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Prepare to go, Samia tells inept DEDs

By Francis Kajubi

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday told the relevant authorities to furnish her with performance reports for district executive directors (DEDs), cautioning incompetent office holders to prepare

to vacate their posts.

The president gave the order yesterday in her ongoing tour of Mara Region tied to the 45 anniversary of the ruling party, inspecting how development projects are being executed, including putting the finishing touches to the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Referral

Hospital in Musoma municipality.

"The six months evaluation period for district executives falls on February 18," she told the gathering, noting that she had directed the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Innocent Bashungwa, to submit per-

formance reports within that time/

"Those whom I will find incompetent will have to stay aside. This time around even heads of departments will be sacked," she said, referring to even higher levels of government.

She pointed at Mara Region as one among regions notorious for misus-

ing public funds intended for development projects, saying most of the projects are delayed, ending up by terminating contracts and sacking officials who seem to occupy public offices for their own interest.

One such example was the 50-kilometre highway from Makutano Juu

to Sanzate, whose construction commenced in 2013 but the road is yet to be completed. The project was billed to cost 54.5bn/- but was delayed since there were inadequate funds the contractor

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Rights group: Amendments ought to limit police powers

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has called for improvements in proposed amendments to the Criminal Procedure Act (Cap. 20), citing its section 47A which, in its estimation, gives too much power to the police.

The amendment proposed in the current bill is to redraft section 47A to authorise police officers to engage in undercover operations meant to prevent commissioning of an offence.

This amendment is among the nine proposed law amendments in the "Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill to be tabled in the National Assembly today for its second reading.

The section stipulates that a police officer may upon authorisation of the Inspector General of Police or the Director of Criminal Investigations, "engage in undercover operation and controlled delivery in order to detect, investigate or uncover the commission of an offence or to prevent the commission of the offence."

A police officer who engages in undercover operation or controlled delivery to detect, investigate or uncover or to obtain evidence of or to prevent the commission of an offence, shall not be criminally liable in respect of any act which constitutes an offence, it asserts.

Undercover operations or controlled delivery conducted under this section shall be in accordance with the Police General Orders or regulations made under the Police Force and Auxiliary Services Act, the bill further provides.

On this issue, the pressure group is of the view that it will have a negative impact in the society as the police will be granted extensive powers, which is prone to be abused, while the officers involved in such operations will not be criminally liable.

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Green Community Initiatives project coordinator George Nyanda (R) pictured yesterday taking children from Nyida and Puni wards in Shinyanga District through a sensitisation and education session on sexual and gender-related violence. The formation of groups of 40 children from each of six villages expected to support the implementation of the project under the Women Fund Tanzania Trust's sponsorship, soon followed. Correspondent Shaban Njia



Zitto Kabwe, Leader of the opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday fielding questions from journalists during a Q&A session with members of the Tanzania Editors' Forum shortly after he had unveiled the party's line-up of sectoral spokespersons. Photo Guardian Correspondent

TRA revisits EFDs arrest drive, decries distortions

By Mary Kadoko

WHILE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) officials have been busy fighting to ensure that all traders supposed to use electronic fiscal devices (EFDs) in each sale they make actually do so, the campaign is said to be facing various hurdles.

There is an ongoing countrywide campaign aimed at ensuring compliance with the use of the devices so that trad-

ers issue appropriate receipts for all sales made and buyers demand - and are issued with - appropriate receipts for all purchases they make.

However, this is seldom the case when one visits sales points, mainly ordinary shops and some supermarkets.

Richard Kayombo, the TRA director for taxpayer services and education, said in an interview late last week that the campaign was chiefly intended

to arrest anyone and everyone not using EFDs "and has been successful, but a few challenges remain".

He said the campaign is meant to sensitise and educate people on the use of the devices, this including ensuring that traders not issuing receipts and buyers reluctant to demand the receipts disabuse themselves of the mistaken be-

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ACT dusts election strategy, names sector spokespersons

By Guardian Reporter

THE opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo) yesterday unveiled its off-parliament work strategy towards the 2025 General Election

The approach includes scrutinising and critiquing the government through sector-specific

In this way we will act as spokespersons for the people, raising important issues affecting the people, providing recommendations and answers

spokespersons. Zitto Kabwe, the party's Leader, said in Dar

es Salaam yesterday that they had come up with the plan after

deliberations in their internal meetings as part of a plan to do better in the coming elections. He said the sectoral spokespersons will be responsible for providing alternative governance policies to those currently being implemented by the ruling party. "Every sectoral spokesperson will be

in-charge of a particular ministry," Zitto said, adding: "Together, as a committee, the spokespersons will be assisted by a secretariat chiefly charging with conducting research in order to come up with alternative policies." He elaborated: "In this way we (as a party) will act as spokespersons for the people, raising

important issues affecting them, providing recommendations and answers to those issues," he stated. A former long-serving legislator, the ACT-Wazalendo leader described the spokespersons concept as a mature operational

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tee on Constitution and Legal Affairs, LHRC advocacy officers Raymond Kanegene and William Maduhu said those sections should be improved to promote human rights and the rule of law.

Kanegene said the fear over those provisions is how to separate eventuality mistakes attributable to such officers when in undercover operations and those committed outside such engagement, for the law does not have provisions where police may be required to provide in-depth explanations on mistakes made outside undercover operations, even without the new provisions.

"Therefore, LHRC recommends that anyone who willfully violates the law should be brought before the courts for the protection of human rights," he said, urging amending of Section 13IA to include a deadline

of investigation as without doing so, remand prison cells will be overwhelmed.

The section reads that "Where investigation is not completed, a person suspected to have committed an offence other than that which is stipulated under subsection (1), shall be subjected to a police bond or bail in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Notwithstanding subsection (2), where a police officer is of the opinion that an offence committed falls under the provisions of section 170(6) of this Act, he shall compound the offence accordingly.

For the purposes of this section "serious offence" means an offence of causing grievous bodily harm, rape, divulging public security, armed robbery, human trafficking, unlawful possession of arms or ammunition, trafficking in drugs, unlawful possession of government trophy and any other offence triable by the

High Court."

LHRC however hailed an amendment proposal in the bill, including section 91 which aims to bar re-arresting an accused person who has been discharged following a decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

The other area of satisfaction is section 13IA which intends to prevent the filing of charges for minor offences before the completion of investigations.

Other laws which are slated for amendments include the College of Wildlife Management Act, (Cap. 209), the Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act (Cap. 218), the Economic and Organised Crimes Control Act (Cap. 200), the National Prosecutions Service Act (Cap. 430), the National Sports Council of Tanzania Act (Cap. 49), the Penal Code (Cap. 16), the Universal Communications Services Access Act, (Cap. 422), and the Veterinary Services Act, (Cap. 319).



Water minister Jumaa Hamidu Aweso (C, in white shirt) joins local residents and his fellow guests in a dance in Mugango township, Musoma Rural constituency, yesterday shortly before President Samia Suluhu Hassan laid the foundation stone for the Mugango-Kiabakari-Butiama water project. Photo: State House

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concept for Commonwealth multi-party democracies also applicable in many parliaments, which observers say is more relevant for countries with proportional representation including South Africa.

He further noted that its relevance for Tanzania related to the situation on the ground during the 2020 General Election, the end-result being having a legislature that was all but a one-party House.

"The events (during the election) moved back our country in the issue of building multiparty democracy, effectively destroying the system

of having legislators holding the government to account and enabling political parties to come up with alternative policies," Zitto argued. He said: "We have decided to implement the concept outside Parliament," noting that for a long time the country's politics was based on 'what you oppose' and not on 'what you recommend as alternative'. The line-up of sectoral spokespersons Zitto announced includes Dorothy Manka Semu (Prime Minister's Office); Abdul Nondo (Prime Minister's Office - Policy, Parliament and Coordination); Emmanuel Mvula (Finance and Planning); Fatma Fereji (Foreign Affairs); Masoud Abdallah

Salim (Defence); Mbarala Mahargande (Home Affairs); Riziki Shahari Mngwali (Education); and Dr Elizabeth Benedict Sanga (Health). Others are: Mwanaisa Zuberi Mndeme (Investment, Public Institutions and Social Security); Pavujuma Abdallah (Public Service and Good Governance); Kulthum Mchuchuli (Regional Administration, Local Governments and Rural Development); Isihaka Mchinjita (Energy); Edgar F. Mkosamali (Minerals); Halima Nabalang'anya (Industry and Trade), and Esther Akoth Thomas (Water and Environment). Yet others: Victor Kweka (Constitutional and Legal Affairs); Mtutura A.

Mtutura (Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries); Bonifasia Mapunda (Lands and Human Settlements Development); Mohammed Mtambo (Infrastructure, Works and Transport); and Ally Saleh Alberto (Communications and Information Technology). Also on the list Zitto gave are Juliana Mwakang'wali (Natural Resources and Tourism); and Janeth Rithe (Community Development, Women and Children). He explained that 12.5 per cent of the spokespersons are women and 45.8 per cent people under 35 years old, making adult men "constitute a slight minority".

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disposed of, the president explained.

"The constructor has no financial or technical abilities to implement the project. Such contractors should not be awarded public projects these days," she said, highlighting that the contractor was given a new deadline to the end of this month. "I direct the regional commissioner to suspend that contract and start afresh," she further stated.

A second highway construction delayed is the Musoma-Makojo portion covering five kilometres that started in 2019 and was scheduled to be accomplished in July 2020 but is yet to be finished.

The project billed at 8.2bn/- with 4.57bn/- already disbursed had the contractor being given extra time until April this year, but similar shortfalls apply, of the lack of finance or technique to finish the job.

Yet another project is the construction of Bunda district council headquarters priced at 3.5bn/- of which 1bn/- has already been disbursed but nothing has been done so far, even as the project started last year, being implemented by SUMA JKT, a military outfit.

Construction of Musoma airport commenced last April and already 35bn/- had been disbursed, she stated, without direct adverse remarks on its progress.

Earlier in the morning, the president laid a foundation stone for construction of a clean water project that will benefit 164,000 residents in Musoma Rural district and Butiama district.

Umy Mwalimu, the minister for Health, said that in the current fiscal year the government will build 233 health centres, with ten of them located in the region, with the new referral hospital becoming a regional hospital.

"Even with this allocation there was extensive shortage of medicine in public hospitals. Construction of the Nyerere Memorial Hospital was delayed for four decades and finally the dream has come true," she declared.

Specialized medical services will be offered at the hospital including orthopaedic and trauma care, while Bugando Referral Hospital will focus on offering cancer diagnosis and therapeutic services, and Chato taking up cardiovascular diseases, she specified.

As to the state of the Covid-19 pandemic, from July 2021 to the start of this month around 6,838 people were tested in hospitals, with 206 found to have been infected, equivalent to three percent of the number, while 64 of them had not been vaccinated, she added.

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belief that non-compliance does not matter.

He further noted that there was evidence of mis-interpretation of the objective of the campaign, thus creating fear even among traders ready and willing to comply.

"What is being perceived in this campaign is the word 'arrest', though our intention is not really to arrest but merely to remind traders and consumers that the use of EFDs are part and parcel of the buying and selling of goods," said Kayombo.

Corruption is another obstacle distorting the whole purpose of the campaign, he stated, recalling a recent case where a trader in Dodoma city was arrested while offering bribes to

weighbridge operators after being found without an EFD receipt.

The director also talked of cases of some businesspeople saying they were unaware of the use of EFDs, even as the devices have been in existence for more than ten years now.

He expressed the view that, despite these challenges, the campaign has registered "some success".

Buyers not complying with the directives on the use of EFDs are liable to a fine ranging from 30,000/- to 1.5m/-, depending on the value of the service or product they purchase.

Defaulting traders are meanwhile liable to a fine stretching from 3m/- to 4.5m/- or three years' imprisonment or both fine and imprisonment, Kayombo warned.



NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (L) has a chat with guests at a dinner the bank hosted for its customers in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Africa not on track to end malaria by 2030 - AU report

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICA did not achieve its target of reducing malaria incidence and mortality by 40 per cent by 2020, and is not on track to eliminate malaria by 2030, the Malaria progress report 2021 by Africa Union has said.

Instead, between 2015 and 2020, malaria incidence slightly declined by only 1 per cent.

According to the report released

yesterday, there were an estimated 232 million malaria cases (96 per cent of global total) and 611,802 malaria deaths (98 per cent of global total) in Africa in 2020.

This is an increase of 68,953 malaria deaths compared to 2019 (49,000 of deaths attributed to disruptions to malaria programmes and broader health services caused by the COVID-19 pandemic).

According to revised World Health

Organisation (WHO) estimates, the number of malaria deaths is significantly higher than previously understood such as 693,617 additional malaria deaths since 2015), increasing the urgency of controlling and eliminating malaria.

About 63 per cent of activities in national malaria strategic plans are currently unfunded and there is a need for increased resources and advocacy (especially with the upcoming replenishment of the Global Fund).

According to WHO estimates, 96 per cent of global malaria cases and 98% of malaria deaths occur on this continent.

In 2020, 611,802 Africans died from this disease of which 80% were children under the age of five.

Furthermore, revised estimates by the WHO indicate that the number of malaria deaths was previously underestimated and the burden is worse than previously understood.

The COVID-19 pandemic is further compounding the challenges of ending malaria and continues to put incredible strain on health systems and economies across the continent.

According to the WHO, COVID-19 caused an estimated 47,000 excess malaria deaths in Africa during 2020; although this was significantly less than the worst case scenario, which predicted that malaria deaths could have doubled.

"Ending malaria is an attainable goal if we, the African Heads of State and Government, take decisive action," says AU report.

Since 2000, malaria incidence and mortality have declined by 35 per cent and 57 per cent respectively as a result of political will, innovative financing, and new interventions.

Africa avoided 1.35 billion malaria cases and 9.7 million malaria deaths over the past two decades.

MPs plead with govt to submit seven mega-project agreements

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament have called on the government to submit to the House seven major project agreements to enable the lawmakers to read and understand to advise the government accordingly.

Speaking during the questions and answers session on Friday last week, the MPs Boniphace Mwita (Bunda, CCM) and Cecil Mwambe (Ndanda) said it was high time for the agreements to be before the House now to enable the Parliament fulfill its duties of advising the government.

The demanded agreements include Mining, Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), Bagamoyo Port, Mtwara Gas, Tanzania-Uganda Oil Pipeline project, Julius Nyerere Hydro-power Project (JNHPP) and that of Electronic Stamps.

In his basic question, MP Mwita queried when the government will send those mega agreements before the House so as to provide time for the MPs to know them well, something which will also make it easier for the legislators to advise the government well for the country's development.

He sought to know how many of the agreements have been audited by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG).

He was echoed by MP Mwambe who also hinted on the note saying that sending the agreements before the House was a matter of paramount importance, if the country is to achieve its development endeavours well and timely.

Responding, deputy minister for Constitution and Legal Affairs, Geophrey Pinda said agreements, information and reports of the named projects have been in different times submitted before Parliamentary committees.

He said committees have the authority as per the Parliamentary Standing Orders, to get all information concerning projects agreements.

"The projects are also being audited by CAG as some of the projects are owned by the government by 100 percent and others are joint-venture, so all their reports are also been submitted in the House through committees," Pinda explained.

In addition, in the 2019/2020 fiscal year, detailed reports on the SGR, Mtwara-Dar es Salaam Gas Pipeline and JNHPP were brought before the committees and that the projects have been audited every year.

In his supplementary question, Mwambe also claimed that the issue of the electronic stamps has been hurting traders due to its expensiveness.

He said last year the then Speaker of the National Assembly formed the Industries and Trade committee and the Budget committees which met for the aim to discuss complaints of traders on the high expenses of the electron stamps.

"Despite the discussion, the government and the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) have continued to sign the agreements, so we want them to bring the agreement between SCIPA companies on the electronic stamps, so that we ready it and see how to advise the government well," he added.

He said by bringing the agreements before the House, will enable all the MPs including those who are not in the committees to read them and have deeper understanding on the major things going on in the country.

The Deputy Minister promised to take the issue of electronic stamps as it involves a number of institutions.

"I'm taking this and we will sit down with all the required departments so as to see how to address the gaps in the electron stamps agreements," he said.

Women entrepreneurs call for improved business conditions

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

WOMEN entrepreneurs have welcomed the various reforms implemented by the government-urging for more recommendations from key stakeholders for improvements to the blueprint.

Some women traders in Morogoro said at a national workshop that brought together women and young entrepreneurs from 17 regions to enhance their understanding of the Regulatory Reforms to Improve the Business Environment (Blueprint).

The two-day event was organised by the Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) and the Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC).

Speaking at the event, an entrepreneur, Diana Njau, from Arusha Region said the government has done a lot in the blue print but more efforts were needed to raise public awareness on the document especially for ordinary people and in a simple language.

"This workshop is different and unique as it has enhanced our understanding of laws, taxes, levies and fees related to our businesses similar knowledge /information should be extended to the public," she said.

She said it was also an opportunity for women to air their concerns on persistent challenges that the government needs to address.

She hailed the decision taken by the government to shift some of the roles which were done by the former Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA) to Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

Either most the women entrepreneurs requested the government through the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade to meet, discuss and find solutions for the various challenges facing them.

The TWCC Executive Director Mwajuma Hamza hailed the government for building one stop centres at the regional levels.

She asked for more members to be included in the regional and district business councils and air their views for the changes of various unfriendly laws and regulations that deter their development.

According to the Business Enabling Environment Specialist at AMDT, Tertula Swai, the objectives of the workshop was to raise the level of understanding of blueprint among women entrepreneurs

Another objective was to analyse deeply regulatory issues which were not implemented in the blue print and make sure that the information reaches more stakeholders.



Jombo Mkono (2nd-R), Vodacom Tanzania Plc's Customer Service operations manager, takes newly arrived managing director Sitholizwe Mdlalose around the firm's centre at Dar es Salaam's Milimani City shopping complex at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



This announcement has been approved by the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA)

Issue of up to Tanzania Shillings Twenty-Five Billion (with a Green Shoe Option of Tanzania Shillings Fifteen Billion) Fixed Rate Notes due in 2025

NMB Bank Plc ("NMB") hereby announces that the Capital Markets & Securities Authority (CMSA), in exercise of its powers under the Capital Markets and Securities Act, (Chapter 79 of the Laws of Tanzania) approved to offer in Tanzania medium term notes of an aggregate principal amount of Tanzania Shillings two hundred billion (NMB's Domestic Multicurrency Medium Term Note Programme).

An Information Memorandum has been issued in accordance with the Capital Markets and Securities Act and has been approved for circulation to investors.

NMB Bank Plc is the Arranger, Receiving bank, Paying Bank and Registrar; and Orbit Securities Limited is the Sponsoring Broker. FSD Africa provided technical input on the NMB Social Bond Framework in alignment with the International Capital Markets Authority (ICMA) standards (Social Bond Principles 2021); It also offered technical assistance for the Second Party Opinion (SPO) that was provided by Sustainalytics.

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Description of Tranche	NMB Jasiri Bond	
Tranche Amount	TZS 25,000,000,000 (with a green shoe option of TZS 15,000,000,000)	
Status of Notes	Senior Unsecured	
Minimum Denomination	[TZS 500,000 with integral multiples of TZS 10 000]	
Tenor of Notes	3 years	
Interest Rate	[8.5] % per annum, payable quarterly.	
Interest Payments Dates	[(March, June, September and December)] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date	
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Timeline	Offer Opens	8.00 a.m. [07 February 2022]
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	Allotment Date	10.00 a.m. [24 March 2022]
	Notification Date (via email/telephone)	2.00 p.m. [25 March 2022]
	Issue Date	12.00 p.m. [28 March 2022]
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Jackson Malangalla, Tanzania Gender Networking Programme's information coordinator, makes remarks at a gender development seminar held in Dar es Salaam's Kipunguni suburb yesterday (February 6) in marking the UN-sponsored International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Government set to unveil new Environment Policy on Feb 12

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA is set to a new national environmental policy that among others, incorporate control of electronic wastes, climate change matters and control use of modern biotechnology.

The policy will come into force following the review of the 1997 National Environmental Policy also seeks to control

Stawi initiative calls for promoting of women's economic empowerment

By Enock Charles

A call has been made to the society to invest heavily in supporting young girls and women economically and in leadership by providing them with resources such as grants and capacity building training.

Speaking at a ceremony to congratulate the youth-led organisations that have done well in addressing the rights of girls and women prepared by TWAA and Her Initiative Organisations through the Stawi Lab programme in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Executive Director of the Her Initiative Organisation Lydia Charles said that empowering women and young girls would enable them to establish income generating activities.

"We need to move from hearing empty words about investing in young women and youth-led organizations, we need to start taking meaningful action, supporting and funding the various project are led by youth specifically women," she said, expressing the need to make sure young women take part in different forums for their voices to be heard.

She added that women empowerment through mentorship programs is crucial to promote professional networking and open doors to leadership and entrepreneurship opportunities.

"Our organization has felt a deep sense of responsibility to support youth-led women's organizations that are working hard to ensure that women are uplifted and included in development activities" said Lydia.

The organizations awarded are Her Initiative, DOT Tanzania, Bright Jami Initiative, Tai Tanzania, Boshnat Consultancy Ltd, ITM Tanzania Ltd and Startup Grind.

The winners were awarded mini-grants funding of 5m/- for the first winner, 3m/- for the second winner while the third winner pocketed 1m/-. The monies would be used for institutional strengthening.

use of chemicals, invasive species like weeds and water as well as control of pollution at oil and gas extraction activities in the country.

Addressing a press conference on Saturday, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of State, the Vice President's Office, Union and Environment, Dr Mary Maganga said the new issues are aimed to address environmental challenges for sustainable development.

"The new policy has in totality focused on new increasing environmental challenges due to economic, social and environmental developments in the world" said Dr Maganga.

She noted that the new document will be officially launched on 12th February, 2022 at a ceremony to be presided over by the Vice President, Dr Philip Mpanza. The launch will mark the climax of the "2021 National Environmental Policy launch week" to be commemorated from today to Saturday this week.

After the inauguration, the ministry will bring it to the concerned authorities for the legislating of guidelines and laws for implementation since environmental issues are cross-cutting.

According to the PS, several environmental conservation activities have been planned in the weeklong celebration, being part of the basic matters included in the new policy.

Aim of the activities, she said is to help restore environment degraded areas due to human activities by planting new trees in effort to have friendly environment. There will also be cleanliness activities aimed at improving communal health and public education on separation of wastes to differentiate hard, among others.

The new document repeals the 1997 National Environmental Policy whose rationale was based on a national analysis which had revealed environmental problems in need of urgent action.

These included, among others land degradation reducing the productivity of soils in many parts of the country and lack of accessible good quality water for both urban and rural inhabitants.

Its objectives were to ensure sustainability, security and the equitable use of resources for meeting the basic needs of the present and future generations without degrading the environment or risking health or safety.

Also to prevent and control degradation of land, water, vegetation and air which constitute our life support systems.

Another objective is to help conserve and enhance our natural and manmade heritage, including the biological diversity of the unique ecosystems of Tanzania.

On the other hand it is to improve the condition and productivity of degraded areas, including rural and urban settlements, in order that all Tanzanians may live in safe, healthful, productive and aesthetically pleasing surroundings.

Guidelines for identifying children with disabilities in offing

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has finalised the establishment of an Early Identification and Interventions Guideline which sets out appropriate ways to identify children with disabilities and essential services that should be provided to them.

Deputy minister, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), Patrobas Katambi said in the National Assembly yesterday when responding to question from Ally Hassan King (Jang'ombe) who sought to know the government's strategy to identify children with disabilities and support them with essential services.

In his basic question, the lawmaker wanted to know when the government will come up with a sustainable strategy to support children with disabilities living in difficult environments.

In his reply, Katambi said the gov-

ernment has been taking several measures to protect children from harm and ensure that they live in a safe environment.

He said a special register for identification of children with disabilities living in the most risk environment has been established where over 70000 children have been identified.

"Every child has the right to education and we should all make sure that they are provided with the opportunity to learn in a conducive environment.

So, the government has been ensuring that special groups including children with assorted disabilities live happily and are supported to achieve their dreams," the deputy minister noted.

The government has been identifying the children as per the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities, 2004, laws and regulations.

He said the government has also continued to strengthen the pro-

vision of inclusive education including training more teachers to support children with disabilities achieve their education dreams.

The deputy minister further said children with disabilities living in the most vulnerable situations are provided with services through various interventions including education through special and integrated schools.

"The government has also been taking them to the hospital for medical treatment, giving life skills with the aim of building their capacity to become self-reliant and self-protective; provide them with initial mobilization and stabilization services; return them to their families or placing them to families (Fit Families); connecting them to specialized colleges for the provision of skills and rehabilitation services; and for those who do not have relatives or parents are sent to children's homes for various services," he explained.



PUBLIC NOTICE

INTRODUCTION OF UPGRADED VAT ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM

Dares salaam, Thursday, February 03, 2022

1.0 Background Information

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) wishes to inform Value Added Tax (VAT) registered traders and the general public that, it has upgraded its electronic system of filing VAT returns. The upgrade comes with a view to improve taxpayer's VAT return filing through simplified filing processes.

The upgraded VAT e-filing system shall be rolled out effectively from 1st March 2022 and therefore shall become operational for VAT returns of the month of March 2022 that are due for submission on or before 20th April 2022.

2.0 Advantages of the Upgraded System

The upgraded VAT e-filing system comes with a number of advantages to users including, but not limited to the following:

- Enhanced user experience where the taxpayer will use single e-filing account contrary to the current practice where VAT filing uses a separate account;
- Simplified filling of returns whereby the taxpayer shall only key in Verification Code for the purchases made, to simplify the current practice where the taxpayer was required to key in more details like Supplier's Name, VAT Registration Number, Tax Invoice Number, Date of Invoice, Amounts of purchase and VAT involved;
- The upgraded system enables the users to effect adjustments resulting from occurrence of adjusting events as provided for in the tax law. This upgrade simplifies the current practice where the taxpayer has to write a letter to the Commissioner to notify occurrence of the adjusting events;
- The upgraded system enables automatic apportionment of input tax for eligible taxpayers;
- The upgraded system shall issue an acknowledgement of receipt of return and an assessment of tax to the taxpayer immediately upon accomplishment of filing process.

3.0 Operational Features of the Upgraded System and Salient Issues to Observe

The upgraded system comes with improved operational features to increase convenience and enhance compliance among users. The key operational features that are worth noting includes the following:

- The system shall be accessed through the TRA website (www.tra.go.tz) using the same e filing account used for other tax returns like PAVE, SOL and Returns of Income;
- The system shall only accept EFD receipts/invoices with verification code for input tax claim. Accordingly, receipts without verification code shall automatically be rejected effective from the return of the month of March 2022;
- The system shall only accept EFD receipts/invoices with buyer's TIN for input tax claim. Therefore, receipts without buyer's TIN shall

be automatically rejected with effect from March 2022 return;

- The system shall only accept input tax claims on imports that are supported by valid TANSAD;
- The system shall automatically make verification of validity of receipts/invoices or TANSAD;
- The system shall not automatically carry forward the Negative Net Amount (Repayment position) for February 2022 VAT return existing in the current unless the repayment amount is verified by TRA and subsequently allowed to be accounted for in March 2022 VAT return in the new system.

In order to comply with the requirements of the new system and therefore avoid any inconveniences, VAT registered traders are urged to observe the following:

- Because the repayment position will not be automatically carried forward, all traders with Negative Net Amount (Repayment position) for the return of the month of February 2022 should apply for VAT refund (for those eligible) or notify the respective TRA offices of their positions for audit or verification of that position before the same is allowed to be carried forward in respective tax return in the new system;
- All traders should upgrade their EFD machines to Protocol 2.1 in order to issue receipts/invoices with verification codes. Receipts issued by EFD machines not upgraded to protocol 2.1 shall not be allowed to claim Input tax;
- Traders should avoid using invalid receipts/invoices or TANSAD in order to avoid any consequences and inconveniences that may arise during filing process and after; and
- In making payments of VAT, taxpayers must use the Tax Debit Numbers from the tax assessments issued.

TRA will issue periodic guidance and conduct trainings to taxpayers and other stakeholders to enhance and impart knowledge in order to ensure proper use of the new system. TRA urges all taxpayers and stakeholders to take note of various TRA guidance that are issued from time to time and to attend prospective trainings and sensitization sessions.

For further information, please visit your nearest TRA office or use the following contacts to communicate with us:-

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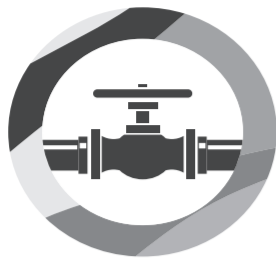
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EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY UP TO 3 GRID POWER QUALITY ACQUISITION DEVICES FOR EACOP REFERENCE NO: 0010007468

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Co. LTD. invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest to supply up to 3 grid power quality acquisition devices, in order to be able to do long term monitoring of the TANESCO Grid performance in different areas of the Network, at the same time. to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania, to Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

EACOP is investigating to connect to TANESCO Grid and require assessing the Grid power quality.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

Supply of up to 3 grid power quality acquisition devices, in order to be able to do long term monitoring of the TANESCO Grid performance in different areas of the Network, at the same time.

Potential suitable devices are:

- A-Eberle PQbox 200 & equivalent.
- ELSPEC G4500 or equivalent.

Accessories will be required for connection to Grid Provider connecting points.

Minimum technical requirements:

POWER QUALITY PORTABLE ANALYZERS SPECIFICATIONS PORTABLE POWER QUALITY RECORDER/ANALYSER C/W HARD CASE AND TESTING LEADS

TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED SUPPLY OF ADVANCED PORTABLE POWER QUALITY ANALYZER WITH COMPUTER SOFTWARE

TECHNICAL SCHEDULE FOR: PORTABLE POWER QUALITY ANALYSER

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT	QUARANTEED
1.0(a)	Manufacturer		Supplier to specify	
1.1(b)	Country of origin		Supplier to specify	
1.1	Standards		IEC, IEEE, NRS as per – Part 1 General Clause 2.0 standards shown above	
1.2	Type/ features		Three phase type 1. High accuracy 2. Direct measurement of voltages up to 660 VLL 3. Supports 20A mini-clamps and the IEM FLEX 4. sensors that provide current measuring 5. capability of 30A/300A/300A in a single Package. 6. Internal DC battery for continued operation in the event of a power failure 7. Power supply: 100-240VAC, 45-65 Hz, 30 VA 8. Battery: rechargeable 12V/1.2Ah DC. Allows 9. 120 minutes of continuous backup operation when fully charged 10. Two independent port communication 11. Long term memory for data logging & Trending 12. waveform compatibility up to 13. cycles of pre-fault, and up to 16 pro-fault 14. Programmable sag, swell detection 15. Programmable transients voltage and currents detection 16. Harmonic power and energies 17. Power direction of harmonics 18. Programmable voltage dip/sag, swell source (Fault) location detection	
1.3(i)	Basic Measurements - Voltage - Current - Frequency - Pf		Voltage: V, Current: A, An; Frequency: Hz (50); Unbalance: V, A; Max amp. Max/min V, A, An, Hz;	
1.3(ii)	Voltage Measurements		Voltage probes shall be connected to the instrument via connectors V1 / V2 / V3 / VN. The voltage inputs shall support direct voltage measurement of up to 660 VLL, or greater when an external Potential transformer is used.	
1.3(iii)	Current Measurements		Must have heavy duty connectors to be used to connect the current clamps to the instrument. Two current measurement options shall be provided. • 20 Amps mini-clamps • IEM FLEX sensors for 30A/300A/3000A measurements	
1.4	Multi-Function Power & Energy Meter		Real time cycle-by-cycle measurement of high accuracy, true RMS voltage, current, power, demand and energy with continuous sampling of 32, 64, 128/256 samples per cycle. Revenue accurate meter. Meets IEC62053-22 Class 0.2S or ANSI C12.20 (Class 0.2S) Advanced Time Of Use (TOU) feature (16 Energy sources include external digital pulses, up to 4 seasons, 4 daily profiles, 8 Tariffs, flexible automatic calendar) for any complex billing scheme. KYZ or KY output and LED indication for calibration and test	
1.5	Energy Import/Export		KVh, KVAh, KVARh, PF, Total, Per phase; KYZ Pulse Output; KYZ Pulse Input; Total: Absolute, Net; Time of use (TOU); Pulse Input;	
1.6	Harmonics Analysis		Total Harmonic distortion for Voltage and Current and up to the 63rd individual harmonic for V, I, P,Q Including directional power harmonics (Load or Source), Vt angle, K factor, vector diagram and symmetrical components, Inter harmonics, sub harmonics	
1.7	Basic communication Number of ports Communication Protocol		IEC 104 (TCP/IP), RS422/485	
	Additional communication Features		Optically isolated RS232 port 10BaseT Ethernet 56K modem. Shall supports industry standard Modbus RTU & ASCII, DNP V3.0, Modbus/TCP, DNP3/TCP protocols and shall have unique "Assignable Register Map" allows users to assign registers from different ranges into a single contiguous Modbus. Shall address space or a DNP Class 0, 1, 2, or 3 poll, limiting the amount of data passed over the communications line and therefore making efficient use of the available bandwidth. Firmware upgrade via communications, eliminating chip replacement	
1.8	Case Construction		The rugged, heavy duty case allows the instrument to operate in the substation Environment and the harshest field conditions. • Case material: Polypropylene • Case temperature rating: -20 C to 60 C	
1.9	Power Quality Analysis software		Shall be compatible with Windows 7, 8 and 10. Shall be easy to use remote configuration software. Shall support off-line programming to allow easy downloading of a standard configuration to multiple meters. Shall Supports scheduled polling viewing of real-time data, and automatic retrieval of historical and waveform logs. Shall provides the ability to export waveform and data logs to COMTRADE and PQDIFF formats. Must be able to perform Advanced Power Quality Analysis in Windows environment for easy multi-tasking. Simple offline instrument setup	
2.0	Displays		Shall have 3 lines high-visibility 7-segment LED display, fully visible under bright sunlight. Shall have two 4-digit and one 6-digit windows. Simultaneous display of 3 phase parameters for quick phase balance assessment. Shall have 6-digit Energy readings. Configurable 8-segment LED % Load Bar mimics analog meter needle. Energy pulse LED. Communications activity LEDs. Kilo and Mega LEDs for scaling indicators. Must have menu driven selection and password protected device configuration, Automatic scrolling with adjustable scroll time or fixed display. User configurable, simple two-button Demand RESET operation. Adjustable update time from 0.1 to 10 seconds	
2.1	STATUS INPUTS		2 optically isolated status inputs shall be provided for status monitoring with timestamp, pulse counting and external demand or time synchronization. Each digital input shall be allocated as a status input to monitor external contact status, or as a pulse input to sense Pulses from an external source. One of the status inputs can be configured to receive an external synchronization pulse indicating the beginning of a new demand interval for power demand measurements. It shall also be configured to receive time synchronization pulses from a precise external time source.	
2.2	Relays		2 relays shall be provided for energy pulsing (KYZ), Alarming and remote control.	
2.3	External Time Synchronization		Provides 1 msec time resolution via IRIG-B time code input or satellite clock for common time base. As an SNTP client, it can accept periodic synchronization of the meter clock from an SNTP server	
2.4	Real-Time Clock		Accuracy: maximum error 5 seconds per month @ 45 C	
2.5	Log Memory		Standard onboard memory: 2GB or more	
2.6	IRIG-B Port		• Optically isolated IRIG-B Port • Time code signal: unmodulated (pulse-width coded) • Connector type: BNC • Recommended cable: 51 Ohm low loss – RG58A/U (Belden 8219 or equivalent), TNC connector • Recommended GPS time code generator: Master clock GPS-200A	
2.7	Internal Memory storage capacity		• 4.0 GB	

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Application for registration with the EVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- To be an Official Agent or Seller of the Device Manufacturer in Tanzania.
- Fully efficient with Technical English requirements to manage the device and associated trouble shooting / maintenance with Device Manufacturer.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to ecop-tz.eoi.100001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **18th Feb 2022**. Email address should be **0010007468**

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.



Dr Mzuri Issa (3rd-R), Director of the Zanzibar Chapter of the Tanzania Media Women's Association (Tamwa), pictured in Zanzibar at the weekend cutting a cake during the closing ceremony of a gender and development workshop. The cake was presented by students of Zanzibar's Karume Campus of the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman

CPB programme out to bolster wheat production in Tanzania

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Cereals and other Produce Board of Tanzania (CPB) is implementing a special program to improve production and processing of wheat in Tanzania.

The robust move which also focuses to provide enough raw materials towards the CPB's wheat processing plant in Arusha, is projected to play vital role to help reduce importation of wheat from outside the country.

Statistics depicts that 70 percent of the wheat used in the country is being imported due to low production of the economic cash crop in Tanzania, only at 30 percent annually.

Moreover, impeccable records from the ministry of agriculture shows that Tanzania is annually spend a total of 1.3 trillion to import wheat, sugar, maize seeds and crude oil.

Speaking to The Guardian during an exclusive interview, Director General (DG) for the Cereals and other Produced Board (CPB), Dr. Anselm Mushi said it was discouraging to see the country import at least 1 million Metric Tons (MT) of wheat in a year despite having enormous potential for growing the crop.

"Our target, among others is to sensi-

tise more farmers in all areas with potential to grow the crop to venture into large commercial cultivation through engaging into special contract farming with us," he expressed.

He added that through the well-established system, CPB will be purchasing wheat from the farmers under the contract at a reasonable and profitable price scales.

"For instance," he added, "During last harvesting season the board purchased a total of 1,500 tonnes of wheat from farmers, but our target is to procure a total of 36,000 tonnes in a year, which means there's a need to push for increased production and productivity."

He explained that the state-owned board was purchasing wheat from farmers in Kilimanjaro, Manyara and Karatu, among others, though saying the production is not impressive.

He said CPB has installed a modern wheat processing factory in Arusha region with capacity to produce 120 tonnes per day.

Wheat is among important crop for food and income generation in Tanzania.

Despite of its importance, the production of this crop is still low (100,000 MT annually) compared to crop demand of

1,000,000 MT per year.

The current average yield per hectare is estimated at 1.6 tons and strategies of increasing productivity through intensification and extensification to attain at least 3.0 tons per hectare is in place.


Expansion of area under wheat production is possible through development of tolerant and high yielding varieties that can be grown in a wide range of climatic conditions such as drought and in areas with high disease pressure.

In the struggle of increasing wheat production through research and innovation, different research activities were undertaken at The Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI-Uyole).


The implementation of these activities is supported by different projects from government support, research donors and wheat research self-help revolving fund.

The projects mentioned aimed at researching, training and dissemination of improved technologies to all wheat stakeholders from production to consumption levels.

CPB was established by the Cereals and other Produce Act no. 19 of 2009 (The Cereals and Other Produce Act No. 19 of 2009).



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Procurement reference number ICAP/TZ/09

Introduction:

ICAP at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health is the recipient of a five-year PEPFAR-funded cooperative agreement beginning in October 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support comprehensive community- and facility-based HIV and VMMC services in Mwanza region.

Invitation to quotes for mobile money transfer services:

ICAP now is looking for a reputable and registered organization to provide mobile money services listed on the below Lot number. Detailed specification for each Lot is contained in the tender document which will be provided to the interested bidders upon request.

Invitation to quotes	Mobile money services
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General criteria for submission:

- Please clearly indicate quote to provide mobile money services, failure to comply will disqualify your application.
- The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call and zoom call link will be sent to all who applied only in advance of the meeting.
- Bid documents will be sent to all the applicants via email address upon request.
- Bids not received and opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- The tender validity period is 14 days.
- Selection criteria will be lowest price, technically evaluated and acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria described above.
- ICAP reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- ICAP reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
- ICAP will be contacting all those that have submitted quotes to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per ICAP procurement guidelines.

How to apply:

- Submit one application for each lot you are applying for. If a supplier is applying for two different lots, each lot should have a separate application document with supporting evidence specifically for that lot.
- Interested, eligible suppliers should email their electronic quote via email to procurement department at TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu.
- All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings.

Attention to:

The Tender Committee,
MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP,
Jangid Plaza 7th Floor – Chaburuma Road
P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania

Submission:

The deadline for the submission is 10:00am East Africa Time on 28th February 2022. All tenders should be electronically submitted to TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu. No tender fee is charged for this invitation.

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Re-Advertised: Request for Proposals

RFP Title: Printing and Distribution of MVC_MIS Tools
RFP Number: 2022-PACT/11/02
Date of Solicitation: 7th February 2022
Closing Date and Time: 15th February 2022, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Questions and Clarifications: Due by 14th February 2022

Introduction to Pact and ACHIEVE Project:

ACHIEVE aims to provide either short-term technical assistance or service delivery, which will help priority PEPFAR countries achieve and maintain HIV epidemic control among pregnant and breastfeeding (PBF) women, infants, children, and youth. To contribute to the global 95-95-95 epidemic control targets, ACHIEVE will provide comprehensive services through intensive household case management to prioritize sub-populations of OVC such as CLHIV, orphans who have lost their parents due to HIV, children whose biological parents are HIV-positive, and children of female sex workers. ACHIEVE will implement preventive interventions to reach at-risk boys and girls ages 9-14. ACHIEVE will also deliver DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe) interventions to AGYW 10-14 of age.

Pact is a promise of a better tomorrow for all those who are poor and marginalized. Working in partnership to develop local solutions that enable people to own their future, Pact helps people and communities build their own capacity to generate income, improve access to quality health services, and gain lasting benefit from the sustainable use of the natural resources around them. At work in more than 30 countries, Pact is building local promise with an integrated, adaptive approach that is shaping the future of international development. Visit us at www.pactworld.org.

The Adolescents and Children, HIV Incidence Reduction, Empowerment, and Virus Elimination (ACHIEVE) project is a five-year, USAID-funded global project to reach and sustain HIV epidemic control among pregnant and breastfeeding women, adolescents, infants, and children. ACHIEVE is implemented by Pact, in partnership with Jhpiego, Palladium, No Means No Worldwide, and WIHER. In Tanzania, the project is implemented between October 2020 to April 2024 with a focus on three key strategic objectives: 1. To strengthen the capacity of the national and community-level social services workforce, systems, and structures to ensure quality services for OVC, at-risk AGYW, and people living with HIV (PLHIV). 2. To strengthen the capacity of local organizations to manage and implement USAID/PEPFAR OVC awards as prime implementing partners. 3. To deliver high-quality OVC services and DREAMS interventions for AGYW 9-14 years.

Pact Tanzania under ACHIEVE project will procure MVC_MIS tools to support project implementation, data collection, and reporting for lead and community caseworkers who deliver services to OVC, adolescents, and their caregivers.

Overall Objective:

The overall objective of this assignment is to procure and distribute MVC_MIS tools for ACHIEVE project for 33 sites per the below list of tools to be used to support implementation, data collection, and reporting of FY 22 activities.

A. Requirement/ Scope of Work

Description of Items

Type of item for printing	Number of items	Specifications
National MVC Registration Form	3,600	Triplet (White, Yellow, Pink) and include 3 double sided page/ instructions at the beginning of the book A4 Perforated, serial number (use Letter of the form name before the serial number), perfect binding 20 forms @ book1 page @ form
National MVC Monthly Service Delivery Tracking Form	60,000	Triplet (White, Yellow, Pink) Perfect binding; include 2 pages guide instructions (double sided) at the beginning of the book. Serial number on the top (use Letter of the form name before the serial number) Legal, Perforated, 40 forms @book, 1 page @form
National MVC Referral Form	6,000	Triplet (White, Yellow, Pink) Perfect binding; include 1-page guide instructions at the beginning of the book. "Serial number on the top of the form, and the SAME serial number on the bottom part of the form. The bottom portion of slip is perforated too" Legal, 80 forms @book, 1 page @form
Screening and Enrollment	4,000	Perfect binding, A4 size, 4pages instructions (2sheets double-sided), Then forms: 1-page, single color; 70gsm bond paper with numbering; Perforated; Cover full-color 250gsm glossy, 20 forms @ book 20x1x1
Family and Child Asset Assessment	22,176	Perfect binding; A4 size; set of 8 pages instruction at the beginning of the book (4 sheets double-sided) + 5 sheets double-sided formsx10 (5x10x1) Serial number; perforated
GBV Screening	7,000	4pgs instructions (2sheets double sided) then forms 2pgs (1 sheet double sided) 100 forms @book, b/w 70ml bond paper Numbering and perforation. Cover: 250gsm gloss full color
HIV Prevention Knowledge	15,000	Perfect binding; 4 pages instructions at the beginning of the book (2 sheets double-sided) + 2 pages double-sided form (1 sheet) x 50 (1x50x1) A4 size, perforated
HIV Risks, Services and Adherence	12,152	Perfect binding; 8 pages instructions at the beginning of the book (4 sheets double-sided) + 2 pages double-sided form (1 sheet) x 50 (1x50x1) A4 size, perforated Serial number
HIV Risks Services Adherence Quarterly Monitoring Tool	40,240	Perfect binding; 6 pages instructions at the beginning of the book (3 sheets double-sided) + 2 pages double-sided form (1 sheet) x 50 (1x50x1) A4 size, perforated Serial numbers
Care plan	10,000	Triplet (White, Yellow, Pink) Legal Perforated, serial number (use Letter of the form name before the serial number), perfect binding, perforated 60 forms @ book 2 pages @form
Positive Parenting Job Aid	15,000	A4 size folded to A5, printed both sides 80gsm glossy laminated: Full colored
CCWs Job Aid	15,000	Size: A3; 1Cover Paper Type: Art Gloss; Cover Paper Weight: 170 gsm; Print Options: Both Sides; Notes: A3 folded to A4
GBV&VAC Incident Reporting Form	6,000	Triplet Ncr paper numbering with perforation 1x3x50
GBV&VAC Service	360	Duplicate Ncr paper; A2 size; numbering with perforation 1x2x50; full color

Scope of Work

The selected vendor (s) will have the following scope.

- Vendor to visit Pact office to see the sample of the tools to be procured as per the quality of the materials needed.
- Pact will review the samples submitted by the vendors regarding the samples Pact shared with the vendors and select the best vendor. This applies only to shortlisted vendors.
- Ensure a good arrangement of the document(s) before mass printing. This includes -
 - Page set up.
 - Typesetting as per the government standard format (Font style, size, line spacing, etc)
 - Align, update, and format table of content against document content and PlanRep System.
 - Align, update, and format a list of tables of figures.
 - Insertion of appropriate logos and back page.
- Obtain approval of the final arranged document(s) from Pact Tanzania in collaboration with the Government of Tanzania (If need be) upon submission of a printed sample of the guide.
- Deliver the Printed tools or guidelines to established destinations/delivery points as per the list of distribution shared by Pact Tanzania.
- A vendor should communicate any substantial alteration of the document to ACHIEVE -technical team through the Pact-Procurement team.

Interested vendors should request the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through email with the subject line "TOR for Printing and Distribution of MVC_MIS Tools" to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org before Monday, 14th February 2022.

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org with the subject line "Request for Clarification: Printing and Distribution of MVC_MIS Tools " before COB 14th February 2022.

B. Eligibility

To be considered for the award, vendors must currently be legally operating in Tanzania, and the quotation must include all of the following information:

- Ability to meet or exceed the requirements/technical specifications outlined in Section A;
- Ability to deliver the items/services specified in Section A no later than the date(s) required.

C. Submission Instructions

The following information is to be included by a vendor in the proposal:

- Draft inception report detailing methodology & timelines for providing printing services.
- Quote, valid for at least 90 days
- Current company profile.
- Delivery time (estimated work completion timeline after receiving an order).
- Quality of the work (measured on the sample submitted upon request).
- Copies of registration, certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, VAT, TIN certificates, Tax clearance certificate, and any industry-relevant license or certificate.
- Evidence of similar assignments, and at least two (2) names and addresses of client served.
- Current Audited financial statement for 2 consecutive years.
- Payment terms.

Vendors who wish to answer this RFP should send their proposals in sealed envelopes to Pact Tanzania Head Office by 15th February 2022, 11:00 am. All sealed envelopes need to be marked as: " Tender for Printing and Distribution of MVC_MIS Tools."

Office Address::
The Tender Committee
Pact Tanzania
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PACT will open all bids on 15th February 2022 at 11.30 am in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

Quotes must be in Tanzania shillings and include taxes and distribution costs separately:

- Proposals submitted through emails will not be considered.
- Quotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted
- All quotations and delivery dates shall be valid for at least 90 days following the submission as mentioned above.

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Addressing long-term impacts of Covid-19 on cancer care should be the priority

THE International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) estimates that there are 42,060 new cases of cancer per year in Tanzania, with a high mortality rate of 28,610 deaths per year, showing that many patients are diagnosed at advanced stages.

The Foundation for Cancer Care in Tanzania enhances cancer care to improve the lives of citizens of Tanzania through prevention education programs, early detection and diagnosis, treatment, and palliative care.

This is the year to question the status quo and help reduce stigma; to listen to the perspectives of the people living with cancer and their communities and let those lived experiences guide our thoughts and actions.

This World Cancer Day, as the COVID-19 pandemic enters its third year, those facing cancer are still experiencing delays in diagnosis and treatment, and continuing to struggle with feelings of anxiety, loneliness and isolation. Championing the needs of people with cancer and their caregivers has never been more important because cancer doesn't stop being a life-threatening disease during a pandemic.

People with cancer and their caregivers are feeling more anxious, lonely and isolated than ever before as they experience delays in diagnosis and treatment due to COVID-19. And these delays have life-threatening consequences: one study showed that just a 4-week delay in cancer treatment increases the risk of death by 10 per cent.

We ought to help shape the government decisions that make cancer care a priority by using our voices today.

We know that people with cancer and their loved ones need support during the pandemic. Addressing

the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on cancer care must be a priority.

Our voices are powerful and will ensure that decisions made by the government incorporate the experiences and perspectives of people facing cancer and their loved ones.

Ocean Road Cancer Institute has established and provides cancer treatment programmes in order to completely cure or significantly prolong the life of patients undergoing treatment sessions at the hospital. ORCI treatments procedures to the patients ensures the finest conceivable quality of service and care with favorably outcome...

Cancer detection or diagnosis at Ocean Road Cancer Institute is done through standardized pathological, laboratory and radio-logical process which establishes with certainty that a client has indeed been affected by cancer. The first critical step taken at ORCI in the management of cancer is to establish the diagnosis based on pathological examination.....

The Academic, Research and Consultancy Unit is a service section under the Ocean Road Cancer Institute that is responsible for training undergraduate and postgraduate students on cancer management, developing and evaluating research studies by students and other interested parties, developing teaching curricula and training programs on cancer management

Is action taken to lower the chance of getting cancer. In addition to the physical problems and emotional distress caused by cancer, the high costs of care are also a burden to patients, their families, and to the public. By preventing cancer, the number of new cases of cancer is lowered. Hopefully, this will reduce the burden of cancer and lower the number of deaths.

Ethical leadership is much more than just confronting corruption

RECONSTRUCTION and Development Programme (RDP) is a South African socio-economic policy framework implemented by the African National Congress (ANC). Africa must return to what Nelson Mandela called the 'RDP of the Soul' when he bemoaned the speed with which South Africans want to accumulate wealth instead of helping others.

Whenever Africa celebrates a significant event, such as the birth of Nelson Mandela Africa should set socio-economic goals for the continent's development. African leaders who want more from society let them make the principles that underpinned the life of Mandela - way of life, a set of ethics that will unite Africans to do the right thing all the time.

Africa needs to not make a stand over what are a set of ethics that would be embraced and advanced by all Africans. It is fair to say that each language or colour in Africa group has continued on its own way, following its version of what is ethical, without giving a thought to a common set of ethics for all.

It is time to stop this ingrained way of following different ethics for different groups. We need to make every day a Mandela Day, as well as turn each day into one that is free of violence against women, children, the elderly and men. We need to change not only for the sake of our children but for our own sake as well.

The African continent demands this of us: to choose an exemplary living, caring for others and to turn our back on a lifestyle that glitters with the rewards that a life of no ethics brings.

Africa should choose the way of Mandela, Tambo and the men and women who gave their all struggle for freedom. This should not be too difficult because each of the world's major religions and many people's groups

follows its own version of the Golden Rule that says, "do unto others".

In South Africa they have the concept of Ubuntu: a person is a person through other people. Accepting a life filled with common South African ethics is a choice all Africans have to make and follow. It's not a choice that the governments can make for Africa: it's a personal one that if welcomed into our midst by the majority will change our African governments. In the ANC this approach is encapsulated in the document called Through the Eye of a Needle which states that: "As a movement for fundamental change, the ANC regularly has to elect leaders at various levels who are equal to the challenge of each phase of struggle."

In South Africa to become an ANC leader is not an entitlement. It is not an easy process attached merely to status. It is informed first and foremost by the desire and commitment to serve the people, and a track record appreciated by ANC members and communities alike. Those in leadership positions unite and guide the movement to be at the head of the process of change. They lead the movement in its mission to organise and inspire the masses to be their own liberators.

Africa should lead the task of governance with diligence. And, together, Africa should reflect continuity of a revolutionary tradition and renewal which sustains the development in the long term Africa have not always been faithful to these dictates. Evidence delivered at the Zondo Commission into State Capture might have been riveting, salacious, disgusting to some. But to many of African governments are distressing and a necessary process that shows how much African governments have wandered from the principles enunciated in Through the Eye of a Needle.

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Reasons for optimism for the media around the world



By Special Correspondent

WHY write about "reasons for optimism" when so much is going wrong in our politics, economy and environment? Optimism gives us confidence that we can make things better. As I like to say, it's another day of opportunity.

Quality journalism takes time - and is expensive. It requires a subsidy. The advertising subsidy is gone, so we have to look elsewhere.

In the world of journalism business models, where there is extreme uncertainty, we have to embrace experimentation and innovation. We need to make incremental improvements rather than looking for big major solutions. We have to keep plugging away.

That's why I am inspired by what journalists are doing around the world. Joyce Barnathan, the outgoing president of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists (ICJ), captured this spirit in her recent farewell message.

She acknowledged that things are bleak, that journalists and media organisations are under attack around the world, and that misinformation campaigns flood our news feeds.

However, she added: "I have never been one for gloom or doom. I urge us all not to give in to dark scenarios. When I look back, I also see tremendous progress."

She elaborated: "In a pandemic with rampant disinformation, often perpetuated by top leaders, many people came to appreciate trustworthy journalism, which is needed to keep us informed, to help us make smart decisions, to hold our officials to account..."

"When I look at the work of journalists in our global network, I feel optimistic. I see that investigative journalism is strong, despite dire predictions of its collapse when I first started at ICJ in 2006."

"In the US we have seen the rise of distinguished nonprofit journalism groups such as ProPublica and the Marshall Project."

"Witness, too, the phenomenal investigations by our international partners, the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project in Eastern Europe and Connectas in Latin America, among others."

Rebuilding journalism, from the ground up

Let me add my own note of optimism. Small

media startups are filling the gaps left by large media organisations that cut staff, coverage and quality to protect profit margins.

Much of the innovation in journalism has come from the bottom up. True, some established media brands have found new ways to produce quality journalism that are less dependent on advertising. But many bold innovations are percolating up from below.

I have been tracking media startups for the past decade. In May I presented a paper entitled: 'Collaboration, not competition: the new global business model for public-service journalism'.

The paper identifies a dozen collaborative projects among 5,000 media organisations in more than 100 countries. In various ways, all of them are focused on finding new ways to achieve sustainable models for producing quality journalism.

The members of these organisations share resources for training, news production, distribution and administration. This reduces costs and accelerates innovation.

Some of the best-known of these collaborations are the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, which produced the Pandora Papers; the Institute for Nonprofit News, with 350 media members; the European Journalism Centre, with training materials in 15 languages; and the Solutions Journalism Network, with 177 members in 13 countries.

The biggest need: investment

Rasmus Kleis Nielsen is director of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, which produces the annual Digital News Report on more than 40 countries. He would be more optimistic if he saw more cash investment from the publishing in-

dustry.

In his 2022 forecast written for Nieman Lab, he pointed out that the publishing and broadcasting industries in OECD countries made pitifully small investments in research and development compared to other industries.

Invest in tools and talent, he urged, adding: "If the global newspaper industry alone invested just 5 per cent of revenues in R&D and 2 per cent in formal training, which are the industry averages for the global policy forum, that would be billions of dollars dedicated to figuring out the future."

Realistically, the journalism industry fell so far so fast that it will take a long time for it to bounce back. The Poynter Institute's Kristen Hare has reported on hundreds of newspaper closings in the past two years. Balanced against that, she found more than 50 local newsrooms that launched during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Another nonprofit optimist

In another Nieman Lab forecast, Lenfest Institute for Journalism CEO Jim Friedrich saw signs that nonprofit journalism was "finally building scale". He cited examples of media initiatives designed to replace local coverage lost in Baltimore, Chicago, Pennsylvania and Texas.

He wrote: "In 2022 and beyond we will see more serious business funding for nonprofit news, more M&A activity, and greater use of commercial business models."

"We will see deep-pocketed funding for nonprofits - including women and enterprises led by BIPOC, meaning Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour. There will be acquisitions and alliances by nimble public radio stations. Commercial local news properties will convert to nonprofit control or will seek more significant philanthropic support."

I tend to share Friedrich's optimism. Most of the grass-roots efforts get little coverage, while we see plenty written about the vulture capitalism ruining the quality of local journalism.

On the positive side, we have some recent news items, one being that the Solutions Journalism Network has launched the Advancing Democracy Project with eight reporting projects in ten newsrooms across the United States.

The Nieman Lab (thanks again) has meanwhile alerted us to how the Salt Lake Tribune went from hedge fund ownership to nonprofit status and financial stability.

Publishers have been having success in their transition to digital subscriptions and away from advertising, as reported in What's New in Publishing.

American Journalism Project and Google News Initiative announced a partnership to develop an incubation program out to support news startups.

And the tireless Damian Radcliffe studied revenue streams for media and found "50 ways to make media pay".

I confess to being optimistic, cautiously so. If we become pessimistic, we might see any of our own efforts as pointless, futile and a waste of time and energy.

Harassment of journalists

So I keep looking for examples of people who are producing quality news products, in spite of all the forces deployed against them. Some people call optimists "cockeyed", but I like to think of them as visionary. I see them as future friends and collaborators.

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START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

Attempts to ban mitumba which ended careers of politicians

JAMBO for the week and I wonder if you're wearing new 'shop-bought goodies' or mitumba to adorn your body but probably the latter. Although things are moving fast, today's subject is one that won't go away.

Some years ago, EAC leaders met in Arusha and announced their plans for member states to ban imported used clothes and footwear by 2019 in a bid to revive their textile and shoe industries. This must have caused alarm to loyal mitumba customers who possibly hoped the directive might lose momentum and be forgotten.

But bad luck for them, the momentum had been maintained and recently, a Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, speaking at the opening of a tailoring unit in a Dar es Salaam garment company, said: "we are determined to end second hand clothes and shoe imports." The leader added that this was in line with the government's industrialisation plans.

Former Kenyan President the late Daniel arap Moi had the same idea whilst in office but backed down under a barrage of opposition during a meeting when silence was the only response to the question "who is not wearing something secondhand here?" Significantly, it was the Kenyans who were most critical of the last ban attempt.

Even further back, Malawian politician Chakufwa Chihana also ran foul of people power when the same misguided wish to ban imported used clothes lost him valuable votes in an election.

As far back as 2020, then Minister for Industry and Commerce Juma Ngasongwana announced that he wanted to stop the used clothes business, a statement that was either foolhardy or brave but either way, was possible political suicide for many who tried it.

If minister Ngasongwana had been successful, he would have gone down in history as the man who made the nation to once again don the shredded rags that were common before used clothes gave dignity to the people.

But why did the highly structured, over staffed, and often loss making stateowned clothe factories and trading organisations of the past never achieved so much? In fact, as I've written before, I'm surprised that the government didn't nationalise the whole lucrative mtumba trade and take credit for it!

For, had they done so, with their poor record in business management, the trade would have gradually collapsed and shut down naturally. This would mean that when finally complying with the unpopular EAC directive, they could without blame still keep faith with the people, as they wouldn't really be banning their beloved mitumba, if there was nothing left to ban...if you see what I mean...clever eh?

OK, the last two paragraphs were a joke but let's move on and ask a serious question: Would outlawing used clothes really assist the local textile industry when the two fulfil different needs?



A second-hand clothing market in Tanzania. Since the large importation of used clothes started in the country in the mid eighties, many citizens have been well dressed. Though operating for a profit, this is a trade that has done more for the people in terms of strengthening their purchasing power than many projects designed to reduce poverty in developing nations. File Photo

Mitumba would naturally decline if the locally-revived industries offered new affordable clothes. But under the current circumstance, second hand should continue to fill the void...indefinitely, or run parallel to the local industries.

A few years ago, an official with the Ministry of Industry and Trade said the newly-established garment factory at the Export Processing Zone in Dar es Salaam was capable of providing employment to 14,000 people but at the time he spoke had only 3,000 workers, leaving a vacancy of 11,000 skilled workers.

I didn't dispute those figures but wondered why more unskilled staff couldn't have been trained long before the EAC ban, which we all knew was coming.

There are vast quantities of fabrics and other materials coming here from many parts of the world and much of the locally worn khangas are made in India, the Far East and elsewhere with the garment market dominated and flooded with Chinese products.

But the most spurious reason of all over the years from critics was that wearing used garments reduced dignity and self respect

when in fact it greatly enhances both, and I feel very dignified in my 500/- jacket I bought at Kawe market!

In Britain, buying secondhand is usually unrelated to monetary status or one's purchasing power and has become an entertainment industry in itself. Apart from second-hand shops everywhere, there are large street markets selling used goods of all descriptions which are ranked as tourist attractions and pull in thousands of people.

Significantly, buyers usually boast how little and not how much they've paid for an item;

being proud of their ingenuity in getting a bargain and nothing to do with a lack of funds! Exercising their own ingenuity, clever locals have long ago realised that in a country awash with sub-standard trash from the sub-continent that don't last, mitumba which last longer seem to be the real deal.

The first attempted ban against the second hand clothes trade gave me an excuse for a good head line of 'knickerless times ahead' but at least they didn't say used undies were affecting underwear production because as we all know, the nation's knickers are mostly

East African oil pipeline set to unlock region as major producer

KAMPALA

CHINA National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) and France's TotalEnergies on Feb. 1 made a final commitment to invest 10 billion U.S. dollars in Uganda's oil sector over the next four years. First oil is expected in 2025, signalling Uganda as a major oil producer in the East African region.

The land locked country is set to having two major facilities, a refinery and an export crude oil pipeline to evacuate the oil from the wells in the western part of the country to the international market through the Tanzanian seaport of Tanga.

Uganda's petroleum deposits discovered so far are estimated at 6.5 billion barrels, of which 1.4 billion barrels are considered recoverable.

For now, major focus is put on the construction of the 1,445-km pipeline estimated to cost 3.55 billion dollars. It will be the world's longest heated pipeline due to the viscosity properties of the oil. The oil has to be heated in order for it to flow.

The construction phase of the pipeline according to authorities both in Uganda and Tanzania has many fringe benefits for both countries and most especially the communities along the passage of the facility.

Uganda's ministry of Energy and Mineral Development says about 160,000 jobs will be created during the construction phase of the project. Several other services like supply of food, accommodation, transportation among others will increase the incomes and thus improving livelihoods.

Land owners and land users who will be affected by the passage of the pipeline will have a choice to receive monetary compensation or be relocated, according to TotalEnergies.

Tanzanian Vice President Philip Isdor Mpango, at the Feb. 1 announcement of the oil companies made here, also argued that the multiplier effect from the project will spur regional growth.

The project, during the construction phase, is expected to increase Foreign Direct Investment in Uganda and Tanzania by over 60 percent, according to ministry figures.

The pipeline will transport 216,000 barrels of oil per day at peak production, according to government figures here. Matia Kasajja, Uganda's finance minister told Xinhua in a



recent interview that both Uganda and Tanzania, and the oil companies have an agreement on the sharing of the revenues got from the crude oil. He argued that for Uganda, the revenues that the country will get from the share are ring-fenced.

He said no monies would be spent without authorization from Parliament, which has an oversight role. Kasajja said the revenues will be used largely for infrastructure development and debt settlement.

Ugandan President Museveni said there is a possibility of also using the passage of the pipeline to construct a gas pipeline from Tanzania to the hinterland where other

countries can use it.

Tanzania has an estimated 57 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves, according to the energy ministry. In 2018, Uganda and Tanzania signed an agreement for the construction of a natural gas pipeline, months after the construction of the crude oil pipeline was agreed to by both countries.

Museveni also said that neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and South Sudan, when they start commercial exploitation of their oil reserves, can use both Uganda's refinery and the crude oil pipeline.

Experts say that the oil blocks on the western side of Lake Albert, which is shared by

DRC and Uganda, are geologically similar with those on the eastern side of the lake which is in Uganda.

Uganda is committed to environmentally sustainable ways of oil production in line with its commitment to stop climate change, according to Ruth Nankabirwa, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development.

The country, according to the minister has enacted the necessary environmental laws

that the oil companies must comply with when carrying out oil activities.

Some of the project are ecologically sensitive. Both CNOOC and TotalEnergies, have committed to developing the oil fields in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner. According to the oil companies, the route of the pipeline, dubbed East African Crude Oil Pipeline, has been designed to minimize its environmental impact.

Careful attention was paid to watercourses, and horizontal drilling will be used for the most sensitive case. The pipeline will be buried to minimize impact on the environment, with some facilities above the ground, designed to ensure minimal environmental and social impact, according to the energy ministry.

According to the energy ministry, Uganda will not flare its gas but instead turn it into a productive resource.

How Malusi Gigaba sold South Africa for a song

By Ray Mahlaka

IN his first budget speech in February 2018 as the newly appointed finance minister, Malusi Gigaba drew inspiration from American rapper and poet Kendrick Lamar to allay the public's growing concerns that the Jacob Zuma administration had backed South Africa into a daunting fiscal and economic crisis.

"As urban poet Kendrick Lamar says: 'We gon' be right, we gon' be alright,'" Gigaba exclaimed, looking smug and throwing in some humorous hand gestures. Except, it was no laughing matter as South Africa - with the benefit of hindsight - hasn't been "alright" since then.

His budget speech slapped the nation with a one percentage point increase in value-added tax to 15% (a first since 1994), making life more expensive for the poor, unemployed and forgotten. Gigaba preached reining in government spending to save money but provided taxpayer-funded financial assistance to struggling state-owned enterprises (SOEs), mainly Eskom and SAA.

At the time of his budget speech, Gigaba had never been asked to account for appointing Gupta-linked individuals in senior roles at SOEs including Transnet, Eskom, Denel and SAA while he was the public enterprises minister from 1 November 2010 to 25 May 2014.

During a Morning Live interview the day after his budget speech, Gigaba attempted a mea culpa for appointing ethically compromised individuals such as Brian Molefe and Anoj Singh (the pair were first at Transnet, then moved to Eskom), Dudu Myeni (SAA), Siyabonga Gama (Transnet), Gupta family ally Iqbal Sharma (Transnet) - just to name a few. But the mea culpa was hollow and fell flat. "If I'd known then some of the things I know now, I would have done some things differently," Gigaba admitted during the interview. "It was a good decision to bring more black professionals into SOEs."

Enter Judge Zondo

With the recently published second report into State Capture by Acting Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, Gigaba can no longer dodge accountability. The Zondo Commission report has ripped into Gigaba, revealing that he was a pivotal character in the spiderweb of SOEs being caught up in State Capture during Zuma's nine-year administration.

In the large universe of SOEs (there are about 700 in South Africa), the Zondo Commission's first two reports have so far focused on Gigaba's skulduggery at just two entities: Transnet and Denel. The upcoming third and final instalment of the report is expected to be the mother of all, examining the capture of Eskom and Prasa - entities whose affairs were under Gigaba's watch.

In the Zondo Commission's second report, Gigaba's role in the State Capture project was to weaken the governance structures of Transnet and Denel by appointing executives and board members who were closely aligned with Zuma, members of the Gupta family and their business associates. The focus was also to enrich politically connected individuals through lucrative contracts.

The Zondo Commission's report doesn't offer new information and evidence about the capture of Transnet and Denel, as the high-level corruption has already been unveiled by investigative journalists. But the report provides insights into the anatomy of State Capture, how it initially started and how it took a network of pliable individuals in the public and private sectors for it to fester.

Early attempts to capture Transnet

The early hallmarks of State Capture started after Zuma was first elected as South Africa's president in 2009.

In his first Cabinet, Zuma chose Barbara Hogan as the public enterprises minister. On Hogan's to-do list was searching for a Transnet group CEO after Maria Ramos resigned shortly after Zuma ascended into the Union Buildings. Hogan testified at the Zondo Commission in 2018 that Zuma was invested in the appointment of Ramos's successor and often interfered in the process. This was unusual, as Zuma had other pressing matters to tend to, like setting out his vision for the country as the newly elected president. After a lengthy search, Pravin Gordhan emerged as a frontrunner for the Transnet CEO job but withdrew his candidacy because Zuma had plans to appoint him in his Cabinet as the finance minister.

With Gordhan out of the way, Zuma put pressure on Hogan to appoint Siyabonga Gama as the Transnet group CEO because he was an insider at the SOE, leading its freight rail division since 2005.

But Hogan was opposed to promoting Gama because he faced a corruption investigation relating to Transnet's procurement of security services from General Nyanda Security Risk Advisory Services, a firm linked to former communications minister Siphwe Nyanda. The investigation found that there was a case of misconduct against Gama.



Malusi Gigaba, South Africa's Finance minister

Despite this, Zuma still insisted that Hogan should hire Gama, but she refused. For not acceding to Zuma's demand, Hogan was fired as the public enterprises minister - a job she held for more than a year.

Gigaba's web of compromised SOE appointments

In November 2010, Hogan was replaced by Gigaba, whom the Zondo Commission found had a close relationship with Zuma and members of the Gupta family that started in the early 2000s when he was the president of the ANC Youth League.

Gama was eventually appointed as the Transnet group CEO after Gigaba became the public enterprises minister. His time at Transnet was chaotic for the company because he was fired then rehired after facing more allegations of corruption.

There are more instances in which Gigaba bent to the will of Zuma and the Guptas by appointing compromised individuals at Transnet. The process of appointing Molefe as the Transnet CEO in February 2011 was sullied from the start: he was hand-picked by Gigaba, who overlooked a more suitable and qualified Dr Mandla Gantscho for the top job.

Part one of the Zondo Commission report found that, during the interview process, Gantscho scored higher points than Molefe, making the former a frontrunner for the Transnet CEO position. But Gigaba snubbed Gantscho because "he knew that Mr Molefe was the candidate that the Guptas wanted to be appointed to that position", the Zondo Commission found.

Beyond the Transnet executive leadership level, Gigaba also intervened in board appointments. In November 2010, he hand-picked candidates for the new Transnet board to include Iqbal Sharma, who in 2012/14 was the business partner of Gupta associate Salim Essa. Sharma was later promoted to control Transnet's bid adjudication committee, the nerve centre of procurement processes at SOEs.

With compromised individuals firmly placed at Transnet's executive leadership and board level, corrupt schemes ensued. When Gigaba was the sole shareholder of Transnet as the public enterprises minister from 1 November 2010 to 25 May 2014, he oversaw the company's multibillion-rand programme to procure electric and diesel locomotives.

Transnet's wide-ranging freight, rail and logistics operations are important for SA's economy, as its locomotives move everything from coal to steel across the country and neighbouring countries. From 2011, Transnet wanted to modernise its fleet of locomotives and ended up procuring 1,064 from Chinese manufacturers - the planned cost of which swelled from R38-billion to R54-billion. But the locomotives programme became a kickbacks scheme, with Molefe, Singh, Gama, Essa and others unlawfully benefiting from it.

Gigaba responds

DMI68 couldn't reach Gigaba for comment after the release of the second part of the report. But Gigaba has been vocal about the report, trashing Judge Zondo, the entire Zondo Commission and its adverse findings against him.

"[Three] years and R1-billion later [the duration and cost of the Zondo Commission], DCJ Raymond Zondo has found NO evidence to warrant a recommendation that I be charged with corruption. Instead of clearing me, he asks that I be investigated some more in the hope that this will kill me, politically. If only he and his handlers knew!" Gigaba tweeted.

Arguably, this is an incorrect interpretation of the Zondo Commission report.

Zondo has repeatedly noted that the referral of allegations of wrongdoing for prosecution or further investigation may be made on the basis that there are reasonable prospects that evidence can be corroborated. In other words, any evidence that can be corroborated can potentially be used to prosecute Gigaba.

The Zondo Commission found that Gigaba was a regular visitor to the Gupta family's compound in Saxonwold, where he discussed the affairs of SOEs such as board appointments and channelling Transnet and Denel contracts to entities linked to the family.

For his hard work, Gigaba's driver, known to the Zondo Commission as "witness three", testified that Gigaba would always carry a "travel bag full of bundles of R200 notes". "Witness three" suspected that the money came from the Gupta family. Gigaba's estranged wife, Norma Mngoma, also corroborated

the version of events of "witness three", adding that the Gupta family would often bankroll Gigaba's penchant for expensive suits, fine dining and travel for leisure.

Law enforcement authorities have been asked to investigate Gigaba criminally for the cash payments from the Gupta family under the 2004 Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.

No redemption for SOEs

Dr Iraj Abedian, a senior economist, says, if Gigaba and other State Capture enablers had not occupied their senior positions for greed, they could have used SOEs to make a meaningful contribution to the economy and made a dent in stubborn unemployment and inequality levels. "After all, SOEs have huge capital and investment budgets. If used the right way, they can make a big difference to society," he tells DMI68.

Since 2003, the government has embraced a developmental statement model to use SOEs to grow and further industrialise the economy, and create jobs. This delivered tangible results as the economy grew by 5% by 2007 and the official unemployment rate hovered around 26%. Today, SOEs are collapsing, they have added to the more than 35% unemployment rate and they depend on taxpayer-funded bailouts for survival. DMI68's calculations show that SOEs, mainly Eskom, SAA and SA Express, received bailouts amounting to R92.2-billion during the Zuma years.

Political analyst Dr Ralph Mathekga says the problem is that corruption is entrenched and built into every sphere of SOE and state organs and the ANC, adding that they are too far gone to be used for good. **DMI68**

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Covid-19 pandemic not slowing down Zanzibar tourism - govt

By Special Correspondent

THE global COVID-19 pandemic has scared away tourists and caused the closure of most tourist hotspots across the world with adverse economic impacts to airlines, hotels, tour operators, and all other stakeholders in tourist industry.

Zanzibar, the Indian Ocean island holiday paradise in the country of Tanzania, adapted and stayed open, with its tourism getting on and attracting tourists from Europe and the United States of America, apart from other parts of the world.

The island has taken a determined stance through the pandemic. During the first winter of the coronavirus outbreak in January to March 2021, some 142,263 tourists visited the island, entry data shows.

Much of life in Zanzibar has returned to normal.

Many hotels are fully booked. With tropical temperatures around 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit), much of life in Zanzibar takes place outdoors, from picnics to strolling around the old town or taking a tour

of spice farms.

Tourists in Zanzibar can buy home-made soaps made of seaweed in souvenir shops, listen to bands playing at beach clubs, or watch the sunset with a cool glass of wine on the terraces of historic Arab-Indian trading palaces.

Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi said his government intends to further promote investment by including the leasing of small islands of Zanzibar into development of high-end economic activities in a need for diversification to attract very high-end investors. The government had leased 8 small islands to high-end strategic investors late in December 2021 then gained \$261.5 million through lease acquisition costs.

President Mwinyi said the islands were idle then, denying Zanzibar millions of dollars through rent and taxes from investments developed in those islands. Zanzibar has about 53 small islands (islets) earmarked for tourism development and other marine-based investments.

The island has adopted the Blue Economy policy targeting development of marine resources with beach



and heritage tourism part of the envisaged Blue Economy policy.

"We are focusing on preserving the Stone Town and other heritage sites to attract more tourists. This move

will be in line with improving sports tourism, including golfing, conference and exhibition tourism," Dr Mwinyi said. The Government of Zanzibar had intended to increase the number

of tourists from the 500,000 recorded before the COVID-19 pandemic to one million this year, he said.

Focusing to become a business hub in the Indian Ocean's Eastern Rim,

Zanzibar is now targeting to tap services industry and marine resources to achieve its envisaged Blue Economy under its new 'Development Vision 2050.'

TCB comes up with branch in Kigamboni District

By Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) has increased its profits from less than 1bn/- to over 20bn/- over the past few years.

This has been attributed to transformation of the financial institution through its strategic plan during the past ten years.

Speaking during the launch of TCB branch in Kigamboni recently, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the bank, Sabasaba Moshingi, said the institution has expanded its network of branches from just 32 to 82 countrywide.

"TCB features on the list of ten biggest banks in the country and is also among the top seven

profit making financial institutions in the country. During the past ten years our balance sheet has grown from 200bn/- to over 1trn/-," he explained.

Through a special window dubbed 'Tabasamu' which is dedicated for women, the bank has disbursed credit facilities amounting to 127bn/-, according to the CEO.

Moshingi noted further that the workforce of the bank has also grown from 400 to 1,100 employees over its branches countrywide.

Speaking shortly after launching the branch, Kigamboni District Commissioner, Fatma Nyangasa, wooed more banks and investors to explore vast business and investment oppor-

tunities in the district.

"Kigamboni district is growing very fast and there are many opportunities investors and business people. At present there are about 27 large investors, 7,500 medium-scale and 23,000 small-scale business persons," she said.

She added that "During the last population census of 2002

Kigamboni had a population of about 100,000 people but the number is expected to grow to over 500,000 people."

She urged the banks to create awareness among traders and women entrepreneurs on how they can use banking services to improve their businesses.

TCB is among the oldest banks in Tanzania having been

established in the year 1925 then known as Tanzania Postal Bank (TPB).

The government owned bank was then merged with other banks to establish TCB. The then TPB was merged with Tanzania Women's Bank (TWB), Tanzania Investment Bank (TIB) and Twiga Bank.

Kenya ahead in war against malaria, using world's first vaccine on the deadly disease

NAIROBI

MORE than 100,000 children in malaria-endemic western Kenya have received the new vaccine against the disease, which kills 260,000 children under five every year in sub-Saharan Africa.

A pilot programme has been rolling out the groundbreaking drug - which was 30 years in the making - in Kenya, Ghana and Malawi since 2019.

It was approved for broad use for children in sub-Saharan Africa and other at-risk regions by the World Health Organization (WHO) in October last year.

When offered the chance to protect her children with the world's first vaccine against the deadly parasitic disease, Akinyi jumped at the chance.

For Akinyi and her extended family, the vaccine has worked wonders.

She would always place mosquito nets over her children while they slept, but despite her best efforts they would still get bitten outside while playing.

"We used to have a lot of malaria in our home. We could be at the hospital three times in a month," Akinyi said.

But none of her children have tested positive for malaria since being vaccinated, she said, bringing her great comfort living in a region where the disease is a major killer.

"We are very happy because none of our children are sick," Akinyi said.

Her sister-in-law, Millicent AkothOyoya, decided to get her own children jabbed after seeing the benefit it brought her nieces and nephews.

"When she (Akinyi) had her youngest vaccinated, that baby never got malaria," Oyoya said at a clinic as she waited to get her nine-month-

old boy vaccinated in the Lake Victoria region. "So I decided to bring mine too so that he would be malaria free."

Health clinics in western Kenya - where paediatric wards full of children sickened by malaria are not uncommon - are starting to see results.

Admissions for malaria are falling, as is the severity of symptoms.

"Since we started administering the malaria vaccine in September 2019, we have seen a reduction of the cases of malaria," said Elsa Swerua, head nurse for malaria at Akala Health Centre in Siaya County.

"Even the children who get malaria, it is not severe, and the number of deaths out of malaria has also gone down."

Less malaria - the same person can suffer many episodes of the disease every year - means fewer trips to the hospital, a boon for families who struggle to pay for treatment again and again.

"Before the vaccine... we would spend a lot of money on treatment and buying and going to the hospital. The cost was high," Akinyi said.

Now, there is more money to go around for food and other essentials, she said.

Dr Simon Kariuki, chief research officer at the Kenya Medical Research Institute, and a leading expert on malaria, said the vaccine was a game changer.

"We showed that this vaccine is safe, and can be given to young African children who bare the higher burden of malaria," he said.

The pilot trial had shown the vaccine could "reduce malaria incidents in young children in these areas by almost 40 percent", he said.

The WHO has recommended that the vaccine be administered in a four-dose regimen for children from five months of age in areas with moderate to high transmission of malaria.



Small-scale farmers in 17 regions turn to commercial farming

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

A GOOD number of small-scale farmers in 17 regions have turned to commercial farming after intensive awareness created by the ministry of Agriculture, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for agriculture, Anthony Mavunde said in recent years the government in collaboration with stakeholders

invested heavily in educating and changing farmers' mindsets on smart farming for them to reap big from the sector.

He mentioned the regions where farmers upgraded to commercial farming as Mwanza, Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Mara, Tabora, Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Pwani, Mtwara, Lindi, and some part of Arusha, Ruvuma, Mbeya, Songwe, and

Iringa.

Mavunde made the statement in the Parliament when reacting to a question posed by Special-Seat MP Shally Raymond (CCM) who wanted to know regions leading in campaigns to transform farmers from engaging in small scale farming to commercial farming.

The deputy minister explained that the national cam-

paign for commercial agriculture started for promoting crops with a nature of commercial crops such as cotton, cashew-nuts, coffee, tea, tobacco and sisal. The advocacy was done from the level of Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society (AMCOS).

He said the regions which cultivate commercial crops are those which were lagging be-

hind in implementing the concept of commercial farming, which include Rukwa, Katavi, Kigoma, Dodoma, Singida, Morogoro, Manyara and Njombe. The major crops grown in these regions are cereals and those for producing edible oil for ensuring food security in the country, he said.

He said the agriculture of-

ficers provided education to farmers in those regions upon which they transformed to commercial farmers.

The Agricultural Sector Development Strategy, which is important guiding tool for implementation of the sectoral policies for the next ten years (2015/16 - 2024/25), intends to operationalizing transformation of the agricultural sector into modern, commercial,

highly productive, resilient, competitive in the national and international market which leads to achieving food security and poverty reduction, contributing to realization of Tanzania Development Vision 2025 (TDV) that envisages raising the general standard of living of Tanzanians to the level of a typical medium-income developing country by 2025.

BUSINESS

UBA eyes more financing to spur financial inclusion

By Mary Kadoke and Carlos Banda

The United Bank for Africa (UBA) has said that it will continue to work in partnership with the government in the area of projects financing to ensure robust economic growth.

This will also include offering affordable and reliable financial services to Tanzanian businesses and individuals, to spur financial inclusion.

Underlining its initial partnership on several government projects including energy, Tanzania's UBA managing director, Gbenga Makinde said the bank was ready to serve where there will be financing demands.

Makinde made the remarks during his official tour at The Guardian Limited, publishers of The Guardian and Nipasha newspapers on Friday.

He said as one of the financier of 2,100Megawatt Mwalimu Nyerere Hydro power dam, UBA Bank was ready to increase more financing in other infrastructure projects the



government was embarking on.

The United Bank for Africa Tanzania Limited has so far extended a total of \$400 million (nearly 900bn/-) financial instrument to Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project.

In 2020, the bank opened ultra-modern Rufiji branch at the dam site to offer full banking services to contractors, staff and the general public at the Julius Nyerere Hydropower project under construction.

The branch has variety of digital products and services including secure and convenient bills payment and online transactions, an

indication of the bank's commitment to the project and support for the government's infrastructure development.

"As a Pan African bank, we want to play a major leading role in supporting the government as we are embarking on spreading our presence on other regions and districts, and this partnership with the government fit on the long term," he said.

The MD said in order to promote financial inclusion further, the bank will continue to extend its presence through physical and digital channels to meet customer's demands and business growth.

He also enlightened on cluster marketing as an approach in fairing the high lending rates, which has remained the major challenge for borrowers in the country.

"We are huge in consumer lending and our rates are pretty very competitive and the way we approach this is through cluster marketing," he noted.

"Cluster marketing is where we have government establishment, employee of government parastatals and cooperate establishment that come on UBA consumer banking platform to enjoy funding and financing consumer loans at a very good rate," he intoned.

He stressed that UBA will strive into making sure its services are provided to the population in a manner that will modernise the standard of living of Tanzanians.

The United Bank for Africa (UBA) is a pan-African financial institution, offering banking services to more than 21 million customers, across over 1,000 business offices and customer touch-points, in 20 African countries

Foreign investors dominate trading activity at DSE in Q1

By Guardian Reporter

Foreign investors bought more shares at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) than locals during the first five weeks of the first quarter, of which many were sold by local investors.

The DSE market reports have shown a total turnover

of 14.8bn/- have so far been recorded since January to February 2, of which 11.3bn/- injected by foreign investors through buying and 5.9bn/- in selling.

Analysts are forecasting increased trading activities during ongoing quarter ending March than the fourth quarter of last year whereby

a total turnover of 17.06bn/- were recorded, of which foreign investors accounted for 76% of shares buying and 40% of shares selling.

The DSE report shows local investors accounted for 59.63% of the value of shares sold between January-February 4, 2022 and 23.36% of the value of shares bought.

Top movers during the reviewed period were CRDB, DSE, JATU, NICO, NMB, Swissport, TBL, Tanga Cement Company (TCCL) and Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCCL).

During the first quarter of last year, DSE report recorded a total turnover of 23.2bn/- of

which 8.69bn/- were injected by foreign investors, through buying and 11.2bn/- through selling.

Local investors accounted for 62% of the value of buying and 51% of the value of share selling, which indicated that locals bought some shares from foreign investor than what foreign investors sold by both local and foreign investors.

Tanzania Share Index which measures the performance of local companies also increased to 3,692.15 points on February 4, higher than 3,484.53 points recorded on December 31 this year, as number of companies recorded share gains.

Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange Shares Index (DSEI) also moved up to 1,935.29 points on February 4 this year, higher than 1,816.88 points recorded during the closing day of last year.

Industrial and Allied (IA) share index, which measured the performance of industrial companies also gained to 4,970.63 points from 4,823.24 points while Banks, Finance and Investment (BI) index jumped to 2,815.45 points from 2,330.32.

This happened when Kenya Airways suspended from trading shares at DSE from January 6 this year as per rule 57(1) and (2) of the DSE rules 2016.

On January 6, the Nairobi Securities Exchange has issued a notice on the extension of the suspension from trading of the Kenya Airways Plc Shares for twelve months citing uncertainty in the expected government bailout on the airline.

KQ shares were initially suspended from trading on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) in July 2020 after parliamentarians began to review the law that will pave the way for the government to take back full control of the airline.

Tesla for recall of 817,000 vehicles owing to seat belt alert, says agency

SAN FRANCISCO

TESLA is issuing a safety recall of more than 817,000 vehicles over faulty seat-belt chimes, according to the top U.S. auto safety regulator, the second recall to come to light in a week.

The electric automaker will remotely update 817,143 vehicles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said, after an issue where its seat-belt chimes go quiet on subsequent drives after having previously been interrupted – for example, when a driver exits the vehicle as the chime sounds.

"The audible chime may not activate when the vehicle starts and the driver has not buckled their seat belt," NHTSA wrote in an issue summary. The agency said the issue puts Tesla out of compliance with "occupant crash protection" requirements of federal auto safety regulations.

"The driver may be unaware that their seat belt is not fastened, increasing the risk of injury during a crash," wrote NHTSA official Alex Ansley, in a letter to Tesla describing the issue.

Tesla will recall more than 50,000 vehicles over software's 'rolling-stop' feature

Tesla said a software release will address the issue over-the-air in February, meaning owners will not be required to bring their vehicles

in for service to satisfy the recall requirements.

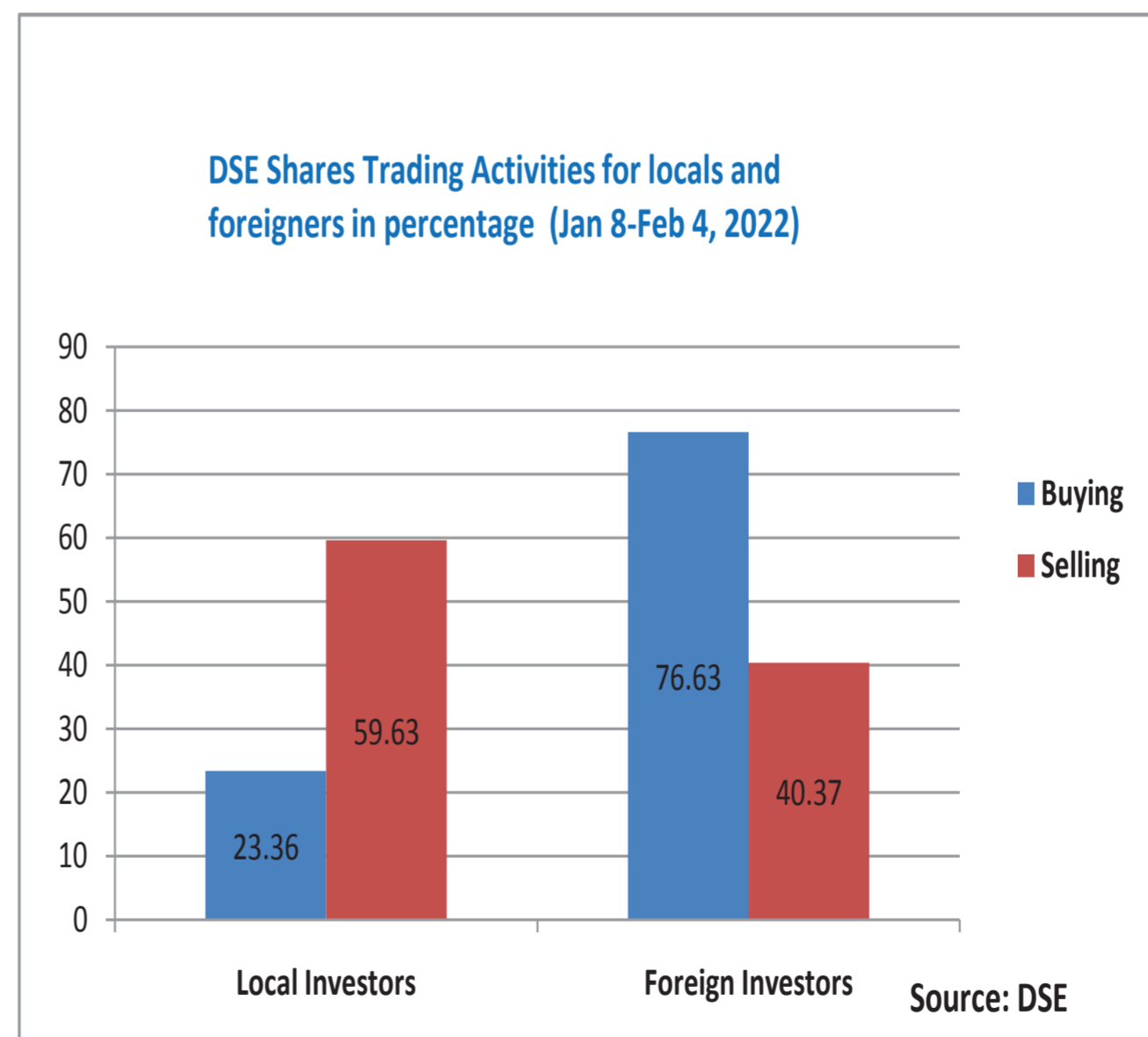
Tesla is one of few automakers that make extensive changes to the way their vehicles operate using over-the-air software updates.

The capability has occasionally landed it in trouble with regulators because it failed to notify them of changes that would otherwise be made through the recall process.

Tesla did respond to a request for comment. NHTSA spokeswoman Lucia Sanchez said the agency aims to ensure companies file necessary recalls – even if the fix can be initiated through a software update.

"As required, Tesla filed a recall with NHTSA to address an issue with its seatbelt chimes," she said. "NHTSA is committed to holding manufacturers accountable and ensuring they are meeting their requirements to initiate a recall for any repair, including a software update, that remedies an unreasonable risk to safety, or a failure to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards."

In October, NHTSA called out Tesla over a failure to issue a formal recall when it issued a software update that allowed its cars to better see parked emergency vehicles in low light. Since then, Tesla has issued a steady stream of recall notices.



Cocoa price slows down at commodity exchange market

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

COCOA farmers earned less income in December last year than during the previous month following the slowdown of the commodity price at the Tanzania Mercantile Exchange (TMX) market.

The TMX market report shows the price of one kilo of cocoa closed at

4,491/- per kilo in December last year from 5,259/- per kilo recorded during an opening auction in November, a decrease of 748/-.

All cocoa auctioned through the TMX was supplied by Mhonda Juu Amcos, located in Mvomero district in Morogoro.

During the December auction, a total volume of cocoa traded fell to 79,870

kgs valued 358.6mn/- as compared to 82,320kg valued 432.9mn/- during the auction held in November 2021. The decrease was due to both price and volume factors.

In this regard, the Government earned 19mn/- in fees and other charges during the December auction as compared to 19.6mn/- earned during the previous auction. The decrease was

due to the volume and price factors.

The high demand coupled with tightening supply has led to a sharp spike in the price of cocoa at the global market, the main ingredient in chocolate making.

Cocoa prices rose by more than 8% since December on the world market selling at \$1,720 per pound.

According to statistics, Tanzania

produces over 11,000 metric tonnes of cocoa per year, which is less than 1% of world's global production, while trading is below world market price.

Tanzanian cocoa is organic, where natural methods are used for soil nutrition and pests and disease management.

Tanzania started growing cocoa in the late twentieth century, and is now

increasing its presence in the global market for fine flavor quality chocolate.

Tanzanian cacao is predominantly of the Trinitario (Criollo x Amelonado) variety.

With global demand for cocoa rising and West Africa encountering challenges in its cocoa production, buyers have reconnected with Tanzania's cocoa producers.

Airport authority seeks partners for two projects at JNIA

By Francis Kajubi

The Tanzania Airport Authority (TAA) is seeking investors to construct a four-star hotel and a commercial complex with their associated facilities at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA).

Invitations for bidders for the proposed projects were published last week.

According to the first tender invitation, the authority is looking for interested competitive bidders to apply for the development of a four-star hotel and its associated facilities at the JNIA.

The second invitation was to invite bidders to express interest for the construction of the commercial complex and its associated facilities.

The two projects are to be executed under the public-private partnership (PPP) arrangements.

"TAA now intends to qualify interested reputable and capable companies for these business opportunities under Design-Build-



Finance -Operate-Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) arrangements," reads the adverts in part.

The advertisement states that invitation to bid to the qualified bidders for the two projects will be held on the

same date of 17th May, 2022.

"It is expected that the projects will give our esteemed customers, passengers and the general public a wider choice and better range of services to their satisfaction while on the other

side assist TAA to generate more revenues aiming at improving airport services," asserts TAA.

It adds that applications will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of bidders' repre-

sentatives who choose to attend the opening at the terminal building 3 of the JNIA.

According to traffic statistics for TAA between 2015 and 2019, there is notable increase in the number of passengers handled.

TAA manages airports including Bukoba, Dodoma, Songwe, Mwanza, Mtwara, Tabora, Arusha and Chato.

According to statistics, passengers traffic in all airports in Tanzania mainland slowed to 2.7 million in 2020 from 4.9 million in 2016 and 5.4 million in 2019. The slowdown of passenger traffic in 2020 was due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Aircraft movements also increased to 121,225 in 2020 from 233,260 in 2016. However in 2019, aircraft movement topped 292,105 before the start of the pandemic in December 2019.

Cargo movement during the period reviewed were 24,452 tonnes in 2020, of which 24,059 tonnes were international and 3,303 local from 27,362 in 2016 whereby 20,333 tonnes were foreign and 4,119 tonnes were local.

European oil facilities hit by cyber-attacks

LONDON

IT systems have been disrupted at Oiltanking in Germany, SEA-Invest in Belgium and Evos in the Netherlands.

In total dozens of terminals with oil storage and transport around the world have been affected, with firms reporting that the attacks occurred over the weekend.

But experts caution against assuming this is a co-ordinated attack.

The BBC understands that all three companies' IT systems went down or were severely disrupted.

Belgian prosecutors say they are investigating the cyber-attack that affected SEA-Invest terminals including the company's largest in Antwerp, called SEA-Tank.

A spokeswoman for the company said they were hit on Sunday with every port they run in Europe and Africa affected.

The company is working to get a back-up IT system online but says that most liquid transportation is operational.

The spokeswoman said SEA-Invest is aware of the cyber-attacks against other companies but investigations have not determined if there is a link.

A spokesperson for Evos in the Netherlands told the BBC that IT services at terminals in Terneuzen, Ghent and Malta have "caused some delays in execution".

On Monday Oiltanking Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG, which stores and transports oil, vehicle fuels and other petroleum products, said it had been hacked.

The company was forced to operate at a "limited capacity" and was investigating the incident, it said.

Some reports suggest the attack on Oiltanking is ransomware, where hackers scramble data and make computer systems inoperable until they get paid a ransom.

In May last year a ransomware attack on US oil supplier Colonial Pipeline saw supplies tighten across the US and multiple states declaring an emergency.

The worker said they first noticed problems on Tuesday when oil deliveries started slowing down. He said "things are moving but much slower than normal".

The disruption comes as tensions remain high between Ukraine and Russia and as concern over rising energy prices grows.

But cyber-security experts caution against jumping to the conclusion that the multiple incidents are the result of a co-ordinated effort to disrupt the European energy sector.

"Some types of malware scoop up emails and contact lists and use them to automatically spam malicious attachments or links, so companies with shared connections can sometimes be hit in quick succession," said Brett Calow, Threat Analyst at cyber-security company Emsisoft.

"This is why you sometimes see sector-based or geographic-based clusters of incidents."

Another possible explanation could be that all the companies use the same software for operations that may have been compromised by hackers.

NMB donates construction facilities to five schools

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

NMB Bank has donated construction facilities valued 25mn/- to five schools in Kilwa district, Lindi region, as part of its social support programme.

The donated facilities went to Somanga, Kiswere and Pungutini primary schools as well as Kilwa and Kiranjeranje secondary schools.

The handed over equipment include 300 desks, 350 roofing sheets, 100 chairs and 100 tables.

The facilities were handed over by NMB South zone manager Janeth Shango to the the Lindi acting regional commissioner and Kilwa district commissioner Shaibu Ndemanga.

Speaking during the handing over event Shango said the donation is part of the bank's extended partnership with the government to ensure improved learning environment.

"We recognise the efforts by the government to ensure improved education delivery, especially rural areas and we as stakeholders are partnering to support this initiative," she said.

"As the leading bank in Tanzania in terms of assets, we have an obligation to ensure that the surrounding communities are benefiting from the profit we earn."

She said NMB is allocating one percent of its annual profit to support social project through corporate social responsibilities in health, education and other humanitarian supports.

The Kiranjeranje secondary school headmaster Frank Ruta said



Kilwa acting district commissioner Shaibu Ndemanga (3rd tight) receive part of construction facilities, desks, tables and chairs from NMB Bank Plc South zonal manager Janeth Shago to support five primary and secondary schools in the district. Photo courtesy of NMB

the donated facilities are expected to reduce challenges they face in delivering education and will improve learning environment.

According to the bank's financial statement, during last year, profit rose to a record level, translating into mouth-watering returns on investors' money.

The bank, which is listed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), recorded

a profit before tax increase by 41 percent to reach 420bn/- in 2021, from 301bn/- that the lender registered in 2020.

This translated into a net profit of \$289bn/- in 2021 which is 39 percent more than 210bn/- that it registered in 2020.

The bank says profit came from double-digit growth rates in both funded and non-funded income streams.

NMB Bank's net interest income advanced by 19 percent to settle 682.1bn/- in 2021 from 571.1bn/- in 2020.

On the other hand, non-interest income rose by 15 percent to reach 306.4bn/- in 2021 from 271.2bn/- in 2020.

The bank, which boasts of assets worth 8.7tril/-, also reported substantial improvements in the management of

its operational efficiency, with further improved cost-to-income ratio and in non-performing loans (NPLs).

Its improved cost-to-income ratio was quoted at 47 percent in 2021 while its NPLs were quoted at 3.2 percent.

Total Deposits grew by 25 percent to 6.4tril/- at the end of December 2021 compared to 5.3tril/- in December 2020.

US jobs growth stronger than expected

WASHINGTON

The US saw strong hiring last month, despite disruption caused by the Omicron variant of coronavirus.

Employers added 467,000 jobs, the Labor Department said. That was far better than analysts had predicted.

The jobless rate inched up from 3.9% in December to 4%, but that was due to more people looking for work.

Analysts said the robust job creation was likely to add to the pressure on the US central bank to raise interest rates next month.

The monthly survey also revised

up its estimates for hiring in December, providing more support for those who say the economy will remain strong even as officials withdraw stimulus policies put in place at the start of the pandemic in 2020.

"This is a big positive surprise," said Brian Coulton, chief economist at Fitch Ratings. "It confirms that each successive wave of the virus is having a smaller and smaller impact on activity and labour demand."

Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell has said the bank is eyeing a rate increase next month - which would be the first rise since 2018. The move is

intended to help curb price increases, by cooling demand with higher borrowing costs.

The central bank is under pressure to rein in inflation, which is rising at its fastest pace in nearly 40 years. In the UK, the Bank of England has already raised interest rates twice in the past three months.

President Joe Biden, whose approval ratings have sagged amid widespread concerns about inflation, acknowledged the cost-of-living pressures in remarks celebrating the jobs figures.

He said his administration was

working to address the issues, including by encouraging investment in areas that have been hit by shortages, such as microchips.

He also pushed Congress to move forward with his administration's currently stalled spending proposals, which he said would provide relief through programmes like subsidised childcare for families.

"We're still going to work on gas prices, we're still going to work on food prices," he said. "In the meantime, there's a lot we can do to give these families a little extra breathing room."

US businesses have reported widespread pressures due to increased materials costs and higher wages-inflation economists say have been fuelled in part by the wave of government stimulus that followed the pandemic.

The latest jobs report showed the average hourly wage has increased by 5.7% over the last 12 months - a stark acceleration from the meagre gains seen in recent years. However, the jump does not keep pace with the fast pace of price increases hitting the economy.



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Turkish president Erdogan tests positive for COVID-19

ANKARA

TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday that he tested positive for the COVID-19.

Erdogan tweeted that he was infected by the Omicron variant of the virus.

The president said that he and his wife were having mild symptoms of the COVID-19, adding that he will continue his work at home.

The number of daily COVID-19 cases in Turkey has nearly doubled since early January, as the Omicron variant cases rapidly increased across the country.

Turkey's COVID-19 cases have been hovering around the threshold of 100,000 for the last four days, according to the Turkish health ministry.

Gene-sequence sampling has found that almost all of Turkey's recent COVID-19 cases were caused by the Omicron



variant, Turkish Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said on Wednesday.

Turkey on Friday reported 111,157 new COVID-19 cases, its highest daily figure of the pandemic, raising its tally of infections to 12,051,852.

The death toll from the virus in Turkey rose by 156 to 83,231, while 25,502 more people recovered in the last 24 hours.

Agencies

New moves against Russian media to come at cost - Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

MOSCOW took retaliatory measures towards German broadcaster Deutsche Welle following Berlin's decision to ban RT DE in Germany to demonstrate that further steps in this direction will come at a cost, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Saturday in an interview with the Soloviev Live YouTube channel.

"We respond, we've been taught, we are doing this to demonstrate that further steps in this direction will come at a cost," the diplomat stressed.

On February 2, the Commission on Licensing and Supervision banned the broadcasting of the RT DE TV channel in Germany since there was no required license under the media law.

The Russian Foreign Ministry announced earlier that Moscow was shutting down Deutsche Welle's news bureau in Russia as the first stage of retaliatory measures following the Ger-



man regulator's move to ban RT DE in Germany.

Other measures will include the withdrawal of credentials from all staff members at Deutsche Welle's Russian bureau and the launch of a process aimed at identifying Germany's government and public agencies involved in banning RT DE from broadcasting and putting other kinds of pressure on the Russian media outlet, who will eventually be barred from entering Russia.

Agencies

UN sees progress in Yemen talks over decaying oil tanker

ADEN

THE United Nations(UN) announced on Saturday that positive discussions with Yemen's warring parties had taken place regarding a proposal to solve the crisis caused by a rusting oil tanker off Yemen's Red Sea coast.

"The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen David Gressly held constructive meetings last week on the UN-coordinated proposal to mitigate the threat posed by FSO Safer, an aging floating storage and offloading unit moored off the coast of Hodeidah," said the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in a statement.

According to the statement, Gressly held a series of meetings in Aden and discussed the proposal with Yemen's Prime Minister Maen Abdulmalik, the minister of transport, and the Safer Emergency Committee.

"In our very positive discussions, the government officials confirmed that they support the UN-coordinated proposal to shift the million barrels of oil onboard the vessel to another ship," said Gressly, adding "they want to see the threat mitigated as soon as possible."

Gressly also held very constructive discussions on Jan. 29 with senior representatives of the Houthi group on the FSO Safer.

The Houthis "stressed their concern over the environmental and humanitarian risk posed by the tanker and their wish to see rapid action to resolve the problem, agreeing in principle on how to move forward with the UN-coordinated proposal," according to the statement.

Gressly is currently "engaging in a broader conversation with interested member states, whose support will be crucial to realize the project," it added.

The Safer has been moored at a port north of the city of Hodeidah since 1988 as a crude oil storage and offloading platform.

The oil tanker is currently under the control of the Houthi militia, and its maintenance has stopped since 2015, which caused corrosion of the vessel's main body. The 45-year-old fuel vessel FSO Safer has 1.1 million barrels of crude on board.

The United Nations officials reportedly called for access to the long-abandoned fuel tanker off Yemen's coast amid growing fears of a catastrophic oil spill.



This handout satellite image obtained courtesy of Maxar Technologies on July 19, 2020 shows a close up view of the FSO Safer oil tanker on June 19, 2020 off the port of Ras Isa. File photo

Xi and his wife host banquet for guests attending winter olympics opening ceremony

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan hosted a banquet at the Great Hall of the People on Saturday noon to welcome distinguished guests from around the world who attended the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

Following is the full text of the toast by President Xi:

Toast by H.E. Xi Jinping President of the People's Republic of China at the welcoming banquet of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, 5 February 2022

IOC President Thomas Bach, Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to meet so many old and new friends in Beijing as the Chinese people celebrate the Spring Festival, the start of the lunar new year. Let me begin by extending, on behalf of the Chinese government and people, and in the name of my wife and myself, a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests travelling to China and attending the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. I sincerely thank all governments, peoples and international organizations that care about and support the Beijing Olympic Winter Games. In particular, I wish to express my appreciation to all the friends present here who have overcome difficulties and inconveniences caused by COVID-19 and come all the way to Beijing to cheer for the Olympic Winter Games and for China.

Last night, the Beijing Olympic Winter Games officially opened at China's National Stadium. After 14 years, the Olympic cauldron has been lit once again in Beijing, making the city the world's first to host both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games. Committed to organizing a green, inclusive, open and clean Games, China has

made every effort to counter the impact of COVID-19, earnestly fulfilled its solemn pledge to the international community, and ensured the smooth opening of the Beijing Olympic Winter Games as scheduled.

Greater public participation in winter sport contributes to the Olympic Movement. By preparing for and organizing the Olympic Winter Games and promoting Olympic winter sport, China has popularized winter sport among the ordinary people, achieved the goal of engaging 300 million Chinese in sport on snow and ice, and made new contribution to the cause of Olympism worldwide.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends, Since ancient times, the Olympic



Chinese President Xi Jinping gives a toast at a banquet to welcome distinguished guests from around the world who attended the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing on Saturday. Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan hosted the banquet at the Great Hall of the People on Saturday noon. Xinhua

Movement has carried humanity's aspirations for peace, solidarity and progress.

We shall keep in mind the original aspiration of the Olympic Movement and jointly uphold world peace. The Olympic Movement was born for the sake of peace and has thrived thanks to peace. The Olympic Truce Resolution adopted last December by consensus at the United Nations General Assembly, calling for promoting peace through sport, represents the common aspiration of the international community. We need to uphold mutual respect, equality, dialogue and consultation, strive to bridge differences and eliminate conflict, and work

together for a world of durable peace.

We shall promote the spirit of the Olympic Movement and meet the common challenges facing the international community through solidarity. The COVID-19 pandemic is still raging, while global issues including climate change and terrorism keep emerging. The international community should stand closer together. The only way for all countries to address the various challenges effectively is to strengthen solidarity and cooperation and work together for a shared future. We need to practice true multilateralism, uphold the international system centered on the United Nations and the international order underpinned by international law, and work together to build an international family of harmony and cooperation.

We shall act on the purpose of the Olympic Movement and continuously pursue human progress. The Olympic Movement aims to achieve well-rounded human development. We need to follow the trend of the times, stay true to humanity's common values of peace, development, equity, justice, democracy and freedom, promote exchanges and mutual learning between civilizations, and work together to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

To borrow a Chinese poetic line, "Out goes the old year with the sound of firecrackers; in comes the new with the warmth of wine and spring breeze." China has just entered the Year of the Tiger according to the lunar calendar. Tiger is a symbol of strength, courage and fearlessness. I wish all Olympic athletes excellent performance with the strength of the tiger. I am confident that with the joint efforts of us all, Beijing 2022 will surely go down in history as a streamlined, safe and splendid Olympic Games.

To conclude, I propose a toast:

To the dynamic development of the Olympic Movement;

To humanity's noble cause of peace and development; and

To the health of all distinguished guests and your families.

Cheers!

What does Washington's sanctions waiver mean for Vienna talks?

TEHRAN

TEHRAN said on Saturday that Washington's move to restore sanctions waivers was "good but not enough," while the Vienna talks, which were initiated about 10 months ago to revive the 2015 nuclear deal, have now reached a crucial stage.

Washington on Friday announced it was waiving sanctions on Iran's civilian nuclear program, which allows international nuclear cooperation projects.

"NOT A CONCESSION"

Friday's step "is neither a concession to Iran," nor "a signal that we are about to reach an understanding on a mutual return to full implementation" of the nuclear deal, formally known as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), a senior State Department official was quoted by U.S. media as saying.

The sanctions waiver "is designed to facilitate discussions that would help to close a deal on a mutual return to full implementation of the JCPOA and lay the groundwork for Iran's return to the performance of its JCPOA commitments," the U.S. State Department said in its report to Congress, adding it is also designed to "constrain Iran's nuclear activities."

"Absent this sanctions waiver, detailed technical discussions with third parties regarding the disposition of stockpiles and other activities of non-proliferation value cannot take place," the U.S. State Department official added.

By the same token, "we did not provide sanctions relief for Iran and will not until/unless Tehran returns to its commitments under the JCPOA," U.S. State Department Spokesman Ned Price tweeted.

Such a step aims to "permit our international partners to address growing nuclear nonproliferation and safety risks in Iran," Price added.

They made the remarks as critics of the nuclear deal, which the United States quit in 2018 under its former President Donald Trump, voiced against the decision made by his successor Joe Biden.

"These waivers should be opposed on the merits, not just their signal of complete desperation and weakness," tweeted Richard Goldberg, a senior adviser to the hawkish Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a Washington D.C.-based think tank.



A girl attends a rally to mark the 42nd anniversary of the victory of the Islamic revolution in Tehran, Iran, on Feb. 10, 2021. File photo

"NOT ENOUGH"

Assal Rad, a senior research fellow at the National Iranian American Council, however, said as people who pushed Trump's failed policy start yelling that this is a "concession" to Iran, remember "the sanctions crushing its economy are still in place."

Also, the United States "has done absolutely nothing to end 'maximum pressure' sanctions targeting innocent citizens," said Seyed Mohammad Marandi, a professor at the University of Tehran.

"While preserving Iran's rights, any deal must comprehensively & verifiably remove all of the barbaric sanctions & credible assurances must also be provided," he tweeted. Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian said Saturday that Iran, via intermediaries, has made clear to the American side that they must show their "good faith in action" in the Vienna nuclear negotiations.

"Good faith in practice, in our view, means something tangible happening on the ground, and the lifting of some

of the sanctions could be considered as goodwill that the Americans are talking about," Amir Abdollahian said in response to Washington's latest move.

"What happens on paper is good, but not enough," he added.

"The news we hear today is about a dimension of lifting nuclear sanction, and everyone knows that this is not enough," Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Saturday, adding that the United States needs to "lift all sanctions, including the nuclear ones."

"RIGHT DIRECTION"

Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia's permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna, said the U.S. waiver decision was "a move in the right direction."

"It will help expedite restoration of JCPOA and mutual return of U.S. and Iran to compliance with 2015 deal. It also can be seen as an indication that the Vienna talks have entered the final stage," Ulyanov, also head of Russia's delegation to the nuclear negotiations,

wrote on Twitter on Saturday.

Rad also said that "these waivers let other countries work on Iran's civil nuclear program, a step that helps bring it back to compliance."

However, "the suspension of several nuclear sanctions, which will have no economic impact, is more the beginning of a new blame game, than a sign of U.S. goodwill," Nour News, a website close to Iran's Supreme National Security Council, wrote on Saturday.

While the progress of the negotiations is "tied to the U.S. political decision-making, the show is merely a move to ease pressure on Washington and pursue a blame game," it warned.

As has been agreed by various parties, progress has accelerated in less complex issues of dispute, yet disagreement on thorny matters, like guarantees and verification measures, still remains.

"Political decisions are needed now," Enrique Mora, the European Union's coordinator in the negotiations, has said recently.

Sense of FIFA influence hangs over Africa's football leader

YAOUNDE

THROUGHOUT his election campaign and first year leading African football, Patrice Motsepe has struggled to shake off the perception of being under FIFA's influence, particularly when it comes to the push by Gianni Infantino for biennial World Cups.

"We are not going to sink to the level of those who say that the people of Africa cannot decide for themselves and they need FIFA and (president) Gianni Infantino to tell us what is good for ourselves," Motsepe said on Saturday. "We know what is in our interests."

The Confederation of African Football president was attempting to again distance himself from the FIFA president. Next to Motsepe was Infantino, wearing a CAF face mask and fresh from attending a meeting of CAF's 54 member associations on the eve of the African Cup of Nations final between Egypt and Senegal.

"My brother," is how Infantino addressed Motsepe in a speech at a poolside dinner earlier in Cameroon in a video seen by The Associated Press.

A year ago, in the weeks before the South African mining magnate was elected in March, Infantino was flying across Africa and giving the impression of being a kingmaker.

Whatever Infantino discussed with African officials, Motsepe's three rivals withdrew their candidacies in the weekend before what became an uncontested election to elevate the owner of Pretoria-based club Mamelodi Sundowns.

"When they asked me to be president of CAF," Motsepe recalled on Friday during a roundtable with reporters, "I said, 'Are you guys mad. I don't even attend meetings of the PSL (Premier Soccer League) board of governors.'"

Motsepe didn't respond directly to a question about who asked him to become president. He succeeded Ahmad Ahmad, who enjoyed Infantino's warm backing until being cast aside following a FIFA investigation into financial misconduct while running the Cairo-based CAF. Since then, the only confederation where Infantino has been able to find regular loyal backing is Africa, especially during FIFA's fraught attempt to gain backing for World Cups being staged every two years instead of four years.

"We can't agree more," Motsepe stressed on Saturday with Infantino standing next to him. "We are very excited that we have Gianni Infantino and a FIFA that supports us on this issue."

It is an isolated view. None of the other five confederations have endorsed doubling the frequency of World Cups. In interviews with the AP over the last week, the UEFA and CONMEBOL presidents have reinforced their concerns about the damage Infantino's plans would cause to the global game.

"There is obviously a sports political dimension," Infantino said. "We are seeing how can we make global football benefit from ... whether it's a biennial World Cup or whether it's another way of inclusive participation. This will be part of a third dimension."

The suggestion of an alternative to the biennial plan was a more restrained pitch in the Cameroonian capital of Yaoundé than the speech Infantino delivered to European politicians in Strasbourg last week that was denounced for its crass tone invoking tragedy when touting a sporting and financial enterprise.

Infantino linked the need for more World Cups with giving "hope to Africans so that they don't need to cross the Mediterranean in order to find, maybe, a better life but more probably death in the sea."

The only significant public backing for the FIFA president came from Africa's football leader. Motsepe claimed "several commentators unfortunately seem to have misunderstood" comments filmed for the world to watch.

"I think there's also a bit of mischief because those who don't support the FIFA World Cup every two years, they will go after him," Motsepe said on Friday.

A day earlier, though, concerns were raised that staging a men's or women's World Cup every year "would create immeasurable damage and put in danger sport in general." That wasn't a Eurocentric view but from an Algerian sports leader, Mustapha Berraf, who heads the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa.

Much as Berraf stands behind IOC President Thomas Bach's stance, so does Motsepe alongside Infantino's championing of the proposition after being enticed by the potential financial benefits.

"We take positions based on principle," Motsepe said. "And let me say this to you -- Gianni and I don't agree on many things."

Little disagreement is obvious, apart from perhaps the timing of the African Cup in the middle of the European season and how often the continent's top tournament is played. A switch to a calendar with biennial World Cups and fewer international breaks could open up an October-November slot for the African Cup.

It's little surprise Motsepe seems to often give cover for Infantino, especially when CAF's administration has been run since last year by Véron Mosengo-Omba -- a university friend of Infantino's who followed him from UEFA to FIFA in 2016.

Before then, for the second half of 2019, CAF was being effectively run by Fatma Samoura who was parachuted into the confederation as general delegate for Africa while also serving as FIFA secretary general.

Remarkable comeback gives Cameroon third place at AFCON

YAOUNDE

HOSTS Cameroon finished third at the Africa Cup of Nations on Saturday after wiping out a three-goal deficit against Burkina Faso to draw 3-3, then win 5-3 on penalties.

Ambroise Oyongo scored the decisive penalty in Yaounde as the Indomitable Lions atoned for missing three kicks when losing a semi-final shootout against Egypt 48 hours ago.

Goals by Steve Yago and Djibril Ouattara either side of an Andre Onana own goal gave the Burkina a 3-0 lead with 20 minutes remaining.

Stephane Bahoken reduced arrears and then substitute Vincent Aboubakar netted on 85 and 87 minutes to force a shootout.

The Cup of Nations final between Senegal and Egypt, with Liverpool stars Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah on opposite sides, was to be staged later yesterday in Yaounde.

Cameroon coach Toni Conceicao made nine changes to the team that lost on penalties to Egypt after extra time just two days ago at Stade Olembe, the main Yaounde stadium.

The Portuguese retained only goalkeeper Andre Onana and midfielder Samuel Oum Gouet, who was replaced at half-time by leading tournament scorer Aboubakar.

Burkina Faso boss Kamou



Cameroon's soccer players during penalty kickoff at the African Cup of Nations 2022 third place soccer match between Burkina Faso and Cameroon at the Ahmadou Ahidjo stadium in Yaounde, Cameroon, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022. (AP Photo)

Malo altered five of the team that started a 3-1 semi-final loss to Sadio Mane-inspired Senegal 24 hours before Cameroon played.

Two of them were enforced with injured goalkeeper Herve Koffi replaced by Farid Ouedraogo while suspended midfielder Adama Guira gave way

to Ismahila Ouedraogo. The countries had met three times before in the flagship African tournament with Cameroon winning twice, including in the opening match of this Cup of Nations, and drawing the other.

It was the third bronze medals play-off for both teams with each winning and losing once in a fixture that Africa has retained while Europe has ditched. - Similar goal -

Burkina Faso barely looked menacing before taking the lead on 24 minutes when Yago crept in at the far post to half volley an Issa Kabore cross into the roof of the net.

It was a similar goal to that scored by Burkinaabe Gustavo Sangare in the opening match on January 9 before Aboubakar

converted two penalties to give Cameroon maximum points.

The Stallions doubled their lead in the final minute of regular first half time when Andre Onana let a Kabore cross slip from his grasp into the net for an own goal.

Initially, the referee disallowed the goal because he incorrectly believed the ball had crossed the line, but the VAR official convinced him to change his decision.

Burkina Faso, who edged Ghana to finish third in their last Cup of Nations appearance five years ago, added a third goal just four minutes into the second half.

Aston Villa forward Bertrand Traore crossed from the right and a powerful header from Djibril Ouattara gave no chance to Andre Onana, who is set to move from Ajax to Inter Milan in July.

Bahoken pulled one goal back for the Indomitable Lions on 71 minutes when the Burkina failed to clear a corner and the forward fired into the net from point-blank range.

The goal triggered a remarkable comeback with Aboubakar netting twice in quick succession as full-time approached to force a penalty shootout.

AFP

Olembe tragedy scars legacy of Cameroon's Cup of Nations

YAOUNDE

THE Africa Cup of Nations which finished last weekend in Cameroon will remain forever scarred by the crush which killed eight people at the Olembe Stadium after a month in which the tournament's organisers struggled from one problem to another.

The spectacular 60,000-seat Olembe Stadium in the capital Yaounde was built to be the jewel in the crown of Cameroon's Cup of Nations, at an official cost of some 163 billion CFA francs (\$284 million).

Its name will now always be associated with the events of January 24, when eight died and 38 were injured in the crush and stampede at the stadium's southern entrance gate.

The ground was temporarily closed but reopened 10 days later for the semi-final between Cameroon and Egypt, yet the disaster put people off to such an extent that only 24,371 people attended that match.

That was just 40 percent of capacity, when up to 80 percent of seats could have been filled in line with Covid-19 restrictions in place for the tournament.

"When people die it makes everybody afraid," one supporter, Valentin Kamga, told AFP as he made his way to the stadium for its reopening.

Cameroon will struggle to shake off the legacy of Olembe, despite the hugely stepped-up security subsequently put in place.

"Moments of joy can be accompanied by moments of sadness," Cameroon legend Rigobert Song told AFP. "There is a feeling of sadness but it is part of life."

- Delays -

Cameroon had been afforded plenty of time to get ready to host its first Cup of



The scene of the disaster which left eight dead and 38 injured outside the Olembe Stadium (AFP)

Nations since 1972.

It was supposed to host the competition in 2019 only to be stripped of the tournament due to delays in preparations, with Egypt stepping in.

The Cup of Nations was then postponed last year because of the pandemic.

Yet still not everything was ready, and media facilities at the stadium in Limbe were never completed by the time the action started.

Local organisers were not helped by the Confederation of African Football, which decided with just four days' notice to strip the Japoma Stadium in the economic capital of Douala of a quarter-final and a semi-final, moving both to Yaounde.

There were concerns about the state of the pitch, but no official explanation for the change was ever offered, and CAF also decided at the last minute to bring forward the third-place play-off by a day.

The tournament was plagued by poor attendances, even in this football-mad country.

CAF imposed strict conditions to enter stadiums, with supporters needing to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of a negative test, enough to deter many

in a country with low vaccination rates.

Crowds did improve as the tournament progressed, but the Olembe disaster appeared to be the final straw for many.

- Lessons for next year -

There have been plenty of uplifting moments, from

Burkina Faso's run to the semi-finals despite a military coup at home, to tiny Gambia reaching the last eight in their debut appearance.

Fellow minnows the Comoros made the knockout stages and only lost narrowly to the hosts despite

having to play an outfield player in goal after being ravaged by Covid cases.

That evening, however, was quickly overshadowed by the disaster unfolding outside at Olembe.

"In sporting terms we saw some great matches, but we didn't get the best two teams in the final," Cameroon's 1990 World Cup star Roger Milla told AFP.

Despite the presence of world-class players like Egypt's Mohamed Salah, Senegal's Sadio Mane and Algeria's Riyad Mahrez, the football on the field did not always match expectations.

There were just 100 goals scored in 51 games before the final, an average of 1.96 per game -- identical to the 2019 edition.

On the field but especially off it, the hope is that the next Cup of Nations proves more uplifting.

There is not long, with the Ivory Coast set to host the tournament in June and July 2023, just six months after the World Cup in Qatar and during the rainy season, which may bring its own challenges.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



NBC Premier League has no giants - Lule

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Mbeza City FC head coach Mathias Lule.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MBEZA City FC head coach Mathias Lule has been outraged by the presence of the terminology 'big outfits' in Tanzania's football.

The terminology is to great extent existing in Premier League. Lule disclosed the top-flight squads' differences exist on the pitch.

Lule said so shortly after Mbeya City FC forced a 0-0 draw with Yanga in the NBC Premier League match which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The tactician stated the league is a marathon and the size of an outfit is determined at the end

of the league.

"There is no big team in the Premier League. We are all the same, at a time the league dates are announced and the log is introduced which has no scores, and amount of games played... all teams are equal there is neither big nor small team, all are the same."

"The difference comes on the pitch when we play and an outfit's pedigree is considered at

the end of the league."

Lule was saddened by Saturday's 0-0 draw making it clear that his squad's goal was to win the duel.

"Yanga has a good coach, our goal was to leave with three points but unfortunately we posted one point that I'm not happy with but as part of the motivation we move on to the other match," the tactician noted.

Lule's squad will next play Namungo FC away at the Ilulu Stadium in Lindi on February 21.

The gaffer, who holds CAF 'A' license, also explained how he spent his time analyzing and studying the way Yanga plays.

According to him, the gaffer's game approach helped his team keep Yanga in check and settle for a 0-0 draw.

"I was aware that Yanga is

playing a lot of square passes on the pitch, but we respect our transition game and their's from offense to defense and vice versa."

"Through the 4-3-3 formation, we started defending from opponents' zone."

"Once my charges realized they giving Yanga's midfielder Khalid Aucho many spaces through that style, the players allowed him to create half-chances that were dangerous."

"We opted to add another midfielder who prevented Aucho from playing freely."

"We switched to a 4-4-2 'diamond' formation which brought balance to the game and prevented Yanga's midfielder Zawadi Mauya from playing freely and effectively as he partnered Aucho," Lule disclosed.

Lule, former Uganda's national squad's assistant coach, has managed to collect five points from Simba SC, Azam FC, and Yanga this season.

Mbeya City FC recorded a draw in Premier League encounters with Yanga and Azam FC and came out victorious when the squad locked horns with Simba SC.

The Municipal-owned Mbeya City FC has now collected 23 points from 14 games, winning five, notching eight draws, and conceding one loss.

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Tanzania appeals to China to support construction of sports grounds

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA has appealed to China's government to support the construction of stadiums, donate sports equipment and coaches' training to revamp sports.

Mohamed Mchengelwa, Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, issued the plea at a function for celebrating the opening of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games, which took place at the Embassy of China in Tanzania's premises in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

He said the move aims to have Tanzania decently participate in the global sporting showpiece.

Tanzania has no representative in this year's Beijing Winter Olympic Games.

Mchengelwa said the support will help Tanzania coaches access training to add more skills, as well as get a donation of sports facilities to develop the country's youngsters.

The minister noted the plan further targets improving sports stadiums across the country.

He said the support from the Chinese government will help Tanzania construct sports facilities in 256 schools across the country to inculcate sports culture.

"We are finalizing some procedures before submitting our proposal to the Chinese government for support," he said.

Mchengelwa said the government through the responsible ministry has already identified the schools which will benefit from the drive.

According to him, the construction of sports academies will help to improve the economy.

China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mengjian, said nearly 3000 athletes from 90 countries participate in this year's Winter Olympic Games.

She said Beijing Winter Olympics were opened after more than six years of preparations.

The envoy said it is the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic a comprehensive global sporting event was held as scheduled.

"The Olympic Games are the time to demonstrate the solidarity of mankind in working together for the shared future," she said.

Mengjian said both Tanzania and China are firm supporters of the Olympic spirit which aims to make mankind more inclusive, vigorous, and united by participating in sports.

"I will surely facilitate China-Tanzania cooperation and mutual support, and promote the exchanges in various fields between our countries in the coming year," she said.

The envoy said sports competitions serve as an occasion for displaying global unity, assuring the Beijing Winter Olympics will be a success.

Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) vice-president Henry Tandau said the country needs trainers, equipment, and coaches' training to perform well in the Olympic Games.

"We plan to revamp the country's history recorded many years back. To succeed, we need equipment, training for our coaches so they can get more skills," he said.

Dar model set for 2022 Miss Tourism World pageant



The 2022 Miss Tourism Tanzania pageant's winner, Angela Steven.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Miss Tourism Tanzania organizing committee has announced Angela Steven will be representing the country at the 2022 Miss Tourism World pageant which will take place in Sarawak, Malaysia from November 13-27.

Angela, who is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Logistics and Transport Management at the National Institute of Transport (NIT), is a 24-year-old model standing 177 cm tall.

"Angela is very passionate about bringing glory to the country by bringing the crown home in November this year," Miss Tourism Tanzania's president, Gideon Chipungahelo, told reporters yesterday in Dar es Salaam.

Chipungahelo added: "She is hard-working, confident, and very determined to achieve her goals."

"With her experience, confidence, knowledge, and determination, the model can be one of the strong contenders at Miss Tourism World and a lot of fans from Tanzania are counting on her win as she shows a lot of potentials to win."

Chipungahelo's committee had, in cooperation with the government, organized the Miss Tourism World 2006 in Tanzania for the first time in the country's history.

The official said: "Angela's charming personality and would easily impress the

judges and the audience at the Miss Tourism World."

"Similarly, Miss Tourism Tanzania is the only competition in Tanzania that won many titles in international competition."

"It is the only competition for promoting tourist destinations and cultural beauty of our beautiful country," Chipungahelo said.

"Angela was the winner of the Miss Tourism Tanzania 2021/2022, of which she won in the national finals held online on November 22, 2021," he said.

The official noted: "The good news is Angela has already started to prepare for the finale in November and the management of Miss Tourism Tanzania will be focusing on improving her skills needed to win the title."

Angela revealed: "I'm very excited to represent Tanzania at 2022 Miss Tourism World and believe that I will perform well at the competition and win it for the country."

The model, born in Mara in 1998, disclosed she developed a passion for modeling in the early years and she always trusts in changes.

"The special moments that make me safekeeping in my ambition include participating in different social events at NIT including social awards, LTSA leadership, girls' power event, organized by Binti Makini Foundation, and at the event's

final, I was elected Binti Makini NIT Chairperson," she said.

"It is a great honour to be a Miss Tourism Tanzania and represent my country at the event's world stage, with this, I would like to acknowledge my parents who sharpened my determination through supporting my education," she said.

She added, "I also acknowledge the support from NIT's management under the leadership of professor Zacharia Mganilwa."

"I appreciate Irikisongo Girls High School and Nyantakara High School that advanced me to top for merit certifications that built my confidence."

"Finally, I appreciate the support from Miss tourism Tanzania organizing committee that is behind my career, I'm honoured to be here and grateful to represent the country in 2022 Miss Tourism World."

The model believes that the Miss Tourism beauty pageant is a great platform to promote the tourist destinations of the country.

However, the core emphasis of the Miss Tourism beauty pageant has always been to promote the host country of each year's final.

Miss Tourism World organization is working closely with the government and tourist boards of the partner countries with the common goal of highlighting the region's tourism profile and therefore benefiting the country.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

