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Take rapid bus transit to regional cities - MPs

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

RAPID bus transport services operated by the Dar Rapid Transit Agency (DART) need to be spread in the country's cities, a parliamentary committee has declared.

Dennis Londo, chairman of the standing committee on Regional Administration and Local Governments has advised that the government enact a law to allow DART to duplicate the projects in Dodoma, Tanga, Arusha, Mbeya and Mwanza.

Angela Kairuki, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state minister in the President's Office (PORALG) led committee members who visited DART offices over the weekend.

They toured the agency's worksites in Dar es Salaam Region, notably the on-going construction of DART infrastructure from Gerezeni to Gongolamboto.

The committee says it is important for the government to prepare areas for future expansion of roads to avoid periodic payment of compensation whenever such projects are implemented.

Road projects become costly as they involve paying compensation, he said, raising fears that construction equipment used by contractors in a particular project are dumped as scrap metal.

Such equipment should be shifted to another project, he stated, similarly demanding that the government to places local experts to participate in construction of infrastructure to gain the needed experience.

Upon completion of a project, local experts be handed certificates to show they merit being assigned to similar tasks elsewhere, he said.

Earlier, the minister had commended DART for its infrastructure work, hinting at drafting legislation to help resolve challenges the agency faces in carrying out the project.

Fanuel Karugendo, the DART acting CEO, Eng promised to work on what the committee had directed on improving the provision of public transport.

As DART was now 15 years old, the agency was taking strides in infrastructure to connect major ends of the city of Dar es Salaam.

Rapid bus infrastructure along Nyerere Road from Gerezeni to Gongolamboto at 23.6 kilometers is being implemented in two phases.

Sinohydro Construction Co. from China is working on the first part while architecture is handled by UNITEC civil consultants, a local firm.



Cultural, Arts and Sports ministry permanent secretary Saidi Yakubu (2nd-L, foreground) leads participants of a pre-International Day of Yoga event held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, while other dignitaries who took part included the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tanzania, Zlatan Miliši (3rd-L). IDY has been celebrated across the world each June 21 since 2015. Photo: Guardian Photographer

NGOs' walk over Tanzanite Bridge hits at Marriage Act

By Guardian Reporter

EIGHT non-governmental organizations including Msihana Initiative, C-Sema, Flaviانا Matata Foundation, Jamii Forums and Tai Tanzania over the weekend held a walk in the city of Dar es Salaam to raise concern over the delay in amending the Marriage Act of 1971.

Participating activists moved from the Agha Khan Hospital to cross the Tanzanite Bridge, upwards of 200 meters from the hospital within the state offices quarter of the city, then grouped at a sporting field near the end of the bridge to

Children are our national asset and the future of the nation

exchange views and take photo memento.

They sharply criticised the government's failure to move towards amending the 1971 and its tripartite sources of marriage law sanctification, insisting that it violates children's rights and the thrust of the 1977

Constitution.

The walk was also directing at marking this year's International Day of the African Child, where over 200 children from various parts of the city were included in the walk, underlining the urgent need to end child marriages altogether.

The day is celebrated annually on June 16, to remember the thousands of courageous children in the Soweto suburb of Johannesburg in South Africa who marched in 1976 to protest an edict to use Afrikaans, a Boer secondary language, as the teaching medium in schools.

Speaking in separate inter-

views during the walk, participants sent a message to policymakers and leaders of acute need to take legal reforms to end child marriage.

They also berated violence against children where four years have gone since the High Court ruling that article 13 and 17 of the Marriage Act were at variance with the spirit of the constitution.

Alice Mtuga, a top official at the Children's Dignity Forum (CDF), said it is high time the government takes action to amend the act for the wider interest of children and the coun-

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By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Air Operators Association (TAOA) has welcomed the budgetary amendment to grant tax relief on sale and lease of air charters.

Captain Maynard Mkumbwa, TAOA board chairman, said at a press conference over the weekend that the move will offer enormous opportunities for charter services industry to grow by leaps and bounds.

Presenting budgetary estimates in the legislature last week, Finance and Planning minister Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba proposed an amendment in exempt VAT on the business, touching sale and lease of aircraft, aircraft engine or parts by a local operator in air transportation.

The VAT exemption measure would support the growth of the aviation industry and reduce costs in the business, which the stakeholder said it offers enormous opportunities for the industry.

"This has been our grave concern all along. However, TAOA appreciates the government for being considerate," the board chairman underlined, expressing gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her wide ranging efforts to create a conducive environment for the tourism sector and other fields.

Lathifa Sykes, the TAOA chief executive officer, said that the VAT on air charter services contained destructive elements as it fosters turbulence, slowing down investments in the sub-sector, a pillar in tourism development.

The services contribute a fair share of foreign currency to the country, she stated, underlining that the government heeded its objections to charging VAT on air charter services.

"As we seek to unlock the full potential of tourism to bring more foreign exchange, we cannot afford to ignore aviation as it plays a critical role of travel for many tourists," she emphasised.

When aircraft charter services are affordable for instance by VAT exemption, investing in the aviation sub-sector is more beneficial, she said, noting that increased investment in the aviation industry depends on airfare becoming more affordable.

"This will result in an increase in local and international air travel," she asserted, pointing out that investors will be happy with the level of profit expected and thus the sector yield more revenue from regular taxes.

TAOA is the main association for the sub-sector, fostering legal and responsible development of the aviation industry by monitoring safety, efficiency, regularity and viability of operations.

It provides a common platform for the promotion of best practices and engages in advocacy with the government on matters pertaining to the sector, she added.

COSTECH to issue 1.19bn/- for projects of 49 innovators

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) is set to provide 1.19bn/- to 49 innovators focused on the country's industrial sector.

Dr Amos Nungu, the COSTECH director general made the remarks over the weekend in Dar es Salaam at the closing session of the 8th annual Science, Technology, Innovation Conference and Exhibitions (STICE) deliberating on national preparedness on the 4th industrial revolution up to 2050.

The fund's beneficiaries are those registered by the commission countrywide, with applicants submitting innovative ideas to COSTECH, he stated, noting that those who meet the set criteria will be considered.

We have been issuing enabling funds to different organisations including universities, colleges, research ...

The fund is also set to support the national competition on science, technology and innovation as the winners are then enrolled in innovative clusters, he elaborated.

Milestones in economic development can never be attained in the absence of strategic plans, thus the need to support science, technology and innovation for its enhancement for sustainable development, he stated.

"We have been issuing enabling funds to different organisations including universities, colleges, research and development institutions along with entrepreneurs, the director affirmed.

Prof Lughano Kusiluka, the deputy vice chancellor for the University of Dodoma (UDOM), said the exhibition adds to modification and implementation of educational innovation in science and technology, in view of the need for preparedness to attain 4th industrial revolution benchmarks by 2050.

"Some of the recommendations will be taken by the university's team seeking to mainstream efforts for fourth industrial revolution innovation and he drive was incorporated in the wider strategic development plan, he stated.

The government is implementing policies on science and technology for enhancing knowledge and cultivating the use of research inputs or results to advance production activities, he explained. Apart from local stakeholders, the conference and exhibition engaged other researchers and entrepreneurs from varied places like South Africa, Namibia, Kenya, Britain and Japan, he added.



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try at large.

"Children are our national asset and the future of the nation," she declared, insisting that it is a key public duty to protect the interests of children and provide them equal opportunities without discrimination.

The Child Marriage Act should be amended, specifically sections 13 and 17, as they contain provisions for girls to be married before the age of 18, she stated.

Jane Haule, a consultant with C-Sema, noted that 30 percent of girls in Tanzania are married before they reach 18, ranking Tanzania as one among countries with the highest number of child brides worldwide.

Reports show that nearly three in 10 girls and one in seven boys would have experienced gender-related violence prior to the age of 18 in their school and community settings, she said.

Parents need to exercise vigilance, monitoring their children closely to protect them from acts of abuse, she appealed.

Tony Yohana, a form three student at Kitunda secondary school in Dar es Salaam, said that leaving child marriage unrevised will push girls into harsh marriages, ruining their educational dreams. Score of other organisations sent officials or had sympathizers, including Missing Child Tanzania and the Tanzania Ending Child Marriage Network (TECMN).

Rebeca Gyumi, the Msichana Initiative founder and executive director, in 2016 mounted and won a legal battle to change sections in the Marriage Act of 1971, allowing parents to give in marriage a child aged 14 years.

The High Court in 2019 then ruled that sections 13 and 17 of the Act were unconstitutional, in which case the legal age of marriage should be raised to 18.



Angellah Kairuki (3rd-L, foreground), Minister of State in President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), leads members of the Parliamentary Regional Administration and Local Governments Standing Committee on a tour of Dar Rapid Bus Transit Agency infrastructure in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Sudan war death toll surges past 2,000 as fighting enters third month

KHARTOUM

Sudan's devastating war raged on into a third month Thursday as the reported death toll topped 2,000 and after a state governor was killed in the remote Darfur region.

Since April 15, the regular army headed by Abdel Fattah al-Burhan has been locked in fighting with paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) commanded by his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo.

The fighting has driven 2.2 million people from their homes, including 528,000 who have fled to neighbouring countries, says the International Organisation for Migration.

"In our worst expectations, we didn't see this war dragging on for this long," said Mo-

hamad al-Hassan Othman, among more than one million civilians who have fled heavy fighting in the capital Khartoum.

Everything in "our life has changed," he told AFP. "We don't know whether we'll be back home or need to start a new life."

The death toll has risen above 2,000, according to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project's latest figures which cover fighting until June 9.

In long-troubled West Darfur state, the violence claimed the life of Governor Khamis Abdullah Abakar, hours after he made remarks critical of the paramilitaries in a telephone interview with a Saudi TV channel.

The United Nations said "compelling eyewitness accounts attribute this act to Arab mi-

litias and the RSF", while the Darfur Lawyers Association condemned the act of "barbarism, brutality and cruelty".

Burhan accused his paramilitary foes of the "treacherous attack". The RSF denied responsibility and said it condemned Abakar's "assassination in cold blood".

Sudan analyst Kholood Khair of the Khartoum-based think tank Confluence Advisory said the "heinous assassination" was meant "to silence his highlighting of genocide... in Darfur".

UN aid chief Martin Griffiths meanwhile warned that the situation in Darfur was "rapidly spiraling into a humanitarian calamity".

"The world cannot allow this to happen. Not again," he said in a statement, describing

the reality there as a "living nightmare".

- "Completely devastated" -

US and Saudi mediation efforts are at a standstill after the collapse of multiple cease-fires in the face of flagrant violations by both sides.

The East African Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has attempted to restart discussions, announcing this week that Kenya would chair a quartet including Ethiopia, Somalia and South Sudan tasked with resolving the crisis.

In a statement Thursday, the foreign ministry, loyal to Burhan, "objected to Kenya's chairmanship", alleging that Nairobi had "adopted the positions of the RSF militia, sheltered its people and offered them various forms of

support".

The office of Kenyan President William Ruto - who has met both RSF and army senior officials in recent weeks - had released a draft communique of the IGAD meeting that said quartet leaders would "arrange (a) face-to-face meeting between (Burhan and Daglo)... in one of the regional capitals."

A Sudanese official told AFP on condition of anonymity because they are not authorised to speak to the media, that Burhan "will not sit at the same table" as Daglo, as fighting shows no signs of abating.

A record 25 million people - more than half the population - are in need of aid, according to the UN, which says it has received only a fraction of needed funding. **Agencies**



Former Prime Minister John Malecela (with microphone) addresses residents of Chinangali village in Chamwino District yesterday while CCM Secretary General Daniel Chongolo (to his left) was on a tour of Dodoma Region. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

New cease-fire after Khartoum airstrikes kill 17

BONN

The warring factions in Sudan's more than nine-week-long war have agreed another cease-fire, mediators say, shortly after deadly airstrikes hit the capital. All previous truces have failed to put an end to the conflict.

The two opposing military factions fighting for power in Sudan agreed to another 72-hour cease-fire on Saturday in a deal that came shortly after airstrikes hit the capital, Khartoum, killing at least 17 people. The new truce, the latest in a series of attempts to put an end to the fighting, comes as the conflict between government troops and the paramilitary group Rapid Support Forces (RSF) enters its third month.

Local volunteers and the Khartoum Health Ministry said those killed in the air-

strikes included five children. The strikes on the Yarmouk district of the Mayo area of southern Khartoum also destroyed some 25 homes.

The fighting, ongoing since April 15, has left over 3,000 dead and 6,000 more injured, Sudanese Health Minister Haitham Ibrahim told Saudi Hadath TV. He added that only half of the capital's 130 hospitals remained operational, while all West Darfur hospitals were out of service.

Over 2 million residents have fled to safer areas within Sudan or crossed into neighboring countries.

Clashes have intensified after a frail cease-fire expired last week. It was the latest of several others brokered to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid.

Agencies

Somalia facing uncertainty as African troops leave

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A rapid collapse of state institutions may await Somalia when the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia, or ATMIS, ends at the end of 2024, unless the United Nations' weapons embargo on the country is lifted, security experts warn.

Somali authorities and African Union officials said this week that ATMIS will draw down 2,000 soldiers by June 30 of this year to pave the

way for the complete withdrawal of the African Union Mission in Somalia that started in 2007 with the African Union Mission to Somalia, or AMISOM, and it was replaced by ATMIS, which became operational on April 1, 2022.

Abdisalam Yusuf Guled, the founder of Eagle Range Services, a security company in Mogadishu, and former Somalia's deputy chief of the National Security Agency, is among those who voiced concern.

"I have a great concern that Somalia could be another Afghanistan if the African Union troops leave the country, without Somalia getting strong and well-armed security forces that have international funding and backing similar to that for ATMIS," Guled said.

Last week, the Somali government said it is ready to take over security responsibilities from ATMIS, as 2,000 troops will withdraw from the country in line with U.N. Security

Council resolutions 2628 and 2670.

This week, a technical team was appointed with ATMIS and the U.N. Support Office in Somalia that will oversee the implementation of the ATMIS drawdown.

But security experts warn that a swift pullout of African Union troops in Somalia could lead to a swift collapse of the Somali government, similar to what happened in Afghanistan when U.S. troops left in August 2021.

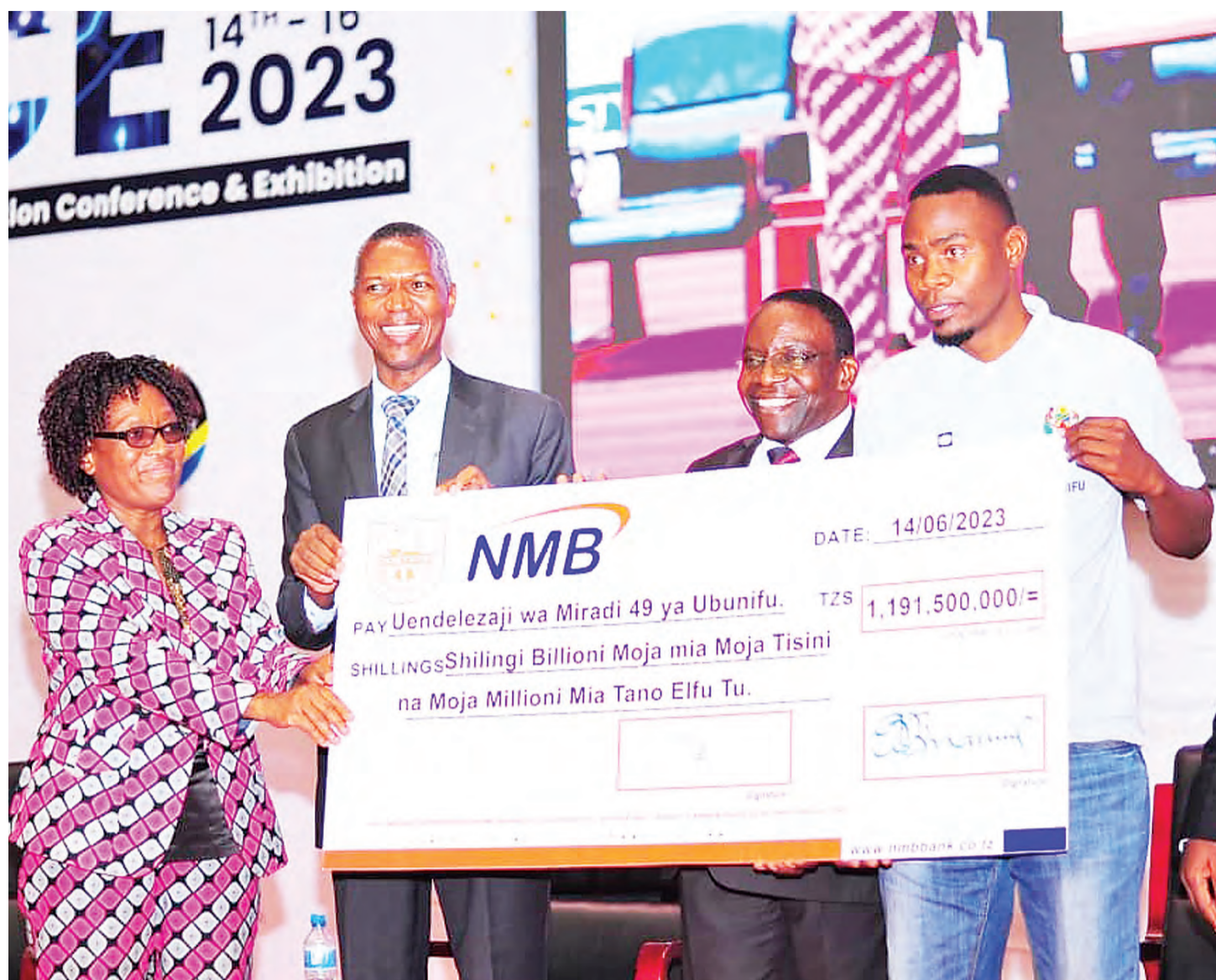
"The Somali Army has been emboldened by anti-al-Shabab clan militias backing, as well as foreign military support. And now, it is clear that ATMIS withdrawal will encourage al-Shabab to remobilize and launch more brazen attacks on the Somali government," Col. Abdullahi Ali Maow, a former Somali intelligence official, told VOA.

Former deputy chief of Somalia's National Intelligence and Security Agency, or NISA, Ismail Dahir Osman,

said he thinks the militants are on a downward spiral and that they cannot endanger Somalia's government once African troops leave the country.

Omar Abdi Jimale is a Mogadishu-based political science lecturer and commentator on Somalia's security and politics. He says with genuine international support for Somalia, the country's National Army can shoulder the burden and responsibility of security.

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Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (Costech) director general Dr Amos Nungu (2nd-L), University of Dodoma deputy vice chancellor Prof Lughano Kusiluka (C) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend holding a dummy cheque for over 1.19bn/- to be spent on the funding of 49 science innovations. It was at the 8th annual national Science, Technology and Innovation Conference and Exhibition. Second right is Tiberius Mario, one of the beneficiaries. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

'Stop relying on income from firewood, charcoal'

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOROGORO regional commissioner, Adam Malima has warned all councils in the region to stop relying on income from firewood and charcoal because doing so is encouraging the destruction of forests.

RC Malima sounded the warning when speaking during the launch of the environmental campaign and the use of clean and safe energy, run by the Taifa Gas company.

"I am asking my directors for your own safety, that no one should bring me information about the income from firewood and charcoal. If you do that, you will be my first enemies," said Malima, urging directors to encourage their councils to be excited about the opportunity to get income from harvesting carbon dioxide by using the forests they will preserve in their areas.

He stated that he has identified a large presence of forest destruction, especially cutting down trees and charcoal burning in the Morogoro region, and asked those involved to immediately stop the destruction that threatens the lack of rain.

"I have visited all the districts of Morogoro region and I've discovered that many forests have been destroyed because of firewood and charcoal posing a dangerous situation in the near future. I will not allow that to happen," said Malima.

Regarding the income from carbon trade, RC Malima said that the Tanganyika District Council in Katavi Region has

preserved the well the forests and earns 3bn/- from the sale of carbon trade and wants the councils of Morogoro region to imitate it.

"I have spoken with Katavi RC who said that the Tanganyika DC earns 3bn/- from the sale of carbon trade, people come and evaluate and say that this forest is dense and contributes to preserving the Earth's environment. They give money, and I am sure that in our districts we have similar forests and that," said Malima.

He asked the people of the region to use gas energy instead of charcoal and firewood which are the major source of forest destruction.

He said that for the Morogoro region, a sack of charcoal is 50,000/- where it is the average consumption of one sack per month which corresponds to the volume of gas of 6 kg which is sold for 23,000/- and that the use of gas is easier than charcoal.



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TEC calls upon govt to utilise social market

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) has advised the government to adopt the use of the social market economy system currently used by various countries including Germany to achieve its targeted economic goals.

TEC secretary general Fr. Dr Charles Kitima made the state-

ment in Dodoma yesterday during a debate on economic opportunities for youth organized by the council with funding of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Dr Kitima said that it is good for the economy to care for humanity, national unity and everyone's well-being.

"Economy must be participatory, the social market economy system, once adopted in Tanza-

nia will quickly result in changes to our economy," he said, adding the religious leaders would want the country's economic growth to not leave anyone behind.

"Our country must have a social market economy in order to move towards an inclusive and sustainable economic development that will enable the private sector and individuals to make productive investments," he

added.

Dr Kitima said Tanzania has adequate resources but there are still employment challenges among young people as well as low investment by the locals. He said it is crucial to use the resources for the benefit of Tanzanians.

"We have a good population of young people who are in the workforce; we need to properly

educate them on cooperative market economy to enable them to employ themselves," said the TEC Secretary General.

He said the government should continue to educate youth to change their mindset, especially graduates from colleges and universities. He said if well prepared, graduates can start thinking of self-employment instead of waiting to be employed.

A Member of Parliament, Prof Kitila Mkumbo, who represented the Minister for Finance and Planning said college students should be self-aware and think of self-employment.

Prof Mkumbo said a study conducted recently in the country showed that only 50 percent of students who graduate from universities in East Africa are employable.

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Cow's milk not good for children of 2-3 of age, says specialist

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

Dr Michael Irira, specialist doctor for children at Mawenzi referral hospital has said the use of cow's milk for children between two to three years of age is dangerous for their health as it can health complications in future.

Dr Irira made the remarks at the weekend in an interview with this paper at the Manyara region referral hospital here at the Mama Samia specialist doctors camp for the northern zone.

Earlier he said that among children

who were treated at the camp he found out that there were some with malnutrition, large calcium content, pneumonia, running stomachs and urinary complications. "Those using cow's milk miss calcium as this is absent in cow's milk," said Dr Irira, and added that cow's milk is not good hence children should not use it until they reach two or three years of age.

The specialist doctor said rather than using cow's milk it is better to use tinned milk, but only after the baby was breastfed for six months continuously without using any other food.

He said calcium is found in fish and cow's meat, hence if the children don't get these foods they will have problems regarding the shortage of calcium in their bodies.

The national inclusive programme on children's upbringing and development (PJT-MMMAM) 2021/22-2025/26

explains that the feeding of various kinds of food for children between six to 23 months, priorities have been given at that age group. Neema John, resi-

dent of Managha village said she did not know that cow's milk is bad for children and appealed to the government for more education on the issue.

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Shukuru Awadh Suleiman (C), Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency's executive director, and Vodacom Tanzania's executive head for Dar es Salaam and Coast regions, Brigita Shirima (2nd-R), grace the launch of a Vodacom Tanzania network tower at Makunduchi in Zanzibar's Unguja South Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Malians vote in referendum paving the way for elections

BAMAKO

MALIANS voted on Sunday in a referendum on changing the constitution that the ruling military junta and regional powers have

said will pave the way to elections and a return to civilian rule.

The junta, which seized power in coups in 2020 and 2021, promised to hold the plebiscite as part of a transition to democracy, un-

der pressure from West African regional bloc the Economic Community Of West Africa States.

Around 8.4 million voters are expected at the polls. Kollet Sangare, a 35 year-old medical assistant was

one of the first to cast a ballot at a polling station in the capital where few had lined up early on Sunday.

"I hope the side I voted for will win," he said.

Some of the changes in the committee-drafted constitution are contentious, with proponents saying they would strengthen fragile political institutions and opponents saying they would give too much power to the president.

But regional bodies and the United Nations see the referendum itself as an important test of the junta's willingness to stick to the transition and hold a nationwide democratic process, particularly at a time when Islamist militants are stepping up attacks.

"With this project, we are betting on the future of our state, the restoration of its authority, and the regained trust between institutions and citizens," interim president Assimi Goita said in televised speech on Friday.

The draft includes updates that have been proposed in past failed efforts to revise the constitution that supporters hope will reinforce democracy and address divisions, including the creation of a second parliamentary chamber to boost representation from across Mali.

The proposed establishment of a separate court of auditors for state spending will bring Mali in line with a directive from the West African Economic and Monetary Union from 2000.

But some opposition parties, pro-democracy groups and campaigners for the 'No' vote say the non-democratically elected authorities such as the junta have no right to oversee such a substantial constitutional overhaul.



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WWF Tanzania Country Office has received funding from Japan to implement the projects in the SOKNOT landscape stretches from Lake Victoria to the Indian Ocean, the Southern Kenya - Northern Tanzania (SOKNOT) transboundary area covers some 134,000 square kilometers. SOKNOT is famous for its wildlife, indigenous cultures and the variety of internationally renowned and iconic conservation areas, including among others the famous national parks of Serengeti, Masai Mara, Mkomazi, Tsavo, Kilimanjaro and the Ngorongoro crater, two UNESCO world heritage sites (Serengeti, Kilimanjaro), one RAMSAR wetland (Lake Natron), one UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (Amboseli), important bird habitats (Lake Natron, Loita, Amboseli, West Kilimanjaro) as well as 39 communal conservancies and four wildlife management areas.

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China's strides in desert control inspiration for African countries

NAIROBI

THE success of China's desert control interventions is an inspiration to African countries battling land degradation linked to human activities and climatic shocks, a Kenyan scholar said ahead of World Day to combat desertification and drought to be marked Saturday.

Gerishon Ikiara, an international relations scholar and former permanent secretary in Kenya's Ministry of Transport, believed that

China has set the pace in desert control, offering vital lessons to African nations.

During his numerous visits to China both as a government official and scholar, Ikiara said he was impressed by the Asian country's determination to reverse desertification by harnessing home-grown innovations. "The first time I went to China, there were many patches that were very dry. The last time I was there, the country had been transformed in terms of change of the environment," Ikiara said.

He observed that courtesy of ingenuity and a people-centered approach to conservation, China has been able to reclaim its landscapes including hills and mountains through planting trees.

Despite rapid industrialization, China has also initiated bold steps to limit greenhouse gas emissions, manage waste and sustain the health of vital ecosystems, Ikiara noted.

He hailed joint China-Africa programs on the environment, adding that such cooperation will enable

both sides to share expertise on halting the spread of deserts and responding to the climate crisis.

Ikiara, a lecturer at the University of Nairobi, said the implementation of infrastructural projects domiciled within the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative has also injected vitality into Africa's green aspirations. He cited the Chinese-built 480-km Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway and the 27.1-km Nairobi Expressway for easing urban mobility and reducing carbon emissions in Kenya.

Ikiara said that through collaboration with China, African states will be well-placed to tackle plastic waste pollution that has taken a toll on aquaculture besides expanding the size of restored landscapes. The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, which is celebrated annually on June 17, seeks to raise awareness of the threats posed by deserts and drought and how to manage the twin ecological challenges rampant in the global south.

This year's theme is "Her Land.

Her Rights," which aims at advancing gender equality to restore land and build resilience.

Ikiara noted that as an epicenter of desertification, fueled by climate change and poor land use practices, Africa has an obligation to tackle the ecological crisis urgently so as to achieve sustainable development. He added that multilateralism is crucial to overcoming desertification and other climate-induced challenges like recurrent droughts, habitat loss, and drying of water sources.

Chunya town residents appeal for govt help on water scarcity

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

RESIDENTS of Chunya town in Mbeya Region have appealed to the government for help to find lasting solutions for acute water supply shortage facing the town, saying the challenge was costing them a lot of money from their small earnings, as well as health risks of water borne diseases.

They made the appeal at the weekend at a public meeting addressed by Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera aimed listening to complaints from the town's residents.

Safia Hamad, one of the residents said the problem is exacerbated during dry seasons when water does not come out of the pipes at all.

She said in the past the government initiated deep wells water projects but during the dry seasons the wells also dry up. "This is a huge problem because as the water comes out of the pipes once or twice a month but people from water authorities send us water bills as normal," said Safia.

Zena Shabani, another Chunya town resident said they buy 20-litre a bucket of water for 1,000/-, which she said costs their livelihoods.

She said there are some rich people who dug deep water wells, but the water has a lot of chemicals due to the composi-

tion of the soil in the area.

For his part, Itewe Ward Councillor, Alex Kinyamagoha confirmed of the water scarcity and that the deep wells project did not work well due to a lot of rocks in the ground in the area making the water table very deep.

He said Chunya District is among districts that will benefit from 28 water projects in town countrywide and that the project will be the solution to the water scarcity problem.

He said they have been provided with more than 11bn/- for the implementation of the project, and added that they are now worried for the contractor who won the tender to change the project's water source. He said deputy water Minister, Maryprisca Mahundi and RUWASA experts endorsed the Gwaziva River, 30 kms away to be the water source.

"What surprised us that the contractor will again be digging water wells, this is not acceptable, because the earlier deep wells water project died due to the rocky underground," said Kinyamagoha.

For his part, Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera instructed Chunya Water and sanitation Authority (CHUWASA) to make sure they find a short term solution while procedures for the huge project involving 28 towns were continuing.



Accelerate Business Group of Companies CEO Bernice Fernandes (L) stands as moderator at a women's workshop known as Mompreneur. It was on the modalities that empowering women with techniques to help them venture meaningfully into business. South Africa's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Noluthando Mayende-Malele, graced the event. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CONTRACTORS REGISTRATION BOARD



LAST REMINDER ON PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES

As you are aware, all contractors are obliged to pay Annual Subscription fees in each financial year. It should be noted that, any Contractor who fails to pay annual subscription fees within the prescribed timeline cease to be a Contractor. Thus, not entitled to carry out construction works. Therefore, all Contractors are hereby reminded to pay their outstanding fees before 30th June 2023.

The names of contractors with outstanding fees can be accessed on the CRB website (www.crb.go.tz) and at Head office, Mkandarasi Place in Dodoma and CRB Zonal Offices in Arusha, Dodoma, Mbeya, Mwanza, and Dar es Salaam-Tetex House

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The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) invites proposals from African cooperatives, producer groups, and enterprises for grant financing and local support for innovative solutions that extend their own capabilities to increase revenues, create jobs, improve farmer incomes, and achieve sustainable market-based growth.

Proposals will only be accepted from registered agricultural cooperatives, producer groups, and agricultural processors in Tanzania working directly in the horticulture, cotton, coffee, edible oilseeds (sunflower and palm oil) and cereals (maize and rice) value chains. Innovative approaches to agricultural and economic development will also be considered. This includes, but is not limited to digitization, information technology, agricultural solutions using renewable energy,

Maximum award US \$250,000

- The organization must demonstrate that it has successfully worked together for a minimum of 2 years, have a minimum of 200 active members or suppliers, and has the capability to effectively use grants funds.
- The ownership and management must be in agreement on the problem to be addressed and have a commitment to benefit their community.
- The organization must have basic functional management and financial controls for a minimum of 2 years to demonstrate capability to account for USADF funds.
- Organizations must be 100% African-owned and led.

Successful Proposals Must:

- Have a clearly defined market opportunity to grow revenues that can increase incomes.
- Have a clearly defined plan of how they can increase revenues and incomes in 2- 4 years.
- Be able to make significant cash or in-kind contributions to the project.
- Be able to directly impact hundreds of people and community members.
- Be able to identify a path for growth after the USADF grant ends.
- Special consideration will be given to applications that incorporate innovative strategies to make use of new approaches and technologies, including complementary finance and information technology.
- Special consideration will also be given to women owned organizations and applications that promote youth.

For details go to:
www.usadf.gov/apply/

Submit your application form, financial statements for the last 2 years and a copy of registration document to: Tanzania@usadf.gov by **June 30, 2023**.

'Tunduma town council among councils with few audit queries'

By Guardian Correspondent, Tunduma

CHAUSIKU Marco, Songwe Regional Chief External Auditor (CEA) has said Tunduma town council is among local councils with fewer audit queries in the region and fast in responding to them despite having 1.5bn deficit.

She made the remarks here at the weekend at the Council's Conference Hall in the presence of Songwe Regional Commissioner and praised the Town Council for having fewer audit queries, while cautioning that in the coming audit, they should provide answers to the deficit.

For his part, Songwe Regional Commissioner, Dr Francis Michael said he had every reason to praise the Council's director for the exemplary service, adding that in FY 2022/23 they estimated to collect 8.8bn/- revenue, but ended collecting 12bn/-.

RC Michael called on public servants, especially heads of departments to reduce outstanding audit queries yet to be responded to and that the Council under its Chairman should continue holding to account all officials embez-

zling government funds.

For his part, Momba District Commissioner, Fack Lulandala said he is proud to be working together with the Town Director, Philemon Magesa as he sees how the Council shines to become the second local council nationwide in revenue collection after Ilala Municipal Council.

Tunduma Town Council director, Magesa said he had every reason to be happy from the commendation as all this was a result of performance discipline and solidarity between the DC, employees, and councilors.

He said the problem that had existed was in regard to the procurement unit and its head was removed for poor management and asked the RC to find another head for the unit who pledged to address the issue.

Tunduma Town Chairman, Ayoub Mlimba said the main reason for them to perform better is the exemplary accountability and that they will work on the advice given by the Regional Commissioner and his team to rectify certain areas of concern.



The mother of one of the students of Dar es Salaam's Urafiki Secondary School airs her views in the city at the weekend at a meeting sexual corruption, sexual violence and under-age marriages organised by a CSO called Tanzania Gender Equality Organisation. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS – 2023

FHI 360 is a global health and development organization whose rigorous, science-based approach builds programs that create lasting change. FHI 360 maintains offices and staff worldwide, helping to forge strong local relationships that enable us to make measurable progress against disease, poverty, and inequity—improving lives for millions.

FHI 360 Tanzania invites interested and eligible entities to submit their sealed applications for purposes of pre-qualification for the following category numbers and corresponding description of goods and services.

Category Number	Goods & Service Description	Category Number	Goods & Service Description
1	Supply & maintenance of telecommunication equipment – 1. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) 2. Dell, HP And Lenovo hardware (Desktops, Laptops and Servers) and other related computer consumables i.e. (External HDD, Flash Disks, anti-virus) 3. Mobile phones, GPS & Tablets 4. Printers and Copiers 5. Local Area Networks and Consumables 6. Supply and installation of computer software 7. Provide IT support Services.	2	Security Services • Guard Services • Automatic Alarm Response • Fire Response • Fire & Safety Equipment
3	Motor Vehicle Service • Supply and Fixing of Vehicle Tyres and supplies i.e Valves, Wheel Alignment and Wheel Balance • Motor Vehicle Rims • Car Tracking System	4	Provision of insurance services • Medical Insurance and Life Assurance • Motor Vehicle Insurance • Asset Insurance
5	Provision of Office Supplies 1. Office stationery including Printer cartridges and rim papers. 2. Office consumables 3. Furniture's	6	Provision of travel services 4. Car hire Services 5. Air travel Services
7	Provision of project related services such as 6. Creative and Graphic Design Services 7. Laboratory supplies, Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies	8	Provision of BULK printing, photocopying, lamination, and binding services
9	Courier and Transportation services a) Parcel and Cargoes, within country and outside country	10	Catering services

Applicants should send their **company profiles (clearly stating the physical address, telephone line, & valid e-mail address and category applied for), Business license, Tanzania Revenue Authority registration, Tax clearance, latest financial statement, past & current trade references, & certificates of registration/incorporation and ALL relevant statutory documents for the business.** For IT Services, suppliers should show proof of being accredited as either support centers or solution providers for companies such as Microsoft, HP, Dell, Cisco, APC, etc.

Applications for pre-qualification will be deposited in the Tender Box marked "Pre-qualification of Suppliers - 2023" at the FHI 360 office entrance, not later than June 30, 2023 at 14.00 HRS.

Submit completed applications in plain sealed envelopes clearly indicating - **CATEGORY NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

**Addressed to:-
The Pre-qualification Committee
FHI 360 Tanzania
Oasis Office Park, 5th Floor
Off Haile Selassie Rd, Plot 14/15, Oysterbay | P.O. Box 78082
Dar es Salaam**

Existing suppliers who wish to be considered for the FHI 360 Tanzania List of Suppliers are also required to submit their application for pre-qualification.

NOTE: This is an application for pre-qualification and not for supply of goods and services. Only pre-qualified suppliers will be requested to provide competitive quotations for the supply of goods/services as and when needed. FHI 360 reserves the right to accept or reject any application for pre-qualification from potential suppliers.

KOICA donates items worth 15m/- to vulnerable children in Kurasini

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Tanzania and KOICA Alumni Tanzania (KOAT) have donated assorted items worth \$6500 (15.4m/-) to Kurasini children's home in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam Region.

KOICA country director, Manshik Shin said on Friday that the donation was made to commemorate the International Day of the African Child.

The items include 20 double-decker beds, 40 mattresses, 40 bed sheets, 40 mosquito nets and personal hygiene essentials to support its daily operations and provide a safer environment for the children's home.

The home is currently managed by the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups and provides care and support to vulnerable children including children with disabilities.

KOICA volunteers and KOAT members also provided fire safety training and personal hygiene training to the staff and children.

"In commemoration of the International Day of the African Child, KOAT, through KOICA, would like to commend the government of Tanzania for the great strides made in community development, including achievements in protecting and promoting the rights of children in Tanzania," he said.

He added: "We have been collaborating with the government to address social and health challenges in Tanzania."

Twaha Kibalula, Kurasini Children's Home Manager said the home was established in 1966 and is currently managed by the government.

He lauded KOICA and KOAT for their support saying a total of 46 vulnerable children have benefited with training on how to properly use fire extinguishers and how to brush their teeth.

Kibalula called on KOICA to support them to build a health centre to facilitate provision of specialized treatment for children, rehabilitation of dormitories, renovation of dining hall, transport facilities and construction of worker's houses.

Also they need training for social welfare officers, childcare workers and healthcare providers.

"We need training on how to care for children with special needs, especially those with autism, psychiatric, epilepsy, speech limitation and mental disabilities and physical disabilities," he said.

Currently the home has 13 staff with different cadres who provide all necessary services that enable children to grow well in all spheres of life. It was established to provide care, supporting and protecting vulnerable children who face various challenges in accessing their basic rights, proper guardianship in their families and community at large.

It is the only state-owned children's home that provides care and support to children with disabilities. There are 15 children with disabilities, among them, 9 are male and six females.

Dr Deman Yusuf, President of KOICA Alumni Tanzania and Lecturer Institute of Social Work, advised children to put more effort into their school work to reach a high position that in-turn will help them to obtain a scholarship from the Korean government.

More than 2000 Tanzanians have already benefited from KOICA scholarships in various fields.



Ado Shaibu (R), Secretary General of the opposition ACT-Wazalendo, conducts a fundraiser in support of the construction of the party's office in Kasulu Rural constituency in Kigoma Region at the weekend at which 1.2m/- was raised. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

FC to spend 1.2bn/- on group development project in Meatu

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

FRIEDKIN Conservation Fund (FCF) plans to spend 1.2bn/- on community development project including health and education that will be compatible with wildlife and forests conservation in Meatu District, Simiyu Region.

Friedkin Conservation Fund is a subsidiary institution of Mwiba Holding Ltd engaged in tourism in the wildlife Management Area (WMA) at its Meatu headquarters, Mwiba Wildlife Ranch and several other areas.

FCF Projects Manager, Aurelia Mtui told reporters here at the weekend

during the exercise to tie electronic tracing collars to 10 elephants at Mwiba wildlife Ranch costing 232m/- aimed at finding solutions to community conflicts in the area.

Mtui said this year the institution has set aside USD 525,000, more than 1.2bn/- as contribution to community development projects in 29 villages within the FCF jurisdiction.

Mtui said the money set aside for 2023/24 has been increased from USD 430,000 in 2021/22.

"This year we expect to spend the money for the construction and refurbishing of schools, teachers' houses, health centres and other eco-

nomics activities for the community, including assistance to beekeeping activities and women empowerment," he said.

He added that FCF have established bicycle transport project involving 200 bicycles, Paji Secondary School Project and beginning July this year they start school lunch projects for Makao Primary School.

For his part, Meatu District Council Chairman, Anthony Philipo said FCF and Mwiba Holdings contributions in the district is huge in assisting members of the community, including in controlling destructive elephants.

DODOMA CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTER TRUST



JOB VACANCIES

The mission of DCMC Trust is to provide accessible and sustainable quality health care through a Tanzanian comprehensive health system which encompasses community-based prevention and primary, secondary and selected specialized and super-specialized care.

DCMC Hospital is a Christian Health Ministry owned by the Registered Trustees of Dodoma Christian Medical Center Trust (DCMCT) located at Imagi Hill, Ntyuka Dodoma. Since its establishment it has served thousands of patients as a multispecialty hospital offering quality health care for the people of Central Tanzania and in collaboration with other stake holders and in line with the Government policies.

DCMC Trust is an equal opportunity employer offering stable and professional working environment with competitive remuneration and benefits.

DCMC Hospital invites qualified Tanzanians to fill in the following vacant positions:

1. CHIEF OF NURSING SERVICES (MATRON) - 1 POSITION

Job Summary:

The incumbent will oversee the quality and efficiency of patient care. This is an administrative and strategic planning role that involves maintaining standards of care, monitoring nursing staff, and ensuring compliance with all regulations. The incumbent will review department management reports, communicate issues with hospital leadership, and help with budgeting. S/he will be responsible for planning, coordination and implementation of long- and short-term plans for nursing activities in clinical departments. S/he will supervise all line divisions heads and ensure performance targets are met.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of Master's Degree in Nursing or equivalent Postgraduate diploma from a recognized institution
- Must be registered by the Tanzania Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Must have a minimum of five (5) years working experience in a busy reputable hospital
- Must have a valid practicing license

Personal Attributes

- Able to develop in-depth knowledge of principles of new public management and familiar with health reforms.
- Good leadership skills and qualities and able to work in a team
- Able to communicate with proven interpersonal skills and proven problem-solving skills
- Versatility in the critical management skills of transformation leadership, action planning, performance and total quality management, team building, decision making, problem solving and change management.

Duties and responsibilities

- To supervise overall nursing activities at the hospital
- To plan organize and supervise nursing care for patients at the hospital
- To plan and execute preventive healthcare activities within and outside the hospital
- To ensure adherence to national standards, guidelines and protocols for nursing practice in Tanzania
- To evaluate nursing services and use the information gathered to improve the quality of services
- To ensure cleanliness and infection control protocol is adhered to by all staff in all sections
- To advise management on the required nursing standards staffing levels qualifications and specific skills in the hiring process
- To write reports and ensure timely distribution of reports to the municipal and other stakeholders
- To respond to specific customers' needs and complaints and resolve any arising dissatisfaction and conflicts arising during staff/patient/relatives' interaction
- To perform any other related duties as may be assigned from time to time

2. SENIOR INTERNAL AUDITOR - 1 POSITION

Job summary:

The incumbent will perform audits of the organization's financial and information systems, assessing compliance with applicable standards and guidelines and sufficiency of internal controls. S/he will be responsible for overseeing the full audit cycle, developing auditing strategies, and creating solutions to make the Hospital's financial processes more effective. S/he will handle the hospital's taxes and compliance with relevant legislation.

Qualifications and Experience

- Holder of Bachelor Degree in Accounting or advanced Diploma in Accountancy from a recognized Institution
- Holder of Certified Public Accountant Professional Certificate (CPA (T)) and registered with National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA)
- Must have at least Seven (7) years relevant working experience in the related field

Required Skills/Abilities:

- Extensive knowledge of general financial accounting and reporting.
- Extensive knowledge of information systems security.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite or related software.
- Extremely proficient with accounting software

Duties and Responsibilities

- To audit financial and inventories report
- To ensure that financial and internal control systems are effective and are consistent with institute financial rules and regulations
- To ensure that Budget control systems are effective
- To prepare and advise on audit guideline to be used by the institution
- To ensure that internal audit reports are prepared according to the audit standards
- To undertake special checks and investigation for audit purposes
- To advise and follow up accountants on dealing with external audit queries
- To audit the institution's financial records, statements, and reports, and verify accuracy and consistency.
- To audit the institution's information systems, assess compliance with data security and storage requirements.
- To analyze the results of the audit and present possible solutions for ineffective financial practices to management.
- To conduct risk assessments to recommend aversion measures and cost savings
- To review internal controls, policies, and procedures for effectiveness.
- To draft and present reports of findings and analysis;
- To identify and recommend revisions and improvements to accounting practices and procedures.
- To follow up with management to ensure remediations are implemented into the company's financial practices.
- Performs any other related duties as may be assigned from time to time.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL POSTS:

- Applicants must attach an up-to-date current Curriculum Vitae (CV) having reliable contact postal address, email address, and reachable telephone numbers.
- Applicants should apply on the strengths of the information given in this advertisement.
- The title of the position applied for should be written in the subject of the application letter/e-mail and marked on the envelope
- Applicants must attach their detailed relevant certified copies of Academic certificates/ transcripts as follows:
 - Postgraduate Degree, First Degree/Advanced Diploma, Diploma/Certificates.
 - Form IV and Form VI National Examination Certificates.
 - Computer Certificates where applicable.
 - Professional Certificates/Licenses from respective boards where applicable.
 - One recent passport size picture and copy of birth certificate.
 - Form IV and Form VI result slips are strictly not accepted. Presentation of forged academic certificates and other information in the CV will necessitate to legal action.
 - Applicants should indicate three reputable work-related referees with their reliable contacts.

Only shortlisted candidates will be informed the date of the interview

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Application letters should be POSTED or HAND DELIVERED to the Following address on or before 04.00 p.m. on 30 June 2023 (i.e., Deadline for receiving applications)

Chairman of the Board
Dodoma Christian Medical Center Trust
Imagi Hill, Ntyuka P O Box 658
Dodoma

Those using e-mail should submit their applications to jobs@dcmct.or.tz

HUBERT KAIRUKI MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates, to be considered for employment in the following positions:

1. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

No	Position	Department
1	Lecturer	Behavioural Science and Ethics, Pathology, Surgery
2	Senior Lecturer	Anatomy, Community Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
3	Associate Professor	Anatomy, Community Medicine, Behavioral Science and Ethics, Paediatrics and Child Health, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Duties:

The main duties will include carrying out lectures, seminars, tutorials and practical sessions to undergraduate and postgraduate students; setting, invigilating and marking examination scripts for both undergraduate and postgraduate students; conducting research and disseminating research results, carrying out consultancy and community service; and to do any other relevant duties assigned by one's supervisor.

Key Qualifications:

Applicants for the position of Lecturer and Senior Lecturer must possess a minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher at undergraduate level and at postgraduate level GPA of at least 4.0 OR a PhD in the related field. Associate Professor must have been promoted to that position from a reputable higher learning institution.

2. ENDOWMENT FUND MANAGER

The Endowment Fund Manager will be responsible for raising fund and running of the Hubert Kairuki Memorial University Endowment Fund Trust to ensure it achieves its mission and objectives.

Duties:

- Regularly monitoring and evaluating fundraising and strategic plans of the Trust.
- Provide fund raising ideas/ proposals through various methods as provided in the Trust deed.
- Ensure quarterly and cumulative investment performance reports for the Endowment.
- Ensure proper custody of endowment holdings and necessary recordkeeping on investment transactions.
- Identify, updating and maintaining a robust database of stakeholders including prospective individuals, trust & foundations, corporate donors and supporters of HKMU.
- Collaborating and networking with individuals including HKMU Alumni and like-minded institutions.
- Advocating for and popularising the Fund in the community including the civil society and the private sector actors.
- Provide administrative support to the Trust (scheduling meetings, preparing in advance reports for discussion, and circulating the reports in advance to the Trustees one week before the meeting).

Key Qualifications:

Applicants must be in possession of a master's degree or its equivalent in the fields of business administration, finance, accounting or economics. Interested applicants must have at least five years of experience in financial services and fundraising.

Mode of Application

Interested candidates should apply in confidence enclosing a detailed current CV, certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts, names of TWO referees including their contacts. Applications should be sent by email to: hram@hkmu.ac.tz by **30th June 2023** with the subject of the position applied.

The advert can also be downloaded from the HKMU website: www.hkmu.ac.tz

Now let's take our share of the global air cargo market

By Mark Mapambano

AIR cargo transports over USD6 trillion worth of goods, accounting for approximately 35 percent of world trade by value. This is according to International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Air cargo is a trade facilitator that contributes to global economic development and creates millions of jobs and the global economy depends on its ability to deliver high-quality products at competitive prices to consumers worldwide, says IATA.

The global air freight market size reached USD 287.4 billion in 2022 and market research giant IMARC Group expects the market to reach USD 413.0 billion by 2028.

Tanzania has been part of this lucrative business for as long you can recall but mostly as a customer. This status changed a fortnight ago when we received our first ever cargo plane. Joy and excitement were evident as thousands flocked to the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) to receive the iron bird.

The plane with a carrying capacity of 54 tonnes landed at the JNIA with President Samia Suluhu Hassan leading the welcoming party. The excitement was a clear indication of the people's expectation that this new status of Tanzania as a trader in this industry will change their lives for the better.

And the welcoming party was not a small activity. Relevant authorities gave the bird a befitting welcome for anything first. There were thrilling performances by a number of musicians who attended the event.

And whoever planned its homecoming thought of a way of making the journey and the party memorable. This is because of the lead captain picked to fly the bird: Neema Swai. Yes, by default, flying schools are predominantly boys' schools. Therefore, seeing our very own female captain do it was heartwarming.

Additionally, we normally christen our planes with tourism promotion on mind. And most of our iron birds are named after tourism hotspots in the northern circuit. However, this time we chose to go far west. Yes, the plane which has the Air Tanzania emblem is actually christened Lake Tanganyika.

Now that we have entered the business officially, let's not try and fail but ensure that we are there to stay. International and regional markets aside, the government says Tanzania's air cargo market alone is huge but remained largely untapped and that is what informed the decision to buy Lake Tanganyika.



Speaking at the event, President Samia said the government will work on ATCL's request to add another cargo plane to enable it adequately meet the demand of the local, regional and international markets.

"You asked me for another cargo plane here; my promise to you is that we will work on it. We thank you very much," she said to a rapturous applause.

Ladslaus Matindi, Air Tanzania Company Lim-

ited (ATCL) director general said that the aircraft flies for an average of seven to 10 hours without landing, depending on the weight of the load it carries.

He said that the government has allocated funds for the construction and improvement of warehouses in key locations to aid in the collection and handling of cargo before transportation.

Matindi noted that the new aircraft will enable the state-owned company to airlift perishable goods such as fish fillets, seafood, decorative fish, meat, flowers, fruits and vegetables directly to the market.

He said that ATCL will use the cargo aircraft to fly freight to the regional and international markets of Nairobi (Kenya), Dubai, Mumbai (India), Guangzhou (China), Harare (Zimbabwe) and Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo), among other destinations.

This new development comes as sweet news to members of the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA)

who have for long been calling for a reliable means of transporting their produce abroad. It is an open secret that most of TAHA produce is airlifted abroad through a neighbouring country.

Infact, Prof Makame Mbarawa, Works and Transport Minister, is on record saying that Tanzania's total production of fish, meat, flowers, vegetables, and fruit products stood at an average of 24,971 tonnes per annum and the same is normally transported by air transport to the European and Asian markets of India, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Romania, and Malta.

The minister reported that only an average of 420 tonnes equivalent to 1.7 percent was being flown to the markets using Tanzania's airports. Now the biggest puzzle, lack of a cargo plane worth the name, has been unpuzzled.

It is now time for the likes of Matindi to walk the talk.

It is the performance of ATCL in this new line of business that will prove that the purchase of the plane was informed by a well-researched business plan. Now let's take our well-deserved share of the global air cargo market.

The author is a commentator on current affairs based in Dar es Salaam. He can be reached on 0655522922.

Needed: Gender-sensitive budget that avails resources to all groups

By Correspondent Deogratias Mushi

THE concept of gender-responsive budget is gradually gaining ground in Tanzania after years of sustained sensitization by civil society organizations with support from the government and development partners.

Simply put, this refers to a budget that works for everyone (women and men, girls and boys) by ensuring gender-equitable distribution of resources and by contributing to equal opportunities for all. Gender-responsive budgeting is essential both for gender justice and for fiscal justice.

One of its biggest advocates in the country, the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP), last week organised a Budget Digest session popularly known as Kijiwe Cha Kahawa at its head office in Dar es Salaam to look at the National Budget speech for the financial year 2023/2024 tabled in Parliament by Minister for Finance and Planning Dr Mwigulu Nchemba.

Participants included civil society organizations, women rights groups, gender and development members, development partners, academicians, representatives from local government authorities, community members, the media, TGNP's Knowledge Center members, board members and staff.

The theme for this year digest was 'Promoting Inclusive Budgetary Process for a Gender Responsive 2023/24 Budget' which triggered interesting contributions from the participants.

Dominick Ndunguru was impressed by the government's move to start giving loans to students (including girls) in technical colleges, saying the move is likely to increase the number of women in the area that are reserved for men, literally.

"It is an indisputable fact that at times female students are forced to venture into night life to sustain themselves economically while in colleges. When they get loans, they are likely to concentrate on their studies," he said.

Siwema Makene, a gender trainer based in Dar es Salaam called upon members of parliament to urge the government to improve sanitary system in primary schools while contributing to the budget speech.

Makene said that young pupils in primary schools should have their own toilets separate from those used by bigger colleagues to enable them avoid contracting communicable diseases like Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) which is commonplace in institutions with shared toilets.

Subira Kibiga who is a gender activist called upon the government to facilitate land ownership to women so that they can fully participate in agricultural activities.

She said that women are engaged in agriculture but most of them end up being labourers because they don't own land and the beneficiaries are mainly men.

"Before the Parliament endorses the 2023/2024 budget, the parliamentarians should make sure that women and girls' rights are equally discussed, to enable them get their fair share of the national cake," she said.



According to Kibiga, women and girls need water and sanitation facilities that are safe, socially and culturally acceptable, and where they can safely dispose of menstrual waste in order to manage menstruation in privacy and dignity.

"Girls face embarrassment during menstruation and most have their first period while at school, which can be very frustrating," she said.

She added that many girls miss school during this time and they simply can't compete with boys who attend school as per the calendar, adding that menstruation and access to sanitary pads are challenges that significantly hinder the girl child's access to continued quality education.

Kibiga said it has been established that girls who do not have access to sanitary pads miss three to four classes each month during their menses, which adds up to 30 to 40 missed days per school year.

While opening the debate, TGNP Director Lilian Liundi said the aim of the gathering which has been organized by TGNP for the past four years consecutively, was to give various stakeholders an opportunity to express their opinions and suggestions which can later facilitate improvement of budget implementation in terms of gender.

"We resolved that this year, Kijiwe cha Kahawa's responsibility is to encourage the concept of participation for all groups to prepare and implement budgets with a gender perspective. We urge parliamentarians to take into consideration the question of gender while debating the budget speech," she said.

The Budget Digest is one of TGNP's platforms to build collective power that brings positive change in policy, practice and thought before parliament endorses the same budget after a few days of debating.

"Our meeting here is aimed at mobilizing joint forces to demand allocation of budget for the gender wing in order to solve challenges of various groups in the society, especially the marginalised such as women, poor men, people with disabilities and young people", she said.

She added that for 30 years now, TGNP has been at the forefront of building capacity and influencing budget with gender perspective and has been involved in the budget process every year by enabling women and marginalized groups at the community level to participate fully in budget debates.

This is done through a process of opportunities and obstacles held at the community level to raise their priorities and also connect them with the national debate that demands allocation of resources for the community as a whole.

"We commend the government for showing us the desire to attain gender equality in the country by taking steps to implement some of the recommendations that we have been making every year through our budget analysis and participation of various stakeholders," she said.

Healthy homes - A right of rural families in Peru

By Mariela Jara

ADOPTING a “healthy housing” approach is improving the living conditions of rural Peruvian women like Martina Santa Cruz, a 34-year-old farmer who lives with her husband and two children in the village of Saclo, 2,959 meters above sea level in the Andes highlands municipality of Calca.

“I used to have a wood-burning stove without a chimney, and the smoke filled the house. We coughed a lot and our eyes stung and it bothered us a lot,” she told IPS during a long telephone conversation from her village.

Santa Cruz, her husband, their 13-year-old daughter and their four-year-old son are among the 100 families who live in Saclo, part of the Calca district and province, one of the 13 provinces that make up the southern Andes department of Cuzco, whose capital of the same name is known worldwide for the cultural and archaeological heritage of the Inca empire.

With an estimated population of more than 1,380,000 inhabitants, according to 2022 data from the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics, four percent of the national population of 33 million, Cuzco faces numerous challenges to fostering human development, especially in rural areas where social inequality is at its height.

According to official figures from May, 41 percent of Peru’s rural population currently lives in poverty, and in Calca, where 55 percent of families are rural, there are high rates of childhood malnutrition and anemia.

One way Santa Cruz found to improve her family’s health and carve out new opportunities to boost their income was to get involved in the project for healthy housing.

In 2019, she took part in a contest organized by the municipality of Calca, which enabled her to start remodeling their house, making it healthier and more comfortable.

Her husband, Manuel Figueroa, is a civil construction worker in the city of Cuzco, about 50 kilometers away by road. She stays home all day in charge of the household, their children, the chores, and productive activities such as tending the crops in their garden and feeding the animals. “When I only cooked on the woodstove, I also had to get an arroba (11.5 kg) of firewood a day to be able to keep the fire lit all day long to cook the corn and beans, and the meals in general,” she said.

In addition to cooking food, the stove provided them with heat, especially in the wintertime when temperatures usually drop to below zero and have become colder due to climate change.

Healthy rural homes and communities

Jhabel Guzmán, an agronomist with extensive experience in healthy housing projects in different areas of Calca province, told IPS that the sustainability of the initiative lies in the fact that it incorporates the aspect of generating income.

“It is not enough to propose changing or upgrading stoves, improving order in the home or providing hygiene services; rural families need means to combat poverty,” he said.

Of the projects he has been involved in, the ones that have proven to be sustainable in time are those in which, together with improvements in relation to health, the transformation of the homes contributed to generating income through activities such as gardens, coops and sheds for small livestock, and experiential tourism, expanding the impact to the broader community.

The case of Santa Cruz and her family is heading in that direction. Their original home was built by her husband in 2013 with the support of a master builder and some neighbors, a total of eight people, who finished it in a month. They used local materials such as stones, earth, adobe and wooden poles.

But the two-story home was not plastered, which made it colder. In addition, it was not well-designed: the small livestock were in cramped pens, the bedrooms were crowded together on the ground floor, the stove had no chimney and the house was very dark.

Their participation in the healthy homes initiative marked the start of many changes.

“We plastered the house with clay, it turned out smooth and nice, and we painted a sun and a hummingbird (on the wall outside). In the kitchen I installed a wooden cabinet, we made a skylight in the roof and covered it with transparent roofing sheets to let the sunlight in, and we made a chimney for the smoke from the stove and fireplace,” said Santa Cruz.

“It feels good. There is no smoke anymore, I can keep things tidier, there is more light, the clay makes the house warmer, and my small animals, who live next



Martina Santa Cruz, a peasant farmer from the village of Saclo in the southern Peruvian Andes highlands department of Cuzco, is pleased with her remodeled kitchen where a skylight was created to let in sunlight and a chimney has been installed to extract smoke from the stove. CREDIT: Janet Nina/IPS



A typical, unhealthy house in rural Peru where cooking is done using firewood in a closed room without a chimney, which causes smoke to spread throughout the house and damages the health of the families. CREDIT: Mariela Jara/IPS

door, are growing in number,” she said. She also created a space for a gas cylinder stove and a dining room that she uses when there are guests and she needs more cooking power than just the woodstove, to prepare the food in less time.

Due to traditional gender roles, Peruvian women are still responsible for caretaking and housework, which take more time in rural areas due to precarious housing conditions and less access to water, among other factors, reducing their chances for studying, recreation, or community organization activities, for example.

Building large coops with small covered sheds with divisions for her guinea pigs and chickens made it easier for Santa Cruz to clean and feed them, therefore saving her time, which she aims to use for future gastronomic activities: cooking food for a small restaurant that she plans to build on her property.

She explained that she has 150 guinea pigs, rodents that are highly prized in the Andes highlands diet, which provide her family with nutritious meat as well as a source of extra income that she uses to buy fruit and other food.

Improving quality of life

Agronomist Berta Tito, from the Cuzco-based non-governmental organization Center for the Development of the Ayllu Peoples (Cedep Ayllu, which means community in the Quechua language), highlighted the importance of healthy housing in rural areas, such as Saclo and others in the province of Calca, in a conversation with IPS.

She said they prevent lung diseases among family members, particularly women who inhale carbon dioxide by being in direct contact with the woodstove, while reducing pollution and improving mental health, especially of children.

“Rural families have the right to decent housing that provides them with quality of life and guarantees their health, safety, recreation and the means to feed themselves,” Tito said.

She said the project requires property planning, in which families commit to a vision of what they want to achieve in the future and in what timeframe. “And viewed holistically, this includes access to renewable energy,” she added.

In Santa Cruz’s house, the different areas are now well-organized: the ground floor is for cooking and other activities and the four bedrooms, one for each member of the family, are located on the second floor and are all lined with a beautiful wooden veranda.

At the moment she is frustrated that she left something on the woodstove too long, which stained the nearest wall black. But she and her husband have plans to paint it again soon, because the family enjoys having clean walls.

In addition to her two cooking areas, with the woodstove and the gas cylinder, she has a garden on the land next to her house, where she grows vegetables like onions, carrots, peas and zucchini, which she uses in their daily diet. And she is pleased because she can be certain of their quality, since the family fertilizes the land with the manure from their guinea pigs and chickens “which eat a completely natural diet.”

Future plans include fencing the yard and expanding an area to build a small restaurant. “That is my future project, to dedicate myself to gastronomy, cooking dishes based on the livestock I raise. I have the kitchen and the woodstove and oven and I can serve more people. But I will get there little by little,” she said confidently.

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'Improve access to life-saving post-abortion care services'

By Guardian Reporter

THE government and health stakeholders have been urged to join forces to improve access to life-saving post-abortion care services, as a means of reducing maternal mortality.

Speaking over the weekend in Dar es Salaam Nondo Ejano, regional director of Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights Africa (WGNRR Africa) made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking during the movement strengthening workshop organized by the grassroots-led feminist network to stakeholders and journalists.

Ejano said: "Unsafe termination of pregnancy is contributing up to 19 percent of maternal deaths in Tanzania while the health care for managing complications from unsafe termination of pregnancy is costing the government's health system 10.4bn/- (US\$4.5 million) per year. These human and financial costs can be largely avoidable and, this can free up resources to be spent elsewhere."

Ejano noted that the 2015-16 Demographic and Health Survey indicates that Tanzania has one of the highest mortality rate "maternal mortality ratio in Tanzania is about 556 per 100,000 live births."

The Guttmacher & Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences

(MUHAS) report on the magnitude of unsafe abortion in 2013, shows that 19 percent of maternal deaths in the country are due to complications from unsafe abortions.

The Guttmacher and MUHAS report on the health system cost of post-abortion care in Tanzania, 2018, 19 percent of the deaths are due to complications from unsafe abortion. The report stipulates that an estimated 77,814 women in Tanzania receive Post Abortion Care every year while an additional 114,272 women need this care but do not receive it. Meeting all women's need for Post Abortion Care in the country, government would spend up to 25.7bn/- (US\$11 million) annually.

He further said: "The Tanzanian government is very committed to improving access to life-saving Post Abortion Care services, as a means of reducing maternal mortality but there is a need for the state and all stakeholders to join forces to make our efforts more preventive than reactionary. One of the preventive efforts would be to extend the ground for safe termination of pregnancy for the victims of rape, incest, and sexual assault as stipulated in Article 14, 2c of the Maputo protocol that Tanzania has ratified without reservation."

The Legal and Human Rights Center (LHRC) assessment indicates that sexual violence was the most common form of violence against women and



WGNRR AFRICA's official advocate Walter Carlos speaking during the movement strengthening workshop organised by the grassroots-led feminist network to stakeholders and journalists in Dar es Salaam

Children (VAWC) that occurred in Tanzania in 2022. Between 2017 to 2021, Police statistics on violence against children show that a total of 70,997 incidents of VAC were reported at police stations, averaging 14,199 each year, (an average of 1,183 incidents each month, and 39 incidents each day); and 5,899 children (girls) were raped in 2021, averaging 491 child rape incidents each month. We are also aware of so many cases of incest and sexual assaults occurring in different corners of the country. These increasing criminal acts are likely to shoot the number of unwanted pregnancies which are

likely to end up in unsafe termination because the current legal framework do not provide a room for the victims of these inhuman acts to access safe services to terminate these pregnancies resulting from criminal acts.

He said that the collective commitments from stakeholders are needed to support the government's efforts to avoid both human and financial costs of unsafe abortion in the country.

Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC) Executive Director Keneth Simbaya said: "In our country, the penal code explicitly states that termination of pregnancy is legally permitted

if it is performed to save a woman's life. However, we need to amend the current abortion law to expand access to safe termination for victims of rape, incest, and sexual assaults to preserve their physical or mental health.

Simbaya said: "The government has the responsibility to protect the reproductive rights of all women, including those who are victims of these acts of violence."

WGNRR Africa's Official Advocate Walter Carlos said that the work of the feminist network is to connect and strengthens movements for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

and justice in Africa. "We strive to ensure women in their diversity fulfill their right to make own and informed decision on reproductive matters, free from coercion, discrimination and violence," she said.

WGNRR Africa has brought together partners working in the GBV and SRHR fields to identify and address the gaps and harmonise their strategies in their approaches of advocating for women and children's rights in Tanzania in order to strengthen their voice and build an intersectional movement that holistically influence social change.

Lessons from Estonia for digital transformation in Tanzania

By George Oreku

IMAGINE a world where parents register a newborn baby as a citizen online from the hospital and in turn have a digital ID to manage their interactions with the country without queues, forms, and paper. Sounds like science fiction, right? It is already happening in Estonia.

In Estonia, 99 percent of all government services are provided online, 98 percent of prescriptions are written digitally, and 99 percent of the population has an electronic ID. With these indicators, it is not surprising that, according to the digital economy and society index of the European Commission in 2021, Estonia is first in the European Union in terms of digital public services.

The Estonian model could be of great interest to Tanzania. A report titled "Estonia: e-governance in practice," published by the US Development Bank (IDB) and the e-Government Academy (eGA), highlights the country's main achievements in the field of digital governance.

The report, prepared by eGA, aims to contribute and support the debate on digital transformation in different countries around the world. It discusses the significant accomplishments of Estonia in e-government and how other countries can learn from its experience. Let us explore some key lessons that Tanzania can learn from Estonia's digital transformation:

The first advantage of digital public services is their low cost and high efficiency. Digital services, when properly implemented, provide a small and effective government. Estonia's approach was to "move the data rather than forcing people to move between institutions." This strategy is especially relevant for Tanzania, considering its economic and demographic limitations. By adopting this approach, Tanzania can achieve cost-effective and efficient public services.

Tanzania, like many other countries, faces the challenge of gathering and exchanging data between different government agencies. The abundance of data in various administrative organizations leads to duplication, hinders government action, and ultimately affects citizens.

Estonia has successfully addressed this issue by employing XRoad, its interoperability solution. Tanzania can benefit from collaborating with Estonia to establish an ecosystem that facilitates the capturing and sharing of data across ministries and agencies.

Tanzania should focus on expanding the reach of digital governance. This includes a variety of digital services, from e-commerce to digital identity platforms and cybersecurity.

The digitization of the economy can have a transformative impact, as seen in Peru, where 61 percent of people conducted their most recent transaction online. Embracing digital technologies can drive economic growth and enhance citizens' access to essential services.

Tanzania's establishment of the Ministry of Information, Communication, and Information Communication reflects its commitment to digital transformation.

Tanzania should aim to emulate the bold steps taken by Estonia and adopt a swift approach to digitalization.



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This will enable Tanzania to accelerate its progress and realize the full benefits of digital transformation.

Technology alone is not enough for successful digital transformation. Tanzania must recognize that human talent is crucial for this process. It is essential to have expertise in various areas be-

yond engineering to design and implement user-friendly systems. Collaboration and multidisciplinary approaches will be vital to ensure the success of digital government initiatives.

Inclusive digitization is crucial for Tanzania, considering that approximately 60 million citizens speak Swahili.

The National Digital Transformation Policy aims to make the entire population capable of utilizing digital citizenship. Mobile phones can serve as an effective tool for achieving this goal.

Tanzania can learn from Estonia's example of using the National ID as a universal system that provides access to various services.

Protecting digital systems from cyber-attacks is a critical challenge. Tanzania should prioritize cybersecurity by planning preemptive measures and allocating resources for digital defense.

Estonia's expertise in cybersecurity can serve as a valuable model for Tanzania to enhance its security measures and safeguard its digital infrastructure.

To build trust in the government's digital transformation initiatives, openness, honesty, and transparency are essential. Tanzania should engage in open discussions, educate citizens about digital transformation, and be transparent about the goals and progress of digital initiatives.

By involving the public and fostering trust, Tanzania can ensure the success of its digital transformation journey.

Tanzania has the opportunity to leverage Estonia's experience and expertise in digital governance. The recent collaboration between the e-Government Academy (eGA) and Tanzania through a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) demonstrates the commitment to expanding the reach of digital governance in African countries. By adopting the right strategies and building a robust digital infrastructure, Tanzania can pave the way for a more accessible and efficient digital government, benefiting its citizens and driving economic growth.

In conclusion, the path to digital transformation requires careful planning, collaboration, and a comprehensive approach. Tanzania can draw valuable lessons from Estonia's success in digital governance. By implementing effective digital strategies, Tanzania can enhance its public services, promote economic growth, and empower its citizens in the digital era.

Ramaphosa meets Putin, presents Africa's 10-point plan to end war

By Queenin Masuabi

REPRESENTING African heads of state, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has presented a plan for the cessation of war to both Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and Russian head of state Vladimir Putin.

The heads of state of Comoros, Zambia, and Senegal, were part of the African delegation that initiated peace talks, along with South Africa, meeting Zelensky first in Kyiv followed by Putin in St Petersburg. Heads of state from Egypt, Congo and Uganda pulled out of the mission hours before its departure on Thursday.

During Saturday's meetings, Ramaphosa highlighted the adverse effects that Russia's invasion of Ukraine has had on Africa.

"As a continent we are being negatively affected because of the conflict. The prices of commodities, particularly grain and fertiliser, the price of fuel, have all gone up and this is a consequence of the war that is ongoing. It is as a collective interest that the war should come to an end," he said.

Ramaphosa went on to outline a proposal that has been agreed upon by the seven countries involved in the mission:

One is that both leaders must listen to one another; the war must be settled through negotiations and diplomatic means; there must be a de-escalation of conflict on both sides; the sovereignty of countries in terms of the UN Charter and internationally recognised principles should be recognized and there needs to be a guarantee of security for all the countries involved. This issue has been raised by all sides.

Also, the movement of grains across the Black Sea must be opened up to remove blockages so that commodities can reach markets; humanitarian efforts must be set up for those affected by the war; prisoners of war must be released and children returned to Ukraine; there must be reconstruction of the destruction caused by the war and further engagements should be held to encourage more dialogue through the Africa Peace Mission.

Russian reply
But Putin felt that the root of Ukraine's troubles stemmed from the violence that engulfed the country after the bloody 2014 coup "funded by Western sponsors", which he believes divided the country.

Putin went on to state that there were Ukrainians who did not support the 2014 coup, adding that these citizens then decided that they no longer wanted to be governed by the president appointed after the coup.

"Russia had to support these people, bearing in mind the ties, cultural and linguistic, of those who live in those territories. For a long time we have been striving to restore the situation of the Ukraine to normal using peaceful means.

"We have signed various agreements between various parties ... the Western countries and those who are in power in Kyiv were simply trying to pull out a leg. Subsequently they said quite publicly that they would not abide by our peaceful agreement and left it.

"It was after that, that Russia was forced to recognise independent states we had not had in eight years," Putin said.

He said Russia had every right to recognise the independent states.

Putin then went on to say that the conflict could not entirely be blamed for the crisis in the international food market.

African Union Chair and Comoros president, Azali Assoumani, said Africa's history had taught its leaders to always find a peaceful solution to war.

"As you know, Mr President, wars have always had terrible consequences and the longer they continue the deeper and unprecedented the crisis. In this regard we are not going to teach you any new lessons because your country has gone through many painful events in the past.

"Today, we are facing this crisis, and not only does it have an impact on neighbouring countries, it has an impact on the whole world, particularly our African continent."

"We undertook this mission because, as Africans, unfortunately we have managed many conflicts and it is through dialogue and negotiation we can resolve these problems. Our experience we would like to share with you in order to find a positive settlement to this crisis.



A handout photo made available by Photo host Agency RIA Novosti shows South African President Cyril Ramaphosa listening to Russian president during a meeting with a delegation of African leaders and senior officials on the sidelines of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia on 17 June 2023. Tapa-Efe/Pavel Bednyakov/Host Photo Agency/Ria Novosti/Sputnik Handout

President Cyril Ramaphosa has made a proposal in the hopes that he will be able to persuade Russia and Ukraine to end passive dialogue," he said. Mission impossible

Meanwhile, a significant number of Ramaphosa's security detail were unable to join the president in Russia. They, along with a group of journalists who were invited by the Presi-

dent to cover the talks, had to lodge in Warsaw, Poland, after the South African government failed to get clearance to fly over some parts of Europe.

On Saturday morning, journalists were informed that they would not be allowed to travel to Russia because of the failure to get clearances in Hungary. Presidency spokesperson Vincent Magwenya could,

however, not be drawn on why the security detail would be required to travel south when Russia is north of Poland.

Members of the Special Forces, Presidential Protection Unit and journalists were held up at Warsaw's Chopin Airport on the afternoon of Thursday 15 June.

Almost 24 hours after landing at Chopin on Friday, 16 June, an announcement was made that SAA flight ZS-SFX could fly to Rzeszow, south of Warsaw.

That morning there was no food for passengers and they were only served tea and water.

But within two hours, the crew was informed that the plane would remain grounded, but passengers and crew would be allowed to disembark. Journalists and a certain portion of the president's security detail had to be booked into hotels in Warsaw without their bags. Departure back to South Africa was set for Sunday, 18 June.

Polish officials refused the crew permission to offload containers containing weapons and other equipment, with Polish ground staff flagging issues with permits. However, General Wally Rhoades, head of the Presidential Protection Unit, said all relevant documentation was in place and accused Polish officials of racism and sabotage. Rhoades has maintained throughout that the President would be protected during his many stops during the peace mission, despite the setback.

Peter Fabricius reported that Poland's foreign ministry had issued a statement justifying their actions by saying that "dangerous goods were on board the plane, which South African representatives did not have permission to bring in. In addition, there were persons on board the aircraft of whose presence the Polish side had not been notified beforehand".

It added that the Polish government had made every possible effort to prepare for Ramaphosa's visit to Poland and that the South African government "had been informed of all formalities necessary for the delegation's entry into Poland and the required transport permits".

Minister of Police Bheki Cele told Newzroom Afrika that Ramaphosa's security had not been jeopardised and his close security, supported by Ukrainian security officials, had been adequate to protect him in Ukraine. He said Rhoades had withdrawn his statement on racism and sabotage. **DM**



A handout photo made available by Photo host Agency RIA Novosti shows Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) shaking hands with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa (L) during a meeting with a delegation of African leaders and senior officials on the sidelines of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia on 17 June 2023. Epa-Efe/Evgeny Byatov/Host Photo Agency/Ria Novosti/Sputnik

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TRIAS, TAHA bridge access to finance gap to peasants

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

A robust partnership between TAHA and TRIAS has marked a massive impact in terms of smallholder farmer's access to finance.

Briefing a visiting high level TRIAS delegation, TAHA Chief Development Manager, Anthony Chamanga said that a revolving fund initiated few years ago, with a seed deposit of 25,000 Euros (62m/-), has grown to 167m/- and over 200 small-scale farmers have benefited from the soft loan with 9 percent interest rate.

As it happened, TAHA approached the Equity Bank to develop a simple system with the ultimate goal of easing smallholder farmers' access to finance and creating pathways out of poverty, Chamanga told the TRIAS mission.

Indeed, five years later, the initiative turned out to be a seed of change, bringing about a paradigm shift in lending peasants, as it offers a real opportunity to transform the financing landscape for smallholder farmers.

"The model has worked successfully in transforming hundreds of small-scale horticultural growers in Arusha to be eligible for bank loans, prompting Equity bank to see the viability of lending to them," Chamanga told the delegation.

TRIAS also facilitated the mobilization, capacity enhancement and registration of the onion cluster in Ilkiding'a village in Arusha, which serves as a model cluster approach for TAHA reaching out to more than 500 members from 12 groups.

In terms of entrepreneurship skills, Chamanga said, close to 3,500 farmers have undergone trainings and TAHA has been able to develop an entrepreneurship manual for training horticulture farmers.

Through the TRIAS support TAHA has been managed to offer extension services to over 6,000 small-scale farmers.

TRIAS facilitated the establishment of TAHA's membership unit to improve services to different member categories, bankrolled a construction of a horticulture knowledge hub in Zanzibar and its support marked a massive im-

pact in terms of horticultural crops output and income for growers in Zanzibar

Thanks to the "Make it Grow!" Horticulture for Sustainable Economic Growth in Zanzibar project implemented in partnership of TAHA, TRIAS and AHA under the four years European Union (EU) funded flagship programme, AGRI-CONNECT.

Indeed, formal statistics indicate that the Zanzibar horticultural farmers have recorded a 100 percent yield surge in the period under review, depending on the type of crops, technologies applied and geographical areas.

The programme implemented in 66 villages, 47 out of them in Unguja and 19 others in Pemba with an eye to reach 10,100 beneficiaries among them 6,600 being farmers comprising 60 percent women and 40 percent youth, has seen tomato productivity increased to two metric tones in an acre per season, up from one metric tone, doubling the income for growers.

TRIAS Worldwide Director General, Lode Delbare termed TAHA's achievement in supporting youth and women to venture into horticulture as remarkable.

"It feels good to see TAHA's practical intervention in the grassroots. Be assured we will continue collaboration to improve livelihoods for small-scale farmers. This is our ambition and conviction," Delbare said.

TRIAS boss implored TAHA to keep its members, mostly smallholder farmers at the core of the organization in a bid to maintain its vibrant.

TAHA board chairman, Engineer Zebadiah Mushi thanked TRIAS for its support that brought about real impact on livelihoods to a critical mass of youth and women in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

"TAHA is your right partner, fortunately we are in TRIAS's DNA. As they say, see is believing, I'm sure this will help you to make informed decision on our partnership" Eng. Mushi said.

Ritha Tarimo, country Coordinator, Tanzania TRIAS underscored the importance of keeping small-scale farmers, particularly youth and women at the heart of the future partnership.

Standards body hands over 264 certificates and licences



TBS director general, Dr. Athuman Ngenya presents certificate of quality to one of the 264 entrepreneurs (L) in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has handed over 264 certificates and licenses to certify the quality of products to various entrepreneurs and seven certificates to certify the quality of systems.

The certificates and licenses were issued over the weekend to producers whose products have been confirmed to meet the requirements of the Standards for the period from October, 2022 to May, 2023.

Speaking at the handover event in Dar es Salaam over the weekend Dr. Athuman Ngenya, TBS director general said about 107 licenses and certificates which is equal to 41.6 percent were given to small entrepreneurs.

Dr Ngenya said the certificates and licenses issued are for food products, cosmetics, building materials, lubricants, electrical equipment, trailers, carriers, packaging as well as service delivery systems.

He also said that for the period of October 2022 to May, 2023, they have registered 1,394 places (shops, warehouses, cars) that are used to sell, store and distribute food and cosmetic products.

During that period, according to Dr Ngenya, TBS managed to register 1,255 food and cosmetic products that comes from abroad.

He emphasized the entrepreneurs to be good ambassadors in the use of standards to achieve the goal of industrialization especially in this period where Tanzania is a middle economy.

He said that one of the primary

responsibilities of TBS is to prepare and manage national standards as well as verify the quality of products produced or imported into the country.

He said another responsibility is to test building materials and those used to manufacture various products and verify various service management systems.

He said the responsibility to control food and cosmetics and its buildings has resulted from the changes in the standards law made in 2019 and that with these changes, no food or cosmetics product will enter the market without quality assurance from TBS.

He said that the change in the law also requires buildings to produce, store and sell cosmetics and food and vehicles carrying soda and water must be registered by TBS so that they can be allowed

to be used.

The event carried the slogan of quality for this year 2022/2023 which says "The best mission is to do it correctly" which is a message to producers that the quality of products starts with good intentions to produce products in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Dr Ngenya said entrepreneurs should comply with existing regulations and guidelines voluntarily and correctly, to ensure consumers get quality products at all times.

"I ask you to continue to produce quality products for the future of the health of Tanzanians so that consumers continue to have confidence in you and protect the health of your fellow Tanzanians," he said, lauding producers for archiving quality mark.

USAID commits \$3m to African Water Facility

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THE United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has committed \$3 million to the African Water Facility (AWF).

The funding will support the preparation of water and sanitation investment projects in Africa, through the provision of grants and technical assistance to African countries and regional economic communities.

AWF is an initiative of the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW), is hosted by the African Development Bank. It is the only African project preparation facility solely focused on addressing water and sanitation issues in Africa. It helps African countries achieve the objectives and targets set by the water-related Sustainable Development Goals and African Water Vision 2025. It does this by the preparation of innovative water and sanitation projects across the continent.

Access to water and sanitation in Sub-Saharan Africa remains poor. Approximately 400 million people lack basic water supply services, while over 700 million people have no access to decent sanitation. Nearly 200 million people still practice open defecation, and 750 million people have no access to hygiene. Achieving water security and sanitation for all requires large-scale investment in water supply and sanitation, improved governance of water resources and operations, and the design of climate-resilient infra-

structure.

Since inception, the Facility has provided €205 million in grant funding for water and sanitation projects in Africa and enabled over €1.7 billion in downstream investment in the water and sanitation sector.

"This USAID financing affirms growing international support for the African Water Facility as a trusted partner and resource for Africa's water sector. We thank the United States for the funding commitment that will contribute to scaling up the Facility's work and positively impacting more people across the continent," said Dr. Beth Dunford, African Development Bank's Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development.

Under its 2022 - 2027 Strategy, USAID aims to reach 22 million people with access to safe drinking water and 22 million people with access to sanitation over five years.

The African Water Facility is raising millions of euros to develop investments that will accelerate public and private sector financing of the water sector and deployment of innovation to improve service delivery. The support from USAID comes in the lead up to its 2023 funding dialogue in Paris this October, where the facility will engage donors, beneficiary governments, multilateral and international organizations to enhance financing for water and sanitation investment projects in Africa.

Bolt appoints Charles Matondane as country manager for Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

AN on-demand transport platform in Africa-BOLT has appointed Charles Matondane, the country manager for Tanzania.

With over 17 years of remarkable achievements in technology operations across Africa and Europe, Matondane brings a wealth of experience and a track record of success to his new role.

During his career, he worked with esteemed international organizations such as Vodacom, Tigo, Velti Plc. (Greece), Kirusa Inc. (USA), and Apollo Group (Kenya).

His expertise lies in building cutting-edge solutions and developing high-performing teams across 15 African countries in sectors including telecoms, media, insurance, mobile money, and payments services. Takura Malaba, Regional Manager, East and Southern Africa said: "Bolt is thrilled to welcome Charles to our team. His extensive experience in the field of technology, coupled with his deep knowledge of the African landscape, make him an



Charles Matondane

invaluable addition to our organization. We are confident that his contributions will further strengthen our position as a leader in the ride-hailing industry."

Speaking on his appointment, Matondane said: "I am excited to join Bolt and contribute my extensive experience in technology operations to revolutionize the ride-hailing industry in Tanzania. With a focus on digital transformation and emerging markets, I am

excited to drive efficiency and create impactful solutions for Bolt's customers and stakeholders."

Matondane's primary focus has been on driving digital transformation and spearheading new operations development within commercial-focused environments.

He has an unwavering passion for data analytics and insights, which allows him to strategically develop efficient solutions

with a profound impact on emerging markets, particularly Africa. By prioritizing quality and efficiency in operations and technology execution, he consistently delivers exceptional value to customers and key stakeholders.

He has been an influential figure in numerous global forums, showcasing his expertise and thought leadership. He participated in the World Economic

Forum On Africa, actively engaging in crucial conversations surrounding Africa's Business and Technology Transformation. Furthermore, he served as a distinguished speaker at the United Nations ITU Telecom World, as well as the GSMA World Congress 2014, where he shared his insights on Technology and Innovation in Emerging Africa.

Matondane holds a Bachelor's degree in Business & IT, along with a Postgraduate Diploma in Data Science & Business Analytics. Additionally, he has achieved the prestigious Chartered Financial Analyst Level One Certificate from the esteemed CFA Institute.

With Charles's exceptional background and profound industry knowledge, Bolt is poised to strengthen its position as a frontrunner in the technology sector, driving innovation and efficiency in the transportation industry. This appointment solidifies Bolt's commitment to excellence and its relentless pursuit of delivering unrivaled customer experiences.

UDBS empowers its students on banking, investment skills



Dr Tobias Swai, UDBS Head of the Finance Department, explains something at the 5th Banking and Investment Forum.

By Guardian Reporter

THE University of Dar es Salaam Business School (UDBS) has organized the 5th Banking and Investment Forum to empower its students on how to obtain the right information regarding banking, finance and investment issues.

Dr Tobias Swai, UDBS Head of the Finance Department told reporters in Dar es Salaam over the weekend that the idea is meant to empower students with various skills.

"We want to see our

graduates, when they graduate, they can employ themselves as well as compete in the world's competitive job market," he said.

The don said that the entire concept carried by the forum is to identify challenges and opportunities in the operation of small financial institutions in Tanzania.

"Through this forum we have been able to discuss hot issues regarding small financial institutions and the employment market, especially in banks and other financial institu-

tions," he said.

He called upon stakeholders in the sector to continue offering themselves in spreading banking and investment education to among the youth for their own benefits and that of future generations.

Head of Business from TIB Rasilimali Limited, George Sawa said education of financial and investment issues is supposed to be given to students in order to build in them the culture of making investments in the financial markets, thereby increase their incomes.

One of the UDBS students, Ally Ahmed expressed his pleasure by the forum and requested the organisers to continue with such forums as they have been assisting them professionally in the management of financial and investment issues.

Since its establishment, the forum has been an essential organ for the endorsement of various issues on policies as well as getting the right information regarding finance and investment issues both in the country and beyond.

Barrick drills LGA leaders in Tarime

By Correspondent Ambrose Wantaigwa

BARRICK Gold Corporation has conducted training to villagers and local government leaders in Tarime District, Mara Region to capacitate them with knowledge on conflict resolution, specifically disputes involving villagers and investors.

The mining company in Nyamongo town in the outskirts of Tarime District is a joint venture between the Barrick Company and the government through the TWIGA Company.

Speaking during the training at Sirari town, the mine's Community Relations Officer, Happiness Semwenda said the mine respects and considers human rights when executing its mining activities.

She said since the mine is located near people's residences, there are possibilities that Barrick's daily operations affect their lives in different ways, hence the need to train them on conflict resolution.

"Good relations between the investor and surrounding communities include proper and timely handling of people's complaints. In finding solutions, both parties must be involved," she said, adding they have been conducting public meetings to give villagers an opportunity to express their concerns for purposes of finding solutions.

In the training, local leaders were also reminded of the importance of educating communities surrounding the mine on the effects of toxic chemicals used by artisanal miners, including Mercury and Cyanide.

Wrapping up the training, one of the local leaders, Zacharia Chambiri said the government will ensure citizens with complaints against the investors are provided with their rights. He asked the citizens to avoid taking the law into their own hands, including participating in mine invasion actions.

"We normally urge villagers with complaints to seek solutions through peaceful means which includes looking for legal aid to avoid committing crimes such as invading investors' legally owned premises," he added.

Sirari ward councillor Amos Sagara asked the government to strengthen security at the border of Sirari to control importation of harmful chemicals that pose health risks to small-scale miners.



DCB Bank strengthens capital base and profits generation, says report

By Guardian Reporter

DESPITE facing economic challenges, DCB Commercial Bank has consistently expanded its capital base while its profit generation has also maintained an incremental trend, the bank's shareholders have been told in Dar es Salaam during the weekend.

Addressing the 21st edition of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the bank's shareholders, chairperson of the bank's Board of Directors, Zawadia Nanyoro, said the bank's capital, which is at 28.5bn/- far exceeds the mandatory minimum set by the central bank of 15bn/-.

"Our bank registered after tax profit of 747/- in the year 2022, which was attributed to non-interest income amounting to 10.3bn/- which is 111 per cent of the envisaged target, while interest-based income reached 28.6bn/- which is 86 per cent of our set goal," said Nanyoro.

"The operating environment of the bank for the year 2022 continued to be friendly as the Tanzanian shilling gained strength against other currencies, the economy started to grow after the COVID-19 scourge, inflation remained low throughout the year, success in tourism sector, the general opening up of trade avenues, all these has helped DCB to continue performing well in the market."

Isidori Msaki, Bank's acting managing director said the bank had been keen in its oversight of the progress of long-term strategies, an aspect that has been resulting in positive gains, including growth of the bank's assets.

"During the year 2022 the bank's assets grew to reach 211bn/- from 192bn/- in the year 2021, the growth upgraded the status of the bank in the country, raising it from a small bank to the medium-sized bank category," said Msaki.

"DCB has continued to protect shareholder value by ensuring growth of non-interest income from 30.10 per cent of gross income in 2021 to 49 per cent in the year 2022, an increase attributed to improvement of digital platforms which to a great extent catalysed growth of the volume of transactions by 135 per cent," said Msaki.

Pointing out some of the priority areas set by the bank during the period to 2025 to shareholder, the DCB chief executive said the bank had laid down strategies to roll-out its services country wide, including to improving its services by employing digital options.

"We've opened customer service centres in strategic areas, we have agency banking network with over 700 operatives agents countrywide, and seven branches in Dar es Salaam and up-county," said the managing director.

"Our bank intends to widen access to loans channelled over digital formats considerably by 2025, during the year 2022 we issued loans amounting to not less than 1.2bn/-, these types of loans are safer because they are payable over a one-month period," he said.

DCB boss further noted that the bank was on firmly on track to carry out its strategies aimed at generating profit every year, in order to cause share to appreciate by 18.9 per cent, and at consistently reduce the non-performing loans ratio by 5 per cent, while expanding customer base.

Msaki urged the shareholders to continue investing in the bank and also trusting its management, noting that their investment was beneficial to children in Tanzania, as the bank had been able to donate desks to schools in dire need, a help that enables the children to have peace of mind as they study in better conditions.

"It is through investments of our shareholders that we have been able to finance training in entrepreneurship, this knowledge is useful to growth of their businesses and for our life, we shall continue to maintain efficiency in our performance in order to consistently bring forth positive outcomes," he said.

It was also revealed in the meeting that despite making after-tax profit of 747/- in 2022, and in line with laws laid down by the central bank, the Board of Director of DCB had suggested the profit generated be consolidated into shareholder stocks instead of declaring dividend.

Exploiting natural gas can be win-win for both Africa and Asia, experts state

By Special Correspondent

FOLLOWING the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and its impacts on food and fuel prices worldwide, representatives of the private and development sectors attending an online conference organized by the African Development Bank expressed consensus that exploiting Africa's natural gas resources offered benefits for both African and Asian countries. AFD's Asia External Representation Office and its African Natural Resources Management and Investment Centre jointly organized the event, titled "A New Vision for Africa: Asia-Africa Cooperation on Natural Gas."

It sought to spur exploration of the challenges facing global natural gas markets, including inadequate long-term investments, climate change risks and energy security concerns. The event brought together over 140 participants, including

representatives of government agencies, the private sector, development partners and academics from Asia and Africa with a view to developing a new vision for Africa's gas sector that will ensure energy security and as well as serve as an energy source that will advance the transition to net-zero emissions.

Naoshige Kinoshita, AFD deputy head and former Chief Investment Officer for Energy Financial Solutions explained that partnerships between Africa and Asia have recently unlocked significant investments in Liquefied natural gas and potential transfers of technology.

Nosizwe Nokwe-Macamo, Executive Chairman and Founder of Raise Africa Investments Pty Ltd, raised the issue of energy poverty in Africa. She said: "we have challenges on the supply side, and we've got huge challenges as well on the demand side." She emphasized the urgent need for reliable and affordable en-

ergy sources.

Dr. Farouk Omar Ibrahim, Secretary General of the African Petroleum Producers Organization (APPO), outlined current regional initiatives to address natural gas funding and investment challenges. "Africa should be able to raise the funds necessary for the operations of its energy industry," Ibrahim said.

Adly Kafafy, Vice President for Africa at TAQA Arabia, a Cairo-based energy provider, said: "We need to make sure that we will be utilizing natural gas for the consumption of Africans." Drawing on Egypt's experience, he urged cooperation among African countries and external partners to build robust value chains to maximize the continent's potential of the natural gas sector.

Batchi Baldeh, African Development Bank Director of Power Systems Development, stressed the role of natural gas as an enabler of Africa's energy transition

by providing a robust base-load for energy systems. Outlining the Bank's strategic vision to support the green transition, he said, "Our job, as a bank, is to support our member countries to create the policy framework and regulatory environment that will maximize or attract the investments, both public and private."

Dr. Vanessa Ushie, Acting Director of the African Development Bank's African Natural Resources Investment and Management Centre, called for a balancing of short to medium term opportunities for Africa to meet rising energy demand from Asia, against longer term climate change and energy transition risks. "Africa needs to move on the value chain. This is our strategic approach for all commodities, including natural gas." She also underscored the importance of exploring inclusive and sustainable long-term solutions that are of benefit to both regions.

WORLD

Ukraine war must end, South African President Ramaphosa tells Putin



'The road to peace is not an easy one,' said President Cyril Ramaphosa in Ukraine

THE war in Ukraine must end, South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa has told Russia's leader Vladimir Putin.

Ramaphosa's remarks came as he met Putin in St Petersburg on Saturday as part of a peace mission with six other African countries.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told the delegation on Friday that he would not enter talks with Russia while they occupied Ukrainian land.

Putin told the African leaders Ukraine had always refused talks.

At the meeting in St Petersburg, Mr Ramaphosa also called for both parties to return their prisoners of war, and said children removed by Russia should be returned home.

Putin has been charged with war crimes by the International Criminal Court over the forced removal of hundreds of Ukrainian children from their families during Russia's occupation of Ukraine.

As the African delegation called for the return of children to their families, Putin interrupted their speech and claimed Russia was protecting them.

"Children are sacred. We moved them out of the conflict zone, saving their lives and health", he said. The UN said they have evidence of the illegal transfer of hundreds of Ukrainian children to Russia.

Ramaphosa also warned Putin of the impacts of the war on Africa, and said it should be settled by diplomacy.

"The war cannot go on forever. All wars have to be settled and come to an end at some stage," he said. "And we are here to communicate a very clear message that we would like this war to be ended."

The war has severely restricted the export of grain from Ukraine and fertiliser from Russia, which has affected African countries in particular and intensified global food insecurity.

But Putin blamed the West for the grain crisis - not the war in Ukraine - as he said only 3% of the grain exports permitted under a UN-sponsored deal to ensure its safe passage through the Black Sea had gone to the world's poorest countries.

Russia has repeatedly complained that Western sanctions are restricting its own agricultural exports. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said there were "no grounds for extending" the grain deal, because "so far what we were promised has not been done".

Putin praised what he described as Africa's balanced position on the war, which Russia continues to call a "special military operation".

The African delegation, made up of representatives from South Africa, Egypt, Senegal, Congo-Brazzaville, Comoros, Zambia, and Uganda has been specifically designed for breadth and balance, with members from different parts of Africa with different views on the conflict.

South Africa and Uganda are seen as leaning towards Russia, while Zambia and Comoros

are closer to the West. Egypt, Senegal and Congo-Brazzaville have remained largely neutral.

African countries have primarily seen the conflict a confrontation between Russia and the West.

The delegation also met with Ukrainian leaders on Friday, where Ramaphosa warned the war in Europe was affecting between 1.2 and 1.3 billion people in Africa.

After the leaders landed, air raid sirens sounded across Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, which Ukraine's Foreign Minister, Dmytro Kuleba, said demonstrated that Putin wanted "more war".

During their meeting, Zelensky told the delegation that "an important result of your mission" would be to intercede to bring about the release of political prisoners held by Russia.

The meeting comes amid heightened tensions between both Russia and Ukraine, as Ukraine launches its counteroffensive near the region of Bakhmut.

Russia has claimed the counteroffensive has failed, but Kyiv said it has retaken about 100 sq km of territory on its southern front. **Agencies**

Blinken arrives in Beijing, becoming first US State Secretary to visit in 5 years

BEIJING

ANTHONY Blinken arrived in China yesterday and became the US' first Secretary of State in five years to make a visit to Beijing, The Washington Post reported.

On a two-day visit to China, Blinken is expected to hold a high-stakes meeting aimed at stabilizing a relationship under historic stress. His hosts previewed the tense visit with multiple rebukes of the United States, accusing Washington of engaging in "irresponsible bullying" and living under the "illusion" they could deal with China from a "position of strength."

Earlier, China's Foreign Minister Qin Gang, during the telephonic conversation with Blinken, warned that he should "show respect" for Beijing's position on

Taiwan and also made clear that America must stop interfering in China's internal affairs, reported The Washington Post.

Even after this, Blinken showed hope for maintaining open channels of communication as well as bilateral and global issues.

Last month, President Joe Biden predicted a thaw in China's anger over the US downing of its high-altitude surveillance balloon in February. The White House has indicated that Blinken's trip could unlock a series of meetings between US and Chinese officials, including a leader-to-leader engagement with President Xi Jinping.

"I'm hoping that over the next several months I'll be meeting with Xi again, and talking about legitimate differences we have but also how ... to get along,"



Anthony Blinken (L), who arrived in Beijing yesterday, is the highest-ranking member of President Joe Biden's administration to visit China

Biden told reporters before leaving for Philadelphia.

Blinken arrived in the early morning with a full agenda:

meetings with Gang, the Communist Party's top foreign policy official Wang Yi, US business leaders, American embassy per-

sonnel, exchange students and potentially Xi himself, according to The Washington Post.

According to the State Department's statement, Secretary Blinken will meet with senior PRC officials where he will discuss the importance of maintaining open lines of communication to responsibly manage the US-PRC relationship. He will also raise bilateral issues of concern, global and regional matters, and potential cooperation on shared transnational challenges.

It is pertinent to mention that earlier, he was scheduled to visit China in February 2023, but it was postponed after a suspected Chinese spy balloon over the United States sparked indignation from the Biden administration.

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UK PM Rishi Sunak joins raid on illegal migrants,

LONDON

UNITED Kingdom Prime Minister Rishi Sunak joined the officials in the raid which ended with the arrest of over 100 illegal immigrants from 20 different nations, according to the statement released by the UK government.

Rishi Sunak (pictured) made an early morning visit to Brent, North London on Thursday, wearing a bulletproof vest with a light blue shirt and navy blue pants. The UK's Home Office has conducted a record number of visits targeting illegal working in one day, and immigration enforcement officers arrested 105 foreign nationals found working without the right to do so during 159 illegal working visits.

The arrests took place at commercial

premises including restaurants, car washes, nail bars, barber shops and convenience stores, according to the statement.

Suspects were arrested for offences including illegal working and possession of false documentation, with sums of cash seized at some locations.

Talking about the arrest, Home Secretary, Suella Braverman said, "Illegal working harms our communities, cheats honest workers out of employment and defrauds the public purse as no taxes are paid. As the Prime Minister has set out, we are committed to tackling the abuse of our laws and borders."

"We know the prospect of black-market employment is a significant attraction for migrants considering making dangerous and illegal journeys to the UK. Operations such as today send a clear message that we

will not stand for this. Of those arrested, over 40 were detained by the Home Office, pending their removal from the UK, with the remaining suspects being released on immigration bail. It is also expected that a number of the arrests will result in a voluntary departure from the UK," Braverman added.

The Home Secretary also stated that in the first quarter of 2023, Immigration Enforcement teams delivered 1,303 enforcement visits, a 57 per cent increase on the same period last year, and since the PM set out his plan to stop the boats in December, arrests have now



doubled since the same period last year, as per the statement.

Meanwhile, Director of Enforcement, Compliance and Crime, Eddy Montgomery said that this result demonstrates the dedication and professionalism of our officers to take action against immigration offenders, as well as employers who are not complying with the rules.

"Our enforcement teams are working around the clock to deter immigration offending and help protect the public. Working closely with partners and agencies including the police and the National Crime Agency, we are tackling illegal work at every level. It is vital that we not only identify individuals in breach of immigration law but target the people smuggling networks behind this type of criminal activity," Montgomery added.

Taiwan youth see mainland as land of opportunities

BEIJING

IN a singing competition held for students across the Taiwan Strait last year, Mao Chih-yuan, a Taiwan student at a university on the Chinese mainland, won the award for the best original song in the division of college students.

"It is more than just a plane ticket that connects both sides of the Strait. Riding a motorcycle on the serene mountain slope, I feel my horizons broadened with dreams in my mind," sang the postgraduate of the School of Medicine, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU).

Born in Taitung County of Taiwan, Mao chose to study on the mainland because he found that the mainland "is full of opportunities and challenges."

Like Mao, an increasing number of young people from Taiwan have come to the mainland to pursue education, find jobs or start businesses, embracing ample opportunities offered by the other side of the Strait with an open and enterprising mindset.

GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS ON A BETTER PLATFORM

Mao set foot on the mainland for the first time after being admitted to the SJTU in 2015. After completion of his undergraduate program, he continued his studies at the SJTU for a master's degree.

"The top-notch faculty and abundant learning resources of the SJTU have benefited me a lot," said Mao, adding that the outstanding alumni inspired him to become a doctor proficient in both clinical practice and scientific research.

In the past year, Mao has been actively engaged in conducting experiments, publishing papers, and writing popular science articles. "Aiming high and working hard, one deserves greater achievements on a better platform," he said.

At his leisure, Mao would write songs to record his life in Shanghai and express his love for the city.

Speaking of his future plans, Mao said he would stay in Shanghai for further studies after completing his master's program and "strive to become an excellent medical practitioner in the future."

SERVE AS DRIVING FORCE

The past year has witnessed the busy life of Lai Yenchun, a young instructor at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in central China's Hubei Province, who juggles her roles as a teacher, a lawyer, a mediator, and a volunteer of law education.

Coming from Taiwan and having lived in Wuhan, capital city of Hubei Province, for 14 years, Lai received higher education at Wuhan University, where she was elected as vice president of the student union in the School of Law, the first Taiwanese ever elected to the position.

During her master's program, she passed the national judicial examination and became the first legal practitioner from Taiwan in Hubei.

She has since dedicated herself to public interest services, providing legal consultations and law education for Taiwan compatriots on the mainland.

"When I came to Wuhan alone to pursue my studies, I felt at first confused and frustrated since I was unfamiliar with the city," she said. "Thanks to the care and encouragement from my teachers, classmates, friends, and the local Taiwan affairs office, I overcame the challenges and reach where I am today."

In 2022, Lai was awarded the Hubei Youth May Fourth Medal, the highest honor for outstanding individuals in the province.

Now, Lai often shares her experience with youth in Taiwan through the media. "I would like to serve as the driving force behind every youngster in Taiwan," she said.

SUPPORT DREAM SEEKERS

Coming to the mainland from Taiwan in 2009 as a dream chaser, Fanchiang-Feng, now general manager of the Qida Straits Youths Entrepreneurial and Incubation Center, has now become an entrepreneur helping others to chase their dreams.

Since establishing a start-up incubator in Xiamen in 2016, he and his team have assisted more than 40,000 young people from Taiwan to come to the mainland for exchanges and communication, and supported Taiwan youngsters in launching hundreds of start-up projects on the mainland.

Fanchiang's entrepreneurship experience enabled him to realize the importance of cooperation between Taiwan and the mainland in starting a business. "By working together, young entrepreneurs from across the Strait can learn from each other and achieve greater progress."

At Qida, each department is staffed with directors from both Taiwan and the mainland, and Qida's subsidiary companies are encouraged to have partners from both sides.

HOUSTON

ONE year ago in June 2022, the average monthly Brent price reached a high of 122.71 U.S. dollars per barrel, partly due to the geopolitical tension following the Ukraine crisis.

Since then, Brent price has been on a general slide, dipping to an average of 75.47 dollars per barrel last month, about 22 percent below the monthly average of 97.13 dollars in February 2022.

Will the oil price continue to slide?

In the past decade, the global oil market experienced two major oil price collapses. Between June 2014 and January 2016, the

average monthly Brent price decreased by more than 70 percent from 112 dollars per barrel to 31 dollars per barrel.

Again, between May 2019 and April 2020, the average monthly Brent price dropped by more than 70 percent from 71 dollars per barrel to 18 dollars per barrel, partly because the COVID-19 pandemic led to a decrease in the global oil demand.

Both times, oil-producing countries certainly hoped that production cuts would help stop global oil price from further decreasing, as they suffered significant economic hardship since oil exports are key to their income.

"Saudi Arabia wants to stabilize oil price," Abhi Rajendran,

Will oil price stop one-year-long slide?

director of research and advisory at Energy Intelligence, an energy information company, told Xinhua recently.

Saudi Arabia and its OPEC+ partners announced the latest round of production cuts in early June, hoping that their collective action, coupled with an improved economic outlook and higher oil demand growth forecast, will help to prevent the global oil market from a further downturn.

Saudi Arabia wants to show its determination against the oil speculators who have been betting on a continuing crude price

slide, Rajendran observed.

Russia is also keen to join the efforts to stop oil price slide, and in April announced that it would extend its own voluntary oil production cut of 500,000 barrels per day (b/d) until the end of 2023. Russian President Vladimir Putin said in May that oil production cuts were needed to stabilize the world oil market price.

In the new quota agreed amongst OPEC+, Saudi Arabia's crude production would be at 10.5 million b/d for 2024, whereas Russia will produce 9.8 million b/d in the same period.

Oil market had a positive initial response to the production cut. Brent price went up by 6 percent from 72.6 dollars per barrel at the end of May to reach 76.95 dollars per barrel on June 6.

However, in the following week, the market lost more than all of its price gain. On June 12, Brent set a new 12-month low of only 71.84 dollars per barrel.

As OPEC+ countries are trying to curb oil production, the United States is expected to set a new production record of 12.6 million b/d in 2023, a 6 percent surge from 11.9 million b/d in 2022, ac-

cording to the June Short-Term Energy Outlook report issued by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA).

The EIA report also suggested that the oil price will be stabilized after struggles, forecasting an average Brent price of 80 dollars per barrel for 2023, and 84 dollars per barrel for 2024.

The U.S. crude oil production was growing at a double-digit pace two years in a row before the pandemic and set the record of 12.3 million b/d in 2019.

Since the last oil price downturn in 2020, U.S. oil producers have turned their focus more

to capital discipline, share buybacks and shareholder return, rather than pure production growth, according to local energy experts.

Looking into the future oil price moves, the forecast growth of global economy and related oil demand always plays a critical role.

Oil demand will continue to grow and peak in 2028, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Wednesday, projecting that global oil demand will set a new record of 102.3 million b/d this year and peak in 2028 to 105.7 million b/d, citing China's recovering economy as a key reason.

Xinhua



Simba Queens' forward Mwanahamisi Omary (R) races past Yanga Princess' fullback Diana Antwi during this season's Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League (SWPL) clash held in Dar es Salaam in March and ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA QUEENS

Simba Queens SC begins search of new head coach

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA Queens SC has begun to pursue a new head coach after parting ways with Ugandan tactician Charles Lukula.

Under the Ugandan gaffer's tutelage, Simba Queen could not defend the Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League (SWPL) title this season, with army outfit JKT Queens winning the women's showdown silverware.

Lukula was in charge of Simba Queens for just one season, having joined the club before the commencement of the just-concluded campaign.

After failing to achieve what appears to have been the target of clinching the league title, he has been finally shown the door.

The club released a brief statement last Thursday evening confirming Lukula's exit and went on to wish him well for the future.

"We thank Charles Lukula for being the head coach of the Simba Queens for the last season. We wish him all the best in his life," a statement from the club read.

Simba Queens has seen various footballers that include Kenyan Jenitrix Shikangwa, who could be on her way out after winning the SWPL golden boot, and compatriots Topister Situma, and Vivian Aquino, shine for the side this season.

Lukula is not the only tactician who left Simba Queens on Thursday, as the parent outfit, Simba SC, sent two more coaches and a physio from the men's team parking.

They are Kelvin Mandla, who served as the midfielders' specialist, as is the case for physiotherapist Fareed Cassim. Goalkeeping coach

Chlouha Zakaria also exited the club. Ahmed Ally, Simba SC Media, and Communication Manager, noted they are already in the market looking for replacements for those who exited.

The official noted: "We are keen on making big improvements in our technical bench, and we want to bring on board coaches who are more knowledgeable and more experienced," the official said.

"We have big plans for next season, and to achieve these plans, you have to have the right people on board. We are already in the market, looking for replacements for the coaches that have left the club," the Media and Communication Manager added.

Both Simba SC men's and women's outfits have gone off-season without silverware, something that has raised pressure among Simba SC's board members and fans, with major changes forced to take place in the club.

Simba Queens' notable success in recent years was a convincing run in the second edition of the CAF Women's Champions League played in Morocco last year, which culminated with the side taking fourth place.

The third-place playoff of the premier women's tournament on the continent had ended with Nigeria's Bayelsa Queens recording a 1-0 win over Simba Queens.

Simba Queens had made it to the 2022 CAF Women's Champions League after triumphing in the CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers which took place in Dar es Salaam from August 14-27.

The zonal qualifiers were previously slated to be held in Arusha from July 28-August 10 but were later moved to Dar es Salaam.

Professionalism now reigns as Salum's saga settled amicably

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan drew to a close the saga involving midfielder, Feisal Salum, and his outfit Yanga by asking the outfit to settle the dispute by looking at the size of the institution in the country.

Salum got into a dispute with Yanga after he wrote a letter seeking to terminate his contract with the club.

The midfielder had deposited his three-month salary, as well as 100m/- which is a contractual requirement should the player want to terminate his contract with the outfit in the club's account.

Yanga though refused to approve the midfielder's request referring to football rules which give the player the right to terminate the contract when there are football problems, namely not being paid either salary or other allowances according to the contract.

Other factors include a player being out of action for a certain period and others that could not be resolved after being presented to the club.

When President Samia humbly asked for the row settlement, even though she claimed that she was begging that Yanga should end a dispute with Salum, it was clear that something had come to an end and it hardly took 48 hours for the saga to be brought to an end.

Soccer followers thought the saga would go to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), they thought it would end in October after some friction here and there, with CAS needing various documents as was the case in midfielder Bernard Morrison's saga with Yanga. However, the saga ended within 48 hours.

The President's statement was a command to Yanga, if the President humbly asks an individual to do something, he/she should understand the President has issued an order.

This is the truth for those who know the protocol, Yanga had no other way rather to end the Salum issue without going to CAS.

It has ended for the benefit of all three parties, all soccer lovers probably felt that Azam FC was behind the saga.

Many of the followers felt that Azam FC was the club that needed Salum but they



Newly signed Azam FC midfielder, Feisal Salum (R), poses with the club's owner, Yusuf Bakhresa (C), and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Abdulkarim Amin, after the midfielder was introduced to the press in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

should not just blame the outfit given the midfielder seemed to have wished to join Azam FC.

Suddenly within 48 hours of President Samia's statement, Yanga announced to sell Salum to Azam FC.

I was pleased with the way that when Yanga's official statement came out, there was no word mentioning the President.

The statement only made it clear that Yanga has reached an agreement to sell Feisal Salum to Azam FC. There was no way that the Jangwani Street side might have released him based on the recent statement by President.

Yanga therefore did business and the first to have been discovered was the team that was behind the saga, reportedly Azam FC.

Had the saga taken place elsewhere, there would have been an investigation to find out whether Azam FC convinced Salum to try to join the squad while he had a valid contract with Yanga.

Former England left-back, Ashley Cole, once experienced this problem when the player was playing for Arsenal.

Chelsea convinced the left-back to leave Arsenal, and he was photographed meeting Chelsea's officials in a hotel in London while he had a contract with Arsenal. Later, Chelsea was fined heavily even though they managed to get the player they wanted.

All three sides have won in Salum's saga, who should start? Salum, the midfielder has won and is going back to playing football.

I have several times written the important thing is for Salum to play soccer, the performer ought to return to the pitch.

The midfielder could have gone to CAS and his case would still take a long time, there was a possibility of starting the new season without seeing the footballer take the pitch and unfortunately, we would have known how his saga would end.

The difference with Morrison is that the Ghanaian midfielder had a CAS case while playing football at Simba SC.

Salum's case is different because it continues when he is not playing football... he just trained for fun in Zanzibar.

His return to the pitch is important even if football lovers understand that he had a good income even though he was on strike.

The player on two occasions failed to turn out for Tanzania's national team, Taifa Stars, because he was not fit in the AFCON Qualifiers' match against Uganda.

The other winners are Yanga, I know that they wished to have Salum, and I know that if it came to leaving then they had wanted Salum to leave at a higher price than the 112m/- he put in the club's account.

However, the President's statement was an order that the Jangwani Street outfit could not ignore and right then the squad knew that Azam FC was behind this whole issue.

They decided to call Azam FC to the table and negotiate, finally, they got 270m/- in fees for play-

ers' move to the Chamazi-based club. Even if President Samia ordered Yanga to release Salum for free then it would have been possible.

However, the way the deal went is that Yanga has as well achieved something that I believe they deserve, otherwise, they might just want to frustrate Salum's career by letting him continue to strike.

Yanga's contract with Salum had only one year left and it is difficult for a club to sell a Tanzanian player who plays in the country to another domestic squad for 200,000 dollars.

Leandro Trossard at 28 years was sold for a bid of 25 million pounds because his contract was coming to an end at Brighton & Hove Albion FC. If he had a long contract he would have been sold for more than £60 million.

The third party that benefited in Salum's saga is Azam FC given the club has found one of the best ingredients ever in the country.

Although it has been found that Azam FC was behind this plan for a long time the methods used by the club were wrong, the club all in all has found the midfielder.

Much as Azam FC is rich, the outfit has used a lot of energy to get Salum, it could have waited for Salum to end his contract next season and leave for free.

The Chamazi-based outfit could have entered into a pre-contract with him and then rope him in without paying a transfer fee to his former club.

However, those with money are not always chosen given spending 270m/- on a player who has 10 months left in his contract with his club in Tanzania is incomprehensible.

At the end of the Salum, it has been learned the three parties have wasted domestic football enthusiasts' time. They should have done what they did earlier without waiting for President Samia's statement.

It is possible that even if they had gone to CAS, they could still be sent back to sell the player.

For a long time, the idea was for Salum to go to Yanga and ask to be sold, I hardly know why he was not doing it. He might have feared that Yanga would be reluctant to do so. The truth is that he would have gone first and then Yanga would have priced him higher so clubs could not sign him.

I would stand on his side against Yanga, however, the main point is that the matter is over and every side has got what it wanted.

Indian Diaspora celebrates International Yoga Day in Dar

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

MORE than 2000 Indian diaspora, Tanzanians, UN Resident Coordinator, and other people from various countries in the world yesterday gathered at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) football ground to celebrate the ninth International Day of Yoga.

The event targeted to raise awareness of the many benefits of yoga for physical and mental health.

India's High Commissioner to Tanzania Binaya Pradhan that graced the event said the International Day of Yoga's theme is 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakama', meaning 'One World, One Family'.

He lauded all attendants for being part of the event that helps people to balance their bodies and minds, know

what they want to do, adopt a better lifestyle, bring mental benefits, and reduce anxiety and depression.

He said yoga has been practiced regularly in nine regions in Tanzania including Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Morogoro, Mtwara, Tanga, other regions of Mainland Tanzania, and Zanzibar.

"Today people from these regions are celebrating the International Day of Yoga with us," he said.

This year's International Day of Yoga was officially inaugurated by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports Said Yakubu.

Yakubu noted: "This is a second time for me to practice yoga in Tanzania. As we all know, yoga is not merely a form of exercise, it is a way of



Zlatan Milisic, UN Resident Coordinator (front row 3rd R), Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports Said Yakubu (front row 4th R), India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan (front row, 5th R), and other people demonstrate yoga skills at the celebration of the ninth International Day of Yoga at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's football ground yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

life, a harmonious integration of body, mind, and spirit."

"It is also a practice that has stretched across millennia and now across continents, just like a successful yoga stretching into a perfect downward dog," the Permanent Secretary said.

He said yoga promotes a harmonious balance between body, mind, and spirit, it also steers people towards a balanced society.

This ancient discipline nurtures empathy, understanding, and respect, fundamental qualities for harmonious co-existence.

Yoga for that matter serves dual purposes- it not only enriches people as individuals but also fosters a communal environment of compassion, understanding, and unity.

Yakubu noted that the practice of yoga will continue to spread its roots,

not only in Tanzania but also across the globe.

"Let this ancient practice serve as a bridge, uniting us in these challenging times, as we stand on our mats, let us remember that while we may be physically distanced, we are spiritually connected," he said.

He said yoga is like a trusted friend that gently reminds people to breathe especially in challenging times, just as a good friend guides

us through difficulty.

The Permanent Secretary pointed out yoga helps people find calm amidst chaos, reminding them of the power of breath.

He revealed it is a compassion that not only helps people navigate life's storms but also equips them with resilience for the future.

The positive impact that yoga has made in society, according to him, is undeniable, adding yoga is found everywhere from schools to community centers and even offices.

"Let's not forget the real reason we've all adopted the practice, who wouldn't want the excuse to wear comfortable yoga pants to work right?" he queried.

He noted: "In seriousness, the reduced stress, improved physical health, emotional well-

being, and increased productivity we have seen speak volumes about yoga's profound potential."

Zlatan Milisic, UN Resident Coordinator, added that yoga is practiced by millions of people around the world and it is increasingly being used in schools, hospitals, and workplaces.

The International Day of Yoga is a global celebration and it is a day for people to come together and reaffirm their commitment to a more peaceful and sustainable world.

"Here in Tanzania, our UN country team has taken the initiative to organize and will continue to hold sessions of meditation and yoga, these practices offer us an opportunity to find inner peace, reduce stress and enhance our overall quality of life and as we

celebrate yoga today let us appreciate the gift of yoga and the positive impact it can have on our lives," he said.

He said General Assembly Resolution recognizing Yoga Day had one of the highest member state endorsements- 177 countries- showing how universally embraced the practice of yoga has become.

He lauded India's High Commission to Tanzania for organizing a wonderful event that promotes physical and mental well-being.

"Yoga helps us to manage stress, improve our flexibility and strength and boost our immune system and in these challenging times, yoga can be a valuable resource for staying healthy and well," he said, encouraging people to try yoga and share its benefits with others.

England World Cup game identified as match that led to most social media abuse

By Miguel Delaney

ENGLAND's quarter-final with France led to the biggest spike of abuse during the 2022 World Cup, Fifa research has revealed, as the governing body steps up plans to tackle offensive social media posts on the United Nations International Day for Countering Hate Speech.

A new "Social Media Protection Service" used in the study will also be offered to all participating nations at the Women's World Cup this summer, so that those involved cannot see a substantial portion of the worst posts.

In the wake of a meeting between Vinicius Jr and Fifa president Gianni Infantino over the toxic extent of the subject, the body have released a report into online abuse aimed at participants during the World Cup.

It found that, after England-France, the worst fixtures for problematic posts were the final between Argentina and France and the quarter-final between Morocco and Portugal. Up to 38% of the identifiable abuse came from accounts based in Europe with 36% from South America. The numbers came from a study that looked at over 20m posts and comments on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter and Youtube, with 19,636 of those confirmed by the service provider as abusive, discriminatory or threatening. An added 286,895 comments were hidden from public view.

More than 300 individuals who made abusive, discriminatory, or threatening posts/comments during the World Cup have been verifiably identified and this information will be shared with the relevant member associations and jurisdictional law authorities to facilitate real-world action being taken against offenders.

The wider goal is to improve football's response to discriminatory issues, with Fifa looking to take a proactive approach for the Women's World Cup.

The governing body is offering their Social Media Protection Service - set up in conjunction with player representative body FIFPro - to all squads in Australia and New Zealand while offering to cover the full cost.

THE INDEPENDENT

Vinicius and Brazil spot on with black strip anti-racism protest

BARCELONA

ON a night in which Brazil wore an all-black strip to protest racism in football, Vinicius Junior was on the score sheet and in the spotlight in a 4-1 international friendly win over Guinea.

The 22-year-old Real Madrid forward has been subjected to frequent racist abuse this season and Brazil decided the friendly was a good opportunity to strike back as the match was staged in Espanyol's stadium near Barcelona.

In a powerful move Brazil abandoned their iconic yellow and green shirts and were instead kitted out in an all-black strip in a stand against racism for the first half of the game.

The Brazilian Football Confederation was behind the gesture accompanied by the slogan of "Com racismo nao tem jogô" (With racism, there is no game).

Vinicius himself, wearing the number 10 shirt, got on the score sheet with an 88th minute spot-kick, by this time kitted out in Brazil's usual colours.

Newcastle forward Joelinton was well placed to tap-in the opener on the goal-line on 27 minutes while Rodrygo curled home the second two minutes later.

Stuttgart striker Serhou Guirassy pulled a goal back with a close range header on 35 minutes but Eder Militao restored the two-goal lead shortly after the restart rising high to meet a cross at the far post.

Manchester United midfielder Casemiro escaped with a yellow card for a late tackle on Francois Kamano that was at odds with the party atmosphere in the stadium.

Late in the game Brazil substitute Malcom was brought down in the box and Vinicius was urged to take the penalty, which he hit hard and low enough to beat keeper Ibrahim Kone who had dived the right way.

Earlier in the week the Spanish and Brazilian football federations presented their plan for a friendly match at the Santiago Bernabeu in March 2024 to combat racism following global outrage at the abuse of Vinicius Junior.

AFP

Goalkeeper howler sinks Morocco, Zambia run riot to qualify

JOHANNESBURG

A BLUNDER by Morocco goalkeeper Munir el Kajoui led to a 2-1 Africa Cup of Nations qualifying defeat in South Africa on Saturday - their first loss since reaching the 2022 World Cup semi-finals.

Zambia completed a joyful day for southern Africa by hammering the Ivory Coast 3-0 in Ndola to secure a place in the finals for the first time since 2015.

South Africa and World Cup history-makers Morocco had qualified ahead of a lively Group K clash in Johannesburg that drew a 50,000 crowd despite near-freezing conditions.

El Kajoui, standing in for rested Yassine Bounou, allowed a Percy Tau cross slip from his grasp into the net after only five minutes and Zakhele Lepasa added a second on 48 minutes.

Hakim Ziyech halved the deficit on the hour, but an equaliser eluded Morocco, who last De-



Zakhele Lepasa (C) celebrates scoring for South Africa against Morocco in an Africa Cup of Nations qualifier in Johannesburg on Saturday. Agencies

cember became the first African and Arab team to reach the World Cup semi-finals.

After finishing fourth in Qatar, the Atlas Lions beat Brazil and drew with Peru and Cape Verde in friendly matches. The visit to Johannesburg marked a return to competitive action.

"We could have scored four or five goals against Morocco, who are currently the best team in

Africa, and it is a great confidence booster to beat them," said South Africa coach Hugo Broos.

"Having played in front of small crowds lately, it was wonderful to have so many people backing us, and I believe they left the stadium feeling very proud to be South Africans."

Morocco coach Walid Regragui, mastermind behind successes over Belgium, Spain and

Portugal before a semi-final loss to France in Qatar, said he was "not unhappy with the result".

"Call me crazy if you wish for saying that, but you sometimes learn more from a loss than a win. My players were tired after a gruelling season of domestic and World Cup matches."

- Sad memories forgotten - Zambia, needing one

point to end a run of three failed qualifying campaigns, took all three as they outplayed the Ivory Coast, who will host the January 13-February 11 finals.

After stunning the Ivorians by winning the 2012 final, Zambia declined dramatically, failing to get past the group stage in the following two tournaments.

Worse followed for the Chipolopolo (Copper Bullets) as they did not even qualify for the next three editions.

But those sad memories were forgotten before a capacity 50,000 crowd as Zambia claimed a fourth straight Group H victory.

Serge Aurier conceded an own goal on 32 minutes, Patson Daka doubled the lead three minutes into the second half and Kings Kangwa completed the rout after 55 minutes.

Two-time champions Ivory Coast qualify automatically as hosts, but are competing in the qualifiers to gain competitive match practice.

Central African Re-

public's hopes of a maiden appearance at the African showpiece are all but over after losing 2-1 to Angola in Douala.

An 86th-minute goal from Felicio Milson sank the minnows after Geoffrey Kondogbia had struck just after half-time to cancel the early lead Kialonda Gaspar gave Angola in the Group E clash. The Central Africans, playing in Cameroon because they lack an international-standard stadium, were reduced to 10 men when goalkeeper Dominique Youfeigane was sent off on 70 minutes.

Equatorial Guinea became the 10th qualifiers after Ivory Coast, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia and Zambia by edging the Tunisians 1-0 in Malabo.

Emilio Nsue converted a late penalty for the Equatoguineans, who would have qualified from Group J whatever the result as sole rivals Libya lost 1-0 in Botswana.

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Kylian Mbappé: What next for French superstar as questions over his PSG future rumble on?

CNN Sports

ONE of the most intriguing transfer sagas of recent years has seemingly been renewed for a second season.

A year after Kylian Mbappé made the decision to spurn Real Madrid and sign a contract extension with Paris Saint-Germain, Los Blancos could become closer than ever to securing one of soccer's greatest talents - or set for another summer of speculation over whether the striker will or won't move to the Spanish capital.

According to multiple reports this week, Mbappé has informed PSG that he will not be extending his contract, leaving the club with a huge decision to make: sell their star player this summer or let him walk for free in 2024.

Could PSG be leaning towards the former as it looks to recoup some of the €180 million (\$195 million) it spent to sign Mbappé from AS Monaco in 2017, a price tag that made the then-teenager the second-most expensive player in history after teammate Neymar?

In response to an article in Le Parisien titled 'Kylian Mbappé wants to join Real this summer,' Mbappé wrote on Twitter on Tuesday: "LIES ... I have already said that I will continue next season at PSG where I am very happy."

Such is the player's stature in France, when there was speculation about him leaving PSG in 2021 French President Emmanuel Macron had urged him to stay. On Thursday when questioned about his PSG future, he told reporters that Macron has no influence on his career.

"What influence does the President have? On my career today, in 2023, none. He wants me to



Kylian Mbappé, Lionel Messi and Neymar were unable to guide PSG to Champions League glory. Agencies

stay in Paris, my objective is to stay. We're on the same wavelength," he told reporters, per Reuters.

"Am I going to leave PSG? I've already answered, I've said that my objective is to stay at PSG, that's my only option at the moment. I'm ready to come back when pre-season resumes. "I didn't think a letter killed anyone or that I had offended anyone."

It seems incredibly unlikely that Real Madrid would be willing to pay an astronomical fee for a young player - Mbappé is still just 24 years of age and, scarily, likely not yet at his peak - it could sign for free in just a year's time, meaning another year in Paris could certainly be on the cards if Real attempts to lowball PSG.

Mbappé has seen Qatar's PSG project fall apart this season; the team once again meekly exited the Champions League in the round of 16, limped to the Ligue 1 title just ahead

of Lens - a club with a fraction of its budget - and now must deal with the departures of Lionel Messi and Sergio Ramos from the Parc des Princes.

The outlook for PSG is arguably as bleak as it has ever been since the state-backed Qatar Sports Investment (QSI) purchased the club in 2011. Losing Mbappé, the poster boy of its project and perhaps the most influential figure in French football, would likely be

a catastrophic blow to the club's ambitions.

Even with PSG and Qatar's largely limitless funds, adequately filling Mbappé's immense shoes will be a tall order. Alongside Erling Haaland, Mbappé is widely considered to be soccer's most talented player and has been a relentless goal machine in his six years in the French capital.

The Paris-born superstar has finished as top scorer in Ligue 1 for five

consecutive seasons and has scored a club-record 212 goals in 260 matches, surpassing previous record-holder Edinson Cavani back in March.

In total, Mbappé has won five Ligue 1 titles, three French Cups and two League Cups in six seasons with PSG, as well as helping the team to reach the 2020 Champions League final, where it lost to Bayern Munich.

Winning the Champions League has been an obsession for everyone involved at the club since the takeover in 2011, but PSG now appears further away than ever from lifting that trophy for the first time in its history.

Real deal?

Every team in the world would undoubtedly love to sign Mbappé, but his list of realistic suitors will be rather short.

Real Madrid has already signed Jude Bellingham, one of the finest midfielders in the world, from Borussia Dortmund this summer, but has been left with a huge hole in attack following the departure of star striker Karim Benzema to Al-Ittihad in Saudi Arabia.

It's also no secret that Mbappé has been in love with the idea of wearing the famous white of Real

since he was a young boy. There had been multiple reports that Real was favoring a move for Tottenham Hotspur star Harry Kane this summer, though Mbappé's announcement to PSG could mean the club will resume its pursuit of the Frenchman instead.

Likewise, Manchester United is on the hunt for a new striker and has also been linked with Kane, but uncertainty surrounding the next owner of the club could scupper an attempted bid, with Mbappé likely to still command a hefty fee despite having only one year remaining on his contract.

Now, of course, there is the possibility that Mbappé could be tempted by the exorbitant money that would be on offer in Saudi Arabia, although the chances of the 24-year-old wasting his peak years in such a low-level league seem very slim.

Finally, there is always the option that Mbappé could remain at PSG, as he did around this time last year, much to the chagrin of everyone at Real Madrid, the fans included.

Regardless of the final outcome, love it or hate it this saga looks set to rumble on for the foreseeable future.

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Arusha's Polisi squad eyes promotion to 2023 Mainland Netball Premier League

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ARUSHA is depending on the Polisi netball team to represent the region in the forthcoming National First Division League for Mainland Tanzania.

As the National First Division Netball League is expected to begin this week, Polisi Arusha's netball squad happens to be the only team representing the region and is bragging to dominate the showdown and bring home the trophy.

Members of the Polisi Arusha netball team that have been practicing at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium here say they are well prepared for the competition as they set off to Dar es Salaam for the feat.

According to Polisi Arusha netball team's coach, Emerenciana Silas, her squad is fully prepared to return with the silverware from the showdown and scale up status onto the National Premier League in the process.

According to the program, the First Division Netball League commences on June 20 in Dar es Salaam.

The netball league will bring together more than 20 teams from a section of Mainland Tanzania regions and run for nine days climaxing on June 29.

"Our netball team is made up of 11 netball players. The delegation to Dar es Salaam will however comprise 15 personnel," Emerenciana disclosed during the occasion to receive sets of sports kits.

The kits were mostly uniforms donated by Coast Liner Bus Company which has driven in to assist the Police Arusha netball team.

The Director of Coast Liner Bus Company, Zohra Ally, explained that her firm has decided to support sporting activities in the country, this time starting with netball but intending to extend their back-ups to other games in the future.

"At the Coast Liner bus, we usually like to give back to the community what we earn because our company serves people," Zohra noted.

"Therefore when the Polisi Arusha netball team requested our assistance we responded by donating the full sporting kits to the regional team," the official revealed.

The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Salvas Makweli who received the donation from Coast Liner, used the occasion to appeal to other firms and members of the community to continue supporting the netball team which now represents the region.

Taifa Stars inches closer to qualification for 2023 AFCON finals, defeats Niger



Taifa Stars skipper, Mbwana Samatta (R), battles for possession with Niger's central defender, Ousmane Diabaté, when they locked horns in a 2023 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers tie at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Taifa Stars commanded a 1-0 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Adam Fungamwango

TANZANIA'S senior national soccer squad 'Taifa Stars' has kept alive hopes of making it to the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals after notching a 1-0 victory over Niger in Group F duel of the showdown's qualifiers that was held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Forward Simon Msuva scored the all-important goal for Taifa Stars in the 87th minute, slamming home from a low delivery from midfielder Novatus Dismas from the left flank.

The goal-getter, lately turning out for Saudi Arabia's Al-Qadsiah FC, made a good run into the penalty area and quickly stabbed home the low delivery by Dismas, now playing for Belgian side Zulte Waregem, that had earlier dribbled past two Niger defenders on the left wing.

Yesterday's goal has had Msuva notching two goals for

Taifa Stars in the qualifiers. The attacker notched his first when Taifa Stars came up against Uganda in Egypt on March 24.

Taifa Stars were awarded a free kick that was executed by defender, Dickson Job, Dismas collected it on the left, negotiated his way past two Niger defenders, and whipped in the cross for Msuva.

The clash saw Taifa Stars dominate particularly in the opening 20 minutes and Niger had an upper hand in the second half, putting the former under pressure in the last 15 minutes.

Taifa Stars, currently sitting second in Group F of the continental qualifying showpiece with four points from four ties, needed victory to continue staying

within reach of progression to the 2023 AFCON finals.

With Taifa Stars having garnered victory over Niger, the maximum points have helped the former collect seven points from five matches, keeping alive hopes of booking a place in the AFCON finals to be played in Ivory Coast next year.

At the same time, Taifa Stars should pray closest challengers, Uganda, suffer a loss to leaders, Algeria, in Group F's other tie that was set to take place in Douala, Cameroon later the same day.

Niger, now languishing at the bottom of Group F, has nothing to lose in the battle for qualification for the AFCON finals.

The West African coun-

try's squad, coached by Jean-Michel Cavalli, has so far notched two points from the same number of ties, drawing two and conceding a loss in two.

Algeria has all but made it to the 2023 AFCON finals, given the North Africa soccer big gun has amassed 12 points from four clashes, coming out victorious in four matches.

Taifa Stars opened its campaign in the ongoing Qualifiers promisingly, managing to notch a 1-1 draw with Niger at Stade de l'Amitié in Benin on June 4 last year.

The Tanzania squad, later, went down 2-0 to the group favourites, Algeria, at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on June 8 last year, before bouncing

back in the third tie against Uganda.

The third clash witnessed Tanzania defeating Uganda 1-0 at Suez Canal Stadium in Egypt on March 24 this year.

Efforts by Tanzania to inch closer to qualification for the AFCON finals experienced a setback following the 1-0 loss to Uganda in the fourth duel that took place in Dar es Salaam on March 28.

Taifa Stars will wind up the AFCON Qualifiers' spell in September, confronting the group's favourites Algeria in Algiers.

Taifa Stars:

Beno Kakolanya, Ibrahim Abdallah, Dickson Job, Bakari Mwamnyeto, Abdi Banda, Novatus Dismas, Maurice Michael, Simon Msuva, Mudathir Yahya, Mbwana Samatta, and Kibu Denis.

Subs: Metacha Mnata, Kibwana Shomari, Himid Mao, Lameck Elias, Abdulhamis Suleiman, Adi Yusuf, Mohamed Hussein, Muzamiru Yassin, Ayoub Bilali, John Tibar, Ben Starkie, and Kennedy Juma.

Niger: Mahamdou Tanja, Abdoulaye Katkoré, Ousmane Diabaté, Abdoulaye Doudou, Yacouba Diori, Najeub Yakubu, Ali Mohamed, Boubacar Moumouni, Youssef Oumarou, Mohamed Wonkoye, Daniel Sosah.

Subs: Naim Van Attenhoven, Hassane Adamou, Victorien Adebayor, Rahim Alhassane, Issa Djibrilla, Boubacar Haïnikoye, Seybou Koita, Zakari Lambo, Abdoul Moumouni, Amadou Sabo, Zakaryia Souleymane, Oumarou Soumaïla.

Gymkhana Club set to host 2023 Corporate Masters Golf Series

By Guardian Correspondent

THE anxiously awaited 2023 Corporate Masters Golf Series will be held at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) course on August 5.

The tournament's organizer, Kelly Simon, revealed yesterday that the preparations for the high-profile showdown are in progress, calling on companies, organizations, and institutions to register for it as the time approaches.

"We don't want to leave anyone behind, we therefore call them to do it timely as we are moving forward with other logistics," he said.

He said a timely registration will enable the companies, institutions, and corporates to promote the game as well as use the platform to do commercial links to drive the country's economy through sports.

The official noted this will be the fourth time that Corporate Masters Golf Series takes place, adding the showdown has made a great contribution by bringing together businessmen, playing together, sharing ex-



Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC)'s Golf Section captain Fred Laizer putts on the green during training at the outfit's course recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

periences, building friendships, and promoting the local golf talents.

"This time we will have a large group of young players we believe need to be developed to represent the country in international events," Simon said.

Simon thanked the sponsors including CRDB, Qatar Airways, Toyota (Automark), Minet, and Ashton, and asked other stakeholders to come forward to promote the event.

According to the organizer, the

sponsors have offered domestic golf players the opportunity to develop their talents for the development of the country via support.

Lese Sayore, DGC Chairman, pointed out it has been a privilege for his club to be associated with the development of the event since its inception three years ago.

"We feel proud that DGC continues to be the host of this showdown and thanks to the sponsors for keeping the ball rolling," Sayore noted.

"It is one of the biggest championships in our annual golf calendar of events that the players have been waiting for," he said.

Fred Laizer, DGC Golf Section captain, said that the event provides a good platform to golf players to showcase their talent.

"We are glad that the event is being held again and most importantly, it will this time around feature young golfers who will in the future form formidable national teams to represent the country in the international events," Laizer noted.

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