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Vaccines: CEOs want EAC-wide certificate

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) has been urged to develop a common COVID-19 vaccination certificate by the end of this year to hasten economic recovery in the EAC zone.

This proposal is among resolutions of the roundtable meeting for chief executive officers of apex national private sector associations convened by the East African Business Council (EABC) on Tuesday in Nairobi.

EABC CEO John-Bosco Kalisa (pictured) said that an EAC COVID-19 vaccination certificate would enable mutual recognition and elimination of current transaction costs of COVID-19 testing and boost intra-EAC trade, travel and tourism.

He commended high-level bilateral engagements reached by EAC Heads of

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Samia: Judiciary must curb injustice in primary courts

By Correspondent James Kandoya



President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Chief Justice Prof. Ibrahim Juma (3rd R) draw a curtain to launch an Integrated Justice Centre in Dodoma yesterday. Others (from-L) are National Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai, Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi and the Zanzibar Chief Justice Othman Makungu (2nd R). Photo: State House

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday asked the judiciary to improve dispensation of justice in primary courts, saying they lead in complaints about injustice.

Launching six integrated justice centres (IJC) in the capital yesterday, she said there are too many complaints from the public on primary courts practicing injustice in numerous cases.

Regions connected with IJC facilities are Dar es Salaam with (two centres), Mwanza, Dodoma, Arusha and Morogoro. They accommodate judicial chambers of all sorts from primary court level to the Court of Appeal.

The project dubbed "citizen centric judicial modernization justice service delivery" is funded by the World Bank, with a soft loan of \$65m.

As the judiciary gets prepared to start implementing the second phase of the five-year project, it has to work out how to end contentions in the practice of justice in primary courts, she emphasised.

High Court facilities must also be made available in the remaining regions of Njombe, Geita, Singida, Manyara, Coast, Katavi, Lindi and Simiyu regions, while ensuring the sufficient spread of primary courts in wards, she elaborated.

Spreading court services will reduce cost and time that clients use to travel to nearby courts to attend mention or hearing of cases. The government is ready in collaboration with

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Govt scraps all forest claims on 40 villages

By Guardian Reporter, Chemba

THE government has cancelled forest reserve status of 40 villages out of 42 whose inhabitants were earlier deemed to have invaded the forest reserves.

William Lukuvi, the minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development said yesterday that the government had cancelled 12 forest reserves totaling 707,654.9 acres.

Those living and conducting economic activities in reserve forest areas in Dodoma Region can now breathe with relief following that decision, repudiating conflicts on land use that led to formation of a high level cabinet team of eight ministers to examine such cases across ten regions.

Speaking to residents of Bubutole and Mwombose villages in Chemba District, Dodoma Region had earlier in the week led the visit of the cabinet team, empowered to make decisions on the spot and preparing legal accommodations later.

Allocating the land to the residents for use in production activities like farming

and livestock keeping is part of what will be reported as to the outcome of the effort to resolve land conflicts in forest reserve areas, he stated.

There was already a Government Notice (GN) in regard to forests and reserve forests where such areas are home to the villages have been cancelled, which applies to all institutions involved in maintaining forest reserve areas. They are required to draw demarcation lines for the remaining areas to ward off new invasion, the minister elaborated.

Lukuvi, leading the team, said that Bubutole and Mwombose villages, out of the 42 involved in the land use contest earlier, should be removed to pave the way for the construction of the Farkwa Dam in Chemba District.

The government has already paid compensation to residents of the two villages and will quickly work on cases of inadequate payment lack of payment that may arise, he stated, affirming that the

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Govt awaits 1m Sinopharm doses for vaccination drive

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government is set to receive the second consignment of Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines tomorrow that will bring the total number of jabs donated by China

to 1.065m doses.

The scheduled arrival of the two-shot jabs follows the first batch which arrived in the country on Monday, a new vaccination experience after the first rollout drive where over 1m single-shot Janssen doses were

administered from a United States donation late July.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children said when providing an

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa listens to Bishop Bruno Ngonyani (L) of the Lindi Diocese of the Catholic Church after visiting St Walburg's Hospital at Nyangao in Lindi District on Monday. Photo: PMO



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All the 40 villages in Dodoma Region will remain, but in 20 of the villages there are homesteads that will undergo new evaluation



Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (R) gives instructions to Tanzania Railways Corporation director general Masanja Kadogosa shortly after receiving 44 wagons which will be used on the central railway - between Dar es Salaam and Isaka. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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development partners to ensure the project becomes successful on time to ensure people access justice," she affirmed.

Over the past five years, the government constructed seven High Court buildings, seven resident magistrate's courts and 28 district courts, and intends to further increase staff depending on the budget, the president noted, reiterating that judicial reform was vital to facilitate foreign investment and economic growth.

The government will collaborate with the judiciary to ensure there will be no justice delayed due to absence of courts or staff, he emphasised, citing remarks from retired chief justice, Mohamed Chande Othman, who once affirmed that millions of Tanzanians live without access to courts.

"We have 25 million Tanzanians who have no access to the High Court hence their rights are simply denied," the jurist had declared when celebrating Law Day last year. Former president the late Dr John Magufuli said at that event that statistics show that delays and unnecessary procedures tie up an estimated \$464m annually in the court system.

Tanzania is now modernizing its judiciary to increase citizens' access to justice to serve more than 25 million people who have little or no access to law courts. The 'citizen-centric justice services' project follows acquiring of World Bank credit set for three inter-related components totalling \$75,000m

implemented over a period of five years.

The project has taken into account the Judiciary Strategic Plan 2015-2020, lessons of past programmes and ongoing assistance provided by development partners.

The project started to be implemented last year to enhance the capacity of the judiciary to deliver efficient, transparent and accessible 'citizen-centric justice services' in select courts.



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government has already provided funds for social services at places the displaced population may individually seek new residence.

Already 2,829 villagers or 99 per cent of those living in the two villages have received compensation.

The planned dam will take up 68 square kilometers, holding 470m

cubic metres of water at capacity, for the use of Dodoma, Chemba, Bahi and Chamwino districts, while connecting villages with water pipes, he stated.

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State for resolving non-tariff barriers (NTBs), as the Kenya-Tanzania bilateral engagement has resolved 72 NTBs. Amending NTBs legislation to include sanctions and clear timelines to resolve existing NTBs was equally necessary, he stated.

Carole Kariuki, CEO of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) said that KEPSA rolled out a COVID-19 vaccination drive for companies and EABC has now agreed to undertake similar drives across the EAC partner states.

Closer private sector collaboration in marketing and boosting the competitiveness of 'Made in East Africa' products to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) market was also discussed, she stated.

EABC chairman Nick Nesbitt said the EAC bloc is the most integrated regional economic community in Africa, and would be consolidated by the vaccine roll-out strategy for the region.

Francis Kisirinya, acting CEO for the Private Sector Foundation of Uganda (PSFU) called for deeper public-private dialogue within countries and at the regional level to ensure that policies are increasingly business-centered.

Nshimirimana Denis, secretary general of the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB) urged support for 'Buy East African, Build East Africa' campaigns to boost intra-EAC trade.

EABC board director Mary Ngechu said SMEs compose over 80 per cent of businesses in the region, thus combating COVID-19 calls for structured engagement for SMEs at country and regional levels to inform policies, scaling up their contribution to recovery efforts.

Ngechu called for consolidation and aggregation of SMEs to boost product volumes and leverage on regional and continental value chains.

Trademark East Africa senior private sector technical advisor

Waturi Matu recommended uniform implementation of COVID-19 protocols and amicable solutions to re-open closed borders in the EAC zone.

Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) CEO Francis Nanai stated that sensitization on the benefits of the AfCFTA is important following its recent ratification by Tanzania.

Juma Charles of the South Sudan Chambers of Commerce Industries and Agriculture said that the chamber was engaging the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of that country to implement the country's commitments under the EAC Customs Union Protocol.

The removal of visa fees for Uganda and Kenya by South Sudan shall enable the free movement of persons, goods and services, he pointed out.

The roundtable meeting agreed to hold quarterly engagements to address new and chronic trade issues and share ideas on best practices, appreciating the goodwill shown by the EAC Secretary-General on the issue.

The secretariat is working to steer private sector-led integration via the EAC-EABC technical working group, he stated. EAC partner states need to amend article 24 of the customs union protocol to operationalise the EAC trade remedies committees tasked to resolve trade disputes, he added.



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Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director Frank Nyabundege (L) receives crisps from Dew Ltd director Deo Mbilinyi at a function to mark this year's 'Customer Service Week' in Mbeya on Tuesday. The bank has enabled the Tukuyu-based firm to complete the construction of a factory and buy cassava, potato and banana processing machines for the production of crisps. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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update on the Covid-19 vaccination drive yesterday in the city that this vaccine is also safe as it has been verified by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Ministerial experts are also examining the vaccine in an internal verification processes, the same procedure applied for other imported vaccines, she stated, noting that there was a high

response from the public to take the jobs, such that some regions are in high demand of the job.

The ministry will distribute the job on time in all regions to meet the target of reaching more people especially those with underlying conditions, as hospital records show that those admitted in hospitals and deaths from COVID-19 was no longer arising from those who received the vaccine, the minister observed.

By the start of the week a total of 681,736 people had received the vaccine, equivalent to 65 per cent of all doses distributed so far. Participatory sensitisation has increased the number of people taking the vaccine by ten times, she further noted.

The government target was to protect 60 per cent of the population against the spread of the disease, with the new two-dose vaccine being one of the most

widely used COVID-19 shots in China.

Sinopharm Co. agreed to provide up to 170m doses to the global vaccine sharing scheme (COVAX) through to mid-2022, with Tanzania receiving its second large consignment following the 1.2m doses of COVID-19 vaccines in a US donation, where the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines donation late July was part of the COVAX arrangement, she added.



Muleba District Council chairman Magongo Justus John (L), Arch bishop of the African Inland Church of Tanzania Pastor Mussa Magwesela (2nd L) and GGML managing director Richard Jordinson (R) signing the 5 year term Memorandum of Understanding for a medical boat which will help save lives of vulnerable people across the Lake Victoria islands in Kagera and Geita regions. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Government underscores need for Post Corporation to be innovative for more technological advancement

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DEPUTY Minister for Information and Communication Technology Mathew Kundo has underscored the need for the Tanzania Post Corporation to be innovative and use technological advancement to offer the best and quality services.

He gave the statement yesterday when launching Postal online shop during celebrations of the World Post Day saying they should capture the technical advancement to offer quality services.

Kundo said if they use the technology positively then it will easy service delivery thus increased efficiency compared to the traditional physical services.

He said they should come up with a system in which all their services must be digitized and be online for the majority to access by also cope with the current market demand.

“TPC must embrace the “innovate to recover” as per the theme and should be guided by the needs saying the online shop being among the products.

The deputy minister said the postal online shop came at an ideal time now that the world is under the covid-19 pandemic as the world is mostly opting for online services in a number of avenues.

He said online business is the world trend saying majority of small entrepreneurs are using the platform to shop and market their products thus postal online shop has given their customer a better deal.

However, he said, to make it comfortable for their customers they must ensure they have in place the best infrastructures for the shop to carry the needed transactions.

Kundo said with the technological changes and the public motivation

to embrace its usage, it will be challenging for any institution to prosper and excel through the use of technology.

During his tour at some media pavilion, he advised to see how they will market the commercial print and E-paper so that majority of the readers’ can enjoy get the newspapers at their fingertips.

“E-paper must be well marketed and it is ideal, even those in remote can access it and it is easy to deliver compared to hard copies” he said.

World Post Day happens each year on October 9, the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which started in 1874 in Switzerland.

The UPU was the start of the global communications revolution, introducing the ability to write letter to others all over the world. World Post Day started in 1969. Since then, countries all over the world take part in celebrations to highlight the importance of the postal service.

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Mbarawa tasks TRC in revenue collection

By Guardian Reporter

WORKS and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has called on Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) to oversee revenue collections and train locomotive drivers to avoid accidents.

Prof. Mbarawa issued the directives yesterday in Dar es Salaam while receiving 44 wagons worth 6bn/- procured by TRC through the Tanzania Intermodal and Rail Development Project (TIRP).

“What I want is income, if we raise more money, we’ll buy more wagons, we’ll build more modern railways and buy more engines... I

have no uncle, I have no friends, my friend is an income, go and manage this,” said Prof Mbarawa, adding:

“Our main task is to ensure that the government invests more money through this infrastructure and that we continue to maintain it for our own use and that of future generations. Today we are receiving 44 wagons, but it will be a astonishing to see all these collapse after six months.”

He promised that the government will continue to provide funding for the rehabilitation of the central railway and the construction of a new modern railway to ensure the industry moves forward.

TRC director general Masanja Kadogosa promised to oversee and implement the minister’s directives, including revenue collections.

“These new wagons will help re-establish the container business which was non-existent so revenue will increase significantly and we’re not going to kill the truck business as some people think, but we’re going to reduce distances as trackers will only cover 30 km from Isaka instead of 130km,” said Kadogosa.

TRC’s capacity to use the 44 new carriages will greatly increase and reduce the nuisance of cargo congestion at the port and significantly reduce road damage,

said Kadogosa.

Commenting on the project, he said, it is being implemented from US \$ 300 million loan from the World Bank equivalent to 600bn/- which includes improvement of rail infrastructure, procurement of wagons and train heads and railway inspection plant.

Kadogosa said in implementing the project, the rehabilitation of 326 km of railway line from Dar es Salaam to Isaka has been completed, the rehabilitation of 374 bridges has been completed and architecture for the improvement of railway lines at the port of Dar es Salaam.

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Agro bank uses Customer Services Week to improve cooperation with partners

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has celebrated this year's 'Customer Service Week' by encouraging sustainable cooperation with clients and various stakeholders in the agricultural, livestock and fisheries sectors.

It is in the efforts to entice more investments in the sectors that are important to the national economy.

Speaking to customers and other stakeholders of the bank in Mbeya Region, TADB managing director, Frank Nyabundege said the bank has spent a week of customers encouraging Tanzanians, especially young people, to take advantage of the many opportunities available in the agricultural, livestock and fisheries sectors.

"As TADB, we've a great responsibility to shape the development and growth of the sectors so that they can make meaningful contribution to the country's economy while enabling farmers, pastoralists and fishermen to increase production and increase their incomes," he explained.

Nyabundege also pointed out that Iringa, Mbeya, Njombe, Songea, Songwe and Rukwa regions are in better position to produce more food and trade and thus strengthen the value chain of crops in the country.

"I am delighted to meet and listen to various bank stakeholders who have been able to give their testimonies on how the bank has helped them increase production and value of their products," he acknowledged.

The agro-bank officer held talks with various regional government officials, farmers and pastoralists who expressed great faith in him and urged him to support them in parallel with visiting the bank-sponsored projects.

"I am relieved to see what is

happening on the ground and to listen to challenges facing farmers and to have a picture of how the bank will be able to solve those challenges," he affirmed.

According to him, TADB is responsible for implementing the government's objectives that led to the establishment of the bank.

The MD assured stakeholders in the agricultural value chain that the bank is committed to reaching agriculturalists in timely and efficiently to raise capital and implement their projects.

He noted that the week has helped give him the opportunity to listen to stakeholders and also share experiences to improve banking services and enable stakeholders to benefit from the bank's presence in the country.

Assistant director of Forever Investment Songwe Region Jane Daima said it has been a comfort for her coffee farming company to meet and discuss various issues with TADB's top bank management.

"This is a unique opportunity for him and other agricultural stakeholders to meet with senior bank officials and hold productive talks on improving services, especially access to credit that will help improve our agricultural activities," she mentioned.

Addressing Parliament in Dodoma for the first time since she was sworn in as Head of State on April this year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan emphasised the need to raise more money for TADB so that it can provide more low interest loans to farmers, fishermen and pastoralists increase production of products that will become raw materials in existing factories in the country.

She said her government is determined to make Tanzania an industrial country by 2025 and the agricultural, livestock and fisheries sectors have a major role to play in achieving that goal of industrialisation.



Bank of Africa's managing director and CEO Adam Mihayo (R) speaks to the Management of Garda world company limited led by managing director, Goodluck Lukumay (2nd L) during the 'Customer Service Week.' Looking on are the company's senior staff Mark Hart country (operations manager) and Fortunata Bingi (customer service manager (C) and Ephrem August who is country sales manager. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government plans to improve operations of Medicals Stores Department (MSD) to ensure people visiting health centres for treatment get medicines.

The Prime Minister said the aim of the envisaged improvement is to make sure that the intention of the Phase VI government to send drugs and medical devices to all health centres in the country is realised.

Majaliwa made the remarks on Tuesday this week when speaking to workers and councillors of Mtama District Council in Lindi Region during his working visit to inspect

Govt to improve MSD operations - Majaliwa

development projects.

He was speaking after he received a report from Mtama district medical officer Dr Dismas Masulubu who said they had sent 300m/- to MSD during the last financial year for the procurement of drugs but to date the drugs had not been received.

"MSD needs huge improvement because it receives drugs money

and medical devices but they are not received in time. The intention of President Samia Suluhu Hassan is to make sure drugs are available at all health centres countrywide," said the PM.

He instructed MSD to make sure it sends drugs to all areas in time as well as pay all its debts it owes some hospitals, health centres and

dispensaries.

Meanwhile, Majaliwa said President Samia has put in place robust strategies aimed at ending challenges in the availability of clean and safe water in all areas in the country including Mtama District.

He called on Tanzanians to be patient and continue to support the government as it vows to serve them.



Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Amos Makalla (C) speaks yesterday when he launched Christ for All Nations (CfaN) six simultaneous gospel crusades at Kawe, Jangwani, Kimara, Mbagala, Gongo la Mboto and Kigamboni themed \ Faith, Love and Miracles. Others are the International Evangelist and the head of CfaN Daniel Kolenda (R) and CPCT Church Bishop Sylvester Gamanywa. Photo: John Badi

Google to invest \$1 billion to lift Africa internet access

CALIFORNIA

GOOGLE said on Wednesday it will invest \$1 billion over the next five years to allow for faster and more affordable internet access and support entrepreneurship in Africa.

Internet reliability is a problem in Africa where less than a third of the continent's 1.3 billion people are connected to broadband, according to the World Bank.

But the continent, where nearly half the population is under 18, is a promising market.

According to Google and Alphabet boss, Sundar Pichai "huge strides" have been made in recent years, but more work is needed to make "internet accessible, affordable and useful for every African".

The investment will support digital transformation by ensuring improved connectivity and access, he said in a statement.

The funds will, among other things, go towards infrastructure development including the Equiano subsea cable that will connect South

Africa, Namibia, Nigeria and St Helena with Europe.

The deal expands Google's pledge announced four years ago to train around 10 million young Africans and small-scale businesses in digital skills.

"I am of the firm belief that no one is better placed to solve Africa's biggest problems than Africa's young developers and startup founders," said Google's Africa managing director Nitin Gajria.

Internet access is also hampered by the affordability of smartphones.

Google said it will partner with Kenya's telecoms giant Safaricom to launch affordable Android smartphones for first time users.

The project will later be rolled out across the continent with other carriers such as Airtel, MTN, Orange and Vodacom.

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Formalise your businesses to access EA free market, entrepreneurs told

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

ENTREPRENEURS in southern highlands regions have been advised to formalise their businesses in order to benefit from the East African Free Market endorsed by Parliament in its recent sitting.

The advice was given here on Tuesday this week by the Mbeya Region Assistant Administrative Secretary (Production and

Economy), Said Madito when opening a trade forum for entrepreneurs from southern highlands regions.

The business form was organised by Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Trade that drew more than 100 entrepreneurs from all southern highlands regions.

Madito said the EA Free Market

will be of great benefit to all entrepreneurs if they put in place good procedure in formalising their businesses by proper storing of the products they produce.

"Our products have been not competitive because many of them have not been formalized and even the packaging is of low quality, hence I advise you to wake up and grab the opportunity," Madito said.

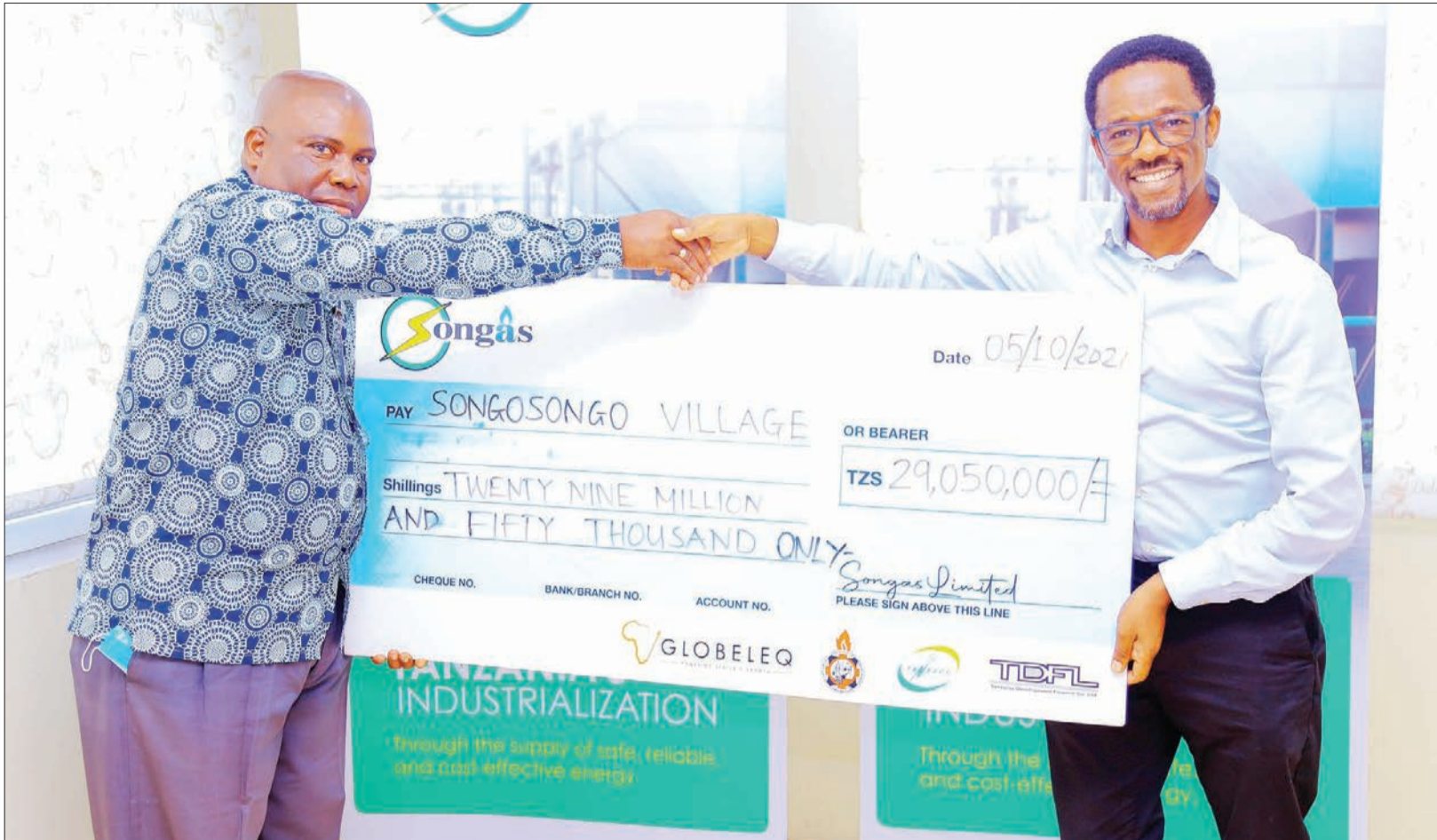
He said as for now the government

was mobilising for industrial economy and has put in place a good environment for people to invest in the sector, but the problem is in small entrepreneurs not producing quality goods.

People who attended the forum said they were ready to grab the East Africa Free Market and will make sure they conduct competitive businesses with other nations in the area.



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Songas managing director, Anael Samuel, hands over a dummy cheque worth 29m/- to community leaders from Songo Songo Island during a ceremony held at the Ubungu power plant recently. The donation aims to facilitate the implementation of various development initiatives at Songo Songo Island including repair of boat transport for emergencies, provision of part-time teachers and the development of sports grounds for future generation. In the past 5 years Songas contributed over 4bn/- to support Songo Songo socio-economic development activities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Let us change the narrative on Africa in the US, Adesina tells African diplomats in Washington

By Special Correspondent, Abidjan

AFRICAN Development Bank President Dr Akinwumi Adesina has said that a concerted effort to change the narrative on Africa in the United States is necessary to attract increased investments into the continent.

He said the need for advocacy in the United States made having an African Development Bank office in Washington a matter of importance, and that he would be pursuing approval with the Board of the African Development Bank Group.

The Bank chief spoke during a meeting with African ambassadors at the chancery of the Embassy of the Republic of Congo in Washington last week.

"It is very important that Africa's voice be heard, he said. "We are a responsive and solutions bank at the heart of Africa's development, and at the core of our work as a multilateral development bank, there is a very clear strategy to fast-track Africa's development.

In a comprehensive tour d'horizon of the Bank's priority agenda, Dr Adesina acknowledged the leadership role of the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps in Washington D.C., Ambassador Serge Mombouli of the Republic of Congo, and the Corps' exceptional advocacy work on behalf of the African continent. He also thanked the ambassadors for their strong support for his re-election to a second consecutive five-year term in 2020.

Speaking to the Bank's core objectives, Dr Adesina drew the ambassadors' attention to the UNDP's assessment, which showed that if Africa achieved the Bank's High 5 priorities (<https://bit.ly/3wDVUBC>), it would have achieved 90% of both the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

In the past five years, the Bank,

through its High 5s, has positively impacted the lives of 335 million people; 21 million people have gained access to electricity; 76 million to agricultural technologies to ensure food security, and 12 million people have gained access to finance through investee companies that the Bank itself has invested in.

"This is the kind of scale on which we work," Dr Adesina said, explaining that the desired level of development will not come about by small projects but by projects at scale.

Dr Adesina decried what he described as "vaccine nationalism" by developed countries and said Africa must learn some critical lessons.

"Africa cannot, and Africa must not, outsource the health security of its 1.3 billion people to the generosity and the benevolence of others. Africa must ensure health security for its people, and I will say that we must look at health, from the perspective of a healthcare defense system."

Dr Adesina said Africa must develop its indigenous pharmaceutical manufacturing capacity. He said this was important not only for Covid-19, but also for other viruses to come after Covid-19. As part of efforts to revamp Africa's quality healthcare infrastructure, the African Development Bank is investing \$3 billion dollars to support pharmaceutical and vaccine production on the continent.

The group learned that the Bank was spearheading efforts to help Africa tackle climate change; and that it had doubled its allocation for climate finance to \$25 billion by 2025 with 40% of its total financing going to climate finance.

"We are increasingly applying more of our resources to climate adaptation," Dr Adesina said. "Today, 67% of all our climate finance is in adaptation, which is the highest of any international financial institution in the world."

Govt issues 16bn/- for improvement of education infrastructures in Lindi

By Guardian Reporter, Lindi

THE government has provided more than 16bn/- for the construction and improvement of various education infrastructures in Lindi Region.

This was revealed by Prime minister Kassim Majaliwa Tuesday this week as he was addressing residents and Councillors of Mtama District Council during his official visit in Lindi Region.

He called on officials in Lindi Region to make sure the money is spent for

the purposes intended and sternly cautioned against embezzlement.

He said regional officials have great responsibility in serving Mtama District residents as the government wants to see great changes in management in their areas.

The PM further said Mtama District Council workers are required to create new sources of revenue to enable it to have adequate funds and to make sure the money collected enters via the correct financial system.

"This council does not collect much revenue but at the bus station a big chunk of the fees collected does not enter the coffers, hence the council director must make changes there by removing all current revenue collectors and replace them with faithful ones," Majaliwa said.

He also instructed the council treasurer, Aisha Msangi to make improvements in all revenue collection areas to make sure all the money collected enter council coffers.

Meanwhile, the prime minister inspected the construction of a water reservoir for supplying water to residents of Mitwero area in Lindi Municipality, where he said the government will make sure the residents get water supply close to them.

For his part, the managing Director of Lindi Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (LUWASA) Eng Juma Soud said the Mitwero Water Project will cost 2.9bn/- and upon completion it is expected to serve 40,000 residents.

Sub-Saharan Africa exits recession in 2021 but recovery still vulnerable, reports WB

WASHINGTON

SUB-Saharan Africa is set to emerge from the 2020 recession sparked by the COVID-19 pandemic with growth expected to expand by 3.3 percent in 2021. This is one percent higher than the April 2021 forecast according to the latest edition of Africa's Pulse.

This rebound is currently fueled by elevated commodity prices, a relaxation of stringent pandemic measures, and recovery in global trade, but remains vulnerable given the low rates of vaccination on the continent, protracted economic damage, and a slow pace of recovery.

According to analysis in the Pulse, the World Bank's twice-yearly economic update for the region, growth for 2022 and 2023 will also remain just below 4 percent, continuing to lag the recovery in advanced economies and emerging markets, and reflecting subdued investment in SSA.

"Fair and broad access to effective and safe COVID 19 vaccines is key to saving lives and strengthening Africa's economic recovery. Faster vaccine deployment would accelerate the region's growth to 5.1 percent in 2022 and 5.4 percent in 2023—as more containment measures are lifted, boosting consumption and investment," said Albert

Zeufack, Chief Economist for Africa at the World Bank.

The analysis shows that current speeds of economic recovery in the region are varied, with the three largest economies, Angola, Nigeria, and South Africa, expected to grow by 0.4 percent, 2.4 percent, 4.6 percent respectively. Excluding South Africa and Nigeria, the rest of SSA is rebounding faster at a growth rate of 3.6 percent in 2021, with non-resource-rich countries like Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya expected to

recover strongly at 6.2 and 5.0 percent, respectively.

A positive trend, according to the report authors, is that African countries have seized the opportunity of the crisis to foster structural and macroeconomic reforms. Several countries have embarked on difficult but necessary structural reforms, such as the unification of exchange rates in Sudan, fuel subsidy reform in Nigeria, and the opening of the telecommunications sector to the private sector in Ethiopia.



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Child labour increasing at dangerous level - TCACL

By Guardian Reporter

THE child labour problem in the country is said to be increasing, the situation dangerous to the society if urgent steps are not taken.

The observation was given yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the National coordinator of the Tanzania Coalition Against Child Labour (TCACL), Scholastica Pembe, as part of preparation for the commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child marked on October 11 every year in collaboration with Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation (JMKEF).

She said child labour has great adverse effects and they have continued to face challenges from the problem as Tanzania does not have correct statistics on child labour.

"The effects are immense, and starting in Dar es Salaam we have been meeting with many children who are employed including those living in difficult environment in the streets," Pembe said.

She said in the Tanzania agriculture sector the problem exists, especially in tobacco and coffee farms.

"There are also other areas including the mines where the problem is immense as we have been receiving many cases, and the situation is dangerous in our current

generation," she added.

"You can see a child coming home from school, and the parent gives her vegetables to sell, hence we stakeholders advise the government to provide education to parents, as we believe this will at least reduce the problem," she said.

She said the apex for the commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child will be held in Kibiti District, Coast Region and this year's slogan will be: "The Power of the Girl Child as Vision Towards 2020."

She added that they will spend a week to mobilise the society to educate parents in the rural areas of the Coast Region, especially in Kibiti, Chalinze and Mkuranga districts.

For her part, Julieth Sewawa, the chief guest said the procurement of digital education is among the main reasons for having fewer girls in the technology field.

She said current research shows that there is a small number of girls studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics compared to boys.

She said she would like to see people mobilising girls and women to fully participate in the field of technology to speed up their own development.

Stakeholders stress need for enabling environment for youth empowerment

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

MEMBERS of Parliament and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have called for policy and legal framework enabling environment that would enhance youth empowerment in different fields.

They were speaking at one of the youth empowerment training sessions going on across the country organized and being conducted by UNA Tanzania.

UNA Tanzania is engaging MPs and CSOs working at the grassroots to address challenges facing youth economic empowerment in Tanzania.

The MPs said there is a need for creating smooth environment for the youth to conduct their business without problems or delay.

Special Seats MP, Vuma Hole said meaningful empowerment would entail youth have relevant knowledge and skills to utilise available opportunities for their livelihood. He promised to take up the challenges facing the youth and make follow up on their progress.

"There is a need to review available business registration process to attract many youth to engage in business. We are ready to take up youth issues into the legislature and ensure they are well addressed.

He also promised to take up challenges facing women and people with disabilities.

On the other hand, Special Seats MP Salome Makamba said action is needed to engage youth in economic empowerment. Acknowledging the challenges that exist, Makamba said youth issues require serious attention and analysis to identify youth needs and opportunities so that all can benefit from the empowerment programmes.

Citing an example, she said there should be open market sessions for the youth, women and people with disabilities to run business especially during the weekends.

UNA Tanzania programme officer, youth and economic rights and participation Lucas Kifyasi said empowerment of young people for entering the labour market and participates fully in economic life is

one of the urgent priorities that top the list of development agenda and plans in Tanzania. Although Tanzania has managed to make progress in many aspects, such as human development poverty reduction and inequality in the last decade but the youth still face many challenges. Unemployment is one of them.

"That's why we have decided to work with MPs and CSOs to achieve youth development goals. Through grassroots CSOs for example, we have been able to empower more than 3,000 youth from more than 17 districts in Tanzania. We have advanced their livelihood and leadership," he pointed out.

He said while working at the grassroots together with the CSOs UNA Tanzania has been noting some issues that discourage the youth from accessing public funds and space to run their business. Some of these issues require intervention.

"We presented many issues. For example, the issues of delay on issuing the EFD machines to young people who have managed to secure capital for small and medium enterprises. Some youth have secured up to 14m/- as capital to conduct business and have established companies. If the EFD machines will be readily available, many youth will build a culture of compliance and will contribute to their economic empowerment and this will also benefit the nation," he said.

The Members of Parliament are lawmakers; they represent the citizen and approve annual development plans including microeconomic policy. Therefore, informing them on what works and what does not work is important if Tanzania want to reduce poverty. The CSOs that works with the youth at the grassroots helps to address policy and legal framework huddles, he added.

For a couple of years now, UNA Tanzania has been working at the grassroots level with various stakeholders including Members of Parliament and Civil Society Organisations. These are some stakeholders who are very crucial in realising youth economic empowerment in the country.



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister William Lukuvi talks with Bubutole and Mwombose village residents in Chemba district, Dodoma. He was accompanied by several ministers to resolve land disputes at the reserve areas on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

DC appeals to herders to stay in allocated grazing areas

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

LIWALE District Commissioner, Judith Nguli has appealed to herders to abide by laws and laid down procedures including confining their herds to areas set aside for grazing in order to avoid unnecessary conflicts with farmers.

She said the practice for herders moving away from allocated areas to other areas can be the source of conflicts with other land users.

The DC made the call at the

weekend when speaking to herders' leaders aimed at maintaining the state of peace in the district saying both herders and farmers were important for peace and development in Liwale.

"What is essential is for both groups to continue maintain peace and stability while the government puts in place strategies for the improvement of various projects including the construction of water dams," she added.

DC Nguli also called on village

executives in areas with herders not to issue permits to new herders arriving, instead they should address issues that can cause a state of disharmony between herders and farmers.

Liwale District Livestock Officer, Bernard Kavamba said Liwale District is home to 30,689 head of cattle, 11,797 goats and 2,462 sheep, and added that Kimambi Village leads by being home to big number of cattle. He said in the FY 2021/22 budget, the government has set

aside 480m/- for the construction of the dam as drinking water for the livestock at Kimambi Village.

He further said his office has been making efforts to make sure Liwale does not have farmers-herders conflicts by involving the two groups to solve their disputes amicably.

For his part, the leader of herders in Liwale District, pledged to work together with the government in the district saying he will impress upon herders not to become source of conflicts with farmers.



Arusha Municipal director Suleiman Msumi speaks yesterday after launching Vodashop and 'Customer Service Week' in the city. Vodacom launched the shop as part of efforts to bring services close to customers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

SPECIAL Seats MP, Lucy Mayenga (CCM), has donated 10 computers and two printers worth 10m/- to Mwendakulima and Lunganya secondary schools to improve teaching and learning environment in the schools.

Mwendakulima Secondary School has received five computers and one printer while Lunguya Secondary School in Msalala Council has received five computers and one printer including sanitary towels for female students of the schools.

The MP said that computers should be used as planned so as to benefit all students from Form One

MP donates computers, two printers worth 10m/- to two Kahama schools

to Form Six.

Despite providing computers, recently the MP handed over 50bags of cement for the construction of the school fence, including the purchase of a school bus.

"I will be guardian of this school by helping and solving the challenges they face, and you should do well in your exams to give me the motivation to continue to give everything because no parent wants their children to fail," said Mayenga.

Headmistress Neema said that the school has a total of 1,437 students from form one to six so the computers will help reduce the challenge of accessing examination results for those students.

However, Neema added that the bags of cement he provided to them and in combination with the cement provided by other development partners have been used to make 10,125 bricks for the construction of a school fence to protect students at night from invaders.

"This school is surrounded by a pastoralist community, so it needs to have a fence that will keep the students, especially the girls living at the school, safe and avoid violence and student pregnancy at school," Neema said.

One of the high school students, Naomi Daudi, said she was grateful for the support of the computers and promised to do well in her final exams to encourage all well-wishers to continue supporting the school.



Passengers Advocacy Association of Tanzania secretary for Northern zone Godwin Mpinga (3rd R) to speaks with passengers on how to protect themselves against COVID-19 at Arusha bus stand yesterday. The association also distributed brochures from Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

US deploys experts to respond to urgent needs around Covid-19 in Z'bar

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States government, through the US Agency for International Development's (USAID) Afya Endelevu ("Sustainable Health") activity has deployed one hundred health professionals to respond to the urgent needs around Covid-19.

According to a statement issued by the US embassy, the health professionals will work in four ports of entry and 33 health facilities on Covid-19 prevention, treatment and accelerating vaccine update in both Unguja and Pemba. "These experts have been identified in collaboration with the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar and are allocated to facilities with critical shortages of human resources and port of entries with increased transmission risks," the embassy said in a statement.

Health facilities across Tanzania have been chronically understaffed which affects quality of health service delivery. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit Tanzania, the healthcare worker shortage was further exacerbated - with insufficient workers to support Covid-19 prevention and treatment. Furthermore, according to the September 27, 2021, Government of Tanzania Situation Report, uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine will dramatically reduce Covid-related illness and deaths; however, the coverage of vaccination remains low.

United States government partnership with the governments of Tanzania and Zanzibar is mitigating the impact of the pandemic on society.

Programming strives to provide equitable access and delivery of Covid-19 vaccinations, reduce morbidity and mortality from Covid-19, and prevent and mitigate the impacts of Covid-19 on emergency HIV/AIDS relief programs. To date,

USAID has invested a total of \$25.1 million in these areas.

"It is important that the United States government and the Ministry of Health in Zanzibar partner to strengthen the capacity of the health workforce and create awareness to respond to priority public health needs such as Covid-19," the statement said.

For nearly twenty years, USAID has been at the forefront of advancing the field of human resources for health.

Implemented through the Benjamin William Mkapa Foundation (BMF), the USAID Afya Endelevu activity strengthens human resources for health, an area that is chronically under-resourced in Tanzania. Through Afya Endelevu, health professionals have been oriented to work with selected health facilities and have been hired in a competitive process that looks at the skills and qualifications needed to respond to emerging health challenges, such as the lag in Covid-19 vaccine uptake and improving quality of prevention and treatment services.

Speaking at today's event, USAID Health Office Director, Ananthy Thambinayagam said "a robust and adequately equipped health workforce is essential for continued advancement and sustained provision of quality health care and emergency responses like Covid-19."

USAID supports investments in the health workforce because a strong and capable workforce for health saves lives, especially now with Covid-19 pandemic". Ananthy reiterated USAID support to the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar as we continue to collaborate and sustain more effective changes toward providing quality health services that benefit all Tanzanians.

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

1.5bn/- to boost health services in three Lake Victoria's islands

MULEBA District Council has signed a five-year contract worth 1.5bn/- with a donor to provide improved healthcare services in three Lake Victoria's islands of Goziba, Bumbire and Ikuza.

The signing event was held at Geita Regional Commissioner's office and coordinated by the Africa Inland Church (AIC) on behalf of donor partners Geita Gold Mine (GGM) and the Vine Trust of England.

Muleba District Commissioner, Toba Nguvula said the support comes at a time when residents in the islands have been facing challenges in getting health care services, especially when needing referrals,

hoping to it will bring relieve to the people.

He assured the crew and medical staff of their safety and cooperation from the authorities, adding that approximately 100 people in a year die from drowning because of poor canoes and boats, that now the motor vessel in delivering the health service, will arrest the situation.

According to the deal, Geita Gold Mine is expected to dish out 120,000 USD yearly (for five years), whereas The Vine Trust has given out MV Jubilee Hope to carry the

responsibilities of providing primary healthcare in the islands.

Also, the Muleba District Council will be in charge of providing the personnel and drugs, while some of the experts will be from The Vine Trust and AIC.

Mv Jubilee Hope has been operating from Muleba port to the Islands since 2014, making 13 voyages in a year and spending two weeks in the Islands, an opportunity grabbed in using it in providing health services in the islands.

Doctor in charge Mv Jubilee Hope,

Uzia Mohamed, said those islanders are most affected by Schistosomiasis, Cholera, Amoeba, Malnutrition and Malaria.

District Chairman Justus Magongo, thanked all development stakeholders who helped the idea turn into reality, and asked more cooperation from donors as there are more than 25 islands under the district, all needed to be reached by community services.

The signing of the project was witnessed by Kagera Administrative Secretary Prof. Faustine Kamuzora.

THRDC demands release of unlawfully detained journos

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

THE Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) has called on the police force to release journalists whose arrest and detention did not adhere to competent jurisdiction procedures protecting their rights.

Amongst such cases is the arrest of Cartoonist Optatus Fwema, who was recently captured by the police from his premises at Bunju, Dar es Salaam and to date has been under custody at the Oysterbay police station.

The coalition has called his detention unlawful according to Section 32 of the Criminal Procedure Act Cap 20 R.E 2019 which obliges the police force not to detain a person for more than

24 hours without releasing him on bail or arraigning him to the court of competent jurisdiction.

THRDC National Coordinator Onesmo Olungurumwa insisted that no formal charge has been instituted in any court against him though the detainee was interrogated on September 30th 2021 in the absence of his lawyer or family members for cyber offences.

"Unlawful detention is a denial of one's constitutional right to liberty guaranteed under article 15 of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, (Cap 2 R.E 2002)," he emphasized.

Meanwhile THRDC has also condemned the arrest and detention of Harlod Shemsanga a journalist from Mgawe TV arrested on the

2nd of October 2021 and detained at Mbweni Police Station on the allegation of conducting a march without police authorization. He was arrested alongside other women from the opposition political party CHADEMA, also with no formal charges laid against him.

"Human Rights advocates under THRDC's institutions are currently struggling to ensure that the two journalists are granted bail and treated according to the required standards of treating suspects," he affirmed.

He added that if till sun set today the police is still keeping those media practitioners then human rights lawyers will be instructed to open an emergency case (Harbeas Corpus) demanding their release.



Shinyanga region Special Seat MP Lucy Mayenga (L) presents sanitary pads to Mwendakulima secondary school head mistress meant for school's pupils yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Filming Stories of Impact on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Lindi and Pwani Regions

1. Introduction

Forest land degradation and deforestation are environmental problems facing Tanzania leading to biodiversity loss and reduced ecosystem services to people. Faced by these challenges in the 1990s, Tanzania formulated policies and strategies with emphasis on the importance of land restoration in achieving economic growth. Landscape restoration is a key nature-based solution and an elementary activity for green recovery as it stimulates investments and creates jobs primarily in rural areas and helps to secure livelihoods of local communities while also contributing to reverse biodiversity loss and mitigating climate change.

For over 20 years WWF has been working in the Ruvuma Landscape to restore degraded village forests and put them under sustainable Community Based Forest Management. Other conservation initiatives have been formulation of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), introduction of conservation agriculture and tree planting.

Communicating best practices and initiatives hugely helps in the successful implementation of FLR strategies. It's in this vein that WWF seeks to document stories of impact in FLR in Ruvuma Lindi and Pwani regions.

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Hawkers' structures are a pain cities will have to live with, as we have regular polls

REPORTS of demolitions of hawkers' structures in various areas of the principal arteries of the city of Dar es Salaam, without taking much note of precautions asked by President Samia Suluhu Hassan that they just should be reorganized, not having their structures demolished. Yet it would take a lot of effort on the part of the top leadership to contain the drive at the level of regional and district authorities, who must listen to a vast lobby of ward representatives and even traders' groups on the hawkers. They couldn't win.

Even during the fifth phase presidency there was no actual consensus on the issue but there was greater affirmative insistence on the part of President John Magufuli that they be left free to conduct their activities. It is a matter that each phase has taken action as it sees, and experience seems to be learned in a roundabout manner, first by wishing to clear the streets as in mid-2006 during the first year of the fourth phase government, where all 'containers' built on road pavements and road reserves were largely demolished. A broad portion of city dwellers feel they should be cleared but many fear rise in muggings.

Looking at the issue closely, the matter boils down to an issue of whether anyone ought to carry anyone else's burden, as the classical response to that question is in the negative, that we all carry our own burdens. That means an appropriate place to trade handy wares that

nobody exactly needs at that moment - or knows where to follow them in shops or proper markets. It is up to the hawker to find where to trade, as city centre congestion isn't everyone's cup of tea.

Demolitions and rethinking will go around another cycle as days go by, for instance at the Kariakoo market (which went up in flames earlier this year). Up to the last months to the October 2015 polls the area between the old and market buildings was open and people placed wares (vegetables, chiefly) on mats and shifty stalls.

Then towards the polls someone had the idea of actually building a number of stalls arranged in lines and rented out generously to the same traders, clearly with their vote in mind. With four years before voting actually takes place, there is a lot of time cities have to sweep them.

What though some administrators appear to be missing out is that the fifth phase had demonstrated that hawkers need not pose an impossible hindrance to trading. Propositions as to where to locate them are often aren't realistic as at one point in the past they were told to build structures in Jangwani valley where they would simply have starved.

President Samia was surprised by the Ilala district storeyed structure where hawkers were supposed to trade, expecting customers to climb stairs to seek them out. Only specialised services can be located in such outlying areas and expect that targeted customers come.

Climate change report a wakeup call for nations to work together

THERE is no doubt that human activity is causing global warming, and its effects are already felt across the world. That is the conclusion reached by the latest report from the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Climate is the long-term pattern of weather in an area, typically averaged over a period of 30 years. More rigorously, it is the mean and variability of meteorological variables over a time spanning from months to millions of years. Some of the meteorological variables that are commonly measured are temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind, and precipitation. In a broader sense, climate is the state of the components of the climate system, which includes the ocean, land, and ice on Earth. The climate of a location is affected by its latitude/longitude, terrain, and altitude, as well as nearby water bodies and their currents.

Climates can be classified according to the average and the typical ranges of different variables, most commonly temperature and precipitation. The most commonly used classification scheme was the Köppen climate classification. The Thornthwaite system, in use since 1948, incorporates evapotranspiration along with temperature and precipitation information and is used in studying biological diversity and how climate change affects it.

Climate models are mathematical models of past, present and future climates. Climate change may occur over long and short timescales from a variety of factors; recent warming is discussed in global warming. Global warming results in redistributions. Scientists representing each of the IPCC's member states analysed more than 14,000 papers. The report traces a harsh reality.

The international Paris Agreement to combat climate change went into effect last year and aims to keep the average rise in temperatures

in this century down to 1.5 degrees Celsius higher than pre-industrial levels. But the report states we have already presided over a rise of 1.1 C, and within the next 20 years we will have exceeded the 1.5 C mark.

The chances of abnormal heat waves, torrential rains and droughts being witnessed across the world are being made greater by global warming. The effect on East Asia, including Japan, is marked. Torrential rains and intense heat spells are expected to be more frequent in the future.

This year has seen major flooding in China and Germany, among other countries. North America has been hit by heatwaves. Japan, too, is now subject to torrential rain disasters on an almost annual basis. The climate crisis threatens peoples' way of life and their lives themselves.

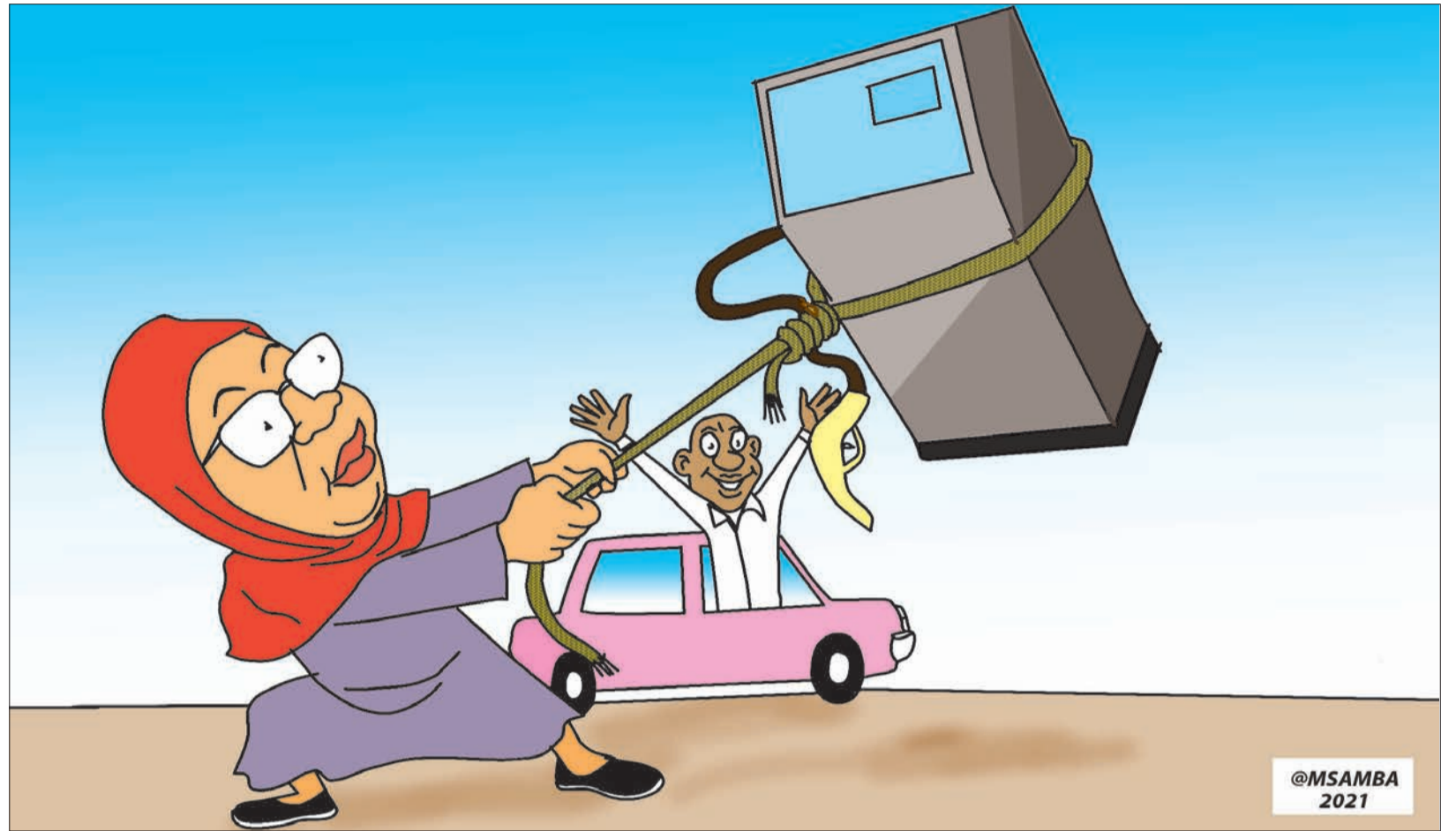
The report also shows how we can avoid the worst scenario. If the whole world can bring its greenhouse gas emissions down to virtually zero, there is a chance we could reach the 1.5 C target by the end of this century. We are under pressure to accelerate and strengthen our countermeasures.

The IPCC report has become the basis for international diplomacy and policy formulation. This autumn, the U.K. will host the 26th U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP26).

Japan has pledged to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 46 per cent of fiscal 2013 levels by fiscal 2030, and to effectively zero by fiscal 2050. The U.S. and Europe have put forward more ambitious targets.

Achieving this requires engagement from China, the country with the highest emissions on Earth, and developing nations slow to decarbonise.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has described the latest report as a "code red for humanity." What is in question now is whether the countries participating in COP26 can present a united front to put forward significant emissions reduction targets.



Reflections on 61 Years US-Nigerian engagement

By Mary Beth Leonard

AS Nigeria celebrated its national day, we celebrated our enduring bilateral partnership with the continent's regional, political, and economic powerhouse. We appreciate Nigeria's leadership in the region, standing up for the integrity of democratic nations in West Africa. Nigeria was among the first to condemn the recent coup in Guinea, regularly recognizes the need for presidential term limits, and supports its best and brightest to serve in the highest ranks of international organizations - most recently demonstrated by Chikwe Ihekweazu's recent appointment to Assistant Director-General at the World Health Organization.

The COVID-19 pandemic showed us all that global challenges require global solutions. Our mission team partnered with Nigeria to tackle COVID-19 to save lives, promote economic recovery, and develop resilience as our experts worked side-by-side with the Presidential Task Force, Ministry of Health, and Nigerian Centre for Disease Control. We provided more than four million doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to Nigeria and contributed more than \$84.2 million in COVID-related equipment and technical assistance including a mobile field hospital, 200 ventilators, and personal protective equipment. Additional vaccine donations

are in the works. We conducted epidemiological COVID detection surveys, provided rapid response teams, trained over 200,000 military and civilian personnel on COVID-19 control measures, and transferred technology for virtual training. Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), supporting Nigeria since 2004, the U.S. government now is providing lifesaving treatment to over 1.5 million of Nigeria's estimated 1.8 million people living with HIV and remains committed to closing the gap to reaching HIV epidemic control by 2023.

We also recognize that security and economic concerns weigh on the minds of all Nigerians. We work in solidarity with the Nigerian government to address those challenges together. Diplomacy, development, public health, and defense have long been pillars that provide the foundation for promoting and protecting U.S. national security interests abroad. Our bilateral relationship is strong and based on such mutual interests. We share the Nigerian government's recognition that, indeed, military aid will not be the exclusive tool to end insecurity in the country. A "whole of government" approach is required to protect citizens and stabilize the country. And indeed, all Nigerians have a role to play in improving security.

We have a long-standing partnership with the Nigerian

military and the Nigerian police that consists of advising, training, exercises, education, and military systems and equipment, all of which are encompassed in the historic A-29 Super Tucano sale. These engagements emphasize the skills and processes that are critical to shaping effective militaries.

The United States supports Nigeria's economic growth and its mutually beneficial trade with the U.S. through both private sector engagement and government-supported initiatives - such as the West Africa Trade and Investment Hub, Prosper Africa, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, and the Foreign Commercial Service. The U.S. is proud to be the largest humanitarian donor in Nigeria, providing \$1.45 billion since 2015, and supporting an estimated two million conflict-affected households in the north. The U.S. is looking forward to expanding on these economic relationships in the future.

We commend Nigeria on its efforts to encourage dialogue and transparency at all levels of governance and continue to partner with Nigeria on efforts to improve its governing capacity. We are focused on strengthening Nigeria's democratic processes and institutions and encouraging freedom of information, including efforts to enforce accountability through credible and transparent elections. USAID's partnerships with

the federal and state governments, 200 civil society organizations, and the private sector are fulfilling these goals - by improving the electoral process, strengthening civil society advocacy for a more transparent government, reinforcing the role of local peace committees to resolve conflict, and supporting transparency and service delivery improvements.

The Mission takes pride in its extensive people-to-people engagement fostering bridges between our two nations. Last year the Migration Policy Institute noted that Nigerians in the U.S. are the most highly educated immigrant population in the United States, with 61 percent holding at least a bachelor's degree, compared to 31 percent of the total foreign-born population. Further, more than half of Nigerian immigrants (54 percent) occupy management positions, compared with 32 percent of the total foreign-born population and 39 percent of the U.S.-born population. In addition, ties are deepening in the art, film, fashion, and music spaces.

Nigeria's potential is enormous. With Nigeria's vibrant and innovative youth, we know that the best is yet to come for this great nation. As proud partners, we will continue to stand by Nigeria and work towards a more inclusive, peaceful, and prosperous Nigeria.

Mary Beth Leonard is U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria

Global COVID-19 Summit: Which way Africa?

By Githinji Gitahi

POLICY makers in Africa and communities at all levels should be outraged! The recently concluded Global COVID-19 Summit hosted by US President Joe Biden on Ending the Pandemic and Building Back Better Health Security to Prepare for the Next, served its objective - to marshal more doses and financial support to developing nations where COVID-19 tools; vaccines, treatments and supplies remain scarce.

Several commitments were announced at the summit, including the delivery of at least 2.6 billion vaccines to accelerate vaccination, hoping to vaccinate 40 per cent of the world's population by the end of 2021, and up to 70 per cent by September 2022.

As plans are underway to ensure commodity security, we welcome the additional contributions of approximately 850 million COVID-19 vaccine doses (for the world) and commitments from leaders of countries and organizations to save

lives now and build back better.

These are the first, in a long line of steps to secure Africa's ability to fight for its future. We applaud South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa for underscoring the need for a sustainable plan on how developing countries will meet targets around vaccination, oxygen, diagnostics and personal protective equipment, as well as boost manufacturing.

Summit goals met? The Summit certainly met its goals to garner support; however, we are still miles away from COVID-19 pandemic control and building better health security for Africa.

At Amref Health Africa, we have been at the forefront of engaging communities on the continent, providing technical assistance to ministries of health, educating and supporting deployment of health workers and defining a new way of doing public health in Africa.

As we move forward, the 5 imperatives for ending vaccine injustice in Africa are the following:

Donations not loans! Vaccines that come at a cost, however low, or

those acquired through World Bank loans increase the debt burden.

Africa, a continent that is home to 17 per cent of the world's population but accounts for only 2.7 per cent of global production cannot afford more than \$50 per capita of public expenditure on health even at maximum tax efficiency, maximum allocation to health and 100 per cent budget execution. For an African country to buy its own COVID-19 vaccines, it has to spend more than 30 per cent of its total health budget. Therefore, COVID-19 vaccinations to Africa cannot be through loans but through multilateralism. Health, just like climate change mitigation, is a GLOBAL PUBLIC GOOD.

End vaccine injustice! Demand that rich countries stop stockpiling COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccine manufacturers and countries with vaccine stockpiles should prioritize and accelerate dose commitments to COVAX and the African Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT) giving these mechanisms room to move forward in the queue.

Timely delivery of these vaccines

is critical; only 15 per cent of pledged doses have been delivered in Africa to date. Delays mean continual spread of the virus and the increase in the virus variants, regression of hard-earned gains made for health systems and prolonged economic recession. An explicit timeline must be shared with COVAX to enable transparent and equitable distribution and the eventual end to this pandemic suffering.

Strengthen existing global architecture: Before creating new mechanisms, we need to strengthen what we have. African governments must sign on to calls to support the strengthening of WHO's pandemic preparedness instruments and existing global and regional health architecture. These include the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Gavi, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and so on; as well as civil society platforms for community mobilization and accountability.

Dr. Githinji Gitahi is the Group CEO, Amref Health Africa

Homeless left out in war against Covid-19?



By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

THERE is a lot of sensitisation going on about how best Tanzanians can protect themselves against Covid-19 pandemic alongside the countrywide inoculation drive.

But there is one group apparently missing out and it is hiding right in the open: the homeless.

Twenty-nine year-old Judith Mrundwa braves the scorching midday sun along one of the busy roads in Dar es Salaam, waiting for the luck of a jam—a perfect opportunity to approach motorists and beg.

She spends her days begging from motorists at traffic lights as well as pedestrians and sometimes mingles with street vendors who also rush to motorists to sell their wares. She has no face mask and to beg 'nicely', she has to go close to the person she begs from. This contravenes social distancing rule. Regular hand washing or sanitizing are alien terminologies to her.

Mrundwa is one among hundreds of thousands of homeless people in Tanzania who survive by begging mostly in urban areas.

"I came to Dar es Salaam for the first time last year but the pandemic made things tough and I decided to go back to my home village in Dodoma Region but things were not easy there too so I returned last month," she said.

"To beg I have to go close to people or else I'll die of hunger and I don't want to die."

As for the vaccination drive, Mrundwa said she has no idea where to get the jab but as a beggar, time is not her best ally. The time spent on going to vaccination centre could be an opportunity missed to meet a generous person.

She needs money more than ever because she is four-month pregnant and that means everything else, including Covid-19 worries comes second. Worse still, she is epileptic and spends every second she is fine to beg.

Prisca Job (42) is also another homeless person who spends her days and nights in the streets of Dar es Salaam. She said the group has not been reached by the Covid-19 information which is mostly conveyed through channels that they do not have access to.

"We haven't been visited by anybody to tell us about Covid-19 and I won't blame anyone because the nature of our work is also a challenge because we don't stay at a permanent place," she said.

"We don't have correct information about Covid-19 apart from hearsay from hawkers and fellow beggars."

She said the last time she heard something about the pandemic was last year when—by chance—a certain government official visited Mnazi

Mmoja grounds and addressed hawkers but she didn't thoroughly get the message as she was busy 'working'.

Nzagaje Mwigala, holding a child who looks under five, said she has not heard much about Covid-19 but heard a lot about the dangers of vaccine. However, she said some of the beggars she interacted with said they needed vaccine but did not know how and where to access it.

She said she heard that the vaccine is compulsory for government leaders, and they have all already been vaccinated. This not true, the vaccine is voluntary.

Fadhil Reuben (32) came to Dar es Salaam from Arusha years ago to find work but ended up begging after failing to land a job.

"It's now two years since I started begging; I tried carrying luggage for fees but the money I earned there was not enough so I switched back to begging," he said.

Data published by UNICEF in 2012 showed that there were 437,500 homeless children in Tanzania, whereas Dar es Salaam Region alone had at least 3,000 by 2011 and 5,580 by 2012.

Ilala Municipal Director Jumanne Shauri said beggars are prohibited to wander in the streets hence it is against the municipality's bylaws to help beggars.

"We cannot give anything to beggars, even offering them with free face

masks," he said.

"We are working under government policies which require us to help people with disabilities, women and youth in groups by giving them support through soft loans to enable them start businesses. School age children are supposed to be taken to safe houses where they get basic needs and that's it."

Ilala Municipal Social Welfare Officer Waziri Nashiri said if the municipality provides face masks and other related needs for protection against Covid-19 to beggars, the act will attract more people to continuing begging in the streets.

"They are able to buy masks to protect themselves from being at risk of getting diseases because they are earning enough money," he said.

Nashiri said that following the head count exercise conducted on August 24, 2021 in three wards of Kivukoni, Kariakoo and Mchafukoge out of 90 beggars 35 (equivalent to 42 per cent) were not disabled.

"Most of them have taken begging as their business, not because they are disabled."

In July this year, the government received 1,058,400 doses of the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Covid-19 vaccine donated by the United States. The nationwide vaccination drive kicked off thereafter and to date, the doses are yet to be fully exhausted.

By Koi Manga

Being fearful when others are greedy

MARCH 2021 was a difficult time for Tanzania, as the country had just lost its leader Dr John Pombe Magufuli. It also signalled a new leadership era, as the former Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn in as the 6th President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Her Excellency's approach and agenda, as laid out in the presidential parliamentary address in June of 2021, is to create a friendly business environment for investors, and local businesses alike. The President has been noted repeatedly stating that her objective is to "open up the economy". Her

message is aimed at increasing investor confidence and encouraging local businesses about the upcoming business progress of the country, below is a key insight for executives and businesses on how to capitalise on the current economic environment and preparing for future prosperity or adversity.

Warren Buffet, the world-renowned investor once said it is wise for investors to "be fearful when others are greedy, and greedy when others are fearful." This illustrates a basic principle, followed by successful investors and businessmen alike, that "the crowd is always wrong".

This principle has been utilised by successful businessmen the world over. A notable case being Carlos slim of Mexico who

in Mexico's stock market crash of 1982 used the opportunity to purchase stakes in companies that were otherwise, "out of his league" financially to use modern lingo or, did not make financial sense at the going price based on market conditions that prevailed before the crash.

Warren Buffet, who began his investing career in the fifties, decided to close up shop and exit the stock market from 1969 to 1974 - times when the New York stock exchange performed very well and hopes were high about future economic growth - due to his analysis that the markets were overpriced. And true to his instincts, a few years later, the markets slowed down and Mr. Buffet seized the opportunity, re-entered the market and

made several profitable acquisitions.

In the 1870s, John D. Rockefeller, and his company Standard Oil, established an oil refinery. And by virtue of having better, more efficient refinery technology and significant profits reserved from good economic times, used the deteriorating market conditions, took the opportunity and purchased all other refineries businesses in Cleveland save for two or three companies. This established his company as the market leader with as much as 90% market share at one time. A lot can be said about many other businesses and business executives who in booming economic conditions created reserves and seized the opportunity to

expand during economic downturns. Economic hardships and deteriorating economic conditions are generally looked upon as trying times, but the prepared investor uses this time as a steppingstone to greater growth.

It has been said before in business, "Spend when others are saving and save when others are spending." The lesson here - to be heeded by serious individuals, business executives and companies seeking to grow amid trying economic times - is that financial discipline during good times coupled with analytical skills to identify times, trends and opportunities would propel a company or individual to greater levels of prosperity.

Those who, in their view, take booming economic conditions

as a time to proverbially "eat, drink and be merry", instead of being frugal and financially savvy, will remain empty handed when recession hit. Whereas those, who in good times, continually cut costs, seek opportunities to be more efficient, strap in their boots and fasten their seatbelts, will in the hard times have reserves and resources enough to take advantage of the opportunities accorded to them by the prevailing economic conditions and their foresight to prepare for the times.

As Tanzania settles on a new regime and as the economy opens up due to current government policies, and ongoing vaccination drives, and as opportunities present themselves in the horizon, companies that

will use this opportunity to streamline their operations; focus on delivering valuable services to the market; and wholeheartedly pursue cost cutting measures to create reserves; will no doubt be positioned to not only endure future economic shifts and turns, but also and more importantly, to capitalize on the same.

As it is said in the sporting world "May the best team (individuals, investors, companies and the like) win!"

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR RENTAL OF WAREHOUSE FOR STORAGE OF CAF PLANT CEMENT BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring a service for rental of warehouse for storage of CAF plant cement and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the service as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01319	RENTAL OF WAREHOUSE FOR STORAGE OF CAF PLANT CEMENT BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01319)	60%
Gross Floor Area 900 -3000M ² to store CAF Cement in 1.5T Bags with a 6m eave height	20%
Distance from the mine site to be within 3.5km vicinity	20%
Secured area on the yard with block wall perimeter fence	
Provision of Electricity & water supply. Adequate internal lighting must be available	5%
Side cladded ~30 industrial extractor fans required. The concrete floor is to be designed to cater for a fully laden cement tanker. The centre 4m – 6m is to be kept open to allow the tanker to drive through the centre of the warehouse	15%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01319) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 20TH October 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LIFTING EQUIPMENTS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring Lifting equipment's, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01294	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LIFTING EQUIPMENTS

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
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Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
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Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01294)	60%
Lever Hoist: Brand Elephant. Model YA. Standard EN 13157 or equivalent. Supplied with Test Certificate/ Certificate of Conformity.	8.5%
Chain Block: Brand Elephant. Model KII. Standard EN 13157 or equivalent. Supplied with Test Certificate/ Certificate of Conformity.	8.5%
Chain Sling: Brand Tusker. Standard EN 818-4 or equivalent. Grade 80. Supplied with Test Certificate/ Certificate of Conformity.	8.5%
Polyester Duplex Flat Sling: Brand Tusker. Standard EN 1492-1 or equivalent. Supplied with Test Certificate/ Certificate of Conformity	8.5%
Polyester Endless Round Sling: Brand Tusker. Standard EN 1492-2 or equivalent. Supplied with Test Certificate/ Certificate of Conformity	8.5%
Shackle: Brand Tusker. Standard, EN 13889 or equivalent. Supplied with Test Certificate/Certificate of Conformity.	8.5%
Steel Wire Rope Sling: Brand Tusker. Standard, EN 13414-1 or equivalent. Supplied with Test Certificate/Certificate of Conformity.	8.5%
Total	100%

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Exim Bank celebrates 'Customer Service Week: Pledges to offer improved services

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania has joined the rest of the world to celebrate the 2021 Customer Service Week pledging to offer the very best customer experience, which will save their customers' time, increase their prosperity and bring more innovative products on the market to serve customers better.

This year's theme is, "Power of Service," which highlights the importance of customer service and of the people who serve and support customers on a daily basis.

In a goodwill message to the bank's customers and employees in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the Bank's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Jafari Matundu said that there is need to diligently protect customers and bring to the market innovative products that will help sell the bank as a strong brand.

"Customer Service Week has again provided a good opportunity for the bank to celebrate the important role that customer experience plays in the organisation and to exhibit the importance of teamwork and leadership in customer care in the financial industry through well-coordinated and professional customer delivery." He said

For his part, Shani Kinswaga, Exim Bank's



One of Exim Bank staff gifts a cake to one of the bank's customers David Ndelwa (L) to wish him best wishes and good luck as part of the 'Customer Service Week' celebrations in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The employees were led by the bank's head of customer service Frank Matoro (2nd L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Chief Finance Officer (CFO) commended the staff saying excellent service delivery is a key ingredient towards ensuring customer satisfaction while describing the workers as the heroes who ensure that customers are satisfied.

"As we celebrate this year's customer service week, I would like to express my gratitude to you all for the journey so far. Most especially, I would

like us to keep focused on and dedicated to delivering excellence to our customers who have stayed loyal to the team." He said while encouraging the team to feel proud of their contributions.

During the event there was also a customer engagement session with the bank's CEO. The session allowed customers to get direct information from the bank on salient issues and the opportuni-

ties available for personal and business growth.

While stressing that every day is customer service day at Exim Bank, the bank's Head of Customer Service, Frank Matoro said the lender has remained committed to rendering the gold standard of services to its customers and stakeholders alike regardless of their status or where they may be across the country.

Exim Bank, he stated, has lined up a series of exciting activities to celebrate and reward customers and employees during this year's Customer Service Week

"As part of the actions to extol the patronage and loyalty virtues of our esteemed customers, we have lined up several unique and special activities to appreciate the customers. Some of the activities include surprise

visits and giving rewards to customers and employees," he mentioned.

"Customer satisfaction is what keeps us going... without our customers we are nothing. Internationally theme is 'The Power of Service' but at Exim bank we went further with that as we are proud to serve our customers, for us the theme is 'Proud to Serve you', he proudly announced.

Climate change: Voices from global south muted by climate science

By Special Correspondent

CLIMATE change academics from some of the region's worst hit by warming are struggling to be published, according to a new analysis.

The study looked at 100 of the most highly cited climate research papers over the past five years.

Less than 1 per cent of the authors were based in Africa, while only 12 of the papers had a female lead researcher.

The lack of diverse voices means key perspectives are being ignored, says the study's author.

Researchers from the Carbon Brief website examined the backgrounds of around 1,300 authors involved in the 100 most cited climate change research papers from 2016-2020.

They found that some 90 per cent of these scientists were affiliated with academic institutions from North America, Europe or Australia

The African continent, home to around 16 per cent of the world's population had less than 1 per cent of the authors according to the analysis.

There were also huge differences within regions - of the 10 authors from Africa, eight of them were from South Africa.

When it comes to lead authors, not one of the top 100 papers was led by a scientist from Africa or South America. Of the seven papers led by Asian authors, five were from China.

"If the vast majority of research around climate change is coming from a group of people with a very similar background, for example, male scientists from the global north, then the body of knowledge that we're going to have around climate change is going to be skewed towards their interests, knowledge and scientific training," said Ayesha Tandon from Carbon Brief, who carried out the analysis and says that "systemic bias" is at play here.

"One study noted that a lot of our understanding of climate change is biased towards cooler climates, because it's mainly carried out by scientists who live in the global north in cold climates," she added.

TCCIA to attend Cairo business symposium next month - official

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) will participate in a three-day symposium to be held in Cairo, Egypt starting November 10, the TCCIA managing director, Judith Karangi, announced here yesterday. The meeting is known as 'Africa Union Private Sector Forum.'

She said symposium will showcase Tanzanian products and services have been sent to all TCCIA offices countrywide. She has appealed to producers to fill in the forms without delay so that next requisite actions can be taken in time. Forms will also be sent to other institutions so that producers can get them with ease, she assured.

"This is an important forum for us and Tanzania. It is a significant opportunity for Tanzanian private sector to make use of in order to popularize Tanzanian products and put them at par with competitors produced elsewhere in Africa and outside Africa," she explained, adding that the symposium will also help Tanzanian private sector know markets found in other African countries. She also said participation in the forum will put Tanzania on the business world map.

She thanked Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa for organising a meeting for



Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) managing director Judith Karangi speaks to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday about the chamber's participation at conference organised by the African Business Council to be in Cairo, Egypt between November 10 and 12, this year. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

the private sector in Dodoma on October 4, this year, explaining that the Dodoma meeting shows the importance of the Tanzanian private sector to ensure it takes part in African and international business and trade forums.

Karangi has appealed to small and big entrepreneurs to register with the TCCIA so that they can benefit from services offered under the umbrella of the chamber, explaining that the chamber links producers to markets. She also said TCCIA has mem-

bers with vast knowledge and experience in many fields, explaining that that knowledge and experience are put at the disposal of all other TCCIA members to benefit from. The symposium will end on November 12, this year.



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Request For Proposals (RFP)

Analytical Study on National Energy Policy and Regulatory Frameworks

1. Introduction

The World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is an international non-governmental organization founded in 1961 that works in the field of wilderness preservation and the reduction of human impact on the environment. The mission of WWF is to stop degradation of the planet's natural environment by conserving biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption, through cooperation with local communities to secure sustainable and resilient rural livelihoods as a key conservation approach with energy and climate change adaptation and mitigation as a cross cutting approach in all programs.

WWF has secured some funding from the Africa Energy Transition (AET) Project to undertake a comprehensive analytical study on the national energy and related sector policy and regulatory frameworks in order to elaborate gaps and barriers that undermine/ slow investment in a) renewable energy transformation and b) divesting from planned fossil fuel plants including those to be powered by coal. Also, support to develop and set a road map for implementation of an advocacy plan, and conducting capacity building to national civil society organization (CSO) networks working in the energy sector in Tanzania. The long-term goal is that national CSOs should effectively engage in high level advocacy, lobbying, and negotiation with the government and private sector partners.

2. Objective

The objective of the assignment is to elaborate Tanzania's national energy policy and regulatory frameworks so that any policy and legislative gaps, barriers and bottlenecks that undermine promotion and attraction of investments in the renewable energy and divesting from new fossil fuel space are identified. The study will also lay the foundation for developing and setting a road map for the implementation of an advocacy plan, and capacity building for the national CSO network on high level lobbying and advocacy with the government and private sector players. Therefore, WWF is inviting interested individual consultants to submit technical and financial proposals for undertaking this study.

Application Procedure and submission

All interested applicants may get a detailed ToR on WWF Tanzania's website at www.wwf.or.tz/jobsandopportunities/jobs

Send your detailed proposal (technical and financial) including CVs and experience of the team to procurement@wwftz.org, indicating the title of the assignment "Analytical Study on National Energy Policy and Regulatory Frameworks".

Please note that only softcopy proposals will be accepted.

All applications should reach us by/or before 1700 East African Time on Friday 15th October, 2021.

Education cannot wait annual results reveals the devastating impact of COVID-19 on learning for children in emergencies and protracted crises

NEW YORK/GENEVA

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the face of education globally, but for children in emergencies and protracted crises, its blow has been particularly devastating.

Education Cannot Wait (ECW), the global fund that brings teaching and learning to children and adolescents in emergencies and crises, has said that 2020 was 'exceptionally challenging.'

ECW released its Annual Results Report, Winning the Human Race today, October 5, World Teachers' Day.

"The pandemic acted as a risk multiplier, as it not only created new challenges but also amplified existing challenges and risks for the most vulnerable groups, especially girls and children and adolescents with disabilities," the report stated.

"With COVID-19 upending entire societies and socio-economic systems, 2020 is remembered as a uniquely challenging year in modern history. While close to 90 percent of learners worldwide saw their education disrupted - with nearly one year lost in schooling for one billion children - those who were already marginalized and left furthest behind in crisis contexts are paying a heavier price," said UN Special Envoy for Global Education, Gordon Brown.

"An entire generation faces irreversible loss. Among them, an estimated 20 million displaced girls, particularly adolescent girls, are at risk of permanently dropping out of school, not only losing the opportunity to learn, but also the protection that education offers against gender-based violence, child marriage, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking."

For the past nearly 5 years, Education Cannot Wait has worked tirelessly to minimize disruption in learning for close to 5 million children in some of the world's most dire emergency and crisis zones in countries like Afghanistan, Syria, Palestine, and Yemen.

"Without immediate additional significant financial investments to support education in emergencies and protracted crises, entire generations will be lost. COVID-19 has compounded the already existing devastation of conflicts, climate-related disasters, and forced displacement from Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, to the Sahel, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Venezuela - to name but a few of the 38 crises where ECW is working with partners to deliver on the right of every girl and boy to a safe, quality education," said Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait.

As the world honors teachers at a challenging time for education,



Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait, visited a refugee site in the village of Modale, located 30 kms from Yakoma, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Courtesy: Education Cannot Wait

the latest ECW report is confirming that the global fund has recruited close to 150,000 teachers to help fill the gaps in education for children in crucial crisis settings.

ECW ensures that the teachers have access to resources and receive training in education in emergencies and protracted crises (EiEPC). The educators are also trained in the provision of mental and psycho-social support, gender, and inclusion.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, ECW acted proactively and decisively. Soon after the World Health Organization's March 11, 2020 pandemic declaration, ECW initiated 85 grant packages in 32 countries. According to the annual report, 'US\$23.0 million was mobilized from the First Emergency Response (FER) reserve within 21 days, and a further US\$22.4 million was approved in July 2020 - a total of US\$45.4 million.'

It was the fund's most rapid disbursement of funds and a concerted effort to protect the world's children furthest behind. Over 29 million children and adolescents benefited, with girls mak-

ing up 51 percent of that figure.

With Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong opportunities for all as a guide, ECW has pivoted through the pandemic; scaling up resources and support for distance-learning amid school closures, promoting COVID-19 protocols, and supplying health and hygiene products.

In some countries, like Afghanistan, home visits ensured that the pandemic did not derail children's learning.

In Yemen, ECW partner UNICEF donated electronic learning materials to over 330,000 children.

In Iraq, ECW and its partners embraced technology and used applications such as WhatsApp and Viber to communicate, send lessons, and support over 5,000 students.

Children in protracted crises in Afghanistan, Chad, Palestine, and Uganda received health and hygiene lessons, while emergency funds supported a range of continuing education programs.

ECW credits its rapid response and

impact during the pandemic to the flexibility of the fund, and the resilience of its partners, communities, and the children and adolescents it serves. However, interrupted education and learning in the face of armed conflicts, forced displacement and climate, and food crises, and a pandemic pushing millions more into poverty, financing will remain a major challenge.

"If we are going to advance in our quest for the human race, our global community must play a pivotal role in making the notion of our 'shared humanity' a reality. This means providing these children with at least 12 years of quality education. This is an investment in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, an investment in peace, an investment in our future, and an investment in our universal human rights," Sherif said.

ECW's vision is to bring quality and inclusive education to at least two-thirds of children in the world's most acute and urgent crisis regions.

According to the report, ECW has raised US\$828.3 million through the

ECW Trust Fund, and with its partners, helped leverage US\$1 billion worth of programs aligned with ECW's Multi-Year Resilience Programmes in close to 18 countries.

The fund has been a lifeline for millions of children in the grips of war, displacement, humanitarian and emergency crises. The fund has proven that even in the world's worst crisis-affected countries, children and adolescents do not have to be left behind. On the contrary, they should, according to ECW, be the first in line for empowerment and global support.

"Working together with our partners, the scope of our collective achievements is unequivocal: less than 5 years into existence, ECW has demonstrated its proof of concept through concrete results for crisis-affected children and youth. I call on world leaders, the private sector, and our global community to urgently and generously support Education Cannot Wait in reaching the millions of children that are already falling through the cracks," said Sherif.

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Treasury buys Kilombero Plantation's Mngeta farm after defaulting NMB loan

By The Banker Reporter

In a rare feat, Treasury has decided to buy back Mngeta farm in Morogoro region which was owned by the defunct Kilombero Plantation Limited after it had defaulted on a loan provided by NMB Bank Plc.

Treasury Registrar, Mgoya Benedicto said after signing the sale agreement with liquidator of the farm, Silvanus Mlola early this week that the government decided to buy back the failed farm because it is strategically important for food production.

"The government is investigating in strategic projects including large scale commercial farming hence this farm is of paramount importance to Treasury," Benedicto said while stressing that the over 5,818 hectares farm which was privatised over two decades ago, remains a potential large scale commodity production giant.

The KPL, a subsidiary of Agricra Limited, a British company registered in the tax haven of Guernsey was put on sale in 2019 after defaulting NMB's US\$5.6 million (over 12.9bn/-) loan after a failed business model which was earlier touted as the best large scale commercial farming



Treasury registrar, Mgoya Benedicto (2nd L) signing a purchasing contract of Kilombero Plantation Limited's Mngeta farm with liquidator of the asset, Silvanus Mlola (2nd R) at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam earlier this week.

partnership with smallholder farmers.

The Treasury Registrar did not specify how much was the

buying price for the rice farm which integrates a processing plant and a micro composite manure factory. "The farm is

located in an area which is very productive and important to the country's agriculture sector," he noted.

Benedicto said Mngeta farm was initially privatised with key investment and development benchmarks defined by the government which the investor failed to fulfil which led to its collapse and liquidation. "This farm is very important in the production of food crops for the country," the Treasury Registrar noted.

In remarks after signing the deal, Mlola as liquidator thanked Treasury for completing the transaction saying the move has saved the country from losing the highly productive as it lies in the fertile Kilombero valley.

Apart from the NMB loan, KPL also got a US\$20 million loan from the US Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Showcased as a success for G8's New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania, KPL's failures started in 2018.



Managing Director of the IMF, Kristalina Georgieva.

African finance chiefs praise IMF leader, call for fairness

DAKAR

A group of African finance ministers praised International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva's leadership after she was accused of improperly pressuring subordinates while at the World Bank to adjust a ranking in China's favour.

Ministers from 16 countries, including Nigeria, Egypt and Ethiopia, described Georgieva as a "true partner" to African nations, seeking to mobilise funding to tackle the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. The signatories are represented by executive directors who wield less than 10% of the fund's voting power.

The allegations made by a law firm in a probe last month are "serious and should be investigated," the ministers said in the statement published Tuesday on the website of the Senegal's Finance Ministry. "However we also believe this should be done in a manner that doesn't undermine the integrity of the IMF and most of all, must allow for a fair and just process."

Under Georgieva's leadership, the IMF allocated about \$30 billion in reserve assets – known as special drawing rights – to African economies, and urged wealthy states to direct some of their allocation to countries lacking the means to cope with the Covid-19 crisis. Sub-Saharan African countries in 2020 received thirteen times the annual average lending from the IMF.

Georgieva's also supported African governments in exploring ways to extend their debt maturity – including relief for the poorest nations. Georgieva was accused of improperly intervening in the World Bank's "Doing Business" report to boost China's business-climate rating. She has rejected the allegations and the report, once used by investors – and often touted by governments – as a gauge of competitiveness, has been discontinued.

While countries like Hungary stepped up support, the top IMF official got a cold shoulder in Washington in the wake of the scandal. U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen declined to return Georgieva's calls, people familiar with the matter told Bloomberg last week. China is a major creditor to many African nations.

The IMF's "leadership has been an important element in the response to the crisis," the African ministers wrote. "We can confidently say that she has brought a human touch to development and to the organizations she leads."

YARA commits to supporting agriculture transformation in the country

By The Banker Reporter

GLOBAL leading fertilizer and plant nutrients supplier Yara International through its local subsidiary has pledged to continue supporting government efforts to transform smallholder subsistence cultivation into large scale commercial farming.

Speaking during the company's annual partners' meeting in Dar es Salaam, Yara Tanzania Managing Director, Winstone Odhiambo said the company conducts the annual event to recognise partners who have taken its fertilizers and other plant nutrients to farmers in rural settings.

Odhiambo said its dealers and agents play a key role in ensuring good performance of the company but also enable farmers get input supplies timely for crop production. "These are very important people in the success of our fertilizer value chain and in recognition of this, every year we reward best sales distributors who meet targets," he said.

He revealed that YARA is set to digitize more of its fertilizer distribution process in order to create efficiency and assist farmers increase crop yields. Odhiambo also requested retailers not to hike prices because of shortages created by a global supply chain disruption blamed on the coronavirus outbreak.

"Teach the farmers and give them advice to buy our fertilizer that contains maximum micronutrients, ensure that you play your role to increase farmers productivity and Yara's visibility," the Yara Tanzania MD stated adding that partners have the duty to build trust between the company and farmers as final consumers.

Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority's Director General, Dr Stephan Ngailo



Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority's director general, Dr Stephan Ngailo, (L) presents a certificate of appreciation to Biz Agrovet's director, Massoud Salim Nassor from Zanzibar who was one of the Yara Tanzania Limited's big dealers who were awarded for doing a good job during the past season. Centre is Yara Tanzania's managing director, Winstone Odhiambo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

who was the chief guest at the event, called on fertilizer suppliers and retailers in the country to ensure they sell the product at reasonable prices that don't hurt farmers.

Dr Ngailo said despite the fact that indicative price have not been issued by the government and the farming approaching with disrupted global supply chains pushing up prices, the situation is expected to stabilize by early next year.

"You should understand the people that you sell to, they are smallholder farmers who cannot afford hiked prices, so I advise

you not to exploit them while you make super profits," he warned while noting that agro-dealers should also take note of the government's position on the subject.

Yara's Digital Solutions Manager, Deodath Mtei said the company does not only supply fertilizer but also counsels farmers on how best to use the soil nutrient fixing feed. "We use different platforms to sensitise farmers including digital and common platforms," Mtei said.

One of the big Yara fertilizer distributors from Zanzibar, Masoud Salim Nassoro of Biz

Agrovet, said farmers from the isles are fully committed to horticulture hence use Yara fertilizers to improve production and quality of their produce.

During this year's event, Boniphace Ngelela of Agrovet Company Limited emerging as best seller took home an 83m/- pay-check as bonus while Yahya Bundala of Ng'wana Igwembe Agrovet Company Limited came as runner up taking home 57m/- in bonus and Mtebele General Traders of Deogratus Mtebele came up third with a 54m/- bonus cheque reward.

Securities investment body unveils green finance online course

NAIROBI

The Covid-19 pandemic has not only shown that human existence is fragile but also awakened interest in the adoption of sustainable solutions for businesses to remain resilient during uncertain times.

It is for this reason that the UK-based Chartered Institute for Securities Investments (CISI) has unveiled an online course on green finance investment targeting financial sector practitioners, in efforts to build back better for long-term growth.

The course aims to boost practitioners' skills on non-financial factors crucial in their analysis process of identifying material

risks and growth opportunities. "It is vital for practitioners to ensure their knowledge and skills are current and reflective of the market and societal developments, and this new certification pathway is an important part of this," said CISI chief executive Simon Culhane.

The CISI is a professional body bringing together securities, investment, wealth and financial planning practitioners across the world. Sixty-six countries, including the leading financial hubs of the UK, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong and Singapore, recognise the body.

Aside from Kenya, where it has been since 2014, CISI has footprints in Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. The short course dubbed

'Sustainable and Responsible Investment Professional Assessment', will be available to about 300 CISI members in Kenya at £50 and £60 for non-members.

This self-study course will incorporate appropriate benchmarking strategies, client sustainability objectives, environmental, social and governance integration as well as regulatory concerns and requirements among other study areas. The training comes at a time investors and other players such as commercial banks are changing the finance narrative to include sustainability elements.

Further, the Chartered Body Alliance comprising the CISI, the Chartered Banker Institute and the Chartered Insurance

Institute, has developed the Certificate in Climate Risk to give financial services professionals a platform to develop the expertise required to manage climate risks and identify the challenges and opportunities from the transition to net-zero emissions.

"We are proud of being a strong CISI supporter and partner across the world, especially now with the launch of the sustainable finance pathway and we believe this goes a long way in helping us achieve our sustainable finance goals through training and capacity building," said Paul Njoki, head of wealth management, Standard Chartered Bank and Member of the CISI National Advisory Council Kenya.

Institute of Transport aligns strategic plan to govt's medium term plan, budgeting of 2021

By The Banker Reporter

NATIONAL Institute of Transport's fourth five-year rolling strategic plan covering years 2021/22 to 2025/26 was developed in accordance with the government's Medium Term Strategic Planning and Budgeting Manual of 2021.

In his presentation to a transport and logistics stakeholders' meeting last week, NIT Rector Professor Zacharia Mganilwa said during implementation of the FYRSP III which covered 2016/17 to 2020/21, the institute made a number of achievements but also faced challenges in the course of executing the seven plan objectives.

"The plan was prepared in a participatory approach while the institution's situational analysis and end term evaluation were carried out which led to the development of the 4th FYRSP 2021/22 - 2025/26," Prof Mganilwa told the stakeholders.

He named the planned objectives as: Staff recruitment and capacity building; Increase of training programs, disciplines and enrolment of students; Expansion of infrastructure; Acquisition of state of the art training equipment and facilities; Establishment of the Centre of Excellences for Transportation; Establishment of entrepreneurship and business incubation centre; Improvement of internal revenue collection; Land acquisition in Lindi, Dodoma and Kilimanjaro for new premises; and Enhanced industry and stakeholder's linkage.



NIT's rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa making a presentation to transport stakeholders during a meeting held in Dar es Salaam last week aimed to revisit the institute's five year strategic rolling plan.

The NIT Rector explained that established of the Centre of Excellences for Aviation and Transport Operations financed by the World Bank as well as a regional Centre of Excellence for Road Safety financed by African Development Bank. In addition, the NIT's Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation Centre was also set up during the period.

On improving the internal revenue generation, Prof Mganilwa said the amount increased from over 10.3bn/- in 2016/17 to close to 22bn/- in 2020/21, an equivalent of a 110 percent increase. "Other achievements made in the expired strategic plan include the acquisition of 125 acres of land at Kikwetu in Lindi region where a College of Maritime and Petroleum Technology will be constructed. We are also in the final stages to acquire 1,005 acres

at Kitelela-Msalato in Dodoma region where a College of Railway Transport Technology will be based," he added.

He further explained that some 60 hectares of land have been acquired at Kilimanjaro International Airport to establish a Pilots Flying School while two plots at Njedengwa also in Dodoma have also been acquired to construct students' hostels and staff houses.

The performance reviews done on the Five-Year Strategic Plan III through stakeholders' analysis identified several critical issues such as establishment of Centre of Excellence in Aviation and Transport Operations; establishment of Railway and Transport Technology; Urban Transport Studies and Centre of Excellence for Road Safety; and the establishment of a School of Shipbuilding and

Marine Technology, among many others.

Transformation of NIT into University of Transport

On progress made to transform the NIT into University of Transport, Prof Mganilwa revealed that the institute through the government has received a grant from China to implement the transformation process.

"The University of Transport will have five colleges and one institute, namely: College of Engineering Science and Technology, College of Transport Management and Allied Sciences, College of Aerospace Science and Technology, Institute of Technical Training in Transport, College of Maritime and Petroleum Technology, and College of Railway Transport Technology," he noted.

Challenges encountered in implementing FYRSP-III

The NIT Rector mentioned some of the challenges faced during implementation of the plan as: inadequate state funding to invest in teaching infrastructure and facilities; brain drain as some staff moved to other employers in search of better remuneration; but also inadequate funding for research.

"In the ended rolling strategic plan, we also witnessed inadequate collaboration between tertiary institutions and the private sectors in addition to shortage of specialized personnel to offer their expertise in some modern modes of transport such as pipeline, shipping, railways and air transport," he stated while mentioning the coronavirus as another hitch faced.



Digital PayGo CEO, Charity Mwanza.

Mastercard teams up with Digital PayGo to drive digital payments for SMEs in Zambia

LUSAKA

Mastercard in partnership with Zambian-based fintech company, Digital PayGo, has launched "SME-in-a-Box," a new merchant mobile payments solution, which will enable Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to safely make and receive digital payments through various online channels.

SME-in-a-Box will make digital payments convenient, easy-to-adopt, and safe for the execution of cashless transactions from mobile devices. The solution is backed by Mastercard's payment technology and enables digital transactions through the use of a USSD code, Mobile Application, Mobile Point of Sale (MPOS), a Virtual and Physical (plastic) card, and scannable QR code.

Mastercard is committed to leveraging its technology and partnerships to help entrepreneurs digitize their businesses and build a platform for sustained development. An end-to-end digital proposition, SME-in-a-Box will also enhance payment acceptance options for SMEs and unlock their business growth by enabling them to tap into the diverse opportunities brought about by the digital payment ecosystem.

There has been a huge boost for digital payments in Zambia lately. In June, Zamtel, owned by the Zambian government sealed a partnership with Mastercard that will enable Zamtel Mobile Money customers including those without bank accounts to make secured and flawless digital payments on the Mastercard network. Also, in July, Cellulant launched the digital payment platform Tingga for the retail sector in Southern African country.

Vincent Chipimo Malekani, Country Business Development Director at Mastercard, Zambia, and Malawi said "SMEs have an outsized impact on the economy, providing a livelihood for many while advancing inclusive growth to reduce poverty and boost prosperity. Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a heightened consumer preference for cashless payment platforms and many small businesses do not have the resources and infrastructure to facilitate these kinds of transactions.

Through this innovative and secure solution, SMEs will be able to pivot their businesses while aligning them to the growing consumer need to use digital payments and do so safely and conveniently. "This partnership further reiterates Mastercard's commitment to bringing 1 billion people globally into the digital economy by 2025 and supporting small businesses through our technology," said Commenting on the partnership.

Digital PayGo Chief Executive Officer Charity C. Mwanza said: "We are excited about this partnership as it will help SMEs grow their businesses and contribute to the growth of the digital economy. The Zambian SME sector has been excluded in terms of access to financial services and this proposition will enhance the inclusion process through which SMEs make and receive payments through various channels." The Mastercard-Digital PayGo partnership will go a long way in helping the Zambian government speed up financial inclusion for all citizens.

Brewer maintains customer-centric approach as world marks customer service week



SBL dealer and bar owner, Kelvin Tegwa speaks during the launch of 'Raise the Bar' project in Dar es Salaam earlier this year.

By The Banker Reporter

SERENGETI Breweries Limited has continued to maintain its customer-centric approach as the world is marking customer service week, Corporate Affairs Director, John Wanyancha has said.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam mid this week, Wanyancha said as companies, brands and institutions worldwide mark this year's customer week, SBL takes this opportunity to show customers its dedication by providing the best service and products.

"It is often conventional for some Tanzanian companies and institutions to be more admissible in commemorating the customer service week. However, in the beverage industry, companies such as SBL to stand for reason by showing its brilliance to strengthen its brands recognition through customer-centric approaches," he added.

One of the critical interventions by SBL to serve its customers comes at a time when the world and the country have succumbed to the coronavirus, is to embark on an ambitious two-year project dubbed 'Raise the Bar' or

'Tunyanyuke Pamoja' by injecting 2bn/-.

This multi-billion-shilling project aims to protect staff and customers battered by the Covid-19 pandemic to support them navigate through the difficult period with donations of technical equipment to transform the outlets. The project targets 2000 pubs and eateries in Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza and the isles of Zanzibar.

Speaking during 'Raise the Bar' launch in Dar es Salaam earlier this year, SBL Managing Director Mark Ocitti said the company wants to back its business partners and customers stay safe from the pandemic. "Our bars and eateries constitute a critical part of our hospitality and service industry with their universe employing over thousands of people and benefitting many more indirectly," Ocitti said.

"We have launched this project bearing in mind that most outlets have recorded business slowdown due to this health

crisis. Raise the Bar project seeks to support local bars and outlets to ensure that they first meet the basic Covid-19 safety regulations, as outlined by the Ministry of Health," he said.

One of the bar owners who attended the launch, Kelvin Tegwa said the initiative will help boost customers' confidence while boosting bars ability to continue providing food and drinks in a safe environment.

"In general, bars and alcohol businesses have been affected by the pandemic because we have experienced dwindling numbers of customers coming to our places for fear of contracting the virus. With this support from SBL, customers will restore confidence and we hope to rise again," Tegwa said.

As a brewer of alcohol, SBL has also taken significant steps to take care of its customers by advising them to avoid drinking and driving. SBL is working from grassroots to the national sphere with the government, the

police and motorists through its DRINKIQ e-learning tool as part of its 'Drink Positive' campaign.

The online platform contains key information for the public to make positive decisions about drinking responsibly and avoid alcohol abuse.

According to Wanyancha, the e-learning tool is part of a global initiative and a brainchild of Diageo Plc, a global beverage conglomerate which owns SBL as its subsidiary. "It is very important to advise consumers on responsible drinking. We are proud of how well our DRINKIQ training has been received over the years. Our audiences have expressed genuine admiration for this kind of information, which is why we have made DRINKIQ available more widely by putting it online," he added.

He further reiterated that SBL will continue to use its marketing and communication expertise to help raise awareness about responsible drinking to make a significant and sustainable impact in society.

According to Ministry of Health and World Health Organization traffic accidents remains one of the major causes of death and injury in the world with countries like Tanzania being identified as having a serious challenge to that effect. Most accidents are caused by drunk drivers and pedestrians.

TymeBank targets TFG's 26m customers in new deal

JOHANNESBURG

Digital bank TymeBank has joined forces with The Foschini Group (TFG), targeting the retailer's 26 million customers in South Africa.

The partnership will allow a full range of financial products and services to be developed, including an extended range of insurance products and term loan products. The deal will see over 600 TFG- and TymeBank-branded kiosks installed in TFG stores, which the bank says will enable customers to have direct and convenient access to affordable transactional banking.

The kiosks, as well as the TymeBank app and other digital interfaces, will give TFG customers ac-

cess to services such as electricity payments, money transfers and savings products. The partnership is part of the bank's model to join forces with retailers to acquire new customers and drive usage.

In March, the branchless bank said it reached the three million customer milestone, as the digital-only bank increased its kiosks at Pick n Pay and Boxer stores across SA to 700. TymeBank currently has just over 3.8 million customers, with an average 110 000 customers on-boarded each month.

"TFG houses some of South Africa's most popular and well-established consumer brands and is renowned for its retail strength and strong customer focus. We couldn't be more excited with our strategic partnership, as we look

to expand our reach," says TymeBank CEO Tauriq Keraan.

"Furthermore, we are likely to diversify the current TymeBank customer profile, as we further extend the benefits of affordable banking, as well as a superior banking experience to the middle and upper-middle market segments."

TFG CEO Anthony Thunström says: "We are truly excited about this partnership with TymeBank, as they are recognised as one of the fastest-growing digital banks globally. The bank has deep expertise in managing a digital ecosystem platform plus related products and services, and I believe TFG's customers will benefit from an enhanced shopping experience."



TymeBank CEO, Tauriq Keraan.

Selcom Huduma Application widens agency banking for smartphone holders in the market

By The Banker Reporter

ONE of the local market's largest assisted payments network providers, Selcom has re-launched its Selcom Huduma mobile application as an alternative to its widely available point-of-sale (PoS) device which has been serving customers under the Selcom Paypoint brand for over a decade.

The redesigned application will allow both agents and merchants to offer the full complement of transactions already available on the PoS device while removing the barrier to entry for agents who want to earn a side income by serving cash customers.

Selcom Huduma was first launched in 2009 to facilitate bill, utility and airtime payments, LUKU and Dawasco being marquee offerings at the time. Since then, the portfolio of services has rapidly expanded to include agency banking, insurance, airtime, internet and television subscription, solar, government payments (including the recently launched TARURA electronic parking payment service) and betting cash-in/cash-out, amongst many other services that serve the cash customer who wants to avoid transaction fees charged by banks and mobile wallets.

The application doubles as a means to accept and manage payments made by customers who use Selcom Pay/Mastercard QR by allowing merchants to access the funds immediately with no extra charges to pay suppliers into their mobile wallet or bank accounts.



Selcom's executive director, Sameer Hirji.

The agents and merchants can simply download the Selcom Huduma App from the Apple or Android application stores to register themselves to start transacting and making money immediately. Selcom float is available from any NMB, NBC, CRDB, TCB or Akiba Bank branches or Selcom Huduma+ super agents countrywide with no deposit charges.

Latest stats from Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) indicate that the number of mobile internet subscribers stood at over 27 million at the end of September last year. This shows that the internet penetration and mobile users are growing exponentially and so is the demand for assisted services via applications.

While the Selcom Huduma PoS targets businessmen and entrepreneurs, it will additionally tap into the individual user, passive agent and studentpreneur space who can use

the application as a means to make their own payments or of those that surround them while making an income.

Commenting on the re-launched application, Selcom's Executive Director, Sameer Hirji said his company wants to add more agents and merchants to its base, and the most logical way to accelerate the process is by allowing users to utilize the equipment that's already in their pockets - their smartphone.

"The learning curve on mobile applications is significantly flatter for new users, as is the barrier to entry. It also makes the decision by advanced users to transition to a PoS device an informed one. Further, with the strides we are making with our partner banks, and agent and merchant data, we will soon be in a position to introduce access to business loans to, therefore, the more active an agent/merchant is, the more they can borrow," Hirji said in Dar es

Salaam during the re-launching ceremony last week.

He further noted that the Selcom PoS have not been eliminated but rather the company has been actively upgrading the device fleet with newer Android devices that are more relevant for the new services that are constantly adding to the offering, and with the increased issuance of scheme cards by banks.

"We will soon enable our PoS devices to accept card payments at extremely competitive acquiring charges, further pushing our agenda to make digital payments mainstream. This recent addition to Selcom's suite of services is expected to increase the level of participation of micro-businesses in the financial sector, allowing for those in the rural areas to provide the services in remote areas where banks and other financial service providers cannot easily reach," the Selcom chief added.

Hirji added that the latest application is also expected to create more employment opportunities to those on the fringes, especially youth and women in both rural and urban settings and thus being in alignment with the need for technology to provide solutions to how things are done.

The pan African cross-segment financial and payment services provider, serves millions of customers across Sub-Saharan Africa, with a full range of electronic payment products and services focusing on digital, card and card-less processing services. The service is now being used by over 50,000 agents and 75,000 merchants, nationwide.

More effort required to boost trust in AI in financial sector, OECD says

PARIS

Governments, financial regulators and businesses should step up their efforts to address the challenges of developing and deploying trustworthy artificial intelligence in the financial sector, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said.

AI, which is a set of applications including machine learning and robotics, holds "tremendous potential to improve productivity and innovation" in the financial sector. As AI applications become increasingly integrated into business and finance, the use of trustworthy AI will become increasingly important for ensuring trustworthy financial markets.

OECD report

However, its extensive adoption in the industry requires the right infrastructure that includes access to sufficient computational capacity and economical high-speed internet services, the Paris-based organisation said in its "Business and Finance Outlook 2021" report.

"AI can create new risks or reinforce existing risks," the report said. "The myriad uses of AI call for balanced policy approaches that can support AI development and adoption while mitigating risks." Some of the risks associated with AI include "entrenching bias, lack of explainability of financial decisions, introducing new forms of cyber attacks and automating jobs ahead of society adjusting to the changes."

It also raises challenges related to "privacy, autonomy, transparency and accountability", which are particularly complex in the financial sector, said the report. It added that complex AI algorithms that are difficult or even impossible to explain could "amplify existing risks in financial markets or give rise to new risks." Over the past few years, AI adoption in finance has grown substantially, enabled by the abundance of available data and the increase in the lower cost of computing capacity.

The financial and insurance sector is among the top 10 industries in terms of the amount of venture capital investments in AI start-ups, investing over \$4 billion globally last year, OECD data showed. Almost 65 per cent of the VC investments in the sector went to American AI start-ups.

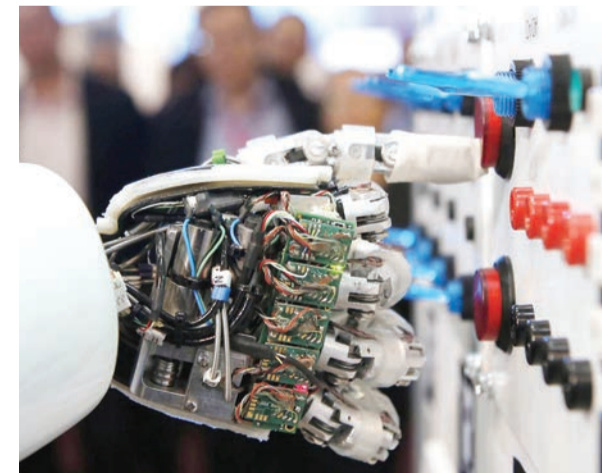
Overall, investors poured money into AI-focused companies at a historic rate during the Covid-19 pandemic, a study by Stanford University showed. Total global AI investment, including private investment, public offerings, mergers and acquisitions and minority stakes, increased by 40 per cent last year for a total of \$67.9bn, compared with a 12 per cent jump from 2018 to 2019.

In the financial sector, AI has the potential to improve customer experiences, identify investment opportunities, grant more credit at better conditions, enable transactions, enhance market efficiency, reinforce financial stability and promote greater financial inclusion.

"As AI applications become increasingly integrated into business and finance, the use of trustworthy AI will become increasingly important for ensuring trustworthy financial markets," the OECD report said. Trusted and explainable AI is also crucial to widespread adoption of the technology and the success of businesses.

A recent survey by IBM showed that the vast majority of businesses believe the ability to explain how their AI arrived at a decision was important. More than three quarters of those surveyed said that trusting AI output was fair, safe and reliable. "Existing financial regulations may fall short of addressing systemic risks presented by wide-scale adoption of AI-based FinTech by financial firms," OECD said.

"AI uptake in a highly regulated sector such as finance could benefit from a policy environment that is flexible enough to keep up with technological and business model developments and promote innovation, yet remains safe and provides legal certainty," it added. The OECD Principles, adopted globally in May 2019, became the first international standard agreed upon by governments for the responsible stewardship of trustworthy AI.



The hand of humanoid robot AILA (artificial intelligence lightweight android) operates a switchboard.

SA's central bank model urges rate hikes

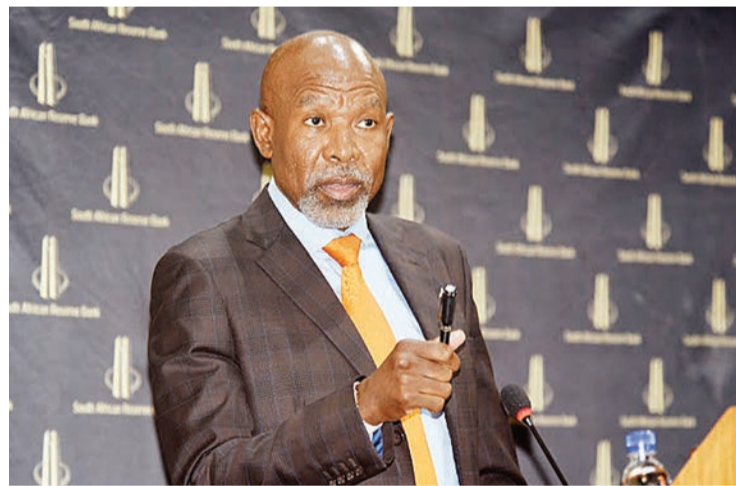
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Implied policy rate path indicates a 25-basis point increase in the final quarter of this year and in every quarter of 2022 and 2023.

South African central bank modelling suggests the need for the gradual lifting of borrowing costs to keep inflation close to the 4.5% midpoint of its target range, and long-term interest rates low. The key rate is at a record-low 3.5%, after the monetary policy committee (MPC) cut it by three percentage points in 2020, of which 275 basis points of easing was to counter the damaging effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since the start of this year, none of the five MPC members have voted for further easing and the panel has consistently indicated that the next move will be an increase. The stronger-than-expected economic recovery in the first half of 2021, when output rose 7.5% from a year earlier, suggests inflation pressures may be stronger than initial predictions. Price increases are already around 4.5% where the central bank prefers to anchor expectations.

That, together with the narrowing between potential growth and actual expansion means the benchmark rate must move toward its neutral level over the medium term to reduce stimulus and keep price growth contained,



SA Reserve Bank Governor Lesetja Kganyago.

the South African Reserve Bank (Sarb) said on Tuesday in its six-monthly Monetary Policy Review.

The implied policy rate path of the central bank's quarterly projection model, which the MPC uses as a guide, indicates a 25-basis point increase in the final quarter of this year and in every quarter of 2022 and 2023. Forward-rate agreements, used to speculate borrowing costs, are pricing in an almost 100% chance of a quarter-point increase at the bank's November meeting, while most economists expect the benchmark to remain un-

changed until the first quarter of next year.

That's as economists expect the MPC to continue supporting an economy seen contracting in the three months to the end of September, partly due to deadly riots, arson and looting that erupted in July and derailed economic activity in the two biggest provinces by contribution to gross domestic product (GDP).

If not for the unrest, the economy could have recouped most of last year's pandemic-induced GDP losses by the end of 2021, the central bank said. The bank

expects the economy to contract 1.2% in the third quarter and for growth to average 5.3% in 2021, a sharp recovery from last year when output fell the most in almost three decades. Should that translate to higher demand, risks to the inflation outlook could become more pronounced.

While South Africa's modest inflation trajectory underpinned the MPC's decisions to keep the key rate on hold since July 2020, risks to the outlook "have risen and become more broad-based, while real rates have become more negative as expected inflation has risen," the bank said.

"These developments imply a need for interest rates to begin normalising. The nominal repo rate is expected to gradually rise toward its neutral level over the medium term," it said. The domestic neutral rate is calculated at about 2.1%, the central bank said in July.

South Africa's inflation rate rose for the first time in three months in August and material upside risks now include elevated global food prices, high administered prices especially for water, electricity and fuel, skills shortages, rising global prices and supply constraints, it said.

BANKING & FINANCE

US debt-ceiling risk for markets is underpriced: Wells Fargo

NEW YORK

Wall Street strategists are starting to conclude that financial markets are looking too sanguine about the latest showdown over the U.S. debt ceiling, and they warn of the risk of turmoil ahead.

The risk premium already built into Treasury bills, a proxy for speculation over a potential U.S. default, is likely to grow, according to Wells Fargo strategists. And they say the yen, a haven during market

turbulence, is probably going to outperform if the impasse drags on close to the so-called X-date for when the government will run out of money.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen says she views the drop-dead date as Oct. 18. The risk premium in bills is currently 10 to 12 basis points, with Oct. 21 and Oct. 26 bills peaking around 13 basis points, according to Wells Fargo, which expects the gap to approach 20 basis points.

"The risk this debt-ceiling showdown

roils markets like it did in 2011 is underappreciated," Wells Fargo strategists Zachary Griffiths and Erik Nelson wrote in a note Tuesday. "We mean this from the perspective of brinkmanship by both Democrats and Republicans."

The 2011 saga resulted in S&P Global Ratings downgrading the U.S. from AAA, deepening a decline in long-term Treasury yields and U.S. equities that was also fuelled by the European debt crisis. Wells Fargo said it doubts a ratings company will downgrade

the U.S. However, Fitch Ratings said last week that delayed or defaulted payments by the Treasury, even on items other than Treasury securities, "would likely undermine the U.S.'s 'AAA' status."

If Fitch were to downgrade the U.S. rating before a resolution on the debt ceiling was in place, the 10-year yield would tumble 15 to 20 basis points in a day or two, and the gap between 2- and 10-year yields would narrow by 10 to 15 basis points, Wells Fargo said.

Yellen on Tuesday echoed President Joe

Biden's message from Monday, warning that the government is at risk of running out of options to stay within the legal limit on its debt. With the clock ticking, neither party in Congress is signalling it's ready to back down.

"I vividly remember the 2011 and 2013 debt-limit standoffs from back when I was still at the Fed, and I had been saying that this one is the worst SINCE those episodes," RBC strategist Blake Gwinn wrote in a note Tuesday. "I have to say I think it is clearly worse."

WORLD

UK calls France 'unreasonable' over Brexit energy threat

BY BLOOMBERG

THE UK hit back at France over its threat to Britain's electricity supplies in a dispute over fishing, escalating post-Brexit tensions between the two countries.

France is "unreasonable" to suggest Britain is not respecting their post-Brexit accord on fish, Brexit minister David Frost said Tuesday.

Earlier, a French minister highlighted the UK's reliance on France for its energy supply, suggesting it could be leveraged as a means of retaliation in their dispute over access to British fishing waters.

"We do not accept that we are not abiding by that agreement," Frost said at the Conservative Party conference in Manchester. "It's not really a fair reflection of the efforts we've made."

The issue of post-Brexit fishing rights emerged again as a flashpoint in the difficult relationship between London and Paris last week when the UK granted just a fraction of the licenses that the French authorities had expected. The UK said the fishermen had failed to demonstrate they had a history of working in British waters. The French say the British are breaching the Brexit agreement.

France's European affairs minister,



Britain's Minister of State for EU Relations David Frost speaks about Brexit on the second day of the annual Conservative Party Conference being held at the Manchester Central convention center in Manchester, north-west England, on Oct 4, 2021. AFP

Clement Beaune, said that the EU will take action in the next few days to increase pressure on the UK, which is a net importer of power from France. Any interruption to those flows would threaten a British grid that is already under strain. "The Channel Islands, the UK are dependent on us for their energy supply," Beaune said in an interview on Europe1 radio.

"They think they can live on their own

and badmouth Europe as well. And because it doesn't work, they indulge in one-upmanship, and in an aggressive way."

Frost hit back at the comments, saying the UK had granted 98 percent of the requested licenses to EU boats since Brexit, and that any retaliation from France would have to be proportionate and agreed by other EU countries.

Agencies

Africa draws inspiration from China to curtail desertification

TOKYO

CHINA'S experience in reforestation and fighting desertification has injected lots of inspiration into Africa, which needs to curb the alarming expansion of the Sahara desert, Ethiopian experts have said.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) recently estimated that by 2030, Africa will lose two thirds of its arable land if the march of desertification is not stopped in time.

"African countries have to do strategic interventions and approach to combat desertification, because desertification has become overwhelming, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa," Adefris Worku, an Ethiopian forestry expert, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

China's remarkable achievements in successfully restoring its lost lands as part of its massive reforestation endeavors can help African countries realize afforestation ambitions, he said.

According to the expert, Africa can learn from China ranging from the promotion of clean energy, climate financing, sharing of technologies, and knowledge and practices on landscape restoration.

"One of the things that we consider as an opportunity is that China has considered the issue of climate change as a very major agenda, that is really a very good and appreciated development," Worku said, who works as forestry expert at the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission of Ethiopia.



The first China-Africa rail-sea express train departs from Zhuzhou, central China's Hunan province for the Nansha port in south China's Guangdong province, where containers on the train will be unloaded and transferred onto a ship to Kenyan city Mombasa, Sept. 15, 2021. (File photo)

He said that desertification in Africa is mainly caused by fuelwood collection due to lack of access to energy sources, and China can help African countries to develop clean energy mechanisms. "Unless and otherwise Ethiopia and the rest of Africa promote the use of clean energy technologies, there is no way that we could stop forest degradation and deforestation," he said.

Across Africa, China's support is already propelling ongoing efforts to promote forestry and mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change. In Ethiopia,

China-backed satellites are helping realize the country's aspiration of building an environmentally friendly and climate-resilient economy.

"We expect that the utilization of satellite imagery will impact the agricultural sector, including monitoring and taking the necessary measures in relation to climate change," Abdissa Yilma, director general of the Ethiopian Space Science and Technology Institute, told Xinhua recently.

In December 2019, Ethiopia launched its first ever satellite abbreviated as

ETRSS-1 with support from the Chinese government.

A year later, Ethiopia launched the second Chinese-backed satellite, abbreviated as ET-Smart-RSS from China's Wenchang spacecraft launch site. Despite the daunting challenges, African countries have been introducing a number of ambitious initiatives to contain the rapid expansion of desertification. The Great Green Wall Initiative, which was launched by the African Union in 2007, with an overarching aim of planting a wall of trees across Africa at the southern edge of the Sahara desert, is one African-led initiative that aims to restore Africa's degraded landscapes.

Worku said that Ethiopia, as one of the signatory countries of the initiative, considered the ambitious project as "a very important and relevant strategy to combat desertification and to ensure sustainable development in the country." "We need China's technologies and resources to develop the degraded landscape," Worku said.

Xinhua

Russian top diplomat, US Secretary of State discuss Iranian nuclear deal, says MFA

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken discussed the prospects for restoring the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) over the phone yesterday, according to the Russian Foreign Ministry.

"The sides exchanged views on the prospects for restoring the full implementation of the JCPOA for the Iranian nuclear program's settlement, and also addressed a number of relevant issues on the bilateral agenda," the statement reads.

The talks took place at the American side's initiative.

The Russian top diplomat will also negotiate in Moscow with his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amirabdollahian on Wednesday. The foreign ministers plan to discuss the prospects to rebuild the JCPOA.

Since April, talks have been held in Vienna between Iran and the P5+1 countries (Russia, Great Britain, the US, Germany, China, and France) in order to restore the Iranian nuclear deal in its original form.

The sides focused on lifting Washington's sanctions against the Islamic republic, the fulfillment of its obligations in the nuclear sphere and also the return of the US to the JCPOA.

The representatives of the member states are also holding separate consultations with American envoys without Iran's participation.

Initially, the delegations expected to complete the work in late May, and then later in early June. On September 21, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said that the talks would begin again in Vienna within a few

Zuckerberg denies claim that Facebook prioritises profit

BY BLOOMBERG

FACEBOOK Inc Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg addressed a recent series of negative stories about the company for the first time by saying accusations that it puts profit over user safety are "just not true."

"It's difficult to see coverage that misrepresents our work and our motives. At the most basic level, I think most of us just don't recognize the false picture of the company that is being painted," he wrote in a note to employees on Tuesday that he also posted publicly.

It came shortly after whistle-blower Frances Haugen, a former employee, testified in a Senate hearing about her experience there and internal research she said showed the company prioritized profit while stoking division. Haugen appeared on "60 Minutes" Sunday night, saying Facebook routinely made decisions that put business interests ahead of user safety.

The Wall Street Journal published internal Facebook research last month, provided by Haugen, that showed Instagram made some mental health issues worse for teenagers who use the product. The company, which was building a version of Instagram for children, has put that project on hold.

"When it comes to young people's health or well-being, every negative experience matters," the CEO wrote. "We have worked for years on industry-leading efforts to help people in these moments and I'm proud of the work we've done."

Facebook doesn't benefit from content that makes people angry or depressed or make all product decisions to maximize user interactions, Zuckerberg said. When it changed its News Feed algorithm to show more posts from friends and family a few years back, the CEO added, the company did so knowing that people would spend less time on the service.

Zuckerberg ended the note by encouraging Facebook's workforce and expressing his gratitude for their work.

Agencies

US treasury secretary fully expects recession if debt limit not raised

WASHINGTON

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said on Tuesday that she fully expected the U.S. economy to fall into a recession if Congress failed to raise the federal government's debt limit.

"I do regard October 18th as a deadline. It would be catastrophic to not pay the government's bills, for us to be in a position where we lack the resources to pay the government's bills," Yellen said in an interview with CNBC, adding it really undermines confidence in the full faith and credit of the United States.

"U.S. Treasury securities have long been viewed as the safest asset on the planet that partly accounts for the reserve status of the dollar and placing that in question by failing to pay any of our bills that come due, we'd really be a catastrophic outcome,"

At risk of blackout, Afghanistan asks UN to pay power bills

By Bloomberg

AFGHANISTAN'S state power company has appealed to a United Nations-led mission to give \$90 million to settle unpaid bills to Central Asian suppliers before electricity gets cut off for the country given that the three-month deadline for payments has passed.

Since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan from mid-August, electricity bills haven't been paid to neighboring countries that supply about 78 percent of its power needs.

This poses another problem for a new government that is grappling with a cash crunch in the economy in part due to US and other allies freezing the

country's overseas reserves.

Afghanistan usually pays \$20 million to \$25 million a month in total to Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Iran and now unpaid bills stand at \$62 million, Saifullah Ahmadzai, the acting CEO of Da Afghanistan Breshna Shekat, said yesterday.

These countries may cut the power supply "any day they want," he added.

"We've asked the UNAMA in Kabul to assist the people of Afghanistan to pay the country's power suppliers as part of their humanitarian aid," Ahmadzai said by phone, referring to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. He said some \$90 million was request-



Power lines run across a street in Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug 26, 2021. File photo

ed from the mission as the unpaid bills will jump to about \$85 million in a week.

The UN mission hasn't responded to that request yet,

Ahmadzai said.

Currently, there's no significant power cuts now in Kabul or elsewhere in Afghanistan. Ahmadzai said just 38 percent

of Afghanistan's 38 million people currently have access to electricity.

The Taliban government is looking to pay the electricity bills and has called on neighboring countries to avoid cutting off the power supply, Bilal Karimi, a spokesman for the group said by phone. "We have a good relationship with them and we don't expect them to stop providing us power," he added.

As the Taliban swept into power in the wake of the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, the state power firm had struggled to collect payment from consumers due to the security situation and the bleak economic conditions. Agencies

Global brands should 'have a focus on China' - UK market research firm CEO

LONDON

MULTIPLE factors will continue to drive the growth of the Chinese market and global brands "should definitely have a focus on China", Matthew Nelson, newly appointed global CEO of British market research firm Mintel, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

"I'm very optimistic about the Chinese market growth," said Nelson, adding that China was really the only major market that grew in 2020 and the containment of the COVID-19 pandemic early last year meant that "China's economy wasn't shaken

that dramatically". Nelson said the Chinese economy will see a continuous growth in 2021, which has been "driven on the back of the initiatives of technological self-reliance, lifting the living standard, social security, as well as the green economy." Founded in 1972, the London-based market intelligence company tracked consumer spending across 34 markets worldwide.

"We're also seeing a real confidence from a lot of the reports that Mintel published in consumer spending going forward," said Nelson, referring to the data reports on China.

"We're expecting that to increase moderately over the next few years, really driven by stable economic growth, as well as the desire for healthier lifestyles," the CEO said.

"And we're also seeing in the last 12 months, a positive shift in consumer purchasing decisions, where there's more of an emotionally driven favoring towards brands that echo ethical values, such as cultural individuality and sustainability," he added.

Having taking a closer look at the latest trends in Chinese domestic consumption, Nelson said: "I guess the final area is that for the last couple of years, we've really been look-

ing as a business at consumers in lower tier cities."

"Really, they're providing big growth opportunities for brands that enter into that market with increased purchasing power, and as well as a closer alignment to some of the values that are coming along with those brands," he said.

"So I'm optimistic about China's growth coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, and I think it offers great opportunities going forward," he said. Asked about whether the Chinese market is important for multinational companies, the CEO answered firmly: "Yes!" "I mean, any

global brand, whether it's Mintel, market intelligence, or whether it's automotive, retail, food and beverage, if you're a global brand, you should definitely have a focus on China."

Nelson said the Chinese market is a large part of Mintel's Asia portfolio and "that's been a key part of our business plan going forward." In 2020, Mintel joined the 3rd China International Import Expo (CIE) and presented the "2030 Global Food and Drink Trends" in the British Pavilion.

"I think this is one of Mintel's sort of expert key points that we can re-

ally help our clients understand the global market, what's happening, and then filter those ideas down to take advantage of that within the local market," Nelson said.

"We've enjoyed partnering with Chinese clients and businesses within the market there to help them grow," Nelson said. "I think, most excitingly, Mintel's got a real focus on China going forward." Nelson said he believes that China's economy, set for continued strong growth, will be a driver for global recovery. "There is an increase in confidence and consumer spending within the (Chinese) market." Xinhua

'Ignorant and absurd': Deputy speaker slams US senators' scheme over number of diplomats

MOSCOW



THE proportion of Russian diplomats in the United States and American ones in Russia is being scrutinised on the principles of reciprocity, Deputy Speaker of the Russian Federation Council (the upper house of parliament) Konstantin Kosachev (pictured) told journalists yesterday, commenting on the recent letter by American senators to US President Joe Biden to expel 300 Russian diplomats if Moscow refuses to expand the US Embassy's staff.

"Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has repeatedly cited statistics, which are transparent and I do not doubt them, that the proportion at the bilateral level is being observed scrupulously and using the principles of reciprocity, the upper limit, which is obviously artificially low, is randomly established by the American side.

References to the total number of Russians with diplomatic passports on US soil are simply absurd and ignorant because this also regards the staff of the mission to the UN," the Russian legislator said.

According to the deputy speaker, if US lawmakers do not like this situation then "the only thing left for them to do - given the scope of their illiteracy in foreign policy - is to decide on demanding the removal of the UN headquarters from the US."

Earlier, a bipartisan group of American senators requested that Biden launch immediate measures to boost the number of personnel in the US Embassy in Moscow and expel 300 Russian diplomats, should the Russian Federation reject the increase. **Agencies**

UN: Northern Syria water crisis affected 5m people

UNITED NATIONS

A water supply crisis in northern and northeastern Syria affects 5 million vulnerable people, leading to increases in water-borne diseases and challenges to COVID-19 defenses, UN humanitarianists said on Tuesday.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said, "People across the northern parts of the country have been unable to reliably access sufficient and safe water due to low water levels, disruptions to water systems and the already reduced operational capacity of water stations."

"Access to adequate quantities of water and associated services must not be compromised," said the humanitarianists. "There is a human right to water, and it must be respected to ensure the safety and well-being of civilians at risk."

The water crisis impacts a population left vulnerable after a decade of conflict, economic crisis and the continued spread of COVID-19.

Lack of safe drinking water leads to an increased prevalence of water-borne diseases, OCHA said. It also reduces a critical first line of defense to stem the COVID-19 pandemic.

The continuing lack of electricity strains public health and education systems, disproportionately impacting women and girls' general and reproductive health.

The office said poor rainfall, drought-like conditions and reduced water availability for irrigation in the Euphrates led to the loss of crops. The shortage stands to significantly worsen already high food insecurity and malnutrition rates in the region.

A consolidated aid plan for the next six months targets 3.4 million of the most affected people, OCHA said. It also outlines longer-term response efforts to sustainably address the structural causes that contributed to the water crisis.

The United Nations and partners seek \$251 million for the multi-sector response but have received only \$51 million.

Australia to stop controversial asylum seeker detentions in PNG

CANNBERRA

AUSTRALIA will stop detaining asylum seekers in Papua New Guinea at the end of December, the two countries said yesterday, as Canberra shuts one of two remote Pacific detention centers that have been criticized by the United Nations.

Under Australia's hardline immigration policies, asylum seekers attempting to reach the country by boat have since 2013 been sent to detention centers on PNG's Manus island and the South Pacific island nation of Nauru.

"The Australian government regional processing contracts in PNG will cease on 31 December 2021 and will not be renewed," a joint statement read.

PNG had been pressing Australia to close the center.

At its peak, Australia detained about 1,000 men on Manus island and while most have left, advocates said just over 100 remain as they either await resettlement to a third country or have had their asylum seeker applications refused.

Australia said those who will remain can transfer to Nauru or stay in PNG where they can seek citizenship.

Australia and Nauru earlier this year extended an agreement to allow asylum seekers to continue being held on the tiny island.

The United Nations and aid agencies have criticized conditions on Manus and Nauru, citing human rights abuses and called for their closure. **Agencies**

Africa's capital of events sees signs of recovery

CAPE TOWN

WITH Star Wars fans gathering, live sketch battles, conference on creative industry, Cape Town, a leading events destination in Africa, is seeing "a great indication" of recovery in its events industry after it suffered a blow from the COVID-19 pandemic and restriction measures against it.

DAWN TO RECOVER

Between Oct. 1 and Oct. 5, events including an animation festival, comic conference, creative industry week, were held in South Africa's legislative capital Cape Town, the first time the city has events for five consecutive days since the outbreak of COVID-19, according to Cape Town's Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security JP Smith, adding that it shows that the events industry is starting to "emerge from the decline."

The coastal city in the southwestern tip of the country was awarded the number one city in Africa for business events by International Congress and Convention Association for the period 2010-2019, and won World's Leading Festival & Event Destination of World Travel Awards for several times in recent years. Cape Town International Convention Center (CTICC) alone hosted over 500 national and international events a year before the pandemic.

Carol Weaving, managing director of global events organizer Reed Exhibition (RX)'s South Africa branch, predicted that events in South Africa like conferences, small trade shows are going to recover quickly after the South African government further relaxed COVID-19 restrictions last week, including on the number of people who attend a gathering.

However, it could take two years for the industry to fully recover, she told Xinhua during an event of Fame Week Africa, a three-day event about the creative industry in Africa that concluded on Tuesday.

"In 2022, you will probably see things down by 25 percent from 2019. But it will recover," she said.

LIVE EVENTS COUNT

Events can reunite an industry sector and stimulate business, what is "absolutely" needed, said Weaving, adding that they serve as platforms for buyers and sellers, facilitating trade.

"It is the quickest way to reunite an industry sector, bringing people together and start the whole process," she said.

In her opinion, people, after experienced a shutdown of live events, are desperate for entertainment and have already had fatigue about digital events, and for the creative industry, live events are very important to get this industry back in track.



Guests attend an event of Fame Week Africa, a three-day event about the creative industry in Africa, in Cape Town, South Africa, on Oct. 3, 2021. With Star Wars fans gathering, live sketch battles, conference on creative industry, Cape Town, a leading events destination in Africa, is seeing "a great indication" of recovery in its events industry after it suffered a blow from the COVID-19 pandemic and restriction measures against it. Xinhua

RX has been doing digital events as a supplement to live events even before the pandemic, but both digital and live events are important, said Weaving.

Noel Daniels, CEO of Cornerstone Institute, a non-profit private higher education institution which offers qualifications in the arts, said for the creative industry having digital events only are not sustainable, which in all shapes and

sides has been "badly affected" by the pandemic.

"We can't be sitting behind the screen or glued to a television set or a big screen day after day," he said. Daniels also emphasized the importance of the arts in people's life, saying that "they have to recover."

The resumption of events will also help the work of Shabier Jacobs, a

blogger who attended many events in the past including both governmental or private.

"Obviously it helps my work and keeps business on," said Jacobs, who is looking for contents for his blog during Fame Week Africa. **Xinhua**

Analysts hail Xi's climate commitments

HONG KONG



CHINA'S pledge to help other countries with green energy while ceasing to build new coal-fired power projects abroad will help other developing nations in Asia reduce their dependence on coal and meet their commitment to cut carbon emissions, analysts said.

They said that China's commitment to low-carbon growth is crucial as Southeast Asian governments prepare their climate commitments ahead of the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), which will be held from Oct 31 to Nov 12 in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom.

Analysts hailed Chinese President Xi Jinping's speech at the general debate of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly, in which he said that China will support other developing countries' green and low-carbon energy projects.

"If the global fight against coal was a novel, President Xi's statement is the paragraph that opens the epilogue," said Renato Redentor Constantino, executive director of the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, a Manila-based climate policy think tank.

Constantino said Xi's statement is a "monumental signal" to Southeast Asia's governments to accelerate the region's transition to renewable energy.

"After decades of addiction to fossil fuels, it will certainly be challenging for governments in the region to phase out coal in a time frame that allows Southeast Asia's power sector to establish irreversible pathways to modernization. But having China as a partner will be nothing less than a massive boost that can transform visions into reality," he said.

Cesar Carlito Bacalgon, regional finance campaigner for Asia of 350.org, an international environmental group, congratulated China on its "wise decision" to stop support for external coal investment.

"A push against coal power plants sends a clear message that China and the rest of Asia, especially member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, can play a leadership role in building a fossil-free future," Bacalgon said.

He expressed his hope that Xi's statement will encourage the regional bloc "to push other wealthy countries to step up and get their financial institutions to do better" at the COP 26.

Tata Mustasya, climate and energy campaign strategist at Greenpeace Southeast Asia, welcomed China's move,



noting that financing from China and other wealthier countries is needed to build green energy infrastructure in Southeast Asia.

"The key is energy transition, because 60 percent of global emissions come from the energy sector," Mustasya said.

Prior to the pandemic, Southeast Asia was one of the world's fastest growing regional economies, boosting energy demand. The International Energy Agency said that growing ownership of household appliances and air conditioners, as well as increasing consumption of goods and services, have increased electricity demand by more than 6 percent annually over the past 20 years.

Greater demand for electricity has also expanded the construction of coal power plants. The IEA said Southeast Asia is one of the few regions of the world where coal-fired generation has been expanding, with close to 20 gigawatts of new coal-fired generating capacity under construction, mostly in Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Some Southeast Asian governments have made a commitment to decarbonize, but analysts noted that such statements have to be matched with concrete policies and programs.

Indonesia, Southeast Asia's biggest economy, is also among the world's biggest coal producers and exporters. Indonesia is also the biggest electricity consumer in the region and coal accounts for around 60 percent of the country's electricity generation. The capital city of Jakarta alone is surrounded by more than 20 coal-fired power plants within a 100-kilometer radius and

is one of the most polluted cities in Southeast Asia, according to Greenpeace.

State-owned utility Perusahaan Listrik Negara said in May that it will stop building coal-fired power plants after 2023 to meet Indonesia's goal to slash emissions. But environmental experts believe that the country must stop building power plants now and start investing in renewable energy sources to meet its climate goals.

In the Philippines, Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi said last year that the country is imposing a moratorium on new coal-fired power plants and will allow 100-percent foreign ownership in large-scale geothermal exploration, development and utilization projects.

In Malaysia, Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob highlighted low-carbon development in a plan he presented to the nation's legislature on Sept 27.

He said carbon pricing and a carbon tax will be introduced so that Malaysia can become carbon neutral by 2050.

Matthew Ashfold, associate professor and head of the School of Environmental and Geographical Sciences at the University of Nottingham Malaysia, said the prime minister's commitment to transform Malaysia into a carbon-neutral country indicates that there's a "wider consensus" in ASEAN to move away from coal-powered plants over the longer term.

Ashfold said if ASEAN wishes to meet its commitment to the Paris Agreement, it has to reduce its dependence on coal as soon as possible given the "multidecade lifetimes" of power plant infrastructure. "So ideally new green energy infrastructure is not only seen as an alternative to new coal power stations, but it will be sufficient to also allow the early retirement or retrofitting of existing coal power stations," he said.

Ashfold said that apart from meeting climate goals, a shift to renewable energy sources can reduce health impacts from fossil fuel-related air pollution in ASEAN member nations, citing a February 2020 report from Greenpeace which revealed that air pollution has caused more than 100,000 premature deaths in Southeast Asia.

French clergy sexually abused over 200,000 kids, report finds

PARIS



FRENCH clergy have sexually abused more than 200,000 children over the past 70 years, a major investigation released on Tuesday found, and its authors accused the Catholic Church of turning a blind eye for too long.

The church had shown "deep, total and even cruel indifference for years," protecting itself rather than the victims of what was systemic abuse, said Jean-Marc Sauve (pictured), head of the commission that compiled the report.

Most of the victims were boys, he said, many of them aged between 10 and 13.

The church not only did not take the necessary measures to prevent abuse but also failed to report it and sometimes knowingly put children in touch with predators, he said.

The head of the French conference of bishops, Eric de Moulins-Beaufort, said the Church was shamed. He asked for forgiveness and promised to act.

The revelations in France are the latest to rock the Roman Catholic Church, after a series of sexual abuse scandals around the world, often involving children.

The commission was established by Catholic bishops in France at the end of 2018 to shed light on abuses and restore public confidence in the church at a time of dwindling congregations. It has worked independently from the Church.

Sauve said the problem was still there. He added that the church had until the 2000s shown complete indifference to victims and that it only started to really change its attitude in 2015-2016.

Church urged to reform

The Catholic Church's teaching on subjects such as sexuality, obedience and the sanctity of the priesthood helped create blind spots which allowed sexual abuse by clergy to happen, Sauve said, adding that the church needed to reform the way it approached those issues to rebuild trust with society.

The Church must take responsibility for what happened, the commission said, and ensure reports of abuse are transmitted to judicial authorities.

It must also provide victims with adequate financial compensation, "which, despite not being sufficient (to address the trauma from sexual abuse), is nonetheless indispensable as it completes the recognition process."

It added a list of recommendations that included systematically checking the criminal record of any person assigned by the Church to be in regular contact with children or vulnerable people, and providing priests with adequate training.

Sauve said the commission itself had identified around 2,700 victims through a call for testimony, and thousands more had been found in archives.

But a wide-ranging study by research and polling groups estimated that there had been around 216,000 victims, and the number could rise to 330,000 when including abuse by lay members. **Agencies**



Simba SC head coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa.

Simba SC all out to hold sway in CAF Champions League, says coach

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC'S head coach, Didier Gomes, has said that despite his outfit's tumultuous start to this season's Mainland Premier League, the squad is planning to do well in this season's CAF Champions League.

Mainland Premier League defending champions will take to the pitch on October 15 to face Botswana's Jwaneng Galaxy in the first round of the continental tournament and if they knock the latter out, they will advance to the group stage.

Gomes said the two league matches as well as the friendly matches his squad took part in, have helped him realize the shortcomings and problems they have and they are going to the tournament hoping to do well.

The coach said that to make sure they are doing well, he has started monitoring their opponents Jwaneng Galaxy to find out their weaknesses and strengths and how to deal with them starting with the first game.

Gomes said he knows he will miss some of the players in his club's preparations because the footballers got the call-up to their respective countries' national teams.

The tactician was adamant that it is not a big problem because they are doing good practice at the camp that will keep them fit before facing the Botswana champions.

He said their goal is to go to Botswana to get the victory to make it easy for his squad to come out victorious in the second leg which will be at home at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Dar es Salaam.

Simba SC is Tanzania's only representative in this season's CAF Champions League after Yanga were eliminated from the tournament's first preliminary round by Nigeria's Rivers United last month.

In another development, Azam FC midfielder Iddi Selemani noted that despite the difficulties they have faced in two top-flight games, which have seen them post one point, they will not accept a repeat of their mistakes when they return from a two-week break from the Mainland Premier League.

The midfielder was part of the Azam FC squad that lost 2-1 to Polisi Tanzania at the Ushirika Stadium in Moshi last week.

Selemani said the defeat they suffered hurt them as their goal was to seek six points away from home to speed up their quest for clinching the Mainland Premier League title which has eluded them for more than seven seasons.

The midfielder stated: "It was not our goal to get one point in two away games, it has disrupted our plans but we are going to correct our mistakes in the next games to be played at home."

"We have a lot of experience in the Mainland Premier League, we know the first round is often difficult and requires a lot of calculation and we are determined to make sure we post good results all matches and win the title," the midfielder pointed out.

After the break, Azam FC will return on the field to face Namungo FC with the memory of a 0-0 draw when the squads locked horns in last season's top-flight fixture at Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi.

Mainland Premier League clubs should seek sponsors

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE new season of the Mainland Tanzania Premier League has already kicked off, two rounds of matches have been played and soccer fanatics have witnessed the participating outfits' competence.

The 2021/22 Premier League has started without title sponsorship that focuses on acquiring the rights to use the league's name after telecoms company Vodacom opted out of extending its financial support.

Vodacom was the savior of football in the country when it came to sponsoring the Premier League by making sure it covered the basic costs that enable the top flight to take place.

At the time, the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) had not been able to make its brands marketable and value them, so Vodacom came in to cover the costs.

The expenses are match officials' costs, outfits' travel expenses, a small amount of money for the clubs, gifts, and other basic needs.

In doing so, the teams were guaranteed to travel, with operating costs reduced due to the sponsor directing his funds to certain areas.

Currently, Vodacom is no longer the top flight's financier and Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) officials have repeatedly insisted that a sponsor will soon be made public.



Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's forward, Charles Ilanfya (L), negotiates his way past Polisi Tanzania FC's midfielder, Said Juma, as the two squads locked horns in this season's Premier League match in Arusha on September 27. PHOTO: KMC FC

Even football stakeholders feel that the TPLB is tasked with finding a league's title sponsor, something that is correct.

It is obvious Premier League's co-sponsor cannot end all problems and needs of the participating outfits.

The recent image of Kagera Sugar players wearing kits without the side's and league sponsor's logos during the side's top-flight duel against Yanga is speculative.

The funds gained from sponsorships can be spread around to provide the tools the squads and supporting staff need to keep them successful.

In a small town, sponsorship might make the difference in, for one, making it easy for a squad that previously had only one football for practice, to purchase footballs that will be used by each of the outfit's footballers.

I might mean having

better quality uniforms, or a well-maintained soccer field. For a professional team, it can mean attracting the best coaches and medical care with better salaries and more services at the stadium for fans.

With Azam Media Group investing billions of life-changing cash at the club level, there is still a great need for clubs' officials to seek sponsorship for their respective sides to ensure a budget to cover the cost of participation.

The sensitive issue of players' care and purchasing as needed, let alone running other programs such as children, youth, and women's squads, will further enjoy a boost.

It seems the clubs' leaders are obsessed with the top flight broadcasting rights and the fact that TPLB needs to find a co-sponsor and thus stay waiting for miracles.

A private club sponsorship is something big-

ger than a co-sponsorship. The biggest teams in the world outperform the other budgets due to having strong personal sponsorship.

After Carling and Barclays ended their Premier League title sponsorship deals, England announced to abandon such sponsorship and it is now adopting another approach.

Instead, England decided to take on different sponsors to protect its Premier League brand, as did the USA's National Basketball Association (NBA) League and the American Football League (NFL).

As a result, the English Premier League currently earns \$ 80.89 million annually from its eight allies instead of giving one the right to use the name. That Premier League brand continues to stand firm.

But Standard Chartered Bank sponsors Liverpool for \$ 214 million (equivalent to 493.3bn/-), a sum that amounts to

approximately \$ 93 million a year.

The deal is close to a four-year deal with Arsenal and Emirates, as well as a jersey sponsorship between Chelsea and Yokohama.

Liverpool, Chelsea, and Arsenal, who earn more than the Premier League earns per year, are the outfits which benefit from the deals.

What this means is that the title sponsor's money can only be used to pay for basic expenses and so clubs have to work hard to make their brands, many call them brands, attract sponsors with as much lump as they will create a good image.

Annual plans for the club must be put into the production system and valued to attract the company and the different football development, partners.

The number of fans who entered Benjamin Mkapa Stadium to witness Simba SC and Yanga clash during the Community Shield match, and the image of Kagera Sugar jerseys which not only lacked a team logo but also a league sponsor logo cast doubt on the economics of our clubs.

Clubs should not bank on the league board to raise money for them, the sides should do all they can to get sponsorship.

The Premier League's clubs should do all they can to value themselves. Results are not enough.

Something is needed to motivate the leaders to run their clubs commercially.

Ilala launches Dengu Beach for sports tourism

By Beatrice Philemon

DAR ES SALAAM'S Ilala Municipal Council has recently launched Dengu Beach tourism and Ilala Carnival to promote sports tourism, help the city's residents and foreign tourists to use the beach for leisure and other activities.

Ilala District Commissioner, Ng'wilabuzi Ludigija, made the remarks recently while launching Dengu Beach located at Aga Khan Hospital Road area.

Ludigija noted Tanzanians are invited to use Dengu Beach because it is free of charge but people should keep the beach clean and avoid bringing unnecessary items that can cause water pollution in either the ocean or surrounding area.

The launch was witnessed by Tanga City Council Mayor, Abdulrahman Shiloo, Zanzibar City Council Mayor, Mahmoud Mussa, councilors, Ilala District residents and was accompanied by music performances from different local artists.

Dengu Beach is the most

beautiful beach to visit, it has white sand and it is a very clean beach for visitors to go to cool off and swim in the ocean.

Ilala City Council has decided to modernize it to support President Samia Suluhu Hassan to promote beach tourism so that Tanzania Mainland can receive more tourists from different countries across the world to visit there.

"We want to use our beach properly to make money and raise our income similar to other foreign countries across the world," Ludigija said.

He called on Dar es Salaam residents to use Dengu Beach to relieve stress and take time to relax at the beach because it is a very relaxing place where people can make their brains relax and make their skins look better and feel healthier.

Highlighting on Ilala Carnival, he said the event will be held after three months, during which all sports tourism, 'Nyama Choma', drinks, jogging, and other activities will be held.

Shiloo said: "I'm in Dar es Salaam to witness the event, learn and share experience from Ilala City Council because we plan to modernize our beaches to attract more local and foreign tourists to visit there."

"We plan to use up more than 700m/- to improve our beach, so far Tanga City Council has already secured a grant of 700m/- from Botna Foundation for beach modernization," he said.

The Zanzibar City Council Mayor, Mussa, noted that Zanzibar is also planning to have Forodhani B Beach to help tourists enjoy themselves while in the country because Forodhani A Beach is now crowded.

"We have already secured the best area for the construction work and during the opening ceremony, all mayors and councilors will be invited to witness it because we have already learned from you and we are going to put the knowledge into practice so that

our tourists can enjoy while in Zanzibar," he said.

Ilala Municipal Council Director, Jumanne Shauri, added that the district has decided to invest in beach tourism after discovering that such tourism can help them earn more funds that in turn will be used to implement different projects as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

"We want to promote tourism because Dar es Salaam has endowed with a lot of tourism that Dar es Salaam residents can visit there to see it," the official said.

Ilala Member of Parliament, Mussa Azan 'Zungu', added that Dengu Beach will be the best place for entertainment, no charges for entering the beach and people will be allowed to enjoy what they need in terms of sports and other activities.

"Dengu Beach is now open to the public free of charge. What we need from them is to keep the beach clean and security will be given priority," he said.

Bernard Morrison boosts Simba SC preps for CAF Champions League

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC technical bench has garnered hopes of seeing to it the side is performing well in this season's CAF Champions League's first-round against Botswana's Jwaneng Galaxy.

The first leg will take place in Gaborone between October 15-16, the return leg is set for October 22-24 at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The 2020/21 CAF Champions League quarterfinalists' hopes have been boosted by the return

of Ghanaian midfielder Bernard Morrison, who was absent from previous Premier League games and Community Shield tie.

Simba SC head coach Didier Gomes pointed out that Morrison's return will boost his squad, and he will use him appropriately starting with the Champions League games against Jwaneng Galaxy and the Premier League's fixture against Polisi Tanzania.

The French tactician revealed: "The last three games have been very beneficial for us to prepare for

the various competitions we will be participating in this year, from the way I see my squad I am convinced to say we are ready."

"We have a Champions League game that is important to us, we have to be prepared to do well at this stage and it is good to see that we have a chance to use Bernard Morrison again in the tournament."

Morrison was banned from playing three top-flight fixtures by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), following misconduct he showed after the last season's Federation Cup

final pitting Simba against hometown rivals Yanga at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma.

Simba posted a 1-0 victory over Yanga to defend the showdown's piece of silverware.

After the final whistle, the charismatic midfielder unexpectedly stripped his shorts, ran for some distance to express his jubilation over his squad's win over Yanga.

The footballer has happened to be a standout player at the squad from the time the performer joined the squad from Yanga.



Bernard Morrison

China suffer familiar sinking feeling in World Cup pursuit

BEIJING

A FAMILIAR sense of crisis threatens to envelop Chinese football with the men's national team heading into crunch 2022 World Cup qualifiers still looking for their first point and first goal.

China under President Xi Jinping have grand plans to become a leading football power, with ambitions to host and even win the World Cup one day.

But the country of 1.4 billion people has reached the World Cup only once, in 2002, and Li Tie's side were soundly beaten 3-0 by Australia in their opening match of this final round of Asian qualifying for Qatar, then lost 1-0 to old rivals Japan.

Despite boasting Espanyol's Wu Lei and Brazilian-born Elkeson in attack, the side failed to register an attempt on goal in 180 minutes of football and the pressure is building on former Everton midfielder Li.

That pressure will ratchet up significantly if they do not beat Vietnam on Thursday in the United Arab Emirates, where the match is taking place because of the coronavirus. China then face Saudi Arabia next week.

China and Vietnam occupy the bottom two places of the six-nation Group B table -- Vietnam have at least scored one goal. Only the teams that finish in the top two in Group A and Group B are guaranteed to reach Qatar. Two rounds of matches over the next two weeks will go a long way to deciding who books their tickets for 2022.

China's talisman Wu came on as a substitute in Espanyol's 2-1 win over Real Madrid in La Liga and then jetted over to the UAE to join his international team-mates.

"It's an important win for my club and I hope to bring the momentum to the national team," the 29-year-old said, according to Xinhua news agency.

Wu's team-mates have been training in Sharjah for nearly one month and under strict measures to avoid coronavirus infections.

"I know it's a difficult time for the team since the long closed training period could affect the players' mentality," Wu added. "But all of us have the same goal -- which is to win this game, and we are confident that we will achieve it."

In-form Australia, who top the group with a perfect six points, face Oman and then have an eye-catching clash with Japan in Saitama.

"We don't look too far ahead," said Australia coach Graham Arnold. "Yes it's been a great start, but I expect that to continue."

Japan, who impressed in reaching the last 16 at the 2018 World Cup, suffered a shock 1-0 defeat to Oman in their opening match of the third qualifying stage and veteran defender Yuto Nagatomo says that "we don't have any margin for error".

On Thursday they face a Saudi side who have won both matches so far.

"They tend to have more of the possession but that leaves gaps in behind," said Nagatomo.

In Group A, Iran lead the way with six points, with South Korea second on four.

They meet next week.

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Focussed Brazil have one eye on World Cup qualification

RIO DE JANEIRO

AFTER last month's turbulent round of World Cup qualification matches, for their next games Brazil can boast a full squad and a clear objective: booking their ticket for Qatar.

The Selecao have a perfect record of eight wins from their eight qualifiers so far ahead of Thursday's trip to Venezuela, followed by a clash away to Colombia on Sunday and the visit of Uruguay next week.

Three more victories could possibly secure Brazil's qualification in record time.

"Obviously it's always good to qualify as soon as possible," said Juventus's 30-year-old fullback Alex Sandro. "However, we always think about playing to win, playing our best, showing everything we've been working on. In the next games we're going to do our best to secure qualification."

Brazil will also hope to avoid the chaos of last month's qualifiers when coach Tite was shorn of nine members of his original squad -- including the likes of Chelsea's Thiago Silva, Liverpool trio Alisson, Roberto Firmino and Fabinho, Manchester City duo Ederson and Gabriel Jesus, and Manchester United's Fred -- and saw their clash with Argentina abandoned after just 10 minutes by Brazilian public health officials.

Covid was largely to blame for both issues, with English clubs refusing to release their players due to quarantine obligations -- a matter that has since been resolved between the British and Brazilian governments.

Likewise, Brazil's Covid regulations were behind the health officials' actions after Argentina fielded four English-based players despite them being required to quarantine for two weeks upon arrival in Brazil.

- 'Frustrated' -

Those issues have now been confined to the past, although there is still no news on when the match will be replayed. And for Leeds United winger Raphinha it's a major relief after his first call-up to the Brazilian squad was aborted by his club's refusal to release him.

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Deschamps, France must use Nations League to find form

By Julien Laurens, ESPN Correspondent

KYLIAN Mbappe doesn't give many interviews, but when he does, he's very often honest. So when he was asked by French newspaper L'Equipe to describe the mood right now within the French national team camp, his answer was telling.

"The dynamic is less positive."

Frankly, he could easily have said "negative," but he didn't feel like going that far. So less positive it is -- less positive than before and after the 2018 World Cup, less positive than before Euro 2020. Less positive than any other time, really, since the summer of 2012 and the start of the Didier Deschamps era.

Inevitably, the France head coach is at the heart of everything -- the good and the bad moments, the achievements and the failures. Winning in Russia in 2018 was a massive high for the nation; losing to Switzerland at Euro 2020 on penalties, after leading 3-1 in the 81st minute, is a huge low. Now, he has a big opportunity to get his team back on the right path, 14 months before the start



Didier Deschamps

of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. He can't afford to waste it.

First up is a testy match against Belgium on Thursday -- still ranked No.1 in the world by FIFA -- and then, if they get a good result, a clash with Spain or Italy on Sunday with the second-ever UEFA Nations League title at stake. This is the moment when Deschamps has to make the right calls, take the good options and in-form players, finding once more what made them world champions.

Before their World Cup qualifier win against Finland last month (2-0), les Bleus had drawn their previous five matches in all competitions. Deschamps got too

many things wrong over that run and in private, the pressure weighed heavily on him. After that humiliating defeat against the Swiss, some thought he would leave. He stayed because he is a fighter, not a quitter, but things are still tough. He used to find answers to France's problems and even preempt them. Not anymore.

Among the many discussions he's had with Paul Pogba, who is now his main voice and advocate within the squad, tactics were at the heart of it all. Should France play with a back four? A back three? Two men in central midfield, or three? What should he do with the Antoine Griezmann / Karim Ben-

zema / Mbappe front three? In short, he had too many questions and not enough answers. More importantly, when he was winning, Deschamps rarely consulted his players so much, nor on so many key points.

After nine years at the helm of this team, Deschamps has changed how he works in some subtle ways. At the Euros, he was not as strict with his players than he was in 2018, for example. He let more things go and he took a step back -- maybe naively, because he thought his men could manage themselves too. It was a mistake. Despite the abundance of talent in the French squad, they still need Deschamps to

be as hands-on as ever.

This shift in approach formed part of the discussions he had with the French FA president, Noel Le Graet, when they met after the Euros to talk through the disappointing performance and understand what happened. Deschamps could, and should, have done more. Now, he can take the lead again.

Mbappe put it well again in his L'Equipe interview.

"We need to find a new collective impetus, but also perform better because we are not as good... We saw what we had to do at the World Cup and we had not to do at the Euros... We were more vulnerable. Before, you had to get up early to score a goal against us. Now, we concede goals..."

We need big victories. If we beat Belgium and then Spain or Italy and win the Nations League, this will bring this positive momentum and it will be a statement."

A statement is exactly what Deschamps needs as well, but not for the country or for the rest of the footballing world. He needs it for himself, and to show his players that he can win again. Right now, the doubt is there. The Euros were

so bad on so many levels for France, and what followed when World Cup qualifying resumed -- 1-1 against Bosnia, 1-1 in Ukraine in September -- was poor. On Thursday in Turin against old rivals Belgium, it's a fantastic chance to put things right.

When Deschamps welcomed his players at the Clairefontaine team facilities on Monday morning, then through the day and through the one-on-one conversations he had with the leaders of his squad, that was his message. "We can be back. We can put a marker down before the World Cup."

To insiders, Deschamps looks more ready and determined than ever. He has prepared meticulously for this game against Roberto Martinez. He's been under pressure before at the club level, having failed at Monaco, Juventus and Marseille, but this is new territory for him with the national team. This is how you judge the greats and the not-so-greats; the ability to rally your players and give them the tools to bounce back and be great again belongs to the top managers. The ball is in Deschamps' camp now.

English Premier League scrambles to convince stars to get vaccinated

LONDON

PREMIER League matches are once again being played in packed stadiums after Britain's successful coronavirus vaccine rollout -- but the reluctance of many players to get jabbed is proving a headache for football authorities.

The UK has one of the highest overall virus death tolls in the world, at more than 137,000, but more than 82 percent of over-16s have had two doses of the vaccine, according to the latest government figures.

The rapid rollout has enabled the easing of restrictions on large gatherings, with a welcome return of supporters to football grounds.

However, although no official figures have been offered by the Premier League, reports suggest only seven of England's 20 top-flight clubs have more than 50 percent of their squad fully vaccinated.

"It's low, not just in the Premier League but in the Football League as well. It's very low," said former Manchester United captain Gary Neville, who has an ownership stake in League Two club Salford City.

"We have to accept and understand why that is, but I think it is also time for the players or the PFA (Professional Footballers' Association) to come out and explain what the concerns are and that the players have and why they are not taking these vaccinations."

Incentives have been discussed as an option by clubs to get more players to come forward



Premier League matches are once again taking place in packed stadiums (AFP)

to have the job, including a potential relaxing of stringent coronavirus protocols.

A bespoke quarantine exemption has been granted by the government to allow players to represent their nations in countries on Britain's travel red-list, leaving them able to return to train and play with their clubs -- but only if they have been fully vaccinated.

- Hesitancy -
The most prominent reasons put forward for the hesitancy are that players are young, healthy individuals less likely to suffer the worst effects of Covid-19, and the influence of anti-vaccination propaganda on social media.

Newcastle goalkeeper Karl Darlow encouraged his team-mates to get jabbed after he was hos-

pitalised by the virus in July.

"It felt worse than razor blades. It was like someone had just shut my throat off," the 30-year-old told The Times.

Newcastle pair Jamaal Lascelles and Allan

Saint-Maximin were also sidelined for weeks by the long-term effects of Covid last season.

Yet Magpies manager Steve Bruce confirmed that had not been enough to convince all of his players.

"We've got a lot of

players who haven't had the jab. It's their prerogative," Bruce said in August.

"We've had two or three players really sick with Covid here and Karl Darlow spent the best part of a week in hospital with it, so we've seen the severity of it first-hand. But there are a lot of conspiracy theories out there."

British Health Secretary Sajid Javid has expressed his "disappointment" and concern at the potential impact of vaccine hesitancy among Premier League stars on children and young people.

And England's deputy chief medical officer Jonathan Van-Tam has addressed Premier League captains in a bid to reassure them on any health concerns.

Footballing authorities have so far allowed for personal choice, without any sanctions for the unvaccinated. By contrast, NBA stars in the United States face docked pay and missing

matches if they are not vaccinated in states where indoor events require full vaccination.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp came out strongly in favour of vaccination last week, comparing not getting vaccinated to drink-driving.

The German boss, who said his squad were "99 percent" vaccinated, said: "I don't understand how that is a limitation of freedom."

Middlesbrough manager Neil Warnock branded his own players who refuse to get jabbed "irresponsible".

However, Neville believes education and encouragement are a better solution than a hard-line stance.

"I don't agree with forced vaccination and the idea of taking wages off players who aren't vaccinated is beyond a step too far, it's absolutely wrong," he said. "We can encourage players to be vaccinated but we can't force them in my opinion."

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Tanzania Premier League gets new title sponsor

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Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president, Wallace Karia (sitting R), and National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Managing Director, Theobald Sabi (sitting L), sign contract, which will see the institution turn into this season's Mainland Tanzania Premier League title sponsor, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on are TFF officials and their NBC counterparts. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By correspondents Michael Mwebe & Nassir Nchimbi

THE 2021/22 Tanzania Premier League will now be known as the NBC Premier League, after the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) signed a three-year deal to take the naming rights.

The banking company takes over title sponsor duties from Vodacom, who ended their three billion shillings per year deal last season.

Speaking during the launch in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday morning, NBC Managing Director, Theobald Sabi, said they made the decision to come on board as a way of promoting football in the country.

Sabi said his organization was excited to be associated

with such a vibrant league like the Tanzania Premier League.

The NBC boss revealed: "We have decided to invest in Tanzanian football for a period of three years. NBC management has agreed with TFF to pump in 2.5bn/- for the 2021/22 season."

"We believe this investment in the Tanzania Premier League will raise the standards of football in the country."

"Football is a very popular sport in the country

that's why even sports are popular in the country. Our Premier League is one of the best leagues in Africa, according to CAF we are ranked number eight."

TFF president, Wallace Karia, thanked NBC for coming on board as a partner and pledged to ensure that the bulk of this sponsorship directly benefits clubs.

In August 2019, Vodacom signed a three-year deal worth 9bn/- with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

Under the agreement, the league was known as the Vodacom Tanzania Mainland Premier League.

However, in June this year, Vodacom terminated the deal citing the financial loss of 30bn/- they suffered in the 2020/21 financial year as a major reason.

The deal was supposed to run until the end of the 2021/22 season.

Kilimanjaro-based Polisi Tanzania are currently top of the league after they won their opening two games of

the season last week.

The league is on a two-week break to pave the way for Tanzania's Taifa Stars' 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers back-to-back matches against Benin.

The league is expected to resume on October 16 with two fixtures taking centre stage on that day.

Kagera Sugar will entertain Mbeya City FC in Bukoba while Geita Gold FC will play their first home game against Mtibwa Sugar at Nyankumbu venue.

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Twiga Stars aim to make it to 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship final

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANANIA's senior national women's football side, Twiga Stars, will seek to earn a berth into the final of the 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship as they take on Zambia in the semi-finals in Nelson Mandela Bay this afternoon.

Tanzania, on the one hand, secured a place in the semi-finals after finishing on top of Group B with nine points.

On Monday, Tanzania, who had already booked a place in the knockout stage, made it three straight wins after a 3-0 victory against fellow CECAFA side, South Sudan, with forward Stumai Athuman netting a hat-trick.

On the other hand, the Copper Queens of Zambia secured their semi-final ticket after they won their final Group C clash against Uganda at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium on Tuesday.

Both teams are yet to concede a goal in the competition to date, setting up a thrilling semi-final contest which Twiga Stars head coach Bakari Shime has described as a very tough encounter that involves two sides who are very familiar with each other's tactics.

The gaffer pointed out: "We are well prepared for Zambia, I believe it will be a tough game, a very competitive match. I hope the weather conditions will be good. I believe the team with a better strategy will win. This is a knockout stage, everything changes for both teams."

"We have met Zambia several times, even at the COSAFA tournaments, we have met at the junior and senior levels. We met last year in the U-17 showpiece, it was a very difficult game and I think this semis would be similar."

"My players are very confident ahead of the semis, especially how we played defensively and up front. We did not concede and scored more than one goal in each of our group stage games."

"We were solid though even Zambia played well, they have clean sheets. We have to get the right balance between defense and attack against Zambia, we need to push and score goals while also defending to avoid conceding."

Twiga Stars are using the COSAFA Women's Championship as build-up for the 2022 Africa Women's Cup of Nations qualifiers that are expected to start later this month.

Tanzania is set to face Namibia in the first round with either Zimbabwe or Zambia in the final round upon progression to the next stage.

Taifa Stars face Benin hurdle in 2022 World Cup Qualifiers

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

HEAD coach, Kim Poulsen, will accept nothing less than all three points when Tanzania's Taifa Stars host Benin in the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifier this afternoon at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Poulsen will hope to see his charges use their home advantage.

Tanzania tops Group J on four points from two qualifiers after a one-all draw against DR Congo in Lubumbashi and a hard fought 3-2 win over Madagascar at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium last month.

With Benin and DR Congo second and third on four and two points respectively, and Madagascar propping up the group with no point, back-to-back wins will take Taifa Stars to pole position to win the group and go through to the final round of qualification for the Qatar showpiece.

Despite the bright start, coach Poulsen called for caution ahead of the game and insisted on the need to stay level headed.

He stated: "We've got off to a good start in qualifying and everyone's happy, but we need to keep our feet on the ground!"

"It's a good start but that's all it is - a start. It's a long road and there will be plenty of obstacles along the way."

"We're the lowest team in the group in terms of the FIFA Ranking. They all have most of their squad who play in Europe, and that's far from being the case for us."

"But we're trying to overcome that by making the most of the fact that our players are close by so we can come together as often as possible, and by making the get-togethers and



Marafiki Music Festival's founder and director, Isaac Abeneko (3rd R), briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the international music event, which will bring together local and foreign musicians, to be held at Nafasi Arts Space and Alliance Francaise venues in the city and Bagamoyo in Coast Region from October 7-9. PHOTO: SELEMANI MPOCHI

training camps longer."

Taifa Stars' preparations have not been as smooth as expected with injury and late reporting of players likely to see big changes in the starting line up.

Erasto Nyoni, Shomari Kapombe and Bakari Mwanjeto, who started in the previous qualifiers' fixtures, will be missing with injuries while Jonas Mkude asked to be excused.

In the last four matches between the two nations, Tanzania has only managed one win, with Benin winning two times and the other one ending in a draw.

In 2014, Tanzania won 4-1

in an international friendly at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and the most recent meeting ended in a 1-1 draw at Stade de l'Amitie in Cotonou, Benin in 2017.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

