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# JPM: Expedite inquiry on CCM youth leader killing

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Dr John Magufuli yesterday ordered police to fast track investigations into the recent killing of the Southern Highlands CCM youth leader for universities.

He made the order at a rally in Makambako in Njombe district, enroute to Mbeya region, where he expressed his being disturbed with reports of the ghastly killing of Emmanuel Mlewa, the party's leader for the CCM Youth Organisation higher learning institutions in the Southern Highlands zone who was killed on September 21.

September 21, the CCM presidential candidate promised to open up the Southern Highlands regions including Njombe with improved infrastructure to facilitate transportation of agricultural produce such as avocados, vegetables and tea to other regions and outside the country.

He said to begin with, if re-elected his government will construct Njombe airport so that cargo planes bought by the government transport products directly from regions of cultivation to international markets, noting that his next term will be a moment to link farmers of Njombe and the Southern Highland regions to markets to

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Journalists from The Guardian and Nipashe newspapers hold their trophies and certificates after emerging winners in the Excellence in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT) organized by the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) in Tanga city on Monday. From (L-R) are Ashton Balaigwa, Marco Maduhu, James Kandoya, Muhidini Msamba, Sanula Athanas, Christina Mwakangale, Rahma Suleiman, Abdul Kingo and Crispin Gerald. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



## 'Media needs remembrance fitting for the late Dr Mengi'

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald, Tanga

MEDIA stakeholders have been challenged to organise a befitting occasion to honour the contribution of pioneer investor in the industry, the late Dr Reginald Mengi (pictured).

Speaking here yesterday at the Excellence in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT) 2019 organized by the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT), Regional Commissioner Martin Shigella who was the guest of honour said Dr Mengi deserves something special as remembrance.

"I never got an opportunity to meet Dr Mengi in person but I respect his work and dedication to our nation. I have been thinking of how best we can honour his efforts and contributions in the media industry," he said.

The late Dr Mengi was the founder and chairman of IPP Ltd, with components ranging from media interests in print and broadcasting, household products, the bottling industry and mining.

There were also newer initiatives in technology and assembling he was readying at the time of his death in May 2019.

"It is important to recognize what he did in the media because he decided to focus less in other sectors and invested heavily in the media. He did a lot worthy of remembrance," the RC underlined.

"Mengi goes down in the history of our country as the first person to establish the first privately-owned television and radio stations as well as newspapers. These entities played a significant

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## The Guardian Ltd scribes star in 2019 EJAT awards

By Guardian Reporter

JOURNALISTS from The Guardian and Nipashe newspapers have yet again scooped various categories of awards in the 2019 Excellence in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT) event held in Tanga on Monday evening.

Running away with five categories, the strong showing by The Guardian Limited, publisher of the two newspapers, is a continuation of its stellar performance in the awards and a testament to its motto: the home of great newspapers.

The categories in which The Guardian/Nipashe scribes shone were tourism and conservation, human rights and good governance, gender, sexual and reproductive health, environment, road safety education, health, as well as cartoon-



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The winners are Sanula Athanas, Gwamaka Alipipi, Christina Mwakangale, Abdul Kingo, Rahma Suleiman (all writing for Nipashe), and Crispin Gerald (The Guardian). Those who emerged first and second runner-up include Ashton Balaigwa (Nipashe Morogoro), Marco Maduhu (Nipashe-Shinyanga) Muhidini Msamba and James Kandoya (The Guardian).

Speaking during the awarding ceremony, a member of the EJAT panel of judges, Pili Mtambalike cited the need for empowering journalists with investigative reporting skills, noting that investigative journalism has gone down as compared to the situation in the past.

Mindful of other parameters of reality impinging on newspapers, she said MCT is aware of the challenges the media industry is going

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# Constitution, electoral laws will prevail - NEC

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE National Electoral Commission (NEC) yesterday said it will abide by the country's constitution, electoral law and its regulation while managing next month's general election to make it free, fair, transparent and credible.

Speaking here yesterday, NEC Deputy Chairman Justice (rtd) Mbarouk Salim Mbarouk (pictured)



discounted fears of possible rigging as claimed by some quarters.

He said the election management body is in the hands of professionals who will stick to laws and regulations so that all parties taking part in the October 28 polls play on a level field.

But for that to happen, Mbarouk reminded candidates who are currently on the campaign

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CCM presidential candidate Dr John Pombe Magufuli waves at the crowd after arriving in Makambako moments before addressing a campaign rally yesterday. Photo: State House

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improve their standard of living.

"Njombe is a good producer of fruits and vegetables but, there is a lack of good transport infrastructure to transport these products to global markets hence denying our farmers the best profits for their efforts," he stated.

The Southern Highlands regions including Njombe are considered to be the country's grain basket. Horticulture is prized in avocado farming, a \$700m a year industry, on the basis of Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) data.

The country earned \$179m in exports of horticultural products in 2018/2019, a rise from \$142.7m from the year before, by Bank of Tanzania (BoT)

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figures.

The ruling party candidate said his government will construct Manda Port in Ludewa district to facilitate businesses with Lake Nyasa border regions and neighbouring states.

Through the party's manifesto, CCM plans to improve social services in Njombe, including water supply, where about 121bn/- has been set aside, the

candidate noted.

Through the urban water project set to be implemented in 28 regions, Southern Highland regions will also be part of this improved water supply system, he said.

Water availability in Njombe will rise to 85 percent of needs in rural areas and 95 percent in urban areas, he said, noting also that the government

will finalize the construction of Njombe Referral Hospital which is now 85-percent finished.

"We started with the construction of health centres to improve service provision. Now we want to cover everyone with health insurance," Dr Magufuli explained to thousands of residents who gathered at the Police grounds at Makambako.

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trail to act responsibly by avoiding inflammatory remarks.

"I would like to remind candidates that other laws of the land have not been suspended during this electioneering period. I advise that people desist from committing offences in the hope of hiding behind campaigning," he said.

At the same time, NEC director Dr Wilson Mahera yesterday called on voters not to sell their voter's cards but use them to enable them elect leaders they want.

He was commenting on reports aired in various places that there are people who are going around to purchase voters' cards, saying that is denying the right of voting to those who succumb to that incentive.

Speaking in Arusha, Dr Mahera told various election stakeholders in the ongoing election process that the aim of the meeting was to ensure that the election is conducted freely and fairly.

"Surely, the issue of selling or handing over your voter's card and then on polling day you are without the card is equivalent to denying you the right to vote. Do not agree to that," he urged.

He said he convened the meeting to involve stakeholders so that everyone in their various positions seek to ensure that the voting is conducted freely and fairly.

He reiterated that in this year's polls there are 29m voters out of who around 15m are youths between 18 and 35 years of age, reflecting a huge response from the youth to participate in the polls.

Dr Mahera appealed to religious leaders to exercise their influence on some candidates to stop mobilizing people to stay at polling centres after voting, so as to avoid confrontation with the police.

"I'm saying this because some candidates are heard mobilizing people to remain at polling centres. This is not

right, as when they are tear-gassed they start complaining," he remarked.

The NEC Director said it would be better for people not to take the law in their own hands and mar the conduct of election that has cost the government more than 331bn/-.

This year there are 80,155 polling centres in 214 constituencies in Tanzania Mainland and 50 on the Isles, he stated

Arusha constituency returning officer Dr John Pima said they hope the voting and counting will be conducted without violence.

"I also appeal to voters to emerge in big numbers, in particular people with disabilities, elders and pregnant women who will be given priority to vote early," he specified.

The prevailing tranquility in Arusha since the start of the campaigns was a good sign, in which case religious leaders need to pray for the maintenance of peace in a city that is also the country's tourism hub, he added.



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## Moshi-Arusha passenger fare announced - LATRA

By Guardian Reporter

LAND Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) has announced Arusha-Moshi train fares.

Speaking yesterday to reporters in Arusha yesterday, TATRA director general Giliard Ngwee said the fares will be 1,500/- for third class and 2,000/- for second class.

Ngwee said the fare from one station to another within Kilimanjaro Region will now be 1,000/- whilst Moshi-Arusha students' fare will be 300/- for third class and 400/- for

second class.

"We have announced these fares as passenger train services will start operating beginning next month," he said.

Tanzania Railways corporation (TRC) director of commercial development Henry Machoke said thanked the government for reviving Moshi-Arusha train services that will begin next month.

"We also thank LATRA for coming up with the new indicative train passenger fares," promising that TRC will offer excellent service for passengers.

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role in accelerating socioeconomic development," he emphasised.

"Such contributions of people need to be acknowledged and appreciated, because if we will not do so, we will not be remembered by what we are doing today," he reiterated.

The EJAT awards brought together 56 nominees from various media organizations.

Shigella said that the media is a great platform helping the government to know what to set in its plans and focus and communicate to the public in times of tragedy.

Citing the situation of the Covid-19 pandemic, he said the government used media to communicate with the public on the best and safe means to protect the public from the disease.

He called upon government officials to use the media to inform on investment opportunities available in the country in order to accelerate economic and social development.

"We can't ignore the media, but we need to understand how to use it in order to spur development," he stated.

He applauded MCT for overseeing operations of media in tandem with the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) which he said promotes adherence to the

professional code of conduct by journalists.

Concerning election coverage, Shigella gave a thumbs-up to the media in general for striving to maintain neutrality in their daily coverage of the ongoing election campaigns.

"Nowadays you don't easily find media that report contestants in a biased manner. They are now providing equal time to every contender to share his or her plans," he said.

"I applaud you for being neutral in your daily reporting as this helps to strengthen our peace and unity."

For his part, MCT executive secretary Kajubi Mukajanga said professionalism in journalism can only be attained if the development of the media is supported, and one way of providing support is to recognize those who excel in their work.

He said contrary to previous years, the EJAT awards ceremony for 2019 was delayed as a result of the coronavirus situation, where the plans had to be postponed. "However, we have managed to host the awards and for the first time we have in this year decided to hold the event outside Dar es Salaam to testify that the awards have matured as national events. They ought to be further entrenched across all communities," he added.



Chadema presidential candidate's running mate Salum Mwalimu addresses a campaign rally at Shujaa Stadium in Morogoro municipality yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Francis Dande

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through, "but more efforts needed to scale up investigative journalism."

She said that getting winners was a hectic task and judges laboured to get the best journalistic work in every category.

In many of the stories submitted in the competition, journalists used officials as their main sources such as regional and district commissioners, along with the police, while community voices missed in their priorities.

"Seriousness wasn't shown by some of the journalists as some presented empty CDs," she said, intimating that some works in radio, television, and newspapers provided no background material.

Nipashe senior reporter Sanula Athanas took the tourism and conservation, human rights and good governance awards and first runner-up in the education reporting category.

He called on fellow journalists to make good use of their investigative skills to address social problems and ills,

and practice writing as part of pushing forward national development.

In the list, Christina Mwakangale took the gender, sexual reproductive health award, while Gwamaka Alipipi walked away with health and environment awards.

Zanzibar-based Nipashe reporter, Rahma Suleiman emerged second runner-up in the Human Rights and Good Governance reporting category.

A correspondent with The Guardian, Crispin Gerald took the road safety award, while his counterpart James

Kandoya emerged second runner-up in the same category.

Abdul Kingo took the best cartoonist award, while his counterpart Muhidin Msamba emerged second runner-up.

EJAT organising committee chairperson and MCT executive secretary Kajubi Mukajanga said that awards were delayed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

This is the eleventh EJAT awards since 2009, and for the first time the event was held outside Dar es Salaam, he added.





CCM presidential candidate's running mate Samia Suluhu Hassan speaks to Dongobesh village residents in Babati Rural while on her way to Mbulu Urban for campaign rally yesterday. Photo: VPO

# Judge Mlay (rtd) the new MCT president

By Guardian Reporter, Tanga

MEMBERS of the general convention of the Media Council of Tanzania have elected retired Judge Juxon Mlay (pictured) the new president of the council and chairman of the governing board.

He succeeds retired judge Thomas Mihayo who had completed two terms of three year each as stipulated by the council's constitution.

Judge Mlay served the council as chairman of its Ethics Committee since 2014.

The general convention held here on Monday also elected Yusuf Khamis Yusuf as MCT Vice President, while Tido Mhando, CEO of Azam Media was elected member of the governing board.

Veteran broadcaster Edda Sanga, Mwananchi newspaper group executive editor Bakari Machumu and Dr Joyce Bazira, a newspaper editor and journalism lecturer were also elected to the board, along with

Advocate Anna Henga, executive director of the Legal and Human Rights Centre, Teddy Mapunda and Happiness Nkya.

Sanga, Henga and Machumu were members of the outgoing board and were re-elected to serve the final three year terms while other outgoing board members, including Vice President



Hassan Mittawi and veteran editor Wallace Mauggo were not voted for during the meeting. They have concluded two terms of three years as provided for by the MCT constitution, meeting organizers noted.

Another board member, Dinah Chahali failed to garner enough votes to be re-elected while banking executive Dr Edmund Mndolwa was succeeded by Happiness Nkya.

New members to the board are Dr Bazira, Teddy Mapunda, Tido Mhando and Vice President Yusuf Khamis Yusuf.

The general convention also approved a revised code of professional ethics for media practitioners, as the code is revised after every three years, an MCT spokesman intoned.

# Samia pledges pigeon peas market for farmers

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

CCM presidential running mate Samia Suluhu Hassan has issued instructions to Babati Town Council and the District Commissioner's Office to communicate with Morogoro Region's authorities to establish a

market for pigeon peas farmers to enable them sell their crop following complaints over lack of market.

She gave the instructions after receiving complaints from Babati MP-elect (CCM) Pauline Gekul who appealed to the government to remember the region's pigeon

peas farmers who depend for their economic wellbeing.

Samia was in her election campaign in Manyara Region seeking votes for her party's candidates on presidential, parliamentary and council's aspirants.

She said this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic hitting the world, many

countries have not yet opened their borders.


"Pigeon peas is not the only crop affected this season, as we produce industrial raw materials that we export, but many factories for these raw materials have been closed down due to the pandemic," she explained.

Gekul said they appreciate the government efforts to establish a market for pigeon peas, but appealed to the government to remember the farmers because only two months remain to harvest their crop.

Samia also pledged to improve health care for mothers and children

including pregnant women, as well as addressing challenges of clean and safe water.

CCM chairman for Manyara Region, Simon Lulu, said the visit by the presidential running mate in the region will bolster the party's campaign strategies.



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Tanzania National Road Agency (TANROAD) director general, Eng Patrick Mfugale (R), shares a light moment with Association of Consulting Engineers Tanzania (ACET), Eng Ngwisa Mpemba (2nd R), after opening the 34th association's meeting in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Left is Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) executive secretary Godwill Wangwa. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Minister urges colleges, universities in the country to establish technological and business-based incubators

By Getrude Mbago

Education, Science and Technology minister, Prof Joyce Ndalichako, has urged colleges and universities in the country to establish technological and business-based incubators so as to promote innovation for self-employment.

She made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when launching the board of directors at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) company Ltd.

The launch went along with a one-day exhibition of the company's innovative products which attracted various participants including science students from Tambaza, Jangwani secondary schools and others schools in Dar es Salaam.

The minister commended DIT for establishing the company which has been carrying out various activities including production of technological products to serve local and international markets.

"I have been astonished to see a number of products produced by the DIT company, so far the firm has managed to produce various innovative processing machines which are sold to Tanzanians at fair price, the firm also

produces leather products and other value addition products," she said.

According to her, after graduating, majority of the students face challenges in developing their innovative ideas, so the launch of the company will provide close support to the students and be able to nurture them to establish their own companies. She urged girl students to opt science subjects as they have several opportunities once graduated.

Ndalichako said that colleges and universities should create a favorable environment that enables young people to develop their mindset from employees to employers, and to prepare them to improve skills and knowledge to create jobs. "The aim of the incubators should not only aim at providing skills but also supporting and nurturing the young innovators to attain goals," she added.

The minister further said that the government will continue investing to improve education and facilitate growth of science and technology.

For his part, board chair of the DIT company limited Prof Preksedis Ndomba assured the minister they are going to supervise to ensure that the firm performs well and supports thousands of young people in the country.

He said that the college has now entered into full business of converting vehicles from using fuel to natural gas whereby a total of 400 cars have been connected to gas.

"The college's company promotes development and usage of appropriate technology that meets national, regional and international needs and standards through skills and practical-oriented training, research and consultancy. In order to address local, regional and global challenges, it is vital to invest in innovative ideas," he said.

Prof Ndomba further said that DIT's company has also won several tenders to install traffic lights in the country.

"We have implemented traffic lights installation in various areas of Mwanza, Simiyu, Geita, Shinyanga, Songwe, Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar. We are mulling to ensure that one day we export our technological products in China and other countries," he said.

He noted that the National Science and Technology Policy of 1996(5) outlines the framework for regulation of flow of technology to reduce excessive dependence on imported technologies and guide the development of national scientific and technological capability and capacity.

## UNFPA, UN Women launch 11.6 billion/- joint programme

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Women have launched a US\$ 5 million (11.6bn/-) joint programme aimed to strengthen social and economic resilience for poor rural women and adolescent girls in the Shinyanga and Singida regions.

Dubbed "Realising Gender Equality through Empowering Women and Adolescent Girls", the three-year programme is supported by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

Speaking during the launching event held in Singida yesterday, Dr Wilfred Ochan, UNFPA deputy representative in Tanzania said that the joint programme will reach over 48,000 poor households, targeting women and girls in Tanzania's Ikungi District, Singida Region and Msalala District in Shinyanga Region.

He said that through the tripartite agreement KOICA, UNFPA and UN Women will combine their strengths to improve the social and economic resilience of women and adolescent girls in the two project districts by addressing the crucially intertwined socioeconomic challenges that women and adolescent girls face in rural Tanzania which act as barriers to women's economic and social empowerment and place them at risk to gender-based violence (GBV) and harmful practices.

"UNFPA's efforts will focus on empowering girls and women and upholding their rights to live a life free of violence including GBV and harmful practices through adolescent girls' clubs, community knowledge centres, women's protection committees and vocational training - which is already underway at some project sites," he said.

He said UN Women will focus on economically empowering women and female youth farmers by improving agricultural production, collective marketing and entrepreneurship skills; and enhancing land tenure security, addressing both the short- and long-term economic shocks of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the same time, UN Women, through various interventions will focus on empowering women smallholder farmers, including young women, to enhance agricultural production.

UN Women's support package will advance collective marketing to establish a strong link between farmers and buyers; facilitate the construction of one warehouse to improve post-harvest treatment and handling; financial training to enhance access to finance, in partnership with

local financial institutions; and entrepreneurship skills in sunflower and horticulture value chains; alongside strengthening land tenure security.

Hodan Addou, UN Women representative said: "A total of 6,000 women and men in four villages in Ikungi District will benefit from the land tenure security initiative that will support them to acquire Certificates of Customary Rights of Occupancy (CCROs), an intervention that will engage male village leaders and women and men in Ikungi to allocate plots to women."

She said that the programme will also promote initiatives that can help to reduce the burden of unpaid domestic work on women and girls through labour-saving and climate-friendly technologies such as fuel efficient cooking stoves.

"Barriers to women's economic productivity, in particular in the agriculture sector in rural economies; a lack of decision-making powers and access to productive assets such as land; and GBV and harmful practices are all manifestations of gender equality and discrimination. With the support of KOICA, the partners will be able to leverage their comparative advantages to improve the lives of women and girls and to accelerate the achievement of gender equality, as expressed in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5, by 2030," she noted.

In his remarks, UN resident coordinator Zlatan Milišić said that the joint programme will contribute to advancing gender equality efforts and leverage the strengths of sister agencies to ensure that rural women and girls are not left behind.

"Gender equality has been a top priority in Korea's development cooperation. The country has been a staunch supporter of adolescent girls and women's rights, recognizing that their empowerment and well-being constitute a powerful indicator and accelerator of sustainable development," he said.

The District Executive Director of Ikungi District Council, Justice Kijazi, said the government recognizes the importance of enhancing women's participation in the agriculture value chain, and expanding awareness-raising campaigns and survivor-centred services to both prevent and respond to GBV.

"Singida is one of the poorest regions where the main source of livelihood is crop and livestock production, a sector that employs the majority of women. Supporting women farmers to own land and training them to approach agriculture as business enterprises can be a game-changer that can spur production and income," Kijazi said.

## Concern over jobs, health top mock UN General Assembly in Arusha

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

CONCERNS over health, environment and employment issues have dominated the 23rd model of the United Nations General Assembly taking place in Arusha attended by over 200 youth from around the world.

This version of Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) is a simulation of the United Nations General Assembly where young people from Tanzania and elsewhere aged 15 to 25 from different backgrounds get an opportunity to practice diplomacy, leadership and workings of the United Nations.

"We are addressing health issues because the youth essentially become more creative and productive if they are healthy," explained the TIMUN Coordinator, Philemon Mweleka.

According to Mweleka, environment matters are also of paramount concern because in the wake of global warming and issues of climate change the youth are very much affected with related effects.

As for employment, it was pointed out during the mock UN General Assembly that Africa alone with a population of 1 billion residents has 50 percent of its people falling under the youth bracket.

"Young people need to be assisted to create employment opportunities for themselves as they seem to be well assimilated with digital technology development, a sector which now rules global job offers," stated the coordinator.

The youth in attendance are debating issues around those topics with resulting resolutions to be later dispatched to respective governments to be worked upon.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Dr Mwynyi Talib Haji,

who graced the Youth Assembly, said whatever issues that will arise from the meeting are to be seriously addressed by the government towards ensuring a better future for the youth.

The Northern Zone Manager of National Microfinance Bank (NMB), Aikansia Muro said her financial institution has been assimilating young people for on-job training and later offering them employment.

"We float job offers to 300 youth every year, in all our branches, in addition to providing soft loans to young people so as to enable them a proper start-up in business and other forms of entrepreneurship," said Ms Muro.

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The ultimate objective of every committee is to pass a resolution that is both broad and comprehensive enough to provide an adequate solution to the question at hand, while at the same time being acceptable to as many member states as possible. Those resolutions passed in committees are then further discussed in the plenary General Assembly on the final day of the conference, and must be passed with a two-thirds majority.



Geita Regional Commissioner Eng Robert Gabriel, (2nd R) hands over a dummy ignition key to Geita small miner Ezekiel Rembo after purchasing excavators construction machine from Gf Trucks & Equipments at a discount of 20 per cent during the third mining industry exhibition held in the region over the weekend. Looking on (L) is GF trucks marketing manager Khamis Juma. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

CUF presidential candidate Prof Ibrahim Lipumba says if elected he would pay compensation to owners of all the land expropriated by the government without adhering to laid down procedures.

Prof Lipumba gave the remarks yesterday when speaking at a campaign rally in Kahama, saying the government had taken up many areas of land from people without paying them compensation.

He said among the areas expropriated

## I'll pay compensation to owners of land expropriated by govt - Lipumba

by the government in Kahama District include the market used by traders who invested money to construct it but were forcefully removed and shifted to Namanga market.

"Traders invested their money for the market by building stalls around the market but at the end of the day they were removed without any

compensation," he said.

Prof Lipumba said there are many areas in the country which have been taken up by the government without compensating owners, adding that if elected he will ensure they get paid.

Meanwhile, Prof Lipumba hailed CCM presidential candidate John Magufuli for introducing free education

from primary to secondary level which he had fought for in 1995.

CUF parliamentary candidate for Kahama Urban constituency Hosea Ezekiel said he will work together with Prof Lipumba to solve all the challenges facing Kahama residents including building health centres in wards that still lack health facilities.



# TANAPA advises pastoralists to adopt modern livestock keeping

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) has urged pastoralists in the country to embark on modern livestock keeping which embraces having a small number of animals for more benefits.

Pius Mzimbe, TANAPA conservation commissioner for southern regions said having a small number of livestock will enable pastoralists to feed them well and be able to reap big from the business.

He made the remarks recently during the field visit by a team of journalists organised by the Association of Journalists Environment Tanzania (JET) with support from USAID promoting Tanzania's Environmental conservation and Tourism (PROTECT) project.

"Many livestock keepers in the country still have low knowledge on the importance of smart keeping; they only think that having large groups of animals is payable which is not true, having just few animals at home who receive good care is much profitable," he said.

Mzimbe warned livestock keepers against grazing their animals in the Ruaha National Park, one of the largest protected areas in the country saying that once caught stern legal measures

will be taken.

"Grazing livestock in the national park is not advisable because cattle could infect wildlife animals with diseases such as anthrax," he said.

For his part, Mbarali District Commissioner Reuben Mfume cited low awareness on wildlife among pastoralists in the area as one of the main factors fueling the group to graze their livestock in the Ruaha National park and other protected areas.

"There are some pastoralists who believe that if their livestock are being grazed on grasses found in the park, especially the Ihefu valley, their cattle will have good weight as well as an improved reproduction," he noted.

He said that authorities are working on several strategies to ensure that it addresses the behaviour of some

pastoralists invading protected areas to feed their animals.

"Cattle grazing at the Ruaha National Park has remained a major challenge facing us," he said.

He said that the government has made several efforts to restore the natural vegetation at the Ihefu valley but pastoralists have been violating rules and bringing their livestock for grazing.

The official said that some pastoralists bring their cattle to the reserve areas at night to avoid government's measures.

He however said that lack of education on land use planning also stands as another factor fueling pastoralists to graze in conservation areas.

"The district has 102 villages but only 35 of them have been provided with better land use planning, the remaining villages are waiting for the new boundaries to be announced so that they can plan well for their land," he added.

According to him, if a better land use plan is implemented in all villages it could help to address the challenge.

Ruaha National Park was formerly known for its large elephant population reaching 34,000 in 2009 before the population declined to only 15,836 and down to 4,759 in 2015 because of poaching.



**Grazing livestock in the national park is not advisable because cattle could infect wildlife animals with diseases such as anthrax**



Zanzibar Minister for Finance and Planning Ambassador Mohamed Ramia Abdiwawa (2nd R) launches NCBA Bank Tanzania logo over the weekend. Looking on area the bank Chief Executive Officer, Margaret Karume (R), Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry Zanzibar Hassan Hafidh (L) and Zanzibar President's advisor Abdulrahman Mwinyimbegu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

## Digital firm touts remote work post - Covid-19

A TANZANIAN digital transformation firm says that remote work practice brought about by Covid-19 pandemic is a positive outcome that should be embraced by companies in Africa for enhanced efficiency and growth.

In its launch of a drive to popularise continuation of the new work culture in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the company, Smart Codes, introduced a slogan 'Working from anywhere anytime' to hammer the message.

The company maintains that the

purpose of working at a physical setting is to achieve set objectives and most of the activities can be achieved through the use of available and affordable technologies, and meet goals with less efforts and resources.

Speaking at the event, the firm's CEO Edwin Bruno said the company saw the challenges posed by the novel Covid-19 in Tanzania and the world at large and immediately took the initiative to shift to a safer working model by adopting

remote working arrangement.

"The secret is to make people evaluate their options on what medium to use. For instance, when to send an email instead of a phone call or when to send a text message instead of a memo. Sometimes a speech is not necessary because a blog post can reach more people with more impact," he said.

He said technology allows people to communicate effectively without necessarily meeting in person and in

doing so saving time, money and other resources.

"This is the approach that provides the safest way to do work and deliver services with great flexibility and convenience while still observing social distancing and reducing the spread of the novel coronavirus," he said.

Bruno said the future of African agencies lies in collective efforts in adapting to new ways of working, especially now in the digital economy

where companies that remain relevant are those that strive to innovate so as to meet the emerging digital trends that have been accelerated by Covid-19.

"We are proud to have introduced our new way of work and we recognise the importance of maintaining the trust invested in us by our clients. With this in mind, we have managed to set up a structure that ensures 'Working from anywhere anytime' as a safe way to do work and deliver services to our clients

and relationships with our partners," he said.

The CEO said the adoption of the approach was in alignment with the survey the firm conducted recently to evaluate staff's response to teleworking which showed that the majority enjoyed flexibility that comes with working remotely.

The survey also found that many workers felt more focused in a convenient and private setting while majority said they faced minimal to no disruptions that would slow down the process of getting things done.



### Embassy of the United States of America

#### U.S. MISSION DAR ES SALAAM VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position below.

**Position Title: Financial Management Analyst - OSC**

**Vacancy Number: DaresSalaam-2020-029**

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required is available at:

<https://tz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Applicants MUST follow instructions in the notice on the website:

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

Previous applicants do not need to reapply.

Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted only via **email**.

**CLOSING DATE: October 15, 2020**

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#### TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



#### INVITATION TO TENDER

#### SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

30th September, 2020

1. Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Co Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk fuel storage facility with its share divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
2. TIPER now invites via National Competitive Bidding(NCB) sealed Tenders from eligible Electrical Contractors registered in Class IV and above with the Contractors Registration Board (CRB) For **Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electrical Systems** for, In Kigamboni Depot Site-1/2, Dar-Es-Salaam.
3. You are hereby invited to submit your priced tenders for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electrical Systems as described in the Schedule of Quantities and Prices.
4. All Bids in properly filled in and hardcopies enclosed in plain envelopes marked **Tender No: TP/09/2020/NCB/W/010 for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electrical Systems**. All bid documents must be addressed and delivered to **Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd, P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam**. The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be at **10.30 a.m. local time on 13th October 2020**.
5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English can be obtained at Procurement Office, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), Kigamboni Depot Site, Plot 1, Kigamboni Industrial Area.
6. Interested and eligible bidders must submit their application letter for the Tender Documents at the Procurement Office, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), Kigamboni Depot Site, Plot 1, Kigamboni Industrial Area. **Application letters should be attached with certified copies of CRB Registration Certificates** and sent to the following email: [tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz](mailto:tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz).
7. All tenders in one original and copy respectively are enclosed in a single envelop must be addressed and delivered to the Tender Committee Secretary, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER), P.O Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam. Electronic copies should be submitted in a flash drive sealed in the "COPY" envelope.
8. Bidders MUST attend pre-bid meeting and visit the site. Site visit will be conducted on **5th October 2020** from 10:30hrs to 11:30hrs.
9. During the site visit all Tenderers will be required to come with their own PPE's (Personal Protective Equipment) which meets TIPER standards. This includes as a minimum: **face mask, steel toe safety boots, cotton overcoat or overall** and hard hat (workers helmet). Tenderers without the PPE's and those with static reflective vests will not be allowed onto the site.
10. Late Tenders, portion of Tenders, electronic Tenders, shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
11. TIPER reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid.

Secretary Tender Committee  
Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd  
P.O Box 2608, Kigamboni Depot site-1  
Dar es Salaam-Tanzania

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# 71<sup>th</sup> Chinese National Day

These meetings, President Xi, with a long-term strategic viewpoint and from a broad historical perspective, answered a series of important questions: What kind of world is humankind facing? What kind of UN is needed for the world? What kind of China does the world face?

Only when we know what kind of world humankind is facing can we go steady and far along the right track. The COVID-19 pandemic is like a mirror. It has not only reflected the difficulties in the world development, but shown the persistent problems in human development pattern and lifestyle, and the weak links in global governance system. By summarizing the "four reminders" brought by COVID-19 to humanity, President Xi vividly outlined the trend of the times.

COVID-19 reminds us that we are living an interconnected global village with a common stake, and that to pursue a beggar-thy-neighbor policy or just watch from a safe distance when others are in danger will eventually land one in the same trouble faced by others. Therefore, we must reject attempts to build blocs to keep others out and oppose a zero-sum approach. We must embrace the vision of a community with a shared future in which everyone is bound together. We must see each other as members of the same big family and pursue win-win cooperation. Economic globalization is an indisputable reality and a historical trend. The world will never return to isolation. No one can sever the ties between countries. We must face up to such major issues as the wealth gap and the development divide. We must pursue open and inclusive development, remain

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations (UN). The past 75 years have witnessed dramatic progress in human society, profound changes in the international situation, and rapid development of multilateralism. The international community has experienced countless tests and currently is facing major changes unseen in a century. The COVID-19 pandemic, which has swept the globe, has pushed the world to a crossroads with an accelerated pace. Countries in the world share more intertwined interests and their future more closely linked together than before. The cause of world peace and development has encountered unprecedented trials and hardships. Solidarity or breakup, cooperation or confrontation, burden sharing or blame shifting? Humankind has to make crucial choices at this crossroads.

It is against this backdrop that the 75th UN General Assembly was held. Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the High-level Meeting to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the UN, the General Debate of the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly and met with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres via videolink. In

committed to building an open world economy, and say "no" to unilateralism and protectionism. The beaten path of extracting resources without investing in conservation, pursuing development at the expense of protection, and exploiting resources without restoration is unsustainable. Humankind should launch a green revolution and move faster to create a green way of development and life. We should make efforts to achieve a green recovery of the world economy in the post-COVID era and create a powerful force driving sustainable development. Global governance system calls for reform and improvement. We must stay true to multilateralism and safeguard the international system with the UN as its core, follow the principle of extensive consultation, joint cooperation and shared benefits, and promote reforms of the global governance system so that it can adapt itself to evolving global political and economic dynamics, meet global challenges and embrace the underlying trend of peace, development and win-win cooperation.

Regarding the question "what kind of UN is needed for the world", President Xi Jinping put forward a "four-point proposal", which answered the question in a way that upholds the purposes of the UN Charter and conforms to the historical trend. We need a UN that stands firm for justice, observes the principle of mutual respect and equality among all countries, big or small, persists in extensive consultation, joint cooperation and shared benefits, and opposes hegemony, bullying and bossing. We need a UN that upholds the rule of law, unswervingly safeguards the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and coordinates relations among countries and their interests according to rules and regulations. Countries in the world must not be lorded over by those who wave a strong fist at others, and there must be no practice of exceptionalism

# CHINA

## Always Upholds Multilateralism



H.E. Wang Ke, Ambassador of China to Tanzania

and double standards. We need a UN that promotes cooperation, replaces conflict with dialogue, coercion with consultation and zero-sum with win-win, and aims to build a big global family of harmony and cooperation. We need a UN that focuses on real action, aiming at problem solving and moving toward tangible outcomes as it advances security, development and human rights in parallel. Priority should be given to addressing non-traditional security challenges such as public health, and there should be greater emphasis on the promotion and protection of the rights to subsistence and development.

As to the question "what kind of China does the world face", President Xi sent out Chinese voices and made Chinese commitments by raising a series of clear-cut policy proposals and practical measures and initiatives. As the largest developing country in the world, China is following a right path

featuring peaceful, open and cooperative development. China will never seek hegemony, expansion or sphere of influence. It has no intention to fight either a Cold War or a hot war with any country. It does not seek to develop only itself or engage in a zero-sum game. Instead of pursuing development behind closed doors, China aims to foster, over time, a new development paradigm with domestic circulation as the mainstay and domestic and international circulation reinforcing each other, which will add impetus to global economic recovery and growth.

Following the high-level meetings marking the 70th anniversary of the UN held in 2015, President Xi Jinping, once again, announced "four steps" at the UN General Assembly to support the UN's central role in international affairs. China will provide another US\$50 million to the UN COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan; China will provide US\$50 million to the China-FAO South-South Cooperation Trust Fund (Phase III); China will extend the Peace and Development Trust Fund between the UN and China by five years after it expires in 2025; China will set up a UN Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Center and an International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals to facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In addition, President Xi reiterated China's firm resolve in actively involving itself in the international fight against COVID-19 and contributing its share to upholding global public health security. He said that China will continue to share its epidemic control practices as well as diagnostics and therapeutics

with other countries, ensure stable global anti-epidemic supply chains, and actively participate in the global research on tracing the source and transmission routes of the virus. President Xi Jinping once again stressed that the COVID-19 vaccines developed by China, once available for use, will be made a global public good and they will be provided to other developing countries on a priority basis. Actions speak louder than words. In bearing a major country's responsibilities and improving the well-being of humankind, China is always a country of action which match words with deeds, a builder of global peace, a contributor to global development and a defender of international order.

In the right path of defending multilateralism, China has never been a "loner". The majority of countries in the world, including Tanzania, are China's "fellow travelers" which practise international cooperation. China and Tanzania always respect each other's right to independently explore the political system and development path, and maintain close communication and collaboration in such global issues as the UN reforms, climate change, reforms of the World Trade Organization and fighting pandemics. Both China and Tanzania are committed to protecting the common interests of developing countries and fostering a more equitable and reasonable international order. Looking ahead, China will work with other friendly countries around the globe to uphold multilateralism and safeguard the multilateral system, maintain peace and promote development so as to create a better future for the world.



Dr. Donald Mmari, Executive Director of REPOA

## Chinese Growth and Poverty Reduction: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa

China have transformed its economy and reduced poverty dramatically over the last forty years. Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) have not done very well on this front. While efforts are made to reduce poverty, and growth averaged 4.8% between 2000 and 2010, only modest results in poverty reduction was achieved. Generally speaking, the average growth in SSA was relatively very low compared with China's growth average of 9.56% between 2000 and 2015, with a consecutive four-year period of double-digit growth that climaxed at 14% in 2007. The World Bank data showed half of 736 million extremely poor people living on less than \$1.90 a day lived in SSA. In his 2008 paper, Martin Ravallion, a renowned economist, showed that two thirds of Chinese people lived below \$1 a day in 1981, and the World Bank data shows that in 1990, 54% of the population in SSA lived below \$1.90 a day. While this proportion had fallen to 4% in East Asia in 2013, it declined to only 4% in SSA. The World Bank projects that, while the number of extremely poor people in other parts of the world is declining, it will rise in SSA and constitute 9 in 10 of the extremely poor by 2030. Negative growth rates, rapid population growth, political instability, and gender inequality are among

factors hindering rapid change. The experience of China suggests that accelerated growth accompanied by effective socio-economic transformation is key to resolving the "poverty trap" in SSA. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the AU Agenda 2063 clearly recognize this.

### Why did China succeed to achieve high growth rates and reduce poverty?

China's transition efforts began 42 years ago. In his 2010 paper titled "China's Miracle Demystified", Justin Yifu Lin, former World Bank's Chief Economist notes that, while the vision of its leader Deng Xiaoping was to quadruple the economy in twenty years by maintaining an average growth of 7.2%, that target was surpassed to reach average of 9.8%. Chinese economy transformed dramatically, raising manufacturing share to GDP, exports as a share of GDP from 9% to 70%. Over 600 million people were lifted from poverty. Today, China is the second largest economy in the world, after the United States, and up from 7th position in 1980. What explains this rapid transformation?

The first is China's strategy of learning and adapting manufacturing technology for the global market. As Justin Lin puts it, China took the advantage of backwardness by borrowing technology, industries, and institutions from the advanced countries at low risk and costs. This strategy earned it a status of the "factory of the world".

The second is Chinese leaders' right decision to consciously and gradually transform the country's economic gov-

ernance from a centrally planned one to market economy. China adopted a gradual and dual-track approach of continued state's transitory protection of non-viable state-owned enterprises in priority sectors, while allowing for joint ventures in labour-intensive sectors. The abundance of skilled and semi-skilled labour provided China with a comparative advantage. Overtime, more space was opened for the private sector and competitive markets that stimulated dynamic growth and innovation, while maintaining domestic political and social stability.

The third is the relative political and social stability during the reform period. Stability allowed the state to experiment various policy options, learn from its own errors and adjust as it progressed. It allowed state to deepen interventions with consistency and depth.

The fourth is urbanization associated with economic growth, reinforced by labour-intensive industrialization that preceded subsequent industrial revolution driven by evolution in technology and innovation that gradually transformed the nature of wealth creation towards capital intensity, services, and now robotics and digitization of production systems.

### What can Sub-Saharan African Countries learn from China?

Prospects for faster development and poverty reduction in SSA exist, signaled by high growth momentum in some SSA countries, albeit with different social development outcomes. Botswana, for example, has achieved an upper-middle income status, although its limited diver-



Chinese President Xi Jinping talking with villagers and cadres at an ethnic minority village in central China's Hunan Province in November 2013. President Xi put forward the concept of "targeted poverty alleviation" during that visit. (Photo/Xinhua)



Tourists looking at handmade lanterns displayed at a rural antique lantern workshop in Guangling County in north China's Shanxi Province in August 2018. The Chinese government has made great efforts to support the development of special industries in rural areas, enabling farmers to get rid of poverty. (Photo/Xinhua)

sification makes it vulnerable to commodity price shocks. Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Rwanda are heralded as among the fastest growing economies in SSA, and recently, Tanzania became a lower, middle income economy. So, what can SSA countries learn from China's experience, recognizing the heterogeneity of the continent?

First, SSA must avoid misguided strate-

gies of development. China made its mistakes, by attempting to develop capital- and technology-intensive industries in an inward focused economy dominated by agrarian economic and social relations. This created distortions, inefficiencies, and slowed growth and poverty reduction. Some SSA countries tried similar strategies without due attention to their initial conditions and relative compara-

tive advantages, leading to misallocation of resources and distortions by applying policies, regulations and taxation regimes that are biased against rural majority.

Second, while industrial policies may be warranted due to significant externalities and coordination failures inherent in SSA economies, such policy actions must be time-bound and targeted to eliminating binding constraints to activities and sectors that drive and sustain economic growth. Such policies must translate comparative advantages into competitive advantages, and ensure that the benefits of growth trickle down to the poor.

Third, agriculture reforms are necessary for market incentives to drive rural productivity, supported by capable institutions for reforms and public investments necessary for rural transformation. Effective transformation of the rural economy is a viable intermediate strategy for absorbing large and growing size of unskilled workforce in the continent.

Fourth, structural transformation and economic diversification have proved to be necessary for promoting growth, reducing poverty, and building resilience to economic shocks. To achieve these outcomes, as Ravallion pointed out, SSA countries need to combine pragmatic, evidence-based policy making with capable public institutions and strong leadership committed to structural transformation and poverty reduction.

### Conclusion

In learning from China, SSA needs greater efforts and policies to transform agriculture and rural economy, strategic manufacturing sector, and to support productivity growth and gradual upgrading of the informal sector. Various factors such as technology gap, deficiencies in international trade governance, and the Covid-19 pandemic make sustained growth and poverty reduction in SSA a daunting task, requiring international cooperation to achieve the SDG agenda in ending poverty.





**H.E. Wang Yi, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China**

## The Only Viable Choice for the International Community: Strengthening Solidarity and Cooperation, Rejecting Confrontation and Division

Our world is at another historic moment since World War II. The reality is: the coronavirus keeps raging on, putting humanity through a public health crisis with far-reaching implications; unilateral and bullying practices are rampant, presenting unprecedented challenges to the international order; and protectionism is on the rise, with the world economy on the cusp of the worst recession since the Great Depression. In particular, where is our world headed in the post-COVID era? No country should take this question lightly, and more important, everyone should avoid making the wrong choice.

The 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly opened last week. At this most important international stage, leaders from over 170 countries engage in spirited discussions on COVID-19 response, economic recovery, the evolving international order, and reform of global governance. It is gratifying to see that notwithstanding the varied positions and perspectives, the international community has come to valuable common understandings on a number of major principles and directions.

It is broadly agreed that while COVID-19 has highlighted the weak links and deficiencies in global governance, the United Nations remains the best-equipped institution and platform in the international system, international law remains the most authoritative framework of rules governing state-to-state relations, and the purposes and principles of the UN Charter remain the overarching signpost toward global peace and development.

It is broadly agreed that multilateralism is indisputably the foundation and pillar for the current international order, and the temptation to challenge it should be pushed back. Unilateralism will only plunge the world into division and isolation. That's why countries have reaffirmed and reiterated the imperative of upholding multilateralism in the unanimously adopted Declaration on the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations.

It is broadly agreed that solidarity and cooperation is the only way for defeating the virus and achieving recovery. The virus exposes the fragilities of the world, and shows that all countries are closely connected and share a common future. As UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stressed, "COVID-19 is not only a wake-up call, it is a dress rehearsal for the world of challenges to come". Facing such a global challenge posed by the coronavirus, countries will end up in an even greater disaster if they choose to go it alone or even opt for a beggar-thy-neighbor approach. Unity and solidarity is the only choice for us all.

Alongside the mainstream voices of countries, we can also hear some jarring noises. Acting recklessly against the trend of the times, certain countries have turned the United Nations, a solemn international forum, into a theater for self-serving political shows and an arena to provoke conflict and confrontation and to divide the world. Countries have expressed in various ways their opposition against such disgraceful acts.

A few days ago, President Xi Jinping delivered an important address at the UN General Assembly. He reaffirmed, in unequivocal terms, China's firm commitment to support the UN, safeguard multilateralism, and build a community with a shared future for mankind with all countries. President Xi also announced a host of major proposals and initiatives on tackling global challenges and promoting common development. The President's statement attests to his vision, broad-mindedness, and sense of responsibility as the leader of a major

country. This meets the shared interests of countries across the world, and is fully in line with the trend of our times and the future trajectory of our world. In a world of profound changes, China's position is very clear.

First, all countries must jointly uphold the theme of the times featuring peace and development. Seventy-five years ago, humanity emerged from an unprecedented scourge of war. To maintain lasting peace and promote common development was the founding mission of the UN and the shared aspiration of the whole world.

As the first country to put its signature on the UN Charter, China has made relentless efforts to safeguard peace and development of the world while benefiting from it. It is a crucial participant of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is the second largest financial contributor to UN peacekeeping operations as well as an important troop provider, sending more than 40,000 personnel over the past three decades and more. It has also actively and constructively engaged in the political settlement and mediation of international hotspots and played a leading role in tackling global challenges such as climate change.

Seventy-five years on, peace and development, which remain the trend of the times, are confronted with myriad new challenges. As we see it, challenges to peace should be resolved by pursuing common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, and development deficit should be addressed with a new philosophy of innovative, coordinated, green and open development for all.

Major countries shoulder a unique responsibility to safeguard peace and development, and should not seek their own security at the expense of others' security or deny other countries' right to development with bullying practices. China will stay firmly on the path of peaceful development, and work with other countries to oppose the narrow-minded approach that puts one country's interest first and the dangerous practice of zero-sum game.

Second, all countries must jointly defend the universal values of fairness and justice. The founding of the UN was an epoch-making step that marked the victory of justice over power politics, conscience over cruelty, and the good over the evil. The wheel of history has kept, and will keep, moving forward. Any attempt to resurrect hegemonism and return the world back to a jungle is doomed to fail.

All countries, big or small, strong or weak, are equal members of the international community. All peoples, wherever they are, are entitled to a good life. Those who think that they could flout and breach international rules simply because they have more muscles will eventually end up in the dustbin of history.

In modern times, the old China suffered untold bitterness of humiliation and injustice. With the founding of the People's Republic, the Chinese people have not only stood tall in the world of nations, but have become a steadfast defender of international fairness and justice.

We adhere to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. We never interfere in other countries' internal affairs, nor allow other countries to interfere in our internal affairs.

We support multilateralism, the UN-centered international system, and the international order based on international law. We are committed to the rule of law. We have joined almost all universal intergovernmental organizations and international conventions, and have signed more than 25,000 bilateral treaties.

We stand against bullying practices. We believe that dialogue, consultation and win-win cooperation should prevail over confrontation, coercion and zero-sum game. A world with justice serves the common good. China is a staunch force for a fair and just world for all.

Third, all countries must stay on the right path to move forward with solidarity. Our world today is a global village where every country's future is increasingly interconnected. Only solidarity can help us win the battle against COVID-19

that concerns the life and health of the people around the world and bring the world economy back on track at an early date.

China has been at the forefront of the struggle against all kinds of viruses as well as international cooperation against COVID-19. At the same time, China also provided emergency medical supplies to over 150 countries and international organizations and donated US\$50 million respectively to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan, a concrete contribution to a global community of health for all.

China is steadily implementing the G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative for the Poorest Countries to provide timely help for developing countries in need so that they can overcome difficulties brought about by the virus. We know that the health and prosperity of the Chinese people are closely entwined with that of people across the world. China will continue to use its experience and capability to help as much as it can all countries in need with all sincerity.

Fourth, all countries must keep to the right direction of openness and cooperation. The experience of China and many other countries shows that openness brings progress while seclusion leads to backwardness. While countries have benefited from economic globalization and the application of information technologies, they also face the challenges of uneven and inadequate development and the need to adapt governance to new realities. To meet these challenges by resorting to protectionism and decoupling leads only to self-imposed isolation. The world's problems are not without solutions. What we need is better governance, greater opening-up and deeper cooperation. We must strengthen our commitment to building an open world economy, upholding the WTO-centered multilateral trading regime, and ensuring the stable and smooth operation of the global industrial and supply chains.

President Xi Jinping stressed in his UN General Assembly speech, "we must

act, not just talk." No matter how the international landscape may evolve, and no matter what twists and turns may lie ahead, China will always shoulder its responsibilities as a major country. We will take concrete actions to add stability and certainty to this volatile world, and give confidence and strength to the cause of multilateralism.

China will vigorously engage in international cooperation against COVID-19, and work with all countries to contain and ultimately defeat the virus at an earlier date. It will also actively engage in the global governance reform to make the international order and system more fair, balanced and equitable. China will accelerate the building of a new development paradigm with domestic and international circulations reinforcing each other to bolster the early recovery of the world economy. It will advance high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and seek common development and prosperity with BRI partners. China will also deepen South-South cooperation and promote sustainable development across the world. Moreover, the country will fulfill its commitment on energy conservation and emission reduction to help make our planet a cleaner and more beautiful place, and continue its constructive engagement in resolving hotspot issues to safeguard overall peace and tranquility of the world.

There is no great historical evil without a compensating historical progress. The future of humankind in the post-COVID era lies with the people of all countries. If we make the right choice, humanity as a whole will emerge stronger from COVID-19, global governance will get better through reform, the international order will surge forward with the tide of the times, and peace and development in the 21st century will open up a new, splendid chapter.

*(This article is an excerpt of H.E. Wang Yi's speech at the opening ceremony of the Lanfing Forum on International Order and Global Governance in the Post-COVID-19 Era held in Beijing on 28 Sept. 2020.)*



**Amb. Wu Peng, Director-General of African Affairs Department in Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China**

The Extraordinary China-Africa Summit on Solidarity Against COVID-19, co-chaired by President Xi Jinping and held via video link in June, injected new dynamism into Sino-African friendship and cooperation in the fight against the novel coronavirus pandemic.

China and Africa have been working together to expeditiously implement the outcomes of the meeting, with China having delivered more than 400 tons of critically needed medical supplies to 53 African countries and the African Union, and dispatching public health experts to 13 African countries. A total of 21 African countries have signed medical supply procurement deals worth \$54 million.

Moreover, the Chinese government and the African Union Commission had already signed an agreement in July for constructing the headquarters building of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia.

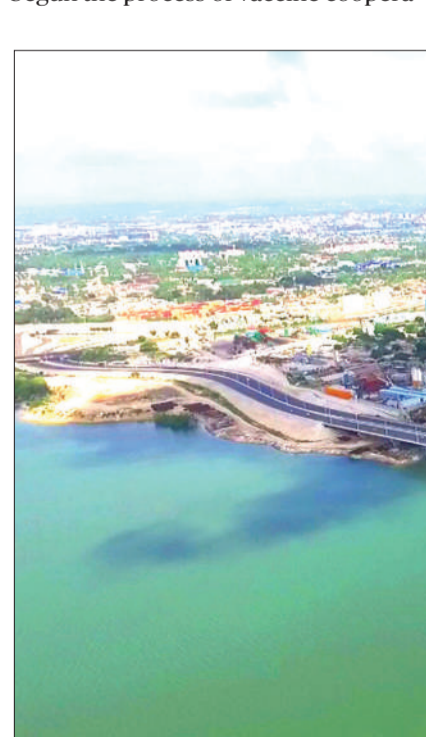
As for Sino-African economic cooperation, it has not stopped despite the pandemic. More than 1,100 Chinese projects in Africa continued operations and a large number of Chinese workers and technicians have remained on their posts, with over 2,000 employees of Chinese companies returning recently to work in 20 African countries through commercial and chartered flights.

We are happy to see the increase in freight on the Mombasa-Nairobi Railway and the Addis Ababa-Djibouti

Railway, both built and operated by Chinese enterprises, and it playing a more important role in transportation of medical supplies. Sino-African trade, too, has been growing steadily with the trade volume in the first half of the year exceeding \$80 billion and Chinese investment in Africa increasing 1.7 percent year-on-year in spite of the global economic downturn, demonstrating the vitality of China-Africa cooperation.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, and with next year's FOCAC conference, Sino-African cooperation will enter a new stage which needs certain special focuses.

First, to promote the building of a China-Africa health community for all, it is imperative to strengthen COVID-19 vaccine cooperation. When it comes to vaccine research and development, China accords the highest priority to safety and effectiveness, and strictly abides by international laws and norms. Four vaccines developed by China have been approved for clinical trial overseas, leading the world in both quantity and progress. And some countries have expressed their willingness to purchase the Chinese vaccine, and China has already begun the process of vaccine cooperation with African countries.



The Nyerere Bridge and its Approaching Road in Dar es Salaam, a project undertaken by a Chinese construction company, was open for traffic on 19 April 2016. (Photo/CRJE)

## Win-win friendship



China's medical supplies for 18 African countries arrive at Kotoka International Airport in Accra, Ghana, April 6, 2020. (Photo/Xinhua)

tion with African countries. As President Xi said, once the development and deployment of the COVID-19 vaccine is completed in China, African countries will be among the first to benefit from it. China is willing to deepen cooperation in vaccine research with African countries, but actual cooperation also depends on the willingness of African countries. And we will fully respect the decision of our African friends.

Second, China needs to inject more vitality into African economies to help safeguard people's livelihoods. In fact, Beijing has decided to encourage more Chinese businesses in African countries to restart work and, based on the actual pandemic situation, make efforts to resume more flights between China and Africa, so as to normalize people-to-people exchanges and cooperation. China has reached a consensus with the AU on the Belt and Road Initiative cooperation plan, and will continue to explore more synergy between the initiative and the AU's Agenda 2063 for the continent.

Later this year, China will also hold the third China International Import Expo in Shanghai and the second China-Africa Business Expo in Hunan province. African countries are warmly welcomed to participate in these events and contribute to the revitalization of Sino-African trade and investment.

Third, China also needs to encourage investment in Africa to promote local growth. Due to the threat posed by the pandemic, more Chinese businesses have established plans to manufacture face masks and virus testing kits in some African countries, in a bid to extend the health industry chain in Africa and promote local production of anti-pandemic medical supplies. In fact, China is willing to further encourage Chinese businesses to invest in Africa's industrialization projects including those under public-private partnership.

We also hope Chinese businesses will increase localized production to promote African brands. China and African countries can fully leverage their comparative advantages, and jointly build more industrial parks and special economic zones in Africa, thus transforming the potential of China-Africa infrastructure cooperation into win-win outcomes.

Fourth, Sino-African cooperation projects need to blaze new trails. During the past few years, Africa has developed on several fronts, from trade (as seen in the Continental Free Trade Area) to the digital economy and clean energy. China welcomes the handover of the AfCFTA secretariat building and is ready to discuss with African countries cooperation in free trade in order to boost trade facilitation and African products' export to China. Also, China and Africa need to deepen cooperation in digital economy, including e-commerce and 5G technology.

Besides, China attaches great importance to African countries' concerns about climate change, and is willing to strengthen dialogue and work together with Africa to mitigate the impact of climate change. It is also willing to work with African countries to help contain the novel coronavirus, improving the prevention and control measures, so as to ensure the maximum number of people benefit from the efforts.

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## Good nutrition is defence against novel coronavirus

**N**UTRITION is the science that interprets the nutrients and other substances in food in relation to maintenance, growth, reproduction, health and disease of an organism. It includes ingestion, absorption, assimilation, biosynthesis, catabolism and excretion.

The diet of an organism is what it eats, which is largely determined by the availability and palatability of foods. For humans, a healthy diet includes preparation of food and storage methods that preserve nutrients from oxidation, heat or leaching, and that reduces risk of foodborne illnesses. The seven major classes of human nutrients are carbohydrates, fats, fiber, minerals, proteins, vitamins, and water. Nutrients can be grouped as either macronutrients or micronutrients (needed in small quantities).

In humans, an unhealthy diet can cause deficiency-related diseases such as blindness, anemia, scurvy, preterm birth, stillbirth and cretinism, or nutrient excess health-threatening conditions such as obesity and metabolic syndrome; and such common chronic systemic diseases as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and osteoporosis. Undernutrition can lead to wasting in acute cases, and the stunting of marasmus in chronic cases of malnutrition.

A panel of gender, nutrition and food specialists explored food access challenges that vulnerable groups such as women and children face in Africa's urban areas, at the African Green Revolution Forum held recently.

The online discussion had an added urgency in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to organisers of Africa's largest agriculture conference.

African Development Bank Director for Agriculture and Agro-Industry Dr.

Martin Fregene, Bank Coordinator of the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative Esther Dassinou joined representatives from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Harvest Plus and the Rockefeller Foundation, as well as other experts.

The first of two sessions looked at the role of nutrition and gender in Africa's food systems, the role of partnerships in making food accessible to vulnerable populations, the importance of building strong food systems, providing local governments with new financial instruments, and tools to support local food systems.

In his remarks to the digital audience, Fregene talked about the Bank's contribution to address food access on the continent, such as the TAAT programme, which provides quality seed to farmers for better crop yields, the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme, a partnership with the World Bank group, which supports sustainable agriculture that benefits poor and vulnerable smallholder farmers in developing countries, particularly women.

Fregene said small and medium enterprises (SMEs) play a pivotal role in the food systems value chain and mentioned the Bank's instruments to help SMEs address challenges such as financing and infrastructure.

Arun Baral, representing HarvestPlus, stressed the importance of providing women with tools and technologies, such as bio-fortified seeds and gardening techniques, to create sustainable and nutritious food ecosystems in their communities.

In the second half of the session, attendees agreed that women face overwhelming challenges in accessing financial support.

## A ban on child labour in Africa is crucial

**C**HILD labour in Africa is generally defined based on two factors: type of work and minimum appropriate age of the work. If a child is involved in an activity that is harmful to his/her physical and mental development, he/she is generally considered as a child labourer.

That is, any work that is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to children, and interferes with their schooling by depriving them of the opportunity to attend school or requiring them to attempt to combine school attendance with excessively long and heavy work.

Appropriate minimum age for each work depends on the effects of the work on the physical health and mental development of children. ILO Convention suggests the following minimum age for admission to employment under which, if a child works, he/she is considered as a child laborer: 18 years old for hazardous works (any work that jeopardizes children's physical, mental or moral health), and 13-15 years old for light works (any work that does not threaten children's health and safety, or prevent them from schooling or vocational orientation and training), although 12-14 years old may be permitted for light works under strict conditions in very poor countries.

Africa has the world's highest incidence rates of child labour. A report by the United Nations' International

Labour Office (ILO) considered as the primary cause of child labour in Africa.

The African Union (AU) is initiating discussions with stakeholders on the implementation of African Union's Ten Year Action Plan to Eradicate Child Labour, Forced Labour, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery (2020-2030) adopted during the AU Summit held in February 2020.

The initiative resonates well with the International Labour Organization (ILO) convention 182 on Worst Forms of Child

Labour which is reaching its universal ratification.

When children are trapped in slavery, forced labour and trafficking, forced to participate in armed conflict, and all types of illicit activities, or in hazardous work, we must act urgently to protect their rights and restore their childhood as worst forms of child labour are unacceptable and an affront to our common values.

It is against this background that the AU ten year plan is implemented in juxtaposition with the ILO Convention 182, an instrument that emphasizes the subset of worst forms of child labour requiring immediate action, while listing other forms of slavery or practices similar to slavery, the use, procuring or offering of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or for pornographic performances; and the use, procurement or offering of a child for illicit activities, in particular for the production and trafficking of drugs as defined in relevant international treaties.

The move to implement the strategic pillars of the ten year plan provides a big push toward eradicating the issue as it establishes a clear legal framework. Countries in Africa still need to enforce and ensure effective implementation through labour inspection and other means and provide decent work for adults and young people of legal working age.

The ten year Regional Action Plan, adopted by Africa heads of states during the African Union Summit in February 2020 and Ministers of Labour and Social Development in December 2019, is a comprehensive action plan for achieving SDG target 8.7 which calls on all, to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of all forms of child labour as an essential step to achieving decent work for all, full and productive employment and inclusive and sustained economic growth.

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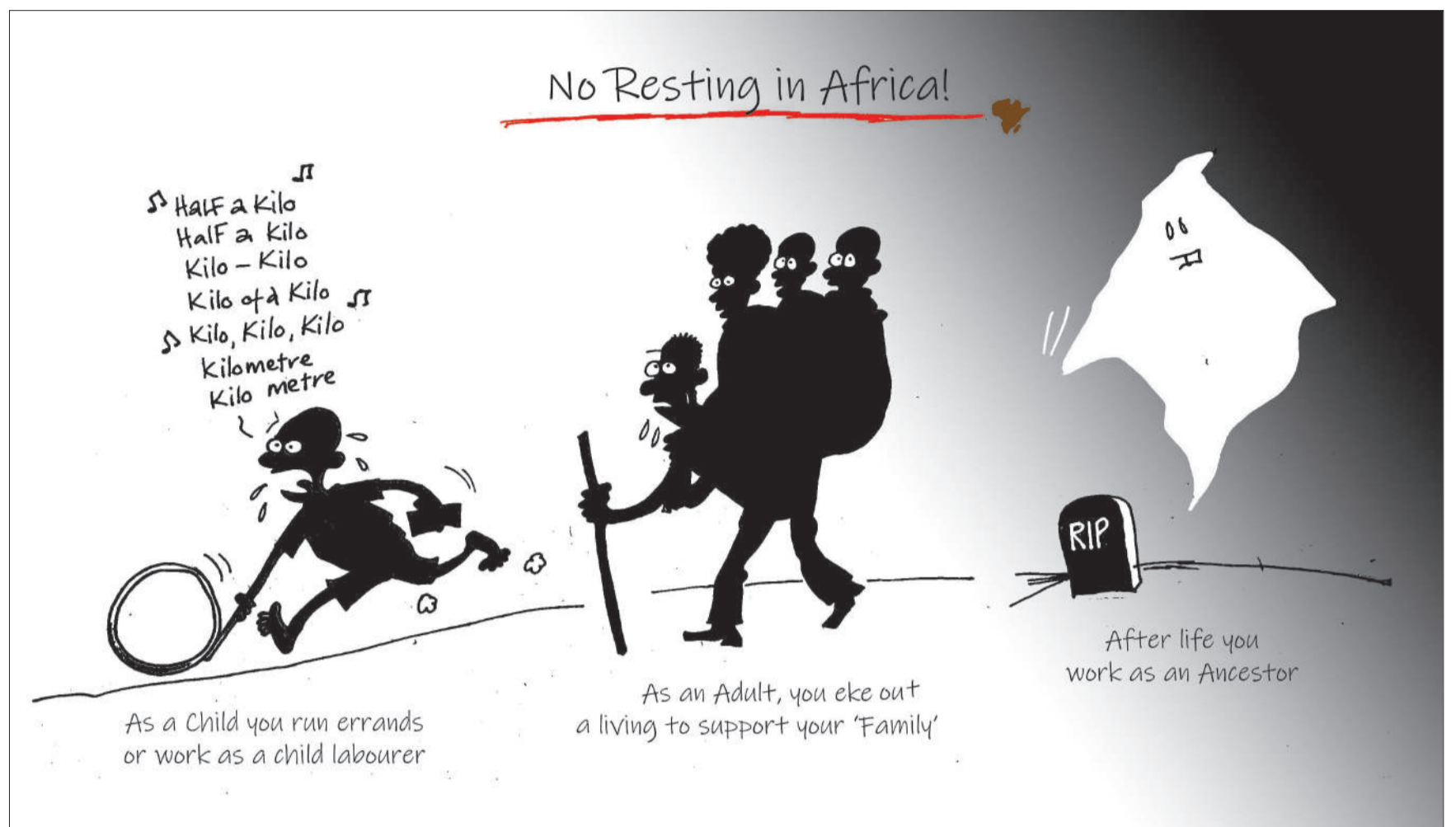
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## Why COVID-19 makes Internet access more urgent than ever

By Adrian Lovett

**P**ROGRESS on making the internet accessible has been far too slow, with just over half the world connected today. When 193 countries met to agree on a set of global goals to tackle the world's biggest problems, they could scarcely have imagined how the world would look five years later: a global pandemic upending lives and livelihoods, breaking entire industries and threatening a widespread economic depression.

As world leaders meet this week at the UN General Assembly to talk progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), two things should be top of mind. Firstly, COVID-19 and its devastating impacts has made achieving these goals more critical than ever. Secondly, one target, buried within the SDGs, may be key to reaching all the goals: universal and affordable access to the internet in the world's least developed countries by 2020.

When the target was set in 2015, 43% of the world had access to the internet. Progress since has been far too slow, with just over half connected today. Not only will we miss this year's target, but Web Foundation analysis has exposed a global slowdown in people getting online. The number of people connecting for the first time has dropped to a third of the rate ten years ago. Most worryingly, connectivity in low-income countries is leveling out at around 13% adoption, compared to 85% in richer countries.

Without ambitious action, we're on course to miss the target to connect everyone to the internet by decades.

While those who negotiated the SDGs understood the importance of internet access, COVID-19 underscores like never before how fundamental the internet has become to people's lives and to achieving all the global goals.

As classrooms closed, online learning came to the rescue, with virtual lessons bringing some semblance of normality for millions of children stuck at home. For many, it was still tough: when your connection isn't strong enough, or you can't afford enough data, or your family shares a single device, learning online ranges from extremely difficult to impossible. Namitha Narayanan, a student in India, hit headlines when studying for hours each day on her parents' roof because it was the only place she could get a good enough



mobile signal.

For others, the door to learning was slammed shut. A recent report from UNICEF found at least a third of the world's children don't have the technology they need for remote learning. If we're to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all" (goal 4) we have to make sure children everywhere can get online.

Then there's goal 5: the fight to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The internet has been transformative for women around the world; providing a platform to cut through male-dominated debate; allowing girls to learn about their periods when it's taboo at home; and helping power movements for action, from campaigns for reproductive rights in Namibia to #MeToo.

Yet, a pervasive 'digital divide' that sees men 21% more likely to be online than women - rising to 52% in least developed countries - prevents the internet from being a true force for gender equality.

Universal internet access could be a powerful catalyst for gender equality post-coronavirus, a crisis that has disproportionately impacted women who are more likely to work in the informal economy and to bear chief responsibility for increased unpaid care work.

to continue to reinforce inequality through unequal access.

Hope has been hard to come by in 2020. But imagining the SDGs in a world of universal, meaningful internet access gives us a sense of what could be possible.

As the global health community works to combat COVID-19, the UN warns health service disruptions could reverse decades of improvement towards ensuring healthy lives for all (goal 3). With a meaningful internet connection, families unable to get regular healthcare could better access health information, see a health worker or doctor virtually, and receive more effective treatment from clinics able to access their medical history online.

The coronavirus threatens to push an extra 71 million people into extreme poverty, many in low-income countries. Subsidising internet connection for the poorest communities, as Costa Rica is doing, could allow millions to learn new skills, make new connections and find ways to support themselves and their families.

And as the coronavirus puts pressure on agricultural production, further threatening goal 2 to end hunger, digital tools can give farmers access to market updates and weather forecasts to help increase their productivity.

Health, education, economic growth, gender equality, food production - all can be improved with universal internet access. That's why affordable internet for all is core to the Contract

for the Web we launched last year as a roadmap to get to the web we want. This can be reality if we all - citizens, companies and governments - push for universal internet access as a central pillar of efforts to build back better.

And we should go beyond basic access, aiming for meaningful connectivity: where people have a fast connection, enough data, and can connect regularly on a device that suits them. Making sure people have the skills they need to navigate the online world safely is equally paramount.

This world is not beyond our reach. Just last week the UN published analysis from the Alliance for Affordable Internet, a Web Foundation initiative, which revealed it would cost \$428 billion over ten years to connect the remaining three billion people to the internet by 2030. Such a price tag may sound expensive, but the world spends the same amount on soda each year. Perhaps more pertinently, it is a similar sum to the combined coronavirus bailout packages of Germany, Canada and South Korea.

The last of the SDGs calls for global partnership to achieve sustainable development. Leaders meeting at the General Assembly must work together to find the resources needed to connect the world. We have the technical knowhow and the financial means to do it and help achieve the global goals. Now we need the commitment and collaboration of leaders to make it happen.



# Staff to UN management: Please drop your plans for uber-style contracts



UN Staff Day with Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (left). File photo

**GENEVA**

As the United Nations prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary we have been made aware of an extremely worrying development concerning the future of UN staff contracts.

It seems that UN management is bringing forward plans that, if implemented, will rip up long-established, secure standards of employment and replace them with a model that follows much of the ethos and practices of the 'gig' economy, famously characterized by Uber and its contractor drivers.

On Tuesday 29th September, managers from across the UN system will hold a meeting to look at a report on the 'Future of the United Nations System Workforce'. The

report, prepared under the guidance of International Labour Organization (ILO) Director-General Guy Ryder and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, contains much to alarm us.

Instead of understanding the importance of stable, secure contracts of employment to staff during these difficult times, the report recommends a drive to 'a more agile model contractual modality', a move that we believe is designed to move staff to short, limited duration contracts.

One crucial section of the report speaks of a new model contract supporting 'a more agile organization that can rapidly adapt to changing needs and opportunities and scale up and down as needed'. The report notes that these so-called agile contracts could progressively apply to all staff, replacing fixed term and continuing contracts.

The way agile contracts work is that staff would be hired for fixed periods for specific tasks, after which they would be forced to leave and return to their country. They would then have to reapply for a new job and start again from scratch.

There would be no pension scheme and the UN would wash its hands of any long-term obligations towards its loyal staff, many of whom have sacrificed their personal lives in isolated and dangerous locations.

These types of employment arrangements are already controversial when it comes to delivering pizzas in the neighbourhood. So, it's surprising that the ILO and UN would think they are the future when it comes to delivering humanitarian aid in war zones, providing peacekeeping and defending human rights.

We saw something similar before with contracts called appointments of limited duration, under which staff received a fixed amount with no ad-

ditions for post adjustment, dependency or education allowance, and no salary scale to ensure equal pay by gender. (Interestingly, Ban Ki-moon abolished them because they were seen as contrary to fair labour standards).

This is revealing as it points to a deliberate ending of career appointments, in particular continuing appointments, an area of concern that we have already brought to your attention.

The rationale for the plans is that the UN needs to have greater agility and responsiveness in dealing with challenges and world events and deliver this in the context of funding constraints and a downturn in the global economy.

We recognize this situation, but are hugely disappointed to see the solutions proposed by the organization, which singularly fail to appreciate the critical importance of the established contracts that sit at the heart of the

relationship between staff and employer.

We also believe that if managers want agility, then this is better achieved by investing in training, empowering staff to try different roles, and re-establishing the link between performance and promotion.

Lastly, we are concerned that management's plans ignore the main reason that UN staff have contract security. It is to be able to act independently from pressures that may be exerted by member states and ensure they are not put in the position of doing the bidding of whichever country or corporation donates the most money to ensure their next job.

We have seen during the pandemic how even the perception of such influence can create huge problems for a UN organization.

For this reason, we call on management to drop their plans for Uber-style contracts at the UN.

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)/ REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI): FOR HOSE & FITTINGS, MEAL CONTROL SYSTEM, TIME AND ATTENDANCE AND FLEET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Geita Gold Mining Limited – GGML ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti Ltd ("AGA") subsidiary is located in North Western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria Goldfields of Geita Region, about 120km from Mwanza and 4km West of the town of Geita.

- The purpose of the EOI/ RFI is to explore the supply market for competent Suppliers with the requisite technical skills and Knowledge and financial capacity to undertake the Supply and Installation of Hose and Fittings, Meal Control System, Time and Attendance and Fleet Management System Services to Geita Gold Mine in accordance with the RFI documents.
- The responses to this EOI/RFI will be used to shortlist capable Service Providers that will be invited to respond to the Main Tender for the Supply and Installation of Hose and Fittings, Meal Control System, Time and Attendance and Fleet Management System Services to Geita Gold Mine in accordance with the RFI documents. The details and dates for the issue of the Main Tender will be communicated to shortlisted Companies only. It is necessary to respond to this EOI/ RFI in order to be pre-qualified to be considered for the Main Tender.

**Scope of work:**

- GGME0811 – Meal Control System, Time and Attendance and Fleet Management System**
- GGME0802 – HEAVY MACHINE HOSE AND FITTINGS**

PRELIMINARY CRITERIA		
1	PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	20%
	a) Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	2.2%
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	g) Company Shareholding Structure	2.2%
	h) Compliance in Mining Act- Local Content	2.2%
	i) OSHA Compliance and Environment Registration Certificate	2.2%
2	PRE-QUALIFICATION DATA	10%
	a) Name of the Company/firm/supplier	2.5%
	b) E-mail address	2.5%
	c) Postal address	2.5%
	d) Mobile No./telephone	2.5%
3	CVs OF THE KEY PERSONNEL (must be filled accordingly)	10%
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	a) At least 3 Names of the applicants' clients in the past two years and value of the contracts entered into and completed satisfactorily and the duration of the contract (must be listed)	5%
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	d) Attach at least 3 recommendation letters each from different clients	5%

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a)	Technical capability	5%		
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c)	Experience on Similar projects	5%		
d)	Work knowledge	5%		

2. TECHNICAL CRITERIA			20%	GGME0802 – HEAVY MACHINE HOSE AND FITTINGS
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b)	Capable of covering Warranty when premature failure occurs withing agreed terms and conditions	5%		
c)	On time delivery of hoses and fitting	5%		
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Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the NAME AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 0830 A.M 10th October 2020 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.



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# 30th anniversary of World Summit for children

BRIGHTON, United Kingdom

ON the eve of the UN's 75th anniversary, Antonio Guterres, the UN's Secretary-General has declared that the coronavirus pandemic is the world's top security threat. He has called for action - for greater international co-operation in controlling outbreaks and developing an affordable vaccine, available to all. Such action is needed and possible - even in the absence of a large gathering of world leaders in New York to celebrate the anniversary. But children today in every country need more.

Thirty years ago, on 29/30 September 1990, the largest gathering of world leaders that had ever taken place, met at UN Headquarters under the auspices of the UN Children's Fund, UNICEF. This was The World Summit for Children. It was an enormous success, gathering headlines around the world and leading to worldwide action for children.

The Summit set goals for improving the situation of children everywhere, in health, education and their needs in especially difficult circumstances. Every country in the world adopted and agreed to these goals and, since then, all but the United States has ratified the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The World Summit for Children was the brainchild of the American James P. Grant, the charismatic head of UNICEF. After initial doubts



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about whether more than a handful of presidents or prime ministers would come for a high-level meeting on children - as opposed to one on trade or the economy - The World Summit for Children took place with 71 heads of State, including President Bush and Prime Minister Thatcher.

Though children are much less likely to suffer direct effects from the virus, the indirect effects are already serious - in disrupted education, in neglect of essential medical care, in disturbed relations with family, relatives and friends.

Such was the success of the event that the idea of holding Summit meetings soon caught on - the Earth Summit in 1992, the World Summit for Social Development in 1995, the Millennium Summit in 2000, and the Summit for Sustainable Development in 2015, agreed at the Summit for children.

More importantly, following the goals, child survival has improved dramatically: the number of children dying under five has been reduced by 60%, from 12 million in 1990 to well under 6 million today. Immunization, growth monitoring and other actions have improved the health and life expectancy of millions of children in the developing world, and all countries have accepted that "the best interests of a child shall be a primary consideration."

Today when children are under serious threat from Covid-19, the 30th anniversary of the Children's Summit is a highly appropriate time

for countries to renew and update the vows they made then.

Though children are much less likely to suffer direct effects from the virus, the indirect effects are already serious - in disrupted education, in neglect of essential medical care, in disturbed relations with family, relatives and friends.

Many are also suffering the consequences of domestic violence and child abuse. Countries are turning away from collective national and international action just when it is needed most.

Today's COVID crisis could be an opportunity - for a new impetus to invest in our children and in the next generation of doctors, nurses, scientists, statisticians and carers, who will need to be well prepared to deal with future crises and emergencies.

Though a collective meeting is not possible, every country needs to consider and plan for its children, both to recover from the immediate effects of the virus and to set new paths for the next five and ten years.

Prime ministers and heads of state should take the lead, citizen's assemblies should add to the specifics and communities and governments should make the commitments. A World Summit is not possible nor necessary, -but every country needs to consider the new priorities for its children and make serious plans and policies to respond to them.

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## No more excuses - Time for global economic solutions

NEW YORK

ON 29 September, the world's heads of state will come together (virtually) at an extraordinary meeting to discuss financing for development during the 75th UN general assembly. This will be crucial in the battle to address the Coronavirus crisis.

Our leaders will need to ask themselves this question: can we tackle a global recession while ensuring that basic human rights are protected, and the fight against poverty and environmental destruction are not completely run off the tracks?

The simple but harsh answer at this point in time, is that we cannot. The necessary global mechanisms and agreements are not in place, and unless governments urgently start working together to plug the gaps in the system, billions of people are likely to be heavily impacted by the Coronavirus crisis for years to come.

While the crisis is threatening up to half a billion people with poverty, the fortunes of the ultrawealthy are skyrocketing. Meanwhile, existing inequalities and discrimination, including those related to gender and race, are being reinforced by the Coronavirus crisis. National action is vital, but no country can address the global challenges alone.

Ahead of the heads of state meeting, a 'menu of options' for action has been published which includes key recommendations on debt, illicit financial flows, global liquidity and financial stability, among others. The heads of state must move from talk to action by agreeing to implement some of these recommendations and kickstart real intergovernmental negotiations to deliver new international frameworks and agreements.

At the top of the intergovernmental to-do list has to be debt resolution. The coronavirus crisis is creating a high risk of debt crises, especially in the Global South. And while the G20 response - to offer a standstill on bilateral debt to the poorest countries - has delayed the problem, it has done nothing to actually resolve it.

Even before the pandemic, there were clear warning signs that new debt crises were looming. This was alarming in light of the fact that we currently do not have an international mechanism to ensure that debt crises are resolved without undermining basic human rights of the people living in the impacted countries.

The good news is that the 'menu of options' includes concrete proposals for solutions, such as debt cancellations and an international UN debt workout mechanism. Now is high time for governments to get to work on these proposals.

Another top priority ought to be addressing tax havens, international tax dodging and other illicit financial flows. This problem has been causing a continuous bleeding of hundreds of billions of dollars annually from public budgets in both the Global North and South.

A core reason for this disaster is a deeply broken and outdated international corporate tax system. But here too, a clear and concrete proposal for a UN tax convention is part of the 'menu of options'. Such a convention could pave the way towards new international tax and transparency rules to combat tax dodging. What is missing is an international alliance of progressive countries that can increase international pressure for progress and action.

A third, and related, top priority for governments should be to address the broader economic problems, which are exacerbating the impacts of the crisis. Governments ought to agree a date and preparation process for a crisis summit under the UN's Financing for Development process, to be held at heads of state level as soon as practically possible.

The summit should follow up on previous commitments, which started with the Monterrey Consensus in 2002. Originally, governments had actually agreed to discuss a follow-up confer-



Civil society protest during the 3rd UN Financing for Development Summit in Addis Ababa in 2015. File photo

ence in 2019, but up to now have procrastinated and postponed the decision. The sad reason for these delays is an old fight about control over economic decision-making processes. Countries in the Global South have been pushing for negotiations to start under the auspices of the UN, where all countries participate on an equal footing.

However, the countries in the Global North have blocked this and instead insisted that all decisions must be kept in opaque forums where they dominate the decision-making, including G20, IMF, the Paris Club and the OECD.

In 2014, when countries in the Global South wanted to start working on a UN debt resolution mechanism, constructive forces within the EU were drowned out by a small group of hardliners - and in particular the UK and Germany, and the EU ended up boycotting the process.

During a Financing for Development (FFD) summit in 2015 a group of countries in the Global North - with the UK and US in leading roles - put all their political muscle into blocking a proposal for a UN intergovernmental tax process put forward by the Global South coun-

tries. This behavior has not only led to secret negotiations and unfair decisions that disregard the interests of the Global South, it has also led to a complete failure to develop effective solutions. By getting engulfed in a dirty fight to keep a large part of the world's countries out of decision-making processes, many otherwise progressive European countries acted against the interests of their own people, including by increasing the influence of some of the most obstructive powers.

This includes the Trump administration, but also some of the OECD countries that are very aggressive tax

havens. But the coronavirus crisis seems to be causing some governments to crawl out of the trenches, and the high-level meeting this month provide an important opportunity. 75 years ago, the UN was set up to "achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character". In reality, the UN became the place where global agreements on human rights, sustainable development, peace and environmental protection are negotiated.

However, on economic issues, power-hungry developed countries have blocked UN cooperation. Unless we find fair and effective solutions to address economic and financial crises, it will not only undermine all the other UN objectives and agreements. It will also make the coronavirus crisis much longer and more disastrous than it has to be.

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# 660 women benefit from GBV training

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 660 women from 22 Shehias in Unguja North B District have benefited from training on gender-based violence (GBV).

Organised by Tanzania Media Women's Association (Tamwa, Zanzibar) in collaboration with Action Aid Tanzania, the two-week training was aimed at educating participants about different forms of gender-based violence and raising their awareness that violence against women in any form is unacceptable.

Zaina Salum Abdalla, Tamwa Zanzibar legal officer said that beneficiaries were trained on a number of issues including methods that can be used to prevent such acts. The training was meant to empower women with skills on all issues surrounding GBV and its negative impacts to the victims and the general public, she said.

"The idea is to change the community mindsets on GBV as well as empowering them with skills on understanding indicators and reporting such acts to the responsible authorities," she stressed.

She said that there are several GBV incidents which are yet to be reported as victims or witnessed fear to report them due to various reasons including low awareness as protecting their marriages.

"Women here are ready to remain mum on abuse acts only because they fear that once reported, their marriages will break, so it is high time we change this behavior for

the sake of our children's safety," she said.

For his part, Sheikh of Kitope shehia Khamis Ndende noted that child abuse actions are on the rise here so more efforts are needed to fight the vice.

He hinted on the note that more public awareness programmes are needed to educate the public on the impacts violence as majority of people are not reporting the incidents to the authorities.

Sheikh Ndende hailed TAMWA's efforts in educating the public on the adverse impacts of violence in the country.

Ali Makame, a participant from Kitope Shehia urged parents to protect their children which include monitoring their steps and being friendly and closer to them.

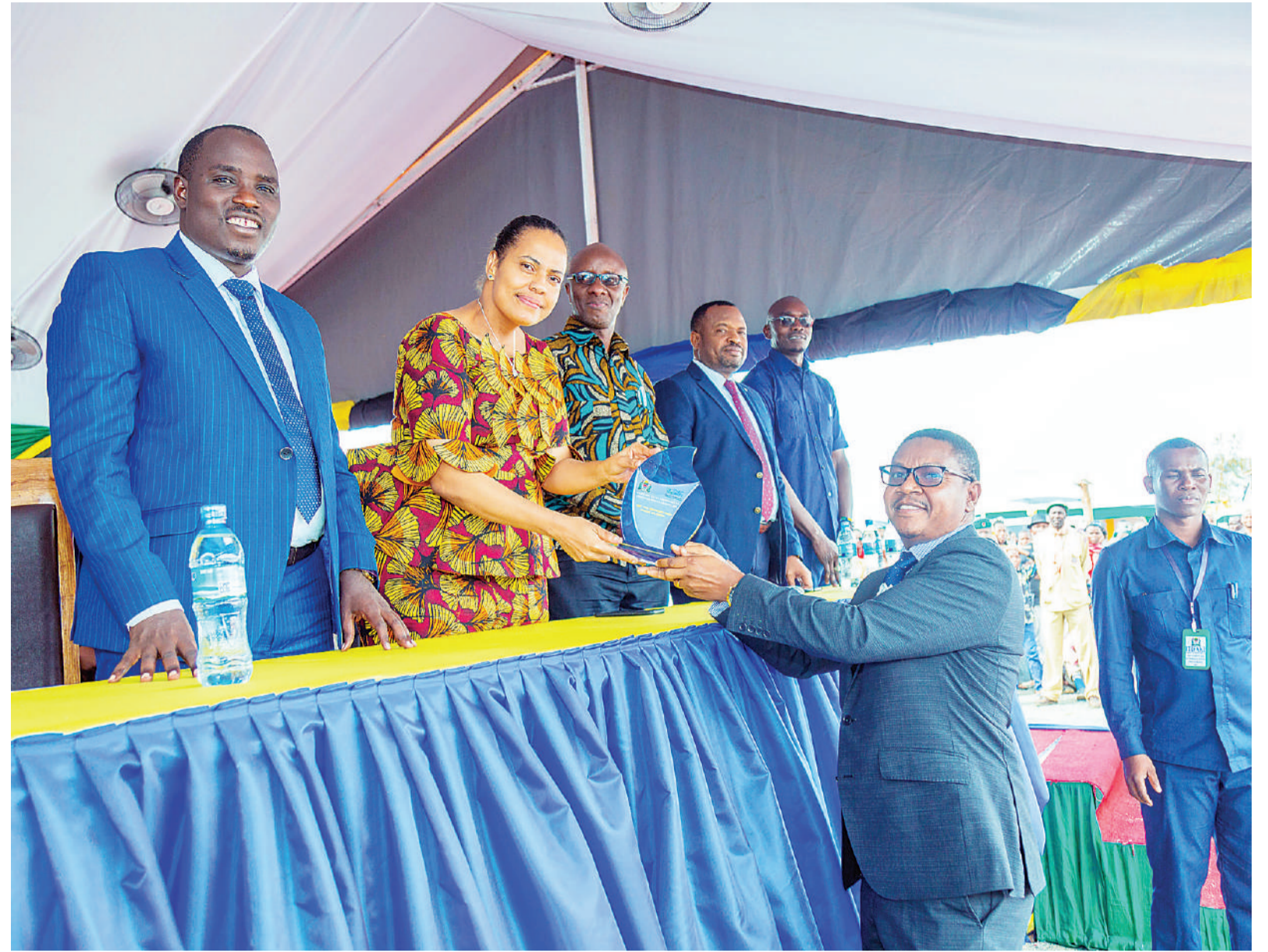
He noted violence against children remains one of the most serious human rights violations in the country which calls for determined efforts to curb it.

"We commend TAMWA-Zanzibar for seeing this challenge and being able to support its fight," he said.

An official from Unguja North Gender Desk Salum Machano said that acknowledged that there is still a huge challenge in fighting GVB in the Isles with some parents or relatives failing to cooperate with the police.

According to her, most of the parents end up negotiating with suspects of violence thus affecting the whole case.

Machano wanted the public to condemn the brutal acts as they are not tolerable in the community.



NBC Bank director of retail banking, Elibariki Masuke (R), receives a trophy from Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investments) Angela Kairuki after the bank emerged the first winner among the financial institutions which participated at the just ended Gold and technology exhibition in Geita Region. Looking on are the Minerals minister Doto Biteko (L) and Geita Regional Commissioner Engineer Robert Gabriel (3rd L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Public, private institutions tasked to adopt a gender-responsive approach to climate-smart agriculture

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

PUBLIC and private institutions have been tasked to adopt a gender-responsive approach to climate-smart agriculture from planning stage, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Director of policy and planning in the Ministry of Agriculture Obadiah Nyagiro issued the directives yesterday when speaking at the national annual forum and climate smart agriculture conference in Morogoro.

He said that a gender-responsive approach is a must and it is important because it addresses particular needs, priorities, and realities of men and women for equal benefits.

Citing Mara Region as an example, Nyagiro said: "It is normal that in Mara hungry children in some families will normally follow their mother to ask for food instead of their father."

"In Mara Region where I come from, you can't see a child asking his or her father some food to eat.

He or she will ask their mother. This means in your priorities in CSA you have to make sure that men and women enjoy equal rights, opportunities and entitlements.

Nyagiro called on the need for more participation of the private sector right from the design, implementation and scaling up of climate smart agriculture in the country. "We must ask and find out why participation of the private sector is not that much rosy? What are the reasons? There is

also a need for decentralising these CSA forums to the grassroots level. Let us make sure that people at the grassroots level initiates and own these forums for better results," he said.

Prof Henry Mahoo from department of engineering sciences and technology at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) said there is a need for more education and to continue creating awareness on the meaning and the importance of climate smart agriculture to reach more people.

"We need to think critically, we need to think wider. If I ask you what is the meaning of CSA, some may not know. If I ask you what are the technologies of CSA, what works out and what do not work, some of you may not know. Therefore, there is a need for more education on this," he explained.

During group discussions on possible guidelines for establishing a business model for private sector participation in CSA, executive director for Sokoine Memorial Foundation Fazal Issa said

there is a need to conduct a comprehensive study on the benefits of CSA, meaning business investment profile. "We need to engage, with specific private sector, integrate CSA into natural investment roadmap and improve business environment," he said.

National coordinator for Tanzania climate smart agriculture alliance Shakwaanande Natai advised the private sector who are implementing CSA to show up so that they could be recognized.

"Whatever is being implement-

ed on the ground is according to the available policies and guidelines. They are outlined in every sector, be it water, or agriculture. So, I would advice they show up, so that they could be recognized," she said.

The conference organised by TCASS and Ansaf and provided a platform for TCSAA members and other stakeholders from the public and private sectors to share knowledge, skills, expertise and lessons related to CSAs implementation in Tanzania.

# Rabies vaccinations resume after COVID-19 pandemic

By Guardian Reporter

VACCINATION campaigns to eradicate rabies in Africa have resumed after the COVID-19 pandemic.

A statement released yesterday from Nairobi, Kenya by Rabies Free Africa, a programme of Washington State University Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health, said the work restarted on Monday which was World Rabies Day.

Additionally, Rabies Free Africa said it has garnered an expanded partnership with MERCK MSD providing critical access to vaccinations, as well as a new partnership with #UnitedAgainstRabies, a programme of the World Health Organisation (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and Food and Agriculture Organisation United Nations (FAO).

This worldwide collaboration was established to raise public awareness we have the tools to eliminate rabies and we must

work together to do it, unlike the current situation with COVID-19.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges, but we are pleased to safely resume our work to eliminate human rabies deaths by 2030 through dog vaccinations and provision of life-saving human rabies vaccines," stated Dr. Thumbi Mwangi, director of Rabies Free Kenya.

"On World Rabies Day we are delighted to be a part of #UnitedAgainstRabies efforts and also renew our commitment to the WHO's ZeroBy30 effort which is critical to keeping the global spotlight on eliminating human and animal rabies deaths by 2030."

Rabies Free Africa also made great gains this year in Tanzania in advancing ways to decrease the cost of delivering the vaccine to communities, especially those in rural areas. Dr. Felix Lankester's research team has demonstrated that the rabies vaccine used to inoculate dogs is

thermo-tolerant and can be stored for extended periods of time outside of refrigeration units, in inexpensive locally made clay vaccine storage devices called 'zee-pots' without losing its ability to protect dogs against rabies. "The ability to have vaccines stored for extended periods out of cold storage has allowed us to better leverage Tanzanian field officers and one health champions as vaccinators as rabies vaccines can now be stored in rural districts where electricity is not available," stated Lankester, director, Rabies Free Tanzania.

"We hypothesize that having these new delivery and storage methods, will allow us to decrease the cost of mass-dog vaccination campaigns and increase the territory that can now be covered." Approximately 59,000 people suffer and die of rabies each year, most of whom are children who interact more frequently with dogs.



NMB acting chief finance officer, Benedicto Baragomwa, speaks during the NMB business club members meeting in Ilala District, Dar es Salaam. From (L-R) are the bank's head of business banking, Alex Mgeni, Dar es Salaam zone manager Donatus Richard and NMB business club chairman, Awarid Mpanzila. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Dar residents decry poor solid waste management

By Blandina Semwaiko, TUDARCO

RESIDENTS of Mbezi Juu Ward in Kinondoni Municipal Council in Dar es Salaam have decried the inability of the municipality to properly evacuate waste in their localities.

They said their lives are in danger as they have no prop-

er area to dispose household waste, suggesting the need for the government to bring in waste collecting companies to

One of the Mbezi Juu residents, Gemma Florian said: "For many years I haven't seen waste collection vehicles, coming into our streets to collect waste."

She said that residents in the

area have been disposing garbage in gorges and open spaces, the situation that puts them at health risks.

"Our worry is on children and the matters become worse during rainy season, that's why we're appealing to the municipal council to swiftly address this challenge," she suggested.

Gemma who lives in a small area, said: "I'm very affected with poor waste management, as you can wake up in the morning and find a number of waste sacks dumped in my place; this is because people do not have special areas to dump their waste." Janet Sylvester, another resident in the area suggested

the need for the municipal council to chip in and address the challenge, taking into account that population is growing in the area. In his response, chairman of Mbezi Mtoni street, Said Njimbwe, admitted on the challenge, citing lack of special garbage collection firm to evacuate the solid waste as the main

source of the problem.

He however said that efforts have been made by the local government to educate the residents on solid waste management.

"We have been educating our people on proper dumping of waste, many residents found themselves dumping rubbish an-

nywhere, and we are also working to ensure that we push the government to hire the company," he said.

Authorities at Mbezi Juu ward said that the Kinondoni municipality brought in waste collection company to do the job, in the area, but failed to do so due to poor road infrastructure.



# Journalism from the health frontlines in a time of Coronavirus

By Nomatter Ndebele

If we were going to do this assignment, it had to be a well-thought-out operation. And we prepared for every eventuality we could think of. Our biggest concern in this project was ensuring that we were safe and able to control our environment at all times, thus limiting the potential for possible infection. We decided beforehand that all the interviews would be conducted via phone to limit our in-person contact time with our participants.

So on a Wednesday morning, we packed our fears, anxieties and uncertainties into a camper van – which is what we opted to travel in to eliminate the stress of having to find safe places for us to stay for the duration of the assignment and with lockdown still a reality.

Our first point-of-call was full personal protective equipment. We insisted that all of our participants, as well as ourselves, had to be in full PPE for the duration of each shoot. We purchased surgical masks, gloves and shoe covers and asked our participants to wear shoe covers in instances where they had to stand on our back-drop.

Next, we insisted on only interacting with our participants outside. We visited 27 facilities and did not enter a single one. Our next priority was adhering to strict protocols of physical distancing.

My partner in crime, photographer Thom Pierce, put a lot of thought into devising an outside studio that we could build in any open space. Before we left, we spent three days practising the entire set-up to make sure we knew exactly what we needed to do in order to get the images we required without ever being at a distance of fewer than two metres from our subjects.

We meticulously measured out the distances from which Thom could take the shots. He was always aware of how far away he had to be working to maintain a safe distance.

Our final priority was to sanitise, sanitise and sanitise some more.

Because we needed all our participants to fill out consent forms for this assignment, we went the extra mile of purchasing 50 pens so that the participants could keep the pen they had used to fill out their form. We also asked our participants to put their consent forms in a sealed envelope which they then deposited into a box for collection, after which we sanitised their hands and ours. By this logic, we did not have to touch anything that our participants had touched during our shoot.

This was a well thought-out operation, and each time we concluded a shoot we asked our participants if



there was anything else we could do to make our interactions even safer. One participant cautioned us to not pass the camera between ourselves during the shoot. Honestly, that was not something we had thought of. Had Thom and I not been sharing accommodation, our passing of the camera between us may well have been a way in which we put each other at risk.

The last piece of the puzzle was ensuring that we were able to get the stories out of participants.

Although we had decided that it was best to do our interviews telephonically, sometimes the interviews did not yield enough information. It isn't easy to build a rapport with someone over the phone, especially when they have never met you. The magic of storytelling has always been that moment of connection between the writer and the interviewee. I realise now that I rely heavily on personal interactions when I am trying to tell stories. Often it is the ability to smile, nod, raise an eyebrow, laugh out loud or express confusion that allows us to draw stories out of participants.

After three interviews, I realised that if I was going to tell these stories, I needed to build some relationships before interviewing my participants. Based on that, I decided to do the telephonic interviews after we had completed our photo shoots. Those 20- to 30-minute interactions in per-

**AFP photographer Diptendu Dutta works during a government-imposed nationwide lockdown as a preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19 in Siliguri, India, on April 10, 2020. Freelance journalists have faced risks to their lives and livelihoods amid the COVID-19 pandemic. File photo**

son made a world of difference. Our participants opened up, shared anecdotes and allowed themselves to be vulnerable.

After a few days of figuring it out more practically rather than in theory, we finally found our mojo and threw ourselves completely into the assignment at hand. We committed ourselves to representing as many healthcare workers as possible, each in a different facility in the hope that, together, their stories would give our readers a picture of what was happening in each province in relation to the fight against Covid-19.

We were relieved to be leaving Joburg at a time when the number of positive cases was rising at an alarming rate.

That relief, however, was quickly dampened when I thought about what we were heading towards. I struggled to reconcile myself with the idea that at a time when everyone was being advised to stay at home and stay safe, we were willingly leaving not just our safe spaces, but our province, to go and interact with healthcare workers who were coming straight out of Covid-19 wards.

My imagination ran away with me. I imagined that upon arrival at various facilities we would be confronted with hundreds of people, starved of oxygen, clambering over each other in a desperate attempt to access healthcare services. What else can you ex-

pect when a pandemic hits a developing country whose healthcare system is already severely under-resourced and figuratively on its knees?

You expect the worst.

But what an absolute privilege it was to find the total opposite. If ever our healthcare system had a good story to tell, this is it.

In the conception of this project we all agreed that we wanted to tell positive stories. We wanted to highlight the efforts of those who often go unseen, especially at a time like this where we have been preoccupied with our "essentials". It felt important to us that we highlighted the fact that our cadre of essentials were more than just the educated elite. At a time like this, security guards, groundsmen, morticians and cleaners are as essential as their more scholarly counterparts.

We were convinced (perhaps too naively, in retrospect) that in light of our good intentions, our colleagues in the offices of provincial health departments would welcome the opportunity to showcase their best efforts. Many of them were receptive to our requests, apart from KwaZulu-Natal. Our requests to interview doctors in the province were completely ignored. After days of following up on requests that we sent via email and text, we heard nothing. We very nearly lost out on Mpumalanga too, but at the last minute sense prevailed, and we were able to represent the province.

In the Northern Cape, we were unable to secure any participants at De Aar Hospital. Workers were terrified of speaking to us out of fear of losing their jobs. A political contact told us that workers were not willing to speak on record or be photographed because the response to their interactions with us could be unfair suspensions. Unfortunately, this is not the first time we have to contend with such issues at De Aar Hospital.

We are accustomed to speaking to people in confidence at that particular facility, but this time there was a big difference. This time no-one was willing to speak - not the cleaners, nurses or doctors. This was an interesting dynamic because as we made our way across the country we found that most, if not all, doctors we approached felt empowered to speak candidly about their experiences, without any fear of reprisal. So for us it follows that where even doctors are afraid to speak out, something had to be terribly wrong. We heard rumours that at least six patients had died in one weekend at the facility, but we were unable to confirm this.

It seems a great pity that we have had to tell this story without the input of the public sector in KwaZulu-Natal and De Aar Hospital.

Despite those challenges, we were heartened by the efforts of our colleagues in Limpopo, Free State and the Western Cape. Our interactions with department representatives and hospital workers were an absolute pleasure. It was encouraging that we were all on the same page.

Although we wanted this to be a positive story, we were prepared for the reality that much of what we would find would be a long list of challenges,

with an even longer list of workers' demands. We understood that responses of that nature would have been 100% warranted, especially at a time like this. What we found, though, was a cadre of workers who were less concerned about what could not be done and more focused on making plans and decisions to ensure that lives would be saved every day - even if it was just one life.

We met people who taught their patients about apps they could use at home to monitor the levels of their oxygen intake in a bid to ensure that critically ill patients could be prioritised for beds in the facility. We met people who embraced accidental activism in a bid to prioritise the lives of patients rather than worry about political scores. We met people who gave their kids over to the care of family members to ensure that they could be at work every single day. We met people who have gone door-to-door in townships, to make sure that people who are out of reach of the primary healthcare system were informed about the pandemic. We met people who refused to sit back and wait for a crisis. Where most of us allowed our fears and anxieties to steer us away from the oncoming storm, we met people who went face-first into it.

Not a single person we met referred to themselves as heroes - they were all "just doing their jobs". Imagine working in a healthcare system that on the best day cannot provide you with the resources you need to do your job. Imagine always being in a position where you have to decide who gets oxygen and who doesn't. Imagine having to drive patients up and down in your own car because the ambulance didn't turn up. That is not just "doing your job", that is commitment - it is dedication, perseverance, the conscious and deliberate act of embodying the principles of batho pele (Tswana for "people first").

I realise now that if I had given in to my fears, I would have missed the opportunity to tell the story of a lifetime. We hope that by telling these stories of our comrades in the trenches we have given them a reason to battle on. I am so incredibly grateful that I felt the fear and pushed on to tell this story anyway. I have been privileged to see the absolute best of this country. The best has not always had a fancy car or even a degree. The best are ordinary South Africans who, when called for "country duty", did not ask "Why me?" They didn't sit it out; they didn't just walk away. They refused to be defined by their fear, but rather by ubuntu; the simple idea of umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu ("I am because you are").

This pandemic has not only tested our healthcare system. It has tested our resolve as a country, it has tested our commitment to saving lives and our commitment to hope. Where the world least expected it, South Africa came out swinging.

This project has in many ways surprised us. If there is one thing I can confirm without a single doubt it is that humans are strange creatures. We have spoken at great length about the response of healthcare workers during the pandemic, but there is something to be said about the response of ordinary people.

Given the exact same information - that there is a pandemic going on, to wear a mask, sanitise frequently, maintain physical distancing protocols - there are two responses:

In the middle of nowhere, hundreds of kilometres away from any cities or towns, you will drive past a man sitting by himself on a donkey cart wearing a mask.

In high-density metropolitan areas, hundreds of people rush through town centres, weaving in and around each other, without sparing a single thought for physical distancing protocols.

I can't explain it. I don't know if anybody ever will.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we would like to thank all our participants for sharing their experiences with us and being vulnerable with us. Without you this story would never have made it from pen to paper. We also cannot finish this story without mentioning all of the people who were unable to speak to us freely for fear of losing their jobs. It may not be much, but here is a line for all the groundsmen, security guards, cleaners, doctors, nurses, paramedics and anyone else who has been made to feel small or insignificant during this time: we see you. Your contributions do not and will not go unseen. When you feel like just another cog in the machine, please remember that it is you and your contributions that keep these wheels moving.

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## GENE-PROTECTION

## Smallholder farmers advised to establish indigenous seed banks

By Francis Kajubi

AS hybrid seeds and genetically engineered seeds enter the food chain, smallholder farmers have been advised to establish indigenous seed banks at their homesteads to ensure that they have stock of the endangered species.

Speaking at a capacity building training for journalists on organic agriculture reporting, that also featured more than 20 farmers from Morogoro and Zanzibar and held in Dar es Salaam last week, Organic Agriculture Coordinator from Tanzania Alliance

for Biodiversity (TABIO), Abdallah Ramadhani urged farmers to form groups that will establish and protect the indigenous seed banks for the purpose of sustaining organic agriculture cultivation.

"Indigenous seeds are obtained from seasonal harvests and have been proved to be good for replanting in future by researcher. Indigenous seeds have also proven to be rich nutrients and ingredients necessarily to enable plants give high yields with no threat to consumers' health nor the environment," said Ramadhani.

The training which was organized



Organic agriculture coordinator from Tanzania Alliance for Biodiversity, Abdallah Ramadhani.

and sponsored by a non-governmental organization called ECHO which has its headquarters in Arusha, featured organic agriculture experts who shared knowledge on the importance of using indigenous seeds in farming than using hybrid seeds that accord-

ing to TABIO, are likely to cause health threats on human beings.

Ramadhani explained that the use of indigenous seeds is important because it enables farmers to benefit to the maximum from their produce while guaranteeing community's

good health and environmental conservation.

"Indigenous seeds, when used properly in the planting season, enable farmers to get better yields while guaranteeing availability of stocks for future planting seasons sustainably," the TABIO chief added while noting that the activist group is against use of modified and hybrid seeds because they are limited to access, expensive and cannot be replanted.

He however acknowledged that cultivation of indigenous seeds faces challenges such as pests and diseases and that the best approach to deal with it is through intercropping and weeding of unwanted plants in the field. In his presentation, a legal counsel from the Vice President's Office, Isakwisa Mwamukonda said the country has laws and regulations in place including the national environmental policy of 1997 and the biotechnology policy 2010 which the government uses to control importation of hybrid seeds and genetically engineered seeds.

"The government position is to make sure that regulations concerning importation of hybrids are well observed. We encourage farmers to be well informed on the importance of indigenous seeds to their health and environment," Mwamukonda said while conceding that the government is party to some international agreements with regard to hybrid seeds use.

## REALIGNMENT

## Orca Energy shakes up top management, changes strategic direction

By Guardian Reporter

NIGEL Friend who was Orca Energy Group Inc's longest serving CEO has left the company which owns Pan African Energy Tanzania Limited amidst reports of misunderstanding with the board of directors.

In a statement last week, the company said in connection with the change to the company's strategic direction, the board of directors accepted the resignation of Friend from the company and its subsidiaries. It announced Jay Lyons as interim CEO.

Friend was involved early in establishing the company's business in Tanzania and has made significant contributions to Orca's strategic

thinking since rejoining the company in 2018. "On behalf of the board of directors, we thank Nigel for his contributions and wish him every success in his future endeavours," the statement signed by Lyons stated.

It further stated that until his new appointed, Lyons has been a member of Orca's board of directors since May 29, 2019 and is a seasoned energy executive with experience in Canada and the United States in both the upstream and downstream sectors.

"Lyons has a strong familiarity and understanding of the Songo Songo project and the Tanzanian operating environment. Blaine Karst will continue to lead the company's ac-



Former Orca Energy Group Inc's CEO, Nigel Friend

counting, finance and treasury functions as well as being Chief Financial Officer," the statement added.

The statement further said that the board of directors has determined that in the current challenging market conditions for the oil and gas sector and taking into consideration the impact that government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to have on domestic and global levels of economic activity, it is in the best interests of shareholders to solely focus on the continued value maximization through the optimization and monetization of the company's rights to develop the Songo Songo natural gas field in Tanzania.

The company also said that it has

suspended ongoing efforts to acquire and develop an integrated gas business in other African countries. Since February 2018, the company has distributed approximately CD\$90 million in dividends and share buybacks. "Focusing on the prudent management of capital and maximizing shareholder returns and regular distributions to our shareholders will continue to be a core part of our strategy moving forward," the company added in its statement.

Orca is an international public company engaged in natural gas exploration, development and supply in Tanzania through its subsidiary PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited. Orca trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange's venture exchange.

## ADVICE

## Government must not try to get consensus on every issue - Busa

JOHANNESBURG

THE first phase of the government's recovery programme will see it go for quick wins that will generate investor confidence, says Business Unity South Africa (Busa) CEO Cas Coovadia.

Covid-19 has taken a heavy toll on the economy and the government, along with the private sector, has been working hard to come up with ways to address the fallout of this crisis.

This has seen the state, civil society and organised business and labour come up with a so-called recovery action plan in the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac). The goal of these efforts is to cement investor confidence by pushing through 'shovel ready' projects, which will have a noticeable economic impact.

The plan has been presented to President Cyril Ramaphosa but is yet to be made public. Coovadia says the negotiations saw the participa-

tion of at least four ministers, the top leadership of Busa and the secretary generals of National Council of Trade Unions, the Federation of Unions of SA and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

He adds that the country's largest economic actors understood the scale of the Covid-19 crisis, and appreciated the need for quick action. "It is very significant that all social parties have agreed to what the critical implementables are in the short-term."

The non-plan

Although there was buy-in from all participants, Coovadia was hesitant to call what they put together a 'plan'. "The document has been touted as an economic plan, but what it actually is, is a series of short-term implementables that government can implement almost immediately."

It will not require new legislation or policies and largely just needs the government to implement programmes it has already agreed to, like the allocation of high-value radio



Business Unity South Africa CEO Cas Coovadia speaks in Johannesburg yesterday

spectrum and giving the go-ahead to expanding the number of independent renewable power producers. Nedlac executive director Lisa Sefitel pointed out that much of what has

been proposed was drawn from the 2018 Job Summit and will be implementable within six months.

An opportunity

The document, as Coovadia calls it,

is just the first phase of putting what Ramaphosa says is putting in place a new socio-economic compact. The president sees the Covid-19 crisis as an opportunity to restructure the SA

economy in a way that brings more people into it. Even prior to the Covid-19 crisis SA's economy was stagnating. It had just gone into recession and unemployment was stuck at about 30%.

Finance Minister Tito Mboweni also sees the crisis as a moment to push through much-needed economic reforms. Sefitel points out that such a compact will not be a once-off creation by the participants in the negotiations, but something that will continuously be worked on.

Coovadia makes the point that though all the major economic actors agree that a such a compact is a move in the right direction, he says the state should not hesitate in taking the lead. "A compact should not be seen as something that takes the lead on decisions; the government needs to take decisions on implementation."

The government must not be afraid to disappoint some constituencies when it comes to implementing long-awaited economic changes, he says.

He says to bring about such a new compact, the government still has to face up to the fiscal challenge. "This is where some of the tough discussions will happen."

The challenges Coovadia speaks of are stark. Mboweni pointed this out in his supplemental budget that if the country did not get its spending under control, it would not be able to service its debt.

## RELIEF

KIGALI

## Plans to re-open schools restores food suppliers' optimism

ARE you a farmer or a food supplier? It might be an ideal time to start thinking of tapping into market opportunities for your produce as schools gear up to open. Farmers who, prior to the pandemic used to supply their produce to different schools across the country have expressed optimism as gradual school reopening is set to start in October, 2020.

The temporary closure of schools started in March 2020 as a

means to control the Covid-19 pandemic. When Covid-19 pandemic broke out in March this year, a section of farmers said that they lost their market as they were suppliers to schools and related institutions.

In May, Joseph Gafaranga, the Secretary-General of Imbaraga Farmers Organization said that the main challenge that farmers faced was that a majority of them lacked alternative market for their produce while those who tried to sell

in food markets ended up selling at throw away prices.

According to a countrywide assessment that was conducted by Imbaraga Farmers Organisation, a national body that brings together over 27,000 farmers from across the country, agriculture has been substantially affected by Covid-19, especially horticulture, poultry and exports. Farmers have long awaited resumption of schools which are a great avenue for their

produce.

The initial reopening of schools which was expected in September 2020 was further delayed. However, optimism has been restored among the farmers after the Minister of Education announced the reopening of schools expected to start gradually in October.

"Schools that were our main clients were no longer buying my produce," said Augustin Semusambi, a farmer who grows vegetables

in Musenyi sector of Bugesera District. The farmer who started modern farming in 2018 said he was doing fairly well prior to the pandemic, but following the pandemic, business halted.

"I started from one acre and after realizing the profits, I expanded them to about one hectare in 2018. I grow vegetables in all three agricultural seasons because I have irrigation equipment which I got under the government

subsidy programme. The equipment would have cost me over Rwf1.9 million but I only paid over Rwf270,000.

The Hinga Weze project also helped me to construct terraces, plant agro-forestry and fruit trees so that the fertile soil doesn't continue to be eroded," he said. He said that all the investments provided him with good harvest supplied to different schools.

"Every season I set a target. I har-

vest the produce worth between Rwf500,000 and Rwf800,000 every season.

However, during Covid-19, the produce didn't get much returns due to limited market opportunities. Schools, restaurants and hotels used to buy our produce but when the pandemic broke out, I lacked a market. We hope things will come back to normal soon," he said. "I have domestic animals and bicycles that also help me to run my agribusiness," he said adding that he grows pepper.



## MARKETING

# GSM debuts end of year promo for consumables

By Guardian Reporter

A campaign to lure consumers choose GSM Group's branded mattresses, coconut cream and anchor yeast has been launched in Dar es Salaam starting with Coast, Lindi and Mtwara Regions.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, GSM's Sales Manager for the Special Zone, Baraka Mandara said the 'Funga kazi na GSM' campaign will later being taken across the country when the company agents will conduct road-shows and promotions.

"Our branded products are of high quality and recommended for use at household level for every family," Mandara said adding that many consumers are already using

GSM brands which they get from other retailers.

He said as the year comes to an end, the company has felt if necessary to sensitize and mobilise consumers choose genuine 'Chapa GSM' products to avoid using counterfeits. "We are embarking on a countrywide promotion campaign to showcase our products to consumers so that they buy quality genuine products," he stated.

Mandara said that GSM has been notable brand name in the market with distribution of quality products to improve local consumers' products and back rapid economic growth through industrialization.

Backing his peer, GSM Tanzania's acting Communications and Marketing Manager, Smart Deus said

the campaign starts on October 1 with road-shows in Lindi and Mtwara Region where various products will be sold at discount prices.

"We will be offering our products at throw away prices both in retail and wholesale so we invite traders and individual consumers to seize the opportunity and buy for the festive season," Deus said while stating that the campaign will also involve lottery and impromptu promotions which will see lucky consumers received various presents. The group which is the official sponsor of the most popular football club in the market, Dar es Salaam Young Africans, will also features music and various sporting activities during the campaign scheduled to end later this year.



GSM Tanzania Special Zone sales manager, Baraka Mandara (C) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the launch of a campaign dubbed 'Funga kazi na GSM' aimed at promoting the company's brand products. He is accompanied by acting marketing and communication manager, Smart Deus and sales coordinator, Christina Kalinga. Photo: John Badi.

## RELIEF

## Uber wins appeal against London ban

LONDON

UBER won an appeal against a London ban on Monday after a judge ruled that the company was "fit and proper" and could secure an 18-month licence in the British capital despite its "historical failings."

Deputy Chief Magistrate Tan Ikram said the ride-hailing company could restore operations after Transport for London (TfL) revoked its licence in November last year for the second time over safety concerns.

"Despite their historical failings, I find them, now, to be a fit and proper person to hold a London PHV (private hire vehicle) operator's licence," Judge Ikram said in his written verdict. "I do, however, wish to hear from the advocates on conditions and on my determination as to the length of a licence."

The city's mayor Sadiq Khan said TfL will closely monitor Uber and take "swift action" should the taxi app "fail to meet the strict standards required to protect passengers." Uber has "implemented a number of changes to improve passenger safety and "address the issues we identified," a TfL representative said separately.

Uber's licence removal last year was the latest stage of a long-running battle with London's transport regulator in one of its most important markets. TfL refused to grant the Silicon Valley-based company a new licence due to what it called a "pattern of failures", including thousands of trips conducted where drivers other than those advertised picked up passengers.

This was the result of an Uber system change that allowed unauthorised drivers to upload their photographs to other Uber driver accounts, resulting in a minimum of 14,000 uninsured trips across the city, TfL said. While some of these journeys were undertaken by unlicensed drivers, others involved "dismissed or suspended drivers" creating Uber accounts to carry passengers.

TfL concluded that the company was "not fit and proper" at the time, despite moves by Uber to correct the issues. The latest court win for Uber is the first of a two-pronged process to regain its London licence, with the second a negotiation with TfL, which has the power to approve the length of a new licence.

The licence review is one of several legal battles the US firm is fighting. In its home state of California, lawsuits against the company include drivers demanding expanded employment rights which would severely affect its gig-economy business model if successful. To find Uber "fit and proper" to operate the judge had to be satisfied that it had the qualities and capabilities reasonably expected of a private-hire vehicle operator, the company said in written documents.

Uber's licence was first revoked in 2017 before a judge restored it on a probationary basis. At the Uber hearing earlier this month, Uber was accused by the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, which represents some of London's black cab drivers, of attempting to hide the fraudulent use of photo identification by some drivers from the regulator. Uber "emphatically rejected" the allegation.

## RECORD

## SA household debt drops first time in 18 years

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH African household debt fell for the first time in almost two decades in the second quarter as strict restrictions to limit the spread of the coronavirus affected spending and savings patterns.

Household debt dropped to R2.27 billion from R2.3 billion in the previous quarter, according to central bank data.

That's the first time the measure declined since the third quarter of 2002 and is consistent with a sharp contraction in nominal spending and a decrease in the outstanding balances of most categories of credit extended to households, the South African Reserve Bank said in its Quarterly Bulletin released Tuesday.

Still, the ratio of household debt to nominal disposable income jumped to 85.3% from 73.6% in the three months through June.

Statistics agency data due later yesterday is expected to show that the unemployment rate rose to a record 34.9% in the second quarter as many firms reduced staff or closed down permanently because of the restrictions.

## RED-FLAGGED

# Cytonn accused of flouting CMA regulations in cash call

NAIROBI

Cytonn investments has been accused of obtaining money from investors without the necessary approvals from the Capital Markets Regulator after claiming the money is being raised privately so as to avoid scrutiny.

Mr Kenneth Kasinga has sued the investment firm saying he was lured to invest Sh3 million believing he was being made a partner in the private cash call involving less than 100 people only to discover Cytonn had raised money from 3,000 investors.

The investor said that the company disguised the Cytonn High Yield Fund as a private placement to avoid scrutiny yet it did not satisfy the conditions set out by the Capital Markets Authority to qualify as such.

"Cytonn misrepresented to me that the product offered was a private offer while knowing that it was a public offer, that the membership of investors was not more than 100 when it knew that it had 3,000 investors and that I would be its partner when it had no intention of doing so," he said.

In a letter annexed in the proceedings Cytonn defended itself saying they were compliant with the law which only required a company to invoke one of the nine conditions set out in section 21 of the Capital Markets Listings and Disclosure Regulations to qualify as a private placement.

The conditions include that a private offer should be restricted to less than 100 people, members of a club with common interests, restricted circle of people with sufficient knowledge and understanding of the risk or offered in connection with a bona fide invitation.

It also applies to where securities are offered to employees of the company, the amount raised is more than Sh100,000 and where the securities are offered in connection with a take-over scheme approved by the Authority.

"Please note that sub-regulation (a) to (i) un-



Cytonn Investments Chief Executive Officer Edwin Dande.

der regulation 21 provide that a private offer may fulfil one or more of the said sub-regulations and not all of the sub regulations, which position has been confirmed in writing by the authority," Cytonn chief executive and managing partner Edwin Dande said.

Mr Kasinga was one of the Cytonn clients asked to postpone maturities of his funds invested in the company for a year and earn half the interest after

the company experienced liquidity issues blamed on coronavirus pandemic.

Cytonn investment invoked Force Majeure- Act of God clause, in their contracts saying coronavirus pandemic had led to defaulted payment of Sh1.5 billion on two real estate projects the Ridge and the Alma, which meant they could not service their loans and repay investors.

Correspondence shows that Cytonn sought

to default on its maturing debts of Cytonn project Notes and 19 per cent interest payments and principal on one Cytonn High Yield Fund and had asked investors to pick one of three options. The clients would either extend maturities by 12 months, those with over Sh10 million would have the option of taking up units in the company's real estate or they would enter into a two year standstill during which no payments will be made.

## ASSURANCE

# UNGA 2020: Ethiopia has 'no intention' of using dam to harm Egypt or Sudan

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA has "no intention" of harming Sudan or Egypt with a giant hydropower dam on the Blue Nile, which has caused a bitter dispute between the three countries, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed told the UN on Friday.

Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan failed to strike a deal on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam before Ethiopia began filling the reservoir behind the wall in July. But the three states have returned to mediation led by the African Union.

"I want to make it abundantly clear that we have no intention to harm these countries," Mr Abiy told the 193-member UN General Assembly in a recorded video. "We are steadfast in our commitment to addressing the concerns of downstream countries and reaching a mutually beneficial outcome in the context of the ongoing, AU-led process."

Talks have faltered over a demand from Egypt and Sudan that any deal be legally binding, a way to resolve disputes and how to manage the dam during periods of reduced rainfall or

drought. Egypt says it is dependent on the Nile for more than 90 per cent of its scarce fresh water supplies and fears the dam could have a devastating effect on its economy.

Mr Abiy told the UN that the project contributed to the conservation of water, "which would otherwise have been lost to evaporation in downstream countries." "What we are essentially doing is to meet our electricity demands from one of the cleanest sources of energy," he said. "We cannot afford to continue keeping more than 65 million of our people in the dark."

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi expressed his concern about the project when he addressed the UN on Tuesday. "The Nile must not be monopolised by one state," Mr El Sisi said. "For Egypt, the Nile water is an existential matter."

"This, however, does not mean that we want to undermine the rights of our brothers and sisters, sharing with us the Nile Basin. "Nevertheless, it is unacceptable for the negotiations to continue forever in an attempt to impose the realities on the ground."



Ethiopian Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed



BAILOUT

# European Central Bank ready to boost stimulus, Lagarde says

FRANKFURT

THE European Central Bank is ready to deploy more monetary stimulus to aid the recovery if needed as the pandemic dampens prospects for the economy, according to President Christine Lagarde. Addressing European lawmakers on Monday, Ms Lagarde called the recovery across the 19-nation euro zone uncertain and incomplete, with consumers cautious to spend and companies reluctant to invest.

"The public health crisis will continue to weigh on economic activity and poses downside risks to the economic outlook," she said in a video conference with members of the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee.

The Governing Council "continues to stand ready to adjust all of its instruments, as appropriate." Resurgent coronavirus infections are threatening new restrictions, jeopardising the economic progress made since lockdowns earlier this year plunged the region into a deep recession.

Policy-makers have started to stake out their positions ahead of a discussion on whether the

ECB should add support to nurture the economy. Most economists predict the €1.35 trillion (\$1.6tn) emergency bond-buying program will be expanded this year - probably in December when new economic forecasts are published.

"Further stimulus looks likely despite opposition," ABN Amro's Nick Kounis, who expects the bond programme to be expanded by €500bn in December, said in a report. "We think that there is a majority of officials who are already starting to come behind this view."

The ECB said earlier this month that the recovery is in line with its baseline projections. Yet some of the most recent surveys have shown that while manufacturing is still improving, services are shrinking again.

One of the most worrying indicators - noted recently by executive board member Fabio Panetta and Bank of Spain Governor Pablo Hernandez de Cos - is flagging inflation.

The annual rate of consumer prices fell below zero in August for the first time in four years. Ms Lagarde said she's not overly concerned about "slightly different views and opinions" among her fellow policy makers, stressing she was a consensus-builder and describing some dissent

as healthy.

Still, she said the ECB's current projection that consumer-price growth will average 1.3 per cent in 2022 - well below the goal of just under 2 per cent - is "not satisfactory." The inflation rate is expected to remain negative over the coming months. Preliminary data for September is due on Friday.

"The Governing Council will carefully assess all incoming information, including developments in the exchange rate, with regard to its implications for the medium-term inflation outlook," Ms Lagarde said.

Euro strength, which undermines price growth by cutting import costs, is a challenge for the central bank. Ms Lagarde declined to comment on the specific level of the currency, which has retreated from a two-year high this year, reiterating that it is not a policy target for the ECB.

She repeated, though, that the value of the euro is important for how inflation outlook is going to develop. "We monitor those movements very closely in order to adjust our measures as a result of inflation projections in short and medium term," she said.



European Central Bank president, Christine Lagarde.

INVESTMENT



Qusay bin Abdullah Al-Fakhri, chief executive of the Tourism Development Fund.

## Saudi Arabia's tourism fund signs deal with banks to finance up to \$43bn worth of projects

RIYADH

SAUDI Arabia's Tourism Development Fund signed an agreement with the country's two major lenders Riyadh Bank and Banque Saudi Fransi to finance tourism projects worth up to 160 billion Saudi riyals (\$43bn) in the kingdom.

As part of the deal, the fund and the banks will set up a mechanism to support the financing of tourism projects in various regions of the kingdom, according to a statement on state news agency SPA on Monday.

The new initiative "is part of the fund's efforts to encourage and stimulate investments in the tourism sector and support the private sector, including the small and medium enterprises", SPA said. Saudi Arabia set up the fund with an initial investment of \$4bn in June this year to boost the tourism sector and develop 38 sites across seven destinations by 2022.

"The commitment of the fund to support and develop the tourism sector continues by stimulating investment and building a solid relationship with banks and financial institutions, which would create distinct investment opportunities in the kingdom," Qusay bin Abdullah Al-Fakhri, chief executive of the Tourism Development Fund, said. Tourism is a key pillar of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's ambitious reform strategy to reduce the economy's dependence on oil. The kingdom, which opened its doors to foreign tourists in September 2019 by launching a new visa scheme for 49 countries, wants the sector to contribute 10 per cent of gross do-

mestic product by 2030, up from 3 per cent currently. It is developing a number of projects including Qiddiya, a mega entertainment and sports project in Riyadh, and a Red Sea project, which includes a natural reserve, diving in coral reefs and heritage sites on about 50 islands.

However, the coronavirus outbreak led to a temporary halt in tourism. The kingdom closed its borders to foreign visitors from at least 25 countries in late February, followed by a complete ban on travel in and out of the country in March to contain the spread of the pandemic. But as new cases reduce and movement restrictions ease worldwide, Saudi Arabia is planning to re-open to leisure visitors and issue visas by early 2021, the country's tourism minister told Reuters earlier this week.

"For tourist visas, until now we are talking about early next year. If things get better or if any positive developments happen with regards to the vaccine, we might accelerate and have it earlier," Ahmed Al Khateeb said. The kingdom, which has eased movement restrictions locally, has also benefited from growing domestic tourism over the summer season, the minister said.

"This pandemic is a systematic risk that has hit everyone; however, we have seen a very strong summer after the January-May ... period," Mr Al Khateeb said. "We have noticed a growth of 30 per cent year on year in domestic tourism which is beyond our expectations." A local campaign that promoted various tourism destinations to attract domestic tourists also helped in improving occupancy rates across Saudi Arabia's hotels.



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## WORLD

# After New York Times revelations, Trump says he paid millions in taxes

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump said on Monday he paid "many millions of dollars in taxes" and that he had many more assets than debt, but did not provide evidence or promise to release any financial statements before the Nov 3 election.

In a series of Twitter posts, the Republican president responded to a New York Times report that he paid just US\$750 in federal income taxes in both 2016 and 2017, after years of reporting heavy losses from his business

enterprises.

"I paid many millions of dollars in taxes but was entitled, like everyone else, to depreciation & tax credits," he wrote. "I am extremely under leveraged - I have very little debt compared to the value of assets."

The Republican president, who will face Democratic rival Joe Biden on Tuesday night for their first presidential debate, said he had "extraordinary assets" and boasted a "very IMPRES-SIVE" financial statement.

Trump has hundreds of millions of dollars in debt amid chronic business



President Donald Trump

losses that he uses to avoid paying taxes, the Times reported. It said it has obtained tax-return data covering more than two decades for Trump and his businesses.

Trump's reported debts raise national security issues, US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, as the public deserves to know to whom he owes money because it could be used as leverage against him. "To me this is a national security question," she told

MSNBC. Trump departed from decades of tradition among presidents and presidential candidates when he refused to release his federal income tax returns the first time he ran for president in 2016.

He says it is because he is under audit by the Internal Revenue Service but the agency has said there is no reason he cannot release his taxes while under audit.

Agencies

## Wang Yi calls for making correct choice in post COVID-19 era

BEIJING

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday called on all countries to make a correct choice so as to improve global governance and international order in the post COVID-19 era.

The world is now at an important historical juncture since World War II, with the coronavirus outbreak still ravaging across the globe, unilateralism and bullying moves threatening global order, and rising protectionism affecting world economy,

Wang (pictured) made the remarks at the opening ceremony of the Lanting Forum held in Beijing.

"Where are we going in the post COVID-19 era? All countries should not take it lightly or make the wrong choice," he said.

During the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the international community has reached the consensus that the United Nations is still the most complete platform in the international system, multilateralism remains the cornerstone of the current international order, and solidarity and cooperation is the only way out of the pandemic, according to Wang.

"Some certain country made use of the United Nations as a stage to serve its own political and selfish interests, provoking conflicts and confrontation, and many countries have resisted such heinous moves in various ways," he said.

Countries, no matter big or small, strong or weak, are all equal members of the international community. Those who believe they are strong enough to ignore and break international rules will eventually be abandoned as time goes by, Wang said.

Wang called on all countries to stick to peaceful development, stay true to the values of equality and justice, fight the pandemic through solidarity, and maintain the direction of openness and cooperation. **Xinhua**

## Shelter Afrique inks deal with two Chinese firms for affordable housing projects in Africa

NAIROBI

Pan-African housing development financier, Shelter Afrique said yesterday it has signed an agreement with two Chinese construction firms to scale up the development of large-scale affordable housing projects in Kenya and across Africa.

The company said the MoU which it signed with the two Chinese firms, Amberton International Holdings and Sichuan Huashi Enterprises Corporation East Africa Limited is expected to boost its mandate of providing decent and affordable housing in Africa.

Andrew Chimphondah, CEO of Shelter Afrique said his company will work closely with Amberton International Holdings as a co-developer for specific large-scale, low-cost housing projects in Africa, which will be constructed by Sichuan Huashi Enterprises Corporation East Africa Limited.

"This strategic partnership with Amberton and Huashi will be key in expanding our projects across the continent as we draw from the experiences of the two companies," Chimphondah said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

Experts say the property market in East Africa is responding to demand that has been created by an expanding middle class who has the disposable income and ability to service their mortgages.

However, affordable housing for a majority of Africa's population remains a challenge.

The housing shortage is a major social challenge especially in the major urban centers in Africa, blamed on the high costs of land, building materials, and lack of innovative financing methods.

The rising demand for housing in Nairobi and other major cities has exerted pressure on neighboring towns where housing supply is hindered by the unavailability of serviced land. Chimphondah who inked the deal with Amberton International Holdings director Nancy Yu, and Sichuan Huashi Enterprises Corporation East Africa Limited MD Cao Zheng, said the partnership with the two Chinese firms will deepen Shelter Afrique's impact on Africa's affordable housing value chain in terms of supply.

He said the company is in the process of securing a few projects in Kenya with the military, the Kenya Police and the Civil Service which is set to kick off this year.

"These take-off projects will be aligned with Kenya government affordable housing plan under the Big 4 Agenda, which seeks to develop 500,000 housing units by 2022," Chimphondah said. **Xinhua**

## Barrett high-court vote against Obamacare not as certain as Democrats claim

WASHINGTON

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett's comments suggesting she backed challenges to the Obamacare healthcare law do not ensure she would vote to invalidate it in an upcoming case, despite Democrats' claims to the contrary.

With the Republican-led Senate moving to confirm Barrett (pictured) to a lifetime position on the Supreme Court within weeks, she could be on the court's bench for oral arguments on Nov. 10 in the case in which some Republican-dominated states led by Texas and backed by President Donald Trump's administration are seeking to invalidate the law.

The appointment of Barrett, an appeals court judge and former law professor, would give the court a 6-3 conservative majority. But the ruling might not be on ideological lines, and the law is unlikely to be struck down, legal experts said, with even some lawyers who backed previous Obamacare challenges saying the lawsuit lacks merit.

"The case law cuts pretty decisively against the claims made by Texas," said Jonathan Adler, a professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law who favored past Obamacare

lawsuits.

Democrats, including presidential contender Joe Biden, have made Obamacare, formally known as the Affordable Care Act, the central feature of their opposition to Barrett's appointment by Trump to the seat left vacant by the death of liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Sept. 18.

"If nothing else, the voters should be very clear about one thing: President Trump and his party and Judge Barrett will overturn the Affordable Care Act, and they won't stop there," Democratic vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris said on Monday during a campaign stop in North Carolina.

A key provision of the law that would be thrown out if the court struck it down requires insurance companies to provide coverage to people with pre-existing medical conditions.

Barrett, who at the time was a professor at University of Notre Dame Law School, criticized in a 2017 article Chief Justice John Roberts' 2012 majority opinion in a ruling that upheld Obamacare. She has said she would model herself on her mentor, staunch conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who dissented in that case and backed another unsuccessful challenge to the law in 2015.



"Chief Justice Roberts pushed the Affordable Care Act beyond its plausible meaning to save the statute," Barrett wrote in the article about the 2012 ruling, which found that the penalty imposed upon people who do not have health insurance could be upheld as a tax.

Barrett also said in a 2015 radio interview that Scalia "had the better of the legal argument" when the court that year, over his dissent, ruled 6-3 in upholding tax subsidies that are critical to how the law operates.

The legal argument in the new case is that Obamacare is now unlawful in full because tax legislation passed by Congress in 2017 eliminated the financial penalty imposed on people who do not have health insurance. The challengers argue that if there is no

longer a tax penalty, then the whole law must fall.

### 'UPHILL BATTLE'

But critics of the lawsuit said that there is no reason why the rest of the law should be struck down even if the tax penalty provision is now deemed unconstitutional.

The challengers "have a very uphill battle" on that point, said noted Supreme Court lawyer Paul Clement at an event last week hosted by Georgetown University Law Center. Clement represented the Obamacare challengers in the 2012 case.

In recent cases with conservative justices in the majority, the court has declined to strike down an entire statute just because one part was unlawful.

"Constitutional litigation is not a

game of gotcha against Congress, where litigants can ride a discrete constitutional flaw in a statute to take down the whole, otherwise constitutional statute," conservative Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote in a ruling earlier this year that some commentators said foreshadowed how he would approach the Obamacare case.

Based on Barrett's record as an appeals court judge, it is unclear how she would address the specific legal issue in the case even though she voiced support for the previous Obamacare challenges.

As an alternative way of deciding the case, the court could instead find that those bringing the lawsuit do not have legal standing to bring the case on the basis that the challengers cannot show that the eliminated tax penalty causes them any harm.

Despite the positive outlook for Obamacare, Nicholas Bagley, a professor at the University of Michigan Law School critical of the lawsuit, said the replacement of Ginsburg with Barrett probably does at least increase the chances of the law being struck down.

"I think the lawsuit probably doesn't have a good chance of succeeding," he said. "But it's worth worrying about a small risk."

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## China remains firm in supporting multilateralism

A SERIES of activities were held recently to mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations (UN) with the theme of "The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism".

Chinese President Xi Jinping, at invitation, attended high-level meetings to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UN via videoconference and delivered important remarks.

Major changes unseen in a century, plus the global COVID-19 pandemic, are posing barriers for international exchanges and cooperation. Meanwhile, certain countries are taking faster steps of unilateralism and protectionism. At such a special moment of

history, the world must contemplate what a future it wants and what a UN it needs.

The international community has to see humanity as one community with a shared future, look out for one another, and join hands to tackle risks and challenges and build a beautiful planet, said Xi in a phone call with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres earlier this year. Noting that this year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the UN, the Chinese President said China supports the international community in taking that as an opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to multilateralism, and

reinforce and improve the global governance system with the UN at the core.

Today's world is still composed of sovereign countries. As long as countries adhere to the principle of sovereign equality, international order can enjoy a solid foundation. However, certain countries going against this principle are making troubles for the world. They made frequent movements to interfere in other countries' internal affairs, bully other countries and neglect rules. Their practices made many doubt that whether economic globalization has come to an end, whether multilateralism has become invalid,

and whether a new round of Cold War is emerging.

Professor Graham Allison from Harvard University warned the possibility of a failing international order, saying no country is able to detach itself from the interconnected world, which has been proved by the COVID-19 pandemic. The world needs to understand that "we have shared interest as well as competing interest," he added. Professor John Ikenberry from Princeton University noted that infrastructure for global multilateral cooperation must be established to maintain the operation of the post-war order.

Multilateralism is an important principle that the UN relies on. It represents the due rights enjoyed by countries to participate in global governance equally and pursue the democratization of international relations. In the era of globalization, no one shall dominate or oppose others. On the contrary, everyone shall benefit the others. Volkan Bozkir, who has just been elected as the president of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly noted that unilateralism will move us further away from our shared goal, and "it is our responsibility to strengthen people's faith in multilateral cooperation and international institu-

tions, with the UN at their center."

The COVID-19 pandemic represents a tragedy, said Jared Diamond, author of the book *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*. But the crisis also offers an opportunity for the world to get better, a start for countries to cooperate and solve global issues.

How to turn crises into opportunities tests the wisdom and capability of politicians. At the critical moment of history, and with the special international situation, the meetings to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UN received global attention. "It is time for unity. Member States have

never had a more compelling reason to work closely together for the common good," said Bozkir.

"The world today is undergoing unprecedented changes unseen in the past century. We must see the essence clearly from each kind of chaos, and grasp the rule from the historical dimension. The trend of economic globalization is irreversible, and win-win cooperation is the right path for the world. China firmly upholds multilateralism, the international system with the UN at its core, and the international order based on international law, and promotes the building of a community with a shared future for mankind." Xi's remarks well explained China's attitude and stance.

People's Daily



# Threat to evacuate US diplomats from Iraq raises

BAGHDAD

WASHINGTON has made preparations to withdraw diplomats from Iraq after warning Baghdad it could shut its embassy, two Iraqi officials and two Western diplomats said, a step Iraqis fear could turn their country into a battle zone.

Any move by the United States to scale down its diplomatic presence in a country where it has up to 5,000 troops would be widely seen in the region as an escalation of its confrontation with Iran, which Washington blames for missile and bomb attacks.

That in turn would open the possibility of military action, with just weeks to go before an election in which President Donald Trump has campaigned on a hard line towards Tehran and its proxies.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo threatened to close the embassy in a phone call a week ago to President Barham Salih, two Iraqi government sources said. The conversation was initially reported by an Iraqi news website.

By Sunday, Washington had begun preparations to withdraw diplomatic staff if such a decision is taken, those sources and the two Western diplomats said. The concern among the Iraqis is that pulling out diplomats would be followed quickly by military action against forces Washington blamed for attacks.

Populist Iraqi cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who commands a following of millions of Iraqis, issued a statement last week

pleading for groups to avoid an escalation that would turn Iraq into a battleground.

One of the Western diplomats said the US administration did not "want to be limited in their options" to weaken Iran or pro-Iranian militias in Iraq. Asked whether he expected Washington to respond with economic or military measures, the diplomat replied: "Strikes."

The US State Department, asked about plans to withdraw from Iraq, said: "We never comment on the Secretary's private diplomatic conversations with foreign leaders ... Iran-backed groups launching rockets at our Embassy are a danger not only to us but to the Government of Iraq."

## Perennial risk

In a region polarised between allies of Iran and the United States, Iraq is the rare exception: a country that has close ties with both. But that has left it open to a perennial risk of becoming a battle ground in a proxy war.

That risk was hammered home in January this year, when Washington killed Iran's most important military commander, Qassem Soleimani, with a drone strike at Baghdad airport. Iran responded with missiles fired at US bases in Iraq.

Since then, a new prime minister has taken power in Iraq, supported by the United States, while Tehran still maintains close links to powerful Shi'ite armed movements. Rockets regularly



The Iraqi and US flags sway in the wind outside a hotel in the Iraqi capital Baghdad on Sunday. AFP

fly across the Tigris towards the heavily fortified US diplomatic compound, constructed to be the biggest US embassy in the world in central Baghdad's so-called Green Zone during the US occupation after a 2003 invasion.

In recent weeks rocket attacks near the embassy have increased and roadside bombs targeted convoys carrying equipment to the US-led military coalition. One roadside attack hit a British convoy in Baghdad, the first of its kind against Western diplomats in Iraq for years.

Two Iraqi intelligence sources suggested plans to withdraw American diplomats were not yet in motion, and

would depend on whether Iraqi security forces were able to do a better job of halting attacks. They said they had received orders to prevent attacks on US sites, and had been told that US evacuations would begin only if that effort failed.

## Double-edged sword

Iraqis are concerned about the impact of November's presidential election on the Trump administration's decision-making. While Trump has boasted of his hard line against Iran, he has also long promised to withdraw US troops from engagements in the Middle East. The United States is already drawing down

its force sent to help defeat Islamic State fighters in Iraq from 2014-2017.

Some Iraqi officials dismissed Pompeo's threat to pull out diplomats as bluster, designed to scare armed groups into stopping attacks. But they said it could backfire by provoking the militias instead, if they sense an opportunity to push Washington to retreat.

"The American threat to close their embassy is merely a pressure tactic, but is a double-edged sword," said Gati Rikabi, a member of Iraq's parliamentary security committee.

He and another committee member said US moves were designed to scare Iraqi leaders into supporting Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi, who has tried to check the power of Iran-aligned militia groups, with scant success.

## Hawks on both sides

The militias are under public pressure to rein in supporters who might provoke Washington. Since last year, public opinion in Iraq has turned sharply against political groups seen as fomenting violence on behalf of Iran.

Publicly, the powerful Iran-backed Shi'ite militia groups which control large factions in parliament have tried to distance themselves from attacks on Western targets. US officials say they think the Shi'ite militias or their Iranian backers have created splinter offshoots to carry out such attacks, allowing the main organisations to evade blame. **Agencies**

Russian military use newest TOS-2 heavy flamethrower for the first time

## APUSTIN YAR PROVING GROUND

RUSSIAN military have used the newest TOS-2 Tosochka heavy flamethrower system for the first time during the main stage of the "Kavkaz-2020" military drills, which takes place at the Kapustin Yar proving ground in Russia's Astrakhan Region. The main drills stage is attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The new systems destroyed the mock enemy's advancing armored ranks.

"The fire of the unguided rocket-propelled ordnance with thermobaric warheads with enhanced energy capacity has inflicted massive damage to the advancing enemy," the Ministry of Defense told journalists on Friday.

Besides, a joint flamethrowing battalion of the Southern Military District, comprised of nine TOS-1A Soltsepyok heavy flamethrower systems, destroyed a mock enemy motorized infantry battalion. Unguided ordnance with thermobaric and smoke-incendiary warheads were used.

The TOS-2 Tosochka is a successor to the TOS-1A Soltsepyok system with increased capabilities. Unlike its predecessor, it is built upon an Ural all-terrain truck. Its firing range has been increased.

Targeting, shooting and fire control are fully automated. The launcher is equipped with its own crane and requires no loading vehicle. Besides, the TOS-2 is equipped with radioelectronic defenses against precision weapons.

The "Kavkaz-2020" drills take place between September 21 and 26 in the Southern Military District, under the control of Russian General Staff head General Valery Gerasimov. The drills involve about 80,000 people, including Ministry of Emergency Situations and National Guard personnel.

About 12,900 servicemen will take part in episodes, covered by the 2011 Vienna Document on confidence-and security-building measures. **Agencies**

# Africa's fund managers see bright prospects for continent's economies, says survey

NAIROBI

AFRICAN fund managers are optimistic about prospects of the continent's economies and investment opportunities, a new study that surveyed 50 asset managers released on Monday shows.

The survey reveals asset managers in Nigeria and the francophone West African countries are the most

optimistic. "Some 97 percent of the surveyed Nigerian asset managers are optimistic about the continent, with average assets of 364 million U.S. dollars under management, followed by 85 percent of surveyed francophone asset managers, who averaged 416 million dollars of assets managed," says the survey.

Optimism is also strong among asset managers surveyed in Mauritius (80

percent), Morocco (73 percent), followed by Kenya and Egypt each with 65 percent.

"The results of this survey confirm the high level of professionalism of African fund managers using world-class standards and criteria in their decision-making," said Edoh Kossi Amenuou, president of African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA).

The survey done for the African

Exchanges Linkage Project, a joint initiative by the ASEA and the African Development Bank, further reveals market regulation topped at 91 percent for considerations fund managers make before investing in various markets, followed by investor regulation and availability of market data and prices (90 percent), levels of dealing price, efficiency of execution and commission (86 percent), the quality

of companies and investment opportunities (86 percent), corporate, social and governance criteria (84 percent) and availability of research (80 percent)."

Three-quarters of investors said they were reluctant to invest in small and illiquid markets or where valuations are excessive. Only half decide to invest in a company based on its dividend policy," says the survey.

# Beijing's Yanqing district strives to build itself into 'city of ice and snow' as preparations for 2022 Winter Olympics proceed smoothly

AS one of the three competition zones for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, Yanqing district of Beijing is determined to build itself into a "city of ice and snow" while preparing for the 2022 Winter Olympics.

Yanqing district held cultural activities on Sept. 21 in the Badaling section of the Great Wall of China to celebrate the 500-day countdown to the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

As part of the cultural activities in celebration of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics' 500-day countdown, flag-bearers carried the flag of Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games and ran up along the Great Wall to convey good wishes to the event.

With dense forests and pleasant breeze, Xiaohaituo Mountain in Yanqing district is offering a beautiful scenery in autumn. Deep in the valley of the Xiaohaituo Mountain lies the bobsleigh and luge race track of the National Sliding Center snaking and revolving among lofty mountains and high ranges like a dragon.

Stretching for 1,975 meters, the race track has 16 bends with different angles and gradients. The biggest vertical drop of the track measures over 120 meters.

The National Sliding Center represents one of the most difficult designs among all the construction projects for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics in the



A design sketch of the National Sliding Center

Yanqing competition zone. It requires the largest amount of engineering and the most complex construction technologies.

"I have seen with my own eyes how the race track was built from scratch and continuously perfected," said Yao Yuan, secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) committee of the National Sliding Center project.

Yao has participated in the project since January 2018 when the construction of the project was officially started. "The constructors have overcome numerous difficulties and made many technological breakthroughs," Yao added, who feels very proud to demonstrate China's strength and the power of Winter Olympics to the world.

In an effort to make sure that all the projects concerning the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics in the Yanqing competition zone can be basically completed and ready for staging competitions within this

year, Yanqing district has established a highly efficient working mechanism, coordinated timely for the resolving of difficulties and problems hindering construction and quality of relevant projects, and promoted the implementation of various preparation tasks.

As of August 31, 92.1 percent of the engineering quantity of the National Alpine Ski Center project and 94.4 percent of the engineering quantity of the National Sliding Center in Yanqing district had been completed.

Meanwhile, more than 70 percent of the tasks had been finished for the Yanqing Winter Olympic Village project and the Mountain News Center project in the district.

The idea of holding a green Winter Olympics in 2022 has been running through the preparation for the event in the Yanqing competition zone.

At present, more than 300 native trees are thriving in the

Yanqing Winter Olympic Village, while the construction of the Winter Olympic Forest Park is proceeding in order, with 24,000 plants of 25 varieties having been transplanted from the core area of the Yanqing competition zone to the park already.

"We have taken measures in light of the local situation and adopted methods according to concrete problems while restoring the ecology in the Yanqing competition zone," said Liu Nali, an official with the Yanqing district ecology and environment bureau, who is in charge of the ecological restoration tasks.

"By Sept. 17, we have completed ecological restoration tasks of 110 spots covering 1.05 million square meters of areas," Liu noted.

Besides major projects for holding competitions, Yanqing district is also ramping up efforts to promote the construction and relevant work of supporting facilities and service areas.

The construction of the medical security center of the Beijing Winter Olympic Games in the Yanqing competition zone has entered the sprint stage. The center, which is expected to be put into operation by the end of this year, has a surface area of 12,467 square meters and a total of 18 departments, and is equipped with a parking apron for emergency medical transfer.

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# Philippines accuses Facebook of censoring pro-govt content

MANILA

THE Philippines accused Facebook on Tuesday of censoring pro-government content which it said was tantamount to curtailing freedom of speech and called for new measures to regulate the social media giant to "level the playing field".

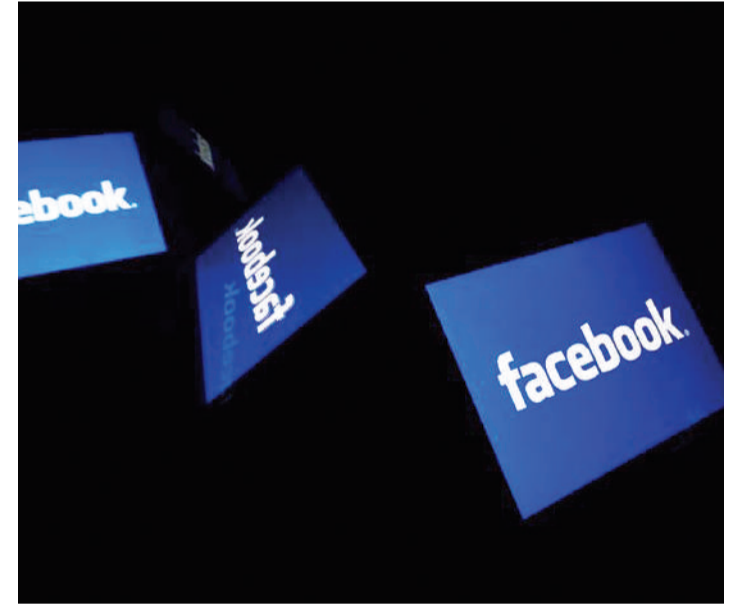
In the Southeast Asian country, President Rodrigo Duterte has been bolstered by establishing a powerful support base on social media platforms like Facebook, a factor that was instrumental in his election victory in 2016.

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The takedown drew the ire of Duterte who warned Facebook on Monday night that it should explain what its purpose is in his country if it wants to continue to operate.

"Facebook, listen to me," Duterte said in a late-night televised address. "We allow you to operate here hoping that you could help us. Now, if government cannot espouse or advocate something which is for the good of the people, then what is your purpose here in my country?"

Presidential Spokesman Harry Roque said Duterte would



not shut down Facebook, but he wants to understand how it regulates content in the Philippines where 65 percent of its 107 million people are users.

Platforms like Facebook have become political battlegrounds in the Philippines, but the Duterte administration has denied allegations that it has allowed the abuse and manipulation of social media by its supporters to harass or discredit opponents.

Roque also questioned Facebook's partnership with local fact-checkers Rappler and Vera Files, online news organizations that he said were critical of the Duterte government.

"We need new policies to level the playing field on Facebook,"

Roque said, adding Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg himself has called for regulation of online content.

Facebook and Rappler did not immediately respond to a request for comment, while Vera Files declined to comment.

Facebook has been under fire in recent years for its lax approach to fake news reports, state-backed disinformation campaigns and violent content spread on its services, prompting calls for new regulations around the world.

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The spokesperson added that the British government will continue to work through the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee to resolve outstanding issues and ambiguity.

The Telegraph in London quoted Sefcovic as saying: "I reminded the UK government today that the withdrawal agreement contains a number

of mechanisms and legal remedies to address the violation of the legal obligations contained in the text, and I underscored that the EU will not be shy in using them.

"We maintain that the bill, if adopted in its current form, would constitute an extremely serious violation of the protocol, as an essential part of the withdrawal agreement, and of international law," Sefcovic continued.

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## SPORT



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## Bongo Flavour artistes urged to add value to albums, tracks

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA'S artistes, actors and actresses have been asked to seek professional advice from Global Standard (GS) 1 Tanzania, a non-profit institution, in an effort to improve quality of their compositions.

The GS 1 Tanzania that was launched in 2011 by former Vice President, Mohammed Gharib Bilal, had conducted a research that has revealed most of domestic artistes, particularly those who have dwelled on new genre music known as 'Bongo Flavour', are finding it easy to sell their works in the country but they struggle to attract market for their works internationally because they are not recognized.

The institution's Marketing Officer, Erick Kafula, recently held a one-day seminar on the issue in Morogoro, which attracted over 100 entrepreneurs.

The seminar, which had the attendants learning how to market their works, was organized by a foundation known as 'My Health' and was facilitated by National Social Security Fund (NSSF), Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) and GS 1 Tanzania.

Kafula said after educating the artistes, actors and actresses on the advantages of improving quality of their works, two artistes took the initiative seriously.

He mentioned them as Joseph Haule, nicknamed 'Professor Jay', and Judith Wambura, alias 'Lady Jaydee'.

Kafula was adamant it is high time Tanzania's artistes changed their perception on selling their products because the country is currently among middle income countries.

It is, therefore, a must for the artistes to embrace inventory control in a bid to curb duplication of their products.

"Having bar codes on their products assures the artistes of inventory control, the artistes can easily cross-check the amount of products sold, once they send their products to the market," he disclosed.

"It, as a result, not easy for a person to duplicate either songs or albums produced by the artistes," he said.

He further said registration for the artistes' works is now available electronically through his institution's website, www.gs1tz.org.

He noted the artistes should attach a certificate from Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA), Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and business license.

An up-and-coming Morogoro gospel singer, Gerald Nyabinyiri, thanked GS 1 Tanzania for hosting the training and pledged he will seek for bar code in an effort to improve sales for his album, 'Ndoa'.

"The 'Ndoa' album consists of such songs like 'Ndoa', 'Afya', 'Malezi' and 'Imani', hopefully after having been registered with bar code my production will be sold globally as it is the case for my colleagues, 'Professor Jay' and 'Lady Jaydee'," he said.

## Samia pledges improvement of soccer facilities in Morogoro

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Mvomero

VICE President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, has affirmed the ruling part, Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)'s willingness to improve facilities for soccer in Morogoro in an effort to add the region's number of clubs which are participating in the Premier League.

Samia issued the pledge when she recently toured Turiani township in Mvomero District.

Mtibwa Sugar, based in Turiani, are lately the only club from Morogoro which takes part in the Premier League.

Samia asked people in the region to vote her part, CCM, into power with a view to creating conducive environment for promotion of soccer in the region.

She said construction of soccer academies, as well as seeing to it the region's sides, which participate in Premier League, First Division League (FDL) and Second Division

League (SDL), perform well in their respective tournaments, are among issues the ruling party will accomplish.

She said her party will see to it that Morogoro regains its lost glory in soccer, once the party is voted into power.

"Morogoro in the past had such prominent football sides like Mseto, Tumbaku, Shujaa and Nyota, the clubs performed well in the sport in 1980s," she stated.

The CCM's contestant for parliamentary seat for Mvomero Constituency, Jonas Zeeland, said modern facilities must be accessed by sports men and women should they stay fit.

"I appreciate the government for construction of six health centers in the district, I promise to improve the centers and acquire an ambulance to improve health service for soccer players and the rest in the district," he stated.

## Global Road Cycling Championships set for Africa in 2025

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AS recent media reports have it, the International Cycling Union (UCI), which is the governing body of world cycling, has earmarked 2025 as the year when the road world cycling championships will take place on the continent, come rain or shine.

The UCI announcement will doubtlessly be welcomed as a heartwarming development for African cycling, which has toiled fruitlessly to assert itself on the ding-dong ultra-competitive international cycling scene.

Indeed, quite why African cycling has wallowed in the doldrums for donkey-years until just recently is unfathomable.

Admittedly, during extensive chunks of the 20th century, cycling in Africa was most indisputably not regarded as a prominent sport.

Come the New Millennium, however, things promisingly began to look up.

In post-apartheid South Africa, for example, cycling's appeal grew by leaps and bounds, which was characterized by the sheer meteoric ascent of the country's most renowned cycling spectacle, the ABSA Cape Epic.

Similarly, in Rwanda, the country's natives took to cycling and with great gusto too.

This was evidenced by the burgeoning prominence of the country's premier cycling event, the Tour of Kigali, which annually lures the continent's top cyclists including our very own Richard Laizer, who has brilliantly shone there a few times in the past.

Here, on the home front, domestic cycling's governing body, CHABATA, has tried gamely to grow and develop the sport but the familiar obstacles of poor funding and a gross lack of support from corporate sponsors still loom terrifyingly large over the sport



A section of riders from Team Matambu from Dar es Salaam feature in a recent race, held in Tanga. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TEAM MATAMBU

here in Tanzania.

Come to think of it, inadequate funding and a damnable lack of support from all quarters have also seriously hampered cycling's growth in Africa for ages now.

Viewed against this grim backdrop, then, it is dearly hoped that those at the helm of African cycling will immediately begin to map out strategies to ensure

that the world road cycling championships in 2025 can be a vehicle to aggressively promote and develop the sport on the continent.

In other matters, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has long been

blighted by conflict and unrest in some parts of the country for dismayingly far too long.

Nonetheless, the gargantuan and mineral-rich country of the DRC lately made the headlines in a sporting sense for all the right reasons.

Indeed, one of the veritable powerhouses of Congolese football, AS Vita Club, recently elected a female president in Bestine Kazadi, which is a truly monumental first not just for Congolese football but the wider African game as well.

The extraordinariness of the development is such that AS Vita Club has never had a female president since it was created in 1935!

This writer would like to doff off his cap to AS Vita Club for its remarkably bold and potentially game-changing move.

And, one hopes that other clubs across the continent, especially here in our neck of the woods, East Africa, can borrow a leaf out of AS Vita Club's book.

After all, we have seen women MPs, women ministers, and women heads of state here on the continent.

So, why not a female president of a football club here in East Africa as well?

Thus, to Yanga, Gor Mahia, AFC Leopards and Kampala City Council Authority (KCCA) FC, among other giants who bestride regional football, the ball is firmly in your court! (Simba SC has a new C.E.O in Barbara Gonzalez).

## Morogoro RC declares Kiduku as regional sports ambassador



Professional boxer, Twaha Kassim 'Kiduku' (R), hands over a National Super Middleweight belt to Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Loata Sanare, at a function that took place in the region recently. The Morogoro-based Kiduku had won the national title with victory over Dar es Salaam's Abdallah Pazi in a fight held in the city recently. PHOTO: MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

MOROGORO Regional Commissioner, Loata Sanare, has declared professional Super Middleweight boxer, Twaha Kassim 'Kiduku', as a sports ambassador for the region.

Kiduku, who hails from the region, laid his hands on the Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission (TPBRC)'s National Super Middleweight title, beating Dar es Salaam's Abdallah Pazi by points in the bout which took place in the city recently.

Sanare moreover handed over cash prize totalling 500,000/- to

Kiduku for winning the fight.

The Morogoro RC disclosed at a recent function he hosted for Kiduku in the region that the regional authority will support the boxer in his preparation for an international fight against Thailand's Sirimongkhon Iamthuum, set to take place in Dar es Salaam on October 30.

He said the boxer's win in the recent fight has seen him stretch a good history that Morogoro boasts of in the sport domestically.

"A few officials from the regional office will be among people set to accompany Kiduku to Dar es Salaam for the coming fight," he said.

He noted Kiduku began winning prominence in the sport at the domestic level since 2015, the latter later went on to win the East and Central Africa Professional

Boxing Federation (E&CAPBF) belt in 2018.

He mentioned Tanzania's boxing icon, the late Titus Simba, as one of boxers hailing from the region that not only represented the region well in the sport but also won honours for the country.

Simba, who originates from Morogoro's Ifakara township, had in 1970 won silver medal in Middleweight division of the Commonwealth Games which took place in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Other boxers who have maintained our region's good history in the sport include Francis Cheka, Cosmas Cheka, Mohammed Jaylan, Ayubu Mwakina and Leonard Dedan," he said.

Kiduku thanked Sanare and the regional authority for appreciating the former's success. The boxer said he did not expect such a treat, let alone having an

opportunity to address the region's officials.

He moreover called for the acquisition of a modern boxing gym in Morogoro, saying the absence of the facility is one of challenges that prevent him from achieving more success in the game.

He pointed out he does not have a permanent place for training, which has modern equipment.

All of Morogoro's district commissioners, security officials, regional sports officer, boxing coaches and the sport's promoters were present at the function.



## Africa roundup: Tunisian club Monastir succeed after 97 years

JOHANNESBURG

US Monastir ended a 97-year pursuit of a Tunisian trophy by shocking treble-seeking Esperance 2-0 to win the FA Cup final.

The unanticipated triumph completed a memorable season for the club from the Mediterranean tourist resort, who finished third in the league behind Esperance and CS Sfaxien.

Third place secured Monastir a first appearance in a Confederation of African Football (CAF) competition and they will participate in the second-tier Confederation Cup next season.

Here, AFP Sport rounds up football news from across the continent:

### Tunisia

Four-time African champions Esperance fell at the final hurdle in pursuit of a Tunisian treble having won the league with an unbeaten 26-match record, then the Super Cup.

The Blood and Gold were the architects of their downfall with Algerian Abdelkader Bedrane conceding an own goal as half-time approached.

Yassine Amri scored on 82 minutes to seal success for Monastir, whose joy was diluted by the fact that the historic triumph came behind closed doors owing to the coronavirus.

### Niger

Jean-Michel Cavalli has replaced fellow Frenchman Jean-Guy Wallemme as Niger coach with the task of lifting the team off the bottom of a 2021 Africa Cup of Nations qualifying group.

The country ranked 28th in Africa and 112th in the world started their Group K campaign with a 1-0 loss in the Ivory Coast, then suffered a 6-2 drubbing at home from Madagascar.

Niger have home and away games against Ethiopia in November and a minimum of four points will be needed to get them into contention for a top-two finish and qualification for the finals.

### Zambia

Mumamba Numba has set the bar high after being named coach of Zambian giants Zesco United in succession to sacked George Lwandamina.

"My dream is to assemble a formidable squad that can conquer Africa," said Numba, referring to a feat only one Zambian club, Power Dynamos, has achieved in 48 years.

Lwandamina paid the price for finishing fifth in the championship,

## For one day at least, all was well at Barcelona

By Leander Schoerleckens, Yahoo Sports

BARCELONA passed through an arch Sunday as it walked out of a catastrophic off-season and onto the Camp Nou pitch, into the new La Liga season. It was branded by a sponsor: "Believe in the future," it read. That felt a little on the nose, given the ongoing crisis at the club. What was there to believe in, amid all the raging fires?

Before the game, the club put out a video intended to rally the club's fans around the cause. "We did it and we will" was the message. It showed a few flashes of Barca going through tough times and then some triumphant ones, featuring Lionel Messi prominently, and ending with new manager Ronald Koeman's famous Champions League-winning free kick in 1992, back when he starred for the club as a goal-scoring defender.

The subtext was unmistakable. Things are difficult, but they will get better.

It seemed not even Barca itself expected things to go well this season. But then it brashly took a 4-0 lead over Villarreal before halftime in its belated league opener on Sunday, cruising to a win by the same score.

Yet things have been difficult indeed. Following last season's failure to win a single trophy for the first time since the 2007-08 season, blighted by the 8-2 elimination at the hands of Bayern Munich in the Champions League quarterfinals, Barca fired manager Quique Setien and technical director Eric Abidal. That set in motion a chain of events that only seemed to make things worse.

To illustrate just what a mess things

which excluded the club from the two 2020/2021 CAF competitions.

Egypt Vastly experienced Portuguese Jaime Pacheco, 62, has been named coach of five-time African champions Zamalek after Frenchman Patrice Carteron quit to join Al Taawoun in Saudi Arabia.

His immediate task is to ensure the White Knights hold on to the second place behind Egyptian Premier League winners Al Ahly and qualify for the 2020/2021 CAF Champions League.

Then, he must prepare for a two-leg 2019/2020 Champions League semi-final against Raja Casablanca in October as Zamalek seek to win the competition for the first time in 18 years.

### Guinea

French coach and former national team winger Didier Six, 66, has chosen Guineans based in 18 countries for friendlies against Cape Verde and the Gambia in Portugal next month.

Liverpool midfielder Naby Keita is the only English Premier League representative for the warm-up games ahead of back-to-back Cup of Nations qualifiers against Chad in November.

Six chose goalkeeper Moussa Camara and defender Abou Mangu Camara from Conakry-based Horoya, the only non-north African club to reach the 2019/2020 CAF competitions semi-finals.

### South Africa

South Africa captain and defender Thulani Hlatshwayo has joined former African champions Orlando Pirates from disbanded fellow Premiership club Bidvest Wits.

While he can play right-back, the 30-year-old is more likely to partner veteran Pirates captain Happy Jele in the centre of defence.

Pirates conceded 29 goals in 30 league matches last season when finishing third behind Mamelodi Sundowns and Kaizer Chiefs and qualifying for the CAF Confederation Cup.

### Algeria

African champions Algeria will play a friendly on October 9 in Austria against Nigeria – a repeat of the dramatic 2019 Cup of Nations semi-final.

With extra time looming in Cairo last July, captain Riyad Mahrez scored direct from a free-kick to snatch a 2-1 victory for the Desert Foxes over the Super Eagles.

Algeria will also meet Mexico, in the Netherlands, on October 13 during the nine-day FIFA international window.

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have been, it looked like Koeman wouldn't be able to manage Barca against Villarreal because the club had bungled Setien's dismissal somehow, causing the latter to sue. Koeman's paperwork with the federation could not be processed until the matter was resolved.

Meanwhile, the club's members have forced a vote of no-confidence in president Josep Bartomeu, who has already committed to accelerated elections in early 2021, rather than the summer. But the disquiet is such that the club wants him out immediately. It seems like Messi certainly does.

Messi marks his 20th year with the club by riding in open rebellion against it, disgusted by its decline and myriad failures, frustrated by the refusal to let him leave over the summer, but backing down from a legal fight over a clause in his contract that he argued released him from the final season. Messi will likely leave next summer instead.

The once-all-powerful Messi, being held against his will, has already clashed with Koeman, who took something of a scorched-earth approach to the job he worked toward all his coaching career. He began by telling Messi he would no longer be the recipient of special privileges. Then he informed academy prodigy Riqui Puig, the rare La Masia product to break through these days, that he wouldn't be playing much this season and ought to go out on loan. Stranger still, Philippe Coutinho, the club's most expensive player ever but a bust who spent the last two seasons on loan with Bayern Munich, was brought back, whereupon Koeman stuck him straight into the starting lineup on Sunday.

LIVERPOOL, England

SO much for Liverpool's "nightmare" start to the season. Three games in and the reigning champions have aced it so far by beating last season's Championship winners (Leeds United), Europe's biggest summer spenders (Chelsea) and a resurgent Arsenal side -- 3-1 on Monday at Anfield -- that only last month overcame Jurgen Klopp's team at Wembley to win the Community Shield.

Thanks to the early stumbles of others this season, it already looks as though the only team capable of stopping Liverpool winning another title this season will be Liverpool themselves.

While all of their likeliest challengers have already slipped up and dropped points -- Manchester City, Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur all have a Premier League defeat in their column less than a month into the campaign -- Liverpool have bagged maximum points from their three games so far and are sitting in second position right now only because Leicester have a better goal difference after also winning their first three fixtures. And best not forget Everton, who have also won three of three since the start of the season.

Leicester supporters will point to their remarkable 2015-16 title triumph if anyone discounts their early hopes of another table-topping season. Meanwhile, Evertonians will believe that the clock is being turned back to the 1980s, when they twice dethroned neighbours Liverpool to become champions themselves, after seeing Carlo Ancelotti guide their team to a flawless start so far.

But while Everton and Liverpool could both contest this season's first Merseyside derby next month with 100% records if they win again at the weekend, nobody should be fooled into thinking that Everton or Leicester will push Liverpool all the way this campaign. The harsh truth for all of the teams harbouring title ambitions this season, realistic or otherwise, is that Liverpool still look a class apart from the rest.

City's problems were exposed by Leicester in Sunday's 5-2 defeat -- Pep Guardiola will hope that new signing Ruben Dias will fill the gaping hole in defence created by Vincent Kompany's departure more than 12 months ago -- while United continue to resemble a car going round in circles under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Chelsea are a work in progress under Frank Lampard -- a young manager with an inexperienced but exciting team -- while Arsenal are still at the beginning of their rebuilding programme under



Liverpool's Andrew Robertson, second right, scores his team's second goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Arsenal at Anfield in Liverpool, England, Monday, Sept. 28, 2020. (AP)

Mikel Arteta. Tottenham, meanwhile, have been in decline since before Jose Mourinho replaced Mauricio Pochettino last November, and nobody has ever really considered Spurs serious title challengers, anyway, so they will not be taking the Premier League trophy from Anfield anytime soon.

As for Leicester and Everton's prospects, time will tell, but even now, less than a month into the 2020-21 season, it is difficult to see who can realistically beat Liverpool to the title.

Arsenal arrived at Anfield with a 100% record and confidence high after winning the FA Cup and Community Shield. Arteta's team even had the audacity score first when Alexandre Lacazette capitalised on a mistake by Andrew Robertson on 26 minutes to make it 1-0.

Within two minutes, though, Sadio Mane had equalised for Liverpool. Six minutes later, Robertson made amends for his earlier mistake by making it 2-1 with a cool finish from Trent Alexander-Arnold's cross.

Liverpool's response exemplified why

they are the best in England by some distance right now.

Despite all of their recent success, no team works harder out of possession than Liverpool, and they chased Arsenal down, pressed high and switched gears after falling behind. When winners get used to success, they sometimes allow complacency to blunt their edge, but that has not afflicted Liverpool yet.

The only hope for the rest is that, at some point this season, they allow their dominance to diminish their intensity and give their rivals a chance to capitalise. Perhaps their defending offers a glimmer of hope, too, with Lacazette scoring from a mistake and then twice wasting clear chances after beating the offside trap in the second half before being denied by goalkeeper Alisson Becker.

It was those lapses of concentration that prompted former Manchester United captain Roy Keane, working as a television pundit, to describe Liverpool as "sloppy." Keane had a point, but Klopp was not happy with his description of Liverpool's performance.

"Did I hear right? Mr. Keane said we had a sloppy performance, did he say that?" Klopp said. "Did he say that it was sloppy? I want to hear it, that is an incredible description of this game."

In the 4-3 opening-day win against Leeds and here against Arsenal, Liverpool's back four was unconvincing, but on each occasion, Klopp's forwards delivered to ensure victory, as they have done many times before. Liverpool's defending will improve, so that does not bode well for the rest, and their attacking machine has been boosted by the signing of Wolves forward Diogo Jota, who marked his Anfield debut with a classy goal on 87 minutes to make it 3-1.

That this victory was achieved without Thiago, who will be out until after the international break with an unspecified fitness issue, so Liverpool's strength is looking ominous -- unless complacency and poor defending trip them up. But with Klopp in charge, it is hard to envisage either being an issue for too long.

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## Q&A on the English Premier League's problems with the handball law

MANCHESTER, England

PREMIER League managers and pundits have been up in arms over handball penalty decisions made by referees. The following is a Q&A on changes to the handball law.

**Q: What is the new handball law for this season?**

**A:** Strictly speaking there is no 'new' handball law in the Premier League this season. The Premier League is, however, enacting the same law and interpretation of it that was brought in across Europe and other leagues last season. The English competition had previously taken a more liberal attitude towards that law.

**Q: Why have they done that?**

**A:** In July, world governing body FIFA took charge of matters relating to VAR from IFAB (the rule making body) and FIFA officials, including former Italian referee, Pierluigi Collina, made it clear that all leagues should play by the same laws and interpretations of them.

**Q: So why did IFAB change the handball law?**

**A:** The old law stated that deliberate handling of the ball, with hand or arm, was an offence. This was clearly a subjective matter involving an assessment of intent and led to much argument over decisions.

The situation intensified with the introduction of VAR video reviews when incidents could be scrutinised and highlighted. The changes were an attempt to reduce the subjectivity and put the focus on what IFAB calls 'factual' aspects - such as the position of the arm, which can be assessed through the video review.

**Q: So what does the new law say exactly?**

The biggest change related to handball committed by an attacking player where the handling led to a goal or created a goal-scoring opportunity. Any handling, deliberate or otherwise, results in the goal being disallowed.

This has not been hugely controversial, however, unlike the change of language in relation to another aspect of handball.

The law states that handball occurs when: "the hand/arm has made their body unnaturally bigger". There have been many debates about what is a "natural" or "unnatural" position for the arm.

**Q: So what has this meant in practice?**

**A:** We have seen handball decisions in the Premier League that were unlikely to have been given previously. For example, Eric Dier's for Tottenham Hotspur against Newcastle United on Sunday where he had his back turned to an opponent while he jumped and the ball was headed against his outstretched arm. Players have been penalised for



shots at close-range which have struck their arm involuntarily.

**Q: I thought it wasn't a foul/penalty if the defender was close to the attacker?**

**A: That is the case only "if the hand/arm is close to the body and does not make the body unnaturally bigger".**

**Q: Doesn't a player tend to raise his arms when he jumps for a header?**

**A: That has been argued by some players. The law, however, states that the arms should not be raised above**

shoulder level to avoid the risk of a handball decision.

**Q: What about when a player is sliding into a tackle and the ball is struck against his arm?**

**A:** It depends on the situation. It is not a penalty "when a player falls and the hand/arm is between the body and the ground to support the body, but not extended laterally or vertically away from the body."

**Q: So if this is causing controversy and more handball penalties in England, what happened when it was introduced elsewhere last season?**

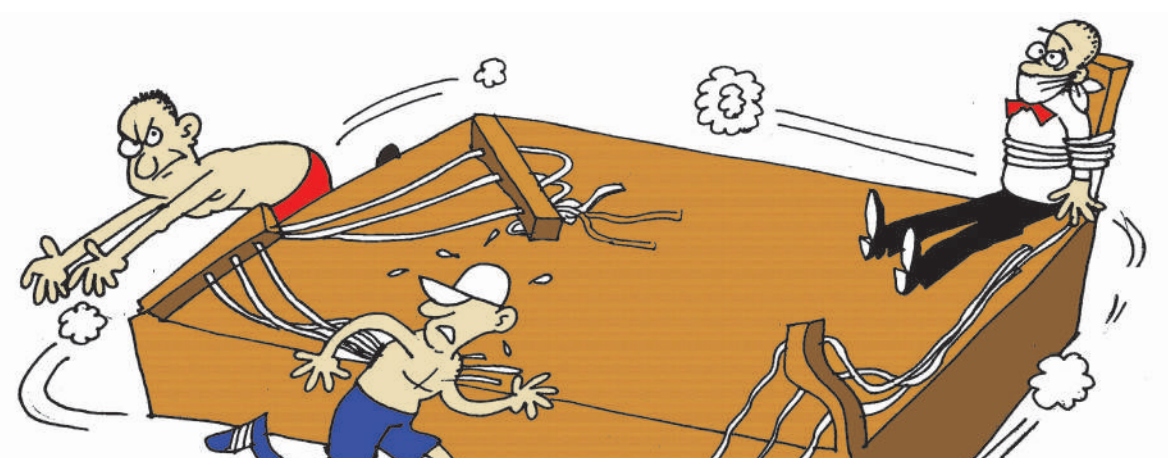
**A:** The number of penalties for handball had already increased with the introduction of VAR. Yet last season in Italy's Serie A for example, the number of handball penalties rose from 37 to 57. In Spain they rose from 35 to 48.

**Q: There are calls for the law to be changed, is that likely?**

**A:** IFAB has been willing to tweak and alter laws with increasing frequency, so some change cannot be ruled out but with VAR now part of the game they are unlikely to return to the old law based purely on intent to handle.

REUTERS

Gwiji by David Chikoko





# Ihefu FC seeks to bounce back in VPL

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Only one team can stop Liverpool repeating as Premier League champions: Liverpool themselves

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### Simba SC now eyes qualification for CAF Champions League semi-finals

By Nassir Nchimbi & Seth Denis, TUDARCO

SIMBA Sports Club Information Officer, Haji Sunday Manara, has disclosed his outfit is aiming at booking a place in the 2020/21 CAF Champions League last four.

The club lifted the 2019/20 Vodacom Premier League (VPL) top honour and will, for that matter, be Tanzania's envoys in the continental club tournament.

"Simba have major goals in the tournament, we do not want to just end in the group stage but reach the semi-finals," he said. He also pointed out his club will renew contracts for the squad's players that will soon come to an end, maintaining foreign professionals, Clatous Chama and Meddie Kagere, will keep on featuring for the side.

The duo is some of the club's players that will soon be free agents, considering they have a few months left in their contracts. Manara also stated the side's Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez, had recently visited Egypt's champions, Al Ahly, to, among others, forge better relationships between the two sides and having Simba gain knowledge on productive initiatives that are overseen by the Egypt club.

He noted that Al Ahly will build a youth soccer center in Tanzania to groom young footballers in the country.

He also mentioned the benefits that Simba accrue from having their own gym, noting the acquisition of the facility has reduced costs the outfit used to incur in the past.

The side, according to him, had been spending up to 120m/- a year in renting a gymnasium.

Manara further pointed out that Mozambican midfielder, Luis Jose Miquissone, is currently Simba's and East and Central Africa's most expensive player. Simba signed Miquissone from U.D Songo of Mozambique.

The official said that the club plans to build its own stadium but noted accomplishing the project is a long process, given it is extremely expensive.

He disclosed Simba are currently targeting to win trophies and complete construction of the side's hostel.

"Having a private training ground is a big step towards achieving goals, we are focusing on competing with such successful African clubs like Al Ahly, Zamalek and Mamelodi Sundowns," he stated.

Manara moreover said he was dismayed by recent reports that some of Yanga fans had roughed up a section of Simba supporters that had attended Yanga's VPL clash with Mtibwa Sugar at Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro on Sunday.

He noted that with Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) earning plenty of cash from VPL matches involving Simba and Yanga, reaching such difficult decision like banning the two outfits' fans from attending games in an effort to tackle rowdiness becomes difficult.



Ihefu FC

(VPL) duel, which took place in Shinyanga last weekend.

Ihefu FC, based in Mbarali District in Mbeya, will face fellow Premier League newcomers, Gwambina FC, on Saturday and coach Malwisi said his players are working hard to win the game.

He said the team regrouped yesterday after one-day break and he is looking forward to good results on Saturday.

The coach said after their 2-0 loss, they had a postmortem that found out his charges made a lot of mistakes during the game against Mwadui FC which the latter

capitalized on.

Malwisi said they have agreed not to repeat the mistakes which occurred last Sunday.

"We have analysed all matches we played in the league and have identified all weaknesses which we are working on," he stated.

"If you have followed our past games, you will discover that we play well and create lots of chances only that we are lacking power upfront, we know how Gwambina FC plays, with my backroom staff we are coming up with an effective game plan," he said.

He said the game against Gwambina FC

will be difficult as both sides are reeling from defeat in their respective last weekend matches.

Gwambina FC lost 3-0 to the VPL defending champions Simba while Ihefu FC conceded the 2-0 loss to Mwadui FC.

"I expect a very tough game, the first thing is that Gwambina have not won any game and they are coming from a 3-0 loss to Simba, they will come ready and prepared," he disclosed.

"But we are also preparing well for them as the aim is to collect the three points," he said.

Ihefu FC has played four games, losing 2-1 to Simba in the first match and later notching 1-0 victory over Ruvu Shooting.

In the third fixture, Ihefu FC lost 1-0 to Mtibwa Sugar and the former later succumbed to 2-0 loss to Mwadui FC. Commenting on the

league in general, Malwisi said it is extremely tough and very competitive as all teams are well prepared.

"This is the Mainland Premier League where elite teams on the land compete, the competition we are facing is what we anticipated when we earned league promotion," he said.

"We told our boys that they should expect very tough and high competitive games and that is exactly what they are facing."

Mwadui FC, trained by Khalid Adam, registered their first win in the Premier League, they scored through Fred Felix and Wallace Kiango.

Gwambina FC, through the side's Technical Director, Mwinini Zahera, said the squad is focusing on the coming match against Ihefu, targeting to collect three points.

"We lost to Simba but now the focus is on our next game as the aim is to collect three points," he said.

## Arusha FC to face Polisi Tanzania in friendly today

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ARUSHA Football Club (AFC), which plays in the First Division League (FDL), is going to test waters by facing Mainland Premier League squad, Polisi Tanzania, in a friendly match in Arusha today.

The match will be taking place at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in the city from 4.00pm.

The AFC was recently revived from slump and now operates under new management and patronage of Arusha Regional Commissioner, Idd Kimanta.

The club, on the one hand, feels the friendly game against Kilimanjaro-based Polisi Tanzania will sharpen the former's players' skills in preparation for the coming season's FDL, sched-

uled to kick off later in October.

"We are grilling the AFC so that our players can be fully prepared to tackle other teams in the forthcoming FDL," AFC's Acting Secretary General, Bertha Ismail, stated.

She noted that their mission is to play in the next season of Premier League come 2021.

Based at the Police Training Institution of Moshi, Polisi Tanzania are currently slotted in the fifth position of the ongoing Vodacom Premier League.

The AFC has already played three friendly matches, including the recent ones against two army teams of Mbuluni FC and Tanzania Military Academy (TMA) Stars.

AFC as well participated in the outfit's special bonanza which took place

in the region last weekend.

The club's coach, Atuga Manyundo, said his players are ready to not only face Polisi Tanzania but also ride high in the FDL.

The Arusha club will battle it out in Group B of the FDL and the team is set to start the tournament with an away game against Pamba Football Club to be played at Nyamagana Stadium in Mwanza on October 11.

Apart from AFC, other soccer teams that are listed in Group B of the FDL include Pamba FC, Geita Gold FC, Rhino Rangers, Kitayose FC, Fountain Gate FC, Alliance FC, Mbao FC, Singida United and Transit Camp FC

## Msondo Ngoma Band veteran soloist Mabera passes away

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIA's dance music scene has faced a huge blow as a veteran soloist for Msondo Ngoma Band, Said Mabera, passed away in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Mabera's son, Mabera Said, confirmed his father's death in an interview with a domestic website, saying Mabera passed away early yesterday at his home, Goba, in the city.

Said said his father had been ill for over two months, missing out on several shows which were staged by Msondo Ngoma Band.

Msondo Ngoma is thus devoid of gifted veteran musicians. Other veterans, who worked for the troupe and have already passed away, are vocalists Maalim Muhidin Guro-mo, Moshi William, Suleiman Mbembwe and Athuman Momba.

The troupe's vocalists Joseph Maina and Shaban Debe and bass guitarist Suleiman Mwanjiro, has also passed away, leaving Msondo Ngoma with youthful musicians.

Mabera, nicknamed 'Dk.Mabera' was born in Kigoma in 1949. He joined the troupe, which was by then known as JUWATA Jazz, in 1973. He was playing both trumpet and solo guitar.

He though did not start out as a soloist, once he had joined JUWATA Jazz, given the troupe had a soloist in Abel Baltazar, that later left the troupe and started his own band, Dar International, in 1977.

Once Baltazar had left the troupe, Mabera featured for the first time in a track titled 'Mpenzi Zarina' and he went on to work for the troupe until he passed away.

Mabera won several awards for his commitment, including the 'Hall of Fame'.

He won the award in 2011, thanks to his determination to work for only one band.

He was presented with the award at the Kilimanjaro Music Awards ceremony, aiming at valuing his contribution in the domestic music industry.



Joggers from different jogging clubs in Dar es Salaam warm up after taking part in a jogging bonanza which was organized by Diamond Trust Bank, Jubilee Life Insurance and Aga Khan Hospital at Tanganyika Packers ground last Sunday. The event was officiated by Minister of State in the Vice President's Office Incharge of Environmental Affairs, Mussa Azzan 'Zungu', and Kinondoni District Commissioner, Daniel Chongolo. PHOTO: GUARDIAN PHOTOGRAPHER



Said Mabera

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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