instrument intended to enable African countries to review one another's performance and borrow a leaf.

Apart from APRM, Africans adopted and agreed to uphold the terms of the African Union Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) in 2007, which came into force in 2012. This was designed to guard the

continent against undemocratic governance. The tools were expected to usher in good governance, respect of human rights, rule of law, respect of constitutions, along with democratic, free and fair elections.

ACDEG was hoped to be an instrument to delete evils and Africa's bad reputation such as a continent of dictatorship, corruption, ignorance, poverty, disease and underdevelopment. However, African leaders are not taking up ACDEG; they are continuing to undermine Africa's attempts to renovate its leadership, and as a result negate the noble intentions of the OAU and AU founders.

African civil organizations have been challenging the continental body, AU to ensure that leaders uphold and domesticate ACDEG. At the start of this month, CSOs members from the West Africa region, East Africa, Southern Africa via the SADC group and other partners working with Action Aid Denmark and Action Aid International took up the issue. They fully engaged with AU officials to push the domestication of the instrument that is hoped to transform Africa and take it out of quagmires of ignorance, poverty, disease, poor leadership and corruption.

During the CSOs meeting in Addis Ababa, veteran Pan Africanist Brian Kagoro from Zimbabwe, addressed civil society members on the topic, Status of Governance in Africa and Implications for Africa's Development, focusing on implementations of ACDEG.

Dwelling on contemporary economic and developmental challenges, Kagoro says Africans are witnessing increasing insecurity threats like terrorism, religious extremism, counter-terrorism, re-emerging of Cold War animosities in a new way, competition



Brian Kagoro addressing the consortium of African CSOs in Addis Ababa

for territories, trade wars and conflicts between America, China, Turkey and Canada.

He says Africa sees instability in the global economy like the debt problem that faced Greece, while Britain is leaving the European Union in the Brexit showdown, again there is slowing down of economic activity in China.

"All these affect African governance and economic activities because the continent depends on existing economic relations being boosted. Africa depends on exporting minerals and raw materials to the developed world and emerging economic powers like China and India. When economic growth slows down in those countries it affects Africa's major exports, particularly how the continent performs in

internal and international trade."

Kagoro noted that Africa suffers because it has planned and designed her trade with former colonial masters and their allies without considering internal needs and proper intra-African trade arrangements.

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

According to Kagoro Africa is seriously preoccupied with building modern infrastructures, thus issues of democracy and good governance are not given much attention. They are constructing modern railways, roads and airports which are intended to transport raw materials abroad, to suit the interests of ex-colonial fathers.

In general modern infrastructures in Africa are not as necessary as industries.

to build huge infrastructures but to undertake pro-poor projects," asserts Kagoro.

"African leaders have failed to build a strong economy. The structure of our economies is enclosed. We have systems that do not feed into others for example you have raw materials, minerals but they don't feed into agriculture. The agricultural sector doesn't feed into industries. The industries do not bring about the growth of science and technology; we don't invest in education to enable young people to develop new skills so that they can produce and invest... The issue here is to invest in the people, not about building modern railways and airports."

Kagoro adds that if Africa doesn't invest enough in the growing capacities and skills especially in science and technology, engineering and other critical fields in young people, the next generation will essentially be condemned to becoming a backward generation in a modern world.

He blames African countries for neglecting their own development for example some buildings, railways, schools, hospitals which were acquired or built after independence were neglected and not improved at all. "If you neglect your own development you can't blame anybody for your underdevelopment," says Kagoro, elaborating that issues of environment are crucial and are among key matters that need to be worked upon.

"The subject here is not about climate change only but on preservation, taking care and protection of human beings in the continent. It means taking care of Africans and ensure that they are protected when investors are taking over the land for mining and agricultural investments."

The new railways and modern airports won't benefit Africans, but will rather suit the interests of the masters who buy the raw materials and minerals, says Kagoro.

The idea of having modern infrastructures for selling the raw materials alone without investing into African people means that her people will continue to be poor, unemployed and jobseekers while their resources are taken away to feed economies of the colonial masters and emerging economies like China.

"What is most important for African leaders now is to enable farmers to work in agribusiness, bring the technology to people and ensure that all plans and projects suit national needs particularly for the poor, not

# Embrace technology to increase productivity, farmers in Dodoma told

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FARMERS and livestock keepers should embrace technology in their activities if they are to take part in the country's industrialisation agenda.

A Dodoma-based entrepreneur,

Dickson Raymond made the call on Wednesday when speaking at a special workshop which was organised by Business Africa Solution.

The workshop was themed: "Effective Supervision of Contract Farming Loans" towards sunflower oil seed processors in the region.

Raymond said despite being

endowed with favourable climate for cultivation of varied key cash crops, indigenous farmers are failing to yield enough harvests, but also, in meeting required international standards.

He said that the use of modern equipment will help the farmers and livestock keepers to ably compete in local and international markets.

"As the country is in transitional periods towards industrial economy, it is of prudent for farmers to embrace modern technologies," said Raymond, who is also the Dodoma branch manager with Poly Machinery Company Limited.

Citing example of sunflower oil seed production in Dodoma and Singida

regions, he said most processors are still using rudimentary and poor machines hence fails to produced needed quality seed oil.

"In overcoming this setback, our company has imported and introduced into local market key machines to help them produce high quality refined oil seed," he said.

He named the machines in question as sunflower thresher, oil filter, combined oil mill, and semi-automatic oil filling machines.

Commenting on his firm, the official said: "We're complementing government's efforts to improve crop production through adoption and uses of modern technologies."



Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA) director general Agnes Kijazi (C) addresses a news conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday commenting on the recent rain seasonal updates from March to May 2019 this year. Others are the Agency's director for forecasting services Hamza Kabelwa (R) and weather forecasting centre manager Samuel Mbuya. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Somalia lobbies AU Summit for international debt cancellation

ADDIS ABABA

SOMALI government officials, international development partners and civil society organisations engaged in humanitarian operations in Somalia met at the African Union Summit to lobby African leaders to approve a massive debt cancellation for war-ravaged Somalia.

The Somalia Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Consortium, comprising international civil society organisations and government officials met during a high-level event at the AU heads of state summit to voice calls for the debt cancellation for Somalia.

They say this would enable the Horn of African nation to rebuild its war-torn infrastructure and work on

resettling millions of people uprooted by conflict.

"Somalia requires cooperation because the debt cancellation would help us to ignite our national development plan," Gamal Hassan, Somalia's Minister of Planning, Investment and Economy, said.

The African Union Commission announced it would support plans by the Somali authorities to seek an international debt cancellation which would allow the country to receive international assistance.

According to Somali foreign minister Ahmed IsseAwad, the debt cancellation for Somalia would act as a means to one of the durable solutions being sought by the African leaders to end the cycle of forced displacements.

"We will need to mobilise political actors to give debt cancellation to Somalia. We welcome the selection of this year's theme on the search for durable solutions to the issue of forced displacements.

We believe the resolution of our debt issue could allow more resources to be channelled to the displaced," Awad said.

To qualify for the debt cancellation, Somalia needs to convince the IMF, which would possibly convene its board of directors to review the country's progress.

Should the IMF board give an approval for the debt cancellation, Somalia would be required to hold bilateral talks with private donors on the terms of debt forgiveness.

## Kigoma Region to benefit from all the HelpAge funded projects

By Guardian Reporter

HELPAge International's Tanzania office has been awarded nearly 1.6 million Euros from the German Federal Foreign Office (AA) to support people with specific needs in and around Nduta and Mtendeli refugee camps in Kigoma Region.

Besides supporting the mainly Burundian refugees, the funds will also offer help to the host communities. It will directly reach about 87,629 also expected to reach an estimated 175,000 people indirectly.

Areas the fund will cover includes improving community-based protection and psychosocial support, increasing access to appropriate rehabilitation services

and to ensure PSN and women carers have increased income security; and improving coordination among stakeholders to strengthen protection for and inclusion of host communities. 40 per cent of the fund will serve the host community while 60 per cent will be for the refugees in camps.

Leonard Ndamgoba, senior programme manager said that the fund will support elders and also improve health care and help older people establish income generating activities.

"The project is going to change lives of people in Kigoma. Such support is needed from stakeholders in order to achieve thwarted goals set. I commend our government's effort as Tanzania is the second in

the continent in giving better health services to older people, second from Mauritius"

Emergency programme manager Barlet Colly said "The support will strengthen capacity of community-based rehabilitation staff, support physiotherapy through existing centres, provision of rehabilitation devices, assistive devices, making awareness and place inclusion principle into perspective.

Along this fund, HelpAge has also been awarded 600,000 British Pounds to strengthen inclusion, dignity, access to quality health and care, secure lives, sustainable universal income, and increased protection from the killings of Older people due to witchcraft accusations in ten regions, Kigoma included.

## Relief as motorists enjoy the Valentine's Day offer

By Guardian Reporter

MOTORISTS in seven regions across the country were yesterday relieved after an oil firm gave a discount of 70/- per litre as an offer for its customers during the Valentine's Day, which is celebrated annually on February 14.

According a statement issued by Total Tanzania head of legal and corporate affairs, Marsha Msuya, the offer which kicked off on February 13, this year involved all vehicles, motorcycles and bajaj at sixteen selected stations in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Arusha, Moshi, Mwanza, Mbeya and Morogoro.

Some of the surveyed stations in Dar es Salaam were found busy providing the offer to the customers.

A manager at Total station along Bagamoyo Road, Michael Kipingu, said

“Originating as a Western Christian feast day honouring one or two early saints named Valentinus, Valentine's Day is recognised as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and romantic love in many regions around...”

that the oil firm reduced the price for three days from February 13 to 15, this

year, whereby petrol is being sold at 2,050/- instead of 2,120/- per litre.

He said: "The response has been good as more customers were flocking into our stations. We thank our customers for the trust they made to us."

One of motorcyclists, Mussa Bakari said: "I am happy for the offer, but very few people are aware of this offer. I'm sure if time was to be extended for a week more people would have been enjoyed this rare opportunity."

Originating as a Western Christian feast day honouring one or two early saints named Valentinus, Valentine's Day is recognised as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and romantic love in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

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## TENDER NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR VARIOUS IT SERVICES

1. National Bank of Commerce Limited has set aside funds for the procurement of various services during financial year 2019/2020, it is intended that, part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payments under various contracts.
2. Request for proposal is open to all eligible suppliers with proven experience and capacity to offer the required services. Interested eligible bidders are invited to apply for the provision of the support and Maintenance of the following Services.
  - i. Note Counters and Sorters
  - ii. Desktop Computing and Network Administration
  - iii. Printing Services
3. Request for Proposal documents can be downloaded from the website [www.nbc.co.tz](http://www.nbc.co.tz) and then click 'Procurement' to access the document.
4. All Proposals in one original and one copy set properly filled in, and enclosed in sealed envelope marked as per service name quotes on the RFP Document and should be addressed to; **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE LIMITED, HEAD OFFICE BUILDING, 6th FLOOR, and P.O BOX 1863 DAR ES SALAAM.**
5. Sealed applications and Bids must be submitted not later than **Friday, 1st March 2019 at 1600 hrs.** Proposal shall be delivered by hand to the Tender Box located at reception of Head Office building, ground floor along Sokoine Drive /Azikiwe Street.

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE LIMITED**





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### SECTION LEADER – MAINTENANCE PLANNING

Acacia Mining seeks to employ a Section Leader – Maintenance Planning based at North Mara Mine in Tanzania. This role reports to the Asset Reliability Manager and the role holder will be accountable to provide technical support and governance within the Asset Reliability Department and North Mara for Maintenance Planning. The role will be the catalyst for compliance to systems, processes and standards relating to Asset Management, CMMS system and Work Management protocols. The role will specifically ensure Acacia Maintenance Planning systems and processes are embedded in the operation and form the way we do business.

This is a permanent role, with the work roster being six weeks on and three weeks off.

#### CORE ACCOUNTABILITIES

- **Safety:**
  - Visibly support and drive Acacia Safety Policies and Standards,
  - Visibly integrate safe work practices into Planning activities,
  - Ensure compliance to all regulatory health, safety and environmental policies and procedures,
  - Ensure that safety standards, FLRA, and Safe Working Procedures are adhered to in full to ensure Zero Lost Time Injury (LTI) Frequency Rate, and
  - Ensure Zero Fatality and Zero Medical Treatment Injury (MTI) in the Section.
- **Leadership effectiveness:**
  - Ensure Acacia Work Management Protocols are utilized to ensure equipment availability and reliability.
  - Effective leadership for the Maintenance Planning Section.
  - Effective Maintenance Planning Strategy and ensure the Strategy is implemented.
  - Risk Management System.
  - Operational Strategies & Systems.
  - Ensure clear objectives are set, agreed and adhered to by Team Members.
  - Conduct performance monitoring and reviews of Team Members.
  - Ensure that Team Members have Development Plans and that they achieve the milestones on the plan, and
  - Ensure less experienced Team Members are trained effectively.
- **Provide General Support/ Governance:**
  - Ensure all statutory/regulatory maintenance activities are managed within CMMS (Pronto) system,
  - Ensure Acacia Work Management Protocols are adhered to and reports are published weekly and monthly,
  - Prepare Quarterly forum work management presentation reviewing Acacia business, and
  - Ensure facilitation of maintenance planning meeting structure as per the Acacia Work Management Procedure/ Work Management.
- **Maintenance Planning Improvement Strategy:**
  - Improve the Work Management process implementation on Site,
  - Ensure Work Management reporting system is established as per central model,
  - Improve high level shutdown planning process – synergies with OEM's and resources, and
  - Ensure Rotables are managed as per the Acacia Rotable Management process.
- **Projects:**
  - Support and implement the Acacia Maintenance Optimization Project – (AMOP),
  - Implementation of Rylson8 as CMMS strategy management, and
  - Implement the Acacia Work Management roll out strategy.

#### ROLE REQUIREMENTS

##### Qualification Requirements:

- Degree in Electrical Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering/ Asset Management
- **Knowledge in:**
  - Asset Management – including reliability, asset integrity, spare part management
  - Maintenance Management,
  - Mining and Minerals Processing,
  - Project Management and Scheduling,
  - Risk Management, and
  - Change Management.

##### Experience Requirements:

- 10 years' experience in the Mining Industry/ Operational/ Support Roles,
- 10 years' experience in Maintenance Planning Roles, and
- 5 years' experience in Senior Leadership Role.

##### Skills / Knowledge Requirements:

- Maintenance Planning and Scheduling principles,
- Data integrity and reporting,
- Business Writing,
- Project Management,
- Coaching,
- Managing Social Process in Meetings,
- Managing culture of stakeholders,
- Presentation Skills,
- Influencing,
- Systems design and implementation,
- Computer skills – Microsoft Office suite, excel, word, outlook,
- Business Improvement (BI) tools & processes, and
- Effective Communication.

The role will attract a competitive salary package, which will include excellent benefits.

Applicants are invited to submit their CV's/Resume's (indicating the role title in the subject) via e-mail to:

[jobs@acaciaming.com](mailto:jobs@acaciaming.com)

Acacia Mining has a strong commitment to environmental, health and safety management and offers equal employment opportunities to qualified men and women.

If you are not contacted by Acacia Mining within thirty (30) days after the closing date, you should consider your application as unsuccessful. Short listed candidates may be subjected to any of the following: security clearance; competency assessment; physical capability assessment, reference checking.

Please forward applications before **01 March 2019**.

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# The Kenyans who earn \$100 a month picking Valentine's Day flowers

## NAIVASHA, KENYA

Joyce Iminza steps down from an old, white bus and boards a motorcycle taxi in Naivasha, a flower-rich town about 100km northwest of Kenya's capital, Nairobi.

"Take me to my house. My kids are on their way home from school and I need to prepare dinner for them," she tells the driver as she climbs up to sit behind him.

In six minutes, she arrives at her one-bedroom rented house and starts cooking.

The 36-year-old has been working in Naivasha flower farms for 12 years. Despite the years of hard work, she struggles to sustain her family.

"I am a single mother. My employer pays me \$100 every month. This is never enough for me to pay my house rent, buy food, and pay school fees. I end up taking loans every other time," says Iminza.

She is not alone.

According to the Kenya Flower Council, an association that represents cut-flower producers, Iminza is among more than 90,000 floriculture workers employed by over 300 exporters from HYPERLINK "https://www.aljazeera.com/topics/country/kenya.html" Kenya.

Because of its favourable weather all year round, Kenya is Africa's top flower exporter with an average of 360 tonnes exported daily.

It is the world's fourth largest producer of cut flowers after the Netherlands, Colombia and Ecuador.

In 2017, according to Horticultural Crop Directorate (HCD), a public corporation, the floral industry earned Kenya \$823m, with Europe a major market.

With demand for flowers skyrocketing on occasions such as Valentine's Day, the sector is a top foreign-exchange earner.

Iminza says the government, which is responsible for regulation, ignores the interests of flower farm workers.

"The Kenyan labour laws do not favour us as workers at all. Our employers take advantage of these policies and go ahead to pay us whatever is stipulated. Because of this, our lives literally remain at the same level no matter the number of years worked," she says.

The minimum wage for an unskilled agricultural employee is about \$65 a month.

This low minimum salary entices large cut-flower companies to Kenya, says Ferdinand Juma, the chairperson of the

Kenya Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union (KPAWU) in Naivasha.

"The government thinks that the investors are doing us a favour because they come and employ masses of people, while, in essence, these people are taking advantage of cheap labour as a result of our government's investor-friendly labour policies."

Juma, now 52 and a father of seven, worked for 13 years cutting flowers before joining KPAWU.

"When I was a cut-flower worker, my colleagues and I never knew how successful this industry was," he says. "[We want to] make sure workers are informed."

Through the union, Juma has previously managed to negotiate better working conditions on behalf of over 30,000 flower farm employees in Naivasha.

But the main challenge is, he says, that many people take up these jobs because they are unemployed and desperate.

One example is 50-year-old Leonard Karani, who has six children.

"I quit education when I was in high school due to insufficient tuition fees," he says. "I struggled to find a permanent job before landing this one."

Karani has worked for 18 years for several flower companies.

His monthly salary is \$110 - not enough to feed his family.

"Our lives are defined by debt," says Karani. That is the only way I can sustain my family. If I had other skills, at least I would search for other jobs. I have no options."

Cyprian Onyony, a lawyer, says most labour law and policies were enacted during colonial times.

While a significant amount of legislation was repealed in subsequent years, the employment law that deals with wage regulation has not been reviewed in a long time, he says.

"This problem can primarily be solved by the Kenyan parliament through the passing of minimum wage bills that can be revised within a stipulated time period. As the business booms, unskilled floriculture workers are able to feel success. The high returns should also trickle to better terms for the employees," Onyony explains.

Back in Naivasha, Iminza, the single mother who works for \$100 a month, finishes preparing her children's dinner.

"I have lived a life of debt - year in, year out. I have to take care of these kids all alone. I just pray that things change in the future," she says. "That's all I can do."

Agencies.



Several flower farm workers told Al Jazeera they earned little more than \$100 a month

By Correspondent Mtapu Wilson

## MARA CAPITAL YET TO HANDOVER MIKOCHENI RESIDENTIAL FLATS TO POLICE

**O**VER seven years since the signing of an investment agreement with Tanzania Police Force to turn Oyster-bay Police barracks into a shopping arcade and modern police complex, Mara Capital is yet to handover residential apartments for police officers built at Mikocheni Tanesco in Dar es Salaam.

Police spokesman, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Msangi said the investor is yet to officially handover the buildings hence the law enforcers have no update on the project.

"Everything has its own procedure and this project is still in progress, it not yet completed because the investor has not handed it to us as per agreement," DCP Msangi said.

"In short, everything relating to that particular project is in progress and once it's completed we will inform the public," the Police Force spokesman added.

In 2012 Tanzania Police Force under Inspector General, Said Mwema and Home Affairs Permanent Secretary, Mohamed Abdulwakil signed a 50 years leased agreement with Mara Capital Group's founder, Ashish Thakkar who promised to invest US\$270 million in the project.

The controversial deal which allowed Mara Capital to relocate all police officers at the Oyster-bay barracks, demolish the single unit residential houses with



Main entrance to the Mikocheni Tanesco colourful single storey flats. Photo: Guardian Photographer.

promises of erecting blocks of apartments, a modern police administration block and officers' residential flats at Mikocheni Tanesco area by 2015.

Most of the evicted police officers were paid cash to rent houses for a period of one year when the apartments were due for completion. To date, it's only the administrative block at Oyster-bay and single storey flats at Mikocheni which are completed.

Responding to a question as to why are officers occupying the beautiful Mikocheni residential single storey flats and the office block at Oyster-bay, DCP Msangi, said, "At the moment, I don't have any other comment relating to this project except that you wait till when the contractors hand it over to us."

By 2015 when President John Magufuli took power,

construction work was going on at a snail pace and stalled after the new head of state questioned the rationale of leasing to a foreign investors a sensitive security property.

Speaking to Regional Police Commanders, State Attorneys and Regional Crime Officers in Dodoma in April 2016, President Magufuli questioned the wisdom of people involved in crafting the controversial deal.

Dr Magufuli fell short of ordering the ministry to quash the contract with Ugandan based Mara Capital Group but instead advised that it be carefully reviewed to see if the barracks can be saved from private investment.

"Everyone knows that Oyster-bay is a prime area and you have signed a contract with that foreign investor to build you houses with a shopping mall in it. Why didn't you use your title deed to get a loan from any bank and build such properties on your own?" President Magufuli wondered.

Ministry of Home Affairs records show that the Force was in need of about 34,710 housing units for its officers countrywide.

## Construction boom drives GDP growth

By Guardian Reporter

Construction maintained its number one position in the list of sectors which contribute immensely to the growth of the gross domestic product (GDP).

Bank of Tanzania Monetary Policy Statement for the first half of 2018/19 show that four sectors namely construction, trade and repair, agriculture and manufacturing were the top GDP contributors.

These were the only economic sectors whose contribution to GDP exceeded 10 per cent, according to BoT statistics. In the same period in the preceding year construction, transport and storage, mining and quarrying, agriculture as well as information and communication, topped the list of sectors whose contribution to GDP exceeded 10 per cent.

Generally, BoT reported that Tanzania's economy continued to record strong performance, with real

GDP growing by 6.7 per cent in the first three quarters of 2018, compared with 6.2 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of 2017.

According to BoT, the highest growth rate in the first three quarters of 2018 were recorded in construction (13.0 per cent); information and communication (12.5 per cent); manufacturing (9.0 per cent); and mining and quarrying (9.0 per cent).

"Growth in construction was mainly due to the ongoing construction of railway, roads, bridges and buildings," said BoT.

In the first half of the current financial year construction contributed 23.1 per cent to the GDP followed by trade and repair at 11.1 per cent. Agriculture and manufacturing contributed 10.7 and 10 per cent respectively, BoT reported.

On the other hand, electricity, water, Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured (FISIM) as well as professional, scientific

and technical services were the least contributors. While the first three contributions were less one per cent each, the last economic activity in fact siphoned from GDP contributing negative 1.1 per cent.

On growth of individual economic activities, construction as well as information and communication posted impressive growth of 13 and 12.5 per cent respectively.

Manufacturing grew by nine per cent followed by mining and quarrying also at nine per cent with trade and repair recording a 7.4 per cent growth.

On the other hand, FISIM recorded negative 0.5 per cent growth alongside professional, scientific and technical services which recorded negative 4.7 per cent growth.

Last year mining and quarrying, information and communication, construction, transport and storage as well as water posted growth of more than 10 percentage points.

By Moureen Moshia

Homes are often a representation of something larger than a physical structure; they are a monumental step forward in life. A home symbolizes security, stability, and success. Understandably, these feelings are attached to home ownership as shelter is a basic human need providing security and safety.

Traditionally Tanzanians have a culture of saving and building homes over the course of many years, opting to rent in the meantime. Home loans have become an increasingly accessible avenue into home ownership.

According to a 2017 Finscope report, an estimated 6 per cent of the land in Tanzania is jointly owned. The discussion of land and home ownership is not typically done by couples until children come into the picture.

This was the case for Susan and her husband Jonah, tired of renting yet unable to commit to the expenses of buying a home, explored the option of home loans through their bank, Stanbic. Admittedly they were initially both skeptical but consultations with their bank manager fast-tracked their dreams of buying a home for their young and growing family.

Whereas the baby boomer generation owned land and had to spread their home building expenses over the course of a number of years, Susan and Jonah were only required to have an equity payment of 20 per cent.

Once the couple had managed to save for the equity payment their bank financed 80 per cent of the value of the property. Securing the finances for a home was the first step, next were the monthly payments, which could not exceed 40 per cent of their monthly income. It is advisable to exercise caution and avoid loans that will make it difficult to meet the obligations of monthly payments.

Additionally, in order to secure a home loan, a title deed will be required. It is an important document that legitimizes land ownership and gives the bank assurance of assets. According to Finscope, land ownership currently stands at 37 per cent and only 3 per cent claim to have a title deed.

The process of obtaining a title deed begins at Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements



Stanbic Bank Tanzania Limited's Head of Bancassurance and Home Loans, Moureen Moshia. Photo: courtesy of SBT.

### Expert counseling to home loan seekers

Development which can also provide copies of title deeds if necessary. Other documents to support the application process include identification, proof of source of income and existing loan history.

Home loans are not restricted to outright purchases but also apply to building and house renovations, giving landowners the ability to utilize the land resources in their possession. Recent reports highlight that the mortgage market in Tanzania is underdeveloped with a low uptake because of lack awareness.

Like Susan and Jonah many Tanzanians are wary of home loans because the logistics seem long, daunting and difficult. These appre-

hensions are warranted, without the right advice and information in place many hopeful homeowners will wander and waste their time and resources.

Home loan applications should be discussed with a bank representative. As it is a personal loan, it is beneficial to be knowledgeable about the ins and outs of the contractual agreement and what it will mean for the future of your finances.

Owning a home is a dream that can be made a reality with a small amount of planning and discipline. With the right bank financing, home loans empower individuals to take a step forward and towards making their life more secure and comfortable.



Construction work of the multi-trillion shillings Standard Gauge Railways going on in Dar es Salaam. File photo.

# CARBON MEASURING IN TANZANIA'S GOMBE STREAM AND MAHALE MOUNTAINS

By Jo Anderson, Carbon Tanzania

Director

As this edition of Ujumbe goes to print, the Carbon Tanzania team will be trekking through the miombo forests of western Tanzania measuring trees and collecting data, a key step in the development of the Ntakata Mountains project.

This project aims to protect over 300,000 hectares of village forest in Tanganyika District, land that supports the largest population of chimpanzees in Tanzania. While Gombe Stream and Mahale Mountains National Parks are rightly famous for their well-known and scientifically-studied populations of chimps, the woodlands and forests of the interior plateaus and valleys harbour a larger, and more endangered, community of this charismatic, close human relative.

The ceaseless search for land has brought immigrant agro-pastoralists to the area in the past decade, and they are threatening to disrupt the land use systems of the traditional agricultural communities of the area. To support these communities in protecting their land-rights and natural forests, while simultaneously improving their rural livelihoods, Carbon Tanzania is rolling out its innovative approach to community conservation in this frontier landscape.

## Why measure trees?

Our approach depends on compensating communities for enforcing land-use plans that include the provision for setting aside natural habitat for protection under village by-laws. The forests harbour large carbon stocks, and when they are destroyed for shifting agriculture, charcoal production or timber extraction, carbon dioxide is released, thereby contributing to global climate change, which affects rural communities in Tanzania and



Greystoke Mahale Lodge on the shore of Lake Tanganyika. File photo.

coastal cities in North America alike.

By preventing this destruction, that globally contributes between 15 percent and 20 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions, communities can earn carbon "credits" which can be sold on the global voluntary carbon market, thereby earning revenue which is used to both support directly the forest protection activities and also to pay for critical development projects and basic services provision within the village.

So to determine how "valuable" these forests are we must know how much carbon is stored in the trees, and this requires physical measuring. The process is led by internationally developed and recognized survey methodologies, and is all very scientific! However this level of rigour allows us to guarantee that the contribution of the project to mitigating climate change is real, measurable and verifiable.

Not just tree-hugging! The process begins with the identification of the area to be

protected. The development and registration of official village land-use plans forms the basis for the entire enterprise, and once these plans are in place, we can define which areas of forest need to be surveyed.

A computer programme randomly selects sample plots within the forested areas, and these must be reached by the survey teams. Each team uses a GPS (Global Positioning System) unit to locate the sample plot, which may be up a steep hill, across a muddy valley or in a patch of particularly thick vegetation, but except when reaching the georeferenced point would endanger life, all efforts must be made to get there. Once on the spot the team marks out a survey plot, which is usually a 50 metre radius circle. Within this area trees and even large bushes are measured using a simple tailors tape measure, as long as their diameter exceeds 5cm, and the data is recorded by hand, as well as some other information including data pertaining to the habitat type, the

time of day and the aspect of the land among others.

Once completed, the team can move onto another plot, which may be several kilometres through the bush. Usually a team leaves camp in the morning with lunch and may attempt to complete two or three plots in the day. It can be hot and tiring work, but we do ensure that on return to camp tea and coffee await the hard working data collectors.

Camp life is not for everyone, but for people who are accustomed to operating in the field it is a stimulating and enriching experience. We select survey teams to include one field expert who can identify trees and operate the technical equipment, while other team members require less hard skills, simply common sense and a practical aptitude.

We always include individuals from the local community who will often also be the people who are responsible for patrolling the area as the project develops - community forest guards and village game scouts depending on the set up. People from

these communities naturally bring critical local knowledge that helps us to understand the lie of the land and the granular details of the issues that will affect the way we approach protecting their village forests.

This mix of local knowledge and technical expertise means that fireside chats are varied and lively, and everyone enjoys the unexpected direction that the conversation takes as the evening unfolds.

The contrast between the magnificence of the natural beauty in the miombo forests and the modern world is obvious in the evenings as we enter the day's data into a computer where a statistical programme crunches the numbers to assess whether we are collecting adequate information to allow us to obtain a satisfactory estimate of carbon stocks held in the forested areas.

We often hear about the ways in which technology is being used to improve natural resource management (and many other aspects of life), and our tree measuring exercises are an excellent example of this in practice.

## It takes a village...

While Carbon Tanzania is proud to be implementing its innovative forest conservation activities in this new landscape, the inescapable truth is that we cannot work in the way we do without the involvement of key partners who provide skills and capacity that we lack. In Tanganyika District we are partnered with the Tuungane Project, itself a collaboration between The Nature Conservancy and Pathfinder International and the District Council of Tanganyika District.

Tuungane brings together the land-use planning and conservation strategy of The Nature Conservancy with the reproductive health skills of Pathfinder, in an approach that seeks to highlight and constantly emphasise the link between a healthy environment and a healthy family and community.

**Chad solar scheme set to increase national generating capacity 150pc**

## N'DJAMENA

The Saharan state of Chad, which presently supplies just 4% of its population with mains electricity, has signed an agreement with Dubai energy company Amea Power to build a 120MW solar farm, more than doubling the country's present installed capacity of 48MW.

The memorandum of understanding was signed by Hussain Nowais, Amea's chairman, and Mahamat Hamid Koua, Chad's minister of petroleum and energy. It is expected to be installed near the Chadian capital of N'Djamena.

The agreement follows a number of others with foreign companies intended to boost electricity generation, relieving Chad's 14 million people of the need to run expensive and polluting diesel and fuel-oil generators. Even in cities only 14% of people have power.

The largest deal was signed in July last year between Chad and Almaden Emirates Fortune Power, which is a joint venture between Chinese solar panel maker Almaden and Dubai investment group Emirates Fortune. That scheme is intended to have a capacity of between 200MW and 400MW.

Also in July, the African Development Bank funded the construct of the 32MW Starsol plant near N'Djamena, to be built by developer NewSolar Invest and infrastructure and renewable energy project financier Arborecence Capital, both based in Paris, and engineering group Ceic Monaco.

## DP World sues China Merchants Ports, says it turned Djibouti against it

### HONG KONG

DP World's claim in the Hong Kong High Court accuses its competitor China Merchants Port Holdings Company (China Merchants) of inducing the Djiboutian government to breach concession agreements going back to 2004, which gave DP World effective control of all ports in Djibouti, a country strategically located at the meeting of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

China's growing influence over Djibouti has raised alarm in the US. The filing, obtained by Hong Kong-based investigative news agency FactWire, was submitted in August 2018, days after Djibouti dismissed a London arbitration court ruling saying its breach of agreements was illegal.

DP World wants damages, interests, costs and further relief. In response, China Merchants has applied to have the case moved to Djibouti, a source told FactWire. A hearing on that application will take place on 15 October 2019.

DP World has been railing against Djibouti's decision in February 2018 to nationalise the Doraleh Container Terminal, overturning a 30-year concession agreement signed in 2004 that gave DP World exclusive rights to run the terminal.

That agreement also prevented the Djibouti government from giving concessions for other ports or free zones to any other party, meaning DP World would control all port operations in Djibouti for the 30-year period.

In FactWire's account, the Djibouti government grew unhappy with DP World's control over its ports in 2009, and in 2012 it flouted the DP World agreement by signing an agreement with China Merchants for the development of new ports and free trade zones.

DP World's filing complained that Djibouti tried to use corruption allegations as an excuse to revoke the agreement in 2012, even as it moved forward on projects with China Merchants. In 2014, China Merchants and Djibouti decided to build a new port, "Doraleh Multipurpose Port", next to the new Chinese military base. It opened in mid-2017.

## Lagos State Governor commissions Alárò City in Lekki Free Zone

### LAGOS

Lagos State has taken a giant leap into the future and is being set up to become the most prominent city in the African continent, and indeed the world at large.

This new development is thanks to the bold partnership of Rendevour, Africa's largest urban developer, and the Lagos State government, which has led to the inauguration of a 1000-hectare modern satellite city, in the Lekki free zone.

The revolutionary megacity named, Alárò City, is located in the North West Quadrant of the Lekki Free Zone in Epe, Lagos. With construction already underway, the project is expected to redefine the global conversation around the state, and Nigeria as a whole.

This city-scale development perfectly designed and mapped-out by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM), the architectural firm behind Dubai's Burj Khalifa, will include the construction of three

residential enclaves, schools, healthcare facilities, hotels, office areas, logistics and warehousing, and about 150 hectares of parkland.

Amid its many perks, Alárò City lies adjacent to the proposed international airport, and the largest Deep Sea Port in Africa, which is still in the works.

At the event which symbolized the beginning of the project, a good number of Lagos elites were present to share their thoughts and engage in the conversation

to bring Lagos to the fore of the world's investment space.

In his speech, the Executive Governor of Lagos State, Akinwunmi Ambode, described the launch of the Alárò City project as a major landmark in his administration.

"Today's event is a demonstration of the confidence the Organised Private Sector and foreign investors have in our government, and the viability of doing business in Lagos. The Alárò city is a strong statement that our Lagos is still attractive and is attracting more foreign investment," Ambode said.

"The project will not only open up this corridor, but will transform its economic landscape by providing jobs, reducing poverty and contributing significantly to the socio-economic development of our state especially in terms of the GDP of the state in particular and the country in general," he added.

In order to prevent future traffic impasses within the corridor, Gov. Ambode said, the state had commenced plans to construct the 7th Axial Road from the Lekki Deep Sea Port, en-route the Lekki Free Zone to the Shagamu-Benin Expressway, and the construction of a 50-hectare truck park within the region.

Stephen Jennings, founder and CEO of Rendevour, commended the administration of Gov. Ambode for its commitment to the infrastructural development of Lagos State, while also restating Rendevour's continued support to the modern transformation of the state and Nigeria in general.

"This is indeed a very auspicious day. I am really delighted to join with our partners, the Lagos State government, to break ground on the historic new city for Lagos, in the north west quadrant of the Lekki free zone in Epe."



An illustration of Alárò City in Lagos, Nigeria.

## CONSTRUCTION

## BANGKOK

# BANGKOK BATTLE OVER LAND A SIGN OF PRESSURE ASIAN CITIES FACE

The fate of a large green space in the middle of one of the world's most built-up cities is pitting communities and conservationists against developers and cash-strapped authorities in a battle that is increasingly common in Asia.

The Makkasan area in central Bangkok, measuring about 80 hectares - or about 80 rugby fields - houses a train station, a workshop, warehouses and some homes in a green expanse that stands in contrast to the sleek high-rise buildings all around.

Debates around the Makkasan land - owned by the State Railway of Thailand (SRT) - have raged for years as it is the final remaining open space in a city with too few parks. "It is the last big space we have in Bangkok, and our last opportunity to create a big green space for the people. We must not waste it," said Pongkwan Lassus, an architect and designer.

"Besides the space, many of the buildings have historic and architectural value. We must conserve this heritage for future generations, not knock it all down for malls," she said.

Across booming Asian cities, open spaces and older buildings are making way for expressways and modern office and apartment towers that critics say rob them of their character, widen inequalities and magnify the harmful effects of urban sprawl.

Some cities are adopting a more unusual approach to growing demand for diminishing space. This year Singapore is set to unveil an Underground Master Plan. With some 5.6 million people in an area three-fifths the size of New York City - and with the population estimated to grow to 6.9 million by 2030 - the island nation is fast running out of space.

Singapore has been reclaiming land for decades, but that is increasingly unsustainable due to rising sea levels and other impacts of climate change, according to Reuters. So the city is going underground. It has already moved some infrastructure and utilities below ground, including train lines,



The Makkasan area in Bangkok is a battleground between developers and those wanting green space.

retail, pedestrian walkways, a five-lane highway and air-conditioning cooling pipes. It also stores fuel and ammunition underground.

Now, the city wants to go further. "Given Singapore's limited land, we need to make better use of our surface land and systematically consider how to tap our underground space for future needs," said Ler Seng Ann, a group director at the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA).

"Currently, our focus is on using underground space for utility, transport, storage and industrial facilities to free up surface land for housing, offices, community uses and greenery, to enhance liveability," he said.

The Underground Master Plan will feature pilot areas, with ideas

including data centres, utility plants, bus depots, a deep-tunnel sewerage system, warehousing and water reservoirs.

There are no plans to move homes or offices below ground.

In Bangkok, meanwhile, a community of more than 300 people living next to an old fort in Bangkok were evicted last year and their traditional wooden buildings razed to make way for a public park that critics say is meant only to impress tourists.

Authorities are also clearing vendors and food stalls from the pavements, and removing shops and shanties along the Chao Phraya river in a bid to modernise Bangkok. Civic groups say the evictions and redevelopment plans mostly target poor communities who have no

formal rights over the land or spaces they occupy in the congested city. Authorities say they are removing encroachers to improve accessibility and liveability for residents.

That promise is being tested as a plan for Makkasan's redevelopment is finalised.

"We have asked a consultant to study the best use of the land, and we will decide accordingly," said Siriphong Preuthiphan, a deputy governor of SRT. "We are aware of the various demands for green space, a museum and commercial developments. We will consider all of them and see what makes best sense, the best use of the land," he said.

With some 20 million visitors last year, Bangkok was named the world's most visited city, beating

favourites including London, Paris and New York, according to the Mastercard Index. Yet the Thai capital was ranked a lowly 132 of 231 on a survey of liveable cities, which measures factors such as public transportation, natural environment and air pollution.

Bangkok has another unhappy distinction - among the lowest ratios of green space: just 3.3 square metres per person compared to New York City's 23.1 square metres and Singapore's 66, the Siemens-sponsored Green City Index showed.

Everywhere, space is at a premium. While Singapore is clearing cemeteries for highways and apartments, planners in other Asian cities are converting "dead spaces" underneath bridges and flyovers into walkways and bike

trails.

The Makkasan land provides a unique opportunity, said Yossapon Boonsom at Bangkok landscape architecture firm Shma. "It is prime area in the middle of the city, so it has high economic value. But we have to decide: do we need yet another mall - or a park?" he said.

"We get so few chances to develop a large space like this in the centre of the city. It is a chance for us to imagine and plan a better outcome: can we combine the need for greenery and open spaces with the need to monetise the land?"

A 2005 plan had proposed twin 99-storey towers for offices and apartments, along with malls and conference facilities. There was even talk of locating Thailand's first casino there. But the plan was shelved due to concerns about increased congestion in a city already notorious for traffic snarl-ups.

In 2015, the military government asked SRT to lease the Makkasan land to the finance ministry to clear some of its debt, as part of a plan to get better returns from state land. At the time, the finance ministry said two-thirds of the land would be used for roads and commercial developments, with the remainder reserved for a rail museum and a green zone.

But a year later, SRT said it would redevelop Makkasan by itself. A plan will be finalised this year, said Mr Siriphong. It is an unusual conundrum for SRT, said Ruth Banomyong, head of the logistics and transport department at Thammasat University in Bangkok.

"Public agencies, especially land-owning agencies, are something of an oxymoron: they do not always consider the public need for sustainable and responsible development versus the need for monetisation," he said.

## ENBD Reit earmarks \$65m for property acquisitions in 2019

## DUBAI

ENBD Reit, the Sharia-compliant real estate investment trust managed by Emirates NBD Asset Management, has earmarked \$65 million for acquisitions this year as it seeks to diversify its \$456m property portfolio amid soft market conditions, an executive said.

The Nasdaq Dubai-listed Reit will expand its remit to outside Dubai, targeting Abu Dhabi and the northern emirates, but not necessarily this year, Anthony Taylor, the head of real estate at Emirates NBD Asset Management. It will also target acquisitions in the industrial and healthcare space because of their structure, he added.

"The assets we are looking to invest in now are industrial such as distribution warehouses and logistics and when we talk about medical and health care we are looking at clinics and hospitals with single operators signing up on long-term leases," said Mr Taylor.

Reits have been gaining traction in Saudi Arabia and the UAE, the two biggest Arabian Gulf economies, as investors hunt for safe exposure to the property market. Trading in Reits is similar to stocks and bonds on an exchange, paying out dividends from rent to investors.

ENBD Reit's current portfolio will expand in the alternative space, which includes education, health care and industrial assets. As of end of September, 63 per cent of the portfolio was in offices, 19 in residential property and 18 in alternative assets.

The future composition of the port-

folio is expected to include 50 to 60 per cent offices, 20 to 25 per cent residential property and 25 to 35 per cent alternative investments. The Reit, which was listed in 2017, is still targeting nearly doubling its portfolio size to \$1 billion over the next three to five years despite the soft market conditions.

"We had a difficult 2018. I think 2019 is still going to be a challenge but the expectation is that the movements we saw in 2018 will hopefully not be as high in 2019. It does affect our strategy where we invest and the timing of investments," he said.

"It is important for us to keep buildings fully occupied and in some cases it means we do have to lower our rentals to accommodate tenants."

The soft market conditions, however, are presenting opportunities to buy at good prices, particularly since ENBD Reit didn't make any acquisitions last year because it focused on refinancing debt and managing existing assets.

"It is very difficult to time the absolute bottom of any market cycle, but valuations do appear to be cheap in comparison to the last 3 to 4 years," he said. The Reit in the future could also expand outside the UAE, but this is unlikely to happen soon, said Mr Taylor.

"Our mandate is within the UAE. There is the ability to look at the wider Middle East region but that will be a small percentage of the portfolio," he said. "Saudi Arabia obviously offers an attractive market. But I don't see that happening in the next couple of years."



ENBD REIT bought Oracle-branded property The Edge for \$76.2m in 2017.

## Riyadh's office real estate market gains on private sector growth

## RIYADH

Demand for office property in Riyadh is expected to rise on the back of government initiatives to expand the private sector and small- and medium-sized enterprises under the kingdom's Vision 2030 road map, a report said.

The capital city of Saudi Arabia "is continuing to witness demand for office space that caters specifically to SMEs and start-ups", the report by global real estate consultancy CBRE said on Monday.

Total office stock in Riyadh stood at 4.2 million square metres of gross leasable area at the end of 2018, with an additional 870,000 square metre expected to be delivered by 2022.

Increasing demand from SMEs is due to government-led initiatives and regulations to improve ease of doing business in Saudi Arabia, as the country works to boost investment and stimulate domestic job creation.

The Vision 2030 strategy aims

to diversify revenue streams for the world's biggest oil-exporting economy and ensure sustainable employment for its young population. CBRE's latest Riyadh Market Snapshot report highlights a growing trend towards office supply as part of new mixed-use projects. "This is anticipated to shift the dynamics and performance of office space in Riyadh," it said.

Despite the positive long-term outlook, rental performances have continued to come under pressure within both primary and secondary office locations, with rental rates down 4 per cent and 7 per cent year-on-year respectively as of the end of 2018, according to the report. Similar to other GCC economies, Saudi Arabia suffered sluggish economic growth during the three-year oil price slump from 2014, with a knock-on effect on corporate growth.

However, increased incentives by landlords, discounts for long-term leases, energy-efficient units and

unique design offerings are helping to mitigate declines.

Riyadh's hospitality sector - which was previously driven by the corporate market - is growing as a result of the country's fledgling entertainment sector, the report added. Hotel occupancy was up 3 per cent year-on-year at the end of 2018, with a further 5,760 keys expected to be delivered before 2022.

Meanwhile, existing residential real estate supply in Riyadh stood at 1,252,000 units in 2018, with a further 130,000 units set to be delivered before 2022.

"Oversupply remains a challenge, however the innovative spirit employed by the government and private entities demonstrates the encouraging direction the sector is moving in and the promising opportunities that exist across all asset classes," said Simon Townsend, head of strategic advisory at CBRE Mena and Turkey, and general manager for Saudi Arabia.

## "Second biggest hotel in Europe": Hinkley C nuclear site

## LONDON

Europe's "second biggest hotel" is in the quiet town of Bridgwater, in Somerset, England.

It was built by French energy giant EDF to house nearly 1,000 people building the UK's next nuclear power station, Hinkley C, which is itself the biggest building site in Europe. The hotel, and the effect of 1,000 new people in Bridgwater, is the subject of a special BBC Radio 4 documentary to be aired this week.

It follows the life-long Bridgwater resident Emma Britton as she probes what the hotel means for the town. "I've always lived here and I reckon barring a lottery win I probably always will," she said in a BBC media release about the programme.

Although the hotel is bringing prosperity to the area - creating jobs and bringing new restaurants and shops - some are worried about house prices rocketing, traffic increasing and parking being swallowed up.

Some even predict this new influx of men could lead to more divorces and pop-up brothels. The figures for construction of Hinkley are extraordinary: at its height it will need 5,600 workers, bringing 20,000 people to the area and costing twice that of the entire 2012 Olympics. The hotel is known as "Sedgemoor Campus" and is just a few minutes' walk from Britton's home. "For me this programme is about my home town of Bridgwater, which I love, and the impact on my hometown of not actually the building of a nuclear power station but what that comes with, and what that's come with around the corner from my house."

"Not the Biggest Hotel in Europe" is on BBC Radio 4 at 11am on Friday, February 15. It is available on the BBC Sounds app immediately afterwards.







The European Commission added Saudi Arabia, Panama, Nigeria and other jurisdictions to a blacklist of nations seen as posing a threat because of lax controls on terrorism financing and money laundering, the EU executive said on Wednesday. (AFP)

## EU adds Saudi Arabia to dirty-money blacklist, upsets UK, US

STRASBOURG

THE European Commission added Saudi Arabia, Panama and four US territories to a blacklist of nations it considers a threat because of lax controls on terrorism financing and money laundering, the EU executive said on Wednesday.

The move is part of a crackdown on money laundering after several scandals at EU banks, but it has been criticised by several EU countries, including Britain, that are worried about their economic relations with the listed states, notably Saudi Arabia. The United States has also disapproved.

The Saudi government said it regretted the decision in a statement published by the Saudi Press Agency, adding: "Saudi Arabia's commitment to combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism is a strategic priority".

Panama said it should be removed from the list because it recently adopted stronger rules against money laundering.

Despite pressure to exclude Riyadh from the list, the commission decided to list the kingdom, confirming a Reuters report in January.

Apart from reputational damage, inclusion on the list complicates financial relations with the EU. The bloc's banks will have to carry out additional checks on payments involving entities from listed jurisdictions.

The list now includes 23 jurisdictions, up from 16. The commission said it added jurisdictions with "strategic deficiencies in their anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing regimes".

Other newcomers to the list are Libya, Botswana, Ghana, Samoa, the Bahamas and the four United States territories of American Samoa, US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam.

The US Treasury said the listing process was "flawed" and rejected the inclusion of the four US territories on the list.

The other listed states are Afghanistan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Yemen.

Bosnia, Guyana, Laos, Uganda and Vanuatu were removed.

### Bad for business?

The 28 EU member states now have one month, which can be extended to two, to endorse the list. They could reject it by qualified majority. EU justice commissioner Vera Jourova, who proposed the list, told a news conference that she was confident states would not block it.

She said it was urgent to act because "risks spread like wildfire in the

banking sector".

But concerns remain. Britain, which plans to leave the EU on March 29, said on Wednesday the list could "confuse businesses" because it diverges from a smaller listing compiled by its Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which is the global standard-setter for anti-money laundering.

The FATF list includes 12 jurisdictions - all on the EU blacklist - but excludes Saudi Arabia, Panama and US territories. The FATF will update its list next week.

London has led a pushback against the EU list in past days, and at closed-door meetings urged the exclusion of Saudi Arabia, EU sources told Reuters.

The oil-rich kingdom is a major importer of goods and weapons from the EU and several top British banks have operations in the country. Royal Bank of Scotland is the European bank with the largest turnover in Saudi Arabia, with around 150 million euros (US\$169 million) in 2015, according to public data.

HSBC is Europe's most successful bank in Riyadh. It booked profits of 450 million euros in 2015 in the kingdom but disclosed no turnover and has no employees there, according to public data released under EU rules.

"The UK will continue to work with the Commission to ensure that the list that comes into force provides certainty to businesses and is as effective as possible at tackling illicit finance," a British Treasury spokesman said.

### Missing 'washing machines'

Criteria used to blacklist countries include weak sanctions against money laundering and terrorism financing, insufficient cooperation with the EU on the matter and lack of transparency about the beneficial owners of companies and trusts.

Five of the listed countries are already included on a separate EU blacklist of tax havens. They are Samoa, Trinidad and Tobago and the three US territories of American Samoa, Guam and US Virgin Islands.

Critics said the list fell short of including several countries involved in money-laundering scandals in Europe.

"Some of the biggest dirty-money washing machines are still missing. These include Russia, the City of London and its offshore territories, as well as Azerbaijan," said Greens lawmaker Sven Giegold, who sits in the European Parliament special committee on financial crimes.

Jourova said the commission will continue monitoring other jurisdictions not yet listed. Among the states that will be closely monitored are the United States and Russia. **Agencies**

## Stop vilifying China's efforts to fight terrorism, extremism

BEIJING

THE Turkish Foreign Ministry has recently joined some Western politicians and media to vilify China's efforts to counter terrorism and extremism in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

Such groundless accusations must be stopped.

If people take an unbiased and objective approach, it is not hard for them to see a real Xinjiang that is making progress in maintaining stability while protecting the rights of the people.

Vocational education and training centers were set up to help people affected by terrorism and extremism to learn languages, study laws and acquire skills so that they can rid themselves of the control of religious extremism and live a better life.

This approach addresses both the symptoms and root causes.

A region that was victim to frequent violent terrorist attacks, Xin-



ang is much safer now. There has not been a single terrorist attack there in more than two years. People of all ethnic groups have a greater sense of security.

Stable jobs and decent income are good shields to keep terrorism away.

Vocational education and training centers prepare trainees for modern-day jobs. Courses on clothing and footwear making, food processing, electronic product assembly, typesetting and printing, hairdressing and e-commerce were set up to suit the local job market, according to the regional government.

In addition, multi-skill training is provided to those who have the desire

and capability to learn, so that they acquire one to two vocational skills upon course completion. Businesses in garment making, mobile phone assembly and ethnic cuisine catering are arranged to give trainees a chance to practice what they learn and get paid for it. The mechanism in place is for the trainees to "learn, practice and earn money."

It is ridiculous to demonize such a good-intentioned and results-yielding program as a human rights violation.

People who made vicious accusations often portrayed these counter-terrorism and de-extremism efforts as actions specifically targeting certain ethnic or religious groups.

But let it be clear that it is a consistent position of the Chinese government to oppose linking terrorism with any specific ethnic group or religion.

People of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang enjoy full freedom of religious belief, the right to use their own spoken and written languages in accordance with the law and have their cultural rights guaranteed by law and fully respected. **Xinhua**



## Journalist and Duterte critic posts bail after libel arrest

MANILA

THE award-winning head of a Philippine online news site that has aggressively covered President Rodrigo Duterte's administration was freed on bail yesterday after her arrest in a libel case.

National Bureau of Investigation agents served the warrant against Maria Ressa late Wednesday afternoon and escorted her from the Rappler Inc. office to NBI headquarters, where she stayed overnight in an office.

The move against Ressa, who was one of Time magazine's Persons of the Year last year, was denounced by her outfit, Rappler Inc., and media watchdogs as a threat to press freedom. Duterte's government said the arrest was a normal step in response to a criminal complaint.

"What we're seeing is death by a thousand cuts of our democracy," Ressa told reporters after posting bail in the Manila regional trial court that issued a warrant for her arrest.

She accused the government of abusing its power and of using the law as a weapon to muzzle dissent. "I'm appealing to you not to be silent ... you have to express outrage."

Duterte has openly lambasted journalists who write unfavorable stories about him, including about his anti-drug campaign that has left thousands of mostly poor suspects dead.

Rappler's 2012 article included allegations that a businessman was linked to illegal drugs, human trafficking and a murder case, citing an unspecified intelligence report. The story also said a car registered in his name had been used by the country's chief justice, who was later ousted in an impeachment trial.

Wilfredo Keng denied the allegations in a statement and welcomed the justice department's indictment of Ressa and a former Rappler researcher, Reynaldo Santos Jr., adding he was determined to see the legal battle through. He said he has no criminal record.

"Rappler, Ressa and Santos continue to hold themselves high above any accountability to provide credible and justifiable reason for why they continue to harass an ordinary private citizen and businessman despite having absolutely no basis for their claims," Keng said in a statement. **Agencies**

## Teen who fled UK to join Islamic State wants to come home



This Feb 23, 2015 file handout image of a three image combo of stills taken from CCTV issued by the Metropolitan Police shows Kadiza Sultana, left, Shamima Begum, center, and Amira Abase going through security at Gatwick airport, south England, before catching their flight to Turkey. Shamima Begum told The Times newspaper in a story published yesterday, that she wants to come back to London. (PHOTO / AP)

LONDON

A PREGNANT British teenager who ran away from Britain to join Islamic State extremists in Syria four years ago has said she wants to come back to London, but her path home is not clear.

Shamima Begum told The Times newspaper in a story published Thursday that she is nine months pregnant and worried about the health of her unborn child.

"In the end, I just could not endure anymore," she said, describing the death from illness and malnutrition of her first two children. "Now all I want to do is come home to Britain."

The 19-year-old Londoner was found by the newspaper in a refugee camp in northern Syria. She was one of three schoolgirls from the Bethnal Green neighborhood who went to Syria to join IS in 2015 at a time when the group's on-line recruitment program lured a number of teenage girls to its self-proclaimed caliphate.

She told the newspaper she didn't regret joining the group and wasn't troubled the first time she saw the severed head of one of its execution victims - comments that will likely make it more difficult for her to convince British authorities she is ready to rejoin civilian society.

UK Security Minister Ben Wallace told

Sky News it was "worrying" that Begum did not express remorse. He said she would have known what she was getting into when she left London for Syria. He said the British public would be concerned about someone returning to a country that "they apparently hate" and stressed that "actions have consequences." She told Times reporter Anthony Loyd that she had married a jihadi shortly after arriving in Syria.

British officials believe roughly 900 Britons went to Syria to join the extremists' cause. Of those, they believe around 20 percent died and about half of the survivors have returned to Britain. **Agencies**

## Russian diplomat slams revelation on fabricated Syria attack as 'theater of absurd'

MOSCOW

THE latest revelation by BBC Syria producer Riam Dalati that the chemical attack in Syria's Douma was fabricated is the "culmination of the theater of absurd" in Western media's coverage of Syria events, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told reporters yesterday.

"Over the past years, and not only in Syria, we have seen just a tragifare performed by the Western community and mass media, which on the one hand, speak about high democratic goals and allegedly take care about civilians of a sovereign state, and on the other hand, they just do not give a damn about all laws, the international law, freedoms and rights of a nation and certain



people," Zakharova (pictured) noted.

"The culmination of this theater of absurd may be a statement by a BBC producer who confirmed based on his own research that the footage [in Syria's Douma]

had been staged with direct participation of the "White Helmets," Zakharova said, noting that Russia wants to listen to the company's position because it actively covered the events from the perspective of supporting the steps of the so-called US-led coalition in Syria.

According to Zakharova, the situation around Syria mirrors the events, which had developed around Iraq.

"As a rule, given modern technical opportunities, the truth emerges nearly in six months or a year. But this time is enough to do a lot, and the Western states, which carried out escapades in Syria, had actually sought this," she noted.

On April 14, 2018 the United States, the United Kingdom and France launched missile strikes on Syria's military and civilian

infrastructure facilities without the UN Security Council's permission.

The strikes targeted a scientific and research center in Damascus, the Republican Guard's headquarters, an air defense base, several airfields and army depots.

According to the Russian Defense Ministry, Syrian air defenses managed to shoot down 71 out of 103 missiles.

Washington, London and Paris claimed the strikes were a response to an alleged chemical weapons attack in the Syrian town of Douma on April 7. Representatives of the Russian Center for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in Syria visited the site on April 9, but did not find any signs of using chemical weapons. **Agencies**

## Nigeria's presidential candidates renew pledge for peaceful polls

ABUJA

Nigeria's presidential candidates on Wednesday renewed their pledge for a peaceful election as the country prepares to hold general elections starting with presidential polls tomorrow.

The signing of the second "peace accord" since December II ahead of the presidential

polls, took place in the capital Abuja.

Incumbent President Muhammadu Buhari who is running for a second term of office on the platform of All Progressives Congress (APC) and the candidate of the main opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP), Atiku Abubakar, were among presidential candidates present at the peace parley in Abuja.

By signing the document, the candidates and their political parties are expected to avoid hate speeches, fake news or any act capable of causing socio-political unrest in the country.

Some of the previous elections in the country were hit by post-election violence in which scores were reportedly killed.

The presidential candidates also agreed to accept the elec-

tion results declared by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Nigeria's electoral body.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Buhari expressed satisfaction over the way the ongoing political campaigns were being conducted by candidates across the country.

"We have assembled here to mark the final phase of our cam-

paigns and we are now at the doorstep of our elections.

"The campaigns so far have gone well... Now campaigns are over and our next assignment is for us all, citizens and contestants alike, to go out and exercise our civic duties," the president said, calling on the youths in particular to shun acts capable of causing social unrest during or after the elections.

Buhari further urged all the presidential candidates to accept the final outcome of the elections.

The main opposition candidate Atiku described the signing of the peace pact as an event demonstrating the importance of the upcoming elections.

He called on INEC and security agencies saddled with the responsibility of ensuring peace-

ful conduct of the elections to be fair arbiters in the exercise.

"Once again, despite concerns expressed by my party leaders concerning likely electoral malpractices and the intimidation of voters and observers, I trust that our electoral officials and security services will do their duty in accordance with their oath and obligations," Atiku said. **Xinhua**

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# SPORT



Moroccan band, Bob Maghrib, performs at the 2017 edition of Sauti za Busara festival in Zanzibar.

## Building bridges at Sauti za Busara 2019

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

THE 2019 edition of the Sauti za Busara music festival ended on Sunday night in Zanzibar with a thrilling performance by Mokoomba group from Zimbabwe.

The festival has been labeled by stakeholders as one of the best festivals to have been staged since the event's inception in 2004.

From the rich and fresh line-up to various activities such as the Swahili Encounters, artistic collaborations and Movers & Shakers networking sessions for professionals, the festival further galvanized its position as one of Africa's best music festivals that puts Africa's music under the international spotlight.

According to organizers, the festival, which was themed 'Say No to Corruption', is a true platform where both superstars and up-and-coming musicians can connect and build bridges.

Speaking a day after the completion of the festival, Yusuf Mahmoud, the festival director, said it was with great pride that they had hosted another extravaganza of this nature, even at times when the odds seemed stacked against them.

"Today's success is always tomorrow's challenge due to the raised expectations festival goers get used to. Our aim is to keep moving forward and make the festival even better year on year," Mahmoud said.

According to him, despite the financial shortcomings they were once again able to deliver a world class festival whose standards easily compare with others elsewhere that are heavily funded by national associations.

"At Sauti za Busara one of our major strengths has been to help artists connect with each other and build cultural bridges that would be difficult to create through ordinary means," he said.

"The festival clearly brings benefits for Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania in terms of providing jobs and boosting the economy, building skills and livelihoods, promoting good-news stories, keeping traditions alive and providing spaces for intercultural exchange".

He added: "Artists who participate at Sauti za Busara make valuable connections and contacts and it is no wonder that they are often invited for performances at other festivals."

One of artists who has benefited from Sauti za Busara festival is Amina Omar, a leader of Siti

& the Band, who said her career took a different turn from the very first day she performed at the festival.

Speaking at the Movers & Shakers forum, Amina recounted how she has travelled to several countries through connections she made at the festival in past years.

"I have been invited to several countries such as Nigeria, Uganda and others, not only for performances but also in collaborations with other African artists," she said.

The festival this year paid tribute to some of the departed African stars who left their mark on the world music industry.

"As we celebrate the life-giving properties of African music, we also acknowledge the enormous contribution made by musicians who departed this world during the past 12 months", Mahmoud noted.

He added: "Ayub Ogada, Geoffrey Oryema, Rachid Taha, Aretha Franklin, Randy Weston, Jackson Aluta Kazimoto, Kassemady Diabate, Khaira Arby, Hugh Masekela, Oliver Mtukudzi ... all of these were legends in their own right."

"Their music lives forever. They entertained, whilst educating and bringing joy to millions of people around the world, and we remember them with respect."

This year's line-up included Fareed Kubanda 'Fid Q', Damian Soul, Mkubwa na Wanawe Crew, S Kide & Wakupeti Band, Stone Town Rockerz, Tausi Women's Taarab, Wamwiduka Band and Rajab Suleiman & Kithara from Tanzania.

Afrigo Band, Jackie Akello and Eli Maliki (Uganda), Fadhilee Itulya and Shamsi Music from Kenya also took part in the festival. Others were BCUC (South Africa), Mokoomba (Zimbabwe), Faith Mussa (Malawi), Hoba Hoba Spirit (Morocco), M'Toro Chamou (Mayotte), Tune Recreation Committee (South Africa), Ithrene and Ifrikya Spirit (Algeria), Asia Madani (Sudan/Egypt), Lydol (Cameroun), Sofaz and Dago Roots (Reunion) and more.

Sauti za Busara 2019 was sponsored by Norwegian Embassy, Embassy of Switzerland to Tanzania and Zambia, European Union, Africalia, Embassy of France, Embassy of Germany, Pro Helvetia, TV-E, E-FM, Zanzibar Media Corporation, Zanlink, Mozeti, Ethiopian Airlines, African Movie Channel and others.



Serengeti Breweries Limited's Director of Corporate Relations, John Wanyancha, speaks during a workshop organized by the company for sports journalists in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. The company's Serengeti Premium Lager brand is the official sponsor of the national soccer team, Taifa Stars, while another brand, Serengeti Lite, sponsors the Mainland Women League, known as Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Mwakinyo arrives in Liverpool to prepare for Nairobi fight

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

TANZANIA'S Super Welterweight boxer, Hassan Mwakinyo, has arrived in Liverpool, the United Kingdom (UK), to shape up for an international bout slated for March 23 in Kenya.

Mwakinyo, who is ranked 16th according to the famous professional boxing website, boxrec, which is dedicated to holding records for professional boxers, will fight against an opponent who would be mentioned later.

Mwakinyo has an impressive record of winning 24 fights, 10 fights he won through knockouts and two losses, one by knockout.

The boxer will be under the tutelage of famous professional boxer Tony Bellew's trainer.

Bellew gained prominence in the game after registering two Technical Knockout (TKO) wins against David Haye.

The camp also includes Kenyan prominent female professional boxer Fatuma Zarika, alias Iron Fist, who is currently World Boxing Council (WBC) Super Bantamweight Champion.

Zarika will fight against Zambia's Catherine Phiri. The two boxers fought in Kenya on December 2, 2017 and Zarika won the bout.

Mwakinyo and Zarika are scheduled to return to Nairobi on March 16, a week before their bouts which will be the main fight of the day that has been dubbed Nairobi Fight Night.

The two boxers are under sponsorship of leading sports betting firm, SportPesa.

"I would like to thank SportPesa for sponsoring and enabling me to camp in UK ahead of the Kenya's fight. I am very happy to get the chance and I am sure the trainers will sharpen my fighting skills,"

Mwakinyo said.

Zarika promised to do her best in the rematch against Phiri. The Kenyan boxer said: "My previous bout against Phiri was challenging one, I do not underestimate my opponent and I expect a tougher match this time round," she said.

SportPesa Director of Administration and Compliance, Tarimba Abbas, urged Mwakinyo and Zarika to use the valuable

opportunity to polish their skills ahead of the next fights.

Abbas said SportPesa is extremely proud to contribute to sports development and the firm believes the two boxers will maintain and boost their status in their career.

"The two professional boxers are serious in the game apart from being talented. We have put a lot of resources behind them to

ensure that they will get back from the UK ready for their matches," Abbas insisted.

Abbas urged the boxing fans in East Africa to support the two professional boxers and prepare to turn up in large numbers in Nairobi for the biggest annual boxing event.

The venue for the Nairobi Fight Night will be announced later.



Hassan Mwakinyo

## Hamilton hungry for more as new Mercedes makes track debut

LONDON

FORMULA One champions Mercedes ran their new car for the first time at Silverstone on Wednesday with title holder Lewis Hamilton saying he felt 2019 could turn out even better than last season.

With some other teams racing against time to get their new cars built and ready for the start of pre-season testing in Spain on Monday, Mercedes made sure they were on track in every respect.

Hamilton's Finnish team mate Valtteri Bottas performed the initial shakedown laps as part of a 100 kilometre filming day, with five-times world champion Hamilton due to be in the car during the afternoon.

"I completely switched off from racing for a while, trying to focus and re-centre myself and training hard for the new season. 2018 was a great year, but I feel like 2019 can be even better," Hamilton said.

"I want to achieve more, I want to continue to keep pushing. I feel energised and I'm ready to attack."

The Briton won 11 races last year on his way to becoming only the third driver to win five titles and with a career tally of 73 wins is now only 18 off Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91.

REUTERS

## Singer Ryan Adams calls accusations in New York Times 'inaccurate'



Ryan Adams

LOS ANGELES

ROCK singer Ryan Adams on Wednesday called a New York Times article about him "upsettingly inaccurate" but said he was "not a perfect man" and apologized to anyone he had hurt.

Adams, 44, was responding on Twitter to a New York Times story in which seven women, including his ex-wife actress Mandy Moore, accused him of manipulative behavior and of pursuing female artists for sex.

One of the women said he had exchanged sexually explicit messages online with her when she was aged 15 and 16.

"I am not a perfect man and I have made many mistakes. To anyone I have ever hurt, however unintentionally, I apologize deeply and

unreservedly," Adams tweeted.

"But the picture that this article paints is upsettingly inaccurate. Some of its details are misrepresented; some are exaggerated; some are outright false. I would never have inappropriate interactions with someone I thought was underage. Period," he added.

Andrew Brettler, an attorney for Adams, told the newspaper that the singer "unequivocally denies that he ever engaged in inappropriate online sexual communications with someone he knew was underage."

Asked for further comment, Brettler referred Reuters to Adams' statement on Twitter.

Adams launched his music career with the band Whiskeytown and made his solo debut in 2000 with the

album "Heartbreaker." Also a songwriter and record producer, he has worked with some of the industry's big names, including John Mayer, Willie Nelson and Norah Jones.

Adams is the latest of dozens of men to be accused of inappropriate behavior in the past 18 months as the #MeToo movement has spread beyond Hollywood and into the music industry, politics and corporate boardrooms.

"This is Us" actress and singer Moore, who married Adams in 2009, told the New York Times that "music was a point of control for him."

Moore said that during their marriage Adams diminished her talents as a singer and she accused him of controlling behavior. Their divorce was finalised in 2016.

REUTERS

## Asensio nets late Real winner as Ajax left to rue VAR decision

AMSTERDAM

REAL Madrid's Marco Asensio scored a late winner in a 2-1 victory at Ajax Amsterdam, who were left to rue a goal disallowed by the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) in their Champions League last-16, first leg on Wednesday.

Asensio netted in the 87th minute from Dani Carvajal's excellent cross to give Real the advantage heading into the return leg on March 5.

Karim Benzema swept holders Real into the lead in the second half, before Hakim Ziyech scored a deserved equaliser for an energetic Ajax, who created more than enough chances to win comfortably on the night.

They were also denied a first-half opener when Nicolas Tagliafico headed home only for the goal to be chalked off after a VAR check in a Champions League first as Dusan Tadic was judged offside.

Real goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, whose blushes were spared by the VAR decision after his error led to the disallowed goal, felt the officials got it right. "The correct decision? I think so," he told reporters. "When it happened I thought it could be offside. When the guy headed it I wanted to go and catch it."

"Because of his (Tadic's) intention I made a quick movement. Luckily for VAR because nobody would have seen it."

DAUNTING TASK

Sergio Ramos, making a 600th appearance for Real, backed the interven-

tion of VAR and warned Ajax they will face a daunting task in the second leg.

"I have said many times that I am a great defender of the VAR because it will make football fairer little by little," Ramos said.

"We knew how to suffer, read the game and create spaces against them to take advantage of our speed. We achieved a great result and now it's up to them to suffer in our stadium."

The home side thought they had profited from a horror error by Courtois, who allowed a Donny van de Beek header to spill from his grasp and Tagliafico nodded the rebound into an empty net.

Yet referee Damir Skomina called for a VAR check and after a number of replays, ruled that Tadic had been standing in an offside position when the goal was scored.

Benzema put Real in front when he netted on the hour-mark, but Ajax got the goal their play deserved with 15 minutes remaining as Ziyech side-footed home after a sweeping move.

Yet Asensio had the final word, scoring at the back post from Carvajal's cross.

"As a team we did well, it was too bad that our goal is rejected. Perhaps something like that is easy to do in favour of the big club," Ajax midfielder Frenkie de Jong said.

"But we have continued well and have received our opportunities afterwards. Too bad it did not yield a better result."

REUTERS

## Barca using investment fund to finance operations - club source

BARCELONA

SPANISH champions Barcelona have used an investment fund to help their finance operations, an attempt to compete with clubs such as Manchester City and Paris St Germain funded by Gulf money, a club source said on Wednesday.

The financing through investment funds is unprecedented in Spanish soccer and uncommon in the international game.

The source told Reuters that Barca had received a financing package of 140 million euros (£122.65 million) last year from Pricoa Capital Group and Barings, to be paid back in five years.

He said 90 million euros came for Pricoa and 50 million from Barings. "This is a rolling fund which is perfect for the club because it has very low interest rates," the source said.

"European football is getting more and more competitive, with clubs like Manchester City and Paris St Germain who are bankrolled by states. Our model is completely different to theirs so we need to think of imaginative ways to compete with them, and this is a very innovative scheme."

The financing from investment funds will not be used to fund the planned renovation of the club's Nou Camp stadium - which Barca says will cost

600 million euros and be completed by 2023 - but could be spent on wages and transfers.

Barca, which is owned by its club members, posted the second highest revenues in Spain's top La Liga in 2018, earning 690 million euros, trailing only their arch-rivals Real Madrid, which earned 750 million euros.

Manchester City, owned by the Abu Dhabi royal family, posted revenues of 503.5 million pounds (\$649.11 million) last year, with Paris St Germain, owned by Qatar Sports Investments, taking in 541 million euros.

Captained by five-time world player of the year Lionel Messi, Barca has the biggest football wage bill in the world. It became the first club to break the 500-million-euro barrier on wages, but have still turned a profit for eight straight years.

Barca's finances were boosted in 2017 by a world record fee of 222 million euros for the sale of Neymar to PSG, although the club has since spent 105 million euros on France forward Ousmane Dembele and 165 on Philippe Coutinho.

Last month, the Catalans announced they had agreed to sign 21-year-old Netherlands international Frenkie de Jong for an initial fee of 75 million euros.

REUTERS

## Inter's Mauro Icardi stripped of captaincy, pulls out of Rapid clash

MILAN

INTER Milan's leading scorer Mauro Icardi does not want to play in their Europa League match against Rapid Vienna on Thursday after being stripped of the club captaincy, coach Luciano Spalletti said on Wednesday.

Spalletti said the "difficult and painful" decision was made to remove the captaincy because the protracted negotiations over a possible extension of Icardi's contract were distracting the player and the team.

The captaincy has been passed to goalkeeper Samir Handanovic.

Argentine forward Icardi has been Inter's leading marksman in Serie A for the last four seasons and is also top scorer this term with nine goals, although he has not hit the target in their last seven league outings.

"The decision to remove the captain's armband from Icardi was difficult and painful, because we all know what he is worth to the team," Spalletti told reporters.

"But it was divided between all parts of the club and was made exclusively for the good of Inter. Obviously, he took it badly but there are things which

disturb him and the team."

Spalletti said that Icardi was initially included in the squad for Thursday's match but he "did not want to join up with the team."

After Saturday's 1-0 win at Parma, Spalletti appeared to criticise the club for not finalising a deal with Icardi to extend his contract, which still has 21/2 years to run.

"I was wrongly interpreted and I do not deal with contracts but it was clear that there are things concerning Icardi which must be sorted out, and his decision to not accept the call-up today shows this," he said.

Icardi has had a turbulent relationship with the club and its fans and often provides fodder for the gossip columns, partly thanks to his marriage to Argentine media personality Wanda Nara, who was previously married to Icardi's former team mate Maxi Lopez.

Nara is also Icardi's agent, and last month the player said she would continue to represent him for the rest of his career following a report in Gazzetta dello Sport that Inter wanted to deal with someone else.

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## Still work to do despite 3-0 win, says Tottenham's Pochettino

LONDON

TOTTENHAM Hotspur still have work to do to reach the next round of the Champions League despite a convincing 3-0 victory over Borussia Dortmund in their last-16 first leg on Wednesday, said coach Mauricio Pochettino.

Tottenham stunned the Germans with a goal two minutes after halftime from Korean forward Son Heung-min and struck twice late in the game through Belgian defender Jan Vertonghen, who was deployed in an unusual left wing back role, and substitute Fernando Llorente.

"It is a massive, massive performance and effort from my players," Pochettino told reporters.

"My players are heroes. They deserve a lot of praise because their effort this season is amazing."

"It is only the first half of the tie - 3-0 is a very good result, but we must go to Dortmund with the idea of winning. It is a very good result but there is a lot of work to do."

The second leg is in Germany on March 5.

Tottenham were on the backfoot in the first half against the Bundesliga leaders, who had conceded only two goals in the entire group stage and had the better scoring chances.

The Argentine coach said he had to talk to his players at halftime to discuss ways of slowing their opponents down, with Dortmund's Jadon Sancho wreaking havoc down the wing.

"I would not say the team were nervous but the second half was much better. At halftime we showed them a few situations that could have been different," Pochettino said.

"We tried to help the team make the right decisions and perform in the best way. You need some luck, too. For me it is only the first leg, the first half but it is a very good result."

The result equalled Dortmund's heaviest away defeat in the Champions League.

The Germans also suffered a morale-sapping 3-3 draw against Hoffenheim last week in the Bundesliga after leading



Tottenham's Jan Vertonghen scores their second goal against Borussia Dortmund during their Champions League Round of 16 First Leg at Wembley Stadium in London, Britain on Wednesday. REUTERS

3-0 and were also eliminated from the German Cup by Werder Bremen on penalties.

"We played well in the first half, had a couple of chances. We defended really well and played well going forward," Dortmund coach Lucien Favre said.

"In the start of the second half we gave it away. It was a gift. After that we tried to play a bit too hastily and it was very, very difficult for us. After the second goal it was harder to hold on to the ball and create chances."

For Favre and his players

it is now back to the drawing board.

"There are periods of a season when things aren't top, top, top. It is what it is. We need to analyse and work hard to avoid and correct these errors."

Meanwhile, Tottenham Hotspur defender Jan Vertonghen's ability to play in multiple positions was crucial in their 3-0 win over Borussia Dortmund in Wednesday's Champions League last-16 tie, according to team mate Son Heung-min.

Vertonghen, who usually plays as a centre back, was deployed as a left wing back in the absence of the injured Danny Rose and the versatile Belgium international helped himself to a goal and assist in the first leg at Wembley.

"Jan Vertonghen is technically unbelievable and can play in any position," Son said in a post-match interview to BT Sport.

"I am very happy for him, he deserved it. One goal and an assist."

Vertonghen doubled Tottenham's lead in the 83rd

minute when he got on the end of Serge Aurier's cross, but it was his assist for the first goal that was one of the main talking points of the match.

The 31-year-old spotted Son making a run to the back post before floating in a cross for the South Korean forward to volley home, a goal that 'rattled' the visitors according to Dortmund's Mario Goetze.

"The timing of the first goal was very important," Son added. "The cross was unreal, I didn't have to do anything, I just touched the ball."

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## Lingard and Martial injuries put focus on United's Sanchez

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

IN over a year at Manchester United, Chilean forward Alexis Sanchez hasn't even got close to the form he showed at Arsenal, where he was one of the Premier League's most respected forwards.

However, injuries to Anthony Martial and Jesse Lingard mean a contribution from Sanchez, who has been on the fringes for most of the season under both Jose Mourinho and then Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, is now badly needed.

The extent of the muscle injuries to the two wide forwards, suffered in Tuesday's 2-0 defeat by Paris St Germain in the Champions League, isn't yet known but United have two crucial games coming up in the next 11 days.

On Monday, they take on Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in the fifth round of the FA Cup and then on Feb. 24 they host Liverpool in the Premier League.

The injury to Lingard meant that Sanchez came on just before halftime against PSG. The Chilean's performance provided scant confidence that he will be an effective replacement in those two fixtures.

"He's hardly touched the ball in the second half. He's definitely short of confidence. He's not the Sanchez we fell in love with at Arsenal," former United defender Phil Neville told BBC Radio 5 Live.

"He looks like someone who needs 10-15 games without coming off. I'm bereft of any excuse as to why his form has dipped. When you're looking at subs to come on and make an impact, he's probably not the one..."

"They talk about Ole giving players love. He's got to be the one he gives love to now because of the injuries," Neville added.

But when Solskjaer was asked what he could do to get Sanchez firing on all cylinders again, the Norwegian made it clear it was down to the player.

"I can't do anything about Alexis Sanchez. When he plays he needs to find himself because we know there is a quality player there," the caretaker manager said.

LACK OF PACE

Sanchez, who has scored just three league goals for United, often slowed play down and was unable to produce



Alexis Sanchez

the tricky and pacy runs that characterised his play at Arsenal, where he scored 60 goals in 122 Premier League appearances.

Solskjaer made no attempt to disguise the fact that United looked far less effective with Sanchez and Juan Mata on for Lingard and Martial.

"That's the reality, that Jesse and Anthony have been big parts of our squad and second half we didn't have the pace and movement to get in behind them," he said.

Whether Solskjaer or somebody else is put in permanent charge, there is

expected to be movement on the playing staff and the 30-year-old, reported to be earning 1.4 million pounds (\$1.81 million) a month, would surely be top of the exit list.

A move is unlikely to be something that Sanchez would oppose.

He has not enjoyed life in the North West of England and in November, The Times reported that the break up of his relationship with Chilean actress Mayte Rodriguez "deeply affected" him and left him feeling "lonely, bored and ignored".

A fresh start may be what he needs to save his career and Tuesday signalled

that there is life after Old Trafford.

Argentine Angel Di Maria had a disappointing spell at the club and was reminded of that when he was booed by United fans - but he showed his quality over the 90 minutes setting up both PSG goals.

Meanwhile, UEFA has opened disciplinary proceedings against Manchester United after a bottle was thrown at Paris St Germain winger Angel Di Maria during Tuesday's Champions League last-16 tie at Old Trafford.

Di Maria was booed from the outset by the United supporters before a beer bottle was thrown from the crowd towards him in the second half, which he picked up and pretended to take a swig from.

The Argentine forward joined United in 2014 for a then club record 59.7 million pounds but an underwhelming debut season under then-manager Louis Van Gaal led to his departure to PSG a year later.

United were also charged for the blocking of stairways, while PSG have been hit with four different counts with the travelling fans alleged to have set off fireworks, thrown objects and committed acts of damage along with other crowd disturbances.

The case will be heard by UEFA's control, ethics and disciplinary body on Feb. 28.

French champions PSG won the first leg 2-0 with second half goals from Presnel Kimpembe and Kylian Mbappe. (\$1 = 0.7745 pounds)

Gwiji by David Chikoko



# Simba SC, Yanga ready for derby



Yanga defender, Andrew Vincent (R), challenges Simba midfielder, Haruna Niyonzima, during the 2018/19 Mainland Premier League match, which took place in Dar es Salaam on September 30 last year.

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**88.1FM DAR ES SALAAM**

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

**T**OMORROW'S 2018/19 Mainland Premier League match bringing together age old rivals, Simba SC and Yanga, promises to be more entertaining as the sides have said they are ready for the encounter.

Yanga are currently leading the rest of the teams in the league with 58 points from 23 games while Simba are positioned fourth with 36 points from 15 matches.

The league standing, nevertheless, does not matter when the two domestic football giants meet.

The two teams have met 102 times and records show that skill or talent alone has proved to be inadequate, determination is also crucial for either side's ability to come out with a win.

The only thing which is separating the two teams now is that Yanga have the ability to play collectively, while Simba have an expensive squad which sometimes lacks balance especially in defense.

Simba defending problems can be big as three of the outfit's key defenders Erasto Nyoni, Jjuuko Murshid and Asante Kwasi are nursing injuries.

Nyoni picked an injury at last month's Mapinduzi Cup tournament and the defender has been out of action for weeks while the other two were injured during the 2018/19 CAF Champions League's match against Al Ahly of Egypt that took place in Dar es Salaam last Tuesday.

Yanga, who will be tomorrow derby's hosts, through the outfit's head coach Mwinyi Zahera said they know the importance of winning the match and his charges are ready for the encounter.

Zahera said he has advised his charges not to be afraid of

recent performance showcased by Simba in the match against Al Ahly, where the hosts showed one of the best performances which saw them win 1-0.

"We are ready for them, they played well against Al Ahly, but on Saturday they will face another team, our aim is to collect all points," he said.

Yanga will certainly be aiming at an improved performance as they come from a 1-0 win over less fancied JKT Tanzania in the league's game that took place in Tanga last weekend.

The league leaders who always play with character and unity will tomorrow depend on the current league top goal scorer, Heritier Makambo, with his athleticism, penetration, eye for the goal and raw power set to be

a thorn in the flesh of Simba defenders. The lanky striker, along with midfielders Feisal Salum and Ibrahim Ajibu, are potential match winners for Yanga tomorrow.

Simba must find a way of keeping it water-tight at the defense which sometimes has proved to be porous in the league's matches.

Simba will go into tomorrow crunch encounter in high spirit after beating Al Ahly and the former's players who have a weight of expectations on their shoulders are skipper John Bocco, Emmanuel Okwi and Meddie Kagere.

The combination of the trio could prove handy to Yanga defense which comprises of Kelvin Yondani, Abdallah Shaibu,

Andrew Vincent and Gadiel Michael.

Simba SC head coach, Patrick Aussems, said his charges are ready for Yanga, noting they need maximum points as his club aims at defending the premier league title.

"The team is doing fine and we expect to play well and win the match so as we can keep our aim of defending the league live," the coach said.

The last time the two sides met on September 30 last year, the results was a goalless draw. Looking at the two sides' recent performances, they both have depth in defense, midfield and striking force, but since the games are won by goals, strikers, all in all, carry the expectations of many.

## THA officials to attend hockey courses in Kenya

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Hockey Association (THA) officials will attend the sport's courses, organized by the Africa Hockey Federation (AfHF), slated for this weekend in Nairobi.

The THA Secretary General, Kaushik Doshi, said that the continental hockey governing body has initiated a project dubbed TAP East Africa that will involve countries that are part of the project.

The countries are Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi and Seychelles.

Doshi said: "In order to boost the game in the region, AfHF has organized various hockey courses that will take place for two days."

He added the federation has as well hosted 5-a side hockey tournament for boys and girls in conjunction with Kenya Hockey Union that will be held at City Park Stadium in Nairobi the same weekend.

Doshi disclosed the THA, in collaboration with its development partner Twende Foundation, will send nine people for the courses.

He mentioned the courses as coaching the coach level 1, which will be conducted by International Hockey Federation (FIH) instructor Teddy Jhite from Kenya, train the trainer level 1 and umpiring foundation, which will be conducted by FIH instructor Ediga Egbo from Nigeria.

Technical course, to be conducted by FIH instructor Ahmed Youssef from Egypt, as well as development of club /association course to be conducted by FIH instructor Ginny Ross from Zimbabwe, will also feature in the training.

Doshi said THA officials scheduled to attend the courses and their respective training in brackets are Manreet Singh, Ravi Visram (technical course), Alice Taabu (train the trainer level 1) and Beatrice Fataki (umpire foundation).

Zuwena Hassan, Sultani Issa, Elieze Jeremiah, Rosemary Uwandameno and Osman Bairu (coach the coach course level 1) are the other participants in the training.

All participants would be leaving for Nairobi by bus, as disclosed by Doshi.

Doshi further said that as the event is part of the THA calendar, it has come at the right time, as it is great opportunity to sharpen the participants' knowledge of the game.

By Guardian Reporter

AZAM FC has failed to reduce points' margin with 2018/19 Mainland Premier League leaders Yanga, given the former suffered a 1-0 defeat to Prisons in the league's match that took place at the Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya yesterday.

It turned out to be the second loss for Azam FC this season given the squad lost 2-0 to Mtibwa Sugar at the Manungu Complex in Morogoro on December 29 last year.

The hosts went close on the 14th minute of the yesterday duel, in which striker Adam Adam got the better of two of the visitors' defenders outside the latter's sarea but the striker could only manage a weak left foot shot which was easily saved by keeper Benedicto Haule.

Prisons put Azam FC under pressure on the 17th as the former's midfielder Salum Kimenya tested keeper Haule with a well taken free kick from the edge of the area and the latter punched the effort.

A good effort by midfielder Tafadzwa Kutinyu from outside Prisons' area was collected

## Prisons edge Azam



Prisons' players in a group picture before taking part in a recent match in the ongoing Mainland Premier League.

by keeper Aron Kalambo on the 27th minute as Azam FC expressed their intention to take control of the match.

Prisons won a penalty on the

34th minute after Azam FC defender Yakubu Mohamed was deemed to have blocked the ball with his hand within his squad's area.

Midfielder Kimenya made no mistake from the spot, sending Haule the wrong way to put Prisons 1-0 up.

Azam FC went in pursuit of an equalizer and went close several minutes later, in which a good cross by the outfit's player from the left was cleared by Prisons' skipper Laurian Mpalile within the latter's area.

Azam FC kept on putting Prisons under pressure and the former had a good opportunity on the 44th minute that was, though, not converted as a left foot shot by midfielder Salum Abubakary was saved by Prisons keeper Kalambo.

The opening stanza ended with Prisons leading by the lone goal.

The visitors got a free kick on the edge of the hosts' area on the 48th minute, Aggrey Morris though blasted his effort over.

Azam FC went close on the 56th minute in which midfielder Mudathir Yahya let go of a

blockbuster, which hit Prisons' crossbar, with keeper Kalambo well beaten.

Haule came to Azam FC's rescue on the 62nd minute, in which he punched away a well taken free kick by a Prisons' midfielder Jumanne Elfadhili from outside the area.

Adam could have made it 2-0 for Prisons two minutes later, in which he controlled a good cross whipped in by fullback Michael Ismail, the former however disappointingly shot over from within Prisons' area.

Prisons kept on pressing for a second goal and went close on the 74th minute, in which Elfadhili tested Azam FC goalie Haule with a fierce effort from almost 20 meters and the latter punched the shot for a corner kick, which was wasted.

Prisons wasted two good chances during the closing stages of the match which could have seen the squad come out with a resounding win.

Azam kept on seeking an equalizer and put Prisons under pressure during the added on time in which second half substitute Iddi Kipagwile unleashed a left foot effort from within Prisons' area which hit the latter's side net.

The visitors continued to torment the hosts for the rest of the match, the latter's defense though stood firm and frustrated the former's attacks.

Azam FC still occupy the second position in the league standing, much as the side losty the yesterday duel.

The Dar es Salaam club has played 23 matches and collected 49 points. Prisons that was positioned 17th prior to the game, has scaled to the 11th post after collecting 29 points.

The Mbeya outfit's possibilities of holding the 11th position will though depend on results of the league's other matches that were also scheduled for yesterday.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

