



Wildebeests in early annual migration across Serengeti

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Wildebeest migration has kicked off earlier than usual this year with conservationists and ecologists pointing at changes in weather patterns as the reason.

The wildebeest migration spectacle normally begins in mid-June and ends in September. But this year, the gnus started their long trek and run at the end of May.

The head of species conservation and management at the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Shadrack Ngene said the last time this occurred was six years ago when the wildebeests migrated late May.

"Climate changes such as heavy rains in Tanzania as well as depletion of resources in one area are among reasons we are having an early wildebeest migration," said Ngene.

Herds have already been spotted in the western corridor/Grumeti reserves. By Saturday the herd was located crossing the Sand River heading towards the Maasai Mara where they are predicted to have already arrived.

The wildebeest migration, described as one of the seven modern wonders of the world, involves mainly wildebeests and zebras crossing to and from the Serengeti National Park.

The gnus move from Tanzania to Kenya in mid-June for pasture and in September they move from Kenya to Tanzania basically to breed, scientists assert.

The gnus spend three months in the Maasai Mara and nine months in the Serengeti, with the movement attracting tourists from around the world. However the early migration has drawn mixed reactions from park inhabitants.

"The early migration would have an effect on the tourism calendar," noted Sam Munyi, a freelance tour guide. "We expect more tourists to reschedule their journeys for fear of missing the migration."

Nearly 1,000 domestic tourists from Narok County took advantage of a waiver on park entrance fees for two days to access the Maasai Mara on June 1 and 2.

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A Dar es Salaam resident moves a tricycle along the usually busy Uhuru Street yesterday, with the cargo making it practically impossible for him to see or know what is behind him. Photo: John Badi

Huge relief as HESLB alters loans application eligibility

The loans board CEO appealed to applicants to read the guidelines thoroughly so that they prepare well before the application window opens on June 15 and closes on August 15

By Guardian Reporter

Setting out new guidelines, the board said that under previous rules, the age of loan applicants was capped at 33 years and was limited to those who graduated within three years of the year of loan application.

HESLB executive director Abdul-Razaq Badru told reporters in Dar es Salaam has announced.

FORM six leavers and diploma holders who graduated five years ago and those aged up to 35 years are eligible for loans in the 2019/2020 academic year, the Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB) has announced.

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US lifts ban on wildlife trophies from Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE United States has lifted the ban imposed on wildlife products from Tanzania, which means that lion, buffalo and elephant trophies can now be exported to US markets.

The Deputy Commissioner for Tourism and Business Services for the Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA), Imani Nkuwi explained here that US importation of wildlife related trophies from Tanzania was stopped since the US was critical of how the country was handling the protection of wildlife, natural resources and preservation of the environment.

"But now it seems the United States has restored its trust for Tanzania, as far as

protection of natural resources is concerned and is once more permitting trophies from here to be shipped to America," stated Nkuwi, noting that one firm had started exporting trophies to the US.

Conservation measures launched by the fifth phase government are being felt and acknowledged globally, enabling Tanzania to be taken out of the blacklist which included other Southern African countries such as Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana.

"Tanzania has reserved over 35 percent of the country's total area, comprising nearly one million square kilometres, for protection of natural resources and wildlife. Last year we added five new national parks,

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'HIV/Aids services access age could be lowered to 15 years'

By Guardian Reporter

THE government intends to amend the law governing access to HIV/Aids services by lowering the age of patients from 18 and above to 15 so as to curb alarming rates of new infections.

This follows a recent report by the Tanzanian Commission for Aids (TACAIDS) which showed that more than 200 people get new HIV infections daily, out of whom nearly 50 per cent are young people aged between 15 and 19 years.

The intention to change the law was revealed yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the Deputy Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr Faustine Ndagulile when launching the Kilimanjaro Challenge 2019 which involves naming and disbursing funds that were raised during the 2018 climb to different organizations.

He said the problem of AIDS is constantly changing, contributing to over 40 percent

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings with elders at Mandawa in Ruangwa District, Lindi Region, on Monday. Photo: PMO

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thus increasing the number to 21," he pointed out.

Hillary Daffi, a hunting safaris investor and director of Marera Company and Bullet Safaris said the US decision to permit wildlife products from Tanzania was a windfall since the US market accounts for more than 60 percent of all hunting products that Africa countries sell outside.

However, the TAWA official reminded stakeholders that the US was still treading carefully and will be scrutinizing such transactions closely.

Regarding ongoing conservation

efforts, a number of international observers affirm that Tanzania has more than enough space to accommodate most wildlife found within its borders and works to increase the reach of conservation ecosystems even further.

Tanzania has set aside over 265,000 square kilometres for wildlife conservation, equivalent to 27 percent of the total country area while Kenya has just 44,600 square kilometres that accounts for 7.5 percent of the country's land surface.

Dr James Wakibara, the TAWA director general said here recently that TAWA runs 28 Game Reserves

and 46 Game Controlled Areas and so far covers over 200,000 square kilometres.

And that is discounting the 16 national parks manned by the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) as well as the Ngorongoro Crater zone managed by the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA).

The 16 national parks straddling the country together comprise an area of nearly 57,000 square kilometres, with the Ngorongoro Conservation Area measuring 8,292 square kilometres.

In addition to national parks, game reserves, game controlled and conservation areas, Tanzania

is establishing community based Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) where villages pool land to create areas in which wildlife can thrive so that local residents benefit from tourism.

Currently there are 38 WMAs countrywide at different stages of development, with 17 WMAs attaining authorized association (AAS) status. These will further add more land for wildlife in Tanzania.

Tanzania has also gazetted nearly 20 million hectares as forest reserves and 4.1 million hectares are managed under participatory forest management.

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of those affected being youths while of those affected, around 80 percent of new youthful infected are women.

"The government has begun to see the problem and take action. The first step is to decrease the age of ratification since they are actually starting to have sex at an early age, the figures show from the age of 15 years to 19 years, 27 percent become pregnant or have children.

"In the case of infections, we have decided to submit a bill to the National Assembly for reduction of the age for HIV-related services from 18 to 15 years. It would allow young people to access the service, because at present youths below 18 have to obtain the consent of a parent or guardian consent.

The ministry would also design a plan to allow people to provide self-testing for HIV as research shows many men do not like to get tested or go to hospital.

"Like women who test themselves for pregnancy, now men will be able to self-test at their homes and I believe this will give them some encouragement," he said.

In addition, Executive Director of TACAIDS, Dr. Leonard Maboko said the proposed bill would help young people to access AIDS services quickly without the consent of the parent or guardian as it is now. He said so far Tanzania has 1.5 million people who are equal to 4.7 percent of the population.

"But new infections have decreased from 80,000 annually years ago to 72,000. In this group, about 6,000 Tanzanians are getting infectious per month and 200 each day," he said.

In addition, he said young people get infections as they move from childhood to adolescence.

"They have not been well educated so it is easy for them to make decisions that are not well informed. But also young women want they want to get different things easily. "That is why we have projects that touch poor households by helping them get entrepreneurial education, starting with three regions," he said.

Geita Gold Mine (GGM) Vice President for Sustainability, Simon Shayo explained the importance of that effort yesterday in the campaign to contribute to curb HIV & AIDS

infections, targeting to raise two billion shillings.

However, he said so far they have collected more than 1.5 billion shillings equivalent to 67 percent of the target, with this year's campaign clocking 18 years since its inception.

He said since the establishment of Kilimanjaro Challenge the company has raised over Sh 13 billion that has benefited TACAIDS and 50 different institutions dealing with HIV/AIDS issues.

"The aim of curbing new infections needs the country to reach the target by three thirds," he said.

Since the campaign was launched more than 800 people have climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, and this year they depend on more than 80 people including those who will cycle around the mountain, he said.

The GGM Director of Child Care, Sr. Adalbera Mukure said that since the center was launched in 2006 by GGM, it has improved the lives of numerous children, with two having been educated up to university.

"We are asking for your contributions to facilitate the construction of an English medium school to enable children to read and even out-of-school children to study and have funds to operate the facility," he appealed.

Kili Challenge Trust Manager Manace Ndoroma said the board deliberated and decided that this year Tshs 800 million will be awarded, of which Shs. 550 million will remain waiting for various applications.

"150mn/- will go to TACAIDS to build HIV/AIDS facilities. Shs 50 million to Moyo wa Huruma in Geita to enable the construction of an economic center. Shs 50 million will go to the AIDS Trust Fund (ATF) while Shs 1.173 billion contributed by GGM will go to the Kili Trust Fund," he said.

The Kilimanjaro Challenge aims to raise awareness on the HIV / AIDS pandemic, provide financial support to HIV & AIDS initiative and build national team spirit in the noble fight that's also giving local climbers an opportunity to scale Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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yesterday that the changes are a result of consultations with and recommendations by education stakeholders.

The loans board CEO appealed to applicants to read the guidelines thoroughly so that they prepare well before the application window opens on June 15 and closes on August 15.

"The new guidelines detail eligibility criteria and procedures to be followed by loans applicants," Badru said.

In the coming academic year, the government has allocated 450bn/- for loans and grants to be disbursed to around 128,285 students.

Out of that number, 45,000 will be first year while the remainder will be continuing students. In the current academic year, HESLB disbursed 427.5bn/- to 123,000 students, he pointed out.

"Applicants have two weeks to read the guidelines and prepare supporting documents before we open online applications," he said.

The need to give applicants ample time to go through the guidelines has been informed by previous experiences where applicants just logged onto the board's website and submitted application without properly understanding the rules, the board chief said.

"In the 2018/2019 application period, more than 9,000 out of 57,000 applicants made mistakes in their application arising from not properly reading and understanding the guidelines," he said.

Continuing students who applied unsuccessfully for several reasons including mistakes in application are free to apply again under the new guidelines, he added.



Journalists from Tanzania, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda Zambia and Zimbabwe participate in a sexual and reproductive health meeting in Kigali, Rwanda, last week. Also on the agenda were cultural practices and unimplemented national policies. Photo courtesy of Gwamaka Alipipi of Nipash newspaper

EPOG project to benefit 950 farmers in Tabora

By Correspondent Allan Ntana, Tabora

MORE than 950 farmers in Mbutu ward, Igunga district in Tabora region have benefited from Pass on the gift seeds introduced by Exponential Pass-on the Gift (EPOG) project.

Speaking at a congregation held at Mbutu village in Igunga, project manager John Toto said that EPOG is a twin project to Igunga eco-village which is funded by the European Union and implemented by Heifer International Tanzania in collaboration with Heifer Netherlands and Igunga district council.

He explained that since its inception the project had sensitised the community on merit bases through sharing the available and

obtained resources and knowledge hence become accustomed to various technologies on climate resilience.

He clarified that EPOG targets to improve livelihoods of Mbutu and Igunga wards communities and nurturing sustainable social and economic buoyancy for not less than 1,000 small-scale farmers through engaging in lucrative enterprises by 2019.

Toto added that people were organized in socio-economic small household groups, trained and strongly empowered with the knowledge so as to move from vulnerability to sustained households.

"We are expecting the community to adopt the culture of EPOG not only in chicken, trees

and crops but also in disseminating knowledge and skills obtained for sustainability of their projects," said Toto.

He briefed that the viable technologies learnt were chicken brooder, which is useful in increasing chicken productivity through selling chicken and eggs, others were biogas, fuel efficient stoves, bio-fertility and tree planting which aims to safeguard their environment.

Project facilitator Athanas Mbugashida said that EPOG has increased the number of small scale farmer groups from 10 to 43 where more than 960 villagers have benefited from it.

He added that its instigation has enabled them to increase chicken productivity from a total number of 7,567 before to 19,394 hence quicken

their economical well being.

He applauded a good job done by the project for Mbutu communities, hence called for more support from the government so as to advance their projects including agricultural activities.

Igunga District Official Shadrack Pastory acknowledged Heifer International for her great support and enhancing socio-economic knowledge, skills and technologies to Mbutu and Igunga wards communities for their betterments.

He noted that the shared knowledge and technologies is of great value to the entire Igunga district community and will benefit them a lot.

Govt reassures residents of Kagera of due compensation

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

THE fate of compensation for people in Kagera Region who will be affected by the Uganda-Tanzania Crude Oil Pipeline (UTCOP) will be known this year, Minister for Energy Medard Kalemami has said.

Kalemami disclosed over the weekend when speaking at the stakeholders meeting on the project. The meeting involved MPs, ward councillors, government officials, civil servants, merchants, and oil companies representatives.

He said that early preparations have been made for the long-awaited project to kick-start and if nothing happens in between the project will start in September this year.

"I am not here to announce who will get what, but what I can assure you is that everyone affected with the project will get the right compensation," the minister said.

He said that it is the responsibility of every Kagera resident to safeguard the pipeline, which offers countless benefits including job opportunities across the project's value chain.

Other benefits include taxes from transporting approximately 216 crude oil barrels a day, for USD 12.2 for each barrel and more than 10,000 employment at a construction stage, and more than 200,000 after completion.

It is also estimated that 45,000 youth from Tanga Region will get jobs during construction of the pipeline which is estimated to cost US \$ 3.55 billion (8trn/-).

The pipeline will transport Uganda's crude oil from Kabaale, in the western Hoima district, to Chongoleani peninsula at the Tanga port in Tanzania.

According to the project report, the 24-inch diameter pipeline will move 216,000 barrels of oil per day at a cost of about Sh1300 (\$12.2) per barrel.

The pipeline will be pre-heated and covers 1.2 meters underground. There will be temporal facilities such as coating plants and pipe storage yards, access roads, burrow pits, hydro-test dams, a marine terminal and a jetty.

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Bank of Africa Tanzania deputy managing director Wasia Mushi (L) with guests at iftar the bank hosted in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

62.4bn/- to build roads and drainage systems in Temeke

By Guardian Reporter

AUTHORITIES in Dar es Salaam's Temeke Municipality yesterday sealed a 62.4bn/- pact with five companies to build roads and drainage systems across the district with a population of 1,368,881.

Executive director for Temeke Municipality, Lusubilo Mwakibibi, said

that the sealed pact is part of the Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project (DMDP) which is bankrolled by a loan from World Bank to the Tanzanian government.

He said that under the signed contact, companies are required to complete actual construction of the roads and drainage systems in a period of 15 months.

The companies which entered into contract with the municipalities are China Railway Seventh Group Co Ltd, CRJE (East Afrika) Ltd, Jassie & Company Ltd and Eristic (T) Investment Ltd.

"The agreements that we are signing today will facilitate the construction of roads and improvement of social services for Bustani, Sabasaba and

Relini areas at Mtoni Ward. A total of 18.4bn/- will be spent in these three areas," he said.

Another 12.6bn/- will be spent on similar services at Mbagara Ward's Kizinga and Baghdad areas.

He said: "The agreements also involve the construction of drainage system infrastructure to control floods at Gerezani Creek, with a total of

18.7bn/- budgeted for the task."

Temeke Municipality also plans to spend 8.4bn/- on a project that will project flooding at Mzinga River while another 4.1bn/- will be spent on purchasing facilities for transporting trash from various locations within the district.

According to Mwakibibi as of June 3, 2019, Temeke Municipality

had received Sh210 billion for construction of various infrastructure projects and for purchasing facilities for transporting garbage from the area.

The Mayor for Temeke Municipality, Abdallah Chaurembo said so far, a lot of work has been done in the areas with an exception of Kilungu Road which will be built soon.

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Tigo Tanzania chief commercial officer Tarik Boudiaf (C) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam at the weekend at the launch of the firm's service dubbed 'Saizi Yako' - meant to address customer-specific internet, voice and SMS needs. He is with head of marketing services William Mpinga (L) and campaign 'ambassador' Lucas Mhuvile alias Joti. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Youth in Nachingwea empowered with modern poultry rearing skills

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Nachingwea

SIXTY youth from 19 villages in Nachingwea District have been empowered with poultry rearing techniques, which in turn will help them to step out of poverty. The project has been organized by Aga Khan Foundation in collaboration with Silverlands Tanzania Limited (STL)-through the Food Value Chain Development (FVCD) project. Youth who are taking part in the project are aged between 15 and 25 years old and are from five wards of Ndiiti, Malambo, Luponda, Station and Mitumbati. Held between May 30 and June 1, this year in the district, youth were trained on chicken rearing, chicken feed production and marketing skills, at the end of the training every participant was given 10 chicks as start-up capital. Nachingwea District Commissioner, Rukia Akhibu Muwango described the project as key in scaring away poverty among the youth. She said: "Poultry is an alternative source of income particularly at the time when people in this southern part of the country depend on cashew

nuts as the only cash crop. So, rearing chicken is an income-generating activity that would make youth generates income almost throughout the year." The DC said that engaging in modern poultry rearing would make youth live a comfortable life, citing examples, she said: "For instance, if you venture into broilers which take few weeks to mature it makes someone get money almost every month depending on the number of flocks." The DC also suggested the need for the youth to form groups so that they can be easily assisted. "It is easier to support youth who are in groups rather than those who are operating individually," she said. For his part, project manager Gervas Chiza revealed the project is to involve youth in eight districts in southern regions of Lindi and Mtwara. He said that the project is aimed at empowering youth with poultry rearing skills so as to boost their sources of income. One of the beneficiaries, Rukia Hassan commended the organisers of the training, saying: "This project has taken me to another level. There are lots of issues I have learnt through this training."

By Guardian Correspondent, Monduli

Villagers in Monduli appeal for govt support to construct dams

VILLAGERS in Monduli District are appealing for government's support to construct dams, which will have the ability to filter and preserve water for a longer period in order to deal with water scarcity challenges facing the area. They made the appeal over the weekend when speaking to district officials who toured one of the dams in the area which was constructed by a Non-governmental Organization-

Maasai Store. They said despite applying a lot of efforts to carry the projects, most of the dams are constructed below standards. One of the residents, Kisiyoki Mario said it has been a norm for them to harvest water during rainy season

which despite not being clean, they are forced to get it after walking long distances and at a high cost a move that is subjecting them to absolute poverty. "We are forced walk for 17 kilometres in search of water and at times we buy one bucket at 1000/-, this is too much

sometimes we fail to do other things because most of the time we are dealing with water issues," he said. In his remarks, the District Executive Director for Monduli Steven Ulaya said despite the challenge there has been some problems in taking care of the

construction dams and called upon the residents to ensure they work together. Last year, the government set aside 1.2 billion for Monduli district council to implement water projects in rural areas. High turbidity water is a great

challenge to availability of safe water in many plaeces. High turbidity water is a common feature in the lowlands of Arusha where water scarcity is also common. In Monduli where communities depend on dam water as their source of water, water is highly turbid throughout the year. People are forced to either use this nauseating water for drinking exposing themselves to health risks or walk long distances to get cleaner water thus wasting valuable production time.

NBC hosts Iftar for its Dar es Salaam customers



NBC employees, customers, and guests arriving for Iftar hosted at Serena Hotel, Dar es Salaam.



NBC customers and invited guests arriving for Iftar.



NBC customers and invited guests breaking their fast with a buffet dinner at Serena Hotel.



NBC customers and invited guests breaking their fast with a buffet dinner at Serena Hotel.



NBC employees, customers, and invited guests at the NBC Iftar at Serena Hotel.



NBC employees, customers, and invited guests at the NBC Iftar at Serena Hotel.



NBC Chief of Staff and Strategy, Elvis Ndunguru welcoming guests at the NBC Iftar.



Elvis Ndunguru conversing with an NBC customer.



NBC Public Affairs Manager, William Kallaghe conversing with NBC customers and invited guests.



The evening's MC thanking NBC for hosting and all guests for their attendance at the Iftar.



Elvis Ndunguru thanking those who attended the NBC Iftar in Dar es Salaam.



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Clean environment, key in preventing diseases

HEALTH environment is one of the key aspects in preventing diseases. There are many players who have been supporting various endeavors which are aimed at ensuring that the environment is clean. AAR Insurance is one of the players, who are working hard to ensure the environment, is clean all the time. Our Staff Writer, ANGEL NAVURI interviewed AAR Insurance managing director VIOLET MORDICHAJ on efforts her company is taking to scale-up environmental cleanness. Here is the excerpt;



Q. What is AAR is doing to ensure health environment is attained?

Healthier society is being built from healthier environment. AAR Tanzania has over years been investing into supporting environmental cleanness through various Corporate Social Responsibility activities like tree planting, street cleaning, distributing environment cleaning equipment's to the communities etc, we are the organization that always recognizes and mark the World Environmental day through number of conservational activities; within the last three years AAR Tanzania has planted 3000 trees in Dar es Salaam region

Q. What AAR do in the field of Health and Environment?

Leveraging on AAR's expertise in health delivery, and combining it with the AAR founders family's commitment towards health around the world, the AAR Beckmann Trust brings programmes that provide hands-on opportunities for communities to improve their environment, and engage in income-generating and sustainable activities to attain access to health.

Activities include deworming exercises in schools, tree planting drives, health camps in communities with little or no access to medical and onsite medical camps at client premises for the general public.

Q. What are the advantages of a healthier environment (win-win strategy)?

A. Clearly the benefits will be for both fields - environment and public health. If we do interventions at the environmental level, that will allow us to have a better and cleaner air, clean water, and safe water, we will be protected for pesticides or for toxic that will prevent cancer in other diseases - definitely we will have an impact on

health and at the same time, the public health people need to realize the importance of working as well at the environmental level.

Q. Why is environment the public health issue of the future?

A. For the 21st century, we need not only to address the classic issues related to our health like diarrhea diseases linked to the lack of clean water, and lack of access to sanitation, but we need to make sure that what is discussed in this century about energy, about urbanization, about air pollution will have an impact on our health and therefore we need to be present in that agenda. The health issues are very critical on the environmental agenda.

Q. How does the environment influence our health?

A. About one quarter of global disease is caused by environmental factors that we could in fact change. The environment influences our health through the air we breathe, the water we drink, radiation and noise, the work environment, the built environment, and also the climate and ecosystem a large wide variety of influences.

Q. What are the diseases caused by environmental factors?

A. Polluted air causes respiratory diseases, unclean water and lacking sanitation causes diarrhea, poorly managed water bodies cause vector diseases such as malaria, poorly designed streets, cities and buildings cause injuries - and these are just a few examples. Altogether more than 80% of all major diseases and injuries are impacted by factors in our environment. More than 3.5 million deaths each year are from respiratory infections, diarrhea diseases and malaria alone.

Talking about non-communicable diseases - cancers may caused by pol-

luted air, chemicals or radiation, cardiovascular diseases are related to stress at the workplace, and chemicals. These two diseases alone trigger almost another 4 million deaths a year.

Suicides and violence are impacted by our environment - violent behavior for example can be triggered by chemicals we're exposed to, such as lead.

Q. Can you explain what the modifiable environmental factors are?

A. These are all the part of the environment that are amenable to change, for example by technical solutions we know, or by policy and regulations that have been implemented.

Q. What is your key message?

A. The strong link is that the environment has on our health, and is this large yet unused opportunity that our health can really be improved by making our environment safer.

Q. What are the main health challenges and responses to a changing environment?

A. We have several challenges but I can mention two important ones: The increasing scale of the problems and their increasing complexity.

Consider the scale of the problem: We have gone through a process of very localized contamination, think of indoor air pollution in homes, a very ancient problem; through community or neighborhood problems such as the release of human and domestic wastes; through city wide problems, such as urban air pollution; then regional and inter-country problems such as trans-



often the poor in poor countries. The response involves coordinated work by several sectors, not just health. And it requires a new focus, where we understand the need to prevent disease by improving our environment. For me the keyword is prevention.

Q. How can environmental interventions prevent disease?

A. We have to understand environmental interventions do prevent disease. This is why governments try to reduce air pollution, and take measures to provide people with clean water. But the answers are not always simple and they do require an investment. However if you consider the costs and benefits of different interventions, one quickly realizes that investment pays, often several times the initial cost of the intervention.

The settings approach - healthy cities, healthy villages approach - uses this logic. The idea is to agree on key, priority interventions to makes our surroundings a better, healthier place. Improving Health or reducing illness is the main goal.

Most communities also thinks in terms of enhancing their overall well-being. Health, after all, has long ago been defined as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being.

Q. How big is the population at risk, and how can people benefit from a better environment?

A. What we need to understand when we speak of environmental risk factors in general, the population at risk is the whole world. Almost everyone, at any given time is exposed to some environmental risk factor. For some it may be very serious, like for the mother who burns wood in unventilated indoor space to cook a meal. Or the child that drinks polluted water. For others it may be the elevated air pollution levels in a city, which

are hard to escape. Yet for others it may be their workplace, or the food they eat, the concentration of heat in a city, like heat waves, or elevated levels of UV radiation, like when you go to the beach on holidays.

When we live in a home setting free of pollution, with a good source of clean water and safe sanitation, in a healthy city that promotes healthy transport, such as bicycle paths, and yes, also environmental stimulus for a good diet (which is not always the case in settings that offer nothing but unhealthy foods), then we can clearly say that the environment, including the social environment, is promoting better health, and that people are benefiting from a better environment.

Q. What are the main diseases affecting children?

A. Children do a lot worse than adults when it comes to unhealthy environments.

While around a quarter of deaths could be prevented from healthy environments in the overall population, in children we could prevent over one third of deaths through environmental interventions. This means that our children would benefit the most from interventions for healthy environments. These include diarrhea diseases from contaminated water or poor sanitation and hygiene; or respiratory diseases from indoor and outdoor air pollution; or vector-borne diseases like malaria; or malnutrition; injuries, and many others...

But there are also important health gaps: child mortality rates - which are related to the environment - in the worst regions of the world is 180 times higher than in best regions. If we could only eliminate child mortality from environmentally related diarrhea and respiratory diseases, we would be saving the lives of 2 million children under 5 every year.



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Speaker appeals to students to work hard, attain excellence in studies

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

SPEAKER of the National Assembly, Job Ndugai has urged the students to strive hard to attain excellence in all areas of studies to bring about economic and social development of the country and raised its stature internationally.

Ndugai made the remarks when introducing St. Anne Marie Academy and Brilliant students to the august house in Dodoma on Monday.

The students visited the parliament to learn a number of issues on how the country's top decision making body operates. The school organized the trip for 120 students of the school who performed well in the 2018 Form Four exams as part of rewarding and motivating them.

Ndugai commended the students and the school management for the academic achievement of the schools for the last year's Form Four exams.

He also encouraged students in the country to spend most of their precious time to study so as to realize the dreams.

Ndugai, who is an MP for Kongwa, also lauded Jasson Rweikiza, the owner of the school for preparing the student in good environment that led to the extraordinary performance.

Speaking about the trip, head teacher of the school, Gladius Ndyetabura, said the management of the school decided to offer the tour for the best students.

He said among the student who got the opportunity were 29 from St. Anne Marie who scored division one and 59 who got division two, six from Brilliant

Secondary School who got division one and 20 who scored division two.

Ndyetabura said it is habit for the school management to offer different gift for student who performed well in national examinations something he said has helped the schools to be in top when it comes to national examinations results every year.

He said they plan to take their students who do wonders in examinations in country like Dubai, United Kingdom, United States and other country as motivation to other student to perform better.

"We have been sending our students who do better to visit national parks like Serengeti, Mikumi, and Ngorongoro for many years so our future plan is to take them abroad and it is possible we can do it," he said



St Anne Marie Academy and Brilliant director Jasson Rweikiza (L, in suit), who is also Bukoba Rural legislator, has a word with students of the Dar es Salaam-based school who visited the National Assembly in Dodoma on Monday. The tour was the school's "reward" to the more than 120 students for emerging with no lower than Division One passes in the 2018 National Form Four examinations. Second right (gesturing) is Sumve legislator Richard Ndassa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Parliamentary committees pressure govt for legal aid services fund

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PARLIAMENTARY committees on Constitution, Legal Affairs Community Development and Service have vowed to push for the government to set aside funds for legal aid services.

The committees believe that there are so many Tanzanians who cannot afford legal services, thus the need to strengthen the sector and financially support legal aid providers.

Speaking during a meeting convened by the Tanzania Legal Aid Providers Network (TANLAP), the lawmakers noted that legal aid funding is crucial in building human rights and good governance.

Najma Giga, who chaired the meeting, urged fellow MPs from the two committees to work together and support the move for the establishment of Aid Basket Fund or something of that nature.

"It is very important that as a nation we have mechanisms of helping poor Tanzanians who cannot access legal aid get the services because it is one of the basic rights" she said.

The legislators were moved by presentation by TANLAP executive director, Christina Ruhinda which showed that the situation is not good as many people, especially rural dwellers have no access to legal services.

Special Seats MP, Amina Mollele (CCM) contributing on the matter noted that children with special needs need a lot of support from legal aid providers, especially at police stations and courts.

Malindi MP, Ally Saleh (CUF) observed that there is need to increase provision of legal aid in the country, saying, "From the look of things, there is need to push for change in effort to help those who cannot afford legal services."

The meeting was meant to enhancing Legal and Human Rights awareness among Members of Parliament for protection and promotion of citizens' rights, legal aid service and access to justice.

At the end, the meeting resolved to convene at least two sessions per year between TANLAP and Members of the Constitution and Legal Affairs; Community Development and Services Committees to review the situation of human rights, democracy and provision of Legal Aid service in Tanzania.

It also agreed for continued working relationship between TANLAP; Constitution and Legal Affairs Committee; Community Development and Services Committee during debates of various proposed bills before parliamentary sessions.

It also called for members of the

two committees to take appropriate initiatives to advise the government to establish the Legal Aid Basket Fund for effective implementation of Legal Aid Act (2017).

The two committees also pledged to take initiatives to ensure the enactment of the law that recognize and support Human Rights Defenders in Tanzania.

Members of the parliamentary groups also promised to advise the Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children to speed-up the process of review of the NGO Policy, Legislation and its Regulations.

They are also to take initiatives to review criminal laws to recognize DNA evidence to be accepted in gender based violence related cases such as rape.

Their focus is also to take initiatives to repeal and amend inheritance laws to recognize and promote rights of women and children and also to push for thorough investigation on the rape related cases within the families particularly in Dodoma and Kagera. The meeting also called for the MPs to take advocacy role to ensure establishment of well-functioning (allocation of budget) Gender Police desk in all Police stations and posts in Tanzania.

African journalists call for stronger commitment from governments on protection of women

By Gwamaka Alipipi, just back from Kigali

AFRICAN journalists have called for stronger commitment from governments on protection of women and girls from harmful cultural practices and unimplemented policies on sexual and reproductive health to eradicate all forms of Gender based Violence.

Speaking at a media

training organized by the African Women's Developments and Communication Network (Femnet) held in Kigali, Rwanda recently, the journalists urged African governments to provide access and quality of sexual reproductive health services that include access to safe and legal abortions, teenage pregnancies support and family planning services.

The journalists from

eight countries namely Rwanda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Guinea Bissau, Ghana, Zambia and Liberia also insisted for more vigilance by the regional media to ensure that governments do not renege on their promises to Africa's women and girls but instead deliver on commitments as enshrined in critical policy frameworks.

"African countries have policies in place but implementation is next to zero and this is why African governments must do more, she said it is not enough to have commitments on paper but more action is needed," said Femnet Executive Director, Memory

Kachambwa.

Sally Chiwama a veteran women rights journalist from Zambia she said it was a shame that despite all the policies and legal frameworks that we have in Africa, there are still such serious problems because of lack of access to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

She added it is appalling that for many years despite all the coverage that journalists do on the impacts of GBV on women and girls, governments are yet to fully implement their various commitments.

Another Journalists, from Liberia Gloria Tamba said that it is not acceptable that women and girls still die of preventable causes while governments sit and watch.

She said journalists must strategize on how to focus better on reporting these issues but with a specific intention to making a difference.

Merceline Nyambala, a journalist and also the Executive Director of the Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK) called for stronger solidarity amongst African women in media to ensure that issues impacting women and girls get prominent coverage in media platforms.



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UN Women Tanzania is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals from women-led Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) with innovative and high impact programmes on the advancement of gender equality, protection of women's rights and the empowerment of women to implement women economic empowerment on women access to productive resources and finances along climate resilient agriculture in Kigoma Region.

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The objectives of the program are: 1) Women have access to affordable and safe finance, appropriate financing services and products and business skills 2) Women will have increased capacity to invest in climate-resilient agriculture through access to productive resources such as land, finances, information and technology.

The full Call for Proposal (CFP) may be downloaded from
<http://africa.unwomen.org/en/about-us/announcements>

The Call for Proposals will be open until **10th July 2019 23:59** hrs (Tanzanian Time).

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

Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.

All proposal MUST be submitted through email cfp.tanzania@unwomen.org with subject line REF: CFP No. WEE TZ 2019/001 - Call for Proposal to promote women access to productive resources and finances along climate resilient agriculture in Kigoma Region.

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Exim Bank in new initiative to promote blood donation

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania and Tanzania's National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS) have officially partnered up on conducting a blood donation campaign across the bank's branches across the country.

The blood drive is part of Exim Bank Tanzania's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program called Exim Cares.

"The partnership is part of an ongoing commitment by Exim Bank for the past 8 years in driving blood donation initiatives" stated Mr. Stanley Kafu, Head of Marketing and Communication for the bank. The partnership was officially launched today at the bank's branch in Old Moshi Road during the first blood donation drive for 2019.

"The aim of the drive is to contribute to the build-up of blood stock and to create awareness on the importance of donating blood, which is directly correlated to Exim Bank's mantra, Exim at work, today for tomorrow, that not only speaks to the commitment the Bank has in pursuing innovative ways to serve the needs of our customers, but more importantly, how it can drive positive changes in the communities that surrounds it." Said Kafu.

Revealing the details of the partnership, Mr. Kafu said Exim Bank Tanzania will facilitate the planning and execution of 8 blood donation camps in a number of regions including Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mbeya, Tanga, Mtwara and Zanzibar whereas NBTS will work on the technical aspects.

"Furthermore, Exim Bank will organize and conduct awareness programs about blood donation with the aim of motivating people to donate blood and educate on the myths in the



Exim Bank Tanzania north zone cluster head Amos Lyimo (L) and Moshi branch manager Masood Abutwalib (R) donate blood during the bank's annual blood donation day, held as part of the bank's corporate social responsibility drive known as Exim Cares. Attending to them is National Blood Transfusion Services' officer Marygoreth Laswai (2nd-R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

process. It is based on our belief that we have a common vision in creating a better tomorrow that has led and will solidify our strategic partnership. We'll secure tomorrow's blood bank today." Mr. Kafu added.

He further added that the move was also an opportunity for the bank's employees to lead by example, creating a feeling of team accomplishment as the blood drive not only reiterates the bank's commitment to society and to giving back but also reflects the spirit of volunteerism exhibited by the staff and all participating donors.

"Organizing its 9th blood drive this year, Exim bank is demonstrating its humanitarian commitment and role as a good corporate citizen. The bank continuously resumes an active role at the heart of its community and contributes to its betterment." He added

For his part, NBTS Northern Zone Manager Dr Edson Mollel, said in Tanzania, the National Blood Transfusion Services (NBTS) needs to

collect 526,000 units of blood to meet the annual demands in for the country but last the body collected a total of 307,835 units of blood equivalent to 58 per cent of the requirements.

"It's here that we need people to develop the culture of donating blood in all regions across the country, instead of waiting for an emergency to happen." He said while appreciating Exim Bank for joining hands with NBTS for the noble cause of service to humanity.

Dr Mollel Mr said that he had always admired Exim Bank for its public friendly dealings and that by this official partnership, the 5th largest bank in Tanzania and first Tanzania international bank with presence in Comoros, Djibouti and Uganda had taken one more step forward in service to humanity.

Exim Bank has repeatedly shown its commitment to supporting the health sector through various initiatives and CSR projects. In the past years alone, the Bank has donated over 100 units of blood to the national blood bank.

Community Health Systems Strengthening Project

CALL FOR CONSULTANCY

Translation of National Case Management Training Manual and Case Management Practical Handbook

The Community Health and Social Welfare Systems' Strengthening Program (CHSSP) is a five-year USAID/PEPFAR funded project, led by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) and implemented in partnership with World Education Inc. /Bantwana. CHSSP seeks to improve the health, well-being, and protection outcomes for HIV affected and other most vulnerable populations through strengthened linkages between the health and social welfare sectors.

The Government of Tanzania, through Ministry of Health, Community Development, Elderly and Children and PO-RALG in collaboration with CHSS project and other stakeholders developed a National Integrated Case Management System (NICMS) which strengthen better provision of services for priority and key population particularly Most Vulnerable Children (MVC). The system also aims at improving the wellbeing, care and protection of MVC and mitigates the impact of HIV/AIDS on children and vulnerable households.

In order to implement this system the government of Tanzania in collaboration with CHSSP developed a training manual for District Master Trainers, which is used to train Community Caseworkers at community level. The training manual (228pages) is already translated into Kiswahili but the english document (224pages) is still in a draft form.

The training manual has a simplified Practical Handbook as a guide for Community Case Workers in providing services that is finalized in kiswahili (100pages) but the english document (54 pages) is still in a draft as well.

WEI/Bantwana is seeking a highly qualified local consultant to translate the National Integrated Case Management Training Manual and the Practical handbook for Community Case Workers, which are in Kiswahili so as to improve the English drafts to align with the Kiswahili final documents.

Rationale for Translating and Aligning the Documents: All the documents have been finalized in Kiswahili language. The training manual and practical hand book are already translated into Kiswahili and need to be reviewed and synchronized with the English versions which are in draft forms. The English documents will be used by different stakeholders including international users.

Objective of the Assignment: The overall objective of this consultancy is to translate the Swahili National Integrated Case Management Training Manual and Practical Handbook to align with the draft English versions.

Scope of Work: Specific scope of work includes the following;

- Translating the Swahili National Integrated Case Management Training Manual, which will include translating some parts of Kiswahili document to align with the English version.
- Translating the Swahili National Integrated Case Management Practical Handbook, which will include translating some parts of Kiswahili document to align with English version.

Timeframe: The duration for this assignment is expected to be 10 working days in total during the period of the month of June 2019. The assignment will start after signing of a formal contract with World Education Inc.

Consultant's Profile: The consultant should have; a Master's degree in Social Sciences, Linguistic or related field; be able to demonstrate proof of experience in carrying out similar assignments in Tanzania or elsewhere; at least 10 years' experience in working in MVC/OVC and HIV/AIDS issues and knowledge of current developments in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care and case management in general; experience with documents review, formatting and translation; experience of reviewing, editing and translation of documents related to MVC/OVC affected/infected with HIV/AIDS will be an added advantage; have good analytical and writing skills and ability to work with a multi-disciplinary team and proven track record in delivering timely and professional results; excellent writing in both Kiswahili and English, facilitation and presentation skills.

Terms of Application: To apply please send your detailed CV, referees and a proposed plan of execution of the assignment. Submit your application through e-mail no later than 1700hrs, Tuesday the 11th June 2019 to the Country Director, World Education Inc., through email at: info@tz.worlded.org



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE BIASHARA FINANCING INNOVATION FUND (BFIF)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) was incorporated in Tanzania on 1st July 2004. The FSDT's overall aim is to make a contribution to All Tanzanians to (derive value) from regular use of financial services which are delivered with dignity and fairness. FSDT's objective are:

1. Advocating for an improved policy, institutional, legal and regulatory framework at national and sub-national levels of financial services
2. Promoting more relevant market infrastructure and ways to reduce transaction costs between FSPs and potential clients
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FSDT seeks to support projects that will increase penetration of Financial Products, Services and Business Models to serve SMEs.

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- Improve offerings of existing financial products, services and business models through improvements in scale, efficiency and client value;
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Wanted: Initiatives to enhance rice cultivation and production capacity

RICE is a staple food in many countries of Africa and constitutes a major part of the diet in many others. During the past three decades the crop has seen consistent increases in demand and its growing importance is evident in the strategic food security planning policies of many countries. With the exception of a few countries that have attained self-sufficiency in rice production, rice demand exceeds production and large quantities of rice are imported to meet demand at a huge cost in hard currency.

The African continent has been experiencing a consistent increase in the demand of rice. Rice has in the past three decades grown in popularity to become a major feature in the continental diet. It currently takes first position on the list of fastest growing staple foods.

In the early 1970s it was mostly consumed during special events but it has gradually replaced yams, sweet potatoes and cassava on the dinner table. In certain countries like Tanzania, Nigeria and Niger this transformation is particularly glaring. This growth has been shown to have a direct link to the growing incomes, rapid urbanization rates as well as population growth in many of the countries.

It is also associated with the change experienced in the occupational structure of the African family. As more women join the workforce they are capable of buying such convenience foods that require shorter preparation times. At the same time, more men live and work in the urban space away from their families. In these spaces, such foods are also given higher priority than their traditional alternatives.

This rise in popularity is accompanied

by a subsequent drop in the consumption of other native cereals like millet and sorghum. But rice production in Africa has not been able to keep pace with this heightened demand. Only a handful of countries are self-sufficient in this regard. Of the total volume consumed annually, about a third is imported mostly from Asian countries.

However, this is not to say that there are no exceptional performers in rice production on the continent. There have been numerous initiatives to encourage rice cultivation and increase the production capacity.

Africa's inability to reach self-sufficiency in rice is the result of several major constraints in the rice industry which require urgent redress to stem the trend of over-reliance on imports and to satisfy the increasing demand for rice in areas where the potential of local production resources is exploited at very low levels.

The traditional method for cultivating rice is flooding the fields while, or after, setting the young seedlings. This simple method requires sound planning and servicing of the water damming and channeling, but reduces the growth of less robust weed and pest plants that have no submerged growth state, and deters vermin. While flooding is not mandatory for the cultivation of rice, all other methods of irrigation require higher effort in weed and pest control during growth periods and a different approach for fertilizing the soil.

The Government of Japan through its Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is supporting the Coalition for African Rice Development countries, and specifically Kenya, Tanzania and Senegal to develop efficient and inclusive rice value chains for rural transformation.

Let us promote tourism as engine of inclusive growth and sustainable development in Africa

TOURISM is travel for pleasure or business; also the theory and practice of touring, the business of attracting, accommodating, and entertaining tourists, and the business of operating tours. Tourism may be international, or within the traveller's country. The World Tourism Organisation defines tourism more generally, in terms which go beyond the common perception of tourism as being limited to holiday activity only, as people traveling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure and not less than 24 hours, business and other purposes.

Tourism can be domestic or international, and international tourism has both incoming and outgoing implications on a country's balance of payments.

Tourism suffered as a result of a strong economic slowdown of the late-2000s recession, between the second half of 2008 and the end of 2009, and the outbreak of the H1N1 influenza virus, but slowly recovered. The ITB Berlin is the world's leading tourism trade fair.

The Africa Tourism Association (ATA) is set to host World Tourism Conference in July this year in South Africa.

According to a statement issued by ATA, the World Tourism Conference will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa on July 22 - 26, 2019, and will highlight the opportunities tourism can bring to African economies.

In less than 15 years Africa's travel and hospitality sectors have quadrupled in size, and according to the World Tourism Organization, remains one of the world's fastest-growing tourist destinations, second only to Southeast Asia. The sector's growth presents enormous opportunities and represents 8.5% of the continent's GDP and contributes to 6.7% of total employment.

The conference, hosted by ATA in partnership with South Africa Tourism, will focus on innovative business models, best practices, creative

industries, and strategic partnerships growing the tourism sector. The Conference will bring together government leaders, international investors, industry stakeholders, and travel professionals from across the globe and recognise the countries and businesses leading the way in sustainable tourism. Programming throughout the conference has been designed to encourage discussions around tourism as a platform for resiliency, an engine for economic growth and job creation.

This year ATA has partnered with Jacobs Media Group (JMG) through the Global Travel and Tourism Resilience Council. The Resilience Council, formerly the ITCMS, is deeply engaged in providing thought leadership for the travel and tourism sector in every corner of the globe. JMG is honoured to join ATA in their annual travel and tourism trade initiatives taking place this year in Johannesburg. Aside from being a glorious travel destination, South Africa copes with challenges derived from societal issues, yet the country is always striving to find new ways to address and manage the unique concerns of both country and continent. Taking place on the 24th, the day will focus on recovery and resilience initiatives, the critical nature of crisis communications and planning for, during and after a crisis to ensure resiliency in the travel and tourism sector.

The decision to host this year's conference in South Africa was an easy one; South Africa's infrastructure combined with magnificent scenic beauty, cultural diversity and reputation for delivering value-for-money experiences, have made it one of the world's fastest growing tourism destinations. According to the World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) 2018 annual review of economic impact, South Africa's 1.5 million jobs and ZAR 425.8 billion contribution to the economy was the largest of any African nation. South Africa is among the top 15 long-haul business events destinations globally and is the premier business events destination in Africa.



By Zekarias Sintayehu

CHINA has called on more African countries to join the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), dubbed 'project of the century,' during the dialogue that was held on May 30, 2019 in Addis Ababa. The head of Chinese Mission to the African Union (AU), Ambassador Liu Yuxi, called on all parties to pool wisdom and strengths to join the cooperation under the BRI.

The Ambassador stated that 39 African countries and the African Union Commission have signed the BRI documents with China and urged more African countries and external parties to join the BRI, transcending regions and development phases to build a partnership that promotes global connectivity and common development.

The Belt and Road Dialogue for China-Africa focuses on Africa's connectivity, digital economy, energy and industrial development, and aims to provide a platform for China and Africa to jointly address the challenges facing the development of infrastructure, human and financial resources and for Chinese and African businesses to explore cooperation opportunities.

By Yonas Abiye

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) have expressed their distaste over the audit reports presented by the Federal Auditor General. The report revealed that no improvements have been made year after year. In that regard, MPs demanded a special hearing session with each top official of the federal budget recipient organizations, to face the House of People's Representatives (HPR) in the presence of the Prime Minister.

This call from legislators was made during Thursday's regular session whereby MPs heard the Auditor General's audit report - which was said to have audited 174 federal organizations - on their financial utilization and performances during the fiscal year of 2017/18.

According to the audit findings presented by Gemechu Dubiso, Auditor General, almost all of the budgets recipient institutions did not implement the legislative body's "urgent instructions" to settle their unaccounted multi-billion birr finances.

Led by the current House Speaker, Tadesse Chaffo, the House, in March this year, instructed all of the federal intuitions to collect their finances which have been unaccounted for years, before the end of this fiscal year. At that time, the leaders of

China urges more African countries to join its BRI

Noting the entering into force of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) as an opportunity, China is planning to capitalize on AfCFTA to connect African and Chinese markets to promote the free movement of goods, persons, capital and technologies, quicken the pace of "soft connectivity" of policies, regulations and standards, and take concrete measures to coordinated development in the interests of safeguarding the momentum of economic globalization and free trade facilitation.

During the dialogue, representatives from African countries, external partners, international organizations, African think tanks and Chinese businesses have participated and high officials including former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Hailemariam Dessalegn, former Kenyan Prime Minister, Raila Odinga, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Seyoum Mesfin were among the panelists. Seyoum referred

to the Initiative as a global phenomenon in which China presented the world with an idea and a plan of massive scale and proportions. He noted that the colonial escapade left the African continent with meager infrastructure, developed largely to facilitate the desire to appropriate resources and ascertain extended rule.

The BRI launched in 2013 capturing the imagination and interest of the world community and its financial investment amounts to USD 900. China has played a vital role in building infrastructures and constructing new networks in Africa. The continent has benefited a lot from the series of road and rail networks, telecom and electricity lines and import-export trade. Some perceive China as a new colonial power in Africa referring to the 'debt trap' in which many African countries are struggling not to lose their big infrastructures. But Seyoum argued that the 'debt trap' is blown far out of proportion. He concertized

his argument by referring to the debt figures. "Out of Africa's debt, China's share amounts to only twenty percent of the total owed to foreign creditors. Eighty percent of what Africa owes is to the West, and mainly to private lenders," he noted. Even though he acknowledged the genuine concern, he said most of China's loans are flexible and concessional, which could be adjusted on the basis of bilateral arrangements.

Odinga on his part said that the annual infrastructure gap stands at around USD 170 billion. He further noted very few of African governments have sufficient finances to fund infrastructure investment by themselves but majority of African nations are forced to rely on either loans from wealthy countries or on private companies willing to take the risk. He hoped the implementation of the continental free trade agreement can increase African states attractiveness to private infrastructure investors.

Irate MPs demand top officials to face House, PM over audit findings

various institutions were told to collect some two billion birr which was left uncollected.

According to the Gemechu, so far, only five institutions have settled their finances as per the instruction, while the remaining majority failed to do so. The report disclosed that those majority organizations rather claim to have set a plan to collect the unaccounted finances for the upcoming budget year.

It was this report that sparked anger and irritation among MPs, stating that they were sick and tired of the same failures and the same excuses given by the institutions year after year.

The report has found out an unaccounted and inappropriate expenditure worth a sum of 4.2 billion birr by 129 of the audited institutions.

Out of the stated total amount, some 763 million birr is unaccounted for in a period of one year, while 2.3 billion birr has taken more than five years, due to failures to provide appropriate documents in how and why it was spent.

Furthermore, Gemechu told the House that the audit has identified more than 430 million birr budget

spent by organizations, but does not know which budget year it was spent in.

Presenting his annual audit report to the House, Gemechu said that a total of over one billion birr worth of illegal procurements were made by several government offices during the budget year.

This type of report is not new for the Auditor General who has been presenting a similar report for almost a decade in a row. During the previous year, the sum of money through illegal procurement and expenditures, unaccounted and uncollected revenues reached 20 billion birr.

In addition, the report revealed that 53 government offices and four branch offices had a 531 million birr unaccounted and illegal expenses. Of which, 312 million birr was spent from the regular budget, whereas 208 million birr was embezzled from the capital budget. A sum of 3.6 billion birr receivables which was supposed to be collected before the end of the budget year is also not collected.

"Due to mismanagement of the government's budget, huge infrastructure projects have not been

completed in a timely manner," the Auditor General stressed, adding, "Over 246 million birr was wasted on 16 projects which were launched without feasibility studies."

Gemechu said that several state run universities were at the forefront in presenting wrong reports and 67 - 85 percent of their purchases were not done properly.

Furthermore, the report has revealed other financial mismanagements and irregularities of account documentations in several institutions of the federal government and a breach of the budget proclamation by several institutions.

Gemechu hopes that the law enforcement activities underway by the new Attorney General, Berhanu Tsegaye, against unaccounted and illegal expenses as well as uncollected revenues, will be bearing fruits.

MPs, with their patience pushed to the limit, are pushing the government to take an immediate action through the Attorney General rather than giving further time for public institutions to improve their financial embezzlement and project implementations, especially in mega projects.

From Indonesia with a bagful of rich memories on tourism

By Bahati Hoza, just back from Jakarta

TOURING the Republic of Indonesia can prove refreshing, physically and emotionally taxing but also mesmerising all rolled into one, all the more so for a first-time visiting foreigner.

The sheer unique nature of the Southeast Asian archipelago nation of more than 17,000 islands that lies between the Indian and Pacific oceans makes part of the explanation.

I had the chance to be on a recent two-week marathon familiarisation trip to Indonesia, our delegation comprising foreign media practitioners and tour operators.

A representative of the latter from Tanzania happened to be Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) executive secretary Sirili Akko, who would time and again talk about the history of bilateral trade and other links between the two countries.

As happened, it was later confirmed that Tanzania and Indonesia are determined to build on those relations in part leading to the promotion of their tourism industries and generally stepping up their social and cultural cooperation for mutual benefit.

It soon dawned on some members of our delegation that tourism stood as one of the pillars of both countries' social and economic development, and hence the spirited efforts they were making to sell the sectors to the outside world.

It was by no means a coincidence that our guided tour saw us visiting what are believed to be among the most touted and therefore most famous tourist attractions that have combined to make Indonesia, the world's largest island country of over 261 million people, become a globally acknowledged tourism destination of choice.

Joan Radina Setiawan, Head of Information and Socio-Cultural Cooperation at the Indonesian Embassy in Tanzania, happily accompanied us all the way from Dar es Salaam. It was from him that we were later to learn that the trip we were making would be neither the first nor the last but that it would be an annual event "as part of our government's efforts to implement the Tourism ministry's campaign named "Ten Priority Tourism Destinations" ("10 Destinasi Wisata Prioritas" in Indonesian) but popularly dubbed as "The New Bali".

"The ten destinations are Borobudur Temple, Lake Toba, Mount Bromo, Komodo National Park, Kepulauan Seribu, Mandalika, Wakatobi Islands, Tanjung Kelayang Beach, Tanjung Lesung Beach and Morotai Island," Setiawan told us.

We were told that efforts to promote other destinations in the country included creating and improving tourism infrastructure facilities such as hotels, home stays, restaurants, handicrafts and souvenir art markets as well as bettering interconnection with the respective regions by improving airports now in place and establishing new ones.



Dr R Sigit Witjaksono, Director of Tourism Marketing for South and Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa in the Indonesian Tourism ministry, had occasion during our tour to intimate to us that tourism was an important component of the country's economy.

He described tourism as "a truly significant source of our foreign exchange revenues", adding that the government was fighting hard to ensure that the sector contributed even more to GDP - the thrust of the strategy to that effect being on doing the utmost to make Indonesia increasingly attractive to domestic and foreign tourists alike.

Dr Witjaksono said one of major initiatives the government had taken towards that end was the endorsement of the implementation of a visa-free policy.

"Tourists holding passports from about 169 countries and territories are eligible to enter and remain in Indonesia without a visa for 30 days. However, the visa-free facility does not allow changes into other permits or visa extension," he explained.

The director also shed light on Indonesia's new campaign to promote other destinations, saying: "For a long time, Indonesian tourism relied heavily on the charm of Bali as a drawing force to attract tourists. As the result, most foreign visitors remain drawn to and concentrated only in Bali, which already has quite well-developed

Bali Tourism Department officials (with name tags) in a group photo with Joan Radina Setiawan (R), Head of Information and Socio-Cultural Cooperation at the Indonesian Embassy in Tanzania, and some members of the Tanzanian delegation on a just-ended tour of Indonesia. The others are Indonesian Embassy (Tanzania) staffer Gustav Manda (2nd-L) and TATO executive secretary Sirili Akko (3rd-L) and the writer of this piece. The person appearing at third right was not immediately identified. Photo: Special Correspondent

tourism culture and infrastructure."

"In an effort to ensure relatively equitable distribution of wealth derived from tourism and generate tourism-related economic opportunities among Indonesian provinces, the national tourism authority is busy creating more centres of attraction to serve as alternatives to Bali," he added.

Dr Witjaksono gave the example of the "Wonderful Indonesia" concept, which he said highlights Indonesia's "wonderful" nature, cultures, people, food and the appreciation of the value for money principle.

"After the campaign was launched, Indonesia reported an increase in the number of foreign visitors - from 7,002,944 in 2010 to 7,649,731 in 2011 and to 8,044,462 in 2012," he said.

Indonesia currently holds a proud nine items on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list: the wayang puppet theatre, kris, batik, education and training on making Indonesian batik, angklung, saman dance, noken, and the three genres of traditional Balinese dance.

Speaking on the sidelines of a meeting with the head of the Association of Indonesia Tour and Travel Agencies (ASITA), TATO's Sirili Akko described his experience during the Indonesia trip as a ground-breaking eye-opener. He expressed hope for "brighter future cooperation" between tour operators and other tourism stakeholders in both countries.

"The cooperation should continue to include and aim for the promotion of tourist destinations in both countries and the sharing of information and expertise between the stakeholders in the sector for mutual benefit," he said.

Our delegation also learned that most tourists commonly head for the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, for international MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions). As is now well acknowledged, this is a type of tourism in which large groups, usually planned well in advance, are brought together.

Incentive tourism is usually undertaken as a type of employee reward by a company or institution for targets met or exceeded, or a job well done. Unlike the other types of MICE tourism, incentive tourism is usually conducted purely for entertainment, rather than professional or education purposes.

Other attraction for Indonesia include the Asian Games, as confirmed to The Guardian by none other an authority than Dr Witjaksono in an exclusive interview with The Guardian in Jakarta: "We have many facilities for sports tourism. We also have numerous other readily accessible tourist attractions on our thousands of small islands which many people especially from the Middle East like to explore."

"In Jakarta itself we also have a big miniature park, where one can find

representative evidence of cultures from across Indonesia, not to mention two of our national landmarks - the National Museum and the Old Town, both dating from the Dutch colonial times but still maintained in their original design and form," he noted.

Visibly elated, Dr Witjaksono spoke at length about how people from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Africa commonly flock to Jakarta, a city more than four centuries old, for shopping, "as we have huge well-stocked shopping malls offering relatively low prices".

Asked for comment on the impact of tourism in Indonesia in general and Bali in particular, the director said: "We are a predominantly Muslim country, but there are five other religions in place. But despite this, most of our people respect one another and all religious beliefs and practices or activities without discrimination."

He confessed to the fact tourism is not all about milk, honey and dollars, so to speak, but was emphatic: "In the event of any signs of the industry having negative impact on our country and nation, we always do our best to minimise whatever harm we sense so that we can continue to reap decent benefits from the sector."

"We cannot disregard entertainment because it is the part and parcel of tourism, but we always try to introduce a wide range of decent choices to suit the highly diversified nature visitors. We respect every religion and everyone should feel safe to come to Indonesia," he added.

Dr Witjaksono also hinted on the government's plans to develop underserved areas with huge potential as tourist attractions, one being Toba Lake, saying: "Regional authorities have direct control over their activities, but from time to time they do consult the Tourism ministry."

"The ministry extends some financial assistance to the regional authorities and the government sets aside a budget for the development of these areas, but it doesn't have any direct command there," he added.

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UNITED NATIONS

THE plant-life on the Pacific Islands is currently under threat as protections against diseases and pests are left in the hands of under-trained personnel with limited facilities.

Talei Fidow-Moors, the Principal Quarantine Officer at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Samoa, warned in a statement to IPS of an "increased potential of introducing regulated pests and diseases that pose a serious threat to agriculture, livelihood and fragile ecosystems."

Plant biosecurity aims at protecting plants from these diseases and pests that non-native species bring into a region. The World Health Organization (WHO) calls biosecurity an "essential of sustainable agricultural development."

Despite its importance, over a five-week training course with the Pacific Plant Biosecurity Partnership (PPBP) that finished on May 31, biosecurity 'champions' from countries across the Pacific Islands noted

biological threats largely due to a lack in knowledge of biosecurity, which the training program attempted to begin to address.

IPS spoke with three biosecurity 'champions' from Kiribati, Samoa, and Vanuatu who were in training with the PPBP to increase biosecurity provisions.

Each representative identified a lack in knowledge as the main obstacle on the Pacific Islands that has thwarted attempts to achieve biosecurity aims.

The Pacific Islands have been experiencing an on-going increase in trade and tourism, but with this increase comes an increase in potential pests and diseases crossing the borders. These pests and diseases pose a serious threat to natural plant-life on the islands.

Tekataake Oromita, a representative from the Biosecurity and Plant Health Section of the Agriculture and Livestock Division of Kiribati told IPS that plant biosecurity is the "first line of defence against biological threat," but one that often gets swept under the rug.

For Oromita, the main issue

Limitations seen in knowledge about plant biosecurity behind increases in biological threats

is "the lack of appropriate facilities and specialised people in the Biosecurity field."

Without proper training and facilities, the importing of diseases and pests becomes all too easy.

Sylvie Boulekouran, from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity (MALFFB) in Vanuatu, told IPS that she worries, "due to staff limited knowledge on inspection and early detection of weed seeds, imported machineries tend

to enter the country without proper inspection."

Boulekouran identified coconut rhinoceros beetles as a significant threat to biosecurity in Vanuatu.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Vanuatu states that at least 75 percent of the population lives in rural areas and lists copra (dried kernels from coconuts) as the main cash crop of the region.

Coconut rhinoceros beetles cause damage to the palm trees

that produce that cash-crop, and if not controlled, this could have severe effects for rural populations, and for the country's economy as a whole.

She told IPS of her concern that combating coconut rhinoceros beetles and weeds proves difficult when "biosecurity Vanuatu plant health staff have limited skills and knowledge to carry out diagnostics and identification of pests intercepted at the Vanuatu borders."

Not only are diagnostics difficult with limited training, but also with limited facilities.

Currently in Vanuatu, there are no facilities for identifying threats. Samples are sent to neighbouring countries like New Zealand, making the interception of pests and diseases time-consuming, and they often fail to do so quickly enough.

Oromita sees similar issues at the border of Kiribati.

She told IPS she would like to see "robust import conditions [that] will ensure that imported commodities are free from pest and diseases and enhance safe trade."

She added that there is a

need for "establishing and incorporate[ing] changes at borders to facilitate effective biosecurity inspection and identification of infested consignments."

Adding to limited training and limited facilities is the major difficulty facing all three countries: climate change.

Climate change has been a constant difficulty for maintaining biosecurity in the region. In Samoa, increases in tropical cyclones and rising sea levels have added to food insecurity.

In Kiribati, Oromita noted that climate change makes plants even "more vulnerable to the impact of pest and diseases, hence threatening food security and the environment."

With the forces of climate change bearing down on their countries, the representatives see a need to push for more training in identification of biosecurity threats, and more facilities with which to identify.

The representatives from the Pacific Islands all believe in the need for a conversation to take place at a global level about plant biosecurity.

Oromita said to IPS that at "an international level it would be helpful if we all take Biosecurity as [a] serious matter, whether we are making policies or providing financial grants."

When asked by IPS what international bodies, like the United Nations, can be doing to help, Fidow-Moors replied: "The UN and its citizens can motivate countries of the world and people from all walks of life, providing everyone with a deeper understanding of nature, society, a better quality of life and a sustainable and healthy environment for present and future generations."

But the representatives are not without hope.

While each biosecurity representative sees the difficulties in increasing provisions, they all return to their countries after the training session with optimistic minds.

Fidow-Moors told IPS: "It is a challenge which I believe is worth attempting to overcome, so as to exert positive changes for our small island nation."

FEATURES

By Guardian Correspondent

Poland to invest heavily in Tanzania's health sector

TANZANIA has a hierarchical health system which is in tandem with the political administrative hierarchy. At the bottom there are the dispensaries found in every village where the village leaders have a direct influence in its running. The health centres are found at ward level and the health centre in charge is answerable to the ward leaders. At the district there is a district hospital and at regional level a regional referral hospital. The tertiary level is usually the zone hospitals and at national level there is the national hospital. There are also some specialised hospitals which do not fit directly into this hierarchy and therefore are directly linked to the ministry of health.

Health care financing is among the key component of a functional health system. Financing involves three aspects, namely revenue collection, risk pooling, and purchasing. In recent years, there has been a growing demand for access to high-quality and affordable care for all, thus the government is committed to respond with a process of developing health financing strategy is underway since early 2013. An inter-ministerial steering committee has been developed, composed of key ministries and department to ensure that the proposed reforms meet the needs of the population.

The government has several key plans and policies guiding health-care provision and development. The Health Sector Strategic Plan III (2009-15) is guided by the Vision 2015 and guides planning for health facilities. The Big Results Now (BRN) was copied from the Malaysian Model of Development and placed health as a key national result area and mainly was for priority setting, focused planning and efficient resource use.^[4] There are many other policies aiming at improving the health system and health care provision in Tanzania.

The leading causes of mortality in Tanzania include: HIV 17 per cent, lower respiratory infections 11 per cent, malaria 7 per cent, diarrheal diseases 6 per cent, tuberculosis 5 per cent, cancer 5 per cent, ischemic heart disease 3 per cent, stroke 3 per cent, STDs 3 per cent and sepsis 2 per cent and this shows the double burden of disease the country has to bear.

In the same vein, Poland has pledged



Minister Jaffo with the representative of the Polish delegation Julius Zallah (2nd Right) receiving the map of Poland.

to build 191 health centres across the country, which will be fully equipped with medicines for the provision of quality health services. Expectant mothers and children will be the beneficiaries of the services who had been walking long distances in search of the services. It will be a great relief for the centres which be situated near their homes.

The Minister in the President's Office for Regional Administration and Local Government, Suleiman Jaffo has promised to cooperate with Polish investors. Minister Jaffo said when he was receiving the investors from Poland who came to meet him so as to discuss how they will provide support to the health sector by constructing health centres in various district councils in the coun-

try. During their visit with the Minister Jaffo they had agreed to put in place strategies of constructing health centres.

According to the minister plans were under way to rehabilitate and improve health centres all over the country.

He has commended Poland for having a good and cordial relations with Tanzania especially in improving health services in the country.

He said that the project has come at the right and appropriate time especially when the government is building various hospitals in the country so that people will get health services and be in good health which is

very crucial.

Poland is a country which has made strides in various technologies in sectors such as health, agriculture and industry. Therefore it is very important to cooperate with them so as to enable our experts to learn from them and hence improve service delivery in the local hospitals and health centres.

The minister promised to cooperate with the investors so as to improve the health services of hospitals to get modern equipment. The investors through their host Othman Nyoni of Tanzania Support Programme (TSP) visited various hospitals in the country and had commended

the government for improving health services in the country.

For his part, Representative from Poland, Julius Zallah, thanked the minister for good reception and promised to implement all issues which they had agreed on including getting access to money for building health centres from medical equipment hospital called ALVO from Poland.

The investors have invited Minister Jaffo to visit Poland in order to facilitate the implementation of the agreements and solve the challenge of people who travel long distances in search of health services. The Polish investors had ensured the minister that the services would be close to the people closer to people.

For their part, directors of the Kigamboni City College of Health and Allied Sciences, have commended the coming of investors from Poland ever since they came to Dodoma for the trade fair organised by Nacte which brought together various colleges in the country.

The directors were Baraka Erasto, Shabani Amir Mwangi and Abubakari Ali. They have said the investors who own pharmaceutical industries and colleges for medical Sciences will share experiences with us and help us to build an industry for medical supplies and this will make the directors to accomplish their dreams and realizing the goal of the fifth phase government of having an industrial economy.

The local investors are very determined to support Tanzanians by building the pharmaceutical industry and the hospitals. The industry will create employment opportunities for students after graduating from the medical colleges in the country. The industry is expected to be built by the Kigamboni City College of Health and Allied Sciences.

The directors are expected to go to Poland at the invitation of

Light For Africa Foundation to learn about medical industry and pharmaceutical industry practices.

For his part, the owner of ALVO medical equipment industries has promised to cooperate with the College to solve challenges facing it such as finances and modern equipment for the pharmaceutical industry which is expected to be built by the college.

The chairman of Light For Africa Foundation, Julius Zallah, requested the college directors to prepare good business plan which will stipulate the projects which they want to be assisted by the investors. He has also promised that his Foundation will cooperate with the college to see how they will assist it to deal with the challenges.

"We are determined to support the college so as to ensure that it reaches the European standards. We will bring in new technologies and know how."

The main challenge facing the college is that the equipment which they had was dilapidated for a long time ago. We will bring experts and we will complete the buildings," he said.

The students should also reach the international standards in competence. "We will also discuss this issue with other colleges in the European Union and see how we can support you," he explained.

The managing directors of the Kigamboni College of Health and Allied Sciences, Baraka Erasto, Abubakari Ali, and Shabani Mwangi who are the directors of the college, and hospital and pharmaceutical industry, said that the cooperation with the investors will help them to get new technologies, know how and equipment, to build more classrooms and constructing a modern hospital and also exchange experiences.

"We will also have exchange programmes whereby our students will go to Poland and students and staff from Poland will come to Tanzania. Already we have opened a door for cooperation with international colleges," he said.

Can Cape Verde keep drug traffickers out?

BY MOUHAMADOU KANE

IN early 2019, Cape Verde (Cabo Verde) police found 9.5 tons of cocaine on a Panama-flagged vessel - the biggest such drug seizure made in the country. The vessel, which was bound for Tangiers, Morocco, made an emergency stopover in Praia, the capital of Cape Verde, following the death of a crew member on board. Police said the cocaine was concealed in 260 packages and all 11 crew members were Russian.

Cape Verde's location makes it an important transshipment and storage point for drugs trafficked from Latin America to Europe (see map below). According to a 2016 report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Cape Verde topped the list of countries in West Africa where the highest quantity of cocaine was seized between 2009 and 2014 - both at sea and on land. This is followed by The Gambia, Nigeria and Ghana.

In 2016, 280 kg of cocaine were seized from a Brazil-flagged ship. Police said the drug shipment was intercepted as it was being transferred to a United States-flagged yacht after the ship ran out of fuel. Four Brazilians, one Cape Verdean and a Russian were reportedly arrested during the operation. Other Cape Verdeans were arrested in Assomada on Santiago island, where Praia is also located. These seizures shed light on the presence of Russian mafia operating in Cape Verde.

According to a European Commission report, cocaine is not only transiting through Cape Verde - it is increasingly being used in the country. Speaking to ENACT, a Cape Verdean journalist, who asked to remain anonymous, said 'drug addiction has reached an alarming rate in Cape Verde over the past years'. However, there is currently no reliable data on the scale of drug use or its impact on the country.

Drugs are also steadily becoming associated with violence and criminality in Cape Verde. The high financial stakes



underpinning the illicit market for cocaine harden the resolve of criminal groups to secure and sustain their activities, despite government measures.

Criminal networks also allegedly threaten officials. Those directly involved in the fight against drugs avoid speaking publicly out of fear of reprisals. In 2014, the mother of the top anti-drug investigator was killed; and the prime minister's son was injured in a shooting several months later. Both attacks were linked to a government clampdown on drugs.

According to the Economist Intelligence Unit 2018 Democracy Index, Cape Verde is ranked 26th, right after

Despite dedicated efforts by its government, the island nation is in danger of being labelled a narco-state. File photo

the US and second in Africa, behind Mauritius. These incidents, if not contained, are likely to tarnish the country's image as a model democracy. At the same time, drug-related violence could affect the booming tourism sector. According to the Horwath Hotel, Tourism and Leisure report of February 2018, tourism contributed up to 48% of the Cape Verdean national GDP in 2016.

Drug money is said to be present all over the island. According to a 2016 evaluation by the country's Financial Information Unit, Cape Verde is particularly

vulnerable to money laundering related to drug trafficking. The study showed that criminals were using businesses, notaries, non-governmental organisations and real estate companies to launder money. UNODC head for West and Central Africa Pierre Lapaque told Al Jazeera in 2016 that dirty money was inserted into the economy, and nobody really knew how much.

Cape Verde has been engaged in a fierce battle against drug trafficking and criminal organisations for some time. The dedication of local authorities to counter the illicit

drug trade and organised crime has earned the country technical and financial support from foreign allies, such as France, the US and Portugal.

In 2018, the government put in place a five-year national programme against drugs and related crimes. The programme responds to recommendations of the European Union-funded action plan of the Economic Community of West African States on drug trafficking across West Africa. However this €6.3 billion plan is not yet fully operational due to a lack of funding. Cape Verde has also benefited

from technical support from the UNODC, which has provided training to police.

The eradication of drug trafficking is a long-term priority. It requires multi-layered responses and substantial funds. The international community should support Cape Verde's national action plan and its full implementation by 2023. This will prevent the country being labelled a narco-state - a mark that threatens political and economic stability, and damages the tourism industry.

NGO donates assorted food items to Dar refugee families

By Guardian Reporter

A non-governmental organization—'Time To Help' has donated assorted food items worth 10m/- to 250 refugee families living in the country's commercial capital, Dar es Salaam.

The donation is part of celebrating Eid al-Fitr—a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadhan, the Islamic holy month of fasting.

Ibrahimu Ibrahimu, secretary of the organization said that they donated the items to

refugee families so that they actively take part in the key Muslims' celebrations.

Time to Help has been engaging in assisting the needy with humanitarian aids such as health, education, drilling water wells, and school and health facilities buildings.

Planning officer of Relief to Development Society (REDESO) Simon Ndoika commended the organization for extending the hand of support to refugee families living in the metropolitan city of Dar es Salaam.

He said that the beneficiaries of the donated food stuff

are the refugees who are in the city for various reason including treatments.

We're not part of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), but we're working close with the organization," he said, revealing that most of the refugees

who are in Dar es Salaam are from Burundi, Rwanda, Yemen and Sudan.

"Most of these refugees live in special house and they are here for treatment, and others are waiting to go back to their home countries."

REDESO is one of the leading

projects implementing partner to the UNHCR in refugee camps and local communities in TANZANIA. Also the organization is implementing sustainable community development programs in refugee-affected areas in Kagera, Kigoma and Tanga regions.

Bank awards the last round of winners of its 'Double Your Deposit' campaign

By Guardian Reporter

STANDARD Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited yesterday announced its winners of the last raffle dubbed: 'Double Your Deposit' campaign which is aimed at enhancing financial inclusion and the culture of savings through its recently launched digital bank on mobile.

The newly launched Digital Bank on Mobile, which is accessible via the SC Mobile Tanzania App, enables individuals to open accounts wherever they are without needing to visit the Bank's branches at any stage of the account opening process.

This was the last raffle draw after a series of 3 past raffle draw events. The 'Double Your Deposit' Campaign that began from 31st March, 2019 to 31st May, 2019, has awarded a total of 20 winners.

Five winners were picked at yesterday's raffle of the 'Double your Deposit' campaign. Bank's manager of corporate affairs, brand and marketing, Mariam Sezinga, said that the Campaign had been running for eight weeks and that it is geared towards rewarding the bank's individual clients in the personal and priority segments by doubling their deposits.

She added that the campaign also incorporated additional monetary prizes to enable more clients benefit from the campaign.

Geoffrey Roderick Seme emerged as the overall winner of the last raffle of the Standard Chartered Bank's "Double your Deposit" campaign, seeing him double the amount that he has deposited at the Bank through the SC Mobile Tanzania App.

The Bank also announced four other winners for various categories of the campaign. These include; Lilian Zeramula who won 500,000/-, Julius Theodore Moshiro who won 250,000/-, Edgar Mwombeki Kiiza won 50,000/- and Francisca Gerwin Faya won 50,000/-.

Speaking about the campaign, Sezinga said that the campaign has provided the opportunity for Tanzanians to enhance the culture of savings through the Bank's recently launched Digital Bank on Mobile. She also thanked the Bank's clients for having shown keen interest in the campaign and advised that the Bank would keep on focusing on innovation to make access to banking services easier and seamless.

"I am happy to inform you that our Digital Bank on Mobile and the 'Double Your Deposit' campaign has been well received in the market and we have been opening more than double the number of accounts that we would otherwise open through our normal branch channels thereby enhancing Financial inclusion which is one of our main goals of introducing the Digital Bank on Mobile," Sezinga said.

The Digital Bank on Mobile which was launched towards the end of February this year is accessible through the SC Mobile Tanzania App that can either be found on Play store or App store.

Sezinga urged more Tanzanians to leverage on the digital bank to access over 70 banking services round the clock.



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Simanjiro district commissioner Zephaniah Chaula (L) and district executive director Yefred Myenzi lend a hand in construction work at the district hospital – in Langai ward – yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey



INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR QUOTATION RFQ 2019/01-153

FOR THE SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS FOR USAID BORESHA AFYA PROJECT

Jhpiego (pronounced "ja-pie-go"), is an international non-profit health organization affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University.

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Jhpiego Tanzania office hereby invites for submission of sealed bids from bidders for the supply of medical equipment's for USAID Boresha Afya Project.

A prospective bidder having any question regarding this RFP shall send an email 3 days prior to the due date and time for submission of offers to the following addresses: TZ-Jhpiegobids@jhpigo.org. All proposals in one original plus one copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address given below before **Tuesday, 18th June 2019 at 11:00 a.m.** Offers must be submitted to the Jhpiego Offices where the bidding documents were collected from and must be addressed to:

The Country Director
Jhpiego Tanzania
P.O. Box 9170,
Dar es Salaam,
Tanzania.

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INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR QUOTATION RFQ 2019/02-199

FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO RE-CUSTOMIZE AND CONFIGURE EXISTING ELECTRONIC MALARIA SLIDE BANK DATABASE FOR ZANZIBAR MALARIA ELIMINATION PROGRAM

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Interested eligible bidders may collect or request a complete set of bidding documents at the address given below from **Monday to Thursday 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM (GMT+3)** and Friday from **8.00 AM to 1.30 PM (GMT+3)** local time except on public holidays.

All bids in one original plus one copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address given below before **Wednesday April 24th, 2019 at 11:00 AM.**

Late bids, electronic bids, bids not received shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Offers must be delivered on or before the due date to:

The Country Director
Jhpiego Tanzania
Plot No. 72, Block 45B, Victoria Area, New Bagamoyo Road

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Corruption invites organised crime

BY JIHANE BEN YAHIA

ON 17 December 2010, young Tunisian street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi set himself alight in front of the local governor's office in an ultimate attempt to denounce corruption and injustice in his country. This act of despair triggered the Arab Spring.

Eight years later, despite the government's sustained efforts, corruption seems to be more prevalent in Tunisia than it was under former president Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali. This trend is confirmed by Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index.

In 2010, Tunisia was ranked 59th out of 178 countries (the higher the ranking, the greater the perception of public sector corruption). A year later, it was ranked at 73rd, a position it has more or less maintained since then. The trend has been the same in other North African countries. Morocco is ranked 81st, Algeria 112th, Egypt 117th and Libya 172nd.

In mid-2017, Tunisian Prime Minister Youssef Chahed declared a 'war on corruption', leading to the arrests and asset freezes of various businesspeople, politicians, journalists, police and customs officers. They were charged with corruption or other crimes, including smuggling and money laundering. Among these, the case of prominent businessman Chafik Jarraya highlights the connections between business, politics and criminal groups, and how corruption among officials is fuelling these connections.

Jarraya allegedly built his fortune on smuggling, which also involved members of former president Ben Ali's family. After the January 2011 revolution, Jarraya funded several political parties while maintaining relations with criminal and even terrorist groups in Tunisia and Libya, according to authorities. His alleged links to arms

deals with a leading figure in Libya's post-revolutionary militias led to his arrest under the 1978 State of Emergency law for 'undermining the integrity of the state'.

In the same period, the rare testimony of a member of Ben Ali's family, Imed Trabelsi, was released as part of the transitional justice process in Tunisia. The testimony revealed widespread corruption in the customs administration that allowed extensive smuggling operations through bribes. This shed light on how corruption created opportunities for the illegal smuggling of alcohol and copper.

To ordinary citizens trying to access public services they are entitled to, being expected to bribe an official is inconvenient and unacceptable. But to a trafficker or criminal aiming to bypass the law, the chance to bribe an official is an opportunity.

According to the Washington DC-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, corruption is a direct and major cause of economic and political instability in North Africa. This situation is not unique to Tunisia, or indeed the region.

In Algeria, the seizure of over 700 kg of cocaine in May last year exposed the alleged involvement of government officials in a trafficking scheme of unprecedented scale. After an initial round of arrests directed at the owner of the containers and the ship's crew, members of the judiciary were dismissed on suspicion of corruption linked to the seizure.

The head of national security was fired and five army generals were arrested on corruption charges connected to the case. As highlighted by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, an increase in the use of the North African route by cocaine traffickers could generate more



corruption in the region.

In Morocco, the *baksheesh* (bribe) system also underpins the drug economy and corruption networks. The northern region of the Rif is a known hub for the production and export of most of the world's cannabis, but faces few repercussions from authorities. Arrests in 2018 exposed the involvement in drug

trafficking of members of Moroccan armed forces and law enforcement agencies.

Media rarely report on corruption cases in Libya, where it seems almost like a secondary problem in a country riven by violent clashes between government forces, militias and terrorist groups. In 2017, however, an investigation by Al Jazeera

revealed how corrupt Libyan coastguards tasked with preventing illegal departures by sea worked with traffickers, returning dinghies that washed ashore to militias and handing over migrants.

Corruption and bribery are not just an economic cost to states and individuals - they also undermine people's safety and

security. North African countries must raise public awareness about the consequences of corruption and how it enables some of the most dangerous types of organised crime, including drug trafficking. This is an important step in building momentum and public pressure to confront corruption.

ISS

Russia in Africa: Can it offer an alternative to the US and China?

By János Beseny

RUSSIA has never had an African colony. It stayed out of the scramble for Africa, only engaging with African states in the 19th Century. In 1869, for instance, the Russians gave Ethiopia military support to threaten the position of the British in their quest to control the Suez Canal. They did this because Britain was one of their main European rivals.

It wasn't until the Cold War started in 1947 that Russia began to develop diplomatic relations with several African countries. This was a way to counter the influence of its rivals such as the US.

The Cold War dictated the former USSR's relations with many African countries for decades. This was followed by a period of relative inactivity. But more recently, relations have become increasingly important for Russia as well as some African countries.

The result is that some African countries no longer need to choose between the American and the Chinese way of development.

Ostensibly, China has the most pragmatic engagement with Africa. Its policy is not to interfere with the internal workings of nation states or play geopolitics by pitting countries against each other. For its part, the US's ultimate aim is to tip the regional balance of power in its favour while also gaining access to Africa's resources.

My research explores Russia's current relationship with the continent. The research examines Russian President Vladimir Putin's strategy to redress the global balance of power by countering America's influence in Africa and trying to match China's large economic footprint on the continent.

I conclude that Russia's primary goal is political influence. This is achieved by gaining control of natural resources and providing military support and intelligence. Yet, despite making massive inroads, the Russian Federation is still less influential than the US and China on the continent.

From the African point of view, Russia offers a strategic alternative to America's global hegemony, China's economic diplomacy, and the lingering influence of Africa's former colonial masters.

The history

During the Cold War the Russians provided diplomatic, economic, military, and educational support for numerous African liberation movements. These included Algeria, Angola, Cape Verde, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea, Madagascar, Sao Tome & Principe, and Tanzania. As a result many young Africans were educated in Moscow.

Russia began to trade and interact with these states routinely. It sent in military intelligence officers to establish a strong presence and ensure that Africa was not purely influenced by the West. The Russians developed relations with Africa so intensely that for the 10 years between 1950 and 1960 it surpassed the influence of colonising powers.

That influence would remain more or less intact until the Boris Yeltsin era. Between 1990 and 1999 Russia's impact on the continent was spectacularly lowered. Nine embassies and three consulates were closed. The number of personnel subordinated to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs was drasti-

cally reduced. Russian cultural institutions were closed, and economic relations were unilaterally terminated. Previously generous aid programmes were scrapped.

This all changed when Putin came to power in 1999. Under his leadership Russia has started to regain its economic and political clout in Africa. Putin has jumpstarted Russia's diplomatic, economic, and military ties with its former African allies.

Russian interests in Africa

From my research I can conclude that Russia's primary intent is to build political alliances by supporting nation states economically and militarily while remaining non-judgemental about their internal governance structures.

Its long-term goal is to become a political, economic and military mediator that can stand behind Africa's global interests and count on the continent's support in return. Here are some of the areas where Russia are mainly active:

Economic interests: Russia is now seeking to exploit conventional gas and oil fields in Africa and elsewhere. Part of its long term energy strategy is to use Russian companies to create new streams of energy supply. For example, Russian companies have made significant investments in Algeria's oil and gas industries. They have also invested in Libya, Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Egypt.

Russia is also expanding its African interests in minerals. Uranium - which is key to the nuclear power industry - is at the top of its list.

In addition, Russian companies are producing aluminium in Nigeria, and have constructed hydropower stations in Angola, Namibia, Botswana.

Russia is also on track to build nuclear plants in Egypt, Nigeria and Algeria. These investments are a means to becoming an integral part of Africa's energy sector.

Russia has also improved its commercial relations with its African partners. In 2009, it established the Coordinating Committee for Economic Cooperation with sub-Saharan Africa to assist in promoting Russian business interests.

Defence interests: Russia has traditionally been one of Africa's main arms suppliers. During the Cold War many armed liberation organisations and African countries - among them Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Guinea - bought military equipment from Russia. More recently Russia has made significant arms deals with Angola and Algeria, Egypt, Tanzania, Somalia, Mali, Sudan and Libya have also bought arms from Russia. The Russians also provide military training and support.

Aid: Under Putin Russia has made sizeable aid donations to a variety of African countries averaging about \$400 million per year. Around 60% of Russian aid is delivered through international organisations; global humanitarian organisations like the World Food Programme and the UN refugee agency. The remaining 40% gets to Africa in a framework of bilateral cooperation. It also makes donations to support education, health care, agriculture, environment and energy.

The danger for Moscow is that, the more progress it makes with African governments, the more likely it is that its interests will collide with those of either China or the US - or both.

AllAfrica

PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA



Tender for Supply of Medical Equipment Tender number PIT/CO/96/FY19

1. Plan International Tanzania is an International humanitarian child-centered development organization without religious, political or government affiliation. Plan's mission is to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of deprived children in developing countries through a process that unites people across cultures and adds meaning to their lives. Plan international in Tanzania is operating in Dar es Salaam, Coast, Morogoro, Geita, Dodoma and Mwanza regions.
2. Plan International Tanzania through Uzazi Salama Project funded by Global Affairs Canada has set aside funds to procure Medical Supplies and Equipment
3. Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Tendering procedures specified in the Plan International Global Procurement and Logistics guideline
4. Interested eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to tenders@plan-international.org attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Bidding documents in the English language will be sent to interested bidders by email. Plan Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing of the bid documents.
5. Bidders must submit the proposals in a sealed envelope by hand or post to: The Country Director, Plan International Tanzania, Plot no. 496 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, P O Box 3517, Dar es Salaam before **11am Tuesday 18th June 2019**, marked the above tender number. Not to be opened before **11am Tuesday 18th June 2019**
6. Late tenders, portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, and Tenders not received, Tender not opened and not readout in public at the tender open ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of circumstances.

Tender Panel
Plan International Tanzania
Central Technologies House
Plot No. 96 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area
New Bagamoyo Road - Next to TBC1&NECTA
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Dar es Salaam

BUSINESS

SUBSTITUTE

Fracking with CO2 instead of water could be more efficient - study

BEIJING

Carbon dioxide appears to be more efficient than water for hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, to extract oil and natural gas, according to a study led by scientists in China published on Thursday.

Fracking is a process by which high-pressure fluids are injected into underground rock to create cracks to release oil and gas. In the United States, fracking has fueled an oil boom since the early 2000s. Currently, the most widespread method involves using large quantities of water mixed with chemicals.

But the method is controversial because the fluids are suspected of contaminating the aquifer - the underground layer of permeable rock that bears water - and of triggering mini-earthquakes. The use of carbon dioxide instead of water to reduce the environmental impact of fracking has been the subject of studies for years.

Scientists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and China University of Petroleum in Beijing tested the method in a lab and in five wells at the Jilin oil field in north-eastern China. "To our delight, oil production increased by (around) four- to 20-fold after the entire CO2 fracturing process" compared to the use of a water-chemical mix, wrote the authors of the study published in the American journal *Joule*.

The experts said carbon dioxide is better at breaking up the shale. "These real-world results revealed that as compared to water fracturing, CO2 fracturing is an important and greener alternative, particularly for reservoirs with water-sensitive formations, located at arid areas, or other conditions that making water fracturing less applicable," the authors added.

This would hold especially true in arid regions, where water currently

needs to be transported by tanker trucks. The scientists argue that this technique would allow CO2 - the main greenhouse gas emitted by human activity blamed for global warming - to be trapped in the ground, thereby removing it from the atmosphere.

However, injecting CO2 to extract hydrocarbons whose combustion would lead to more carbon emissions can seem counter-productive. "CO2 fracking might ultimately have environmental benefits compared to fracking with water, but this study does not include the analysis that is needed to establish whether CO2 fracking is likely to lead to an overall reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions," said Hannah Chalmers, a senior lecturer at the University of Edinburgh.



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Tanzania Tourist Board managing director, Devota Mdachi (R) presents a Masai carving to Miss Journalism World 2018, Nina Yeutushenko of Ukraine in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Beatrice Philemon.

MARKETING

Tourist Board targets more visitors from Ukraine 'lured' by Miss Journalism 2018

By Beatrice Philemon

A visit by Miss Journalism World 2018, Nina Yeutushenko who is Ukrainian has prompted Tanzania Tourist Board to use her as an envoy to convince more of her country's nationals visit the Land of Kilimanjaro.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday after meeting Yeutushenko and presenting her with a number of souvenirs aimed at promoting destination Tanzania among Ukrainians, TTB's Managing Director, Devota Mdachi said they target to increase the number of tour-

ists from the Eastern European nation from the current 7,000 to over 10,000 per annum.

"To start with, as TTB we are expecting at least to get 10,000 tourists from Ukraine in 2020 because she will work in partnership with media organizations, her foundation and other social media to market the tourists attractions existing in Tanzania," Mdachi said.

She noted that the Miss Journalism World beauty will not only use her experience while in Tanzania to market the country through her social network accounts and foundation but also her professional affiliates.

"As a journalist, she has a huge professional following with access to media houses globally to help market our brand hence the decision by TTB to work with her," the TTB chief added stressing that Yeutushenko has fallen in love with tourist attractions which she saw in the country.

According to the Tourism Statistical Bulletin from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, in 2017 a total of 7,260 tourists from Ukraine visited the country while in 2016, only 6,526 tourists from the Eastern European nation came to Tanzania.

Yeutushenko who has been

in the country for the past two weeks visited prominent tourist's attractions including Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Zanzibar. "While in Ukraine I will use my Nina Foundation and media organizations to market Tanzania as tourists destination so that more people from my country can come and visit," she promised saying she will also spread the word in other countries.

"Ukraine is very far from Tanzania and the majority of Ukrainians are unaware on what Tanzania has to offer as a tourist destination so it's time

that Tanzanian tour operators and travel agents to market the country in Eastern European," she underlined.

She said apart from the natural beauty that she witnessed while in the country, she also found the people to be friendly while prevailing peace and unity provides a stable environment for holiday makers.

"Tanzania is an amazing country which I have never come across before anywhere because of its beautiful nature and friendly people," she testified while promising to spread the good word and message across the globe.

PUNISHMENT

Late payment to suppliers soon to be an offence in Kenya

NAIROBI

Kenya is seeking to make it a criminal offence for government to delay payments to suppliers beyond 60 days in a fresh bid to curb rising pending bills.

This is contained in the summary of recent roundtable between President Uhuru Kenyatta and Kenya Private Sector Alliance (Kepsa) representatives that could boost the fortunes of many small businesses hit by unpaid supplies in an environment of credit crunch.

The President agreed to the fast-tracking of all pending payments and have a 60-day cap for payments included in next week's Finance Bill, the summary showed. The Finance Bill will further make it a criminal offence for any government official to intentionally divert funds meant to settle suppliers.

If adopted, this will mean business transactions between private sector and government will be settled promptly starting 2019/2020 financial year that starts next month with legal action taken against State officials who defy it.

The President had directed last Saturday that all pending payments that do not have audit queries be cleared by June 30.

The latest bid comes at a time private sector, already faced with credit crunch, is owed billion of shillings by government for goods supplied or services offered. For instance, the 47 counties had by end of last financial year in June 2018 accumulated Sh108.41 billion claims from con-

tractors and suppliers, a steep climb from Sh35.84 billion the year before, according to the office of Controller of Budget data.

Findings by the 2018 enterprise survey for Kenya had approximated that 12 percent of the 1,001 firms surveyed have had a contract with government that was in arrears. Kepsa had asked for the introduction of interest on all pending bills and hefty fines for non-compliance officers. Prompt payments is expected to inject liquidity into the economy, enhance survival for SMEs and lower non-performing loans (NPLs).

Banking sector's NPLs stood at 12.9 per cent in April compared to 12.8 per cent in February, with Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) governor Patrick Njoroge citing the State's pending bill as part of the drivers.

"Prompt settlement of delayed payments by government and private sector entities will curtail a further increase in NPLs and support economic growth," Dr Njoroge said in last week's Monetary Policy Statement.

The total value of pending bills rose from 0.9 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in financial year 2015/16 to 1.6 percent in the 2017/18 fiscal period, according to recent World Bank analysis which warned that this was strangling the economy by limiting liquidity flow.

Other issues that have bedeviled Kepsa members in the recent past include delayed pre and post shipment verification process, delayed Value added tax refunds from Kenya Revenue Authority and high power costs.



Central Bank of Kenya governor Patrick Njoroge.

EXPANSION

MultiChoice launches 2 self-service applications

KAMPALA

MultiChoice has launched two self-service mobile applications; MyDSTV and MyGOTV as alternative self-service platforms to Web/Wap.

The company claims the applications are designed to meet the Ugandan market/requirements - i.e. tailored to ensure minimal data consumption and ease of use.

Available for Android and iOS users, customers will be in position to pay their respective subscriptions, view their payment history, switch subscription packages, fix decoder errors, among other things.

Embracing technology to its fullest, MultiChoice is keeping up with the latest trends that some it can use to enrich its customers. "In this ever-growing digital environment, it's our mission to stay ahead of the curve and continue to enrich our customers," MultiChoice Uganda Head of Customer Experience, Ms. Patricia Kiconco said.

She further said the two apps will form part of the numerous digital platforms that are innovative and functional to meet the ever-changing needs and demands of its customers. The one thing Patricia stressed on was launching the two applications will try and reduce in customer inquiries and queues at their call-centers. Since now with the apps, customers can fully manage their accounts as well as get in touch with the call-centers directly from the apps.

"By enabling customers to independently manage their accounts, we expect to see a reduction in queries and queues at our call-centers. Thereby freeing up our customer-facing staff to provide improved one-on-one support to customers," said Ms. Patricia. The company says their end goal is to provide an accessible, affordable and efficient platform for self-service to improve the overall customer experience.

CHARITY

E-commerce conglomerate's Africa chief pledges continued support for vulnerable groups

By Guardian Reporter

ASIAN based online electronic marketing company, QNET has pledged to support vulnerable groups in society as it forges ahead with its business interests in the country.

QNET's Regional General Manager for Sub Sahara Africa, Biram Fall said in Dodoma on Monday evening during an iftar hosted for over 200 orphans from the capital city that the company cherishes reaching out in supporting less fortunate people in the society. "QNET has been consistent over the years. The Ramadan charity campaign is one of the ways we reach out to society to help people. As we make progress in our business, we believe in spreading the joy and fulfilment that come with it," Fall said.

He pointed out that the company empowers people through its business model, demonstrates love to communities and is also inspiring to its staff and independent representatives located all over the country.

"Our business objective is all about creating opportunities for people, making lives better and empowering people to help them live an absolute life, we call that absolute living," Fall added.

Last year, the Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility in West Africa named QNET as the 'E-Commerce CSR Company of the Year,' for its commitment to helping society and creating positive change.

QNET which is driven by the philosophy of RYTHM - 'Raise Yourself to Help Mankind' and operates in several SSA countries, organized the annual campaign to help enhance the lives of many less fortunate families and children, by providing them with necessities such as food, drinks and financial assistance for educational and humanitarian purposes.

The iftar event in Dodoma brought together more than 200 orphans from all districts of the region to celebrate the month of Ramadhan. QNET also donated one goat, 100 kg of rice, 50 kg of maize flour, 25 kg of beans, 25 kg of sugar and 20 litres of cooking oil to each of the ten orphanage centres

in the region.

Speaking at the iftar, Dodoma Regional Sheikh, Mustapha Shaaban called for peace and urged society to emulate the gesture made by QNET in celebrating the spirit of Ramadhan with people who are less advantaged in the community. "We hope that this gesture will continue in the foreseeable future," he said.

Sheikh Shaaban praised QNET's leaders and commended the company for supporting the government's move to Dodoma by choosing to celebrate iftar in the region.

Speaking on behalf of Regional Commissioner for Dodoma, Bahi District Commissioner, Mwanahamisi Mukunda said QNET's gesture goes a long way in supporting the government in discharging some of its responsibilities including looking after orphaned children.

The company made similar donations to vulnerable groups in Senegal, Cameroon, Kenya, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Togo, Guinea, Ivory Coast and Ghana by donating bags of rice, gallons of cooking oil, toilet



QNET officials presents foodstuffs to representatives of ten Dodoma Region orphanages at iftar hosted by the firm in Dodoma city at weekend. Photo: Guardian Photographer.

RAMADHAN

CBA Bank Tanzania host iftar dinner, thanks clients for loyalty

By Getrude Mpezya

ON the last day of fasting by Moslems, CBA Bank Tanzania's CEO, Gift Shoko has applauded clients who have kept faith in the bank which remains a strong player in the market.

Speaking at an iftar hosted for fasting Moslem clients and the general public, Shoko said the

bank's strength is driven from not only hard working staff but also an equally supportive clients base with includes Moslems.

"We are a bank of the people without whom we wouldn't have been here, I and my team are working tirelessly day and night to make sure that not one client feels out of place," Shoko told the gathering

which included Minister of Tourism and Natural Resources, Dr Khamis Kigwangala.

He said CBA is one of the many banks in the market which strong hence assured clients that despite the teething competition, the bank remains focused on delivering quality products to the market.

"Customer centric

approach has and will always be our core in all of the discussions we make, take and plan as for us our clients are the most important reason why we operate," the CBA chief added.

Speaking at event, Dr Kigwangala said CBA management and staff have impressed in the market because of efforts and

creativity put in their quality products and services.

He acknowledged experiencing good services and products being availed by the bank in the market but also their engagement to the community through various donations.

"We as a country have so many underprivileged sets of people in the society and who the government alone

cannot solve all of their problems but with companies such as CBA Bank's support we get them served," the Tourism Minister noted.

Dr Kigwangala further noted that the government appreciates private companies that give back part of their profits to the community from where they get the bulk of customers.

TECH SAVVY

MainOne launches N25-billion Digital Lagos campaign

LAGOS

Connectivity and data-centre solutions provider MainOne said it will invest N25-billion over the next 2-3 years as part of its Digital Lagos: Broadband for All campaign launched this week.

According to the company, the objective behind the campaign is "to enable the digital transformation of Lagos state through deployment of ubiquitous broadband infrastructure across the state." Funke Opeke, chief executive officer of MainOne, said the company is keen to collaborate with the Lagos State Government and all other relevant stakeholders "to build Digital Lagos."

"MainOne is pleased to have the opportunity to present its plan for Digital Lagos, a proven path to ubiquitous broadband connectivity. This plan will involve the investment by MainOne of over N25 billion over the next 2-3 years to develop critical fibre optic infrastructure to enable broadband services across Lagos state," said Opeke.

Opeke said MainOne said to date the company has invested over N120-billion funded by leading African banks. She

added that the company has expanded and densified localised fibre networks in neighbouring Ogun and Edo States by deploying almost 1,000kms of fibre in partnership with Facebook.

Part of a statement issued by the company reads: "These open-access transport networks will provide metro fiber connectivity to reach more than 1,000,000 people in Benin City, Abeokuta, Sagamu and 10 other towns by connecting mobile operators' base stations, Internet Service providers, Points of presence (POPs), and public locations including schools and hospitals."

Opeke said, as the licenced InfraCo for Lagos zone, the resulting network to be built by MainOne would provide essential connectivity to critical state institutions (and) cover over 300 government agencies, up to 10,000 State CCTV locations, telecom operators and ISPs, public Wi-Fi hotspots, Smart City components / IOT devices, in addition to enterprises.

In Lagos, MainOne's existing 700-kilometer network covers major population centres and Yaba, where it provides connectivity for the majority of the Yabacon ecosystem.



Amit Chawla Managing Director of Airtel Rwanda, speaks during the launch of the campaign.

MARKETING

Airtel Rwanda launches promotion to drive uptake of cashless payments

KIGALI

Business came to a standstill last week on Thursday afternoon at the Nyabugogo bus park as Airtel Rwanda launched its 3 months promotion where clients and agents stand a chance to win huge amounts of money every time they transact on Airtel Money.

The mobile money campaign dubbed "Bukya Uri Millionaire", is

aimed at promoting cashless economy will see lucky customers of Airtel win cash prizes when they carry out transactions such as sending and receiving money on their phones, paying for water, electricity, school fees, pay for e-government services such as Irembo among others.

Airtel customers who transact using their Airtel Money and Tigo Cash accounts will be entered into a lucky

draw in which 25 clients will share the daily prize of Rwf 500,000 and the weekly prize of Rwf 2,000,000 and the monthly prize of Rwf 10,000,000 in the cash box machine.

Airtel Rwanda will also reward its agents and 'Super Agents' based on the number of unique customers they serve. This will be through a weekly draw of Rwf 1.5 Million for the agents and brand new motor bike as a weekly

prize for the super agents.

Speaking at the launch of this exciting offer in Nyabugogo, Amit Chawla the Managing Director of Airtel Rwanda noted that the campaign comes on the heels of the successful integration of Airtel Money and Tigo Cash services.

"Airtel is going to reward you for your loyalty every time you carry out a transaction using the mobile money services. Be it paying for electricity,

water, school dues and all government services," he said.

At the same event, one lucky winner was able to walk away with Rwf 83,500 which he won at a cash box machine. Cash Box machine is whereby a selected participant is allowed to collect as much money as they can in specified duration. "I really want to thank Airtel for having made me a lucky winner of this money. I had no idea I would get

it and I am really grateful," an excited Munyantore Egide said shortly after winning the money. Winners of the weekly and monthly prizes will be selected randomly and announced on national TV.

For one to stand a chance to be a lucky winner of the "Bukya Uri Millionaire" all they have to do is dial *500# on their phone and carry out any transaction.

INNOVATION

New breed of flying cars likely to transform movement of people, cargo

DUBAI

An emerging class of electric vehicle could accelerate proposed global adoption of "flying cars" - which so far have faced barriers as a viable mode of transportation, according to a new report.

Electric or hybrid-electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicles, known as 'eVTOLs', have the potential "to revolutionise the future of human and cargo mobility" as soon as 2025, according to a report on the future of mobility by Deloitte Global, the professional services firm.

"Considerable strides have been made in the advancement of elevated mobility, particularly in the last two years," said Robin Lineberger, leader of Deloitte's global aerospace and defense team. "While the public may focus on the viability of eVTOLs in human transportation, the movement of cargo is just



Uber, Airbus and other firms are part of a taskforce that aims to bring flying vehicles, such as Joby Aviation's conceptual Joby S2 vehicles, to the masses.

as important and will likely drive early adoption of these aircrafts."

Flying cars are being touted as a transport solution in congested cities, as a way of moving people and goods

around faster, taking the pressure off roads and other infrastructure and reducing transportation costs.

The UAE is among countries that have strategies for exploring the viability of fly-

ing cars, while Saudi-backed Uber, Japan's Toyota and French plane maker Airbus are among 21 companies that make up a taskforce created to examine the case for bringing flying cars to mar-

ket. Investment bank Morgan Stanley is bullish, predicting that advances in technology for unmanned aerial vehicles could create a \$2.9 trillion industry by 2040,

according to a report from the bank last December. It's most pessimistic view puts the potential value at about \$615 billion.

"The intersection of many technologies, such as ultra-efficient batteries, autonomous systems, and advanced manufacturing processes are spawning a flurry of activity in this space," Adam Jonas, head of Morgan Stanley's global auto and shared mobility research team, said at the time.

Deloitte forecasts that the size of the passenger eVTOL market (excluding cargo and other commercial uses) will reach \$17.7bn by 2040. The report predicts that prototypes will be tested and commercialised between 2020-2025, mainly in the field of cargo transportation. During this time, stakeholders will work together to form regulation, establish necessary infrastructure and create traffic manage-

ment systems.

In the following years, from 2025-2030, initial use of cargo eVTOLs will usher in the first wave of commercialised passenger aircraft, with technology improving the safety of these vehicles. Finally, in 2030 and beyond, autonomous passenger eVTOLs will start being adopted, "with greater social acceptance resulting in proliferation of the aircraft", Deloitte's report said.

"Overall, the sub-market for intra-city passenger eVTOLs in the US is projected to grow from \$1bn in 2025 to \$13.8bn in 2040, so the opportunity is significant," Mr Lineberger added. In particular, the potential size of the eVTOL aircraft manufacturing market could eclipse \$17bn by 2040, with implications for traditional plane and helicopter makers.

"eVTOLs pose a significant risk to traditional helicopter manufacturers which, if they are to successfully traverse

this disruption, should consider re-examining product mixes, business models, or even shifting their focus to evolving markets for unmanned aerial transport," Mr Lineberger said.

There will be additional ramifications for governments and urban developers, the report said. Governments will have to work together to develop and deploy new air traffic management systems, while significant capital will be required to build landing pads and other infrastructure necessary to operate aerial vehicles, prompting the need for new public-private partnerships.

There are also significant psychological barriers to overcome, Deloitte said. The firm said it surveyed 10,000 consumers and found that 80 per cent of those people believe such vehicles "will not be safe", or are uncertain about their safety.

ASSURANCE

Oil rebounds following trade row, as Saudi Arabia energy minister tries to calm market

RIYADH

Oil rose as Saudi Arabia offered reassurance that Opec will keep global crude markets in balance after concerns over the US-China trade dispute triggered the steepest monthly slump this year.

Futures gained 1.7 per cent in New York after another plunge on Friday concluded May's 16 per cent sell-off, which was driven by worries that the trade war will crimp fuel demand. Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al Falih said that recent volatility is "unwarranted" and reiterated his confidence that Opec and its allies will keep taking action to stabilise the market beyond June.

"I would like to reiterate my confidence, based on my discussions with several key producers, and on our track record, that we will do what is needed to sustain market stability beyond June," Mr Al Falih said in an interview with state-run Saudi Press Agency. "We have previously stated our commitment to do whatever it takes to stabilise markets and we have delivered on those promises. And I am making that commitment again."

The Saudi output target under the Opec-led pact is 10.3 million bpd. The trade tensions mean oil has moved close to the edge of a bear market, having fallen about 18 per cent from a high in late April. There could be greater clarity this week on whether Russia

will keep cooperating with Saudi Arabia on production cuts as ministers from the countries meet in St. Petersburg.

West Texas Intermediate crude for July rose 93 cents to \$54.43 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange at 8.21am in local time, after falling as much as \$1.39 earlier. The contract is now down about 18 per cent from its closing high on April 23, Bloomberg reported.

Brent for August settlement advanced 66 cents to \$62.65 a barrel on London's ICE Futures Europe exchange. The July contract closed 3.6 per cent lower at \$64.49 before expiring on Friday. The global benchmark crude was trading at a premium of \$8.08 to WTI.

A planned June 4 strike by Norwegian workers could also lead to tighter global supply and buttress prices, potentially cutting Norway's oil and gas output by about 440,000 barrels of oil equivalents per day if mediation efforts fail, Reuters reported.

There could be a recession in nine months if the US imposes 25 per cent tariffs on an additional \$300 billion of Chinese exports and Beijing retaliates, according to Morgan Stanley. Investors may still be underestimating the risks to the global economy from the trade war, Chetan Ahya, the bank's chief economist, wrote in a note released Sunday.



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Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al Falih.

WORLD

Trump speaks to PM candidate Johnson

LONDON

U.S. President Donald Trump waded into Britain's political crisis yesterday by telephoning Boris Johnson, the Brexit-supporting favourite to succeed outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May.

Feted by Queen Elizabeth on the first day of his state visit to Britain, Trump turned to politics yesterday, offering to meet Johnson, a former foreign minister who has said the United Kingdom should leave the EU on Oct. 31, deal or no deal.

Even before Air Force One landed on British soil, Trump praised the main leaders of Brexit - Johnson and Nigel Farage - and his advisers called on Britain's next leader to block Huawei from the next generation mobile phone technology.

Trump yesterday called Johnson and offered a one-to-one meeting but Johnson declined the invitation as he had to focus on meeting Conservative Party lawmakers who will vote on who

they want to be the next prime minister, a source said.

The president understood the situation and said he looked forward to catching up at a later date, the source said. Their call lasted for around 20 minutes, the source said.

Trump earlier promised Britain a substantial post-Brexit trade deal, joking to May that she should stick around to clinch it though she is due to step down in two days' time.

"We'll have a very, very substantial trade deal, it'll be a very fair deal, and I think it's something we both want to do," Trump told May at a meeting in St James's Palace, a 500-year-old official residence of the monarch.

The state visit, promised by May back in January 2017 when she became the first foreign leader to meet him after he took office, is cast as a chance to celebrate Britain's "special relationship" with the United States, boost trade links and reaffirm security cooperation.

But the collapse of May's premier-



US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump meet Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May and her husband Philip at Downing Street as part of his state visit in London, Britain, yesterday. REUTERS

ship over Brexit and Trump's penchant for ignoring the conventions of modern diplomacy have made the trip one of the most unconventional state visits in recent British history.

Ahead of the visit, Trump praised Johnson, saying he would make a "very good" prime minister, and advised a sharp exit from the European Union on Oct. 31 with or without a deal.

Trump also called for arch-Brexititeer Farage, a scourge of May's ruling Conservative Party, to conduct talks with the EU.

BREXIT, BLIMP AND CHINA

Brexit is the most significant geopolitical move for the United Kingdom since World War Two and if it happens, London will be more reliant on the United States as ties loosen with the other 27 members of the EU.

Huawei will top talks in London after the British government appeared to defy Trump admin-

istration demands and allow the Chinese company a limited role in building 5G networks.

"We've been clear: Our ask is that our allies and our partners and our friends don't do anything that would endanger our shared security interests or restrict our ability to share sensitive information," U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said.

The Trump administration has told allies not to use Huawei's 5G technology and equipment because it fears that would allow China to spy on sensitive communications and data. Huawei denies it is, or could be, a vehicle for Chinese intelligence.

Notwithstanding Britain's enduring alliance with the United States, some British voters see Trump as crude, volatile and opposed to their values on issues ranging from global warming to his treatment of women.

Agencies

China alerts students to risks of going to study in US

BEIJING

CHINA'S Ministry of Education has warned Chinese students and scholars of the risks of going to study in the United States citing U.S. visa restrictions, urging them to step up risk assessment and prepare accordingly.

In an alert, the ministry says that the visa applications of some Chinese hoping to study in the United States have recently been restricted, with an extended review process, shortened validity period, and an increased rejection rate, which has affected their plans to study in the United States or the completion of their studies there.

"The bilateral educational exchanges and cooperation have become complicated under the backdrop of the China-U.S. economic and trade frictions," said Xu Yongji, a ministry official in charge of international cooperation, at a press conference in Beijing.

He said some normal exchanges and cooperation activities had been politicized by the Congress

and federal government departments of the United States.

Chinese students and scholars were slandered for engaging in so-called "non-conventional espionage" activities and had been unreasonably interfered with, Xu said.

The official cited statistics from the China Scholarship Council to show the trend of visa restrictions by the United States.

Among the 10,313 people supported by the Chinese government scholarships in 2018 to study in the United States, 3.2 percent had their trips cancelled due to visa issues.

In the first three months of 2019, however, that ratio soared to 13.5 percent.

Xu said the U.S. side has also revoked or re-examined visas of Chinese citizens visiting the United States on the pretext of counterespionage since 2018, and recently cancelled the 10-year multiple-entry visa for a group of Chinese scholars studying China-U.S. relations.

"Such moves have offended the dignity of Chinese students in the



Xu Mei (C), spokesperson of China's Ministry of Education, attends a press conference in Beijing on Monday. (Xinhua)

United States and seriously hurt the feelings of Chinese people," Xu said, describing the moves as "a chill" on bilateral educational exchanges. "We hope the U.S. side can correct its mistakes as soon as possible," he added.

More than 363,300 Chinese students were registered in U.S. colleges and universities for the 2017-2018 school year, making up 33.2 percent of the international students, according to the 2018 Open

Doors report of the U.S.-based Institute of International Education.

China ranked first among the places of origin of international students in the United States, the report says. Xu said China is willing to strengthen educational cooperation and exchanges with all countries including the United States.

But cooperation requires consensus from both sides and mutual respect, he said.

At Monday's press conference, ministry spokeswoman Xu Mei also responded to the claims that some top U.S. universities are closing doors to applicants from the Chinese mainland.

She said authorities are verifying these claims, but as far as she knew, the numbers of undergraduate offers to Chinese mainland students from universities like Yale and Columbia were almost the same compared with last year.

She added that the presidents of a number of top U.S. universities including Harvard, Yale and Stanford have recently expressed their welcome and support for international students including the Chinese ones.

Cheng Jiakai, director of the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange affiliated to the Ministry of Education, said educational exchanges are a key part of the people-to-people exchanges.

The center, Cheng said, will continue to encourage Chinese students to study overseas including in the United States, and facilitate more foreign students to study in China.

Xinhua

US unwilling to lose global dominance, experts say

BEIRUT

THE United States is unwilling to lose its global dominance, taking aggressive and hostile measures against many countries, including trade frictions with China, said Lebanese experts.

It is not the first time that the United States waged such "wars", Hanna Gharib, head of the Lebanese Communist Party, told Xinhua.

"For the United States, no other country is allowed to advance technologically and scientifically. These are not new wars. It waged such wars against a lot of countries in the world such as Japan and Iraq,"

Gharib said. In an escalation of trade tensions, the United States increased tariffs on 200 billion U.S. dollars worth of Chinese goods from 10 percent to 25 percent as of May 10, and has threatened to raise tariffs on more Chinese imports.

In response, China raised additional tariffs on a range of U.S. imports on June 1. Gharib also slammed the United States for taking so-called protective measures because of the big trade deficit with China. "The trade deficit is not only existent with China. It exists between U.S. and most of the countries in the world," he said.

Lebanese political researcher

Adnan Bourji assured that U.S. protectionist policy towards China will lead to a worldwide economic slowdown.

He added that Americans themselves will be impacted by these policies, with estimations that the Americans "will incur over 2,000 dollars per family annually due to this protectionist policy." "The agriculture sector will also be the most impacted in the United States.

This policy is irrational and illogical while it cannot succeed and stay in the long term," he added. Similarly, Gharib said this war will not only impact China but also populations all over the world in-

cluding the American people, and warned that it is "a very dangerous indicator."

Besides, Washington's aggressive and unilateral measures globally and specifically in the Arab region were also criticized by the experts.

Doureid Yaghi, vice president of Lebanon's Progressive Socialist Party, said that the United States wants to impose its conditions on the world without submitting to any agreements or treaties.

Gharib noted that the Arab world already had its own disappointing experience with Washington, adding that the United States targets any Arab country that does not sup-

port its goals in the region.

Yaghi praised China for adopting an approach based on boosting development all over the world and mutual benefit and interests among countries, mentioning the Belt and Road Initiative, which meets the interests of all people involved.

Bourji said economic policies all over the world are in need for change. "This phenomenon should be spread in the world in the coming period, the phenomenon of cooperation, mutual benefit and openness with everybody being capable of winning according to their work and capacities," he said.

Xinhua

The flame of truth will never die: West can't make Russia give up Victory Day

MOSCOW



THE flame of truth about the Soviet Union's decisive contribution to defeating Nazi Germany cannot be extinguished, Russia rejects appeals to renounce its Victory Day celebrations, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov wrote in his article titled Victory Day posted on the website of the International Affairs magazine.

"Unfortunately, far from everyone around the world cherishes the memories of that Victory. It is sad that there are those in Russia who parrot false stories spread by those willing to bury these memories and who believe that the time has come to renounce the solemn celebrations of Victory Day," Lavrov pointed out. "The more impressive the anniversary figures are, the more often one is confronted with historical unconsciousness."

The minister pointed to attempts to dishonor heroes, "sow the seeds of doubt about the rightness of the path that our ancestors followed."

"Sometimes one can hear people both abroad and here saying that public conscience is being militarized in Russia, while parades and manifestations on Victory Day are nothing but attempts to impose bellicose, warmongering sentiment on a government level," he went on to say.

"By doing so, Russia allegedly rejects humanism and the values of the 'civilized' world, while Europe, they say, has forgotten about 'past grievances,' letting 'bygones be bygones' and is building 'forward-looking relations' in a tolerant way."

Good and evil

According to Russia's top diplomat, ill-wishers seek to downplay the USSR's role in the war and portray it as the aggressor.

"The Nazi occupation, which claimed tens of millions of lives, and crimes committed by collaborators are cynically equated with the Red Army's liberation mission," he stressed. "The Nuremberg Trials, whose decisions became an integral part of international law, clearly defined who stood for good and who stood for evil."

"In the former case, that was the USSR, which brought the lives of its sons and daughters to the altar of the Victory, along with other anti-Hitler coalition members," the minister pointed out. "In the latter case, that was the regime of the Third Reich, the Axis powers and their collaborators, including on the occupied territories."

Flame of truth will never die

According to Lavrov, false interpretations of history are being introduced into the Western education system. "They are trying to convince young people that it is the West, not the Soviet troops, that deserves credit for the victory over Nazism and Europe's liberation thanks to the Normandy landings less than a year before the defeat of Nazism," he explained.

"We hold sacred the contribution made by all allies in that war to our collective Victory and believe that attempts to drive a wedge between us are disgraceful.

Agencies

'Facebook Tax' proposed by New Zealand government

WELLINGTON

THE New Zealand government has proposed two options for a Digital Services Tax (DST) yesterday to ensure multinational companies pay their fair share of tax.

The DST, widely known as "Facebook Tax", was first announced by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern in February that her government would release a discussion document canvassing the possible new tax upon global digital giants which do substantial business in New Zealand but pay no tax on income or revenues, such as Facebook, YouTube and eBay.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson and Revenue Minister Stuart Nash proposed yesterday two broad options to ensure offshore digital companies no longer enjoy tax breaks which are not available to local businesses.

Changing the current international income tax rules to allow more taxation in market countries is one option, which is currently being discussed by the OECD (the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) and the G20 large economies.

Applying a separate DST to certain revenues earned by highly digitalised multinationals operating in New Zealand is another option, which is now seeking public feedbacks.

"Our number one preference remains an internationally agreed solution through the OECD," said Robertson. "However if the OECD cannot make sufficient progress this year we need an interim solution."

Other nations have already taken this step." Robertson reiterated the importance of protecting New Zealand economy through a fare tax system.

Xinhua

Africa faces many challenges in HIV prevention and treatment - envoy

UNITED NATIONS

AFRICA still faces many challenges in HIV prevention and treatment, Kenya's UN ambassador, Lazarus Amayo, said on Monday on behalf of the African Group at the United Nations.

Knowledge about HIV prevention among young people has remained stagnant over the past 20 years.

High rates of HIV infection continue among adolescent girls and young women, many of whom become

mothers, the ambassador told a UN General Assembly meeting on HIV and AIDS on Monday.

In West and Central Africa, he said, insufficient domestic funding, weak health systems, formal and informal user fees for health care, humanitarian situations and high levels of stigma and discrimination have undermined efforts to scale up HIV testing and treatment.

Among all people living with HIV in the region in 2017, less than half knew their HIV status, 40 percent were ac-

cessing antiretroviral therapy and less than one-third had suppressed viral loads, compared with the UN targets of 90 percent for diagnosis, treatment and viral suppression by 2020.

In all regions, combinations of primary HIV prevention services tailored to meet the needs of people at highest risk of infection are rarely provided on an adequate scale and with sufficient intensity.

Treatment coverage in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the Middle

East and North Africa, and West and Central Africa are alarmingly low, he noted.

He called on countries to eliminate stigma and discrimination on HIV and AIDS and lift HIV-related restrictions on entry, stay and residence.

Migration can place people in situations that increase their risk of acquiring HIV.

This vulnerability can be exacerbated in countries with travel restrictions on people living with HIV because such restrictions discourage

migrants from accessing HIV testing and treatment care services.

Refugees and migrants may also be subject to mandatory HIV testing and restrictions on freedom of movement or other rights violations for those testing positive, said the ambassador. People living with HIV who are forced to flee their homes are also in extreme danger of treatment disruption and AIDS-related morbidity and mortality.

Food insecurity during emergencies can also affect treatment adher-

ence and result in HIV-related risk behavior, such as prostitution, he said.

"Since Africa is characterized by conflict, civil strife, climate-induced disasters, which force displacement in African, we are concerned that the number of affected people living with HIV may be increasing as the frequency and magnitude of humanitarian emergencies increase."

HIV is the fourth leading cause of death in low-income countries and the second leading cause of death in sub-Saharan Africa, he said.

Decoupling US-China economies 'utterly unrealistic,' disaster for world

NEW YORK

MARGO Fan bought four pairs of running shoes for herself in a single go when visiting an open-air outlet mall in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

"Each pair costs me only about 50 (U.S.) dollars. (Since) trade war is getting tense, there will be no such good deal soon. I'd better stock up some," Fan told Xinhua.

Fan is among the many anxiety-ridden U.S. residents who are preparing for higher price tags in big and small retailer stores across the country following the latest flare-up of U.S.-China trade tensions.

TWO ECONOMIES LOCKED SYMBIOTICALLY

Their concern is not for no reason at all.

Washington abruptly increased additional tariffs on 200 billion U.S. dollars' worth of Chinese imports from 10 percent to 25 percent in May when trade negotiations were still going on, and has threatened to raise tariffs on more Chinese imports.

The trade group Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America estimated that the tariffs could cost U.S. consumers 7 billion dollars a year, as in 2018, 69 percent of all shoes sold in the United States came from China.

More than 170 shoe companies and retailers have joined the new U.S. tariffs, recognized by some as the newest U.S. attempt to decouple itself from China, would be "catastrophic."

"It is utterly unrealistic to uncouple China and the U.S. economically. The two economies are symbiotically connected and are too interdependent to be pried apart," said Sourabh Gupta, a senior fellow at the Washington-based think tank Institute for China-America Studies, in a recent interview with Xinhua.

"There might be scope to build some separation" within an "extremely narrow list" of high-end technolo-

gies where the United States enjoys monopoly control and low-end production goods which are fit for relocation to other Asian countries, he said.

"But for the vast, remaining billions-upon-billions of dollars of two-way trade, investment and intellectual property rights transfers, the possibility of decoupling is utterly unrealistic," Gupta noted.

According to a white paper released by the Chinese government on Sunday, China and the United States are each other's largest trading partner. In 2018, bilateral trade in goods and services exceeded 750 billion dollars, and the two-way direct investment approached 160 billion dollars.

Trade with China helps each U.S. family save 850 dollars per year, according to China's Ministry of Commerce. From lamps to birthday candles, from flip-flops to mouse traps, "Made in China" goods have long become an indispensable part of the everyday life for many U.S. households.

More than 900,000 U.S. jobs depend on producing goods and services exported to China and more than 2.6 million jobs in the United States and many millions more in China depend on two-way trade between the two countries, said former U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke.

"So people in both countries are benefiting from this deepening economic integration," said Locke, also former governor of U.S. state of Washington and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

DECOUPLING U.S.-CHINA SPELLS 'ECONOMIC DISASTER'

To decouple the U.S. and Chinese economies would spell "an economic disaster," damaging both countries and the entire world, warned Robert Kuhn, chairman of the Kuhn Foundation, in a recent interview with Xinhua.

It is "unacceptable" to the world to



Gift bags made in China are seen at a Target store in New York, the United States, May 20, 2019. (Xinhua)

undo the economic interdependence between the two countries because it will lead to irreversible damage to global supply chains, Kuhn said.

It would take years to recover some, but never all of the disruption, and might take a decade or more to reverse the mistake, Kuhn said.

"As serious as the likely near-term impact is, a tariff war would have far worse long-term consequences for the U.S. economy," said Kaushik Basu, professor of economics at Cornell University and non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, in an article titled "The trade war will do America more harm than good."

"This is because a large share of U.S. imports from China are production inputs. Higher tariffs will make those inputs more expensive or scarcer, hurting U.S. productivity and competitiveness and taking a deep bite out of the economy's growth po-

tential," Basu said.

In 2018, for example, the United States imported 29.8 billion dollars worth of clothing from China and a further 20 billion dollars worth of leather and related goods, according to Basu.

Rebecca Mond, vice president of federal government affairs at the Toy Association, told Xinhua that the new tariffs will hit the toy industry hard.

"One thing is clear, however, a mass shift of production out of China is not a viable option for our industry. The infrastructure, capacity and workforce to meet consumer demand does not exist anywhere else."

Higher tariffs on these products are likely to hit U.S. consumers, he noted. But the United States spent far more on production inputs, including 186.5 billion dollars on computers and electronics, and a combined 88.6 billion dollars on electrical equipment

and machinery.

"If tariffs on these goods remain high, the U.S. risks being outcompeted by other countries in the same way that it outcompeted Japan after the 1980s," Basu said.

CALL OFF TRADE WAR BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

"The truth is that Chinese-American trade is a pillar of the international economic landscape, facilitating high growth" for the two countries and "benefiting the rest of the world," said Dr. Gary Hufbauer, economist and senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, in his article "Trump must call off escalating U.S.-China trade war before it's too late."

"We need a comprehensive agreement with China that addresses rightful U.S. concerns, not a trade war," he said.

Xinhua

53 African countries to attend first China-Africa trade expo

BEIJING

A TOTAL of 53 African countries have confirmed to attend the first China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo scheduled for June 27-29 in central China's Hunan Province, a local official said yesterday.

International organizations including the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Food Programme and the World Trade Organization will also send representatives to the expo, Hunan's deputy governor He Baoxiang said at a press conference.

The expo, which will be held in Changsha, the capital city of Hunan, will be attended by more than 1,500 foreign guests, over 5,000 domestic guests, as well as more than 3,500 exhibitors, buyers and professional visitors, he said.

He added that there have been a collection of cooperation projects so far, involving cooperation with 39 African countries. "A raft of investment and trade projects will be signed during the expo."

Launched under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, the expo will establish a new mechanism for economic and trade cooperation between China and African countries.

In 2018, China-Africa trade reached 204.2 billion U.S. dollars, up 20 percent year on year, and China has been Africa's largest trading partner for 10 straight years.

Xinhua

Sudanese opposition rejects military's schedule for elections

KHARTOUM

SUDAN'S opposition yesterday rejected a plan by its military rulers to hold elections within nine months, a day after the worst bout of violence since Omar al-Bashir was ousted as president in April.

At least 35 people were killed on Monday when security forces stormed a protest camp outside the Defence Ministry in central Khartoum, according to doctors linked to the opposition.

The military council that has ruled since Bashir's overthrow afterwards cancelled all agreements with the main opposition alliance and said an election should be held within nine months.

But Madani Abbas Madani, a leader of the Declaration of Freedom and Change Forces opposition alliance, said a civil disobedience campaign would continue to try to force the council from power.

The opposition rejected all that Transitional Military Council (TMC) Head Lieutenant General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan said in his statement, Madani said.

"What happened, killing protesters, wounding and humiliation, was a systematic and planned matter to impose repression on the Sudanese people," he said.

The leaders of protests that forced Bashir from power after three decades of authoritarian rule in April have demanded preparations for elections during a transitional period led by a civilian administration.

The military council has also



A protester flashes the victory sign in front of burning tires and debris on road 60, near Khartoum's army headquarters, in Khartoum, Sudan, on Monday. (AP)

been under both domestic and international pressure to hand over power to civilians.

Risk of escalation

The main protest organizers, the Sudanese Professionals Association (SPA), accused the security forces of perpetrating "a massacre" when they raided the camp amid heavy gunfire.

Council spokesman Lieutenant General Shams El Din Kabbashi denied this and said security forces were pursuing "unruly elements" who had fled to the protest site and caused chaos.

Sudan has been rocked by unrest since December, when anger over rising bread prices and cash shortages broke into sustained protests that culminated in the armed forces ousting Bashir.

But talks between a coalition of protesters and opposition parties ground to a halt amid deep

differences over who will lead a transition to democracy that both sides had agreed will last for three years.

In a televised address in the early hours of yesterday morning, council leader Burhan said the opposition coalition was equally responsible for the delay in coming to a final agreement.

The council had decided to cancel all agreements with the protest groups and called for elections within nine months, which he said will be organized under regional and international supervision.

"Gaining legitimacy and a mandate does not come but through the ballot box," Burhan said. He also announced that a government would immediately be formed to run the country until elections are held. Burhan also said he regretted the violence and it would be investigated.

Agencies

Swedish court rules not to extradite Assange for rape probe

COPENHAGEN

WIKILEAKS founder Julian Assange should not be extradited to Sweden for a revived rape investigation, but should still be questioned in the case while he is imprisoned in Britain, a Swedish court ruled Monday.

The ruling by the Uppsala District Court doesn't mean the preliminary investigation must be abandoned, only that Assange won't be returned to Sweden any time soon.

Eva-Marie Persson, Sweden's deputy director of public prosecutions, said she has not decided whether to appeal.

"I will also issue a European Investigation Order in order to interview Julian Assange," Pers-



son said, adding that she hasn't picked a possible date for the questioning in England.

Assange's lawyer in Sweden, Per E. Samuelsson, said his client would "be happy, we are happy" to learn he won't be extradited to Sweden.

The 47-year-old Assange was evicted on April 11 from the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he had been holed up with political asylum since 2012. He was immediately arrested by British police and is

currently serving a 50-week sentence for jumping bail in 2012.

He is also fighting extradition to the United States, which accuses him of violating the Espionage Act by publishing secret documents hacked from the Pentagon containing the names of confidential military and diplomatic sources.

Last week, Assange missed a court session in Britain, reportedly due to health problems.

The allegations two Sweden women made against Assange stem from a trip to Stockholm he made in August 2010. One of the women was involved in organizing a political event and offered to host Assange at her apartment

Agencies

US-Turkey plans to create S-400 working group are none of Russia's business

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President's press secretary Dmitry Peskov refused to comment on the United States and Turkey's intention to establish a working group to settle the differences arising from Russia supplying S-400 missile system to Ankara.

At a briefing on Tuesday, the Kremlin spokesman said that "Turkey does not have to notify [Russia about the creation of a working group], this is none of our business."

"Our business and the business of our Turkish partners is to complete the S-400 deal, which is currently underway," Peskov underlined. According to him, Turkey can discuss its plans "with any third parties".

Russia's S-400 Triumph (NATO reporting name: SA-21 Growler) is the latest long-range anti-aircraft missile system that went into service in 2007. It is designed to destroy aircraft, cruise and ballistic missiles, and can also be used against ground installations.

The United States is actively attempting to stall the deal. Earlier, Washington already warned Ankara that in case these systems are supplied to Turkey, the US can refuse to supply F-35 to the country.

At the same time, earlier reports suggest that US President Donald Trump was positive about the proposal put forward by Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan to create a joint working group to settle their differences on this issue.

Agencies

Departures at South African state firms could drag out Ramaphosa's reforms

JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Cyril Ramaphosa's mission to fix two of South Africa's most troubled state companies, power firm Eskom and South African Airways (SAA), could take longer than planned after their chief executives quit within a week of each other.

Investors say the CEOs' resignations could slow the implementation of turnaround plans seen as critical to shoring up confidence

in Africa's most industrialized economy, which has for years struggled to grow and whose last investment-grade credit rating is hanging by a thread.

Since becoming president in February 2018, Ramaphosa has pledged to woo investment, create jobs and tackle deep-rooted corruption. But his agenda suffered a major setback yesterday, as data showed the economy saw its sharpest contraction in a decade in the first quarter of 2019, as

power cuts by Eskom hurt sectors like manufacturing and mining.

The roles at Eskom and SAA are some of the most challenging in corporate South Africa, with fierce disagreements over how the companies should operate, meaning it will be difficult to find replacement leaders quickly.

Both have received government bailouts in recent years but executives say that financial support was insufficient.

Eskom is choking under 440

billion rand (\$30.3 billion) of debt – equivalent to around 9 percent of South Africa's 2018 gross domestic product. It said last month that CEO Phakamani Hadebe would step down in July for health reasons.

But two sources close to Hadebe told Reuters that another reason for his departure was that he felt frustrated at being excluded from important decisions affecting the utility.

Ramaphosa has appointed a

raft of advisors to come up with solutions to Eskom's woes and has preferred to listen to their views rather than consult Hadebe, the sources said.

"The government needs to understand that if it wants these companies to be run properly, then it needs to create an environment where the new CEOs can function," said Pavel Mamai, partner at fund manager ProMeritum.

"The CEO changes make the task of fixing Eskom and SAA

more urgent."

SAA CEO Vuyani Jarana wrote in his resignation letter last week that his plans to revive the loss-making airline were being undermined by a lack of state funding and too much bureaucracy.

Jarana, who will leave SAA at the end of August, told Reuters in a May 2018 interview that government funding was critical to fixing the airline.

Hadebe and Jarana had both been in their roles for less than

two years when they resigned – a common trend at South African state firms.

"The revolving-door policy at key state-owned enterprises does little to instill investor confidence," said analyst Shaun Murison at IG Markets.

Hadebe's phone was switched off when a Reuters reporter called on Monday. An SAA spokesman said Jarana was not available for comment.

Agencies



Caster Semenya

Semenya free to run without medication while appeal is heard - court

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

DOUBLE Olympic champion Caster Semenya will be able to run in her favoured 800 metres event without medication to lower her testosterone levels until her appeal to the Swiss Federal Tribunal has been ruled on, her lawyers said on Monday.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) had ruled last month that the sport's ruling body, the IAAF, should make rules for XY chromosome athletes with differences in sexual development (DSDs), like Semenya, competing in events ranging from 400 metres to a mile.

The CAS verdict, challenged by South African Semenya, was highly controversial, with many high-profile current and former athletes lining up on both sides of the debate. "The Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland has ordered the IAAF to immediately suspend the implementation of the eligibility regulations against Caster Semenya, allowing her to compete without restriction in the female category while her appeal is pending," a statement from Semenya's lawyers said.

No time frame has been given for when a final ruling might be made, but the IAAF will make further submissions to the court, the statement said.

"The Swiss Supreme Court has granted welcome temporary protection to Caster Semenya. This is an important case that will have fundamental implications for the human rights of female athletes," added Dorothee

Schramm of Sidley Austin LLP, Swiss counsel for Semenya.

The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) said it had not been notified of the suspension.

"We have received no information from the Swiss Federal Court so we cannot comment at this stage," an IAAF spokesperson said.

Speaking through her lawyers, Semenya said she remains hopeful of her appeal being successful.

"I am thankful to the Swiss judges for this decision. I hope that following my appeal I will once again be able to run free," she said.

Semenya won her last competitive 800 metres race at the Doha Diamond League meeting on May 3, and could potentially race again in Oslo on June 13.

Representatives of the athlete told Reuters that she has not decided on her future plans to run the 800 metres, the event in which she won the Olympic gold medal in 2012 and 2016.

Semenya, 28, is scheduled to compete in a 2,000 metres event in Paris on June 11, and has committed to run the 3,000 metres at the Diamond League's Prefontaine Classic in Stanford, California on June 30.

Testosterone is a hormone that increases muscle mass, strength and haemoglobin and the IAAF said its own research showed it gave a significant endurance advantage to athletes in the 400 metres-mile range.

REUTERS

Simba, Liverpool FC end season on top of the heap

BY CORRESPONDENT LLOYD ELIPOKEA

DESPITE the fact that there have been other eminently prominent sporting contests which have taken place thus far this year such as a few world renowned City Marathons, the Sevens Rugby Series Championship and the ongoing Cricket World Cup in England, it would be hard to dispute the thesis that football is the sport which has once again yielded up the most dramatic and magical must-see viewing out of the whole spectrum of sports.

Admittedly, I concur that this is a pretty bold statement to put across seeing, of course, as we are only half-way through this year.

But in an effort to persuade the unconverted Readers out there, perhaps a brief run-down of the major football leagues and tournaments that have already wrapped up so far this year is in order.

For starters, on the European front, Chelsea emerged triumphant against the Gunners to lift the second-tier Europa League, the Taifa Stars heroically qualified for the AFCON Finals for the first time since 1980, and in what was an all-English finale, Liverpool carried the day against Tottenham to justly win their sixth UEFA Champions League crown, which, after the World Cup, is the most cherished piece of silverware in world football.

Still, I must rapidly say here that the purpose of this commentary is not to build a sturdy case for why football achievements, tournaments and historic milestones hogged an immense chunk of the limelight during the past half-year of 2019.

Rather, I would like to zero-in on the exceptionally brilliant exploits of two clubs in particular and these are Simba Sports Club here on home soil and the newly crowned



Simba SC players attend training in Nakuru, Kenya yesterday to prepare for the semi-final match of the 2018 SportPesa Super Cup tournament against Kariobangi Sharks of Kenya.

European champions, Liverpool FC.

First off, let us examine Simba SC's season. Indeed, in the domestic top flight, Simba SC astonishingly retained their Mainland Premier League title.

The manner of their victory was jaw-slackening because the Msimbazi Street side's age-old foes, Yanga, had been comfortably ensconced in the top spot of the league for the longest period of time.

Hats off then to Simba for regaining the coveted league title in what was a hard-earned, sweet-tasting and doggedly determined victory.

Although, Simba's league triumph was somewhat controversial with a section of fans and stakeholders believing that they were favored by match officials at key moments in the race for the trophy, theirs was still an unlikely victory in the sense that they were behind in the league-winning stakes for

the majority of the season.

Simba's impeccable showings, on the other hand, in the CAF Champions League, are infinitely easier to shower praise on for countless numbers of football supporters around the country.

Indeed, in the face of every daunting challenge, the Msimbazi Street side refused to capitulate and went on a giant-slaying run all the way from the First Round to the quarter-finals of continental football's most prestigious tournament, the CAF Champions League.

Since they have earned a second bite of the cherry, hope springs eternal then, that Simba will be able to perform much better in the 2020 CAF Champions League.

Speaking of Champions Leagues, fans of Liverpool can now make the convincing argument that their club is right where they belong, which is sitting prettily on the pinnacle

of European football as UEFA Champions League victors.

Indeed, after missing out on the EPL title by just a whisker, Liverpool immediately changed their focus with little fuss to meticulously begin preparing for the UEFA Champions League final against Spurs.

In the ultimate analysis, Liverpool's sagacious refusal to sit in the dumps and mope around after being vanquished in the EPL title race by Manchester City may have gone a long way towards securing yet another UEFA Champions League trophy for them.

What an eventful football season it has been so far both domestically and internationally.

And, if you are anything like me, the knowledge that there is more potentially and likely more exciting football drama to come down the road is truly a mouthwatering prospect.

Kohli trusts India's spinners to be game changers - Kuldeep

LONDON

INDIAN captain Virat Kohli trusts his spinners to be game changers at the World Cup and is not worried about them conceding runs as long as they keep picking up wickets, spinner Kuldeep Yadav has said.

Kuldeep struggled in this year's Indian Premier League and was dropped by Kolkata Knight Riders but made India's 15-man squad for the World Cup based on his ODI form over the past 18 months.

The 24-year-old is the world's leading ODI wicket-taker in the past year with 48 wickets in 19 matches and is Kohli's preferred spin option alongside Yuzvendra Chahal.

"Virat has always had belief in Chahal and me," Kuldeep told

cricket website ESPNcricinfo. "He believes both of us can take wickets at any time in a match, that we can change the game at any time."

"He tells us that even if we go for five or 10 runs extra, it's not an issue as long as we're getting wickets. He trusts us, gives us the freedom to bowl the way we want to. He just says, 'I want wickets.'"

Kuldeep and Chahal have taken a combined 77 wickets in the past 12 months, six more than India's pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami.

With batsmen at the World Cup already profiting from the flat pitches in England and Wales, Kuldeep says he is working on a strategy to help him cope and would like more overs at the

death.

"In ODIs, when you get hit, the plan is to figure out how to force the batsman to rotate the strike so you can bowl at the second batsman to create pressure," he added.

"After 40 overs, the field is a bit more open. It's a bit easier to bowl and the batsmen are taking more chances."

India begin their World Cup campaign against South Africa in Southampton on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, five countries will tour India in the 2019-20 season with the hosts scheduled to play five test matches, starting with a series against South Africa later this year, the country's cricket board (BCCI) has said.

Virat Kohli's top-ranked test side face South Africa in the first of three Twenty20 Internationals

on Sept. 15 followed by a three-test series in October. India's last two home tests of the season are against Bangladesh in November 2019, with the teams also scheduled to play three T20s.

The five tests are part of the inaugural World Test Championship which involves the nine top-ranked test nations competing in a league between July 2019 and April 2021, with the top two teams progressing to the final to be held in June 2021.

India will play nine ODIs and 12 T20s in total at home with the West Indies arriving in December, followed by visits from Zimbabwe and Australia in January.

Kohli's men wrap up the season with a three-match ODI series against South Africa in March.

REUTERS

Raptors OK mentally, Warriors shaky physically in NBA Finals



Toronto Raptors' Kawhi Leonard (2) is defended by Golden State Warriors' Shaun Livingston (34), Stephen Curry (30), Quinn Cook (4) and Draymond Green (23) during the second half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals, Sunday, June 2, 2019, in Toronto. (AP)

TORONTO

THE Toronto Raptors feel good mentally, and they are certainly in better shape physically than the Golden State Warriors.

The Raptors know they have outplayed Golden State for perhaps 90 of the 96 minutes of the NBA Finals, and they almost overcame the one brutal stretch where they didn't. Despite being blanked for nearly half the third quarter of Game 2, the Raptors were within two points in the final seconds.

Golden State held on to win 109-104, tying the series that moves to Oracle Arena for Games 3 and 4. The Raptors lost the game and home-court advantage, but not any of their belief that they can win the series.

"We fought back and we know that going towards Game 3 we've got to play a lot better, and it's going to be even harder on the road," Raptors guard Fred VanVleet said, "but we're capable and we know what we bring to the

table."

The Warriors aren't quite sure, at least as it relates to their health.

They are hoping Kevin Durant is close to returning from a seven-game absence with a strained right calf, and that Klay Thompson can play after he limped off the court early in the fourth quarter Sunday. The Warriors said Thompson had an MRI exam Monday that indicated a mild left hamstring strain and that he would be listed as questionable for Game 3.

They will be without Kevon Looney, who has been their best center in the postseason. He will be out indefinitely because of a non-displaced cartilage fracture on the right side of his ribcage that he sustained in Game 2.

So the Warriors were in no condition to dance their way back across the border in this first NBA Finals to be played outside the U.S. - in fact, DeMarcus Cousins posted an Instagram picture of him and Andre Iguodala being moved through the airport in

wheelchairs.

But they wouldn't have been too excited even in peak condition. They've played in so many series during their run to five straight finals that they understand better than anyone how momentum works.

"It swings so much. They've gone through it, too, when they were down 0-2 last series and won four straight games," Iguodala said. "We won two games at home and went to Houston and lost two and everyone thought the world was ending, especially with our team. Certain things that we pick up along the way, that experience will help us with emotional swings from game to game in this series."

Iguodala hit the clinching 3-pointer after the Raptors had clawed their way within two points by scoring 10 straight in the final minutes. It certainly seemed it would be easier for the Warriors after their 18-0 run to start the third quarter, an NBA Finals record to begin a half, had

put them in control.

Toronto stayed in it thanks to Kawhi Leonard, who finished with 34 points and 14 rebounds, and an assault on the backboards in which they outscored the Warriors 23-0 in second-chance points.

It might take even more than that to get a game at Oracle Arena, where the two-time defending champions will play Wednesday for the first time in nearly three weeks. Golden State hasn't played a home game since Game 2 of the Western Conference finals against Portland on May 16.

"The only thing that matters is the four. Four wins," Leonard said. "Once you get it, two wins, three wins, it does not matter. Just take one game at a time and just play through the adversity."

That's what the Warriors did in Game 2, when they turned to all the tricks they've learned and pulled a rabbit out of their hats.

Now they have to hope they won't run out of rabbits.

AP

Brazil coach Tite reserves judgment on Neymar rape accusation

RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZILIAN coach Tite on Monday declined to pass judgement on the rape accusation made against the national soccer side's star Neymar, whose denial of the incendiary allegations have landed him in fresh legal trouble.

A woman accused Neymar of raping her at a Paris hotel last month, according to a police report seen by Reuters on Saturday.

Tite said he preferred to leave the matter in the hands of investigators and await clarification, adding that he had always enjoyed a good relationship with the soccer star.

"I do not want to pre-judge, and I prefer to leave the matter to responsible people," he said at a news conference ahead of the upcoming Copa America tournament. "We do not yet have the facts clarified and time will give those answers."

Tite's comments marked the first time anyone from Brazil's Football Federation has addressed the explosive allegations.

Sao Paulo state's public security ministry released a statement confirming the accusation had been made, and said the investigation was still sealed, without giving further details.

After news of the accusation surfaced, Neymar posted a long video

to Instagram in which he denied all the accusations against him, said he was a victim of extortion, lamented the pain caused to him and his family, and shared WhatsApp messages with the alleged victim, including racy photos he had received.

That led police in Rio de Janeiro to open a fresh investigation into whether he had committed a crime by posting the intimate pictures online.

Speaking with local TV on Monday, Neymar's father defended the decision to publish the photos.

"Neymar needed to defend himself quickly," his father said. "We didn't have any choice. I prefer a cyber crime to a rape crime."

Brazil are preparing for the Copa America - a tournament played by South America's 10 national teams - plus invitees Japan and Qatar, kicking off on June 14.

Neymar arrived at the camp on Sunday in his personal helicopter, but did not speak to reporters.

Tite said the team's focus was currently on preparing for Wednesday's friendly with Qatar. He added that Neymar was still part of his plans.

"Technically Neymar is indispensable, but not irreplaceable," the coach said.

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Qatar will host last old-style Club World Cups before expansion

PARIS

QATAR will host the final two of the old-style seven-team Club World Cup tournaments before the competition is expanded to 24 teams from 2021, global soccer body FIFA said on Monday.

FIFA confirmed that Qatar would stage the event in 2019 and 2020 when it would also serve as a test for the World Cup which the Gulf state will host in 2022.

"For us, it is a great opportunity, it is a great test event to try out some of the operational plans we have in place in the lead up to the World Cup," Hassan Al Thawadi, general secretary of Qatar's World Cup organising committee, told reporters after a FIFA Council meeting.

The competition currently features the club champions of the six continental federations plus a team from the host nation but has struggled to capture the imagination of the public since it was first staged in its current form in 2005.

From 2021 onwards, FIFA will hold the competition on a four-yearly basis with 24 teams and wants to include at least eight from Europe.

However, this has been opposed

by the European Club Association (ECA) which wrote to FIFA president Gianni Infantino in March to say that its members would not take part because there is no space in the international calendar.

The ECA has 232 members, including all of Europe's biggest clubs.

FIFA said it would approach potential hosts for the expanded edition of the club tournament before making a recommendation at the next council meeting in Shanghai on Oct. 23 and 24.

FIFA also said it had lifted the suspension on Sierra Leone after Isha Johansen, the president of the country's football association, was acquitted of corruption charges by the country's high court along with general secretary Chris Kamara.

Both had denied wrongdoing. FIFA considered the case to be third-party interference in the running of the Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA), something which is banned under its statutes.

FIFA said in a statement that the High Court ruling "ensured that the recognised leadership has full control of the member association again."

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Reyes' family, friends pay respects at funeral

UTRERA, SPAIN

FAMILY, friends and former teammates paid their respects to footballer Jose Antonio Reyes, whose funeral was held in his home town of Utrera, Spain, on Monday morning, following his death in a car crash on Saturday.

Reyes' body arrived to Utrera's town hall on Sunday night, hours after thousands of fans and personalities had attended a wake at Sevilla's Sanchez Pizjuan stadium, where he began his professional career.

Reyes' coffin was carried through the streets of Utrera to the Santa Maria church where local resident said their goodbyes. The Utrera town hall has declared two days of mourning. A flower arrangement from Arsenal coach Unai Emery and his staff was placed near to the coffin. Emery had coached Reyes for three-and-a-half seasons during the player's second stint at Sevilla.

Meanwhile, the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) has announced it will award Reyes the gold and diamond medal -- its highest distinction.

Thousands of people had attend-

ed a wake which was held on Sunday evening at the Sanchez Pizjuan stadium for the former Sevilla, Arsenal and Real Madrid forward.

Reyes, 35, was on the books of Spanish second division side UD Extremadura and was heading home to Utrera on Saturday morning when he crashed.

"RFEF president Luis Rubiales has announced that during the general assembly that will take place on June 10, the RFEF's gold and diamond medal will be posthumously awarded to the footballer," a statement from the Spanish FA said.

Rubiales travelled to Seville to pay his respects to Reyes and said: "We are very affected, it's very sad. He was an incredible player, a marvellous person. Spanish football will never forget him."

Reyes earned 21 caps for Spain and was part of the 2006 World Cup squad. He won the Premier League title and FA Cup with Arsenal and was a member of the team which reached the 2006 Champions League final. However, it was at boyhood club Sevilla where he achieved the most success.

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African talent underpins Liverpool's European success

BY ED DOVE, SPECIAL TO ESPN

LIVERPOOL'S Champions League success in 2018-19 represents one of the most significant African contributions ever made to a European Cup-winning team.

The Reds defeated Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 in Madrid on Saturday as they conquered Europe for the sixth time, and ended their 14-year wait for the continental crown.

Mohamed Salah opened the scoring with a second-minute penalty - the second-fastest goal in the fixture's history - before Divock Origi added a second in the 87th minute to kill any hope of a Spurs comeback, which had been threatened for much of the second half.

Salah has rightly been lauded as the key protagonist in the crowning moment for Jurgen Klopp's fine team, and his goal ensured that he became the fifth African player to score in the final's history.

Rabah Madjer, Didier Drogba, and Samuel Eto'o all scored in winning efforts for FC Porto, Chelsea, and Barcelona respectively, while Sadio Mane found the net against Real Madrid a year ago as Liverpool were defeated in Kyiv.

Salah may have opened the scoring at the Wanda Metropolitan, but it was Mane who won the penalty, with his cross meeting Moussa Sissoko's outstretched arm after just 26 seconds to give Liverpool the early advantage.

Beyond the opening exchanges, it was a quiet outing for Salah and Mane, although the duo's decisive contribution to the season showpiece has capped off a magnificent campaign for the pair - both in Europe and domestically.

In the Premier League, they shared the Golden Boot with Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang of Arsenal after the trio each struck 22 goals.

With eight assists, Salah is one of only two players - the other being Eden Hazard - to end the year with 30 or more direct goal contributions, as he carried on in style following a



Sadio Mane, holding the Senegal flag, and Mo Salah of Egypt represented Africa with the highest distinction this past season. (Agencies)

record-breaking maiden season at Anfield.

In Europe, Mane may have fallen short of the 10 goals he netted in 11 Champions League outings last season, but he nonetheless reaffirmed his status as one of European football's genuine big-game players with a series of outstanding displays.

He almost single-handedly brought down Bayern Munich away from home in the Round of 16, and his pirouette to disorientate Manuel Neuer before impudently chipping home past the stranded German stopper was a moment of technical class and rare composure.

It will be remembered as one of the defining contributions to Liverpool's triumphant campaign.

UEFA's Technical Observers named Mane, and not Salah, in their Champions League 2018-19 Squad of the Tournament, which is testament to the influence the Senegal international has enjoyed as one of the figureheads of Klopp's team this term.

Shades of 2012

Mane's performance against Bayern - he added Liverpool's third in the 84th minute - was reminiscent of

Drogba's showing against the same opponent in the 2012 final at the Allianz Arena.

On that occasion, with Chelsea a goal down and staring at the ultimate disappointment with two minutes of regular time remaining, the Ivorian headed in an equaliser that halted the engraver in his tracks and took the tie to extra time.

Drogba struck the decisive penalty, breaking Bayern hearts and ensuring that Chelsea became London's first European champions.

That occasion represented the first time that four African players had been on the winning side in a Champions League final, with Salomon Kalou and John Obi Mikel playing the match, and Michael Essien an unused substitute.

Drogba, however, was the star, with his final goal the sixth of a campaign in which he'd also opened the scoring in the second-leg Round of 16 comeback against Napoli, and then nabbed the winner in a semifinal first-leg triumph over Barca.

Kalou also played his part, scoring the only goal of the game away at Benfica in the first leg of the quarter-final, while Mikel's semifinal neutralising of Lionel Messi were among his

best performances in a blue shirt.

Barcelona themselves have enjoyed a UCL success underpinned by key African performances, most notably in 2009, when Yaya Toure, Seydou Keita and Man of the Match Eto'o all featured as Manchester United were defeated in Rome.

However, while that trio all made big contributions during Barca's run to the final, they didn't perhaps enjoy the influence within that team - a side containing Lionel Messi, Xavi, Thierry Henry and Andres Iniesta - that either Drogba did at Chelsea in 2012, or Salah and Mane have done this campaign.

Unsung Heroes

One of the overlooked subplots of Liverpool's run to the Champions League final - and their victory on Saturday - has been the growth of Joel Matip throughout the second half of the season.

The Cameroon defender began the season as the fourth choice centre-back at Anfield, having failed to convince since his arrival from Schalke 04 in July 2016. He struggled with injuries and has taken his time to adapt to English football.

However, despite being in the colossal shadow of Virgil van Dijk, Matip has taken the chances afforded him by injuries to Joe Gomez and Dejan Lovren to step into a pivotal role for the Reds.

In fact, he's emerged as an ideal foil for the more physical Dutchman, with the duo - along with Alisson - ensuring that a major area of weakness for Liverpool has become a strength.

Matip's performance on Saturday was exceptional. Despite the scale of the occasion, the defender demonstrated exceptional poise on the ball - one pass out of defence, beating Spurs' press and setting Andy Robertson on the offensive - was both delicate and daring in its vision and execution, while the defender created two goalscoring opportunities during the match (more than any other Reds player).

Chance to end barren years fires England up for Nations League

PORTO, PORTUGAL

NOT even England's most passionate supporters would suggest that winning this week's Nations League Finals would compare with a World Cup triumph but after last year's excitement, Gareth Southgate's men are now eyeing football's newest trophy.

England's run to the semi-finals in Russia re-connected their fans with the national team and the wins over Croatia and Spain in the Nations League group stage showed further progress.

They also earned Southgate's side a place in the competition's final four, where they will take on the Netherlands in Guimaraes on Thursday with a place in Sunday's final against Portugal or Switzerland on the line.

The fact that England have not won anything at senior level since their solitary World Cup triumph in 1966 gives Southgate's side the sense that a triumph will make a mark.

"It's still a chance to win a trophy in an England shirt, and 1966 was a long time ago," said captain Harry Kane.

"We're going to try and take full advantage. We all want to win trophies and have the experience of sharing that with the group and the fans, so it's a huge incentive. The fans are going to be out in numbers and hopefully be part of history," added the forward.

Kane returned from a seven-week injury layoff in Tottenham's 2-0 defeat to Liverpool in the Champions League final in Madrid on Saturday, looking some way short of full sharpness.

Southgate's squad features three other Spurs players in Eric Dier, Danny Rose and Dele Alli, while Jordan Henderson, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Joe Gomez were part of the winning Liverpool squad.

But Kane says there will be no hangover from that contest once the players find themselves preparing together.

"When we come here everyone's fully focused on here. You don't have to talk to people about switch-



Harry Kane

ing off from club football. Everyone just naturally does it and I think the fact we've played with each other in club sides and younger England sides (means) we're all good friends," he said.

"Whether you're at Spurs or (Manchester) City or Liverpool, we've known each other long enough that we've become mates."

While more games at the end of a long, hard season might see some tired legs in action, defender Michael Keane believes that the chance of silverware makes sure motivation will

be high.

"There's massive excitement. It's the first time the Nations League Finals is happening and it'd be great to be the first team to win that."

"We know it's going to be tough but we've got the belief in ourselves and everyone else in the team that we're good enough to win it," he said.

The Netherlands, however, featuring Champions League final man-of-the-match Virgil van Dijk and an exciting group of players from Ajax Amsterdam, will provide a stern test for England, despite having missed

out on qualification for Russia.

"The Dutch have stepped up a few gears from the last couple of years, so we know they have some top players and it's going to be tough," said Keane.

Meanwhile, Portugal defender Pepe said he was certain that fans in Porto would give full support to the team when the city hosts the Nations League this week and that their rivalry with Benfica would not affect their enthusiasm.

The issue was raised after television pictures showed a group of fans jeering Benfica forward Joao Felix when his car drove into the team's headquarters near Porto on Sunday.

"When I first played for the national team, there was a bit of a difference between North and South," Pepe, who joined Porto in January, told reporters. "But that difference doesn't exist any more, we play for the country."

"The atmosphere is spectacular and I'm sure that people in the North will give great support to the team," added the Brazilian-born 36-year-old who has made 105 appearances since his debut in 2007.

"The players feel this. We've always been well received from the North to the South."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Telecom firm customers set to win trip to Egypt to watch AFCON finals

By Guardian Reporter

CUSTOMERS for telecommunication company Tigo have been presented with the opportunity to win a trip to Egypt to watch the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations finals, as well as prizes worth tens of millions, following the launch of a grand promotion dubbed SOKA LA AFRIKA.

The promotion goes hand in hand with the upcoming African football tournament.

In the promotion, 10 lucky Tigo customers will get a chance to watch the biggest football tournament in Africa, with Tanzania's senior national football team, Taifa Stars, also making their first appearance after 36 years.

Customers wishing to participate in the SOKA LA AFRIKA promotion and stand a chance to become millionaires, as noted by the firm, need to either send a keyword SOKA to 15670 or visit www.tigosports.co.tz to answer questions on the continental showpiece.

Addressing journalists during the SOKA LA AFRIKA launch at the Tigo head offices in Dar es Salaam, the company's Head of Products and Services, David Umoh, said SOKA LA AFRIKA is designed to reward Tigo customers for their loyalty for using the products and services.

"We believe that leveraging on the African football tournament is the right opportunity to provide a sports mobile platform which is informative, educative and entertaining," he disclosed.

"The football cup for African countries is a world-class tournament. It gathers players from very competitive football leagues in and out of Africa."

"We therefore believe that it will be a one-of-kind experience for our customers to go and watch the games, as well as support the team representing us, Taifa Stars. We wish them all the best."

Speaking on the cash prizes, Umoh said: "over a hundred lucky customers will win cash prizes throughout daily, weekly and monthly during three months."

Umoh encouraged every customer to participate in this promotion.

The more a customer answers the questions, he noted, the more points you are awarded, and the higher your chances of winning a ticket to Egypt, or millions of money.

He disclosed every customer gets an equal chance to win in the SOKA LA AFRIKA promotion.



Tigo Head Products and Services, David Umoh, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the launching of the firm's grand promotion, dubbed SOKA LA AFRIKA, in which 10 lucky customers will win millions of cash prize and get a chance to watch the Africa Cup of Nations tournament in Egypt. He is flanked by the firm's Value Added Service Specialist, Ikunda Ngowi. PHOTO: JOHN BADI

Dar to field four clubs in 2019/20 CAF competitions



Yanga defender, Kelvin Yondani (R), challenges Ethiopia's Wolaitta Dicha forward, Arafat Djako, during the second leg match of the second round of the 2017/18 CAF Confederation Cup that was held at the Hawassa International Stadium in Ethiopia in April last year. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CAF

By Guardian Reporter

THE Confederation of African Football (CAF) has confirmed Tanzania will field four outfits in the continental club tournaments in the 2019/20 season.

A statement released by Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) in Dar es Salaam yesterday disclosed that two of the outfits will compete in the CAF Champions League and the rest will take part in the CAF Confederation Cup.

The country won the opportunity as it secured a place in the top 12 positions in the continental soccer governing body's

ranking for clubs.

The TFF said outfits, which will represent the country in the CAF tournaments, as per the Mainland Premier League regulations that were amended by the federation's executive committee, are Simba, Yanga, Azam FC and KMC FC.

Simba and Yanga will battle it out in the CAF Champions League, Azam FC and KMC FC will compete in the CAF Confederation Cup.

KMC FC will compete in the CAF Confederation Cup as per the regulation, which stipulates

that the fourth-placed outfit in the league will take part in the CAF Confederation Cup if the third-placed outfit wins the Azam Sports Federation Cup.

KMC FC, for that matter, will battle it out in the CAF Confederation Cup given Azam FC emerged as this year's Azam Sports Federation Cup winners and won an automatic opportunity to play in the second tier of continental club competitions.

Football associations of CAF member countries have already been given opportunity to go for registration of their respective

outfits, which will compete in CAF tournaments, on the CAF Competitions Management System.

The system will be used for next year's African Nations Championship (CHAN).

The system has been launched in order to improve and turn much easier the management of FIFA's competitions with the National Associations.

The registration should be completed before June 30 as stipulated by the continental soccer governing body.

Wallace Karia, TFF president,

has called on clubs that have got chance to play in the continental competition, to recruit competent players and prepare well for the tournaments.

The country's opportunity to field four club in the continental club tournaments owes much to the success the country's soccer giants, Simba SC, enjoyed in the 2018/19 CAF Champions League.

The Msimbazi Street side, against all odds, sailed through to the quarterfinals of the premier continental club tournament after registering three wins in six outings in the group stage of the tournament.

Simba knocked Eswatini's Mbabane Swallows with 8-1 aggregate win in the first round of the competition, in which the Tanzania soccer giants cruised to a 4-1 win in Dar es Salaam and then notched an impressive 4-0 win in Eswatini.

Simba went on to dispatch Nkana of Zambia in the second round to qualify for the group stage.

Nkana edged Simba 2-1 in the first leg match and Simba made the most of the second leg encounter, commanding a 3-1 win to make certain of their qualification for the group stage.

The group stage of the tournament saw Simba finish second in Group D, which also had Algeria's JS Saoura, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s AS Vita Club and Egypt giants, Al Ahly.

Simba and Al Ahly progressed to the last eight stage and lost their respective duels with TP Mazembe of DRC and Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa.

Morogo fashion designer wins award

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Dar es Salaam



Purple Planet firm's director, Herdelita Kisoka (R), hands over the 2019 Icon Award for Art, Beauty and Styles to Sauda Msuya during a ceremony that took place in Dar es Salaam recently. Sauda edged 10 contestants to lay her hands on the prize. The company organized the awards. PHOTO: MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA

MOROGORO's fashion designer, Sauda Zera Msuya, emerged as the winner of the Art, Beauty and Style category of this year's Icon Award ceremony held in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Sauda, commonly known as Mama Halima African Fashion, beat 10 contestants to the prize because of creativity she exhibited in her products, particularly wedding dresses.

The event hosted by Purple Planet firm and supervised by the firm's director, Herdelita Kisoka, brought together 80 designers that competed in various categories.

In the Art, Beauty and Styles category, the designer, who owns two shops and has employed over 10 people, got votes from over 1000 fans that casted votes on different social media sites.

Her ability to create employment for 10 people moreover played crucial role in her victory.

Sauda said: "I thank all for the award. I'm so proud of it, I thank Kisoka for letting me grow up in styles, beauty and art, she always encourages me

and fortunately today my dreams have come true."

She noted she had a humble start in 2003 as she owned two tailoring machines and worked at a verandah with a capital worth 50,000/- from Pride Tanzania.

Sauda pointed out her mother Zera Msuya, who still owns a stationery in Morogoro, played great role in the former's success in the business given the latter searched for latest fashion online, as well as up-to-date materials aimed at supporting her daughter.

"I had a meager capital and I took a loan of 500,000/- from National Microfinance Bank in 2004 and increase manpower, the situation helped me launch two shops, Zera Wedding Dress and Mama Halima African Fashion," she said.

"The staff smoothened operation and I boosted my earning to 80m/- due to the quality of dresses, which were sold at 30,000/- each for children and over 500,000/- each for wedding."

"Fortunately, I bought a car, I built a house and I'm supporting my siblings and staff."

Sauda noted that her parents, her children, Halima and Zera, and

her husband, Abu Abdul, played pivotal role in her success.

She further disclosed she paid flight tickets for over 10 local female designers to Guangzhou, China to take part in a trade show and the gesture also played part in winning the prize.

Sauda disclosed she has assisted over 100 small scale entrepreneurs to take part in regional and national trade shows, which have exposed the entrepreneurs to new skills and various designs exhibited by colleagues.

Ramadhan Masimba, one of Sauda's staff, said his life has improved since he secured employment at Mama Halima African Fashion shop.

Masimba added he was taught how to manufacture boutiques, a skill he hardly dreamt of learning in the past.

He noted he is making the most of the skill, given he teaches his neighbours so the latter can set up their respective businesses.

"The income I get from my extra time training sessions, which take place out of my office, is used to pay water and electricity bills while my salary covers my son's school fees," he noted.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

I HAVE BEEN POLITE TO MY BOSSES AND MY CLIENTS ALL DAY LONG. CAN'T I JUST BE RUDE FOR A CHANGE?

