



Water scarcity: Zanzibar govt seeks urgent brainstorming

By Francis Kajubi, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has said that his government is ready to work with researchers in the water sector to find a permanent solution to inability to supply clean and safe water in the Isles.

Officiating at a two-day Zanzibar Water Conference 2022 here yesterday, the president noted that the water crisis has to do with climate change, drying up major water sources.

Conference participants are examining sustainable management of groundwater resources in a changing climate scenario, with researchers in water resources management from several African countries convening.

There are 57 abstracts from scientific researchers present, with vital insights on how the archipelago can overcome challenges that come with water inadequacy, how to share the water for all sorts of domestic and industrial uses, as well as public and private claims to water flows.

Dr Mwinyi told the participants that even developed countries are going through prolonged drought implications due to years of dry spells, citing data from the European Environment Agency that an estimated 20 percent of the continent's land is under threat of water shortages.

Inadequate supply of clean and safe water in Africa is also tied to poor infrastructure and shortage of funds to steer alternative approaches in enabling people access water at the right time and at low cost.

Zanzibar relies heavily on underground sourced water from bore holes, reservoirs, springs and drilled wells, he said, noting that the limitation of funds hampers adopting better technologies.

This includes treating hard water into soft water which remains a challenge for the long run, he stated, affirming that reliance on ground sourced water in Zanzibar will prevail

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National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson has an audience in Dodoma city yesterday with a visiting Ghanaian parliamentary delegation led by Second Deputy Speaker Andrew Asiamah Amoako. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

Drug enforcers set to arrest, detain suspects

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE National Assembly yesterday passed a bill which, among other things, enables the Drug Control and Enforcement Authority to establish custody cells, thus legally empowering

DCEA officers to remand suspects.

Attorney General Dr Eliezer Feleshi said when tabling the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, No. 2 of 2022 that the new law sought to raise the functions of DCEA officers to the same status as those of the

police, under the Criminal Procedure Act.

Empowering the DCEA Commissioner General to issue search warrants to take swift measures when there is a possibility of destroying evidence is a key consideration, he said.

He added that drug enforcement cells will have special features different from those of police cells, with privacy rooms for suspects who have swallowed drugs.

the AG noted that the setting up of the cells was

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New highway safety features to cost 1bn/-

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government yesterday launched a \$500m (over 1bn/-) road assessment programme to identify weaknesses on highways and upgrade safety features to curb accidents that claim thousands of lives annually.

Atupele Mwakibete, the Works and Transport deputy minister, said that the Tanzania Road Safety Assessment Programme (TanRAP) that he launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday stems from the United Nations road safety collaboration project, backed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

The UNECA programme has designed

a ten step plan being applied by the government to ensure road users are free from road crashes via deliverables of the ten step approach.

The deputy minister witnessed the signing of a letter of intent between the ministry and the international road assessment programme responsible for setting up TanRAP.

The programme is intended to address high risk roads in partnership with government agencies, development banks, mobility clubs, research institutions, road safety NGOs and industry, he stated.

A special vehicle installed with software will travel along the country's highways to determine the safety built into existing roads and proposed road upgrades, he said, noting that information collected will be used in road designing and upgrading to reduce crashes and fatalities.

The UNECA agency approach involves taking 'vaccines' to correct weaknesses highlighted in roads data, where it postulates that 16,000 people die in Tanzania's roads each year.

Road fatalities and injury rate cost upwards of \$4bn, estimated at eight percent

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Serial human traffickers to get life imprisonment

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE National Assembly yesterday passed a bill providing for serial human trafficking convicts to spend life in prison and first offenders pay a 100m/- fine.

In a move to intensify the war against the malpractice, the legislature approved the Human Trafficking (Amendment) Act (chapter

432 of the laws) increasing punishments and fines set out in section 4,5,6,7 8A and 13 of the previous legislation.

Attorney General Dr Eliezer Feleshi, explaining the bill for Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, no. 2 of 2022, said the law puts a 30 years minimum punishment to a convict, a penalty that may be increased depending on the nature of the case.

"We have amended section 5(4) which showed a convict may be jailed for 10 to 20 years to a minimum imprisonment of 30 years depending on the nature of the case," he said, emphasizing that the law has set a minimum punishment.

Najma Murtaza (Special Seats), the standing committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs deputy chairperson, advised that the government imposes a huge punishment to those with repeated trafficking cases.

Research shows that victims of drug abuse are women and children and hence the need for the government to come up with serious punishment to address the malpractice, she said.

Salome Makamba (Special Seats) proposed life imprisonment for suspects, saying those who engage in that kind of criminality are wealthy people, such that the 50m/- fine was scarcely a deterrence.

"I want us to slap bigger fines because these are people with no economic problems. This even more serious than drugs," she stated, underlining that human trafficking is a crime being fought against globally.

There was no need for Tanzania to be fearful of imposing serious punishments, she said, citing the view that trafficking is a huge business. "Imagine a person taking people to countries where they are paid \$5000 to \$15,000 on arrival. What is 50m/- to them," she wondered.

Ng'wasi Kamani (Special Seats) also argued for more fines and stiffer prison sentences saying this will help to end the malpractice.



Water project due to benefit 8,000 households in Rungwe

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

MORE than 8,000 households in Mpandapanda Village, Kiwira Ward in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region have started benefiting from the 500m/- water project in their area.

The project produces more than 19 million litres of water per day financed by Covid-19 alleviation funds and implemented via Force Account.

Speaking after inspection of the 135,000-litre water tank, the leader of the 2022 National Uhuru Torch Race, Sahili Nyanzabara said RUWASA implemented projects that are of benefit to people.

The water tank is expected to supply

safe and clean water to 16 water points distributed in various areas of the village.

"It would be better to educate the people on the importance of paying their monthly water bills in order to maintain the infrastructures," he said.

Meanwhile, Rungwe District Commissioner, Dr Vincent Anney said the completion of the water project will enable communities to get better water supply service to spur economic activities including vegetable farming.

Deputy water Minister Maryrisca Mahundi called on Kiwira residents to stop all human activities near water sources.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi flips through a leaflet at an exhibition organised by India's L&T Construction Water Effluent Company and held on the sidelines of the Water Sector Stakeholders' Conference he opened in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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for some years to come.

In that case environmental preservation is evidently crucial especially in the wake of drying up of such sources more rapidly due to climate change, he said.

He expressed appreciation for research support on water resources extended by development partners such as German development bank KfW, the Japanese development agency (JICA) and the Norwegian Ruden Institute, conducting research on access to undersea fresh water.

Joseph Kilangi, the Water, Energy and Minerals permanent secretary in Zanzibar, said that lack of research on water sources is a challenge hampering decisions on what direction to take in the matter.

"There are more than 400 drilled wells in Unguja and Pemba islands that cost a lot for maintenance, power consumption, plus water pumps procurement and maintenance.

The research abstracts will provide an indication on the way forward for water accessibility, he said, while Zanzibar Water Authority (ZAWA)

director general Dr Salha Mohammed Kassim said the conference would help to align efforts in implementing the Zanzibar Water Investment Programme launched earlier in March, with water supply standing at 62 percent overall.

The sustainability of water supply in Zanzibar is under pressure from human economic activities related to population growth, the director noted.

Dr Valentine Ochanda, the cities and coasts programme manager for the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) grouping researchers in the zone, said the association has been conducting research on the relation between underground water resources and the blue economy in 10 African countries.



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of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), he said, while Ludovick Nduhiye, the deputy permanent secretary, said the programme will enable the government to assess the quality of road safety by improving road designing

Placid Badji, a UNECA official, said that safer road systems "should not only be forgiving of human errors but also responsive to the needs of road users."

By 2030 all new roads need to have achieved technical standards for all road users that take into account roads that meet a three star rating or better,

he said.

International Road Federation (IRF) director general Susan Zammataro said construction of standard roads is vital if Tanzania really wants to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries.

Julio Urzua, the global projects director for the UNECA road assessment programme said it will enhance the government's ability to curb crashes and deaths with safer road infrastructure.

Joseph Haulle, the chairman of the Tanzania Road Association (TARA) said the programme is key to the future wellbeing of the population as road users.

Z'bar CAG identifies huge loss of funds in schools' food project

By Guardian Correspondent

THE audit report of the Zanzibar Controller and Auditor General (CAG) has identified 299.8m/- loss of funds in the Home Grown School Feeding Project (HGSFP) due to lack of supporting documents for the expenditure.

The sum of money is nearly half of the entire 613.8m/- (or 36.5 per cent) provided by donors to Zanzibar's government to facilitate implementation of the project.

HGSFP is managed by the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) and the Special Department, whereby tenders were awarded to farmers' groups for food supply to 27 schools and whose payment was effected between August and September 2020.

Zanzibar CAG, Dr Othman Abbas Ali discovered the embezzlement in his report issued for the year ended June 2021 which was presented in the House of Representatives showing the project was a three-year initiative (2019 to 2023).

The report discovered that USD

121,720 (283.6m/-) paid via Payment Voucher No 5/10 of October 26, 2020, but lacked supporting documents for the expenditure thereon.

The CAG report also said a total of \$6,535 (or 15.2m/-) was spent via Payment Voucher no 3/8 of August 30 2020 for implementing international cooperation projects, but lacked supporting documents regarding the expenditure.

HGSFP was established by the Ministry and aimed at boosting public education including increased enrolment, improving students' nutrition as well as increasing incomes of small farmers.

The project also focused on helping children living in difficult surroundings to enable them to attend school.

The CAG advised for audit inspection of Ministry of education officials to make sure all payments being made have relevant supporting documents.

He also said officials of the project should make sure it has in place better control in regard to expenditure as well as providing in-depth explanation for all the money spent to avoid complaints over embezzlement.

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expected to enable the operations of the agency in areas where there are no police stations, specifying that the legislation makes the DCEA's powers take precedence over provisions of any law in relation to exercising powers of arrest and detention.

Legislators aired mixed views on the bill, with some saying its enactment

could create misunderstandings in the operations of the police relative to those of the agency.

Luhaga Mpina (Kisesa) said police cells remand and prisons are adequate for the task, instead of giving a similar mandate to another institution.

"This will affect investigation and management of cases in courts, create abuse on individuals and no one will be there to oversee this," he said.

He added that if all law enforcement institutions were to establish remand prisons for suspects, there would be confusion all over the country with other institutions of that nature demanding the same powers.

Salome Makamba (Special Seats) said it was of crucial importance for drug suspects to be kept in special cells owing to the nature of the crimes involved, adding that the government

has done well with the move by making the agency more effective against drug traffickers.

She said drug abuse has been the main cause of youth degeneration countrywide, while arresting drug suspects is a risky affair.

"We are talking of drug suspects. These are people belonging to cartels and their arrests and handling call for special facilities," she added.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (R) unveils plaque yesterday to launch a bus stand and a truck parking lot at Nyamhongolo in Ilemela District in Mwanza Region assisted by Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Dr Angeline Mabula, who is also Ilemela constituency legislator. To her right is the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Innocent Bashungwa. Photo: Lands ministry

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

NATIONAL Assembly Speaker, Dr Tulia Ackson has advised the police force to avoid giving media briefings on persistent killings that are attributed to witchcraft beliefs and dishonesty in relationships and marriages.

According to her, by giving reports across the country, instead of averting such incidents, police officers were escalating the problem because serial killers find the issue normal.

Dr Ackson was reacting following the main question posed by Special Seats lawmaker, Cecilia Paresso (CHADEMA) who had wanted to know when the government would look for an immediate solution for several killings that had been occurring.

Speaker calls upon police force to refrain from hostile information

When responding to the MPs question, deputy minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Khamis Hamza Khamis said that following several killings that had been occurring, already the government had formed a team of inquiry to investigate sources of such causes.

According to him, preliminary findings had established that the major causes of such incidents were family conflicts over wealth, dishonesty in

love, and witchcraft beliefs.

"That is why we came up with a team to investigate the killings and if we find it appropriate we will make the report of the findings public," said Khamis when responding to a supplementary question from Paresso who had equally demanded that the findings be made public.

Regarding the advice by the House Speaker that police shun availing to the media incidences of killings instead they should handle such issues

internally as per the requirement of the law, the minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Policy, Coordination and Parliament, George Simbachawene said the advice was valid. "There is a need to engage all stakeholders and law enforcers should look at the appropriate ways to handle the issue," he said.

Simbachawene further said that advancing information technology was yet another reason that was escalating murder incidences in the country.



NBC Bank Plc's social services manager, Irene Peter (2nd-L), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday symbolically presenting 125 cartons of sanitary pads to IPP Media client relations manager Nancy Mwanyika (2nd-R) in support of 'Namthamini', a campaign run by East Africa TV and East Africa Radio. Its main goal is to help 250 girl students in various regions of Tanzania each year - and a total of 5,000 by the end of this year - by providing them with safe sanitary pads and making sure they never miss classes and achieve their dreams. They are with East Africa TV presenter Najma Paul (L) and East Africa Radio presented Justine Kessy. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Government plans to pump in 11.6bn/- on ongoing robust irrigation project covering 12,000 hectares

By Polycarp Mahira, Dodoma

THE government plans to pump in 11.6bn/- to the ongoing robust irrigation project covering 12,000 hectares at the National Service (JKT)'s 837 Chita JKT camp located in Morogoro Region, the House was told yesterday.

Deputy Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Khamis Hamza Khamis made the commitment when responding to a question asked by Special Seats legislator, Felista Njau (CCM), who had wanted to know the strategy behind empowering financially the National Service to implement efficiently its strategic agricultural projects at Chita Camp located in Mngeta ward in Morogoro Region.

According to the deputy minister who responded on behalf of the Minister of Defence and National Service, Dr Stergomena Tax, in developing the 12,000 hectares Mngeta farm, about 11.55bn/- were needed for procuring equipment, putting up efficient production infrastructure as well as covering other operational costs.

"The ministry of Defence and National Service continues with internal conversations with the ministry of Agriculture to ensure that the Mngeta rice farm remains in the irrigation schemes projects and already, internal procedures are ongoing so as to forward requests for the said funding to the Ministry of Finance and Planning," he noted.

The deputy minister said the government was each financial year

committed to enabling the National Service so that it can efficiently implement its projects including those in agriculture.

Among them, he said was a mega irrigation project at its rice farm located at Mngeta in Morogoro Region.

"During the 2021/22 financial year, the government allocated 4bn/- that was used to procure equipment and prepare infrastructure at its Chita farm, similarly, during this Financial year-2022/23, the government allocated another 4bn/- in its development budget for completing its first phase of Irrigation Scheme at Chita's JKT Camp covering 2,500 hectares involving modern agriculture and fishing.

At Chita camp, the National Service is undertaking a mega irrigation project

covering 12,000 acres of rice farming and modern fishing, a project which kicked off in July 2020.

The project also involves construction of a major warehouse for storing rice and construction of 27 tanks for aquaculture.

Strategic agriculture within the National Service is aimed at ensuring that the army is fully feeding itself by 2025, with an excess food helping to feed the entire nation.

Apart from the Chita Camp, JKT in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing other agricultural projects at its different camps countrywide.

The project is using local experts within the army in collaboration with the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and the National Irrigation Commission.

VP urges MWAUWASA to stop inflating customers' water bills

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

MWANZA Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (MWAUWASA) has been directed to stop bureaucracy on the delay to connect water supply services to applicants as well as giving consumers inflated water bills.

The directives were given by the Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango here yesterday after laying the foundation stone for the main water treatment centre at Butimba, Mwanza city.

Dr Mpango said the practice delays ordinary citizens needing water supply services; hence MWAUWASA should make sure it stamps it out.

He also directed that water connection to customers should not take more than seven days and called on officials from Mwanza Region water department to stop inflating water bills for its customers.

He also said there is still the nagging problem of water supply services in the City of Mwanza even though the region has Lake Victoria as its water source and called on the Water Ministry to make sure they double their efforts towards the water treatment project to reduce inconveniences for the availability of water facing Mwanza city residents.

Minister for Water, Jumaa Aweso explained that his ministry has received Dr Mpango's directives and he will make sure they complete the water treatment project by December, this year.

"Already, we have discussed with the contractors who have assured us that the water treatment centre will be operational by December, this year," Aweso said.



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Earlier, speaking at the event, Mwanza Regional Commissioner Adam Malima said that as for now, the region has a big population compared to its water supply use.

He appealed to the ministry of Water to expand its water supply coverage in the region to enable the residents to access the services without inconveniences.

The water project, costing 69bn/- is expected to solve acute water shortage in areas surrounding the City of Mwanza and some neighbouring districts.

Yesterday, Dr Mpango ended his two-day visit in Mwanza Region by laying the foundation stone for the water treatment plant, inaugurating the cancer ward at Bugando referral hospital and inaugurating the maternity wing at Sekeu Toure referral hospital.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA (COMMERCIAL DIVISION) AT DAR ES SALAAM MISCELLANEOUS COMMERCIAL CAUSE NO. 30 OF 2022 WINDING UP PETITION (Pursuant to section 253 (1) (a) and 281 of the Companies Act (Cap 212 R.E. 2002))

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT (CAP 212 R.E. 2002) AND IN THE MATTER OF WINDING UP OF ORI MEAT PRODUCTS LIMITED (Made pursuant to rule 99(1) of the Company (Insolvency rules) GN No. 43 of 2005)


TAKE NOTICE that Ms. LINDA BOSCO of Rod & Shepherd Advocates, 5th Floor, Jangeli Plaza, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P. O. Box 63236, Dar es Salaam, in her capacity as the Administrator of ORI MEAT PRODUCTS LIMITED on 08 August 2022 presented to the High Court of Tanzania (Commercial Division) a winding up petition praying for orders under the Companies Act (Cap 212 R.E. 2002) to wind up ORI MEAT PRODUCTS LIMITED, of Block H 30, Tindo Complex, Kimweli Avenue, Mwanza, P. O. Box 105969 Dar es Salaam; and for orders that she be appointed as the official liquidator.

The Petition is scheduled for Orders at the High Court of Tanzania (Commercial Division) at Dar es Salaam on 21st September 2022 at 08.30 am before Hon. Nangela, J.

The petitioner being represented by ROD & SHEPHERD ADVOCATES of Jangeli Plaza, 5th Floor, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P. O. Box 63236, Dar es Salaam.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT any person intending to appear at the hearing of the petition (whether to support or oppose the petition) must give notice in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act (Cap 212 R.E. 2002) and the Companies (Insolvency) Rules of 2005.

JANETTE NJOMBE
ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER
ROD & SHEPHERD ADVOCATES



EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF COUNSELLING SERVICES TO EACOP STAFF
REFERENCE: 0010007926

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited (COMPANY), is mandated with the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. It shall be 1,443 kilometres (km) long, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

The Company plans procuring the services of an experienced and Certified Counsellor for EACOP Tanzania employees. East African Crude Oil Pipeline Limited invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing Counselling services to the employees in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The Company is seeking a prospective service provider with adequate experience and expertise to provide Counselling services to the employees and their immediate families within an international Company with employees from different nationalities, beliefs and background. The immediate family shall include the spouse(s), children, and house helpers.

The scope of counselling will range from performance counselling to personal and family matters counselling, compliance counselling, change management counselling and other areas that impact the employee's wellbeing.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Service providers expressing interest are requested to submit the following documents:

- Three (3) years of proven experience as a registered Counselling entity by relevant authorities in Tanzania.
- Copy of current Trading licence/ Business licence.
- Copy of the Certificate of Registration or incorporation
- Audited financial reports for the previous three years.
- Evidence that the service provider has provided professional counselling services to its clients in the last 5 years. This can be in the form of two letters from the provider's current clients
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).
- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver required scope of services, Organisation profile (or brochure) detailing services provided, organisation chart, Key clientele, and proposed key personnel that will work and their relevant experience in providing similar services
- Proof of registration on the National Supplier Database by the Energy and water Utilities Regulatory Authority of Tanzania (EWURA)

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), **on 29th Sept 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007926**.

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




MULTICHOICE TANZANIA ANNOUNCES NEHEMIAH MCHECHU AS A NEW BOARD DIRECTOR



Nehemiah Kyando Mchechu

MultiChoice Tanzania is pleased to announce the appointment of Nehemiah Kyando Mchechu as the new member of the Board of Directors for MultiChoice Tanzania Ltd with effect from 1st August 2022.

Nehemiah is a transformational business leader with over twenty years of experience and currently serving as a Director General at National Housing Corporation.

He chairs other Boards including Bank of Africa (T) Ltd, Amboni Sisal Properties Limited (ASPL), Amboni Beach Limited and Rightway Schools and a Board Member for TANESCO, TANTRADE and Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College (TURDACO).

He previously served as Chief Executive Officer at CBA Bank (T) Ltd and later as the Board Chairman for National Bank of Commerce, Serengeti Breweries Ltd, NHC/PPF Investment Company Limited and Board Vice Chairman of Tanzania Mortgage Refinancing Company (TMRC), a Board member to DAWASCO, Tanzania Investment Center (TIC), KCB Bank, East Africa Breweries Co. Ltd (EABL) among many other Boards that he has previously served.

With his proven track record of leadership in diverse sectors to achieve synergy and organizational success, Mr. Mchechu is expected to add to the MultiChoice Tanzania Board as the company thrives to intensify its distribution network and investment in the local content.

Mr. Mchechu's appointment, further reinforces the profile of MultiChoice Tanzania Ltd as a predominantly locally owned company, fully led and managed by Tanzanians.

Amb. Ami Ramadhani Mpungwe
Chairman of the Board of Directors
MultiChoice Tanzania

Plans on expanding Kibaha-Morogoro highway underway, parliament heard

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PLANS are underway to expand the Kibaha-Morogoro highway to four lanes in an effort to ease traffic congestion, the parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Works and Transport, Eng Godfrey Kasekenya told the lawmakers that the government has announced tenders for expression of interest for the Kibaha-Mlandizi-Chalinze-Morogoro 205 kilometres road.

He made the statement in response to a question asked by the Kibaha Urban MP, Sylvester Koka, who had wanted to know the government's plan to build the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro highway into eight lanes.

Eng Kasekenya said the government, through the Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) has announced the tenders through the engineering, procurement construct and finance (EPC + F) procedures.

He added that the cost of the project will be announced later by the government or through public private partnership (PPP) under the build operate and transfer (BOT) where the private sector builds the road using its own resources and controls it until it refunds the cost by collecting levies from road users.

"The government has initiated the process for the construction of the 205 kilometres road into four lanes in effort to reduce the ever increasing traffic" said the deputy minister.

The development comes as motorists and users of the Morogoro road will from November this year enjoy full use of the just expanded 19.2km Kimara - Kibaha eight lanes aimed at easing traffic congestion.

The project that kicked off in 2018 at a cost of 167bn/-, is expected to be completed by the end of October this

year, ready for official inauguration.

By August this year, the project undertaken by the Estim Construction was completed by 88 per cent, with the contractor having received 75 per cent of the payment due to the work that had been done.

Execution of the project is part of the government's ongoing initiatives of easing movement of people, goods and services as well as curbing traffic in the highways that link one region to another. Moreover, it is part of implementation of the 2020- 2025 election manifesto of the ruling party CCM.

It was also featured in the government budget for the current fiscal year 2022/23. The completion of the project, apart from beautifying the outlook of the Dar es Salaam region especially Ubungo District, also facilitates business and movement of people from upcountry and neighbouring counties to Tanzania's commercial city.

Touring the site recently, Deputy Minister for Works and Transport, Eng Godfrey Kasekenya tasked the contractor to ensure the project is completed by the end of October to enable motorists and other users to enjoy full use of the newly expanded eight lanes.

The initial work that included construction of the six new lanes, culverts and bridge has been completed, but there were some additional tasks that came after.

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CRDB Bank Plc's small and medium clients acting director Bonaventure Paul (2nd-L), head of Bancassurance & principal officer Moureen Majaliwa (L) and Bancassurance services operations officer Tumaini Frank (2nd-R) pictured with Orxy sales manager Freddy Mcharo in Dar es Salaam yesterday pressing a button to launch a motor vehicle insurance education campaign dubbed 'Kuwa Shua'. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt allots 3bn/- for Mkuranga bridge

By Guardian Correspondent, Mkuranga

THE government has committed 3bn/- to construction of bridges in Mkuranga District, Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Abdallah Ulega said here yesterday.

He told a mass rally that the government will build the bridges during the current fiscal year in order to open up the district economically by facilitating timely delivery of agricultural produce, fisheries and livestock products to the market using all-weather roads.

Mkuranga District with 222,921

residents (2012 census), the second biggest population in Coast Region, after Bagamoyo (311,740 residents) and followed by Rufiji (217,274 residents), is predominantly an agricultural district. The Coast Region has 1,098,668 people.

The percentage of households engaged in agriculture in rural Mkuranga stands at 91.6 and the district's total percentage of farming households is 62.7. However, for lack of bridges and reliable roads, Mkuranga residents are unable to deliver to the market food and cash crops, horticultural produce, fisheries and

livestock products.

Ulega, the Mkuranga MP, said initially 250 million/- were set aside for building bridges in Mkuranga but realising the importance of bridges President Samia Hassan raised the amount to over three billion to hasten economic advancement of the people and Mkuranga district as a whole.

He named the bridges as a bridge linking Shungubweni with Marogolo and Kongo Mulanzi; another linking Msolwa with Kisahani and Malela and another linking NgujaKilamba with Tipu.

"When these bridges are in use, our constituency will open up economically because production will be linked to consumption centres. Goods will reach markets in time as opposed to the present situation," the deputy minister said.

He said construction of bridges will end problems and challenges people are facing currently while battling to increase their income and while struggling to reach health centres especially during rainy seasons.

He said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has heard Mkuranga residents' aspirations and cry.

200,000 livestock invade Ihefu valley area, Mbeya RC reveals

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

MORE than 200,000 livestock have invaded the Ihefu Valley area within the Ruaha National Park in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region threatening the ecosystems of the park's and the Great Ruaha River.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera disclosed this on Tuesday this week here following the visit to the area by members of Mbeya Region's Defence and security Committee and Ruaha National Park officials.

The officials inspected the area by air

and saw huge herds of livestock inside the valley intermingling with wildlife including elephants and gazelles.

They also saw more than 500 livestock seized by park rangers held at Ikoga Mpya Camp with claims that they were herded for more than 20 kms inside the National Park area.

Homera said the situation threatens the national park's existence as it is among huge national parks in the country, as well as the Great Ruaha River which is essential for the existence of the fauna and the Julius Nyerere

Hydro Power Project (JNHPP) on River Rufiji that feeds from Ruaha River.

In the circumstances, RC Homera said great efforts should be made to remove the livestock from the park within 10 days and called on park officials and a task force to be formed by various state organs to do the job.

He said in addition, investigations should be made to identify officials who have been allowing the introduction of the livestock in the area, saying corruption cannot be ruled out.

"This is not acceptable at all, all the livestock must be removed from the park area within 10 days starting today (Tuesday), and investigations must be instituted to identify officials behind this," he said.

He appealed to the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to work together with Mbeya Region government officials to improve livestock keeping in order to lessen conflicts that exist and added that he will communicate with the minister, Mashimba Ndaki to discuss the matter.

In his statement before RC Homera, the Head of Ruaha National Park, Assistant Commissioner for Conservation, Godwell Ole Meng'ataki said in the past three years, they seized 12,750 livestock that had invaded the park area.

He said after seizure, they have been fining the herders and that during the said period more than 1.2bn/- was collected in fines, but still they continue bringing in their animals to the area.

Mbarali District Commissioner, Reuben Mfune said a 12-hectare area set aside for livestock grazing in the district was quite sufficient for not more than 60,000 livestock, even though the district has more than 200,000 livestock.



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Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for Mikumi-Selous-Nyerere sub-landscape within the Ruvuma Transboundary Landscape

Background

WWF's Environmental and Social Safeguards Framework (ESSF) provides an institutional mechanism to manage the environmental and social risks of WWF's work, helps deliver better conservation outcomes, and aims to enhance the social wellbeing of local communities in the places where WWF operates. The ESSF seeks to improve the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of WWF activities to secure better conservation by identifying and addressing environmental and social risks, mindful of the different challenges and needs in other parts of the world. It supports the systematization of good governance practices to achieve the respect of human rights, transparency, non-discrimination, public participation and accountability in conservation work implemented or supported by WWF, among other goals. WWF's ESSF has been designed to meet the specific needs of WWF, which is a global network of independent NGOs that operates under a standard licensing agreement and brand and which pools funds to advance common conservation objectives.

Objective of the Consultancy

The main objective of this assignment is the preparation of a targeted Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA/SIA) and subsequent Environmental and Social Mitigation Framework (ESMF) that maps how WWF-supported activities in the Ruvuma landscape can meet the requirements of applicable Safeguard Standards. The consultancy includes development of a stakeholder engagement plan (SEP) and a gender mainstreaming plan, including giving attention to the stakeholders most vulnerable to rights violations such as women and children and people living with disabilities. The consultancy will develop a landscape mitigation framework and monitoring plan to assess and mitigate potential environmental and social impacts of WWF activities, including measures to promote gender equality and human-wildlife conflict management

Application procedure & Submission of Applications

All interested applicants may get the detailed ToR on WWF website at https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/ and should submit;

- The technical and financial proposals detailing how this consultancy will be delivered. Indicating clearly the approach and methodology including the timeline.
- Evidence of previous experience of similar work and outputs with references.
- Summarized CVs for the lead consultant and team covering all technical specialties required.

The proposals (technical and financial) should be delivered electronically to WWF Tanzania procurement committee via email procurement@wwftz.org addressed to;

Secretary, Procurement Committee
WWF Tanzania

Kiko Street, Off Mwai Kibaki Road Plot 252, Mikocheni
P. O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Tel: +255 22 277 5346/277 2455/270 0077 Fax: +255 22 277 5535;

All applications should reach us by or before 17H00 Tanzania local time on **Wednesday, 28th Sept 2022.**

WWF has a principle of zero-tolerance to fraud and corruption, if you encounter such incident, report by sending an email to fcci@wwftz.org

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On behalf of our Client, Knight Frank hereby informs the interested buyer that it is offering for sale a well-known Industrial property located along Nyerere Road

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Interested buyers are requested to send Expressions of Interest (EOIs) by email or letter, along with name and contact details of the person(s) wishing to attend an inspection of the property to our contacts shown below. Further details are available upon request. Viewing dates will be arranged through Knight Frank. Please call: +255 2113300, +255 717145273

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OFFER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11th OCTOBER 2022 AT 1400HRS

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The Managing Director
Knight Frank (T) Ltd.
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P.O. Box 9333, Dar es Salaam.

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Lydia Christopher Koch (L), GIZ Tanzania's Business Scouts for Development advisor, presents sanitiser and surface sanitising sprays to Muhimbili National Hospital's acting nursing and midwifery services director Priscillah Godwin Kinyamagoha (R). The items were donated by GIZ Tanzania in collaboration to Tarmal Industries and are meant for use in the hospital's children's ward as well as by staff at the facility. Looking on (from 2nd-L): Tarmal Industries Ltd business development manager Philippe Demoulin, Tarmal quality assurance coordinator Astrida Niyo and consultant physician Aika Shoo, head of the hospital's Paediatrics Department. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

DC resolves land conflicts pitting two Masasi villages

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

MASASI District Commissioner in Mtwara Region, Claudia Kitta has finally resolved the land conflict of many years at Nanganga village of Nanganga Ward in the district.

The conflict was in regard to boundaries involving two villages in the ward, Nanganga and Mkungu villages.

At a public meeting early this week, she told residents of the two villages that she will instruct land officials to make demarcations of the boundary separating the two villages.

He said after looking at the villages survey plans, she did not find any problem at all as all the boundaries were legally inserted but the villages had not been educated in regard to the boundaries.

The DC said she received complaints on the conflict with villagers in a tug-of-war in regard to implementing their development activities as they did not know the exact boundaries.

DC Kitta added that every citizen has the right to live and conduct his economic activities anywhere; hence these villagers should understand that, as boundaries should not make them adversaries in regard to cooperation in development activities.

She said the government in Masasi District wants the villagers to continue cooperating in every issue for their

own wellbeing and there was no room for any tug-of-war.

Salumu Jafari, a Mkungu villager thanked the DC for her decision to come to speak to them and to educate them about the boundaries and may have understood.

He said for a long time the villagers have been in a tug-of-war in regard to the boundaries of their villages sometimes even impacting their development activities.

Asia Salumu, a Nanganga villager said the finalization of the conflict will now make them live like a one family, as already there were huge signs for hostilities among themselves'

She added that they will now conduct their economic activities in peace for their own benefit and that of the nation in general.



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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

Oversee land use plans to reduce land conflicts, govt tells leaders

THE government has reiterated the need for local government authority leaders to strongly oversee land use plans in effort to reduce ever-increasing land conflicts.

The deputy minister for Land, Housing and Human Settlement Development, Ridhiwani Kikwete made the appeal in the parliament yesterday.

He was responding to a question raised by the Mlimba MP, Godwin Kunambi who had wanted to know when the government would end

conflicts between farmers and pastoralists in Mlimba constituency.

The legislator argued that the conflicts happen almost every year, wondering when the long lasting solutions would be realised. "It is disturbing that we experience periodical conflicts between farmers

and pastoralists," he said.

In response, the deputy minister said the government is aware of the land conflicts between such groups in various parts of the country, including Mlimba but a lot of work is going on to end the problem.

He added that the government

always prepares land use plans in all areas including Morogoro region. He added that in Kilombero district it has been using such plans to solve the conflicts.

According to the deputy minister, some 58 villages were included in the land tenure support programme (LTSP)

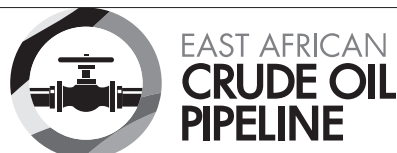
whereby some 150,006 customary title deeds were registered.

He said 32 of the 58 villages are in Mlimba district council, adding that a total of 41,797 customary title deeds have been registered and 30,699 have been collected by members of the public.

"Let me remind leaders at the local government authorities to strictly adhere to land use plans in order to end land conflicts in the country," said the deputy minister.

He said other steps taken by the government include increased public education on the land use plans in public meetings, importance of adhering to regulations on the same and proper use of land.

Kikwete noted that his ministry in collaboration with other related ministries linked to land matters will continue working together to end land conflicts.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE SERVICES REFERENCE: 0010007924

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited (COMPANY), is mandated with the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. It shall be 1,443 kilometres (km) long, of which 296 km will be in Uganda occupying a 30-meter-wide corridor.

The company plans on engaging a reputable insurance services provider to provide medical insurance cover to EACOP Staff based in Tanzania. East African Crude Oil Pipeline Limited invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing Medical Insurance Cover for its staff.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The Company is inviting eligible and reputable insurance providers with adequate experience and expertise to provide medical insurance covers for over 150 Company's staff and their eligible dependants across Tanzania and in East Africa particularly in Tanzania within the Company's areas of operations regions which include Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Dodoma, Singida, Tabora, Shinyanga, Mwanza and Bukoba.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Service providers expressing their interest are requested to submit the following minimum documents:

- Copy of current Business Licence.
- Copy of certificate of Registration or incorporation.
- Valid current Tax Clearance Certificate.
- Registration and licensed with Insurance Regulatory Authority as Insurance Providers.
- Audited financial reports for the previous three years.
- Proof of ability to provide an electronic system or an application (software) to monitor utilization. Evidence of providing similar services to corporates in Tanzania for the past five years. This can be in a form of two letters from current client.
- List of experienced, competent, and qualified affiliated hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and laboratories across the operations areas of the Company.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver required scope of services.
- Proof of registration on the National Supplier Database by the Energy and water Utilities Regulatory Authority of Tanzania (EWURA) or an approved application at the time of submission.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **29th Sept 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007924**.

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

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CORRECTION: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF FUNERAL SERVICES REFERENCE: 0010007925

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The company plans on procuring services of a Funeral Services provider to provide such services to the Company in Tanzania. East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited now invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in providing funeral services in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The Company is seeking a service provider with adequate experience and expertise to provide and professionally manage funeral arrangements and related services on the demise of any of the Company's staff or any of the eligible dependants.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Service providers expressing interest are requested to submit the following documents:

- Copy of the Trading licence/ Business Licence.
- Copy of the Certificate of Registration or incorporation.
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate for the current.
- Audited financial reports for the previous three years.
- Proof of the ability to provide an electronic system to monitor services utilization and reporting system.
- Evidence of providing similar services to Corporates in the last five years. This can be in the form of two letters from the provider's current clients.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).
- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver required scope of services
- Proof of registration on the National Supplier Database by the Energy and water Utilities Regulatory Authority of Tanzania (EWURA).

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **29th Sept 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007925**.

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

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EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is expanding its network to meet the needs of its Business Strategy which focus on sustaining the recorded achievements and remain an airline of choice that meets and exceeds customers' expectations in line of its mission of provision of reliable, safe, and high-quality services. Therefore, applications are invited from qualified Tanzanians to fill the positions mentioned below;

1. POSITION: FLIGHT OPERATIONS OFFICER (3 POSTS)

1.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a holder of any Bachelor Degree
- Must have a Certificate of Flight operations/ Flight dispatch or Equivalent
- Must be a Holder of TCAA Flight Operations/Flight Dispatcher's License
- Must be proficient in English Language in accordance with the English Language proficiency requirement contained in TCAR.
- Must be computer literate.

1.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assisting the PIC in flight preparation and providing required information;
- Assisting the PIC in preparing the operational and ATS flight plans;
- Furnishing the PIC, while in flight, by appropriate means, with information which may be necessary for the safe conduct of the flight;
- In the event of an emergency, initiating the applicable procedures contained in the Emergency Response Plan;
- Filing the ATS flight plan with the appropriate ATS unit;
- When applicable, signing the operational and ATS flight plans;
- Preparation and signing the Flight Release;
- Flight following of the flights.
- Coordination of actions with Space Control/Reservations and Duty/Foreman (MCC) in respect of aircraft status, schedule changes, rerouting and positioning of aircraft for the entire network when deviations from planned operations occur.
- Briefing of Crew on NOTAMS, Weather Flight Plan and any other factors that may be of concern to the flight Crewmembers.
- Calculation of RTOW/RLW and Payload for short notice flights. – Operational control of flights within his jurisdiction.
- Supervision of all Flight Operations Assistants (if engaged) in the Shift and the maintenance of a high standard of conduct and efficiency in the Operations Control Centre. May act as Supervisor Operations Control in the supervisor's absence from workplace.
- Responsibility for Crew Accommodation, transports slips, Roster changes, and check-in, in the absence of crew scheduling staff.
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by your supervisor.

2. POSITION: FLIGHT OPERATIONS ASSISTANT II (3 POSTS)

2.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Holder of Advanced level certificate of Secondary Education preferably in science subjects or equivalent.
- Must have a Certificate of Flight operations/ Flight dispatch or Equivalent
- Must be a holder of TCAA Flight Operations/Flight Dispatcher's License
- Must be proficient in English Language in accordance with the English Language proficiency requirement contained in TCAR.
- Must be computer literate.

2.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitoring crew reporting on/off duty and crew duty time limitations
- Checking contents of operational documents and ensure that all flights have the right documents
- Assisting in preparation of the ATS flight plan
- Assisting in compiling NOTAM and Meteorological report folders for flight
- Obtaining aircraft defect report from line maintenance
- Assisting in preparation of operational forms and voyage report forms
- Supporting, briefing and/or assisting the FOO
- In the absence of FOO briefing and/or assisting the PIC
- Makes recommendation in areas of expertise
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by your supervisor.

3. POSITION: PILOT II (First Officer) (B767) – (7 POSTS)

3.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have flown with more than 500 flying hours or above with Commercial Pilot License, Multi Engine with Instrument Rating.
- Must have an experience of handling a minimum of 10 tons equipment with a good performance.

3.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To participate in the Pilot-in-Command's crew briefing, and make himself aware of all relevant aeronautical and meteorological information as well as relevant papers documenting the aircraft technical status and its anticipated load.
- To prepare the OFP and when necessary, file the ATS Flight Plan with the appropriate Authority. If stored plans are used then he should ensure that the correct plan has been activated
- To carry out such duties concerning the flight in accordance with the SOP, including procedures, limitations and performance related to the specific aircraft type, as allocated to him by the Pilot-in-Command;
- To confirm the safe navigation of the aircraft, maintaining a continuous and independent check upon both the geographical position of the aircraft and its safe terrain clearance
- To safely and properly conduct the flight in compliance with the current flight plan and the Pilot-in-Command's instructions when the Pilot-in-Command is not at the controls.
- To provide advice, information and assistance to the Pilot-in-Command, as may contribute favorable towards the safe and efficient conduct of the flight.
- To assist the Pilot-in-Command in administration duties related to the flight and
- To seek and receive information and/or explanation from the Pilot-in Command, as may be necessary to enable fulfilment of functions.
- To assist the Flight Safety Department for all Technical related matters
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by your supervisor.

4. POSITION: SENIOR PILOT I (Captain - B767) – (7 POSTS)

4.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have flown with more than 6000 flying hours with an Airline Transport Pilot License, Multi Engine and Instrument Rating.
- Must have 1000 hours as a Pilot in Command and an experience of handling a minimum of 65 tons equipment or above with a good performance.

4.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for safety of the aircraft, its occupants and cargo pre, during and post flight.
- Maintain a high standard of discipline, appearance, uniformity and promptness of Co-pilots and Cabin Crew.
- Determine the achievement of commercial aspects of flights safety to obtain additional revenue load for the Company.
- To ensure that Flight Plans, Notam, Fleet Notices, Weather and any pertinent documentation and service items that flight may require are briefed.
- Verify that the loading of aircraft being performed in accordance with laid down procedures.
- Report all incidents and accidents.
- Verify that all documents/certificates required being on board the aircraft are

available and valid.

- Report any Flight delays of flights.
- Accept and sign for diplomatic mail, precious cargo and supervise stowage aboard the aircraft and handover to destinations.
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by your supervisor.

5. POSITION : AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER II (4 POSTS)

5.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Holder of a Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering with Aircraft Maintenance Engineers License (AMEL) without type rating. Possession of a Degree in Aeronautics or any relevant Engineering field from a recognized institution is an added advantage.

5.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in removal and installation of aircraft components, repair, assembling and testing of aircraft systems.
- Assist in repair, test, overhaul and calibration of equipment and tools as per approved procedure.
- Supervise Aircraft Technicians in a particular field.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

6. POSITION: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER II (10 POSTS)

6.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATION AND WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- Must be a holder of Bachelor Degree in Aeronautical Engineering or any relevant Engineering field from a recognized institution and
- Must have a knowledge on Aircraft System or Workshop.

6.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in planning aircraft check dates according to check intervals and aircraft utilization.
- Assist in preparing check packages for aircraft maintenance.
- Assist in compiling and updating aircraft maintenance documents and component life.
- Assist in preparation and issuing of daily May Fly, showing aircraft movement and their details.
- Assist in developing and designing modifications of structures, power plants, landing gear components and systems.
- Assist in conducting periodic salvage investigation.
- Performing any other official duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

7. POSITION: AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN II - MECHANICAL (10 POSTS)

7.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Holder of Form IV/VI Certificates plus Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering with Airframe and Power Plant Trades or Diploma in Mechanical Engineering or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions.

7.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Carry out minor repair jobs under supervision.
- Work as helping hand in workshops, hangar and line maintenance sections under supervision.
- Assist in removal and installation of aircraft components, repair, assembling and testing of aircraft systems.
- Assist in repair, test, overhaul and calibration of equipment and tools as per approved procedure.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

8. POSITION: AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN II – AVIONICS (8 POSTS)

8.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Holder of Form IV/VI Certificates plus Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering with Avionics Trades or Diploma in Electrical, Telecommunication and Electronics Engineering or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions.

8.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Carry out minor repair jobs under supervision.
- Work as helping hand in workshops, hangar and line maintenance sections under supervision.
- Assist in removal and installation of aircraft components, repair, assembling and testing of aircraft systems.
- Assist in repair, test, overhaul and calibration of equipment and tools as per approved procedure.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

9. POSITION: AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN II – STRUCTURES (5 POSTS)

9.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Holder of Form IV/VI Certificates plus Diploma with Vocational Certificate Level III Fitter Mechanics majoring in automobile body repairs or its equivalent qualification from recognized institutions. The candidate shall be required to attend a special course on sewing upholstery for aircraft cabins.

9.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Carry out minor and major repair jobs under supervision.
- Work in workshops, hangar and line maintenance sections under supervision.
- Assist in removal and installation of aircraft components, repair, assembling and testing of aircraft systems.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

10. POSITION: AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN II – UPHOLSTERS (3 POSTS)

10.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Holder of Form IV/VI Certificates plus Diploma with Vocational Certificate Level III Fitter Mechanics majoring in Upholstery manufacturing or its equivalent qualification from recognized institutions. The candidate shall be required to attend a special course on sewing upholstery for aircraft cabins.

10.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Sew upholstery (fabric and leather) onto new aircraft seat covers, carpets, car-tens, etc., according to manufacturer's specifications.
- Carry out upholstery repairs.
- Carry out removal and installation of aircraft seats, seat covers, carpets and other cabin upholstery.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

11. POSITION: HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER II (1 POST)

11.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a holder of Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields; Public Administration, Human Resources Management, Human Resources Planning and Management, Manpower Planning, Industrial Relations, Business

Administration/Commerce majoring in Human Resources Management or equivalent qualification from recognized institutions or equivalent qualification from recognized institutions.

11.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in attending staff matters regarding recruitment and selection, confirmation promotions and internal transfers;
- Assist on preparation of orientation and induction programs;
- Assist on compilation and updating personal particulars for employees;
- Assist in the preparation of performance reports;
- Assist in preparing training needs assessment;
- Assist in interpretation of the scheme of service, staff regulation and various Acts related to employees;
- Assist in monitoring of daily staff attendance and recommend solutions to resolve chronic attendance difficulties;
- Participating in various matters pertaining to disciplinary and employees' development;
- Prepare staff Leave Roster;
- Perform any other duty may be assigned by the supervisor.

12. POSITION: SALES AND MARKETING OFFICER II – (CARGO) (4 POSTS)

12.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATION

- Holder of Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields; Marketing, Air Transport Management, Business Administration majoring in Marketing or equivalent qualifications from a recognized institution
- Possession of Air Ticketing, Air Cargo, Dangerous Goods, Ground Handling certificate will be an added advantage.
- Must be computer literate

12.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Handle acceptance of coffins, perishables and courier shipments
- Forward invoicing particulars to Finance department.
- Manifest all shipments accepted.
- Control and supervision of flight operations
- To ensure unit load device (ULDs) is handle and stored during ground handling and transportation on appropriate methods so that no damage occurs
- Any ULDs incident or other occurrence affecting flight safety is reported
- Reviewing import and export documents
- Tracing lost packages and communicating details with clients
- Tracking shipping details, including cargo contents, weight and transportation time
- Itemizes charges, prepares freight bills, accepts payments and issues refunds.
- Prepare sales performance report
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by your supervisor.

13. POSITION: SALES AND MARKETING ASSISTANT II – (CARGO) (5 POSTS)

13.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Holder of Certificate in one of the following fields; Air Cargo, Ground Handling or equivalent qualifications from a recognized institution.
- The possession certificate of IATA or UFTAA will be added advantage.
- The possession Diploma in IATA or UFTAA, Marketing, Air Transport Management, Business Administration majoring in Marketing, Air Ticketing, Air Cargo, Dangerous Goods, Ground Handling will be added advantage.
- Must be computer literate.

13.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Handle general cargo and Post Office mail bags at point of origin
- Handling of incoming and outgoing cargo and verifies that the import and export documents meet standards
- Assembles cargo according to destination.
- Check incoming cargo and mail against the cargo manifest
- Prepare arrival advices for all received cargo as per cargo manifest
- Accept cargo from shippers and prepare for carriage all shipments from agents.
- To ensure each unit load device is inspected prior to and after build up, and a ULDs in a non-airworthy or non-aircraft-safe condition is not loaded aboard an aircraft
- Managing and assisting with cargo loading processes
- Communicating the shipping status to customers
- Notifies shippers of delays in departure of shipment.
- Weighs items and determines cost, using approved cargo market rate
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by your supervisor.

14. POSITION: AVIATION SECURITY ASSISTANT II (2 POSTS)

14.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Holder of an Advanced Secondary School Certificate or a Diploma preferably in Law plus training/certification on the following areas; Basic Military Training, Police, Militia or its equivalent qualifications from recognized Institutions or Aviation Security Screener
- Training in Cargo and Mail Security, Airport Security Supervisor or Security Quality Control will be an added advantage.

14.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Patrol Premises, surroundings and buildings.
- Guard staff conveying valuable to and from bank.
- Keep up-to-date records of visitors.
- Perform any other official duty as may be assigned by your supervisor.

15. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Five (5) years contract with attractive remuneration and fringe benefits as per ATCL Salary Structure and Incentive Scheme.

16. MODE OF APPLICATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

Interested applicants must submit a **dually signed letter** for consideration of the application attached with the following:

- A curriculum vitae (CV),
 - Certified copies of all certificates (including secondary school, birth certificates), other relevant certificates, **Applicants who have studied outside Tanzania should have their certificates approved by relevant authorities Tanzania Commission for University (TCU) or National Examination Council- NECTA)**
 - Two recent passport size photographs**
 - Name and address of at least two reputable referees;**
 - Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone number.
- Note: Misrepresentation of qualifications or any other information on application shall warrant legal consequences**

17. CLOSING DATES:

Applicants should reach the undersigned **within 14 days from the first date of this announcement.**

MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO,
AIR TANZANIA COMPANY LIMITED,
P.O. Box 543,
DAR ES SALAAM.
Issued on 15th September, 2022



Tanzania Education Authority director general Bahati Geuzye (L) briefs Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (2nd-R) on the agency's activities when he visited the TEA pavilion at the just-ended 36th annual general meeting of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) held in Mbeya city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TARI receives power generator to increase efficiency of seeds

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Dar es Salaam has supported TARI Mikocheni, with a power generator valued at USD 16,108.62 to enhance and increase efficiency and delivering of clean seed materials for the farmers and the private sector in Tanzania.

Speaking at the handing over brief ceremony yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Director for IITA's Eastern Africa Regional Hub Dr Leena Tripathi said IITA will continue providing physical and technical support to TARI and other partners.

She said IITA is partnering with TARI on several projects such as cassava projects. She cited BASICS-II project that sets the stage for public-private stakeholders to promote the sustainable cassava seed delivery system in Tanzania.

She said reliable power supply is an

important component in tissue culture production and multiplication of clean seed materials for the farmers and the private sector.

"Power cuts are a problem in the tissue culture. We need to provide a conducive environment for effective and efficient tissue culture production. That's why we are providing a generator not only for cassava but also for other crops," she said.

She urged TARI researchers to continue producing and multiplying clean seed materials to fulfill farmers' demands and the private sector in the country.

Receiving the support, TARI Mikocheni centre manager Dr Fred Tairo commended the support saying it will increase efficiency and deliver clean seed materials on time.

"TARI has been working with IITA for a long time to bring forward the crop research agenda. I really appreciate the

support because it is unconditional, it has opened the opportunities not only for cassava but also other crop seed systems," he said.

Dr Tairo called on other development partners to emulate IITA to support in other areas of importance so that TARI Mikocheni can fulfill the demands of farmers and the private sector.

Collaboration between the public and private sector is emphasized in the agricultural sector.

Few years ago, IITA supported the production of four new improved hybrids of an important staple cooking banana that was officially released in 2021.

The improved bananas were coded TARIBANI, TARIBAN2, TARIBAN3, and TARIBAN4. The hybrids were developed by TARI's centres of Uyole, Maruku and Tengeru in collaboration with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA).



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Kenyan poll a fitting 'gift' for the International Day of Democracy

As world activists move to mark the International Day of Democracy on September 15, there is a happy turn of events in East Africa which President Samia Suluhu Hassan has described as a 'gift' to the region by the people of Kenya. It is the success achieved in holding a peaceful general election where the candidate that the prevailing authorities supported did not win, and no disruptive action occurred. It was a sea change from what was seen in the 2007 polls, then in 2013.

The fact that Kenyans held a peaceful general election makes it plain that the spirit of democracy is taking hold in East Africa, though each country has its set of challenges. The gift about conducting peaceful polls is that it makes that sort of behaviour normal, instead of the opposite, where those appearing to lose work up sections of the state machinery, or the youth, to disturb things. When polls are done peacefully and there is transition to a completely new government, it is a solid experience that affects the way millions of people look at politics, a new reality.

It is possible the new spirit of cooperation in East Africa, as well as wider economic reform that takes place at different paces for each country, is also a pace setter for motion, in the sense that learning to live by a set of clear rules externally, for instance within the East African Community (EAC) partner states, sows the spirit of similar behaviour internally. That is why the global spirit of democracy is tied up with profound market reforms; freedom must be far reaching to be realised.

When markets of different countries are fused together, and a country's

service industry like tourism, banks, insurance and telecommunications networks, etc are part of broader regimes, it fosters a rule-based mode of governance. When a country is inward looking most of the time, its reference points remain stuck with a habitual idea of stability. It scarcely admits prospects of changing power holders.

So in talking about the gift of peace during the recently concluded general election and transition to a new government, President Samia was implicitly declaring that Tanzania will strive to live up to these expectations. There are signs that things are being reorganized here to enable a free and fair contest, and in the seeming lack of confidence with economic outlook here as elsewhere, political examples like the transition in Kenya are vital. A peace ethos numbs the gene of ordering, disturbing things if they aren't going someone's way as such disturbance now looks shameful.

What we can hope for, on the basis of remarks by various EAC presidents at the swearing in of Kenya's fifth president, Dr. William Samoei Ruto is that enhancing the regional partnership shall foster not just faster economic growth but also the spirit of democracy.

When countries have predictable institutions that can bend to popular will they attract long term investors, but when they have weak institutions where government action is unpredictable, they attract speculators. That fosters corruption, which drains more resources from durable investments than it brings in. Economic reforms vastly increase the number of individuals with a stake in stability, cementing democracy as undemocratic regimes fail during transitions.

US firms exploring investments uplift local stakeholder diversity

REPORTS say that the United States embassy in Dar es Salaam and an agency for commercial liaising, the US Commercial Service, are readying a two-day fact-finding mission to Tanzania towards the end of this month. It is still unclear if any plausible business proposals are already being worked out, but clear interest has been expressed in the United States in that direction for a while. The mere fact of sending such a mission is that there are workable possibilities to strike deals, evidently within certain limitations, thus reduced to a fact finding mission.

What is also not clear is the scale of opportunity that the companies are seeking out, as the US stock market is the most powerful in the world, so if a mission finds bankable business, sourcing funds like raising bonds is no issue there. The contrary scenario is that the US is a country whose foreign trade is sensitive to foreign policy, and this often hampers business in countries that aren't overly pro-Western in foreign policy. Yet they have good ties with our neighbours, who like ourselves have excellent links with China, but newer trade tussles have cropped up this year.

The fact that an embassy statement chose to highlight the fact that fact-finding mission members will represent 19 firms with a total market capitalization of over \$1.6trn was noteworthy. That they are working with chambers of commerce in Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa also shows the scope of their reach, despite being new on the ground as otherwise they would seek partner firms rather than using chambers of commerce. Again the market issue comes up as a novelty, there.

The first impression that comes up is that these are basically manufacturing

firms seeking opportunities in agribusiness, energy, healthcare, infrastructure, ICT, crop processing manufacturing and facets of industry. Traditionally we are used to seeing firms coming into the country with an eye to reducing production costs before selling to export markets or their own market back home. This kind of investment preoccupation is true of agribusiness, but less true of fabrics, domestic appliances or motor vehicle assembling as these focus on growth of local markets.

More insight into their expectations is gathered in the detail that they are seeking to better understand the market and how they can participate in these opportunities, engaging directly with relevant government and private sector stakeholders. It means they are as interested in the regulatory environment as they are keen to find potential partners, who weren't there to start with. That is an open ended situation.

Some local stakeholders they were seeking out are familiar names with a good position in the local market, making it easier for newcomers to set foot. But this depends on rosy market projections, whose earlier fad, the rising middle class in Africa, has so far disillusioned a few firms from South Africa and Kenya in the local market. Yes, the market is more sophisticated but it as yet calls for patience.

A possible game changer is the slowly consolidating African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as it promises easier movement of goods in nearby countries and especially when the DRC is part of the East African Community. That implies faster easing of trade restrictions with Tanzania than is specific to AfCFTA. And the DRC is a vaster market than any EAC country individually.



BY JAMES NDWARU

Queen Elizabeth II steered the evolution of the Commonwealth into a forum for effective multilateral engagement whose potential to drive tremendous socioeconomic progress for Africa remains incontestable and redounds to the Queen's historic legacy.

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The end of Queen Elizabeth II's seven-decade reign

Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's seven-decade figurehead and the longest-reigning monarch died aged 96. After her father's death, George VI, in February 1952, Elizabeth II ascended to the throne. While the Commonwealth Head of State post is not hereditary, she also took over the position.

At the time of her accession, the Commonwealth consisted of eight nations, including imperial territories Canada, Australia, India, and Pakistan. Its contemporary shape as a club of free and equal members had just come to force three years before, with the signing of the London Declaration.

At her death on September 9 2022, the organization comprised 54 member nations, representing about a third of the world's population. Nineteen member states represent Africa. Only Mozambique and Rwanda were not originally part of the British empire.

The Commonwealth's roots trace back to the 1926 Balfour Declaration, which established British imperial dominions like South Africa as independent communities. The Queen was instrumental in establishing the post-colonial unity between Britain and her former colonies, particularly in Africa. This crucial role has now come to an end following her death.

The fight against white-minority rule in Africa

Battles against apartheid in South Africa and white minority rule in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) centred Commonwealth discourse on how to advance human rights among its members beginning in the 1950s. Britain sometimes found itself in conflict with other members during these disputes.

South Africa left the Commonwealth because of its resistance to apartheid in 1961. After apartheid ended in 1994, the nation re-joined. However, the Commonwealth did not always act as one on this subject, with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher resisting requests from other members in

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the mid-1980s to impose economic penalties on South Africa.

The unilateral declaration of independence by Rhodesia from Britain in 1965 triggered another long-running conflict, with Commonwealth countries condemning Rhodesia's White-minority government.

The pursuit of change in Rhodesia divided the Commonwealth. The 1966 Commonwealth summit in Rhodesia, according to Prime Minister Harold Wilson, was the "worst ever held." Ghana and Tanzania briefly cut ties with the UK in protest of its refusal to accept active intervention. Zimbabwe's majority rule never materialised until 1980.

The role of Queen Elizabeth II in Africa through the Commonwealth

The Queen has performed a fairly neutral position as Commonwealth Head, remaining out of its major issues. She allegedly anticipated a Commonwealth split if apartheid-era South Africa did not receive stiffer sanctions.

The London Declaration made no mention of the Commonwealth's Head's position. According to historian Philip Murphy, it has become a more significant role "very much thanks to the Queen's efforts."

In her capacity, the Queen campaigned to attend CHOGMs when her governments have considered them possibly too contentious. The Queen skipped only two of these biannual meetings between 1971 and 2015.

Between February 1952 and 2015, the Queen last made an overseas visit. She visited all Commonwealth nations with the exception of two (Cameroon and Rwanda). In the end, the Queen made over 200 journeys and visits to Commonwealth and UK Overseas Territories. Many of these trips came against the backdrop of Cold War competition and tensions over decolonisation, with the goal of sustaining the Commonwealth despite

its racial and ideological divides.

Despite the expanding number of Commonwealth republics, the Crown's position as Commonwealth Head seems safe for another decade. While the position of Commonwealth Head of State is not hereditary, Charles, Prince of Wales, emerged as the Queen's designated successor in 2018 and took office on Thursday following Queen Elizabeth II's death.

The Commonwealth remains a crucial factor in Africa's economic growth

The Commonwealth was often regarded as toothless and nothing more than a talk and pomp show at its yearly meetings under Queen Elizabeth II's reign. It has provided enormous, though sometimes invisible, aid, support, and advice to its members, particularly those from Africa, and has become essential to the continent's economic success. Over the years, the focus of the Commonwealth increasingly shifted toward economic issues. This was hardly surprising. Many of the African nations making up the 53-vibrant membership had Third World status. Consequently, these nations yielded little or no power within the Commonwealth.

However, along the way, these nations shook off their reputations for instability and poverty to become 'emerging markets'. Not least of all among them are Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, and Nigeria. Consequently, during a period when global economic growth mainly stagnated, many of the economies within the Commonwealth grew rapidly over the years. Not African nations can lay claim to being economic giants. However, the organization's goal, which has representation on all six inhabited continents, is to benefit everyone economically.

The Commonwealth business model

The Commonwealth as a business model was formally established in 1997. Then, the Commonwealth

Business Council was founded under Queen Elizabeth II's supervision. Now, in the midst of a worldwide recession, the world is being combed for areas of prospective development. And thirsty eyes are now again shifting to Africa.

Of course, for many generations, the rest of the world revered Africa for its human and natural riches to the continent's and its people's disadvantage. So, mention of its tremendous mineral endowment, which is yet mostly unexplored, and its expanding youth population is going to scare some.

The Commonwealth has often had to defend itself against charges that it is largely toothless. Unlike comparable organizations, its members do not need to perform in a certain way. And its impact does not spread far beyond itself.

While this is correct, it overlooks that what it can do among its members is not inconsequential. Being tied by a shared past, even if not always pleasant, fosters a spirit of collaboration and understanding, a firm foundation to build from.

Decisions happen by agreement. As such, there is less risk of quarrels and tensions that a voting system would cause by forcing members to act against their views.

And the fact that it has no formal charter means that, despite its scale, which would otherwise be cumbersome, it is able to respond to fast-changing circumstances, such as the present global economic upheaval.

The Commonwealth remains important in the third century of its presence for any African country, whether woefully underdeveloped or undergoing enormous growth. In that regard, quality improvement must include knowledge, technical support, and assistance from allies who share their values and goals.

A look into the future with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II's leadership of the Commonwealth for the past seven decades has remained admirable. She steered the institution's evolution into a forum for effective multilateral engagement whose potential to drive tremendous socioeconomic progress remains incontestable and redounds to the Queen's historic legacy.

Over the years, Britain's interactions with its former colonies in Africa have grown to diplomacy, aid, trade and economic growth. The Queen has, over the years, remained highly revered and recognized as the head of the Commonwealth. The Queen has now rested. Her death breeds a wave of uncertainty about the future of the organization. The possibility of the status of the British monarch also disappearing becomes more visible. At this point, the rout of the British monarchy in Africa could be complete.

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

When dance goes beyond leisure to promotion of global peace, harmony

DANCE is a potential asset for peacebuilding, creating opportunities for nonverbal, embodied learning, exploring identity, and relationships. Peace scholars consider identity and relationships as key components in transforming conflict.

Although dance circles may seem almost chaotic, yet there is a strong sense of organization, togetherness, enjoyment and eventually peace. The level of discipline required to master near surgical precision dance moves cannot beget violence but peace.

Tanzania is set to join the rest of the world in marking International Day of Peace next Wednesday. The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and ceasefire.

But achieving true peace entails much more than laying down arms. It requires the building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish. It involves creating a world in which people are treated equally, regardless of their race.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has said: "Racism continues to poison institutions, social structures, and everyday life in every society. It continues to be a driver of persistent inequality. And it continues to deny people their fundamental human rights. It destabilizes societies, undermines democracies, erodes the legitimacy of governments, and the linkages between racism and gender inequality are unmistakable."

Everyone in communities around the world observe this day in different ways. Some observe through organizing peace workshops, engaging in feasts that bring people together as a sign of peace, putting up peace



Members of Sinai dance group perform in Dar es Salaam last week ahead of the International Day of Peace to be marked on Wednesday next week. Photo/Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

poles in various peace activities and so on.

An activity that is common while observing this day around the globe is a one minute silence that is observed at 12 noon across all time zones. This activity was formed to create the 'Peace Wave' that moves around the globe.

In addition, among peace observers, art groups are not left behind as they take part by showcasing their artistic works and performances which to a greater extent, helps to enlighten the society of the impending occasion and its importance to mankind.

Without peace in the com-

munities, lives of innocent people are at stake and violence poses dangers which become a threat to the entire population. This is what one of the oldest theatre groups registered by National Arts Council known as Sinai demonstrated last week in Dar es Salaam with inspiring message ahead of what is also known as the World Peace Day.

The objective of the show which was held at National Museum of Tanzania (NMT)'s House of Culture, was to create awareness on the importance of peace keeping which Tanzania has been maintaining since independence.

The group consisted of sev-

en artistes who walked on the stage and delivered a contemporary dance performance while demonstrating how societies are required to address conflicts and maintain peace for development and avoid unnecessary chaos and conflicts that lead to sufferings.

The artists danced in jubilation on the stage in a show which was attended by a number of Tanzania celebrities. It was organized by NMT under its monthly programme known as Museum Art Explosion.

The dancers played on the stage holding placards with inscriptions "Tudumishe amani na upendo, which translate

as 'Let us maintain peace and love.' Among the performers was the grandson of Tanzania's celebrated drummer with visual disability Morice Nyunyusa.

The group also demonstrated art exhibition that featured photographic works themed 'Maintain peace for development' which was opened earlier by the executive director of National Art Council Kedmond Elisha.

Also in attendance were government officials including heads of departments and units in charge of promotion and development of music, exhibition and films from the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

In his introductory speech, Elisha thanked the role being played by artistes in promoting creative industry by changing people's lives in communities in the country and all over the world.

"Peace as an agenda and its inspiring messages for this year's occasion is an important aspect in the facilitation of human activities bearing in mind also that Tanzania is known for maintaining peace at home and promoting the same all over world," he said.

The government looks at the concept of dance as a main tool in fostering peace and harmony, tackling racism and all forms of human rights vio-

lation and many others. The global event to be held at the national level later in Moshi Municipality, Kilimanjaro Region is set to be graced by President Samia Suluhu as a guest of honour.

During the occasion next week, about 20 youth are expected to climb Mount Kilimanjaro as part of the activities lined up in commemoration of this important day for promotion of peace and harmony.

Prior to the show last week, the artists staged an exhibition displaying placards, paintings, sculptures and photographs with messages on the need for people to have better understanding of the concept of peace in general.

NMT through its Art Explosion programme has given opportunities to various types of artistic works to be showcased since 2016 when it was first launched to the general public.

It has since become a valuable platform meant not only to entertain revelers but also to educate youth on cultural issues which involve other activities such as traditional dance, music, drama, acrobat and exhibition.

The NMT's House of Culture which has become a regular venue is the first, largest and oldest of all museums in the country. It inherited and preserves collections of ancient discoveries and other resources from King George V Museum of England since 1940.

The three acre ground currently hosts four in-door permanent exhibition areas and manages six storage rooms for rock art, archaeology and human evolution, biology, ethnography, history and paleontology collections as well as strong room for important national treasures.

Within the compound there are also permanent outdoor exhibition galleries with aquarium, trees and butterflies on the gardens and historical vehicles used by national leader.

Building leadership for teachers in the developing world

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IF we truly want to re-imagine the role education can play in the decades to come, it is going to be indispensable to take drastic measures to elevate the role of teachers in developing countries.

The upcoming Transforming Education Summit in New York – September 16-19 – has the ambitious task to re-draw the traditional boundaries of learning, helping imagine how children of today can truly become equipped with the best tools to overcome the increasing challenges faced by the world.

It is clear that teachers in developing nations are the key agents for enabling such personal journey of growth and transformation and yet teachers are too often neglected and overlooked.

The issues the planet is facing- from income inequalities to climate change to geopolitical tensions- are all interlinked to each other.

An enhanced learning experience alone especially in the public schools around the developing world is a must, but it is something that has been pursued at best with very mixed results for decades.

Yet, the gap between private education and public school system in many emerging countries is not closing but rather getting bigger and bigger. At the same time, achieving better educational outcomes must be accompanied by a strong drive to embed a sense of civic engagement among the students.

Civic engagement is a sensitive issue that can be misinterpreted and used for the wrong purposes, including in the cases when politics enter in the fold by inculcating the mind of students with elements of hyper nationalism and chauvinism.

Instead of being a tool to allow students



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to step up for their communities, a tool that acts as civic glue, we can get the opposite results, with the formation of indoctrinated cadres with a closed mindset rather than an open one.

Teachers should be the ones who are able to bring in the tools that allow a student to grow with a positive desire to do better at a personal level but also for the enhancement of the society, creating the conditions for a quality learning that is not self-centered but rather aimed at the public good.

Therefore, all stakeholders involved in the educational sector have to reckon on how it will be possible to raise the profile of local teachers, creating the conditions for them to act as true agents of change.

Let's not forget that we are talking about individuals who often have no other options in life than starting a teaching career and often do not have neither the qualifications nor enthusiasm nor passion for the job.

It is an enormous challenge for any developing nation, a challenge that it is not extremely costly but also difficult to design especially in terms of career development of the teachers.

If it is simply unrealistic to raise the bar in terms of mandating higher education specialization for all teachers in public schools while at the same time ensuring the inclusion of more strident accountability measures for them.

It is certainly positive that an exponential increase of funding for public education is going to be of the major

topics to be discussed at Transforming Education Summit but funding alone won't suffice.

We need to focus at micro level and imagine new pathways for those public teachers who are really passionate about their jobs, to obtain the indispensable tools they need to step up in their jobs, and help their students to "holistically" and unselfishly succeed at life.

For the many who are hanging around without love nor a commitment for their job, it is inevitable that governments must muster the courage and the resources for them to slowly transition out of their profession, a proposition, that, considering the already high level of unemployment plaguing most of the developing countries, is neither easy nor "politi-

cally" convenient.

Yet, if we truly want to rethink the way education work for the most vulnerable children, we really need to sketch out new paths for making teaching one of the most attractive professions in the developing world.

Programs like Teach for America and its affiliates around the world are, with no doubt, doing a great deal of good job by trying to include young graduated recruits in the profession for two years but though admirable, it is not enough.

We need to truly create an enabling framework for young graduates to embrace teaching for the long term, allowing them to make a precise choice in picking a career as a teacher.

That's why the upcoming Summit should dedicate enough energies to

think big about the teaching profession from a perspective of the South where teaching is not held in high esteem.

Why not then provide the resources, especially technical, to create national and local academies for building the teaching profession of tomorrow?

Sooner rather than later, it is going to be indispensable to set higher qualifications in order to teach at school but at the same time, governments could start changing the landscape of the teaching profession by setting up Leadership Academies for the Teaching Profession.

Imagine centers for learning, where the best teachers and the best principals from all public schools, can enhance their skills and knowledge throughout a holistic pathway of professional and personal growth.

Such academies could offer both full time intensive but also executive mode type of courses with the best experts working as faculties.

In the USA, the late billionaire Eli Broad committed a tremendous amount of resources in equipping schools' executives, including principles through cutting edge capacity building trainings.

His philanthropic work also made it possible the creation of The Broad Center at Yale School of Management, a center Transformative leadership for public education.

This is the vision required to transform the education in the still developing and emerging world. It is not just about the commitment of the international community to fund public schools through multiyear plans.

What is required is tailored made plans to transform the teaching profession locally.

Killings, abductions fuel fear of Taliban return in North-West Pakistan

PESHAWAR

The killing of eight people by the outlawed Tehreek Taliban Pakistan on September 13 has given credence to the fear of a new wave of terrorism in the Swat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

TTP claimed responsibility for the latest improvised explosive device (IED) attack on a vehicle. A former member of the peace committee, Idrees Khan, and two policemen were among the victims of the attack.

On the same day, seven international cellular company staffers were allegedly abducted from Swat by militants demanding Rs10 million (about 42,303 US dollars) ransom.

Murad Saeed, a former federal minister and lawmaker from Swat, told IPS that he has led a campaign to get the government to put brakes on militants before they establish themselves and there was a repeat of the 2007 situation when the group killed soldiers, singers, and opponents. However, all his requests have fallen on deaf ears.

"The militants are coming from neighboring Afghanistan ... The Taliban are sending threatening letters to people for extortion. They are kidnapping people for ransom," he said.

He said the residents would march to Islamabad's capital unless the situation changes. "We need peace and prosperity and want the security agencies to stop the militants."

Saeed's mother sustained serious injuries when the Taliban fired a rocket at his home in 2008. He said the residents wanted military action to clear the area of terrorists and warned of public reaction in case these acts of militancy didn't stop.

"People want peace at cost. We are united against militancy. Nobody will be allowed to disrupt peace in the area," he said.

Swat was ruled unlawfully by Tehreek Taliban Pakistan (TTP) from 2007 to 2010, when its militants were evicted through a military operation. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, one of Pakistan's four provinces, shares a long border with violence-stricken Afghanistan.

Following the Taliban's rise to power in Afghanistan last year, militants started appearing again in Swat and other border areas.

On August 10, the Taliban captured two officers, including one army and a police officer, in the nearby mountains of Swat and released their videos. Later, both were freed after a committee of local elders met the militants.

The incident sent a wave of fear among residents, who had witnessed the worst form of terrorism in the past.

"We have bitter experience of militancy when security personnel, singers, political leaders, and civil society members were executed in the main



A medical officer preparing to give a COVID-19 vaccine in Somalia in May 2021. Credit: Mokhtar Mohamed/AMI-SOM

Bazaar of Swat. Taliban militants banned women doctors, nurses, and female teachers from work," Shafiq Khan, a resident, told IPS.

On August 12, scores of people staged street protests in different areas against the recent resurgence of militants.

"We will not allow anyone to sabotage the hard-earned peace in the region," Shafiq, a university student, said.

The same day, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police conceded the emergence of miscreants in a few hilly areas of Swat but said they were ready to deal with the situation.

"Some residents of the Taliban, who were in Afghanistan, have arrived at Swat, but the situation was under the control," a police statement said.

Imran Khan, former prime minister, whose Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) party rules Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, expressed concern over the appearance of the Taliban. In a televised speech, he said that the

militants were issuing threats to lawmakers of his party.

"It's a conspiracy against the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government. Previously, the Taliban targeted the security forces and politicians as they considered them pro-US, but this government has long been opposing Pakistan's siding with the US against terrorism; then why is the Taliban targeting this provincial government?"

Salimullah Shah, a former education officer in Swat, recalls how militants banned women doctors, nurses, and teachers from working from 2007 to 2010.

Maulvi Fazlullah led militants in Swat in 2007. He was later killed in a drone attack in Afghanistan in June 2018. He had also banned polio vaccination, due to which dozens of children were paralyzed. Pregnant women and girls' education suffered for want of medics and teachers during the TTP's illegitimate rule.

Khan said that the Taliban had also banned barbers from shaving

beards and women from leaving home without being accompanied by a close male family member.

"Keeping in mind the past activities of the Taliban, people have decided to block their entry. Soon, the militants will flee the area due to tremendous public pressure, especially through social media platforms," he said.

Muhammad Abdullah, a political science teacher at the University of Peshawar, said that the government was silent over the matter. Still, social media pressure has become a vital force behind the protests.

"The video clips circulating on social media showing the heavy presence of militants in Swat shows that militancy is likely to return if action isn't initiated. Militants want to enforce their own brand of Islamic law, which the people will not permit," he said.

"The people still remember the ruthlessness of the Taliban in the past; that was the main reason due to the heavy protests," he said.

Peace came after heavy sacri-

fices with residents disgraced, displaced, and killed.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government's spokesman Muhammad Ali Saif said every effort would be made to ensure peace and prevent terrorism.

"The government is taking measures in collaboration with security outfits to apply brakes on miscreants and safeguard the residents," he said.

However, inter-Services Public Relations of the Pakistan Army rejected the assertion that the arrival of militants in Swat was destabilizing the area. It said the presence of a "small number of armed men on few mountain-tops between Swat and Dir districts has been observed," located far away from the population.

"Apparently, these individuals sneaked in from Afghanistan to re-settle in their native areas. A close watch is being maintained on their limited presence and movement in mountains," it said in a statement issued on August 13.

According to the ISPR statement, "required measures are in place by all law enforcement agencies for the safety and security of people of adjoining areas. The presence of militants anywhere will not be tolerated, and they will be dealt with full use of force if required".

The Swat Qaumi Jirga held a meeting on August 17 to address recent developments in the area.

Analyst Abdur Rehman at the Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan told IPS that following the assumption of power by the Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan last August, native militants of Swat wanted to reassert their illegitimate rule back home. However, the public's outrage wouldn't allow them to fulfill their ambitions, he said.

He said people hadn't forgotten the days when the Taliban openly slaughtered their opponents in the marketplaces. With its many musicians and dancers, Swat saw the execution of dancers and singers, forcing those surviving the onslaught to flee the area, he said.

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RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF OFF THE ROAD (OTR) TYRES TO GGML TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Off the Road (OTR) Tyres and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01511	SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF OFF THE ROAD (OTR) TYRES TO GGML

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01511)	60%
Ability to provide field and site services for tyre fitting, maintenance and tyre handling	10%
Ability to supply premium tyre brands	20%
Ability to provide Vendor Managed Inventory services	10%
Supplier must be OEM or authorized dealer	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01511) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 30th September 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE RAISEBORING OF UNDERGROUND ESCAPE WAYS WITH AT 1.2M DIAMETER AND HOLE LENGTHS VARYING BETWEEN 45m AND 106m FOR GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of appointing a contractor to raisebore underground escape ways with diameter of 1.2m with hole lengths varying between 45m and 106m and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible contractors to submit Expression of Interest for the service as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01506	Provision for Raiseboring of underground escape ways with diameter of 1.2m and hole lengths varying between 45m and 106m

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
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Company Profile	1.54%
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Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate/Contractors Registration Certificate	1.00%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.00%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.00%
Health and Safety Policy and Management Plan	1.00%
Quality Policy and Management Plan	1.00%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01506)	60%
Proof of capability for raiseboring 1.2m diameter underground escape ways, historic project and team.	30%
Footprint in Tanzania with Tanzanian personnel trained specified and Tanzanian projects completed.	30%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01506) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 30th September 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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What does the African continental free trade agreement hold for women?

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Agnes Opus sells cereals in Busia, the border town between Kenya and Uganda. This is her lifeline through which she caters for her immediate family's needs from school fees to housing and medical care and support to her extended family. While she dedicates all her energy and time to this work which she loves, she struggles to meet all her needs. She faces many non-tariff barriers including harassment by officials and unclear and ever-changing information on trade requirements.

Agnes' challenges are not unique to her. They represent the plight of millions of women across the continent engaged in cross-border trade. They have expectations that the Women and Youth in Trade Conference and the adoption of a Women and Youth protocol by the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), will make it easy for women to trade.

The AfCFTA holds great potential by creating the largest free trade area in the world by number of countries - 55 - it connects, bringing together 1.3 billion people and a combined gross domestic product (GDP) valued at US\$3.4 trillion. The Women and Youth in Trade conference, hosted by H.E Samia Suluhu, the President of Tanzania, and the AfCFTA secretariat aims at helping the AfCFTA work better for women and youth.

The conference is expected to come up with practical solutions and legislation that governments and other stakeholders must take to implement the protocol, but more importantly, to ensure women can benefit from the AfCFTA. This is mission critical. The continent has the highest rate of female entrepreneurs globally with approximately 26% of female adults involved in entrepreneurial activity contributing between US\$250 and US\$300 billion to African economic growth in 2016, equivalent to about 13% of the continent's GDP.

Despite this potential, women earn on average 34% lower profits than men. Structural barriers like the ones faced by Agnes hamper the growth of women-led or owned businesses. These barriers include discriminatory legal and customary frameworks and practices, gendered stereotypes, norms and biases, and an unequal distribution of unpaid care and domestic work. Together, they



The rate of female entrepreneurship is higher in Africa than in any other region of the world. Credit: Mantoe Phakathi/IPS

prevent the full and equal realization of women's rights and their full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership in the economy.

To see real progress, the protocol should focus on ending these barriers through four strategies.

First, move beyond the mere signing of a protocol to implementable frameworks in each country. As an example, governments should pass legislations on preferential procurement that mandates the selection of services, goods or pub-

lic works from women-led or owned enterprises and businesses that have gender-just policies and practices for employees and supply chains.

This would be a game changer. Today, only 1% of current public procurement spending of US\$286.3 billion (15% of GDP) in Sub-Saharan Africa goes to women-owned businesses. Evidence shows that if the amount of public procurement spending to women entrepreneurs were doubled, that would be US\$5.7 billion while gender

parity in public procurement would have women entrepreneurs in Sub-Saharan Africa receive over US\$143 billion in contracts from governments.

Second, governments need to facilitate trade not only in sectors where women are the majority, but to also support women to enter sectors where they are underrepresented. Sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and IT technology are some of the fastest growing sub sectors in the continent, yet women remain underrepre-

sented.

In Kenya, where the construction sector is fast-growing, only 15.4% of registered contractors are women. Removing the barriers that face women in these sectors, including social acceptance, sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, and labor conditions including unequal pay would be a game changer.

Third, governments need to address the Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs). NTBs are considered neutral measures with gendered impacts. Women face specific constraints that undermine their economic activities, access to technical information and finances, and are often subject to harassment and extortion at borders.

They have less access to key trader networks and information about relevant procedures. Additionally, time-consuming trade measures and documentary requirements impinge more heavily on women. Addressing these should be part of a broader process for gender responsive trade policies.

And finally, there needs to be evidence-driven accountability mechanisms to track progress of the implementation of the new Women in Trade Protocols. Sex disaggregated data of trade volumes, gender indicators that track women's engagement in Africa as well as a score card that shows how countries are doing is needed.

The CCADP indicator framework and score card that tracks country implementation of the Malabo Commitments is an example of how data can be used to bring accountability to continental commitments while integrating key gender indicators.

The conference is going to be a test of how committed governments are in making trade work for women like Agnes.



REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)

SUPPLY OF SOLAR PUMPS, SOLAR STANDS AND PANELS FOR FARMERS' DEMONSTRATION PLOTS IN SINGIDA AND KAHAMA REGIONS

RFQ NUMBER - (TAHA/RFQ/001/2022)

ISSUE DATE: 15.09.2022

CLOSING DATE: 23.09.2022 AT 05:00 PM EAT

1.1 Background

TAHA is an apex member based that is working to promote horticultural industry in Tanzania. TAHA works with small, medium and large scale horticultural farmers to increase productivity, access local, regional and international markets and promote food safety.

In doing so, TAHA is implementing a project funded by the KOICA through UN Women in Singida and Shinyanga regions in transforming the communities in Ikungi and Msalala Districts in the two Regions through horticulture farming, while attaining gender equality for women and youth. One approach is through establishment of demonstration plots as learning and training points. TAHA intends to supply and install solar pumps and associated accessories in identified villages in Ikungi and Msalala Districts to promote use of renewable energy, which is cheaper, and environmentally friendly, to provide water for demonstration plots.

It is on this ground that TAHA seeks to engage a suitable vendor to supply and install solar pumps and associated accessories in the mentioned districts.

Interested parties may submit their intent for Expression of interest and request for a detailed Request for Quotation (RFQ) containing all necessary instructions to;

Chief Executive Officer, TAHA, Head Office, Kanisa Road, House No: 3, Arusha, Tanzania.

Due date for submission of the proposal for Expression of Interest is by 05:00 PM EAT ON 23/09/2022.

The letter for expression of interest/intent for this tender should be emailed to procurement@taha.or.tz, clearly identifying company name, email address of the person who will serve as key contact for all correspondences.

Issued by:
Chief Executive Officer, TAHA
Kanisa Road, House No: 3, P.O. Box 16520
Arusha Tanzania

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TENDERS FOR THE YEAR 2023

Swissport Tanzania Plc. is a leading ground services and cargo handling provider in Tanzania, currently operating at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) and Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA). The Company is listed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

The Company hereby invites interested suppliers to submit their bids in the supply of the following goods and services for the year ending 31 December 2023. In the following categories;

TENDER Number	TENDER Category
Tender No. 1	Supply of Diesel (Gas Oil) and Lubricants at JNIA and KIA
Tender No. 2	Supply of Stationeries at JNIA and KIA
Tender No. 3	Maintenance of Weighing Scales at JNIA and KIA
Tender No. 4	Supply, Servicing, and repair of Fire Extinguishers at JNIA and KIA
Tender No. 5	Supply of Tyres and Tubes for Motor Vehicles and Ground Support Equipment (GSE) at JNIA and KIA
Tender No. 6	Provision of Laundry Services for Workshop Uniforms at JNIA and KIA
Tender No. 7	Supply, Servicing, and Repair of Air Conditions at JNIA and KIA
Tender No. 8	Provision of photocopy and printing services at JNIA and KIA
Tender No. 9	Provision of Cleaning and Hygiene Services at JNIA
Tender No. 10	Supply of Breads at JNIA
Tender No. 11	Supply of office consumables at JNIA
Tender No. 12	Supply of staff transport service at JNIA

A. Interested bidders must submit their bids together with copies of certificates of registration of the Company, audited financial statements, valid Business Licenses, VAT, and TIN registration certificates. Bidders must also indicate Physical Addresses of their offices as well as the Names and Addresses of their Bankers.

B. Detailed tender documents and/or samples may be obtained from the Office of Purchasing and Supplies located at Terminal one (JNIA). The office is accessible through Gate 7 near Police Station, Terminal One (JNIA) and from Finance Office located at the Cold Storage Facility (KIA), during weekdays between 0800hrs and 1600hrs upon payment of non-refundable fee of TZS 100, 000/= for each tender in cash.

C. The interested bidder shall submit their bids in hard copies enclosed in a plain sealed envelope by quoting the category of a tender applied for. The document shall be addressed to the Tender Committee Secretary, Swissport Tanzania Plc. P.O. Box 18043, Dar es Salaam. The bids must be deposited in the tender box located at: JNIA: Finance department, first Floor Swissport Freight Terminal and at KIA: Maintenance Workshop. The bids shall reach Swissport office not later than 1600hrs on 28 September 2022 (the submission Deadline).

D. Swissport Tanzania Plc. is not obliged to accept the lowest bid or any tender.

SECRETARY

Tender Committee - Swissport Tanzania Plc.

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Shareholders' investments on banking capital hits 6.2trn/-

By Guardian Reporter

Shareholders' investment on banking sector reached a total of 6.2trn/- in capital in 2021, an increased of 14.4 percent from 5.4trn/- in 2020, which is about 16 percent of total banks assets, the Bank of Tanzania's (BoT) banking supervision annual reports for 2021 has shown.

The increase in capital signifies enhanced resilience of the sector to withstand shocks that may emanate from both internal and external environments, says BoT report.

The increase was mainly on account of an increase in the industry profitability by 67.5 percent to 666.4bn/- during 2021 from 397.9bn/- reported in 2020.

BoT report notes that the sector remained adequately capitalized as evidenced by core and total capital adequacy ratios which were 19.5 percent and 20.2 percent compared to 17.2 percent and 18.1 percent reported in 2020, respectively.

Both ratios were above the minimum regulatory requirements of 10 percent and 12 percent for core and total capital, respectively.

"The increase in capital adequacy ratios was partly attributed to retention of profit by banks and injection of additional capital by shareholders," says BoT.

The report shows share capital, which account for 38.7 percent of total capital

increased by 13.8 percent to 2.4trn/- last year from 2.1trn/- in 2021 while retained earnings, accounting for 33.2 percent of total capital grew by 12.2 percent to 2.06trn/- from 1.83trn/- respectively.

Share premium which accounts for 10.6 percent of total capital went up by 3.6 percent to 658.2bn/- from 635bn/- while other capital items increased by 17.5 percent to 1.08trn/- from 841.8bn/- respectively.

"The banking sector remained profitable, adequately capitalized, with sufficient level of liquidity and improved asset quality, attributable to recovery of businesses from the negative effects of COVID-19 pandemic," says the report.

BoT further says the sector continued to grow in terms of deposits and assets, supported by favorable macroeconomic environment, regulatory and supervisory measures.

Total assets grew by 13.4 percent to 39,346.3bn/- compared to 34,689.5bn/- recorded in the preceding year, mainly financed by an increase in deposits, borrowings and retained earnings.

Loans, advances and overdrafts grew by 11.0 percent to 20,822.6bn/- compared to 18,765.1bn/- reported in the corresponding period in 2020, due to favorable macroeconomic



Bank of Tanzania headquarters in Dar es Salaam PHOTO/FILE

environment, accommodative monetary policy and regulatory measures taken to support private sector's credit growth.

Loan portfolio was diversified in various sub-sectors of the economy include personal loans which accounted for 37.1 percent of total loans, followed by trade (16.5 percent); manufacturing (9.5 percent); building, construction and real estate (7.6 percent); and agriculture (7.1 percent).

The remaining sectors accounted for 22.3 percent of loan portfolio.

The report shows asset quality improved as evidenced by a decrease in non-performing loan ratio to 8.5 percent compared with 9.4 percent recorded in the preceding year, above the desired benchmark of not more than 5.0 percent.

The improvement in asset quality was attributed to the improved credit risk management practices by banks and financial institutions and measures instituted by BoT.

The measures included evaluation of the banks' implementation status on NPLs reduction strategies.

BoT says will further continue to take actions to ensure banks and financial institutions strengthen credit risk management practices, enhance staff integrity, and implement remedial measures to contain non-performing loans.

Earning assets increased by 13.1 percent to 31,981.1bn/- compared to 28,362.5bn/- recorded in 2020.

The ratio of earning assets to total assets slightly decreased to 81.3 percent compared to 81.8 percent recorded in 2020.

Despite the decrease, the ratio indicates that the significant part of the sector's assets continued to be channeled to productive sectors of the economy, says the report.

Total liabilities of the sector increased by 13.3 percent to 33,145.5bn/- compared to 29,267.3bn/- recorded in the preceding year, attributed to increase in deposits and borrowings.

Total deposits increased by 15.1 percent to 28,499.1bn/- from 24,765.9bn/- whereas, local and foreign currency deposits increased by 14.3 percent and 16.9 percent to 20,326.4bn/- and 8,172.7bn/-, respectively.

The increase was partly associated with enhanced deposit mobilization strategies by banks whereby deposits accounted for 86.0 percent of total liabilities.

The ratio of liquid assets to demand liabilities was 29.4 percent compared to 30.7 percent reported in 2020, above the minimum regulatory requirement of 20 percent.

The decline in liquidity ratio was attributed to portfolio shift to more profitable investments including loans, advances and overdrafts; and investments in debt securities.

In addition, borrowings increased by 8.0 percent to 3,007.6bn/- from 2,784.2bn/-.

Off-balance sheet items increased by 40.4 percent to 9,546.0bn/- compared to 6,799.4bn/- recorded in 2020, attributed to global economic recovery from adverse effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

The off-balance sheet items were 24.3 percent of the total assets compared to 19.6 percent recorded in the preceding year.

Return on Assets (ROA) and Return on Equity (ROE) increased to 2.8 percent and 11.5 percent from 1.9 percent and 7.6 percent recorded in 2020, respectively driven by increase in interest income from loans, increase in non-interest income and improvement in operational efficiency.

Non-interest expenses to total income ratio decreased to 49.8 percent from 53.8 percent reported in 2020 as a result of decrease in non-interest expenses.

Digital banking services transact 199trn/- in 2021

By Guardian Reporter

Digital banking services transactions value went up by 58.1 percent to 199,950.2bn/- last year from 126,441.3bn/- recorded during the previous year, Bank of Tanzania has reported.

In its banking supervision annual report for 2021, BoT reported that number of digital banking services transactions reached 304,698,829 last year from 233,182,627 recorded in 2020, which translated for 30.7 percent growth.

"The growth of digital banking services was partly on account of the Bank's policy measures to encourage the use of digital financial services such as mobile banking, point of sale and internet banking," says BoT report.

Internet banking accounted for the largest value amounted 100,065.3bn/- last year from 64,866.9bn/- in 2020, through 8,370,396 transactions last year from 6,128,134 transactions recorded during the previous year.

Point of Sale (PoS) transacted the second largest value amounted 57,676.6bn/- last year from 35,109.8bn/- transacted in



Banks ATMs shrunk during the period to 2,048 last year from 2,058 recorded during the previous year FILE PHOTO

2020 from 146,153,917 transactions in 2021, compared with 102,434,642 transactions recorded in 2020.

Number of PoS in Tanzania reached 58,025 last year from 47,576 recorded in 2020.

Mobile (SMS) Banking transacted 24,973.3bn/- from 15,227.4bn/- respectively recorded from 71,454,334 transactions in 2021 from 59,234,494 transaction in 2020.

The report shows the value transacted through Automated Teller Machines amounted 17,234.9bn/- from 11,237.3bn/- respectively through 78,720,182 transactions last year from 65,385,357 transactions in 2020.

However, number of banks ATMs shrunk during the period to 2,048 last year from 2,058 recorded during the previous year.

Banking services are offered through various delivery channels which include branches, agent banking and digital banking services.

The increase in usage of these channels has been enhancing financial inclusion. Branch network is highly dominated by large banks and concentrated in urban centers which

accounted for 52.1 percent of total branches.

Agent banking business continued to grow in number of agents, number of transactions and value of deposit and withdrawal transactions.

Agent banking business is dominated by large banks and concentrated in urban centers which accounted for 58.7 percent of total operating bank agents.

The report shows number of banks agents increased by 21.1 percent, the lowest in five years, to 48,923 last year from 40,410 recorded in 2020.

On cash deposits, during last year, agency banking recorded 50,942,662 transactions valued 36,179.4bn/-, an increase of 44 percent compared with 35,158,035.9 transactions valued 23,174.4bn/- recorded in 2020.

On cash withdrawals, the report shows, a total of 30,706,146 transactions valued 10,779.6bn/- recorded during last year

an increase from 23,622,966 transactions valued 8,659.8bn/- recorded in 2020.

Dar es Salaam region is continuing to lead with the highest number of agents as the report shows they were 16,059 last year from 12,753 recorded in 2020, followed by Arusha with 3,944 agents in 2021 an increase from 3,542 recorded in 2020.

Mwanza is third with highest number of agents in 2021 with 3,471, followed by Dodoma with 2,676, Mbeya with 2,559, Morogoro with 2,151, Kilimanjaro with 1,881, Iringa with 1,217 agents, Simiyu with 1,202, Pemba with 1,080, Coast with 1,078, Kagera with 1,041 and Njombe had 1,001 agents.

The highest growth of banks agents' growth recorded in Pemba with 980 percent to 1,080 last year from 100 recorded in 2020, followed by Simiyu, which recorded 257 percent growth to 1,202 last year from 336 recorded in 2020.

PM Majaliwa lauds NBC Bank for empowerment, financial inclusion

By Guardian Correspondent, Ruangwa

Prime Minister Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa has lauded NBC Bank for continued economic empowerment to communities, as well as promotion of financial inclusions.

The PM also hailed the NBC Bank's devotion to sports development in the country, which he noted stimulates creation of employment among youths.

"The bank initiative in giving back to society through sports is commendable as the sector is one of the major contributors to job creation and economic growth," he said during official inauguration of Majaliwa stadium in Ruangwa.

NBC Bank is the main sponsor of Tanzania's NBC Premier League, which has turned to be cross-sectoral economic empowerment platform.

He said, "The government acknowledges the good work done by NBC Bank in sports development in the country. We are pleased to



Prime Minister Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa (C) cuts a ribbon to officially inaugurate the Majaliwa Stadium in Ruangwa, Lindi. On his left is NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi. Extreme right is Member of Parliament for Nchinga constituency Salma Kikwete. PHOTO/COURTESY OF NBC

count on NBC Bank as a reliable partner in sports development."

"The sports and entertainment industry is an area of priority as

it employs a large portion of our youth and contributes immensely

to household and national earnings," he said.

"Through the sponsorship of NBC Premier League, the Bank has created enormous direct and indirect job opportunities and opened doors for businesses in the value chain to flourish. We are happy to see that NBC Bank supports the government's efforts to improve the living standards of our people. Keep up the good work."

NBC Bank also supports health, education, employability, and enterprise development through the Corporate Social Investment and citizenship programs.

Earlier this year, NBC Bank became the first in Tanzania's history to offer life and health insurance covers to all the NBC Premier League players, club staff, and immediate families.

A move has boosted players' morale to showcase their talents and capabilities.

July this year, NBC Bank

raised over 200mn/- through NBC Bank Dodoma Marathon, which were donated to the Ocean Road Cancer Institute, the largest specialized facility for cancer treatment in Tanzania, to support the fight against cervical cancer for women in the country.

National Bank of Commerce (NBC) is Tanzanian's longest-serving financial institution with operations across the country through an extensive network of branches, agency, ATMs, Point of Sale, mobile and internet banking platforms.

In June this year, the bank also paid 4.5bn/- to the government as dividend following the lender's profitability in 2021, as the government accounts for 30 percent shareholding in the bank.

In 2021, NBC made a pre-tax profit of 60bn/- which is an increase of 702 percent from a profit of 6.2bn/- earned in 2020.

Banking capital requirements on cryptoassets due by year end

LONDON

The global Basel Committee of banking regulators will complete work on "robust" rules for how banks must set aside capital to cover cryptoassets on their books, the committee's oversight has body said.

The panel, made up of banking regulators from the world's main financial centres, has proposed punitive capital charges on 'unbacked' cryptoassets like bitcoin.

It has proposed more lenient treatment of stablecoins, or cryptoassets backed by assets or a major currency, but the collapse of stablecoin TerraUSD in May questioned their apparent stability.

"On cryptoassets, members reiterated the importance of designing a robust and prudent regulatory framework for banks' exposures to cryptoassets that promotes responsible innovation while preserving financial stability," the Group of Central Bank Governors and Heads of Supervision (GHOS) said in a statement.

"The GHOS tasked the Committee with finalising such a framework around the end of this year."

GHOS also "unanimously" urged member countries to implement the final leg of Basel III, a suite of tougher capital requirements set up in response to the global financial crisis over a decade ago, as fast as possible and in full.

"The resurgence of inflation in many jurisdictions, coupled with a deteriorating macroeconomic outlook and tighter financial conditions, may expose vulnerabilities accumulated in the financial system," GHOS said.

More than two-thirds of member countries plan to implement Basel III in full by 2024, GHOS said.

The European Union and Britain, both members of Basel and GHOS, have said they aim to implement the remaining rules by the start of 2025, with the EU proposing several changes.

AfDB appoints director for strategy, operational policies department



By Guardian Correspondent

African Development Bank (AfDB) has announced an appointment of Caroline Kende-Robb (pictured) as director, strategy and operational policies department, the bank said in a statement.

Kende-Robb, a British national, brings over 30 years of leadership and management experience in development and humanitarian sectors, coupled with deep knowledge and practical experience in achieving organizational effectiveness and results through strategic planning, effective financial management and nurturing high performing teams.

Prior to her appointment, she was senior adviser to the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), where she played a vital role in influencing policy across Africa and globally, to support Africa's long-term growth through

transformation.

Before joining the African Center for Economic Transformation, she was Secretary-General of CARE International, a confederated international Non-Governmental Organization operating in 100 countries worldwide, with over 10,000 staff.

CARE International has a dual mandate of sustainable development and humanitarian assistance with a focus on empowering women and girls.

Kende-Robb has served in a number of international roles including Chief Adviser to Gordon Brown, and at the Education Commission, Executive Director of the Africa Progress Panel, a unique multisector policy and research organization with high-level political access.

Kende-Robb worked at the World Bank (1995-1999 and 2005-2011) in the regions of Africa, Europe and Central Asia, and East Asia and the Pacific.

She was part of a Senior Management Team in the Sustainable Development Network, which focused on agriculture, environment, social development, infrastructure, energy, and water and sanitation.

Kende-Robb holds a Master of Science degree in Social Policy and Planning from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor of Arts honors degree in Geography from Liverpool University.

She is currently a board director of Global Financial Integrity and a Trustee of CAMFED International, an NGO focused on girls' education in Africa.

Commenting on her appointment, Kende-Robb said, "I am deeply honored to work for the African Development Bank Group, the premier pan-African development institution, and I would like to thank President Adesina for giving me this valued opportunity."

She said: "I am excited to work with President

Adesina and Senior Management to help implement the President's inspiring vision for the Bank and for Africa. I am looking forward to working with the Bank's highly committed and dedicated colleagues to help develop appropriate operational policies, shape a corporate vision, and promote a strategic perspective to guide the Bank's vital agenda."

The president of the African Development Bank Group, Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina said: "I am pleased to appoint Ms. Caroline Kende-Robb to the position of Director, Strategy and Operational Policies Department of the Bank."

He said Caroline is a respected development professional, with solid leadership and management experience in development and humanitarian sectors, as well as development diplomacy at the highest levels, which will be key for this role.

Reforms coming to ease credit cost for small businesses

NAIROBI

THE new Kenyan administration has announced plans to reform the credit information sharing system in a bid to lower the cost of loans for micro and small businesses.

President William Ruto said the reforms will aim at gradually moving away from the negative listing of loan defaulters.

"Our starting point is to shift the credit reference bureau (CRB) framework from its current practice of arbitrary, punitive and all-or-nothing blacklisting of borrowers, which denies borrowers credit," Dr Ruto said in his inauguration speech on Tuesday.

"We will work with credit reference bureaus on a new system of credit score rating that provides borrowers with an opportunity to manage their creditworthiness."

This comes days to the end of the year-long suspension of negative listing of defaulters of up to Sh5 million by the administration of former President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The relief period for such defaulters ends on September 30. Lenders say the directive suspending reporting of defaults on loans has hampered the rollout of the differentiated lending framework on mass market loans due to the inability to use the credit reporting system.

"Our main concern has been on how to manage the risk profiles of our customers when we are blind-



A customer is served at a Kenya Commercial Bank branch. FILE PHOTO

ed by the lack of additional non-banking data," Chiera Waitthaka, the chief risk officer at Absa Bank Kenya, said in early August.

The directive, while protecting current defaulters, has slowed down lending, especially for individuals and small enterprises which are seen as riskier com-

pared to large companies.

Data from the CRBs showed last year a third of Kenyan loan accounts are negatively listed as defaulted in an economy struggling to create jobs for the growing number of skilled youth who have found themselves in a debt trap. The bulk of the new listings

are for mobile digital loans despite the government having frozen the blacklisting of defaulted loans below Sh1,000 from April to December last year.

The rising number of blacklisted loan accounts has jeopardised the chances of millions of Kenyans being able to borrow more

to grow their businesses or for projects.

"Financial inclusion and access to credit are critical in addressing the fundamental factors of the cost of living, job creation and people's well-being," Dr Ruto said. "We shall take measures to drive down the cost of credit."

Brazil's fintech expands into Africa eyeing mobile money

MEXICO CITY

Brazilian Fintech Company Ebanx SA has said it has expanded into Africa, where it hopes to replicate its fast growth in Latin America by placing a greater emphasis on the digital payments side of its business.

The company started operations in Kenya, South Africa and Nigeria in late August amid soaring demand for payments via mobile phones in recent years.

"(These countries) represent more than 50% of the continent's GDP, one third of Africa's population and are seeing an explosion in digital service adoption," Paula Bellizia, a global payments executive with Ebanx, told Reuters.

Ebanx will initially focus on mobile money, a system which allows users to exchange and store funds on their cellular phones, Bellizia said. The company began offering digital wallets - payment applications on mobile phones - to Brazilian consumers on a test basis in 2020.

The continent's digital economy has an estimated market size of \$115 billion, according to a report released by Endeavor with McKinsey in June.

"In Latin America, digital commerce ended up accelerating digital payment. In Africa, digital payments will leverage digital commerce," she said.

"There is a trend of e-commerce happening in Africa the same way it did in Latin America eight years ago," she added.

The Brazilian startup valued at over \$1 billion also aims to reach agreements with major e-commerce stores to provide payment services on the continent. Without disclosing names, Bellizia said Ebanx will focus on partnerships with global merchants.

In Latin America, it processes payments for companies like Airbnb Inc, Shopee and Uber.

"On regards to our expansion plan, Africa became our new priority. It is an enormous continent, with millions of people becoming consumers," she said.

Bellizia said that Ebanx, which earlier this year delayed a planned initial public offering, continues to analyze "market conditions" to take that step.

BANKING & FINANCE

Global sukuk issuance to reach \$170bn in 2022, says Moody's

RIYADH

Global sukuk issuance is expected to fall to between \$160 billion and \$170 billion in 2022 from \$181 billion in 2021, said global rating agency Moody's.

Sukuk, which is also called an Islamic bond, is a debt product issued in accordance with Shariah or Islamic laws.

The drop is expected due to higher oil prices reducing the requirements of sukuk-issuing sovereigns and raised interest rates.

"The improved fiscal position of major sovereign issuers is the main

reason for the expected drop in volumes this year," said Ashraf Madani, VP-Senior Credit Officer at Moody's.

Madani noted that rising oil prices are decreasing the Gulf Cooperation Council governments' financing needs.

However, in the Southeast Asia lower government spending is anticipated because of a decline in pandemic-related expenditure, he added.

The global sukuk market saw a year-on-year decline of 10 percent to \$92 billion in the first half of 2022.

Moody's projects the value of issuance to reach between \$70 billion

and \$80 billion in the year's second half, as high interest rates continue to pressure sukuk activity.

Saudi Arabia, the GCC's biggest sovereign issuer, has completed its issuance program for the year.

The Kingdom's domestic market recorded \$14.4 billion worth of sukuk sales this year, registering a growth of 185 percent over the last year, Bloomberg reported.

According to Moody's, the risk of increasing interest rates will remain a challenge for the sukuk market.

Some issuers including corporates and financial institutions have delayed their sukuk offerings given the

volatility of interest rates during the first half of 2022.

"We expect this situation to persist into the second half of the year as major central banks continue to raise rates to combat inflation," the report highlighted.

That said, Moody's mentioned that the sukuk market is becoming more appealing as an investment tool, as shown by the high demand for recent issuances.

The demand for sukuk is concentrated in international investors in markets that are less exposed to Islamic finance, the rating agency concluded.



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EU banks may save energy firms from collapse

LONDON

European financial regulators are examining relief measures to defuse a crisis for energy suppliers, as power prices surge following Moscow's slashing of supplies.

The European Union's markets watchdog is considering how to ease a requirement on energy firms to stump up increasing amounts of cash to back derivatives contracts, with one solution leaving banks on the hook.

Energy firms sought to buffer themselves from price rises through derivatives tied to the future cost of energy. But no-one ex-

pected prices to rocket as they have.

The companies' derivatives, which to guard against higher prices, could now be their undoing.

In order to keep these contracts open, the companies must post a "margin" in cash but that has ballooned with rising prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

That margin is posted with a clearing house, which holds the cash to underpin the working of the market.

Higher prices on positions held at clearing houses - and the cash demands they triggered - has left companies scrambling to find the money, threatening solvency.



The European Commission, due to propose a package of emergency measures on Wednesday, has said that rules could be changed to loosen the requirement for posting cash. It could, for instance, take a bank guarantee instead. Using EU carbon emission allowances, could also work, according to market play-

ers. Each allowance or permit to pollute, which can be traded between companies, is the equivalent of one tonne of carbon dioxide.

In the meantime, many European countries are offering state-backed loans and guarantees to tide firms over until a regulatory fix is in place.

The EU's European Securities and Markets Authority is also considering the use of "circuit breakers" or temporary halts in trading energy contracts following big price moves, giving markets a breather.

Typically a bank, for a fee, agrees it would complete a payment if an energy company went bust. It's similar to letters of credit from

banks which are widely used in U.S. physical oil trading.

EU derivatives rules already allow for bank guarantees as margin by some companies - as long as they are backed by security. That makes them expensive.

A waiver from this rule expired in 2016. That would need to be reintroduced.

Guarantees should only be extended to energy companies and banks should not be allowed to use guarantees from other banks, one clearing industry official with knowledge of the discussion said.

Clearers may argue that this intervention won't harm banks because a simultaneous collapse of both

banks and energy firms is highly unlikely.

Banks, therefore, should be able to avoid hefty capital requirements to cover the guarantees they offer, the argument runs.

In practice, however, much will hinge on the European Central Bank, which regulates leading lenders in the euro zone. If they are cautious, banks could be asked to stump up more capital.

Clearing houses are nervous about any step to weaken their defences, particularly after the London Metal Exchange's clearing arm had to roughly double its default fund earlier this year due to rocketing nickel prices.

China tells banks to check exposure to debt-laden Fosun

BEIJING

China's biggest banks and state-owned companies have been told to check their financial exposure to Fosun, the sprawling conglomerate that owns assets including the Premier League football club Wolverhampton Wanderers, as the heavily debt-laden group struggles from the impact of downturn in the property sector in its home market.

The financial strength of the Shanghai-based group, co-founded in 1992 by the billionaire Guo Guangchang and built into one of China's largest non-state-owned conglomerates, has come under scrutiny after a huge sell-off in property bonds that began in June.

Dollar bonds guaranteed by the Hong Kong-listed Fosun International, the group's leading business, have plummeted, sending its shares to lows not recorded in almost a decade.

On Tuesday, it emerged that regulators including China's banking watchdog and the local commission that oversees state investments have told institutions



Bank of China

they oversee to examine the financial risks associated with exposure to Fosun.

Last month, the rating agency Moody's downgraded Fosun Interna-

tional with an outlook on all ratings moved to negative reflecting "refinancing uncertainties" on its \$40bn (£34bn) debt and risks involved with any asset sell-offs to raise cash in tougher economic conditions.

A spokesperson for Fosun, which owns a global portfolio of investments including Portugal's biggest bank and the French fashion house Lanvin, said

it did not receive any notice from authorities about the financial exposure requests, according to Bloomberg.

The spokesperson subsequently contacted the Beijing State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC) and was told that the practice is part of its "normal research" and has previously involved other companies, adding that Fosun's operations remain "healthy and resilient".

While the company remains under intense pressure in China, the world's second-largest market, Fosun has said many of its international businesses have recovered from the pandemic.

Its subsidiary Fosun Tourism, which owns brands including Thomas Cook, Club Med and Atlantis, said that in the first half of this year revenues were up 130% compared with the same period last year.

Fosun Tourism said it "maintains a healthy and sound financial position", adding that bookings at Club Med reached 90% of pre-pandemic levels.

JPMorgan warns of up to 50pct drop in fees

WASHINGTON

JPMorgan Chase's third-quarter investment banking revenues could be as much as 50 per cent lower than last year's, one of the bank's most senior executives warned on Tuesday.

Daniel Pinto, JPMorgan president and head of the corporate and investment bank, said he expected third-quarter investment banking fees to be down 45-50 per cent on the \$3.3bn achieved a year earlier, having fallen 44 per cent in the first six months of 2022. The bank will announce its results on October 14.

The gloomy forecast for the largest US bank by assets, which is an industry bellwether, underscores the anxiety on Wall Street over a dealmaking slowdown amid economic uncertainty, the war in Ukraine and unresponsive debt markets for leveraged buyouts.

The slump in fees follows a blockbuster 2021 and has raised the spectre of lower bonuses and potential job cuts on Wall Street. Goldman Sachs is planning to start a job-cutting programme in the coming weeks that could affect hundreds of employees.

Pinto said JPMorgan would "adjust over time to whatever we believe is a medium-term structure needed, and overall banking business size needed, to cater to that wallet size".

"You need to be very careful when you have a bit of a downturn, to start cutting bankers here and there, because you will hurt the possibility for growth going forward," Pinto said.

"So if anything in an environment like this, there may be some very, very top bankers that you could not access or hire in the past and now they're available to be hired."

Given that the lion's share of banker pay packets is made up of performance-based compensation, Pinto said the bank can "adjust not just letting people go, you can adjust by reducing comp".

He added that JPMorgan's trading business, which has benefited this year from volatile equity, credit and commodity markets, was on track to be up about 5 per cent year on year in the current quarter. In the first six months of the year, trading revenue was up 4 per cent year on year.

Pinto also said interest rate rises by the Federal Reserve, increasing loan demand and higher revolving balances at its cards business would boost lending business more than the bank had previously anticipated. JPMorgan's latest guidance for full-year net interest income, excluding its trading business, was \$58bn-plus. Pinto said the current environment meant that plus was now "bigger".

Despite worries of a potential US recession and high inflation, Pinto said JPMorgan views the US consumer as being "in a very good place".

"People are not touching much...of the wealth that they accumulated over the last couple of years. And they are saving less to pay to maintain consumption and to pay for higher prices," Pinto said.

BANKING & FINANCE

US banks' performance metric set to turn around

NEW YORK

Wall Street banks look set to report better efficiency ratios in the second half of the year, a key metric that deteriorated as global economic gloom sapped income from traditional profit centers and costs surged amid a battle for talent, analysts say.

A closely watched measure of performance, the ratio helps analysts gauge how much the company spends for outside interest payments to generate a dollar in revenue. A higher ratio implies that the bank is using capital less effectively.

"Our current projections assume a modest improvement in the banking industry's efficiency ratio from just under 58% in 2021 to just under 57% in 2022," said Christopher McGratty, Head of U.S. Bank Research at KBW, a Stifel company.

The expectation of a marginal recovery in the profit metric foreshadows an uptick in overall revenue growth.

Even though capital markets activity has slowed dramatically, net interest income growth is accelerating, McGratty said, adding that overall revenue growth should exceed expense growth.

For the first six months, the efficiency ratio of JPMorgan leapt to 60% while Citigroup's jumped to 66%, both highest since 2014, according to earnings presentations. Analysts widely consider a range between 50% and 60% as optimal for banks, and see rising efficiency ratios as a negative sign.

During the same period, Morgan Stanley reported a ratio of 71%, the highest since 2019, while Goldman Sachs and



Wells Fargo reported 62% and 77%, the highest since 2020. Early this year, Goldman had set a goal of 60% while Morgan Stanley aimed to stay under 70%.

While Bank of America's efficiency ratio improved in the first six months this year to 67% from 69% a year ago, the current figure is still 9.5 percentage points higher than that in 2019, before the pandemic struck.

Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo declined to comment. Bank of America did not

respond to a request for comment Monday. U.S. banks will report third-quarter results starting Oct. 13.

Banks saw efficiency ratios deteriorate this year as profits dwindled in the first two quarters primarily with investment banking activity receding from records set last year. Additionally, a rapid rise in mortgage rates and decline in major stock and bond indices have hammered wealth and asset management businesses and their associated income streams.

As a result, banks were compelled to pursue other fee-generating businesses "to help diversify their income streams, while also offsetting loan demand issues," said Simon Powley, head of advisory and consulting at Diebold Nixdorf.

In tandem, expenses have been driven upwards by salaries and benefits, he added.

To rein in costs, banks including JPMorgan and Wells Fargo have cut staff in recent months while Goldman Sachs plans to

cut jobs as early as this month after pausing the annual practice for two years during the pandemic, according to a source familiar with the matter.

"Banks were among the worst-performing sectors in the second-quarter earnings season as revenue growth was meager and profit decline was significant," said Jason Benowitz, senior portfolio manager at Roosevelt Investments. "We expect some modest improvement from this low level in the third quarter."

WORLD

'Queen's Counsel' no more, 'King's Counsel' return after 70 years

LONDON

THE former Prince Charles is not the only one getting used to having "King" in his title all of a sudden.

About 1,900 elite UK lawyers and hundreds of others in Commonwealth countries who held the rank of "Queen's Counsel" became "King's Counsel" when Queen Elizabeth died last week, instantly assuming a title that had gathered dust since the queen took the throne in 1952.

They must now use the shorthand KC rather than QC on letterhead and other materials, according to The Bar Council, which represents more than 1,650 barristers in England and Wales. Barristers are UK litigators who argue in court, while solicitors are general practitioners who typically do not.

"The change of our names will be a constant reminder that the Queen has gone," said London-based King's Counsel Lord Peter Goldsmith, a partner at law firm Debevoise & Plimpton and who was the United Kingdom's attorney general from 2001 to 2007.

There are also practical ramifications. Lawyers took to social media soon after the queen's death describing a scramble to update profiles on law firm websites and discussing the cost of new stationery – alongside many references to the disco and funk music group KC and the Sunshine Band.

"It will certainly take some time to get used to "KC," said Jeffrey Sullivan, a London-based partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and King's Counsel. "I imagine there will be a few slip ups over the next few months as lawyers, judges and clients adjust to the new title."

The rank is little known in the United States but a familiar feature of the legal hierarchy in Commonwealth countries from Australia and New Zealand to Jamaica and parts of Canada. It is reserved for senior and highly respected lawyers and has historically been bestowed upon barristers, though the process opened up to British solicitors in 1996.

Those who hold the title in Britain are informally called "silks" – a reference to the special silk gowns they wear in court along with the traditional wigs sported by many barristers. They



A handout photograph released by the UK Parliament shows Britain's King Charles III attending the presentation of Addresses by both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall, inside the Palace of Westminster, central London on Sept 12, 2022, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Sept 8. AFP

are appointed by the Crown following a years-long application process.

King's Counsel enjoy several informal privileges, including front-row seats in court. They also tend to charge more for their services.

A number of British television shows have been based on the exploits of Queen's Counsel, including the 1990's legal drama Kavanagh QC, and 2011's Silk, which follows a barrister on her quest to win the rank. More recently, Michelle Dockery played a Queen's Counsel prosecuting a politician accused of rape in the Netflix 2022 miniseries Anatomy of a Scandal.

The system dates to 1597, when Queen Elizabeth I named Sir Francis Bacon as the first Queen's Coun-

sel. But it was nearly abolished 20 years ago amid criticism that it was too secretive, that it was dominated by white men, and that it was inappropriate for the Crown to bestow a title on lawyers that may give them an edge over their peers.

Officials ultimately retained the system but changed the selection process to allow for more extensive review of applicants.

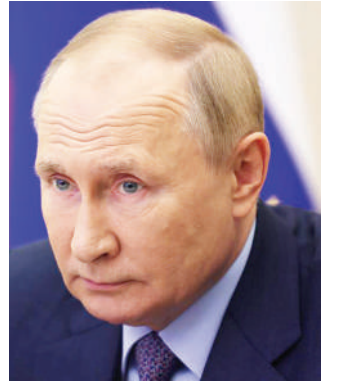
The changeover to King's Counsel may bring with it fresh calls for reform. But for now, members of the club like Paul Mitchard, a retired partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in Hong Kong, are settling in to their new title.

"KC has a sort of ancient ring to it," Mitchard said.

Nord Stream problems were caused by sanctions on Russia, says Putin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin held talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and told him that the problems with gas supply to Europe through the Nord Stream-1 pipeline had been caused by Western sanctions on Moscow, the Kremlin said in a statement.



"Describing the current situation in the European energy sector, Vladimir Putin stressed that Russia has been and remains a reliable supplier of energy resources, fulfilling all its contractual obligations, and interruptions, for example, in the operation of the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline, are caused by anti-Russian sanctions that interfere with its maintenance," the statement said.

Putin said any attempts to blame Moscow for Europe's energy woes are cynical, given the closure by the authorities of the respective countries of gas supplies through Ukraine and Poland and the refusal to allow Nord Stream-2 operation.

The energy crisis in the EU worsened at the beginning of July when the first disruptions of gas supplies from Russia to a number of European states appeared. In particular, this was triggered by technical and maintenance issues around the Nord Stream pipeline's turbines from the US-led West's sanctions.

After that the European Commission called on the EU countries to prepare in advance for a complete halt of Russian gas supplies. It also introduced a plan to voluntarily reduce gas consumption by all member-states by 15% from August 1, 2022 until March 31, 2023.

Nord Stream-1 is one of the main routes for gas supplies from Russia to Europe, but due to difficulties with the servicing of its turbines, it's now used only at a fraction of its capacity. The Nord Stream-2 pipeline has been completed, but has not been put into operation, also because of sanctions against Russia.

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US to move US\$3.5b in Afghan central bank assets to Swiss trust

WASHINGTON

THE United States yesterday announced that it would transfer US\$3.5 billion in Afghan central bank assets into a new Swiss-based trust fund that will be shielded from the Taliban and used to help stabilize Afghanistan's collapsed economy.

The Afghan Fund, managed by a board of trustees, could pay for critical imports like electricity, cover debt payments to international financial institutions, protecting Afghanistan's eligibility for development aid, and fund the printing of new currency.

"The Afghan Fund will protect, preserve and make targeted disbursements of that US\$3.5 billion to help provide greater stability to the Afghan economy," the US Treasury said in a statement.

US officials said no money would go to the Afghan central bank, known as DAB, until it is "free of political interference" - diplomatic parlance for replacing the bank's top Taliban officials, two of whom are under US and UN sanctions, with banking professionals - and anti-money laundering safeguards are instituted. "Until these conditions are

met, sending assets to DAB would place them at unacceptable risk and jeopardize them as a source of support for the Afghan people," US Deputy Treasury Secretary Wally Adameyo said in a letter to the central bank's Supreme Council seen by Reuters.

The new fund is housed in the Basel-based Bank for International Settlements (BIS), which provides financial services to central banks. "The BIS is establishing a customer relationship with the Fund for the Afghan People. The BIS role is limited to providing banking services to and executing the instructions of the Board of Trustees of the Fund without involvement in the Fund's governance or decision making," the BIS said, adding it would comply with all applicable sanctions and regulations.

The fund will not resolve serious problems driving dire economic and humanitarian crises threatening to worsen as winter approaches. Nearly half of Afghanistan's 40 million people face "acute hunger," according to the United Nations.

The Taliban's biggest fiscal challenge is developing new revenues to compensate for financial aid



Afghan kids beg on a side walk in Kabul, Afghanistan, May 24, 2022. (EBRAHIM NOROOZI / AP)

that provided up to 75 percent of government spending that the United States and other donors ended after the Islamists seized Kabul in August 2021 as the last American troops left, ending two decades of war.

"The economy of Afghanistan faces serious structural issues, exacerbated by the Taliban takeover," a senior US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters in a briefing about the new fund.

The crises also have been fueled by decades of war, drought, the

COVID-19 pandemic, endemic corruption and a cutoff of the central bank from the international banking system.

The talks continued despite US anger at the Taliban's harboring of late al Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri - killed on July 31 in a CIA drone strike on his Kabul safe house - and international outrage at the militants' human rights crackdown, including barring girls from state-run secondary schools.

Biden in February sequestered "for the benefit of the Afghan

people" the US\$3.5 billion in DAB assets to be transferred into the new trust fund.

The other US\$3.5 billion is being contested in lawsuits against the Taliban stemming from the Sept 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. Courts could decide to release that money, which could be deposited in the new trust fund.

Another approximately US\$2 billion in Afghan central bank assets held in European and Emirati banks also could end up in the fund.

IOM seeks over 50mUSD to scale up assistance for 2.5m Somalis as famine looms

MOGADISHU

THE United Nations migration agency, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), said on Tuesday it requires more than 50 million U.S. dollars to reach 2.5 million people affected by the drought by the end of 2023.

IOM's deputy director general Amy Pope, who ended a four-day visit to Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, and Baidoa said the crisis in Somalia is deepening, noting that with the fifth failed rainy season imminent, humanitarian actors require greater resources to

help communities in need survive, rebuild and foster resilience. Pope said in a statement issued in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, that the situation in Somalia which is facing severe drought demands the world's urgent attention, solidarity, and support.

"The communities I met are being devastated by climatic change, despite Somalia being one of the least contributors to global emissions. Millions do not have sufficient water or food. Hundreds of thousands of people could die," she said. According to Pope, time is running out for Somalia where

rural communities are facing the dire consequences of a climate emergency as they grapple with decades of instability, disease, and economic crises.

Without a rapid increase in assistance, the Somalia Food Security and Nutrition analysis which was launched last week projects that famine will be a reality in parts of the country by October. The drought has forced more than 1 million people to leave their homes in search of water, food, and humanitarian services, according to the UN. According to IOM, over 80 percent of the dis-

placed are women, children and the elderly who are bearing the brunt of the crisis, and most people have settled in towns and cities where support services are already greatly overstretched, and sanitation is poor.

The last famine in Somalia was declared just over ten years ago in 2011, which led to the death of an estimated 250,000 people. The current drought has already claimed the lives of at least 730 children, but the true figure could be much higher, as 7.8 million people are facing extreme food shortages, the IOM said.

Xinhua

'Optics Valley of China' in Wuhan builds high-caliber talent hub

IN Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei province, there lies the East Lake High-tech Development Zone, one of the high technology development zones approved by China's State Council.

In recent years, the high-tech development zone, or better known as the "Optics Valley of China," has constantly optimized its employment and business environments, making itself a high-caliber talent hub.

As the birthplace of China's first optical fiber and first electro-optical transmission system, the "Optics Valley of China" has grown into the world's largest R&D and production

center of optical fibers and cables.

Each year, a 100-billion-yuan industry was created there since 2013. Having developed four major industries of integrated circuit, new display, next-gen information network and bio-medicines, the high-tech development zone is listed as a state-level strategic emerging industry cluster.

Apart from attracting industries, the "Optics Valley of China" is also drawing talents.

Recently, it announced to build a pilot demonstration area of talent construction and released seven major measures in this regard, which marked another upgrade of the high-tech development zone's human re-

source policy.

"Applicants of talent programs launched in the high-tech development zone will be free from the restrictions on degree, age, and professional title. All they have to do is to register on an online platform and the platform will automatically give ratings. Those eligible will receive subsidies," said an official from the development zone.

Numerous "dream chasers" have realized their dreams in the "Optics Valley of China." As of the end of 2021, the East Lake High-tech Development Zone was home to 1.18 million permanent residents, up 167,700 from a year ago.

HGLASER based in the "Optics Valley of China," a subsidiary of Chinese intelligent manufacturer HGTECH, has established a 14-member team for the development of high-power laser equipment and software. Though the average age of the 14 members is only 28, they have developed a series of amazing technologies.

With a laser cutting technology they developed, it only takes no more than 10 minutes to carve a painting on a 5,000 mm*4,000 mm*2mm metal sheet. And one of their laser welding technologies allows workers to weld a vehicle cabin skeleton in just 43 seconds.

The team, with great teamwork,

has tackled a number of challenges such as high dependence on imported materials and long development period. It has independently developed core technologies and broken foreign monopoly in planar, groove and 3D 5-axis laser cutting machines.

"Compared with imported software, our own software can improve efficiency by 15 percent and reduce costs by 90 percent," said Xu Tianrui, a 28-year-old member of the R&D team.

Today, more and more young talents are attracted by the sound atmosphere for innovation and entrepreneurship in the "Optics Valley of China."

A demonstration area of the Hubei Youth Pioneer Park located in the HUST (Huazhong University of Science and Technology) Science Park offers a low rent and efficient administrative services for young entrepreneurs.

"I kicked off my R&D work on the same day I set up my office here," said Xiong Penghang, a 33-year-old man who graduated from University Pierre et Marie Curie, also known as Paris VI. His company has built an industry-leading human-machine interactive underlying platform in the Metaverse sector.

People's Daily

Kiev Security Compact meant to enslave EU, Russian diplomat says

MOSCOW

THE Kiev Security Compact would end up “enslaving the European Union,” so that the bloc never recovers, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told Sputnik radio yesterday.

“This compact, these so-called working groups would get EU countries caught in such a knot, tying their hands so that they would end up hellishly enslaved and subsequently never restore their economic growth and development, nor even their former glory for that matter as well,” the diplomat elaborated, taking aim at the Kiev Security Compact published on Tuesday.

A number of provisions mentioned in the compact, specifically those regarding weapons supplies, are already being implemented “on a much larger scale,” Zakharova (pictured) remarked.

“Weapons have been supplied to Ukraine non-stop,” the diplomatic agency’s spokeswoman continued. “The financial assistance being channeled to Ukraine in all of its forms, be it money transfers, or loans and so on, is unprecedented in recent history,” she pointed out.



On Tuesday, the Ukrainian president’s office released a draft document titled: The Kiev Security Compact International Security Guarantees for Ukraine: Recommendations. Under the document, a binding agreement should be signed between Ukraine and the United States, on the one hand, and between the EU and a number of other countries. Despite previously voiced proposals, the document does not envisage either Kiev’s abstention from joining NATO, or a neutral status for Ukraine or Russia’s participation as a security guarantor.

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Lights out early for Eiffel Tower as Paris saves energy

PARIS

PARIS will switch off the Eiffel Tower’s lights an hour earlier than normal, lower the water temperature in municipal pools and delay heating public buildings to save energy this winter, the city’s mayor said on Tuesday.

The measures are aimed at meeting President Emmanuel Macron’s goal that industry, households, and municipal authorities reduce their energy consumption by 10 percent in response to Russia’s cut to gas supplies and spiraling energy prices.

Around Europe, countries are looking for ways to cut energy consumption and fill up their gas stores in preparation for a possible total cut-off.

France is not as exposed to Russian gas as some neighbors but a record number of nuclear reactor outages has forced France to import power when it would typically be an exporter, exacerbating the pressure on power markets.

Paris’ Mayor Anne Hidalgo (right), next to 13th district mayor Jerome

Coumet (left), gives a press conference to present her plan for Paris’ energy sobriety in Paris, on Sept 13, 2022. (PHOTO / AFP)

“France will always be the City of Light”, Mayor Anne Hidalgo said.

The Eiffel Tower is currently illuminated until 1 am by a lighting system that lends it a golden glow. At the top of each hour while lit, it twinkles thanks to 20,000 flashing bulbs. Extinguishing the monument’s lights at 11:45 pm would mean a 4 percent reduction in its power consumption.

Hidalgo said that from Sept 23 lighting in Paris’ public buildings would be switched off at 10 pm while the water temperature in pools would be reduced to 25 C from 26 C. The heating in public building will be dialed down to 18 C.

The capital’s energy bill would hit 90 million euros this year, 35 million more than usual even with long-term electricity and gas contracts shielding authorities from the worst of the cost increases.

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People walk on a bridge next to the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Feb 9, 2022. AP

Aid entering Ethiopia’s Tigray remains blocked despite cease-fire talk - UN

UNITED NATIONS

TALK of a cessation of hostilities in Ethiopia’s embattled Tigray region is no green light for international relief operations to resume, UN humanitarian officials said on Tuesday.

Tens of thousands of people have reportedly been displaced in parts of Tigray, Afar and Amhara since hostilities resumed three weeks ago. Humanitarian convoys into Tigray and UN Humanitarian Air Service flights between Addis Ababa and Tigray’s capital of Mekelle remain suspended, said the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

The office said the suspensions block the flow of material aid and hamper the rotation of humanitarian workers and the transfer of cash for humanitarian operations.

“We and our partners continue the distribution of available aid in Tigray, including cold chain equipment – freezers and refrigerators – and medical supplies to health centers and hospitals,” OCHA said. “Partners have also mobilized shelter supplies for 23,000 newly displaced households in Shire

and Mekelle towns.”

In the Amhara region, there was an interagency needs assessment for Mersa town in the North Wollo Zone, where nearly 12,000 newly displaced people, mainly women and children, are taking refuge in five schools.

Partners will start distributing food and non-food items and have mobilized a mobile health and nutrition team for the town, said OCHA. On Sunday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres welcomed the regional Tigray government’s readiness for an immediate cessation of hostilities and to peacefully resolve the conflict.

He was encouraged by the stated willingness of the regional government to participate in a peace process under the auspices of the African Union. OCHA said the drought is getting worse in eastern and southern Ethiopia, and more than 16 million people need humanitarian assistance through the end of this year.

Xinhua

China and Africa hand in hand: Toward a sustainable future

By Yi Fan

RIGHT before this year’s Chinese New Year, Rwanda’s ambassador to China, H.E. James Kimonyo, delivered some coffee products to a Chinese consumer who ordered the foodstuff from the e-commerce platform JD.com. The lucky consumer also received a certificate with the ambassador’s signature thanking her for buying a Rwandan product.

Around the same time, Ethiopia’s ambassador to China, H.E. Teshome Toga, participated in a livestream event with a top Chinese influencer on e-commerce retailer Alibaba’s platform Tmall to launch and sell a brand of Ethiopian coffee in the country. 11,000 bags of coffee of the Arada brand were sold in five seconds.

With their marketing strategy, Rwanda and Ethiopia are looking to attract consumers in the world’s most populous country.

In fact, e-commerce, or the digital economy at large, is one of the most promising areas of China-Africa partnership. It is also essential for the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the post-pandemic era, a critical task for both China and African countries.

The implementation of the SDGs is now almost halfway through, with important headway achieved in global development over the decade.

But in the most recent months and years, the confluence of crises, dominated by COVID-19, climate change and conflicts, is reversing years of progress in eradicating poverty and hunger, improving health and education, providing basic services, and much more. The aspirations set out in the UN 2030 Agenda are in serious jeopardy.

As the world’s largest developing country, China has come a long way in poverty reduction, infrastructure construction, connectivity, agricultural modernization, human resource cultivation, etc, all of which are key ingredients for progress toward the SDGs.

Based on the experience gained



Ethiopia’s ambassador to China Teshome Toga appeared as a guest on the livestream hosted by the social media influencer Li Jiaqi to sell Ethiopian coffee on Alibaba’s T-mall platform. (File Photo)

in this process, China launched the Global Development Initiative (GDI) as a vehicle to pursue the 2030 Agenda with all fellow developing countries. Proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the UN General Assembly in 2021, the GDI is a promising response to help the world recover from recent setbacks and accelerate the achievement of the SDGs worldwide.

The GDI focuses on eight priority areas of development, namely, poverty eradication, food security, COVID-19 response and vaccines, financing for development, climate action, industrialization, digital economy, and connectivity.

All of these areas are highly relevant for the African continent and align well with the AU Agenda 2063. Take the aforementioned digital economy for example, which became more important than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local e-commerce platforms in Africa already penetrate transportation, logistics, human resources, and agricultural sectors, boasting market shares that rival Amazon. But there is still vast potential that has yet to be tapped. With a vibrant e-commerce sector, China has much to share with fellow developing countries in Africa. For example, just months ago, an e-commerce training program was launched in South Africa to draw upon China’s experience in this field.

Another area where South-South experience sharing could be of immense value is poverty eradication. As the No.1 goal of the 2030 Agenda, ending poverty has been particularly challenging since the onset of COVID-19.

Having lifted nearly 800 million out of poverty in the past four decades, China has much experience to offer on this front. This is also an area that relates most directly to

the well-being of ordinary people, which further attests to the people-centered approach defining the GDI.

Industrialization, a pressing priority for most African countries, is also a focus of the GDI. For a country to achieve development and raise income, industrialization is a sure path to follow. Over the years, China has invested heavily in the industrial sector of Africa and made a real difference on the ground.

The Hisense South Africa Appliance Industrial Park Project is a case in point. Hisense, a household home appliance brand name in China, entered the rainbow nation back in 1996 and has since steadily spread its products and technologies across the continent.

From Johannesburg to Cape Town, from a few employees to now nearly one thousand in the industrial park, and from a single product category (TV) to now multiple categories including refrigerators and smartphones, the industrial park has had a far-reaching impact on the local manufacturing sector and related industries.

Inspired by the spirit of true multilateralism, the GDI welcomes the participation of all countries. On the African continent, it will synergize with the Belt and Road Initiative, AU Agenda 2063 and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development to inject new impetus into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

With its rich human and natural resources and enormous untapped economic and social potential, Africa is well-positioned to harness the opportunities brought by global initiatives like the GDI and march hand in hand with China toward a sustainable future.

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UN envoy sees opportunity to end political crisis in Sudan

UNITED NATIONS

THE top UN envoy for Sudan on Tuesday saw an opportunity to help end the political crisis in Sudan.

With regard to the political process, some important decisions have been taken by the military, and some promising developments have happened among civilians, said Volker Perthes, the UN secretary-general’s special representative and head of the UN Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS).

On July 4, the chairman of Sudan’s ruling Transitional Sovereign Council, Abdel Fattah El-Burhan, announced the military’s intention to withdraw from politics.

While large parts of the public doubted that the military leadership meant what it said, the announcement did generate momentum among civilian forces. Several initiatives aimed at reaching a common civilian vision have emerged in response, he told the UN Security Council in a briefing.

The Trilateral Mechanism, consisting of UNITAMS, the African Union and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, has engaged with all initiatives. Almost all initiatives have expressed that they want the Trilateral Mechanism to play a role, either in bringing the different initiatives together, coming up with bridging proposals, or eventually facilitating or mediating an agreement with the military, he said.

“I am actually encouraged by the degree of commonality in the current debate in Sudan. There are important differences, no doubt, about the institutional division of powers, particularly, the role of the military. But the gaps have narrowed. And there is wide-ranging consensus now, among other things, on the need for a



Volker Perthes, UN Special Representative to Sudan and head of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan, speaks during a meeting of representatives of the tripartite mechanism in the Sudanese capital Khartoum on June 8, 2022. AFP

civilian head of state, an independent prime minister, a cabinet of experts and technocrats, not of party leaders. There is also consensus that the issue of transitional justice needs to be high on the list of priorities,” said Perthes. “So there is an opportunity to end the crisis, which military and civilian forces need to grasp.”

While any political agreement needs to be Sudanese-owned, the Trilateral Mechanism stands ready to convene the parties around one text so as to bridge remaining differences, he said.

Nearly a year after the military takeover of Oct 25, 2021, Sudan still lacks a fully functional and legitimate government. The decision of the military to withdraw from politics and the recent initiatives by civilian forces offer a window of opportunity for both the military and political forces to reach an agreement on the way forward, he said.

“Time is of the essence, however,” he cau-

tioned. “The longer the political paralysis exists, the more difficult it will become to return to the transition, which UNITAMS is mandated to assist. I urge all actors to seize this opportunity and reach an agreement on a solution that enjoys legitimacy in the eyes of Sudanese women and men.”

Since his last briefing to the Security Council in May, Sudan has seen continued deterioration of the socio-economic situation. Security incidents affecting civilians have increased across the country. Humanitarian needs are growing exponentially, according to Perthes.

The overall situation will continue to worsen unless a political solution is found to restore a credible, fully functioning civilian-led government – a government that can re-establish the authority of the state across the country and create the conditions for a resumption of international cooperation, in-

cluding debt relief, he said.

The human rights situation has not improved either during the reporting cycle. The political crisis in Khartoum also contributes to instability in the rest of the country. Particularly worrisome is the surge of violence in Darfur and the Blue Nile, said Perthes.

National and local authorities and civil society leaders have made attempts at brokering reconciliation agreements in Darfur and the Blue Nile. But the sustainability of these agreements remains uncertain in the absence of effective state authority, he said.

The lack of implementation of the Juba Peace Agreement continues to contribute to instability. Protocols to address the drivers of the conflict in Darfur, including wealth sharing, justice, land issues, and the return of internally displaced persons remain unfulfilled. In the absence of a political agreement, it will be difficult to advance these issues, he added.

Humanitarian needs are now at record levels due to a combined impact of ongoing political instability, economic crisis, rise in intercommunal violence, poor harvests and now flooding. Some 11.7 million people are facing acute hunger and the number is growing. While the United Nations and partner organizations managed to reach 7.1 million people in need since January, the 2022 humanitarian response plan for Sudan is only funded at 32 percent, Perthes noted. Agencies



George Mpole

Should Geita Gold FC now be worried over George Mpole's form?

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

GEITA Gold FC has had a slow start to the 2022/23 season, as the club has failed to win in the opening four games of the season so far, including the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup's first preliminary round outing against South Sudan's Hilal Al Sahil.

The Geita outfit is currently placed fourth from bottom in NBC Premier League and is one of six winless teams.

Although it has been overall a tough start with back-to-back opening away games to Simba SC and Azam FC, there are some low-level concerns about the form of goal-getter George Mpole.

The Tanzanian international was a consistent performer last season, managing to establish himself as one of the best attackers in the NBC Premier League.

Last season, Mpole managed to win the golden boot by pipping favourite, Yanga's Fiston Mayele on the last day of the campaign.

He managed to score 17 goals, one more than Mayele who was on top of the scoring charts for months.

After four matches, the Geita Gold FC forward has yet to register either a goal or an assist.

The season is still in its infancy but it is worth looking at the form of Mpole, as domestic football followers rarely saw this period of poor form from him last season. His consistency stood out last season.

It is too soon to get worried about Mpole but after his blistering campaign last season, a lot was expected of him ahead of the 2022/23 season.

Mpole's contribution played a significant role in pushing Geita Gold FC to the fourth-place finish in their top-flight debut season.

Now, it is not every day that a player has such a fantastic campaign in the NBC Premier League and it would be unfair to expect a repeat of last season from Mpole.

But, the fact that he has not looked like the player he was last year in the four games that he has played this season, makes you wonder whether he is a one-season wonder.

Mpole looked a bleak shadow of his former self in the game against Simba SC at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on the opening day of the

season.

Though he took a few shots, his finishing lacked luster. In his squad's clash against Azam FC, it was a repeat of the same poor performance.

After the Azam FC game, Mpole seems to acknowledge that defenders are keen on marking him out as he is now an established striker.

However, it is wrong to think that he is being deliberately targeted out of envy. There is no personal crusade against Mpole but rather that is the nature of the business.

"My job is to score goals, to help the team and I wanted it to be like that, but I met with more challenges from the defenders of the two teams, probably different from what I met last season. I believe in my ability and I will score goals," Mpole said after two frustrating games.

He has already shown the world what he can do at his best. He should not dwell on past accomplishments and set unrealistic standards for himself. He will do well to get back to the basics and keep things simple.

In the two games against Simba SC and Azam FC, at times it felt like he was trying too hard, taking unnecessary runs and over-ambitious shots.

Trying to emulate his performance from last season could prove to be futile and bring about his downfall.

Mpole has to face the reality that he had an unrealistic workload and a transfer window of disappointment has taken its toll.

This is a player who featured in all 30 league games, Geita Gold FC could not afford to rest their key man.

After bagging the golden boot, he was linked with all big clubs, but in the end, his dream deal did not materialize.

Even if the psychological impact of his botched attempt to force a move away from Geita Gold FC is discounted, it is hardly surprising that he failed to hit the ground running this time around, when he belatedly returned to training only a day to the opening game of the season.

It is up to him to show the world that Mpole is not a one-season wonder and make the footballing world remember him for multiple good seasons and not just for his exploits in the 2021/22 campaign. He has to weigh in all the factors behind his slow start.

Miracles and church music: Reliving 'Thriller' with a 'disgospel' group at Saranga revivalism

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

UPPER middle age individuals attending several revivalist congregations have often a problem staying through the service up to the end, on account of its joyful, youthful character and vigorous, exercise-laden singing that could pass for an ordinary street show or recording.

There are platforms of that kind where even the lead preacher calls for the 'disco' to start as if there was no difference with a registered prayer-house. Its exercise and influence on those present uplifts spirits.

This kind of show singing in front of a tabernacle is mostly the case with privately led congregations that are not part of wider fraternities with a body of regulations or internal law, which govern all forms of expression within the breadth of activity tied to prayer or praise singing.

There was a story of how a choir in a traditional church with firm global rules and a pronounced hierarchy once wrote excessively creative songs or songs, in tandem with current fashions.

They believed they had done something wonderful and the congregation is going to be fully excited about it.

What they did not realize is that church music has a set of rules that need to be observed and even a 'cadence,' the way it is heard, that is distinctive to the tradition.

The local pastor heard it when they were practicing, and when they sought to line up the song for the service that week, he directed that they first show up for a seminar the following week, before performing the songs or making such performances.

They agreed, arranging to first perform that week and then come to the seminar, they appear to have done so, and the pastor moved to ban that choir.

When it comes to independent revivalist churches, as a sermon attended at the outlandish city suburb of Saranga within the vast-er Kimara area, there was a model



One of Dar es Salaam's Seventh Day Adventist Church choirs' singers in action during the launch of a one-week camp meeting coordinated by the church at Mbezi Luis in the city recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

from which the most remarkable song for the service came.

It was an abridged version of the 1982 'Thriller' blockbuster that went around the world in 40 albums of the song and countless viewings on television.

To an extent it was a song that changed music altogether, taking it from indoor, stage displays like jazz bands used to do, into a semblance of theatre, a short movie, recorded outside.

The mode of performance gaiety, outlook, and movement in that epochal work of imagination has made youthful music into something different and eventually intruded into church choirs, which mostly resisted that intrusion.

Still, the more one moves from traditional and conservative churches to a minimum of revivalism the more that resistance gives way first as adaptation, among Pentecostal churches, and then wholesale embracing of this mode of performance in revivalist churches.

One reason is their lack of either a community or zonal roots, reliance on individual acts or decision to attend, easier to bend to ways of the youths, to bring about happiness.

But it is not just the generational

gap that sets the stage for performance change in church music, but even the tone of prayer and religious observance as a whole.

Traditional churches are berthed in the notion of wrongdoing and prayer, the ritual appeal for mercy that is permanent and constant on their lips, as the very anchor of the notion of communion, fraternity, and belonging.

In that context, traditional choir songs were remorseful to the point of being mournful in their recognition not of error in the first place but trembling in that constant appeal for mercy, and clemency.

The more removed from that sense of error as the anchor of cohesiveness in prayer, via the act of Pentecostal conversion which is similarly characteristic of the newer private churches to varying degrees, the freer the prayer atmosphere becomes.

When sentiments are freed from an immanent sense of error and seeking clemency, the spirit or sense of imagination climbs a ladder up.

Thus communion in that kind of situation moves from mournful prayer to 'praise and worship,' a sort of 'R&B' within the context of worship, influenced by Western

pop on one hand and local praise singing on the other. Griot, lauding dead kings to the sky, is thus prominent.

Still, there is a distance from that kind of praise singing, which one sees in the usual reggae beat and others in the neighbourhood, as their proximity to prayer is visible.

The sense of worship is still intense in that reformed environment as it consists in deciding on a sort of religious rebirth, so there is a clear threat of re-penetration of error unless held in check by actual introspection and prayer.

Therefore in many cases, their songs are acceptable in traditional churches.

It is the new breed singers, visiting miracle congregations of those often described as 'pastorpreneurs,' casting off demons and conducting deliverance, who throw caution to the winds.

Those churches aren't about casting off error and being reborn but are legions of victorious people, since assailants (witches, chiefly) are defeated and a person is freed.

Their songs are boundlessly joyous, bringing up the more exhilarating youthful spirits, like the Saranga youths in 'Thriller' version.



A group of Indian artists stages a Qawwali performance at Diamond Jubilee Hall in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Qawwali is an energetic musical performance of Sufi poetry that aims to lead listeners to a state of religious ecstasy, to a spiritual union with the Almighty. The show, coordinated by India's High Commission to Tanzania and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, was sponsored by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), with India's High Commissioner to Tanzania Binaya Pradhan gracing the show. PHOTO: COURTESY OF INDIA HIGH COMMISSION TO TANZANIA

Arusha resident wins 60m/- from betting firm

By Guardian Correspondent

ARUSHA resident Joseph Marwa has won 60,321,350/- after correctly predicting 12 matches played in various soccer leagues in the world through the draw of a betting game dubbed 'Perfect 12', coordinated by M-Bet Company.

Marwa, an entrepreneur, said that he previously did not have faith in betting until he was contacted by his fellow young people to ask for fare to be used by the

then winner of the M-Bet beating platform.

Marwa, a Simba SC follower, noted: "The winner came to me and as for loan as he was supposed to travel to Dar es Salaam to pick his money after being announced to be the winner of the 'Perfect 12'."

According to him, he hardly believed it when he saw the winner return to Arusha and refund the former the transport fare plus bonuses.

Marwa noted: "I handed

over 150,000/- to the winner, also a friend, who came to Dar es Salaam to follow the money. I didn't follow them at all because they were young people I know, but as soon as I returned, the boy returned my money and added up 50,000/-."

The winner added: "I didn't really believe it and started asking him several questions and later asked him to teach me how to place bets. He did that and the first day I started

betting, I won 800,000/- and more which was used on the phone."

"Thereafter, I asked the winner to teach me how to place a bet and managed to do that and win money before emerging as the winner of the Jackpot," Marwa revealed.

Marwa also advised young people from the age of 18 to stop spending 1,000/- to buy cigarettes and smoke when they can use the money to bet with M-Bet and win millions as

was the case with him.

Allen Mushi, M-Bet Company's Marketing Director, said that Marwa becomes one of the members of their house of champions as he is the ninth winner of Jackpot since the beginning of this year.

"When we say M-Bet is the house of champions, we have a special meaning, so far we have handed over millions of cash to eight winners and they have changed their lives," Mushi said.

Klopp mocks Boehly's Prem all-star game idea

LONDON

LIVERPOOL manager Jurgen Klopp has mocked Chelsea co-owner Todd Boehly's proposal for the Premier League to introduce an all-star game similar to those featured in a variety of sports in the United States.

Boehly, who is also a co-owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers and completed a takeover of Chelsea earlier this year as head of a consortium alongside investment firm Clearlake Capital, suggested that a north versus south game could be used to benefit all levels of football in England.

But when the idea was put to him following Liverpool's 2-1 Champions League win over Ajax on Tuesday, Klopp was not overly enthusiastic.

"He doesn't wait long," Klopp said. "Great. When he finds a date for that, he can call me. He forgets that in the big sports in America, these players have four-month breaks.

"It is completely different in football. What can I say? Does he want to bring the Harlem Globetrotters as well and let them play against a football team?"

"I am surprised by the question so please don't judge my answer too much. But maybe he can explain it to me at some point and find a proper date.

"Not sure people want to see that. Imagine that: [Manchester] United players, Liverpool players, Everton players altogether in one team. It is not a national team. North against south. That means north east [too], Newcastle... interesting game. And all the London guys together, Arsenal, Tottenham, great. Did he really say it? Interesting."

Boehly made his comments Tuesday during an appearance in New York at the SALT Conference, a global thought leadership and networking forum, while also suggesting a tournament be held to decide relegation to the championship.

"Ultimately I hope that the Premier League takes a little bit of a lesson from American sports and really starts to figure out why wouldn't we do a tournament with the bottom four teams, why isn't there an all-star game?" he said.

"People are talking about more money for the pyramid -- MLB [Major League Baseball] did their All-Star Game in L.A. this year, we made \$200 million from a Monday and a Tuesday. You could do a north versus south all-star game for the Premier League to fund whatever the pyramid needed very easily."

There has never been an all-star game in the Premier League and Boehly admitted that "there's a cultural aspect that's real," though predicted "there's going to be an evolution."

Speaking on Chelsea specifically, Boehly revealed that his hope is for Chelsea to follow the examples of Manchester City's owners, City Football Group, and Red Bull by adopting a global multiclub model in order to aid the development of players.

"We've talked about having a multiclub model," he said. "I would love to continue to build out the footprint. There's different countries where there's advantages to having a club.

"Our goal is to make sure we can show pathways for our young superstars to get onto the Chelsea pitch while getting them real game time. For me, the way to do that is through another club in a really competitive league in Europe."

(Agencies)

Blame us for Thomas Tuchel sacking - Chelsea's Jorginho

LONDON

CHELSEA'S vice-captain Jorginho has said the players "are responsible" for the departure of Thomas Tuchel last week.

Tuchel was relieved of his duties last Wednesday, the day after his team suffered a shock 1-0 defeat away to Dinamo Zagreb in their opening game of this season's Champions League.

Chelsea appointed Graham Potter as their new manager the following day and Jorginho said the squad was shocked by Tuchel's sacking but added the squad must take part of the blame.

"Of course, we had a great time with Thomas and appreciate what he does for us, the fans and everyone," Jorginho told a news conference on Tuesday ahead of their Champions League game against FC Salzburg.

"It was a surprise for everyone. What has been said between the players will stay there, sorry."

He added: "Of course [the players are also responsible], we are a team. It is not one person responsible for what happened. We are the team as a group on the pitch, so of course, we are responsible for what happened.

"We tried to do what we could and where it could go better. Unfortunately, it wasn't working. The challenge now is to rebuild confidence."

New manager Potter said he will approach a "very different challenge" in the same way as he has throughout a coaching career spent largely out of the spotlight.

The 47-year-old Englishman has taken on by far his biggest coaching job, having cut his teeth with Swedish club Ostersunds for seven years before a short spell at Swansea City and then a highly impressive one with Brighton & Hove Albion.

Potter's methods at Brighton have enhanced his reputation, but the expectation levels at Chelsea will be a new experience for a man tipped as a future England manager.

(Agencies)

Bayern beats Lewandowski's Barca; Liverpool gets late winner

LONDON

IT doesn't seem to matter which shirt Robert Lewandowski is wearing – Bayern Munich just keeps getting the better of Barcelona either way.

Bayern extended its recent dominance over the Spanish giant with a 2-0 win in the Champions League on Tuesday to show it can cope quite well without Lewandowski, who left to join Barcelona in the offseason.

It started out as a friendly homecoming as Lewandowski walked down the familiar steps of the Allianz Arena players' tunnel before kickoff, hugging every one of his former teammates along the way.

Bayern's players didn't extend the same level of hospitality once the game started.

After Lewandowski missed several good chances to score in the first half, Lucas Hernandez and Leroy Sané scored within a five-minute span in the second as Bayern took control of Group C with two wins in two games.

"Luck wasn't on his side," Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer said about Lewandowski. "For Lewi, it's an emotional game, here, a bit like coming home."

Sporting Lisbon also moved to six points in Group D after netting two late goals to beat Tottenham 2-0 at home. The other group game between Marseille and Eintracht



Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski (9) shoots a free kick against Munich during a Champions League, group C soccer match between Bayern Munich and Barcelona at the Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. (AP)

Frankfurt was marred by fan disturbances before kickoff, forcing riot police to intervene when opposing supporters launched flares and fireworks at each other. Frankfurt won the game 1-0 thanks to a first-half goal from Jesper Lindström.

Liverpool needed an 89th-minute goal to get its first win of the European campaign. Joel Matip headed home a corner to give last year's runner-up a 2-1 home win over Ajax, bouncing back from a 4-1 loss to Napoli in the opening round. Napoli's game at Rangers was postponed until Wednesday because of limited police resources in Scotland following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

A period of silence was

held before Liverpool's game, while Bayern fans showed their displeasure with UEFA allowing the British monarch's death to disrupt the schedule by holding up a banner reading: "Last minute match delays and bans because of a royal's death? Respect fans!"

SAME OLD BAYERN

After losing 3-0 to Bayern in both group meetings last season – and with the 8-2 drubbing in the 2020 quarterfinals still fresh in memory – there was hope among Barcelona fans that things would be different with Lewandowski on their side.

Instead it was just more of the same.

After the Poland striker was uncharacteristically

wasteful in the first half, Hernandez did his best Lewandowski impression when the defender popped up at the near post to head home a corner in the 50th minute. It was the kind of goal his former teammate scored so many of during his Bayern career, when he netted 344 in eight years.

Sane then pulled off a great solo effort for the second just four minutes later, bursting into the area and rolling a calm finish inside the far post.

In the other Group C game, Edin Džeko got the better of Viktoria Plze again.

Džeko had one goal and an assist as Inter Milan beat the Czech club 2-0 in the other Group C game. The Bosnia international now has 10 goals in nine

matches against Plze, and nine in the last six.

LIVERPOOL LEAVES IT LATE

Liverpool got the win it so badly needed, but it was another performance that highlighted that Jurgen Klopp's team is no longer the high-scoring machine it once was.

Liverpool struggled to convert its possession into goals in the second half and then needed the aid of goal-line technology to show that Matip's late header crossed the line before cleared by a defender.

"Coming back from the horror show in Naples, it was important we showed a reaction," Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk said. "It wasn't easy ... but it's something to work on."

Mohamed Salah had earlier ended his run of seven Champions League games without a goal by putting the team ahead in the 17th, but Mohammed Kudus equalized when he created space in the area before smashing an unstoppable shot in off the underside of the crossbar in the 27th.

Klopp had urged Liverpool fans to show respect during the tribute to the queen, who died last week at the age of 96, after some of the club's supporters booed the national anthem ahead of the FA Cup final last season. And the period of silence was respectfully observed, except for a few random shouts that were quickly hushed.

SPORTING

Tottenham had not lost a game in any competition this season before a pair of Sporting substitutes ended that unbeaten run.

Paulinho glanced in a header from a corner in the 90th minute and Arthur Gomes added the second in the third minute of stoppage time when he cut in from the left wing, darted between two Tottenham defenders and shot between the legs of goalkeeper Hugo Lloris.

In Marseille, Lindström took advantage of a defensive error in the 43rd minute to score the winner for Frankfurt. Tottenham and Frankfurt have three points, with Marseille last on zero.

BRUGGE CONTINUES TO SURPRISE

Group B is throwing up some surprising results so far, with Club Brugge atop the standings after routing Porto 4-0 away for its second straight win.

Forward Ferran Jutgla had a goal and an assist for Brugge, which saw four different players score. It was Porto's fourth straight loss in the Champions League going back to last season.

Struggling Bayer Leverkusen upset Atlético Madrid 2-0 for just its second win of the season after six defeats in eight games across all competitions. Robert Andrich and Moussa Diaby scored late for the German team.

AP

Lionel Messi's PSG form is excellent with Champions League, World Cup in his sights

By Julien Laurens, ESPN Correspondent

THE stat says a lot about the kind of season Lionel Messi is having so far. In the big five European leagues, the Paris Saint-Germain No. 30, who was to face Maccabi Haifa in Israel on Wednesday night in the Champions League, is the player with the most successful dribbles this campaign with 30. Who is behind him? Jude Bellingham with 19!

In short, Messi is back and the stats show it. His performances show it, too, with three goals and seven assists already and 22 chances created in just seven Ligue 1 matches. His body language seems to show that he's happy with his football, with his team and with his life in Paris. The contrast with last season is quite strong, obviously: despite his 14 assists in the league, his output was still far from what we expected from him.

This season is very different. At 35, he will never be the Messi that he was a decade ago, as you'd expect, but he's certainly playing at a level that's close to his best. His creativity is evident, he's more strategic with when he chooses to accelerate with the ball, and his dribbling in small spaces is as sharp as ever. His energy levels are high, making him breathtaking to watch at times.

On Saturday, against Brest, in a match that saw PSG looking sluggish and average, Messi was the only one making things happen. His magnificent pass for Neymar on the Brazilian's goal was worthy of his career highlight reel.

The dynamic is real, and the Argentine is enjoying himself again.

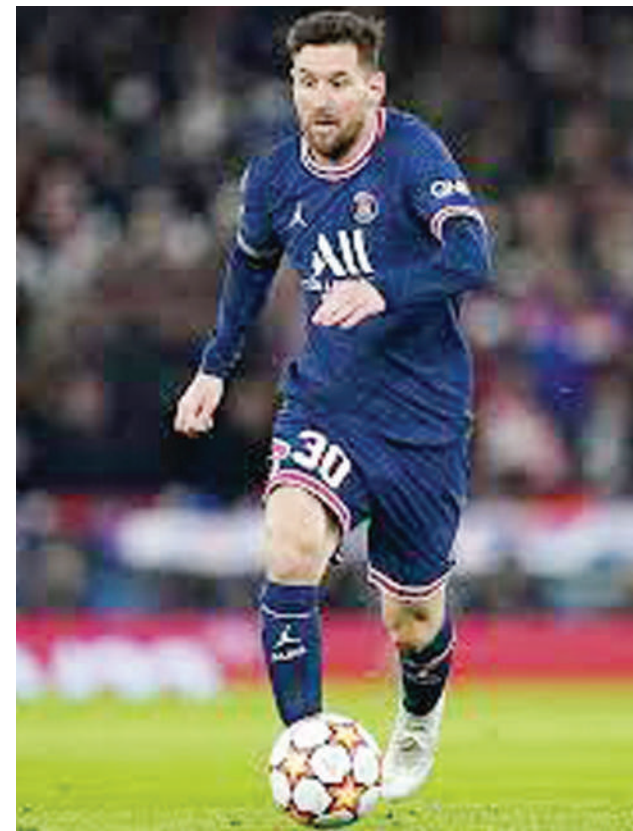
Last season was a struggle at times because of all the changes precipitated by leaving Barcelona after nearly two decades. In addition to assimilating at a new club, with a new manager and new teammates, there were the personal elements of moving to new country, starting a new life, scouting a new school for his children and so on.

A year on from that seismic change, Messi has had time to digest it all and adapt. His fellow Argentinians on the PSG squad, midfielder Leandro Paredes and winger Angel Di Maria, left the French capital this summer -- both men ended up joining Juventus, the former on loan and the latter as a free agent -- which meant Messi had to open up a bit more with the rest of the squad, which he is enjoying.

The change of manager has been a big thing too. He didn't really get on with Mauricio Pochettino but likes working with Christophe Galtier. He thinks the new system with a back three is a good idea, and he's enjoying his more central position; last year, Pochettino kept playing him wide, which he can't do anymore at his age with the same efficiency.

This is obviously a very important year and season for him, and it's probably the biggest reason why his start of the season has been so good.

The World Cup, his last one, is fast approaching on the horizon and Messi must be ready for it. Since he made his debut for Argentina back in 2005, scor-



The World Cup is in Messi's sights and his form suggests he's fully focused on achieving his top goals for club and country this season. (Agencies)

ing 86 goals in 162 caps, this is probably his best chance of winning it. The Copa America triumph in 2021

lifted so much pressure off his shoulders as his first international trophy (aside from Olympic gold in 2008

with the Under-23s) and meant so much to him and to the whole country. What he has been building with head coach Lionel Scaloni is a proper team that defends and attacks together, with a renewed sense of unity and team spirit.

Messi really believes that he will win the World Cup with Argentina, and doing well with PSG until he leaves for Qatar on Nov. 16 is very important. He has to arrive at the first game against Saudi Arabia on Nov. 22 in optimum form.

Everything he does now is geared towards his World Cup dream, and PSG are benefiting from it. The club is very happy with what Messi is showing and doing, according to sources. Messi even came back early from his summer holidays and made himself very accessible to club sponsors on their preseason tour in Japan; things have been going well on and off the pitch ever since.

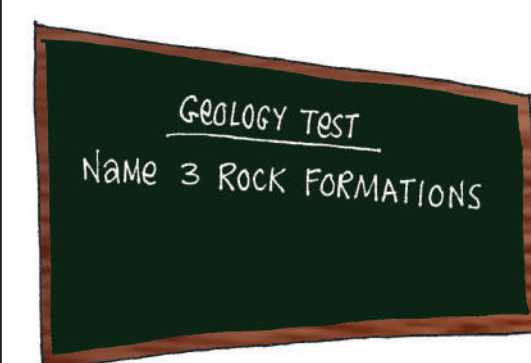
PSG bosses know that if winning the World Cup drives him, winning the

Champions League should have the same motivational effect over the second half of the season. Lifting the trophy for the fifth time is also a huge objective for him this season; Messi reportedly feels that PSG have something special this year and that they can go all the way.

In Paris, both Galtier and new PSG sporting director Luis Campos would love Messi to stay at least another season. He has the option for a third year in his contract, one that he and the club need to agree upon to trigger it. The idea at the club is that they want to offer him a new two-year deal -- the option year plus another -- in order to extend his stay at the club. The Argentine didn't say yes or no, instead telling executives that he will not talk about his future before the World Cup.

While they wait for discussions to begin on Messi's preferred timetable, at least they can enjoy a bit more of his magic in the meantime.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Government to revive Union Soccer League

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PLANS are underway to reintroduce the defunct Union Soccer League to strengthen the senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Pauline Gekul said in Dodoma on Tuesday.

She said the government through the ministry has started talks with officials from Zanzibar to bring back the once strong league that helped to produce players from both sides of the union for the senior national team.

The Deputy Minister made the remarks in response to a supplementary question asked by Suleiman Haroub Suleiman, Member of Parliament (MP) representing the House of Representatives constituent.

Suleiman had sought to know if the government had plans to reintroduce the tournament.

"Union League was one of the ways for getting players for Taifa Stars but it was disbanded, does the government see it fit to bring it back?" he asked.

Earlier, the MP argued that while the senior national soccer team represented both sides of the union, players from Mainland Tanzania dominated the team.

In response, the Deputy Minister noted that the senior national soccer team's coach is free to pick players from Mainland Tanzania and Isles and has always been doing that.

"We have initiated talks to bring into effect again the Union League and the government is currently reviewing its cost," Deputy Minister disclosed.

The tournament, which was an annual feature in the past, had evolved from Mainland Tanzania Premier League.

Many years after the competition's abandonment, several football stakeholders from both sides of the union have called for its reintroduction.

The Tanzania championship was determined between the top teams of the Mainland Tanzania and Isles premier leagues between 1982 and 2003.

According to the Deputy Minister, the league was scrapped when Zanzibar became an associate member of the African soccer governing body, Confederation of African Football (CAF), in 2004.

This, she said enabled Zanzibar's clubs to get direct tickets to play in continental club competitions every year.

The Isles' national soccer side, Zanzibar Heroes, is not allowed to compete in the African Cup of Nations.

Participating in continental competitions has always been viewed as very difficult for Zanzibar clubs that have, except Malindi, never made it to advanced stages.

In 2017, the Confederation of African Football unanimously voted to admit Zanzibar as a full member of the continental soccer body during its annual meeting.

However, CAF made a u-turn and rescinded Zanzibar's full membership, only four months after the decision, which stirred celebrations in the Isles, was made.

Coach Nabi explains change in Bangala's position



Yannick Bangala

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans SC head coach Nasreddine Nabi has explained his reason for selecting Yannick Bangala to partner Dickson Job in the club's defense in this season's NBC Premier League clash against Mtibwa Sugar.

The Green and Yellow outfit, alias Yanga, triumphed 2-0 against Mtibwa Sugar in the tie which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday evening.

Nabi shuffled his defense for the fixture, dropping the out-of-form Bakari Mwamnyeto and instead opting to play Bangala in his place.

Since arriving at Yanga from

FAR Rabat of Morocco at the start of last season, Bangala has mostly been deployed as a defensive midfielder.

Speaking to the press after the Tuesday match, Nabi detailed how his long working relationship with the reigning

NBC Premier League Player of the Year reinforced his appreciation for a player he considers intelligent and versatile enough to play any position on the pitch.

The coach said: "Our first objective was to have three points, it was quite a good first half and then there was the fatigue of the players."

The Tunisian gaffer added: "I wanted to protect my players a little bit by resting them. I made substitutions because they have played consecutively, and even those who returned from injury setbacks lacked mental freshness and physical freshness, that's why the quality of my team's game at the end of the second half went down."

The tactician revealed: "We were very, very tired, especially in the second half, we will see tomorrow the state of the players during recovery."

"There are always those who are injured doing something else and Jesus Moloko who is coming from an injury, we will have a clear picture in terms of health."

Nabi also issued his opinion on his side's 2022/23 CAF Champions League preliminary round return leg against Zalan FC Rumbek

of South Sudan, slated for September 17 at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

In the round's first leg bringing together the two sides held at the venue on September 10, Yanga walloped Zalan FC Rumbek 4-0.

The gaffer revealed: "Depending on that we are going to project ourselves into the next match while respecting the fixture, it's not because we won 4-0, no, you always have to respect the opponents as long as there is still a match, anything is possible."

He stated: "So I'll try to find something to think about two goals, how I should protect my players from injury or in recovery and how to approach the game with respect."

"If I need Bangala to play as a midfielder, no problem. You know AS Vita, you know Motema Pembe? I know him, I have known him for over years, I worked with him there, he is my boy, I asked him to come to Yanga together with Fiston Mayele."

The gaffer noted: "I know him, his first position is defender, not midfielder but because he is a big, intelligent player, he can adapt to play any position."

Dar junior sailors to battle it out in African Optimist Championships

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA will send eight junior sailors aged 12-15 to the 2022 International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) African Optimist Championships which will take place at Club Mykonos in Langebaan, South Africa from September 24-October 1.

A statement issued by Tanzania Optimist Dinghy Association (TODA) disclosed on Tuesday that the sailors were selected earlier this year to participate in the showdown that is held annually.

The junior sailors, the statement revealed, have been dedicated and worked hard to get selected for the team, as they had been taking part in training at Dar es Salaam Yacht Club (DYC) located at the Msasani Bay.

They will join other 66 youths who will be sailing for their respective countries in the continental showpiece.

The nations are Algeria, Angola, South Africa, Seychelles, Mozambique, Antigua, and as far away as Argentina, Brazil, and Australia.

According to the statement, one of the Tanzania team's sailors has already competed in the previous African Championships under the patronage of the Tanzania Sailing Association (TSA), to whom TODA expresses its thanks.

The national junior sailors train under the DYC's National Development program and the Kigamboni Sailing Centre, located in



Tanzania's junior sailors in a group picture after they were introduced as participants for the 2022 International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) African Optimist Championships scheduled for September 24-October 1 in South Africa. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION

Kigamboni.

The statement noted Tanzania has not had a team attending this prestigious event since 2019, so, TODA is extremely thankful to the sponsors Pepsi, Italframe, and DYC for their generous support in developing

sailing in Tanzania.

Tanzania earlier attended the continental showdown in different countries in Africa since it was first held in Dar es Salaam in 2005.

It was held for the second time in Dar es Salaam in 2012

bringing together 12 countries and was graced by the then Minister for Information, Culture, Arts, and Sports in the opening ceremony.

Optimist sailing is specifically for younger sailors aged 8-15 and the competition is organized in

conjunction with IODA.

IODA has encouraged the development of the African Championships to improve sailing on the continent.

The World Championships remain the focal point of the year, and continental championships, including the African Championships, form a very important part of the racing calendar.

According to the statement, each member country in Africa may send up to 10 sailors that qualified in national trials.

In each of the national squads competing in the continental showdown, IODA, encourages at least three out of the 10 members making the sides ought to be female sailors to encourage the sport's growth within the girls' fleet.

Tanzania's junior sailing squad for this year's championships is made up of male sailors Peter Msotwa, Ikram Rashid, Shayaan Powar, Zachary Yocum, Meshack Proches, and Aaron Karani, as well as female sailors Lucy Espinoza Diaz and Janet Nassari.

Hamisi Muhidini, the national team's coach, and Team Manager Claire Yocum will head to South Africa with the national team.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

