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**EA digital integration in \$15m credit facility**

By Guardian Reporter

THE World Bank has approved \$15m (over 35bn/-) to enhance and accelerate regional digital integration efforts across the East African Community (EAC).

The EAC secretariat said in a statement at the weekend that the global lender's single digital market initiative aims at supporting the region to become an integrated and dynamic hub for digital investment, innovation and growth.

The project scope was worked upon at a meeting at World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C., where Dr Peter Mathuki (pictured), the secretary general, conferred with a World Bank team led by Mohammed Essakali, the manager for Africa regional integration and Casey Torgusson, the global manager for digital development.

The project will focus on connectivity market development and integration, entailing the creation of an enabling legal, regulatory and ICT institutional environment to enhance the shift to digitalising transactions across the region.

Dr Mathuki noted that EAC is looking at establishing regional digital innovation hubs across the partner states to respond to challenges of going digital in various spheres.

"This support will further enhance the region's competitiveness and skills development that are central to successful digital transformation," he asserted, noting that data market development will be enhanced by regional cyber security frameworks, infrastructure and capacity building now being initiated.

The digital development project further explores mechanisms to develop cross-border electronic trade and payments and e-commerce initiatives, he stated.

The secretariat is also on the way to implementing the smart gates project at the partner states' one-stop border posts, helping to track regional trade and reduce the time taken at border stops for immigration procedures, he specified.

The project is aligned with the EAC strategic objective and commitment to move towards a single digital market in the zone, he added.

# Board in markets drive as meat exports pick up

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi receives a traditional basket from Dr Mwanahija Ali Juma, executive secretary for the Zanzibar Kiswahili Council, when visiting an entrepreneurs' exhibition to wind down the sixth International Kiswahili Conference in Wete, Pemba Island yesterday. Photo: State House

TANZANIA has slightly increased meat processing and exports this year, with strategies being put in place to set foot in new markets.

Dr Daniel Mushi, the Tanzania Meat Board (TMB) registrar, said here at the weekend, that the country currently sells meat to the Middle East and a few countries in Africa and the Far East.

He said exports go to Qatar, UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Kenya and the Comoros, with plans underway to further penetrate the Chinese market.

In five months from July to November, consignments adding up to of 4,374 tonnes of meat valued at \$16.76m were shipped to these destinations, with 738,165.9 tonnes produced.



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In fiscal 2020/21 production rose by 4.3 per cent to 769,966.6 tonnes, he said, elaborating that the sourcing of markets was contributed to by building newer abattoirs and meat processing plants.

In fiscal 2020/21, a total of 1,774 tonnes of meat was sold to various foreign markets, rising to 10,415 tonnes, more than quadrupling the tonnage, he said.

Considerable efforts by the government and private sector firms to look for new meat markets abroad brought about the massive uplift, he stated.

Setting up meat processing plants like the Nguru Hills Ranch spurred the growth of meat exports. The new ranch was formally inaugurated in Mvomero by the Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki.

"As of now we have captured foreign meat markets and we expect to start selling meat to China following the recent visit of President Samia Suluhu Hassan to the country," he added.

## Experts: Schools need mental health advisers

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MENTAL health experts are recommending that counsellors be stationed in schools to guide pupils as it emerges that mental health problems among children and adolescents are on

the rise.

Dr Samwel Likindikoki, a lecturer and medical psychiatry at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) issued this appeal at a panel discussion on child and adolescent mental health as part of the fourth

national non-communicable diseases scientific conference.

He lamented that the schooling structure lacks counselling facilities despite that most adolescents face mental health problems, on the basis of

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## Ex Mozambique president's son jailed for 12 years over US 2 billion hidden loans

MAPUTO

The son of former Mozambique president has been sentenced to 12 years in prison after being found guilty of directly taking a \$33 million bribe acquired through concealed \$2.4 billion government loans that eventually crashed the country's economy.

Ndambi Guebuza, the son of former president Armando Guebuza was found guilty alongside 10 other people including two intelligence service officials Gregorio Leao, the former head of the economic unit and Antonio do Rosario, who headed three state-owned firms that illicitly borrowed over \$2.4 billion from international banks between 2013 and

2014 to purportedly develop the country's tuna fishing industry and buy surveillance vessels.

The borrowed money went directly to three companies managed by Rosario, who called himself a "super CEO" during the trial. An independent audit found \$500m of the loan money had been diverted and remains unaccounted for to date. Eight other defendants were acquitted, while the rest were handed terms ranging between 10 and 12 years. Armando Guebuza was president of Mozambique between 2005 and 2015.

"The defendants tarnished the good image of the country abroad and in the international markets, with enduring and hard-to-repair effects...The crimes committed have brought consequences whose effects will last for generations" said justice Efigenio Baptista at Maputo City court during the trial that was broadcast live throughout. The judge said Ndambi has not shown any remorse for his role in the corruption scandal.

Much of the money raised for the fishing

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Home Affairs minister Hamad Yusuf Masauni (R) looks at a map of King'ang'a Prison borders with Kingale ward villages in Kondoa district, Dodoma region. He met with land experts during the weekend to resolve the border dispute. Second right is Rosemary Senyamule, the regional commissioner. Photo: MoHA



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Qatar ambassador to Tanzania Hussain bin Ahmad Al-Hamad (left), welcomes the Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dr Damasi Ndumbaro at a reception to celebrate the country's National Day of the State of Qatar founder Sheikh Jassim bin Mohammed Al Thani. The event was held in Dar es Salaam last Thursday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Tanzania, Qatar links herald promising future, says envoy

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE relationship between Qatar and Tanzania herald a promising and bright future after documenting it with agreements and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This was said over the weekend in Dar es Salaam by Hussain Bin Ahmad Al Homaid, the Qatar ambassador to Tanzania during celebration of their National Day.

He said with more than eighteen agreements and MoU many of which have been signed and some are still under study between the two sides also hoping to be signed and to be implemented on the grounds.

"It is an opportunity which renew our thanks and appreciation to the government of Tanzania and its keenness to develop relations and

provide all facilities", he said.

He said: We also renew our commitment to continue efforts of Qatar's charitable and voluntary institutions which were launched last year and constituted further impetus for the relations between the two countries.

According to him, the state of Qatar is keen to support efforts to promote civilised and cultural openness among world's peoples.

It attaches great importance to developing its contributing to strengthening international peace and security through mediation aimed at conflict resolutions peacefully and supporting development and stability projects in different countries.

Explaining about the day he said, the celebration of the National Day

this year comes under the theme: 'Our Unity is the Source of Our Strength,' which is an affirmation of the approach of Qatari people based on solidarity and cohesion in facing challenges and achieving objectives.

This is evident in major achievements achieved by State of Qatar in the political, diplomatic, economic, sports, health educational and other fields, which reflects the solidarity and unity between the wise leadership and loyal people and draw a bright picture of the future of the State of Qatar, he said.

The National Day is an opportunity to learn about the works of founders or the State of Qatar who bore the difficulties and paid a heavy price to achieve the unity of their nation and celebrate their memory, therefore this year's celebration

includes 4,500 cultural and heritage activities within 24 days. He also said, the celebration of the National Day is particularly important as it coincides with Qatar hosting the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

The State of Qatar's hosting of the international event not only aim to draw attention from Doha but also to present an important message that emanates from Arab World to the whole world, aiming to connecting bridges between humanity and fill the gap with respect and co existence tournament allowed us to show the civilised identity of the State of Qatar and we affirm that this unique and inspiring experience is for all humanity, he said

Both events are an opportunity for the people of Qatar to show their unity and culture to the World, he said.

During this period visitors to Qatar learnt about the bright aspects history and culture and test belief in civilised interaction with other cultures and respect and pride of the Arab and Islamic values.

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currently available data.

He said school counselors would listen to students' concerns about academic, emotional or social problems, helping students to solve or cope with those problems, plan goals and actions to follow.

They would also mediate conflict between students and teachers where they arise, in which case the government needs to innovate in its educational policy to institute counselling functions in schools, he stated.

Counselors offering psychotherapy services would assist school administrators to figure out mistakes by a student deserve punishment and where there is need for psychotherapy to change mindsets, he explained, insisting that counselors be employed and stationed in schools.

School managements should not just focus on top notch exam results and instead think of coming up with new initiatives to ensure that mental health becomes a priority, he declared.

Legislation plus a strategy or plan must be put in place to ensure mental health is raised to a major priority through public awareness, he said.

Dr Erasmus Mndeme, the Health ministry coordinator for mental health, said that half of all mental health cases start in childhood and adolescence, thus the need for

interventions at school going age.

It is estimated that at any given moment, around five to ten percent of the population suffer from identifiable depression that needs intervention, he said.

Persons aged 10 to 19 years often have mental disorders, he stated, affirming that people who suffer mental health disorders die ten or even 20 years earlier than mentally stable individuals.

There is acute need to intervene at school level, in which case psychotherapy as a profession is suited for the task, he further stated.

Saldin Kimangala, a clinical psychologist, underlined the importance of psychotherapy services among pupils and students, to tame mental health disorders at starting at adolescence.

"Mental health challenge should be tackled at early stages of adolescence to effectively reduce mental challenges in the community," he said, insisting that the professional counselor is the key person for students to look to for help and support.

They need assistance during adolescence as an important decision making process in their journey to adulthood, he said, highlighting the datum that the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) estimate that 12bn workdays are lost annually due to depression and anxiety, costing the global economy nearly \$1trn.

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project was diverted via kickbacks to bankers and Mozambique officials. The government masked the loans from parliament and the public.

When the "hidden debt" came to light in 2016, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other donors cut off financial support to Mozambique, triggering a sovereign debt default and currency collapse, pushing the country into the worst economic crisis in its history. Leao and do Rosario were found guilty of embezzlement and abuse of power, while Guebuza was convicted of embezzlement, money laundering and criminal association, among other charges.

Guebuza's father, who was president when the loans were contracted, testified at the trial. Judge Baptista said Ndambi acted deliberately "to exert influence on his father" and get the government to approve the purchase of the vessels.

Ndambi took a \$33 million bribe that went to satisfy his "desire for

luxury", the judge said, listing some of the assets the former president's son acquired with the money, which included 15 luxury cars and a \$590,000 mansion in a high-end suburb of Johannesburg, in neighbouring South Africa.

Baptista said the scam had "aggravated the impoverishment of thousands of Mozambicans."

Other legal cases were filed in connection to the scandal, including one against Swiss bank Credit Suisse, which was required to pay about \$475 million to US and British authorities last year over its part in issuing the loans.

Former Finance minister Manuel Chang, who signed off the loans, has been held in South Africa since 2018, pending extradition to the US for allegedly using the US financial system to carry out the fraudulent scheme. In March, the IMF awarded \$456 million in credit to Mozambique, the first such aid awarded since the scandal erupted, to support economic recovery and public debt reduction programmes.

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## Bishop Kametta challenges clerics

By Guardian Reporter

BISHOP of the Amani Christian Centre (ACC) church Dr Lawrence Kametta has urged religious leaders to stand firm on their positions to emphasise morals in society so as to reduce the burden which the government carries in fighting against criminal activities in society.

According to Dr Kametta, if religious leaders would focus on implementing their obligations of preaching peace, ethics and condemning evils, Tanzania will be one of the safest places free from crimes and all things that goes against God's will.

He made the call in Kibaha over the weekend when addressing journalists soon after he was conferred with PhD in biblical and theological studies during the 10th graduation of Zoe Institute of Apostolic Testimony.

He said that it was high time now for the leaders to stand firm and condemn all evil acts and preach the true gospel so as to help people stop fraud and other criminal actions that do not please God.

"Problems exists and have been there for years, but a philosophy to address them is a big challenge both spiritually and religiously- because there are some religious leaders who are not playing their role well and end up destroying people's minds to the extent that they fail to use the power given to them by God to address their challenges," he asserted.

He wanted religious leaders to be good examples by living life by fearing God, implementing good deeds to people.

"We, as religious leaders have an obligation to educate people on hard work, various techniques that will help people improve their incomes and avoid engaging in criminal acts," he said.

Bishop Kametta further said that religious leaders are a good bridge to link the government and people and that if well used, they can help the government implement its plans easily.

John Mwakilema, the Institute's principal said a total of 41 graduates have been conferred with degrees, masters and PhDs.



Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki who is chairman of sectoral ministers committee (R) lead the committee at Rutoro ward in Muleba district, Kagera region yesterday to resolve land disputes. Left is Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister Mary Masanja and Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, deputy minister Ridhwan Kikwete (2nd L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Five children among 12 killed in DRC clashes

KINSHASA

Five children were among 12 people killed in a village in the northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo by suspected militiamen who did not attend recent peace talks, local sources said on Friday.

"Civilians were burnt alive in their homes, others were hacked to death with machetes," Joseph Lotoma,

head of the Walendu Watsi village said following the overnight killings.

The bodies of five children, three women and four men were found in the morning, he said.

Most of the victims were from the Lendu ethnic group, said Jean-Marie Ndjaza, a spokesman for the Lendu people.

Lotoma said, "The perpetrators of this crime are not the Codeco," a

militia that claims to represent the Lendu ethnic group and is accused of killing scores of civilians in the province in recent years.

Investigations were continuing, he said, but those responsible were believed to be "Zaire," a rival militia that defines itself as a Hema ethnic group self-defence outfit.

Codeco was represented at the recent round of peace talks in

Nairobi with several dozen armed groups operating in eastern DRC.

But the Zaire group turned down the invitation.

The Lendu community raised fears of reprisals by Codeco.

"We call on the leaders of Codeco not to fall into the trap of their enemies, not to respond to this provocation," Ndjaza said.

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Hanang district commissioner in Manyara region, Janeth Mayanja (R) participates with residents to rehabilitate water infrastructure at Waretu ward over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

## Samia expected to open main gate at JNHPP

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is on Thursday expected to open the main gate of the diversion tunnel at Julius Nyerere Hydro-Power Project (JNHPP) so as to allow filling of water in the dam.

The event which will be held on December 22, this year will attract over 2300 guests at the project's area involving 2,000 locals led by top government and private sector officials and 300 officials from the Egyptian government.

Addressing journalists at the project's site in Rufiji valley yesterday, Energy minister January Makamba said the construction of the dam has reached 78.68 per cent and that the opening of the diversion tunnel heralds the initial stage of the start of the reservoir filling.

He said the filling of the dam is expected to take two rain seasons.

"When the project started and allowed the construction of a mound at the middle of the river it required you to divert water and leave the area dry for the construction of a tunnel which is 700metres long equals to seven football stadiums. The construction has cost a total of 235bn/-," he explained.

He also said that gates to block the diversion have arrived and have already been installed

which is one of the important steps of the project.

"Our dream as a country is coming true, this a very good sign that we are going to have a project very soon, President Samia will launch the opening of the diversion tunnel on December 22," he said.

He said: "The Head of State will press a special button that will bring down the gate to block the tunnel that was diverting, in that event the water will begin to fill the dam. This will also clear various misinformation spread concerning the project where some people are saying that the project will not be completed."

Makamba further explained the advantage of the type of the project that even if rains will not be good in some years, the plant will continue producing power as usual due to water reserve systems built to store water for a long time.

Director General of the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco), Maharage Chande said that the dam has capacity to store up to 33.2 billion litres of water which is a huge and enough amount to support power production for over one year.

"We expect that the dam will be full after two rain seasons, so once the masika rains commences, the water will increase in the dam," he said.

## Embrace ICT in manuals, Dr Nchemba tells colleges

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has instructed all accounting, finance, economics and auditing colleges to review their curricula so that they embrace Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills.

Dr Nchemba made the call through his speech read by Internal Auditor General, Athumani Mbutuka when speaking at the 24th graduation of the Arusha College of Accountancy (IAA).

The minister ordered to revive the curriculum because rights now many accounting systems in the public, and private sectors are being implemented using ICT.

He also said that the colleges should emphasise placement on artificial intelligence, to enable graduates of those fields to be productive and skilled in today's

world market.

"This college and others that provide business and leadership training should update the curriculum to include issues of environmental accounting, society and good governance because the sustainability of public and private institutions depends largely on the consideration of these issues and students are taught the skills of those issues including the change in the country's behavior, the impact and the way to negotiate while they are still because the country will have a generation and sustainable institutions," he said.

He also said that the ministry will continue to support them in efforts to improve the environment for the implementation of their basic duties, including providing training, conducting research and providing professional advice effectively to support the government.

"On research, I would like to see the college doing more research on the issues of strengthening the government's revenue collections, for tax and non-tax income, management and control of Public funds, and strengthening the use of IT in various sectors in order to stimulate productivity and increase efficiency," he added.

Nchemba further said: The government hopes to see that professionals are well prepared through the curriculum and they become the front line to provide answers to various problems facing society, for building the country's economy and individual development."

IAA acting principal Dr Cairo Mwaitete said the government through the higher education project for economic reform has provided 44bn/- to improve the infrastructure and education in the college to be modern.

He said that among the funds, 11bn/- will

be used for the construction of educational infrastructure at the university's headquarters, 14 billion/- will be used for the Manyara campus and 17bn/- will be used for the new Songea campus.

He also said that the government has given another 3BN/-, which will go to develop the construction in the Manyara campus so that it will be modern and give many people the opportunity to study there.

He also said that in addition to having the infrastructure, they will improve the curriculum to keep up with the times and build the capacity of their instructors and this year they expect to send 20 instructors to train.

He said there has been an increase of 13,000 students from 3000 in the year 2017/2018 and for this year the number has increased to 3529 from 2481, thus causing an increase of 1000 students.

By Correspondent Marc

Nkwame, Arusha

Plastic is a nuisance to the environment? Not anymore.

School girls in Arusha have invented a machine which can destroy all used plastic materials safely, leaving both the environment and atmosphere clean.

The five secondary school students in Arusha made the breakthrough invention targeting to address environment pollution, through special scientific competition.

Arusha girl's high school students have manufactured an incinerator which burns away horrid plastic waste without puffing out carbon monoxide gases and fumes.

That clever contraption made them emerge overall winners of the 'future science technical engineering and mathematic (STEM) business leaders' competition, held at the Arusha Technical College.

Krishna Merere, the head of the science group from Arusha Girls High School observes that, even as many countries are banning their uses, it is almost impossible to do away with plastic products or materials in every day's life.

"The only option is to find ways of destroying polythene and plastic products after use or recycling them into other useful items," she revealed.

Speaking at the event, the project manager for future STEM business leaders, Josephine Sepetu explains that it is an initiative hatched to solve community problems

## Arusha high school girls invent wonder incinerator to make all plastic disappear

using science but with a business approach.

"We usually involve students taking science subjects and with innovation interests," she adds.

The Dar Teknohama Business Incubator (DTBi) executive officer, Dr Erasto Miyuka said the students have transformed their education from theory into profitable reality.

"We at DTBi will take their ideas onboard and incubate their innovations ready to turn them into business notions that solve problems," Dr Miyuka, who was the guest of honor at the climax ceremony, maintained.

The STEM business leaders contests which involves secondary school students, targets to blend scientific knowledge and business acumen among local youth, on the basis that science can be fun, innovative, productive and profitable.

The 'future science technical engineering and mathematic (STEM) Business Leaders' Competition, supported by Europe Physics Institution, in association with the University of Dar-es-salaam and Arusha Technical College.

The competition involved seven groups of students each with five participants.

Participating schools were Arusha



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### OFFER FOR SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PLOTS LOCATED AT MAFINGA TOWN, IRINGA REGION

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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR EACOP PROJECT REFERENCE REFERENCE NO. : REQ-00000075

EACOP Ltd Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable Agricultural, Distribution or Food Services companies to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongolei, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania. The pipeline traverses eight (8) regions, comprising Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga. The pipeline will traverse 27 administrative district councils and 231 Villages.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The EACOP Project (hereinafter "the Project") requires a Land Corridor and associated Above Ground Installations for the construction and operation of the crude oil pipeline. As such, the Project is conducting Land Acquisition, resulting in physical and economic displacement of Project Affected People (PAPs) and Project Affected Households (PAHs).

To mitigate displacement impacts, the Project will implement transitional support in the form of food baskets for eligible physically and economically displaced PAPs and PAHs along the pipeline corridor and above ground installations. Transitional support is provided to complement compensation payments and to supplement existing efforts to maintain household food security during the transitional period once access to land has been lost and until PAPs and PAHs are able to restore their livelihood to pre-project levels. The transitional support food basket items comprise of: Maize, Beans, Rice, Cooking Oil and Salt.

The Project requires the services of reputable and experienced Tanzanian companies to provide three scope elements: 1) Supplying of food items 2) Warehousing and packaging 3) monthly distribution PAPs/PAHs. The indicative volumes are presented below:

#### Scope Element 1a: Commodity sourcing for highly impacted PAPs/PAHs over 12 months

Region	No. of Villages	Estimated Quantities per 12 Months				
		Maize (kg)	Rice (kg)	Beans (kg)	Oil (kg)	Salt (kg)
Kagera	34	39,840	39,840	39,840	9,960	1,992
Geita	40	47,336	47,336	47,336	11,834	2,367
Shinyanga	16	14,280	14,280	14,280	3,570	714
Tabora	30	51,240	51,240	51,240	12,810	2,562
Singida	31	42,900	42,900	42,900	10,725	2,145
Dodoma	23	17,280	17,280	17,280	4,320	864
Manyara	11	25,740	25,740	25,740	6,435	1,287
Tanga	46	83,820	83,820	83,820	20,955	4,191
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>322,436</b>	<b>322,436</b>	<b>322,436</b>	<b>80,609</b>	<b>16,122</b>

#### Scope Element 1b: Commodity sourcing for partially impacted PAPs/PAHs over 6 months

Region	No. of Villages	Estimated Quantities per 6 Months				
		Maize (kg)	Rice (kg)	Beans (kg)	Oil (kg)	Salt (kg)
Kagera	34	224,280	224,280	224,280	56,070	11,214
Geita	40	240,366	240,366	240,366	60,092	12,018
Shinyanga	16	86,020	86,020	86,020	21,505	4,301
Tabora	30	98,140	98,140	98,140	24,535	4,907
Singida	31	167,700	167,700	167,700	41,925	8,385
Dodoma	23	89,640	89,640	89,640	22,410	4,482
Manyara	11	44,070	44,070	44,070	11,018	2,204
Tanga	46	104,170	104,170	104,170	26,043	5,209
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1,054,386</b>	<b>1,054,386</b>	<b>1,054,386</b>	<b>263,997</b>	<b>52,719</b>

• Tenderers are required to demonstrate an existing commodity supply chain which can meet the stated commodity volumes.

• Tenderers are required to demonstrate current food handling, health and safety and quality certification and relevant registrations.

#### Scope Element 2: Commodity warehousing and packing 12 months

• Tenderers are required to provide evidence of currently owned or leased warehousing facilities.

• Tenderers are required to provide evidence of currently owned packaging facilities, technologies, and material types in use.

#### Scope Element 3: Commodity distribution to PAPs/PAHs for period of 12 months

• Tenderers are required to provide evidence of currently owned distribution/logistics facilities, network, and equipment.

• Tenderers are required to provide evidence of their existing distribution, claim, verification, tracking, and monitoring system used for commodity volume management and fraud prevention.

Tenderers are required to express interest for ALL scope elements. Tenderers who wish to express interest for a specific scope element must provide written justification for consideration.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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

- Proof of registration with relevant Tanzanian Registration Bodies (BRELA, TBS, OSHA)
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Companies using local suppliers MUST also provide the same documents for the suppliers.
- Proof of Registration with EVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or a proof of application for registration at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Proof of latest audited financial performance statements.
- Proof of a local supplier network in the named regions, demonstrating adequate infrastructure to achieve the required distribution. Local supplier contact and location information to be provided.
- Proof of warehousing locations, packaging and distributors facilities in the named regions, location, and status of these facilities to be provided.
- Proof of ability to source and maintain the levels of food stocks required to achieve this scope.
- Proof of accredited health and safety system policies and procedures.

Companies with the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending an Expression of Interest (EOI) via email, together with the above listed documents to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (Max. Email size: 20Mb) before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT) on 02nd January 2023. Email subject shall be: REQ-00000075 Provision of Transitional Support Services.

Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long.

All Expression of Interest should be submitted in English.

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies will be included in the list of prequalified companies. Only the prequalified companies will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a confirmation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right of sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company concerned.

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## Government allocates 50,690 hectares of Kagoma ranch to Rutoro ward residents

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has appropriated 50,690 hectares of land from Kagoma ranch and distributed it among Rutoro ward residents in Muleba district, Kagera region for settlements, farming and livestock keeping activities.

The remarks were made yesterday by the Eight-Ministerial Sectoral Committee at a public rally held at Rutoro primary school grounds.

The committee's chairman, the Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Mashimba Ndaki said the areas will be apportioned to the people according to advice from experts, regional and district leaders so that there should not any room for conflicts," Ndaki

He also cautioned village and ward executives to stop the habit

of distribute away the areas as they have no mandate to do so.

Meanwhile, he said the government has agreed to leave out the Rwamisha B homestead that is in Karagwe district with 480 households.

Ndaki also instructed Kagera region to prepare the implementation plan for the sectoral committee's decision including the rectification of village's boundaries by abiding to experts' advice.

He also appealed to the people to remain calm when the implementation of the decision was being carried out and stop invading any areas so as to make the implementation task easy.

For his part, Ridhiwan Kikwete, deputy minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development has called upon the

people in the area to continue respecting land laws especially in regard to land planning development. He told them to remain calm until the time land experts come to provide procedures on areas allocated to them.

Deputy minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Mary Masanja called on the Rutoro ward residents to use the land allocate to them by starting tree planting projects as well as beekeeping activities.

She also told them not to invade land areas left out by the government as they are being conserved for present and future generations.

*He told them to remain calm until the time land experts come to provide procedures on areas allocated to them.*



Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) communications manager, Rispa Hatibu presents the company's achievement on environment, social governance (ESG) operations during the launch of the sustainability report under SBL parent company East Africa Breweries Limited (EABL). The launch was held at SBL's Chang'ombe plant in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

### THE JOINT SONGWE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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Date: 19TH December 2022

- The **Joint Songwe River Basin Commission** (hereinafter called "Client" or "Beneficiary" has received financing from Global Environment Facility (GEF) through African Development Bank in the form of a "grant" toward the cost of **Strengthening Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Songwe River Basin (STCINRMSRB) Project** and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to cover eligible payments under the contract for supply of construction materials- materials and equipment for rainfall gauging station including water monitoring equipment and associated gadgets
- The Joint Songwe River Basin Commission now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers of supply of construction materials- materials and equipment for rainfall gauging station including water monitoring equipment and associated gadgets
- Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the Public Procurement Regulations, 2013 – Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016, and is open to all Tenderers as defined in the Regulations.
- Interested eligible Tenders may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the **the Joint Songwe River Basin Commission, P.O.BOX 300, Kyela** by facsimile + 255 25 2957412, or by E-mail : [joshuandabiti@yahoo.com](mailto:joshuandabiti@yahoo.com) and copy to [hydesibande@gmail.com](mailto:hydesibande@gmail.com) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm EAT on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in in English and additional sets may be Obtained by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above
- All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Securing Declaration in the format provided in the Tendering Documents.
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**ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
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## High quality cattle will spur increased milk production

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

THE availability of high quality livestock for keepers in Mbeya region had spurred the increase of milk production whereby more than 200,000 litres of milk are produced and enters the market every day.

The chairperson of Rungwe livestock keepers association (MUHAMARU), Asha Lukaja made the remarks here at the weekend in an interview with this paper on steps taken a few weeks ago following a meeting that discussed various issues regarding the increase of dairy

products in Rungwe district.

She said the achievements in sourcing high quality seeds stock cattle includes the provision of education on production as well sourcing of markets thereof as in the past they had faced challenges regarding quality seed stock cattle

She added that ASAS dairy plant has provided quality cattle that had helped in the increase of milk, hence the increase of milk production.

Fadhili Mbilinyi, a livestock keeper in Rungwe district said the availability of firms that buy milk in the district had benefited keepers for quality milk cow keeping.

He said as for now they produce a huge quantity of milk due to the assurance of the milk market within and outside the district.

Rungwe district livestock officer, Dr Dennis Kamulya said many livestock keepers do not like utilising extension officers to learn on better milk production without using unsafe cow feeds.

Rungwe district milk inspector, Henry Mokiwa said 20 per cent of milk produced by keepers lack quality due to some keepers diluting it with water.

"Improper milking by some milk cow keepers contributes to low production of milk," he added.



### REQUEST FOR TENDER

#### The hiring of Tyre Mounted Cranes, a Telehandler, and a Truck with Low Flat Bed Trailer

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

#### Pre-qualification Criteria

No.	Reference no.	Description of work	Requirements for proposal
1	NM35/2022/A	Hiring of Tyre mounted hydraulic boom cranes with a rated lifting capacity - 35 Tons – 2 Nos - 50 Tons – 2 Nos For a period of 1 year at North Mara Mine site	i. Applicant to provide specifications – Make, manufacturing year ii. To submit Load chart and fuel consumption iii. To submit test certificates for all lifting gears iv. Crane operator – CV, License to be submitted v. Certified rigger – CV, certification of competency to be submitted vi. Proposal to be submitted with Monthly hiring rate – 25 working days in a month (10 hours per day, with 1-hour lunch break). Also indicate hourly rate for overtime beyond working hours vii. Companies HSE policy to be submitted viii. Local compliance with valid CRB registration and familiarity with Tanzanian laws and Regulations
2	NM35/2022/B	Hiring of Telehandler rated load capacity – 7.5 Tons – 2 Nos for a period of 1 year at North Mara Mine site	i. Applicant to provide specifications – Make, manufacturing year ii. Diesel consumption of equipment per hour iii. Operator – CV, License to be submitted iv. Proposal to be submitted with Monthly hiring rate – 25 working days in a month (10 hours per day, with 1-hour lunch break). Also indicate hourly rate for overtime beyond working hours v. Companies HSE policy to be submitted vi. Local compliance with valid CRB registration and familiarity with Tanzanian laws and Regulations
3	NM35/2022/C	Hiring of Truck with Low Flat Bed Trailer – 40T capacity for a period of 1 year at North Mara Mine site	i. Applicant to provide specifications – Make, manufacturing year ii. Diesel consumption of equipment per hour iii. Operator – CV, License to be submitted iv. Proposal to be submitted with Monthly hiring rate – 25 working days in a month (10 hours per day, with 1-hour lunch break). Also indicate hourly rate for overtime beyond working hours v. Companies HSE policy to be submitted vi. Local compliance with valid CRB registration and familiarity with Tanzanian laws and Regulations

#### Submission of Proposals

If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria, submit your proposal alongside all relevant documentation to [nm.proposal@barrick.com](mailto:nm.proposal@barrick.com)

Applicants must quote the tender description(s) and the respective package reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email. Queries should also be directed to [nm.proposal@barrick.com](mailto:nm.proposal@barrick.com)

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- Last Date to Submit Proposals

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Mbeya district commissioner, Dr Rashid Chuachua (R) presents a dummy cheque worth 10m/- to Oswald Mwansumbule the winner of 'Amsha Ndoto Amsha Shangwe' campaign organised by Vodacom Tanzania. The event was held in Mbeya city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Foundation donates medical tools worth 4.37/- to hospital

By Getrude Mbago

THE Dar es Salaam based-Gifted Hearts (GF) Foundation has donated medical tools worth 4.37/- to support provision of services at paediatrics ward of Mwananyamala regional referral hospital.

The equipment include three nebulizer machines, five pulse oxymeters, 20 digital thermometers, one suction machine, two doppler stethoscopes, five resuscitation kits and 200 cannulas. These will strengthen services to infants at the hospital.

Speaking during the handing over event in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, the foundation's chief executive officer, Dr Christopher Cyrilo said medical supplies will help strengthen services to newborns at the hospital.

"We have brought the medical supplies here with support from various stakeholders who are touched with various health challenges facing our children, with these machines, newborn and infants here at Mwananyamala will be receiving smooth and on time services," he said.

He said the foundation will continue supporting the government's efforts to improve provision of quality health services and reduce disease burden in the country.

Tuswege Mwanwaja, chief nursing officer at the hospital commended GF foundation for extending its support to the hospital.

"This support is going to provide huge relief to the clinic as it complements the government's efforts to improve health services to reduce disease burden, help infants to get instant support as well as eradicate maternal death and

complications," she said.

Dr Godlisten Malisa, the foundation's co-founder and director called for support from stakeholders so as to enable the foundation to reach more people with support.

He said the foundation has a desk to support orphans and vulnerable children to get education and so far there are over 100 children who are supported by the foundation.

"We support the children by providing them with all the required basic services including shelter as well as supervising to ensure that they complete their education to fulfill their dreams," he said.

Dr Malisa urged the government to strengthen the health system so as to ensure that Tanzanians with chronic health problems and poor backgrounds easily access medical services.

The GH Foundation is a national charitable organization committed to enhance dignity and social justice for the people in need by providing humanitarian aid which covers intervention areas such as: food and nutrition, shelter, healthcare and education. The underserved communities who have been supported by GH Foundation include the homeless, refugees, sick people who have no access to medical care, victims of natural disasters, widow and orphans.

*"We have brought the medical supplies here with support from various stakeholders who are touched with various health challenges facing our children, with these machines, newborn and infants here at Mwananyamala will be receiving smooth and on time services"*

## Government commits to improve teachers' welfare

By Polycarp Machira,

Dodoma

THE government has expressed commitment to improve teachers' welfare, saying it has paid a total of 117.6bn/- in salary and arrears of 88,297 teachers.

Officiating at the opening of the Tanzania Teachers Union (TTU) annual general meeting (AGM) here, the Vice-President, Dr Philip Mpango said that the government is committed to solve challenges facing teachers in the country.

He said that the government is aware of all the challenges facing teachers including concerns raised in relation to salary increment and promotions.

The VP noted that improving education sector is among the government top priorities due to its key contribution in producing various experts who will lead efforts to attain the government development objectives.

"The sixth phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan is committed to continue improving the welfare of the public servants including teachers to enhance accountability," he said.

Dr Mpango noted that in the past two years the government granted promotions, and paid huge sum of money for teachers' salary arrears.

According to the VP, in the past two years, the government promoted 161,438 teachers while 15,160 were promoted and transferred to different positions after advancing their academic qualifications.

The government has also introduced electronic systems for collecting non debt salaries and a joint system for public service information relating to salaries which will help to clear debts and facilitate timely promotions.

He added that he was aware that the exercise of clearing the debts and effecting promotions

is continuous, calling upon them to remain calm and have trust on the government.

"As at now, the government has already cleared arrears of 88,297 teachers worth 117.7bn/-," said the VP.

Besides the efforts done by the government I am directing Minister of State in the Prime Minister Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) Prof Joyce Ndalichako in collaboration with President's Office Public Service Management and Good Governance to ensure they give priority to teachers who are about to retire.

He directed all directors in local government authorities to make sure that they complete all procedures of clearing salary and non salary arrears for teachers as soon as possible.

Dr Mpango further explained that the government is committed to ensuring that it improves teaching and learning environment because it has set out plans to meet the intended objective.

The VIP said in this financial year the government plans to construct more than 800 teachers' houses so that they live close to their work stations.

Acting TTU Secretary General, Japhet Maganga urged the government to see the possibilities of improving salaries to teachers so that they could meet their current needs.

He said despite the efforts of building teachers' residential houses more houses are needed so as to match with the increasing number of classrooms countrywide.

According to statistics, in 2022, the regional administration and local government ministry said there are 274,901 teachers in both primary and secondary schools, who share only 59,417 houses.



### JOB VACANCY

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LOCA AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (LADP)

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

FOR

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES  
FOR RUSUMO AND LUKOLE HEALTH CENTRES  
TENDER No. RW-NELSAP-LADPII TZ-314206-GO-RFB

- The Ngara District Council located in Kagera Region, has received fund from Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Power Project /WORLD BANK through NELSAP/ under the program of LADP and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of the fund to eligible suppliers for payment under the contract of the Supply of medical equipment and medical supplies for Rusumo and Lukole Health Centres.
- The Ngara District Council now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for Supply of medical equipment and medical supplies for Rusumo and Lukole Health Centres.
- Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Procurement Regulations, 2013 – Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016 and is open to all Tenderers as defined in the Regulations.
- Interested eligible Tenders may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of The Secretary of Tender Board, Ngara District Council P.O.BOX 30 Ngara, Tel. No. 028-222-6016 from **7.30am to 3.30pm** on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Tshs. 150,000.00** (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Only). Payment should either be by, Banker's Draft, or Banker's Cheque, payable to **District Executive Director**.
- All tenders must be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration in the format provided in the Tendering Documents.
- All tenders in one original plus **Two (2) copies**, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address;

Secretary,  
Ngara District Council Tender Board,  
P. O. Box 30,  
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At or before **10:00 am** hours Local time on **19<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the **Conference Hall Room No. 16 Ngara District Council HQ**.

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## Equal opportunities for women mean a whole range of benefits

ONE big cost of inequality is that African economies do not reach their full potential. In many countries, for example, women account for most unpaid work, and are overrepresented in the low productivity informal sector and among the poor. Raising the female employment rate could contribute significantly to Africa achieving its goal in SDGs of becoming a middle-income countries.

Economic opportunities for women matter not just because they can bring money home. They also matter because opportunities empower women more broadly in society and this can have a positive impact on others.

If women have a bigger say in how household money is spent this can ensure more of it is spent on children.

Improvements in the education and health of women have been linked to better outcomes for their children in many countries. In giving power to women at the local government level led to increases in public services, such as water and sanitation.

Just as the costs of inequality are huge, so is the challenge in overcoming it. The gaps in opportunity between men and women are the product of pervasive and stubborn social norms that privilege men's and boys' access to opportunities and resources over

women's and girls'.

What is therefore required is a sustained, comprehensive drive to end inequality. This will require addressing multiple and reinforcing barriers to equality among families, job and product markets, as well as among formal and informal institutions.

A first step would be to improve the access for girls to education to reduce the in-built disadvantages that they have from birth onwards. This is recognized by many across sub-Saharan countries and there has been a lot of progress, with initiatives such as Educate Girls in many countries tackling the root causes of gender inequality in education. Many countries have achieved gender parity in primary education and more must be done to narrow the gaps in secondary education.

A second step would be to address market and institutional failures that lock women into low return, highly vulnerable forms of employment and of self-employment.

Much can be achieved by encouraging the creation of a large number of jobs that are seen as suitable and safe for women.

No country can reach its full economic potential and achieve widespread prosperity if half its population cannot participate fully in the economy. As we marked Women's Day, it is important to remember that equality for women is to the benefit of all.

## Policymakers should reform urban land markets and invest in infrastructure

DAR ES SALAAM (Dar) (from Arabic Dar as-Salam, "the house of peace"; formerly Mzizima) is the former capital as well as the most populous city in Tanzania and a regionally important economic centre. Located along the shores of Indian Ocean, the city is one of the fastest growing cities in the world.

Until 1974, Dar es Salaam served as Tanzania's capital city, at which point the capital city commenced transferring to Dodoma, which was officially completed in 1996. However, as of 2018, it continues to remain a focus of central government bureaucracy, although this is in the process of fully moving to Dodoma. In addition, it is Tanzania's most prominent city in arts, fashion, media, music, film and television and a leading financial centre. The city is the leading arrival and departure point for most tourists who visit Tanzania, including the national parks for safaris and the islands of Unguja and Pemba. Dar es Salaam is also the largest and most populous Swahili-speaking city in the world.

It is the capital of the co-extensive Dar es Salaam Region, which is one of Tanzania's 31 administrative regions and consists of five districts: Kinondoni in the north, Ilala in the centre, Ubungo, Temeke in the south and Kigamboni in the east across the Kurasini creek. The region had a population of 4,364,541 as of the official 2012 census.

Dar es salaam has been named among the cities in sub-Saharan Africa, which are the most expensive in the world for businesses, relative to income levels, a new report by the World Bank has found.

The report said that those cities will remain "closed to the world" unless policymakers reform urban land markets and invest in infrastructure.

The number of people living in sub-Saharan African cities is growing rapidly: An additional 187 million people are expected to live in urban areas by 2025, the equivalent of the entire population of Nigeria. However, the economies in these

cities are not keeping pace because they are crowded, disconnected and costly, according to "Africa's Cities: Opening Doors to the World," a report published today.

These factors make cities such as Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, and Kampala in Uganda relatively unattractive to investors and Lagos in Nigeria, entrepreneurs, meaning they produce few goods and services for trade on global and regional markets, the report finds.

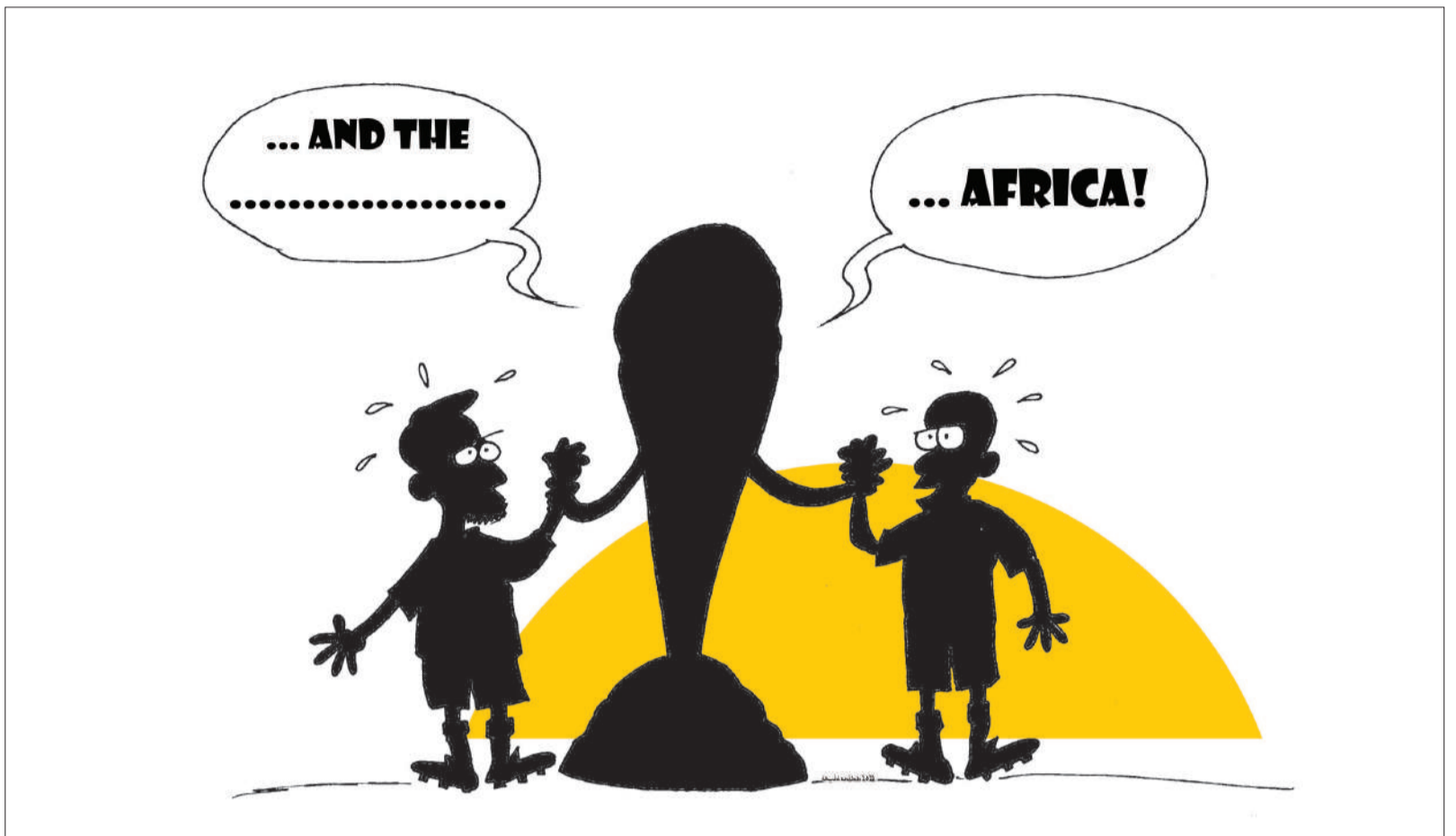
"What Africa needs are more affordable, connected, and livable cities," said Makhtar Diop, World Bank vice president for Africa. "Improving the economic and social dividends from urbanisation will be critical as better developed cities could transform Africa's economies." The report proposes a number of reforms, including formalizing land markets, clarifying property rights and instituting effective urban planning, as well as investing more in physical and institutional infrastructure.

High costs of living are also making African cities unattractive to companies looking to set up businesses. Housing, food and transport in a sub-Saharan African city cost, on average, nearly 30 percent more than in other regions with similar income levels. African urban dwellers pay 55 percent more for housing and 35 percent more for food.

These higher living costs mean that companies need to pay higher wages, making them less competitive than their global rivals. As a result, companies tend to remain local in scope, missing out on global trading opportunities, and also passing higher costs on to their local customers.

To address these issues, the World Bank is calling on African leaders to implement policy and investment reforms to move cities in a more globally competitive direction. "What cities do now will determine their shape and efficiency not just for years to come, but for decades or even centuries," said Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, senior director of the World Bank's Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice.

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## Zimbabwe government targets citizens for its failure to negotiate what it terms 'international sanctions'

By Mathew Nyshanu

IN what is becoming a circus in African politics, the Zimbabwean government believes that sanctions can be mitigated through arresting or jailing citizens who are standing up against its oppressive rule. To many people who have closely watched the unfolding of the political journey in Zimbabwe from 1980, it is worth to question why the liberation war was fought. Indeed, the answer to this big question has now turned to be a rhetoric from the ruling party slogans at rallies and its inner circle meetings. Independence, freedom of expression and freedom of association have completely eluded the former freedom fighters. I know it will be very painful to draw similarities between Zanu PF in its current form led by President Emmerson Mnangagwa and the right-wing apartheid political outfit the Rhodesian Front led by the then prime minister Ian Douglas Smith.

It is clear that no one who is a citizen of Zimbabwe would want the sanctions landing the country into a double jeopardy of poor economic management by Zanu PF and the impact of the so-called sanctions by Zanu PF. It is disturbing for a government to think and believe that sanctions are being caused by its own citizens who are wallowing in poverty. What Zanu PF fails to understand is that sanctions are enacted by a constitutional administration that governs a country and citizens from a different country cannot be privy or part to this process. Entangling citizens in the sanction debacle is a sign of poor political sight mixed with incompetence to understand the processes of international governance and relations. Who in their right mind would believe that Britain, the United States of America (USA) and the rest of Europe are being told by Zimbabwean citizens to place sanctions on the Zimbabwe government.

The behaviour of targeting citizens when the government is failing to perform its duties is not a new phenomenon in the history of Zimbabwe and the world at large. This is exactly what was happening during the colonial rule in Rhodesia where the cornered apartheid regime thought that the problem was being caused by nationalist dissent. All Zanu PF big wigs are still whingeing about their unconstitutional and arbitrary detention by the colonial government but what is ironic about it is that the same victims of colonialism from Zanu PF are



walking in the footsteps of the colonialists. Many Zimbabweans have been detained for long periods without any trial including members of parliament like Job Sikala from the opposition Citizen Coalition for Change led by Advocate Nelson Chamisa.

It is sad to see that Zanu PF trying to use sanctions as a reason for the non-working of the economy, yet their incompetence to run the economy dates back to the pre-sanctions period. In 1988 the Willowgate scandal saw many Zanu PF big wigs misappropriating vehicles to amass wealth against a backdrop of suffering citizens. The scandal saw the demise of one of the earliest nationalist icons Maurice Nyagumbo but a lot of them just went low and surfaced again to devour what they had left and some of them are still with us.

Zanu PF knows how it landed itself in the present political state and knows the milestones they need to achieve before they can be part of the bigger family of nations. It is sad how Zanu PF employs some of the laughable and unorthodox strategies to end sanctions including holding rallies with rural folks and drumming support from primary and secondary school children. Honestly, what impact or international significance can such actions have in mitigating sanctions. All they are doing is to waste working and learning hours for rural folks and school children respectively.

However, those who have been around with Zanu PF know that they can surprise anyone when they want to do it; not long ago senior ministers in Zanu PF travelled hundreds of kilometres to the town of Chinhoyi to inaugurate a strange economic event dubbed "Dhiziri paChinhoyi" when they were made to believe that diesel

was oozing from a nearby mountain by a traditional healer. It becomes very difficult to have confidence in leaders who presumably went to school and have a working knowledge of how oil is processed but can easily be told that it can ooze from a mountain by a traditional healer. It is through these events that you can start to understand why Zanu PF is coming up with chilling strategies in trying to end the sanctions debacle which is honestly out of their own making.

More pain comes to haunt citizens when they look at the state of the health system ostensibly blamed on sanctions. Our hospitals have become death traps with thousands of mothers dying through unmanaged maternal health problems. Some patients from Zimbabwe are making some very difficult journeys across the Limpopo to give birth in a country that still believes in its obligation to deliver a working health system to its citizens.

In the process some Zimbabwean patients have been publicly degraded by some health professionals for accessing services in South Africa without paying for them. A good example was a mother who went viral while being questioned by a South African health official for using their health services without paying for them. All these dramas are unfolding against a backdrop of Zanu PF buying new cars for their political party and bussing people to rallies. Honestly, if Zanu PF loved the citizens of Zimbabwe was it not prudent for them to give up half of their new fleet of vehicles and trade them for ambulances and medication for our hospitals which are empty and dangerous to visit?

The big question is Zanu PF tells citizens that they are under sanctions and so cannot provide

services for them but where are they getting the money to buy all those party vehicles and even give each other loans that would not be repaid? We are still waiting for feedback on how command agriculture was funded and when will the recipients pay back the money and implements they amassed and misappropriated. The other challenge is that Zanu PF has turned itself into an unorthodox monetary institution where money is dished out and used as a political bait. The present state of the economy will never improve unless there is a strong commitment from Zanu PF to create a conducive atmosphere to attract investors and professionals in Zimbabwe.

The brain drain of teachers, nurses and doctors will continue unless the Zimbabwean government is committed to the initial ideals of why the liberation war was fought. It is pathetic that the vice president and minister of health Constantine Chiwenga wants to oversee the verification and confirmation of nurses who want to go and work abroad in a bid to prevent them from leaving. This confirmation is legally done by the nurses' council, but their powers and legal mandate has been usurped by the vice president who is also doubling as a minister of health.

Lack of sincerity and commitment to professional conduct and international standards is one of the reasons why Zimbabwe is being isolated. I wish that all those in Zanu PF could have their clocks turned back to colonialism and reflect on their legacy. Citizens are honestly questioning the place of Zanu PF with regards to colonialism. Are we not experiencing colonialism in a post-colonial State? My brothers and sisters let's meet again next week when I unpack our education system and employability.

# Skill-building project winners want model adopted in education curricula

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

**E**ducation stakeholders continue to propose ways that can make Tanzanian education system produce not only competent products but job creators as opposed to job seekers as is the case now. This came after employers complained over half-baked graduates on one hand and scarcity of employment opportunities on the other.

School pupils have joined this debate with what they believe can work. These are winners of an entrepreneurial and skill building project for secondary schools who propose that the model be considered for integration in school curricula as part of the ongoing reforms to make learners employable upon leaving the institutions.

Uwezo Award Project implemented by Great Hope Foundation (GHF) is designed to give pupils entrepreneurship and other 21st century skills so that when they get out of school, they can find opportunities to either employ themselves or get decent employment through the skills they acquired.

The project is done in competition modality where pupils design entrepreneurial community change projects that have three aspects namely chance to explore their potential, skill building and positive change to



**Overall winners of Uwezo Award Project 2022 from Kibaha secondary school pose for a photo with Noelle Mahuvi (left) Great Hope Foundation Country Director and Aristarick Lekule (in jacket-right) from the Institute of Adult Education. Photo/Theresia Victor**

nearby communities. Participants from Kibaha Secondary school in Coast Region have bagged the award three consecutive times and teachers and proud winners say given the impact they have seen, this model deserves to be part and parcel of learning in basic education curricula.

Colins Mulemwa, team leader of a group of pupils who bagged Gold trophy for 2022 Uwezo Award Project from Kibaha secondary school said that there is need for skill-building extracurricular activities to be integrated in education curricula so that pupils and schools take such activities seriously.

"Pupils who engage in extracurricular activities are exposed to new activities, knowledge and skills which allow them to explore their interests and broaden their perspectives beyond classroom lessons," he said.

He further noted that entrepreneurship skills help pupils in the long run as the

knowledge gained is not like theories that most pupils forget after sitting national examinations but can be used throughout one's lifetime.

"We have been winning this project for three consecutive years with different projects. In 2022 the name of the project was The New Era Project which aimed to reduce fungal and stomach diseases at our school and improve hygiene by cleaning water tanks and unclogging the bathrooms and sewage system," he said.

"We also decided to save lives of expectant mothers at Tumbi Hospital by donating blood and we managed to donate 9100 milliliters from 26 pupils."

The winning team also embarked on financial resource mobilization whereby they worked as cobblers for fellow pupils and repaired worn out shoes which raised 13,000/-, painted and sold six paintings at 15,000/- and organized Culture Day at school

for pupils which raised 274,000/-.

"We used the funds prepare a stall where bites and vegetables can be sold at our school in a clean and safe environment, and lastly we bought and planted 50 fruit trees to Tumbi Catholic church as part of our environmental campaign which we started at our school in 2018 for Uwezo Awards," he said.

In 2021, the winning community change project was dubbed The Eagle's Eye and involved blood donation with the national blood transfusion service, fund raising by working as barbers for fellow pupils and the money collected was used to buy vegetable seeds and cultivate a garden, fixing calculators and construction of a mortar stage at the school parade area.

"We organized a talent show we dubbed Kibaha Golden Premier to raise funds and promote pupils' talents. We also harvested vegetables which we sold

and bought timber and other carpentry tools we used to make 40 desks and added the number of desks in our school," he said.

"We also did a blood donation project where we invited the Muhimbili Mloganzila Hospital and donated 68 units which made total of 113 units including the first donation and the total funds raised in our Eagle's Eye Community Change Project amounted to 1,619,000/-.

In 2022, the project was entitled 'Give Hope, Save Blue, Spread Green and the Kibaha winning team members started by raising money through a duster making project in which they made 10 dusters and sold the same to their school for 20,000/-. Computer whiz in the team introduced a graphics designing class in which 39 pupils enrolled and paid the team 39,000/-.

"We came up snacks business during school sports competition and earned 200,000/- in profit but we

didn't squander it; we visited Nyumbu secondary school under our Kumthamani Mwanamke (value woman) project and donated 70 cartons of sanitary towels," he said.

"As entrepreneurs, we made bracelets and other ornaments which we sold during form six graduation ceremony and collected 300,000/-," he said.

"We also repaired our teachers' computers and got 20,000/- and collected 104,000/- from 52 registration forms we sold to new club members and visited Mkuza girls secondary school where a fire accident occurred and provided donated various learning materials."

Mulemwa argued that participating in these projects has prepared him not only to be productive but to care for others. He added that if such activities became part of education curricula, many pupils can benefit and become more productive upon leaving school.

John Nicholas, a teacher at Kibaha secondary agreed that accommodating programmes of this nature can improve learning in basic education and beyond.

"Since joining the project, our pupils have won all three editions from 2020 to 2022 because as a school we saw the potential of this project and supported them and that is why the team has proved unbeatable," he said.

"After seeing the entrepreneurial and humani-

tarian spirit in pupils participating in the project, I believe that our education system needs something like this."

Noelle Mahuvi, GHF Country Director, said the initiative is meant to bring the best out of pupils and change their communities for the better. She added that GHF has been organizing the awards project since 2016 with 20 secondary schools of Dar es Salaam but later expanded to Coast and Morogoro regions. To date, the project has reached 620 secondary schools.

"Yearly, GHF collects all project proposals from schools, a team of panelists go through them and those that score above 50 per cent qualify for the competition," she said.

"A total of 250 secondary schools participated this year out of which 33 were recognized under three categories namely outstanding (Gold trophy) which has been worn by Kibaha secondary school for three consecutive years, great achievement (Silver Trophy) awarded to 12 schools so far and good achievement (Bronze trophy) which 19 schools have won."

Aristarick Lekule from the Institute of Adult Education said that currently the institute is working on better ways of improving their curricula, adding that the suggestion has come at a better time when stakeholders give views on how to make improvements.

# Four ways to overcome corruption in the race against climate crisis

NEW YORK

**C**limate change is the defining issue of our time. In the words of the UN Secretary General at COP27, "we are on a highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator." Cutting greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2050 is crucial when it comes to meeting the 1.5 degrees Celsius target.

At the same time, if we don't effectively deal with corruption in climate action, it will severely impede our abilities to fight the climate crisis through scaled-up adaptation and mitigation efforts.

According to Transparency International, up to 35 percent of climate action funds, depending on programme, have been lost to corruption in the last five years.

Corruption and the climate crisis reinforce each other

On the one hand, corruption fuels the climate crisis by depriving countries of much-needed revenues to act on climate change and build resilience, while also significantly altering the efficient allocation and distribution of resources to achieve development objectives.

For example, according to the U4 Anti-corruption Resource Centre, the top recipients of climate finance are among the riskiest places in the world for corruption.

On the other hand, climate impacts reinforce corruption by creating

economic and social instability and inequality, fostering an environment more conducive to corruption and misuse of funds, that ultimately deprives the poorest and hardest hit.

Overcoming corruption in the race against the climate crisis requires collective action and bold partnerships between government, private sector, and civil society to recognise and combat the issue through more effective management of resources and programmes.

This calls for:

- Governments to step up their efforts in environmental governance,
- Businesses to strengthen business integrity,
- Media, youth, and communities to continue to advocate against corruption.

The four immediate actions that require commitment from all actors:

- 1. Management of funds:** A much greater transparency and accountability is needed in the use and management of climate finance in adaptation and mitigation programmes. Access to finance is often presented as the main obstacle to achieving a just transition and transformative climate action, but that's only one side of the problem. The other side is to make sure that the much-needed resources to address



**The 20th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) on 'Uprooting Corruption, Defending Democratic Values,' took place 6-10 December 2022, in Washington, D.C.**

climate crisis are not lost due to corruption and mismanagement.

One good example is that of the Colombian climate finance tracking system, which provides updated data on domestic, public, private, and international climate funding.

It is one of the first countries in the world to have developed a comprehensive Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) framework to transparently track the inflow and outflow of climate finance from public, private and international sources.

- 2. Voice and Accountability:** This means leveraging the power of advocacy and accountability mechanisms, and providing civic spaces for meaningful participation of society, empowering them to hold

policy makers and private sector accountable.

For example, UNDP is empowering communities in Uganda and Sri Lanka, to use digital tools to mainstream integrity and transparency in environmental resource management. In Sri Lanka, UNDP has launched a digital platform, in collaboration with the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation and other partners, for citizens to engage and monitor illicit environmental activities. The initiative is supported through UNDP's Global Project - Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS) funded by the Norad- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation. Meanwhile, in Uganda, UNDP and the National Forestry Authority have

launched the Uganda Natural Resource Information System (NARIS), designed to monitor and mediate deforestation throughout Uganda to protect the country's forests and biodiversity. In the climate change agenda, fighting corruption is not only about the money. It is also about building trust in institutions and restoring hope in the future. Studies show that 'eco-anxiety' is increasing, particularly amongst young people.

A global study of 10,000 youth from 10 countries in 2021 found that over 50 percent of young people felt sad, anxious, angry, powerless, helpless, and guilty about climate change. But we have also seen youth, civil society and communities taking action against the environmental damage and climate

change from Serbia to India.

Through UNDP's Climate promise alone, more than 110,000 people have been engaged in stakeholder consultations to revise key national climate strategies, known as nationally determined contributions -, helping to build social consensus and explicit recognition of the roles of youth and women's leadership in renewed climate pledges in 120 countries.

- 3. Private sector has a key role to play:** Public capacity needs to be strengthened to implement policies to regulate private sector activities to protect the environment. At the same time, businesses should also play their part with fair, human-rights based business practices, business integrity, and envi-

ronmental sustainability goals.

- 4. The normative framework to protect human rights:** An intensified focus on 'environmental justice' at global and national level is needed. On 28 July 2022, the UN General Assembly adopted a historic resolution that gave universal recognition to the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment (R2HE). UNDP promotes responsible business by strengthening human rights standards across 17 countries, with support from Japan.

UNDP has supported over 100 national human rights institutions to address the human rights implications of climate change and environmental degradation. In Tanzania, UNDP has supported the 'Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance' to manage disputes related to environmental human rights violations. In Chile, UNDP has supported an ongoing process of constitutional reform which includes strong references to environmental rights.

The development community needs to ensure integrated approaches and break the siloes between the governance and environmental communities; and between public and private sectors to tackle the interlinked crises of corruption and climate change.



# Russia's LGBTQI 'propaganda' law imperils HIV prevention

BRATISLAVA

A new law banning LGBTQI 'propaganda' in Russia will further stigmatise LGBTQI people in the country and could worsen what is already one of the world's worst HIV/AIDS epidemics, critics have warned.

The legislation, approved by President Vladimir Putin at the start of this month, bans any promotion of what authorities see as "non-traditional sexual relations".

Groups working with Russia's LGBTQI community say the new law - an extension of 2013 legislation banning the positive portrayal of same-sex relationships to minors - will effectively make outreach work illegal, potentially severely impacting HIV prevention and treatment among what is a key population for the disease.

It also comes amid intensifying anti-LGBTQI political rhetoric and a Kremlin crackdown on the minority and civic organisations helping it.

"Since 2014, Russia has been purposefully driving HIV service organizations underground. The new law is another nail in the coffin of effective HIV prevention among vulnerable populations," Evgeny Pisemsky, an LGBTQI activist from Orel in Russia, who runs the Russian LGBTQI information and news website [parniplus.com](http://parniplus.com), told IPS.

Russia has one of the worst HIV epidemics in the world. For much of the last decade the country has seen some of the highest rates of new infection recorded anywhere - between 80,000 and 100,000 per year between 2013 and 2019, although this has fallen to 60,000 in the last two years.

Officials figures for the total number of people infected range from between 850,000 cited by the Health Ministry and 1.3 million according to data from the Russian Federal AIDS Centre. The real figure though is believed to be much higher as the Russian Federal AIDS Centre estimates half of people with HIV are unaware of their infection.

Experts on the disease have repeatedly criticised Russian authorities' approach to HIV prevention and treatment, especially the criminalisation and stigmatisation of key populations, including LGBTQI people.

Indeed, the new legislation is an extension of a controversial 2013 law banning the promotion of LGBTQI relationships to minors. This was denounced by human rights groups as discriminatory, but also criticised by infectious disease experts who suggested it further stigmatised gay men and men who have sex with men (MSM), affecting their access to HIV prevention and treatment.

Organisations working with the LGBTQI community in Russia worry the new legislation could make the situation even worse.

Gennady Roshchupkin, Community Systems Advisor at the Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity NGO, told IPS: "Practice in many countries has proved that increased stigma of marginalized populations leads to increased discrimination towards these groups, and, subsequently, these people increasingly frequently refuse to come forward for [HIV] testing and help.

"Formally, the new anti-LGBTQI law puts no limits on providing LGBTQI people with medical help and examinations. But, of course, the ban on sharing information with anyone about the specific characteristics of their sexual life may significantly decrease the quality and



Russia's new law banning any promotion of what is seen as "non-traditional sexual relations" could stigmatise the LGBTQI community and put HIV/AIDS prevention at risk.

timeliness of testing and care."

Meanwhile, Pisemsky said outreach work was likely to stop in its current form as provision of some services will now be too risky.

"All outreach work will go deep underground. Even online counselling will be dangerous," he said.

The law could also impact LGBTQI mental health - research showed LGBTQI youth mental health was negatively affected after implementation of the 2013 legislation - which could, in turn, promote risky sexual behaviours.

"We cannot know what exactly will happen. Use of alcohol and practice of chemsex may increase, and there could be a rise in cases of long-term depression and suicides. But what we can say with certainty is that there will be a dramatic decrease in the use of condoms and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) - unprotected sex with an unknown partner is also an indicator of mental and cognitive conditions in the age of HIV - sexual health literacy, and self-esteem among LGBTQI people," said Roshchupkin.

Meanwhile, international organisations heading the fight against HIV/AIDS have attacked the law, warning of its potentially serious impact on public health.

"Punitive and restrictive laws increase the risk of acquiring HIV and decrease access to services... Such laws make it harder for people to protect their health and that of their communities," UNAIDS Executive Director Winnie Byanyima said in a statement.

But such warnings are almost certain to fall on deaf ears, at least among Russian lawmakers.

Although homosexuality was decriminalised in the early 1990s after the fall of communism, LGBTQI people face widespread prejudice and discrimination in Russia. The country placed 46 out of 49 European countries in the latest rankings of LGBTQI inclusion by the rights group ILGA-Europe.

These attitudes are fuelled by what many LGBTQI activists say is a systematic state policy to stigmatise and persecute the minority.

Since the 2013 law was imple-

mented, authorities have cracked down on NGOs campaigning for LGBTQI rights, using various legislation to force them to close. At the same time, politicians have intensified anti-LGBTQI rhetoric, and regularly attack the community.

Indeed, the new legislation was overwhelmingly supported in parliament, with senior political figures rushing to defend it as a necessary measure against Western threats to traditional Russian values.

Chairman of Russia's federal parliament, Vyacheslav Volodin, said about the law: "We must do everything to protect our children and those who want to live a normal life. Everything else is sin, sodomy, darkness, and our country is fighting this."

International rights groups say it is clear the law has been brought in for a specific discriminatory purpose.

"There is no other way of seeing it than as an extreme and systematic effort to stigmatise, isolate, and marginalise the entire Russian LGBTQI community. It is an abhor-

rent example of homophobia and should be repealed," Rachel Denber, Deputy Director of the Europe and Central Asia Division at Human Rights Watch, told IPS.

"This law has a characteristic similarity to other repressive laws adopted in Russia in recent years - the opportunity for its arbitrary interpretation. In an environment that is as repressive as Russia's is right now, rather than deciding to take the risk of falling foul of the law and speaking openly about relationships or sexuality, people will just remain silent.

"This law emerged in a climate of cumulative repression of human rights and repressive laws across the board, which seek to silence dissent, and, through the force of law, enforce conformism," she added.

Pisemsky agreed: "Laws like this one are designed to scare people. Fear needs to be constantly fed with something, otherwise it stops working. This law is not the last step in the escalation of homophobia in Russia."

The effects of the ban, which essentially makes any positive depictions of the LGBTQI community in literature, film, television, online, and other media illegal with stiff fines (up to 80,000 US Dollars for organisations) for breaches, have been immediately visible.

Pisemsky described how HIV service organizations had altered their websites and social media pages to comply with the law, while Roshchupkin said LGBTQI community health centres were removing from their premises homoerotic posters and brochures with explicit depictions of same-sex sexual acts.

Meanwhile, Russia's first queer museum, in St Petersburg, had to close its doors just weeks after opening to comply with the law, bookshops have cleared their shelves of works dealing with LGBTQI themes and libraries have taken to displaying similar works with blank covers.

It is unclear what other effects the law will have, but some LGBTQI organisations which spoke to IPS said people had been in touch with them asking for advice on emigrating.

Nikita Iarkov, a volunteer with the Andrey Rytkov Foundation, an NGO which helps people with HIV in Russia, said that though he did not think there was yet widespread fear among LGBTQI people in Russia, he is realistic about what the future holds for many of them.

"Unfortunately, this is not the first law discriminating [against LGBTQI people]. This kind of ban is sort of a regular practice now," he told IPS.

"I hope that clubs in Moscow and St Petersburg will remain safe spaces for queer people, but I think that it will be impossible to have openly queer parties and clubs."

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# CCBRT provides free eye screening, treatment to Mbande children in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

CCBRT Hospital in partnership with Light for the World have launched an eye screening and treating campaign for children under five years old a move aimed at protecting them from eye related problems as they grow.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during a free-eye treatment exercise for children under five years at Temke's mbande Dispensary, Dkt. Picard Adubango from CCBRT Hospital said the hospital was committed to provide eye screening and treatment.

"We (CCBRT Hospital) are all out to eliminate eye related diseases among the children in the country," Dr Adubango said, adding that their presence at Mbande Dispensary gave a clear picture of the problem.

He said eye related dis-

ease was a threat in the country and that CCBRT with its partners decided to come up with the campaign to minimise cases among the children.

"We have begun with Mbande Dispensary then we will go other different parts in the country so as to reach as many children as possible," he explained.

Dr Adubango called on parents to give their cooperation including to accompany kids to the dispensary or at any place where the exercise was set to be conducted.

"For the Mbande exercise we have managed to see 65 children and most of them were allergic and shortsighted," Dr Adubango said.

Mbande Ward Clinical Officer, Ms Agneta John thanked CCBRT for providing free eye-screening service, saying it was the right time.

"Our dispensary provides eye screening service. But with the support



from CCBRT we can reach more people," she said.

She described her satisfaction over the professional service offered at

dispensary, showering praise on CCBRT commitment to rescue children from early ages.

Zawadi Rajabua resident

of Mbande kisiwani thanked CCBRT and its partners for eye-screening and treatment for children.

"There is no doubt that

your presence at Mbande Dispensary has attracted many children with eye problems," She explained.

# Masauni resolves prisons-farmers land dispute in Kondoa District

By Guardian Correspondent, Kondoa

HOME Affairs Minister, Eng. Hamad Masauni has resolved the long time land conflict pitting the King'ang'a Livestock Prison and residents of Kingale ward villages, Kondoa District, Dodoma Region.

Masauni, accompanied by Dodoma Regional Commissioner, land experts and prison officials arrived at the Prison facility yesterday where they held an internal meeting.

After the meeting, the delegation visited and inspected the area that had been in conflict since 1978.

Speaking to hundreds of residents at a public rally in the ward, the Minister told them that the conflict has come to the end and will be past history.

"Before coming here we had a meeting during which we discussed in depth and as Minister with the mandate to deal with the issue we have given ourselves up to December 30 this year to finalise

the entire issue so as to enable you get land for your farming activities without any hindrances.

"We have also agreed that in the coming week or so, through our experts, we shall sit to make an in depth assessment for the Allocation of the disputed land that will satisfy both sides, but I ask you to support any recommendations that will be made," he said.

He said after the decision, from now on the residents will continue engaging themselves in

their farming activities and will also be able to utilise numerous opportunities that will be provided by the.

For her part, Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule said the land conflict is an old one and all attempts over its resolving were unsuccessful, hence with the coming of Minister Masauni, it will now be resolved.

The Representative of the Commissioner General of Prisons SACPOmary Salum, said

the issue has been hindering their own activities and that they did not like it to remain unresolved, but it is now hoped that it will be finalised to the satisfaction of both sides.

King'ang'a Prison was established on February 25, 1975 as a Prisons Livestock Farm after securing land from Chemchem village and its survey and demarcation started June 25 1978 and ended October 1978.

# Govt pledges to support more institute of transport

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has pledged to continue supporting the National Institute of Transport (NIT) to enable the institution to meet its obligation of preparing transport professionals as well as conducting research and consultancies for the nation's development.

Addressing the NIT's 38th graduation ceremony in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Deputy Minister for Transport Atupele Mwakibete said the Six phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan has invested a lot in improving the transport sector including the construction of roads, modern railway, ships and purchasing of aircraft for the ATCL, therefore there is a high need of the transport professionals.

"With these investments in the transport sector, we need to see locals feeding the industry, that's why the government is keen to continue supporting NIT to fulfill its responsibility," he said.

"I have heard from the Rector and the Council Chairperson on the Institute's Fourth Five-Year Strategic Plan (2020/21 - 2025/26) as well as the implementation of the Institute's activities. Therefore, we promise to continue supporting them to achieve their goals," he said.

Mwakibete has further said: "As the Government, we are relieved to hear that NIT has continued to expand the scope of providing training in the transport sector as well as strengthening itself in all modes of transport."

The Deputy Minister has also congratulated the Institute for initiating the commencement of maritime and railway courses, saying the programmes are very crucial to the nation. "These courses are very important for our nation as they will reduce the government's burden to pay for this training abroad, which is provided at a very high cost."

The Deputy Minister said the government recognises challenges facing the Institution which include old building infrastructures, shortage of lecturer's offices and student dormitories.



Deputy Minister for Works and Transport, Atupele Mwakibete awarding a Master of Science in Logistics and Transport Management (MSc.LTM) to Farida Salum at the 38th graduation ceremony of the National Institute of Transport (NIT), over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

"In addition, I realize that the Institute is continuing with the construction of some of the infrastructure through the EASTRIP Project funded by the Government through the World Bank. The government will continue to cooperate with the Institute in ensuring that there are sustainable solutions for the outlined challenges," he said.

Despite the pledged support, the government ordered the management of NIT to use internal sources of funds to develop and improve its infrastructure.

NIT Rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa said that the number of students admitted to the Institute has been increasing year after year, thus leading to an increase of experts in the Transport sec-

tor. "In five years, the enrolment had increased by 121 per cent from 6,748 students in the 2018/19 academic year to 14,933 in 2022/23," he said.

He went on to say that the Institute has currently had a total of 358 employees of which 214 are academicians and 144 are non-academicians. "This number is small especially for academicians compared to the actual needs of the staff. Thus, the Institute is forced to spend a lot of money to pay part-time lecturers to cover the shortage of Academic staff."

"Nevertheless, we thank the government for giving us permission to employ 42 staff in the financial year 2022/23, we also request again the permission in the next financial year to employ another

staff to cater for the needs of employees, especially the academic staff," Professor Mganilwa said.

NIT's Governing Council Vice Chairperson Dr. Gemma Kishari Modu said: "We express our sincere gratitude to the Government for continuing to approve the Institute's budget that is set to improve the learning and teaching environment."

She added: "We have also applauded the government for supporting NIT in successfully establishing a Centre of Excellence in Aviation and Transport Operations (CEATO) supported by the World Bank under the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) as well as

# Motorcycles, mobile phones spur poaching in park areas - UDOM research

By Guardian Correspondent, Serengeti

GREAT use of motorcyclists and mobile phones has spurred the increase of poaching that threatens the existence of wildlife including rhinos, elephants, gazelles and zebras that can cause adverse effects to the tourism sector.

Senior Researcher at the University of Dodoma (UDOM) Prof Julius Nyahongo made the remarks at a meeting of conservation stakeholders from various institutions in Serengeti National Park (SENAPA) and came up with a joint strategy to control poaching and illegal wildlife trade that is rife in the park's ecosystem.

The stakeholders came from various institutions including TAWA, SUA, TANAPA, WMA national and international institutions on conservation as well as University in UK.

Prof Nyahongo said the use of motorcyclists and mobile phones has had an adverse effect as opposed in the past when poachers used their own bodies to carry wildlife meat as well as donkeys.

"Research shows that a motorcycle can carry between 180 and 200 kilos, while a donkey can carry up to 70 kg while a poacher can carry between 40 and 50 kgs of game meat," he said.

He recommended for the government to communicate with motorcycle manufacturers to install electronic chips that will assist in getting poachers information or other criminals as they engage in their criminal activities inside park areas or when transporting game meat.

He said the only main solution to reduce poaching of game meat is to assist people living around park areas with alternative occupation instead of depending on poaching.

He recommended to the stakeholders, government institutions to establish big commercial crop farms away from park areas for the youth.

For his part, Dr Martine Andimile, Research manager from TRAFFIC Organisation said his organisation was also fighting wildlife skins trade, ivory and game meat and added that poaching threatens the existence of wildlife in the national park including forest reserves.

"There is no national park, or forest reserve that is safe, poaching only differ from one place to another as in every village you find five to 10 poachers, wildlife gets killed like nobody's business, the situation is not good at all, and that is why we decided to meet to discuss on the matter that needs urgent solution," he added.

He mentioned another solution is the provision of education to the people in the villages near park areas to make them understand on the benefits of the natural resources.

WWF Project Manager, Gasto Mushi said his organisation has many projects in the communities near national park areas that fight challenges facing the existence of wildlife.

managed to establish a Regional Center for Excellence in Road Safety (RCoE) with the funding of the African Development Bank (AfDB)."

She added: "We also acknowledge the six-phase government for supporting our Institute with the training aircraft that will be used to train the pilots as a move to help improve manpower in the sub-industry."

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Government through the Ministry of Works and Transport for providing us with the land in Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) and Kilimanjaro (KIA) for aviation training," she observed

Dr. Gemma pointed out that in the next five years the Institute will continue to improve the number of its staff to strengthen training services, research and professional consulting services; improve learning and teaching infrastructure; manage the quality of training provided by the Institute along with continuing to improve the working environment.

Digital treatment of genetic resources shakes up COP15

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In addition to its nutritional properties, quinoa, an ancestral grain from the Andes, also has cosmetic uses, as stated by the resource use and benefit-sharing permit ABSCH-IRCC-PE-261033-1 awarded in February to a private individual under a 15-month commercial use contract.

The permit, issued by the Peruvian government's National Institute for Agrarian Innovation, allows the Peruvian beneficiary to use the material in a skin regeneration cream.

But it also sets restrictions on the registration of products obtained from quinoa or the removal of its elements from the Andean nation, to prevent the risk of irregular exploitation without a fair distribution of benefits, in other words, biopiracy.

The licensed material may have a digital representation of its genetic structure which in turn may generate new structures from which formulas or products may emerge. This is called digital sequence information (DSI), in the universe of research or commercial applications within the CBD.

Treatment of DSI forms part of the debates at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which began on Dec. 7 and is due to end on Dec. 19 at the Palais des Congrès in the Canadian city of Montreal.

The summit has brought together some 15,000 people representing the 196 States Parties to the CBD, non-governmental organizations, academia, international bodies and companies.

The focus of the debate is the Post-2020 Global Framework on Biodiversity,



The executive secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, highlighted on Friday Dec. 16 the results of the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and fair benefit sharing at an event during COP15 in the Canadian city of Montreal. But the talks have not reached an agreement on the digital sequencing of genetic resources. CREDIT: Emilio Godoy/IPS

which consists of 22 targets in areas including financing for conservation, guidelines on digital sequencing of genetic material, degraded ecosystems, protected areas, endangered species, the role of business and gender equality.

Like most of the issues, negotiations on DSI and the sharing of resulting benefits, contained in one of the Global Framework's four objectives and in target 13, are at a deadlock, on everything from definitions to possible sharing mechanisms.

Except for the digital twist, the issue is at the heart of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, part of the CBD, signed in that Japanese city in 2010 and in force since 2014.

Amber Scholz, a German member of the DSI Scientific Network, a group of 70 experts from 25 countries, said there is an urgent need to close the gap between the existing innovation potential and a fair benefit-sharing sys-

tem so that digital sequencing benefits everyone.

"It's been a decade now and things haven't turned out so well. The promise of a system of innovation, open access and benefit sharing is broken," Scholz, a researcher at the Department of Microbial Ecology and Diversity in the Leibniz Institute's DSMZ German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, told IPS.

DSI stems from the revolution in the massive use of technological tools, which has reached biology as well, fundamental in the discovery and manufacture of molecules and drugs such as those used in vaccines against the coronavirus that caused the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Aichi Biodiversity Targets, adopted in 2010 in that Japanese city during the CBD COP10, were missed by the target year, 2020, and will now be renewed and updated by the Global Framework that will emerge from Montreal.

The targets included respect for the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities related to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, their customary use of biological resources, and the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the implementation

of the CBD.

Lack of clarity in the definition of DSI, challenges in the traceability of the country of origin of the sequence via digital databases, fear of loss of open access to data and different outlooks on benefit-sharing mechanisms are other aspects complicating the debate among government delegates.

Through the Action Agenda: Make a Pledge platform, organizations, companies and individuals have already made 586 voluntary commitments at COP15, whose theme is "Ecological civilization: Building a shared future for all life on earth".

Of these, 44 deal with access and benefit sharing, while 294 address conservation and restoration of terrestrial ecosystems, 185 involve partnerships and alliances, and 155 focus on adaptation to climate change and emission reductions.

Access to genetic resources for commercial or non-commercial purposes has become an issue of great concern in the countries of the global South, due to the fear of biopiracy, especially with the advent of digital sequencing, given that physical access to genetic materials is not absolutely necessary.

Although the Nagoya Protocol includes access and benefit-sharing mechanisms, digital sequencing mechanisms have generated confusion. In fact, this instrument has created a market in which lax jurisdictions have taken advantage by becoming genetic havens.

Around 2,000 gene banks operate worldwide, attracting some 15 million users. Almost two billion sequences have been registered, according to statistics from GenBank, one of the main databases in the sector and part of the U.S. National Center for Biotechnology Information.

Argentina leads the list of permits for access to genetic resources in Latin America under the Protocol, with a total of 56, two of which are commercial, followed by Peru (54, four commercial) and Panama (39, one commercial). Mexico curbed access to such permits in 2019, following a scandal triggered by the registration of maize in 2016.

There are more than 100 gene banks operating in Mexico, 88 in Peru, 56 in Brazil, 47 in Argentina and 25 in Colombia.

The largest providers of genetic resources leading to publicly available DSI are the United States, China and Japan. Brazil ranks 10th among sources and users of samples, according to a study published in 2021 by Scholz and five other researchers.

The mechanisms for managing genetic information sequences have become a condition for negotiating the new post-2020 Global Framework for biodiversity, which poses a conflict between the most biodiverse countries (generally middle- and low-income) and the nations of the industrialized North.

Cristiane Juliao, an indigenous woman of the Pankararu people, who is a member of the Brazilian Coordinator of Indigenous Peoples and Organizations of the Northeast, Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo, said the mechanisms adopted must favor the participation of native peoples and guarantee a fair distribution of benefits.

"We don't look at one small element of a plant. We look at the whole context and the role of that plant. All traditional knowledge is associated with genetic heritage, because we use it in food, medicine or spiritual activities," she told IPS at COP15.

Therefore, she said, "traceability is important, to know where the knowledge was acquired or accessed."

In Montreal, Brazilian native organizations are seeking recognition that the digital sequencing contains information that indigenous peoples and local communities protect and that digital information must be subject to benefit-sharing. They are also demanding guarantees of free consultation and the effective participation of indigenous groups in the digital information records.

Thanks to the system based on the country's Biodiversity Law, in effect since 2016, the Brazilian government has recorded revenues of five million dollars for permits issued.

The Working Group responsible for drafting the new Global Framework put forward a set of options for benefit-sharing measures.

A large section containing a word puzzle grid, crossword clues, and solutions. It includes a 'WORD-FIT' puzzle and a 'CROSSWORD' puzzle with various clues and answers provided.

A large advertisement for Radio One featuring the slogan 'RADIO One RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI'. It includes a detailed weekly schedule of programs from Monday to Sunday with specific time slots.

A footer section with the slogan 'Tembelea mitandao ya kijamii ya Radio One' and social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

## Stakeholders meet in Mbeya region to strategise ways to the potatoes' production

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

POTATO producers and other value chain stakeholders have met in Mbeya Region to chart out better ways to boost crop production.

Organized by the Embassy of the Netherlands in Tanzania in partnership with the Wageningen University and Research, the conference also launched potato cultivation guide publications for farmers.

The conference brought together various agricultural experts, seed production experts, farmers, policy makers, members of the business community and other government leaders.

Participants comprehensively debated on what needs to be done to transform the potato sector in a public-private setup, current state of affairs of the potato sector in Tanzania as well as the best practice and use of quality seed and technologies the production could double, and eventually open a full potential.

Tanzania and the Netherlands have a MoU on developing the potato sector. Through this MoU, the two countries have worked together in registration of quality seed potatoes. The efforts resulted to a total of 16 potato seeds varieties listed to TOSCI catalogue. The Netherlands has supported TOSCI to develop a first potato variety catalogue which will be launched today. The potato variety aims at communicating to farmers and other stakeholders on the released potato variety, its description and on the availability of seed potatoes varieties in order to improve accessibility of quality seed potato. These varieties also provide possibilities to increase yields tremendously if good agronomic practices are followed and help the sector to come out with well informed decisions.

Sector players displayed products and services for others to look at. This session aimed at creating awareness on where to access services and products, knowledge for sector development. Finally the sector players established contacts.

Exhibitors included; SNV, Isowelo, HZPC, Agrittera, East Africa Fruits

co., TOSCI/TARI, Kilimo trust, MATI-Uyole, Mbeya University of Science & Technology (MUST), Hanse Agrostore International, Yara, Dew limited and Mkombozi Agribusiness.

Opening the conference, Mbeya Region Commissioner Juma Homera pledged that the government will continue to work with the Dutch Government to facilitate the increase in potato production in the country.

Wiebe de Boer, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Tanzania said the Netherlands was working hard to empower Tanzanian farmers so they can turn their production of potatoes products into commercial undertakings.

"For the Netherlands potato is a very important crop. Volumes of seed potato that are traded within Europe and in the world can find their roots back to the Netherlands. In the Netherlands, potato is among the key contributors to the economy. We have seen how farmers lives have improved through the use of quality seeds, improved yield which results to good business," said Ambassador Wiebe de Boer.

Ambassador Wiebe de Boer said that Tanzania has huge potential with massive land where potatoes could be grown almost everywhere. Location wise, the country is strategically positioned with potential to be the future potatoes hub within the region.

"Knowledge is power. The Netherlands would like to share their knowledge and expertise with Tanzanian farmers in the journey of optimizing potato production. The launched potato signals book provides insights, knowledge and practical guide to the farmers" added, Hon Ambassador, Wiebe de Boer.

The launched book is very unique as it does not follow a ready-made recipe but encourage farmers to observe signals sent out by the crop and use this visual information for crop management. Indeed, when put in use the book will be a game changer for the farmers.

With access to agronomic practical information, farmers will increase efficiency and have sustainable potato production. Finally good yield will be achieved.

## CRDB Bank, Visa to power travel, tourism industry with virtual cards payments

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank Plc and Visa International have agreed on collaboration to roll out virtual card payments across the travel and tourism ecosystem in Tanzania.

Through this agreement, CRDB Bank and Visa will provide flexible, secure, and efficient ways to make and receive payments for travel and tourism buyers and suppliers to make and receive payments via a co-branded virtual CRDB Bank and Visa commercial cards.

The new partnership with Visa, according to the CRDB Bank Group CEO and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela, is the next step in the giant's goal of creating an open and independent travel and tourism payment ecosystem.

"The payments industry is in the midst of a revolution and there is a growing need for travel and tourism companies and authorities to better manage the entire payment experience," said Nsekela.

He went on to say that, the industry is booming and that there is a surge of tourists in the country as a result of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's commendable work through the 'Royal Tour' TV documentary.

Tanzania's tourism sector is seeing a rebound after the Covid-19 pandemic. BOT's report shows that the industry's income has doubled to reach USD 2,243.8 million in September from USD 1,106 million. Tourists have also increased by 63.5 percent to 1,332,476.

On that note, Nsekela stated that companies in the travel and tourism



The CRDB Bank Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela (L) talking to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Visa International, Alfred Kelly on the collaboration between the two institutions to launch virtual cards to power Tanzania's travel and tourism sector. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the US - Africa Leaders Summit in Washington DC, USA over the weekend. Photo: Courtesy of CRDB

industry require sophisticated solutions and seamless connections to meet the demands of their mostly tech-savvy customers.

"The new partnership with Visa will assist CRDB Bank in developing new and enhanced digital capabilities in virtual cards, transforming industry players' and customers' payment experiences," he said.

Visa Chairman and Chief Executive of Visa, Alfred Kelly Jr said Virtual cards deliver visibility, boost liquidity and increase control over payment flows, which will enhance payment strategies and empower organizations

across the travel and tourism value chain in Tanzania.

"We are excited to extend our partnership with CRDB Bank, a collaboration committed to leveraging expertise and innovations from both organizations to support travel sector recovery and growth," he said and further noted that they will be working together to drive financial inclusion agenda in the country.

CRDB Bank and Visa also agreed to establish a cross-border remittance service to facilitate trade finance and make it easier and safer for Tanzania's diaspora to send money home.

"President Samia has done a tremendous job of opening up the country; business is expanding, and we need to put in place a solid payment infrastructure to help promote it. This includes enabling Tanzanians in the diaspora to invest in Tanzania," said Nsekela.

The meeting between CRDB Bank and Visa took place on the sidelines of the US-Africa Leaders Summit. Earlier this month, the leaders of these organizations met in Qatar, where they collaborate to provide FIFA World Cup fans with world-class payment solutions.

## Venture now into small businesses, graduates advised

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

UNIVERSITY graduates have been advised to venture into small businesses instead of waiting for formal employment at public and private entities.

In an interview with the Guardian, Jonson John, a university graduate who sells bottled water at the Mbagala Rangi Tatu bus stand said since unemployment has become a major problem not only in Tanzania, but globally, graduates should think of coming up with business ideas that will help them to generate an income.

"There are many businesses that do not require a huge capital to start with, I have been working as a water vendor for four years now and I can generate an income to support myself and family," he said, adding graduates should not be ashamed to engage in such kinds of businesses.

John, a holder of a bachelor degree in education said he has not been employed since he graduated; thus decided to become a water vendor with his main customers being passer-by and commuters.

"Small businesses should not be underestimated; I have been able to

establish similar stalls at different bus stands within the city where I have employed people to sell bottled water," he said.

Saumu Amani, a food vender from Mbagala Kuu said graduates should not be ashamed to engage in small businesses, but they should embrace the opportunity and work diligently to earn their living.

She said when graduates start businesses; they are likely to supervise it much better compared to people with low education levels.

Small businesses are ideal because they do not require a huge capital to start; one can have a business and continue searching for formal jobs," said Saumu.

A vegetable vendor from Kijichi, Jasmine Joha said: "I am making a living through my business. I have been selling vegetables for a number of years, and I don't want to be employed. Youth graduating from higher learning institutions should first think of establishing their own businesses while seeking jobs."

Khamis Bakari, a water vendor at Mbagala Rangi Tatu challenged graduates not to stay at home as there many business opportunities waiting to be tapped.



Philip Besimire, Vodacom managing director (R) listening to Shilton Ulomi (L) My Health Insurance (MyHI) founder and managing director during his business held at Smart Codes headquarters in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoko.

## More women to benefit from Vodacom digital programme

By Correspondent Mary Kadoko

VODACOM Tanzania Managing Director, Philip Besimire has tasked Smartlab—the firms' digital partner to ensure women start-ups are highly guaranteed on Vodacom Digital Accelerated (VDA) programs to increase brand equity in the market.

He gave the call on Wednesday during his business tour at Smartlab in Dar es Salaam.

According to Besimire, the digital space is male dominated, hence the need for Smartlab to come up with unique programs to support women in the digital space.

"The challenge that I throw to the team here is that I want to see more women participating in the digital space. I will be excited to see a specific women chapter so as we can encourage women entrepreneurs especially in technology and as Vodacom we will definitely support this initiative," he said.

"I think for us to actually align new ideas with young people and find solution is an excellent opportunity. The work that Smartlab is doing through the VDA program is transformative and future focused," he added.

He also stressed that it is time the team think of putting other

stakeholders who are light minded on board to make a step ahead in two years' time but again attain a maturity roadmap.

Nguvu Kamando, Director for Vodacom Digital Services said Vodacom Digital Accelerator is mainly targeted to creative youth, to speed up their start-ups as they chase their goals.

He said the VDA program has now landed to second phase after successes recorded in the first phase whereas it impacted most Tanzanians with not only attaining capital but also more customers.

"Vodacom will keep lifting creators in agriculture, education, en-

tertainment, mobile money and cyber security in a tactic to boost creativity space countrywide and internationally," he said.

Smartlab Business Director, Larry Ayo, said plans set ahead are to raise awareness mostly to women so that they can erase the ideology that VDA belongs to men only and comfortably grab the digital entrepreneurship space.

The program was launched in September 2019. Vodacom Tanzania, partnered with innovation ecosystem builder, Smartlab to launch the Vodacom Digital Accelerator. A total of 28 start-ups have been initiated so far.

# Tarime DC lauds mine firm for organising 'Family Day'

By Guardian Reporter

**T**ARIME District Commissioner, Col. Michael Mntenjele has expressed his satisfaction on the way the North Mara Mine of bringing together workers' families and the community surrounding the mining area dubbed: 'Family Day 2022'.

Held over the weekend, the day brought on board thousands of family members of the mines' workers, government leaders, local leaders and villagers surrounding the mine, in which they joined together and celebrated the day.

Themed: 'Work and Family' reflects the Government's commitment to urge people to work hard while concentrating on good upbringing of their families. The event also involved displays of activities that take place in the mine, various games for adults and children, joint lunch, drinks, music and exchange of ideas.

Located in the Nyamongo area, Tarime District, Mara Region, the North Mara Mine is operated by the Barrick Gold Corporation in partnership with the government through the Twiga Minerals Corporation.

"We have continued to



Tarime rural MP Mwita Waitara (2nd L) gets a brief from Barrick North Mara employee during an exhibition held at Family Day 2022 which brought together family members of the mine, government leaders and villagers surrounding the mine. The event took place yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

have a good partnership with the Barrick North Mara Gold Mine. On behalf of the Government, I promise you that we will continue to cooperate with you in ensuring that you achieve your mission at the highest levels," DC Mntenjele said.

He also stated: "It's my hope that

Barrick North Mara will be able to achieve its goals by continuing to prioritize the basic values of having safety in the work place at all times."

"Responsibility and integrity, positive results, partnership, having international level workers, truth, transparency and integrity will make

you achieve your mission," he said.

"I am relieved to see here the leaders of the villages surrounding the mine area. We as the Government through this gathering encourage solidarity, good neighborliness, peace and love between the mine and the surrounding villages," he

said.

Apolinary Lyambiko, North Mara Mine general manager lauded the event attendees, saying that the day maintains solidarity with the community surrounding the mine.

## AfreximBank, ECOWAS, others commit to economic emancipation of the youths

By Fred Ezeh, Abuja

AFRICAN Export-Import Bank (AfreximBank) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have promised to support any cause that will herald economic emancipation of the African youths, thus giving them more opportunity to compete in global arena.

Similarly, the Chairman, Cubana Group, Obinna Tochukwu Iyegbu, stated that nobody can develop Africa apart from Africans, stressing that entrepreneurship needs to be at the core of the efforts to transform Africa at various levels.

Chairman, Board of Directors, AfreximBank, Prof. Benedict Oramah, who addressed thousands of youths that participated in 2022 youth summit organized by Grand Africa Initiative (GAIN), exposed the youths to lot of opportunities in Africa and beyond, and encouraged them to take up the challenge to make their mark in the comity of nations.

The GAIN youth summit which attracted over 3000 participants from 62 countries across the world had as its theme "The Africa We Want: Nexus between the Youth, Peace and Entrepreneurship II"

Prof. Oramah who was represented by the bank's Regional Chief Operating Officer-Anglophone West Africa, Mr. Eric Monchu Intong, congratulated GAIN for the excellent work it is been doing, especially with regards to entrepreneurship development and youth empowerment in Africa.

The Afreximbank boss called for the prioritization of more developmental programmes that would facilitate youth integration into trade value chains by both public and private sector players, as the solution to the problem of youth unemployment on the continent.

He emphasized that youth entrepreneurship and innovation are pivotal to the continent's economic transformation, advocating that young people should be fully empowered, financially and otherwise, and also equipped with the toolkits to provide solutions to the challenges on the continent.

He said: "To maximize the AfCFTA benefits and to explore other opportunities in global value chains, African youths must be fully empowered to participate in cross border trade. Unarguably, they need tools to express themselves as entrepreneurs and equipped to innovate solutions to the continent's socio-economic challenges."

Acting Director of Private Sector Development at the ECOWAS Commission, Dr. Tony Elumelu, who spoke on migration and peace during the panel discussion, said that migration has become a way of life in Africa. "It's not necessarily a bad thing but rather it depends on how it is handled and the purpose."

He implored African governments to create a good environment for people to stay back in their country, as well as strong institutions to regulate mobility to ensure safety, thereby, giving Africans a ray of hope and reasons to stay rather than leave the continent.

In his contribution, the Chairman, Cubana Group, Obinna Iyegbu, admonished African youths to focus less on the negatives and channel their attention and energies on what can be done right to improve on humanity.

He said: "Building the Africa we want will emerge when we leverage technology and innovation. African Government and leaders need to factor in youth participation and promote their involvement in the technology sector".

Executive Director of GAIN, Chinwe Okoli, in her opening speech, stressed the need for youths to acquaint themselves with political and socioeconomic situations in Africa, stressing that such knowledge will provide baseline for creating new Africa that will be useful to all.

# SBL unveils brewer's sustainability report painting resilient future

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) has launched this year's East African Breweries Plc (EABL) Sustainability Report- the second of its kind- depicting plenty of performances on their Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) commitments.

Through its Society 2030: Spirit of Progress initiatives, a ten-year action plan to manage their most material ESG issues which fall under their core six pillars (Positive drinking, championing inclusion and diversity, sustainability by design, low carbon world, preserving water, and doing business the right way), SBL has emerged strong and exemplary in delivering best outcomes.

The launch was attended by SBL stakeholders from Foundation for Disabilities Hope (FDH), Green Initiative, National Environmental Management Council (NEMC), and the media.

"SBL is proud to be at the forefront of championing sustainable development in a unique way that is inclusive and creative. We look forward to extending this approach further to attend more goals" SBL's Corporate Relations Director, John Wanyancha highlighted over the weekend during the launch.

In changing the way people drink for the best, through its positive drinking, Wrong Side of the road, and DrinkIQ campaigns, SBL has reached more than 5000 drivers nationwide, engaged with 8,200 students on underage drinking, and influenced more than 2000 people to educate themselves on their e-learning tool (DrinkIQ) only in 2022.

On inclusion and diversity, a hotspot championed by the government and private sector, the brewer managed to offer more than 200 scholarships to underprivileged students under its household agribusiness scholarship program "Kilimo Viwanda" with the inclusion of more women and People with Disabilities (PWD).

Kaole Wazazi College Deputy Principal, Maxmillian Sarakikya praised SBL's commitment to education, saying "This company has levitated more young talents from an underprivileged backgrounds to high levels of learning, which encourages other stakeholders to do the same".

Michael Salali, chairman of Foundation for Disabilities Hope (FDH) an NGO closely working with SBL said: "We're proud to partner with SBL, whose commitment to inclusion has been paramount in uplifting PWDs economically through life skills



training, agriculture and financial literacy."

SBL has made water its priority via its Water for Life project in Tanzania. In this sphere, has delivered more than 20 water projects, with a Water Treatment Plant for residents of Basuto village in the Hanang District of Manyara region being the latest.

Colleta Kyaitela, a Representative from Green Initiative Company Limited complimented SBL's efforts on the latter and past engagement with the company on environmental management.

"Throughout the years, our audit showed SBL to exceed above expectations on protecting the environment, especially on recycling, reusing and fulfilling their zero to dumpsite policy in all three sites across the country," Kyaitela added.

SBL has provided the capacity to serve 14,000 people, the project is set to deliver safe and clean water to four villages in Basuto Ward, but also with the ability to purify 900,000 liters of water in 12 hours, which is sufficient to meet, and exceed Basuto Ward's current average daily water demand of 700,000 liters.

More importantly, SBL planted over 5,000 trees in Kongwa district, Dodoma region. On the same, the beer maker has maintained 0 tonnes of waste in landfill from its direct operations.

Hamadi Kissiwa NEMC Eastern Zonal Manager representative said: "SBL is giving out a great example of how environmental and climate issues must be included and taken with seriousness for effective

production that is environmentally friendly."

Interestingly, the company is leveraging modern technology to enhance its operations, from tracking and managing its carbon-foot print, plant on-road accident and incident management.

"Nearly 100 percent of all our plastics used are widely recyclable, reusable, and compostable. This is higher than 2021, where 90 percent of our plastics were widely recyclable, and also higher than our 2022 target of 98 percent" the report stated.

The latter is not only an emerging and essential discussion in the corporate modern world but also an inspiration to other players in the private and public sector field to deliver on the same.









# Whatever the result, the world wanted Messi to win

By Correspondent John Kimbute

THE WORLD of soccer fans and administrators was united around one theme as the temperature continued to rise towards the 2022 World Cup final match at Lusail Stadium in Qatar on the evening of December 18.

It was an outpouring of sympathy for Argentina's captain Lionel Messi and the feeling that he ought to get a World Cup before ending his career, as he definitely has no other finals ahead of him, at age 35.

This appeared to be a prayer and if as some would say prayers and anxieties which amount to prayers make a difference, that would be the case, but there was plenty of signs it might not be so.

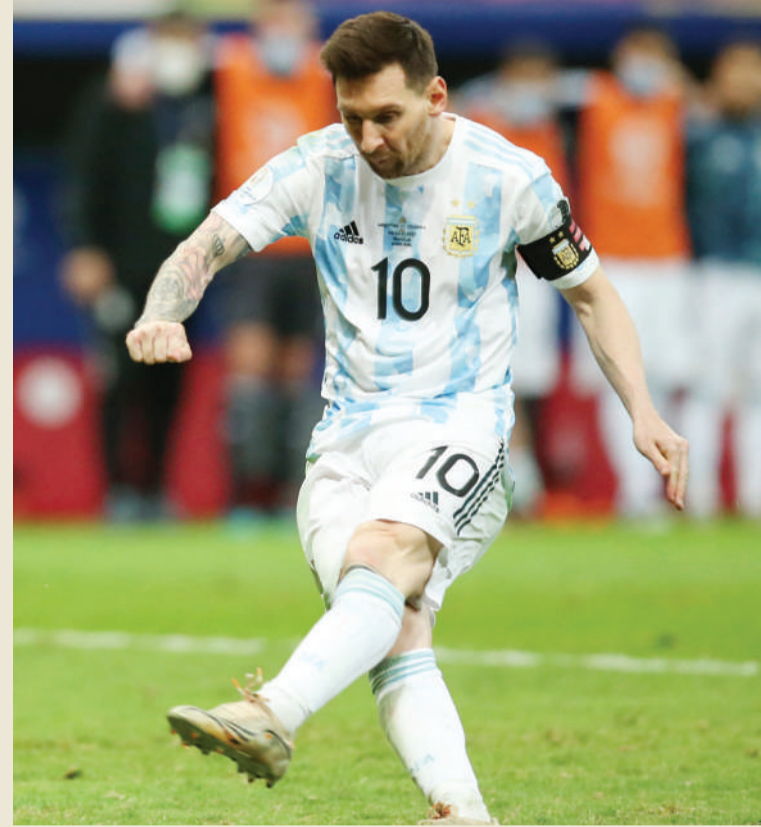
The first point of call was the result of the third place match a day earlier, where the world wasn't largely thinking of Croatian striker Luka Modric who is also in his last World Cup finals, nor indeed did they talk of a Messi-Modric final and give the trophy to whoever wins.

It means that the actual degree of fairness in global communication on the matter, that is, reflections on media like radio and television, wasn't exactly equitable.

It was tied to hero worshiping of the Argentine superstar in the final stages.

Just one match earlier, the whole of Africa (or perhaps a majority of the fans) were thinking of Morocco and the fantasy that this would be Africa's year.

The reason was that the Moroccan side had ended the run for Portugal and its embattled fading superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, despite having twice scored in one group match, aside from scoring a penalty in



Lionel Messi

the opening tie.

In other words, the sympathy for Messi is linked with his continuing show of attaining the highest performance, not because he is going out of the cycle.

Again, there was an unstated issue of a World Cup victory for Neymar, as the last time Brazil took the cup in 2002 he was still a youngster, and has been the highest scorer for the Brazilian side since Pele, now struggling to follow the game from either bed or couch.

The idea that Messi has a greater right to the cup than either Modric or Neymar is hard to construct, except from the idea that if he has reached the final, then he is entitled to victory.

Just how far this outlook was prevalent was somewhat sur-

prising even at the level of local commentators.

True to form, a soccer chronicle anchor was asked on his alliances for the World Cup final and either thrice or four times replied that he was for 'Messi and the French national team,' which was frankly inconsistent.

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FILE – Angelina Jolie, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees special envoy, address a meeting on U.N. peacekeeping at U.N. headquarters on March 29, 2019. Jolie and the United Nations' refugee agency are parting ways after more than two decades. In a joint statement issued Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, the actress and the agency announced she was "moving on" from her role as the agency's special envoy "to engage on a broader set of humanitarian and human rights issues." (AP Photo)

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UNITED NATIONS

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In a joint statement issued Friday, the U.S. actor and the agency announced she was "moving on" from her role as the agency's special envoy "to engage on a broader set of humanitarian and human rights issues."

"I will continue to do everything in my power in the years to come to support refugees and other displaced people," Jolie was quoted as saying in the statement, adding that she felt it was time "to work differently" by directly engaging with refugees and local organizations.

Jolie first started working with the U.N. refugee agency in 2001 and was appointed its special envoy in 2012. The release described the multi-hyphenate as "carrying out more than 60 field missions to bear witness to stories of suffering as well as hope and resilience."

"After a long and successful time with UNHCR, I appreciate her desire to shift her engagement and support her decision," U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi was quoted as saying. "I know the refugee cause will remain close to her heart, and I am certain she will bring the same passion and attention to a wider humanitarian portfolio."

In an opinion piece published in The Guardian last month, Jolie alluded to frustration with the lack of global progress in ending sexual violence in conflict.

"We meet and discuss these horrors and agree that they should never be allowed to happen again. We promise to draw – and to hold – that line. But when it comes to hard choices about how to implement these promises, we run into the same problems time and again," she wrote, specifically calling out U.N. Security Council members for "abusing their veto power."

Jolie previously characterized the United Nations as "imperfect" during a 2017 speech in Geneva, but also defended the international body and said it needed to be supported.

She later pressed the United Nations to create a permanent and independent investigative body to amass and evaluate evidence in cases regarding alleged war crimes, crimes against humanity and other human rights violations. While promoting

that effort at U.N. headquarters in 2019, she told the AP that promoting equality for women, combatting injustice, and helping refugees were the most important parts of her life after her children.

"But in many ways, they go hand in hand," she said. Jolie has been involved in other advocacy efforts, recently pushing for the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act in the U.S.

Jolie began visiting refugee camps in 2001, and was appointed as a UNHCR goodwill ambassador that same year. At the time, the then-high commissioner said he hoped the then-26-year-old actress could direct young people's attention to the plight of refugees.

Last year, Jolie told The Associated Press in Burkina Faso that she was concerned that increasing displacement across the world would drive more instability – and that governments had to do something to address the conflicts at the root of the issue.

"Compared to when I began working with UNHCR 20 years ago, it seems like governments have largely given up on diplomacy ... countries which have the least are doing the most to support the refugees," she told the AP.

Developing countries play host to more than 80% of the world's refugees, according to UNHCR, which also announced in May that the number of displaced people crossed 100 million for the first time. Speaking to the AP in August, Grandi praised the European Union's efforts to aid Ukrainian refugees but implored world leaders to remember the other humanitarian crises for which its agency was fundraising.

"The big problem that we have at the moment is that it tends to marginalize all other crises in which people suffer," Grandi said of Russia's war in Ukraine.

UNHCR lists different categories of "prominent supporters" on its website, including goodwill ambassadors like Australian actor Cate Blanchett, British author Neil Gaiman and Pakistani actor Mahira Khan.

In response to a request for additional comment, a spokesperson for the U.N. agency declined to offer further details beyond saying that UNHCR "has no intention of appointing anyone else in the role of special envoy."

AP

## 2022 Notebook: The slap heard (and seen) around the world

By The Associated Press

THE BACKGROUND: Was it real? Or staged? Very real, it turned out. Will Smith's slapping of Chris Rock at the 2022 Academy Awards after the comedian told a joke about his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, reverberated through the entertainment industry and the nation – and led to Smith being banned from the Oscars for a decade.

The incident touched off multiple conversations about race, about celebrity and – for a couple days of intense debate – about authenticity. Smith apologized, and eventually released an apology video as well.

But even months later, the very moment it happened – and the unexpected pall it cast over the Oscars that evening – remains a focal point. Here, the AP photographer who captured the moment and an AP entertainment writer who covered the evening recall their experiences.

CHRIS PIZZELLO, AP photographer who caught the iconic image and has been covering the Oscars since the 1990s:

When I think back, the main emotion I have is relief. I'm up there at the top of the of the Dolby Theatre, way high up, a long distance away. And I have a rig with a 600 mm lens and a 200-to-400 mm lens for a little wider shots. Luckily, when Chris Rock was there, I was on the 600. Then suddenly it looked like someone was coming on the stage. I saw someone's blurry head approaching him. And I was just working on instinct. And suddenly, something happened. The collision of the hand against Chris Rock's mic was really loud. And as soon as it happened, all



Will Smith, right, hits presenter Chris Rock on stage while presenting the award for best documentary feature at the Oscars on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

the eight or nine photographers in the sound booth with me had the same reaction, which was, "Oh, my God, did I get that?"

If you look at the video, it happened really, really fast. And he did play Muhammad Ali in a movie, so he's got a good right cross. And my first emotion when it happened was fear that I missed it. Because it happened so fast. It was probably the longest 30 seconds of my life. I was waiting for Paula Muñoz, my editor, who I was with tethered with. I have a headset on and I'm talking to her in real time as she's seeing my images. For about 30 seconds, there's nothing. Then suddenly I just heard Paula go, "Oh, you got it." I've never been more relieved.

I didn't get the hand hitting the face, but it happened so fast that you'd almost have had to see it in advance. But it's probably a better picture anyway, him reacting to getting hit. I think everyone was slightly late on it. But you'd have to

be able to predict the future to get the hand on the face. So yeah, it was wild. But as I look back on it, I just feel just relief that I got a decent image out of it.

The Oscars is always one that I'm hyper-alert about, because big, unpredictable things happen. Other unexpected things have happened. And I've luckily got all of them. I haven't failed yet. The first one was when Jennifer Lawrence tripped on the way to the stage. Remember when Warren Beatty announced that it was "La La Land" and it was really "Moonlight"? I didn't think it could get any crazier than that. But this flap is the topper of all of them. And so you just have to be extremely on alert. Every year. I come out of photojournalism, and I'm glad that I have that photojournalism training. Because you have to rely on your instincts sometimes. I think that helps me in situations like this.

JAKE COYLE, AP entertainment writer: I was in the press room,

backstage at the Oscars, which is where the winners come back afterwards, and where there are 100 journalists from around the world. It's a buzzy kind of atmosphere. And I think there was especially a lot riding on that Oscars, because it was the first real ceremony after the first two years of the pandemic. The movie business had been through such ups and downs and had really just been struggling to survive. So Hollywood really wanted to put on its best show.

Things had been going pretty well. But when that happened, it was like the world's largest balloon just got popped, like all the air went out of the whole festivities. And nobody really knew immediately what exactly had transpired. It obviously looked, at first, like it was a setup, that it was a scene being acted, I think, partially because of how dramatically Smith kind of strode on stage and hit Rock. We're accustomed to that kind of overdramatized response to things in an award show. And it really did feel like that because it just came so out of left field that nobody could process it as it was happening. It seemed like you're in a "Manchurian Candidate" moment – like he got a signal in his brain and acted on it somehow.

## Morocco's miraculous run at the World Cup ends in defeat

AL RAYYAN, Qatar

MOROCCO'S miraculous World Cup run is over, and it ended with another loss.

After making history by becoming the first African team to reach the World Cup semifinals, Morocco lost to Croatia 2-1 on Saturday in the match for third place at Khalifa International Stadium.

"Of course we're disappointed, but when we wake up tomorrow we will realize how much we have achieved," Morocco coach Walid Regragui said. "Some of my players weren't 100% fit but they gave everything to the end. I am very proud."

He has a reason to be. Morocco's showing in Qatar provided the most surprising story of the World Cup. The Atlas Lions were also the first Arab nation to go so far in the tournament, sparking an outpouring of pride among Arab countries during an event being held in the Middle East for the first time. Celebrations spread from Gaza City to Cairo. In Doha, the Moroccan community felt at home.

"We're very proud that all these Moroccans are behind us and it gives us great strength to go into the games," Morocco midfielder Ilias Chair said. "The fan support was unbelievable. If you look at the games, it felt like we were playing in Casablanca."

Regragui said he wouldn't change a thing about this year's World Cup.

"We had 0.01% of winning this World Cup at the outset. We managed to get through to the last four," the coach said. "We played against some of the footballing powerhouses of the world."

"We're now one of the top four teams in the world and if you had told me that before the World Cup and that Morocco would be No. 4 in the world, I would have accepted that straight away."

The triumphant run will also have a positive impact for generations of children in Morocco, Regragui said.

"Football makes people dream and children in particular. In Morocco and Africa, we have kept those dreams alive. It means more than a victory at the World Cup," the coach said. "As for the impact on our country, we have set the bar high and the expectations from our supporters will be high. We have made a fantastic achievement but we want to do that again. It will always be tough for an African country to reach the semifinals but what we want now is to get through the group stage every time and one day we will win the World Cup."

Morocco topped a group that included Croatia, which reached the 2018 final, and second-ranked Belgium. The team then progressed past favorites Spain and Portugal in the knockout stages before losing to defending champion France 2-0 in one of its best performances.

AP

## Luka Modric, 37, sets sights on Nations League title for Croatia

AL RAYYAN, Qatar

LUKA Modric led Croatia to the bronze medal at the World Cup on Saturday and revealed he will extend his international career into 2023 in an attempt to win the Nations League.

The 37-year-old won his 162nd cap in the 2-1 win over Morocco, four years after helping his country to the World Cup runners-up spot behind France.

Croatia will now attempt to win the Nations League title next June in the four-team finals also featuring Netherlands, Italy and Spain.

"That's the plan," said Modric when asked if he intends to keep playing international football.

"It would be a nonsense not to play in the Nations League, and then we'll see how to proceed. I definitely want to stay for the Nations League."

Croatia were defeated by a Lionel Messi-inspired Argentina in the World Cup semi-finals but Modric insisted that his team have cemented a place amongst the heavyweights of the sport.

"We achieved something major for the Croatian football. We wanted the gold, we were close," he told broadcaster HRT.

"In the end, we return to Croatia as winners. Croatia is not a miracle that appears every 20 years. We proved that we are constant, that we cannot be seen as dark horses but as a football power."

Even though Modric intends to keep playing at international level, coach Zlatko Dalic admits that time is ticking on other senior players.

"It's the end of a cycle. It's the last World Cup for some older players," said the coach with one eye on the qualifying tournament for Euro 2024 which kicks off in March.

"But we have very good young players who give hope, (Josip) Stanic, (Mislav) Orsic, many players who are on the bench. We have a very good team for the future."

"Croatia have nothing to fear with this generation. What awaits us is the League of Nations, and the qualifications of the Euro."

Meanwhile, fireworks lit the sky above the Croatian capital of Zagreb and many other towns in the country that joyfully celebrated the win in the third-place play-off.

"Croatia is on fire! Tears, songs, pride and joy throughout our homeland!" read the Vecernji List daily paper online edition.

"A long, happy night is ahead Croatia."

The nation of fewer than four million people won their third World Cup medal since independence in 1991. In France 1998, Croatia were third and at the 2018 World Cup in Russia they reached the final.

AFP

# Gvardiol shines at World Cup as Croatia wins 3rd-place match

AL RAYYAN, Qatar

IN what may have been Luka Modric's final World Cup match, Josko Gvardiol made a play to be Croatia's next go-to guy.

Modric has been the man in the middle for Croatia for more than a decade, leading the team to the World Cup final four years ago and the semifinals of this year's tournament. But at 37, his time at the top is surely coming to an end.

Modric was again central to Croatia's 2-1 victory over Morocco for third place at the World Cup on Saturday, but it was Gvardiol that stepped up from the back at Khalifa International Stadium.

"We made a comeback," said Gvardiol, referring to Tuesday's loss to Argentina in the semifinals.

"We knew we had to be focused and show grit. Today we proved we deserved third place. We are going home celebrating."

Gvardiol, wearing a black mask after breaking his nose during a Bundesliga match last month, plays a different position and looks to be

nearly twice the size of the diminutive No. 10.

But at 20 years old he is also almost half the age of Modric and plays like a veteran rather than someone who was still the age of a high school student when Croatia lost to France only four years ago in the 2018 final.

Nicknamed "Little Pep" because of the similarities between his last name and that of Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola, Gvardiol scored Croatia's opening goal in the seventh minute of Saturday's match with a diving header.

His head was involved on the other end of the field as well. As a center back playing just behind Modric, Gvardiol was constantly being called upon to shoo away Morocco's chances, to keep the area clear of red shirts and keep the ball out of his team's net.

He did that, and he was named player of the match because of it.

Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic, reflecting on Gvardiol's imposing presence throughout the tournament in Qatar, said the defender deserved to be named the best young player of the



Croatia's Josko Gvardiol, right, celebrates after scoring his side's opening goal during the World Cup third-place playoff soccer match between Croatia and Morocco at Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar, Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022. (AP Photo)

World Cup.

"If not the best young player, he must be in the competition for the best young player," Dalic said.

"Usually the forwards, the top scorers, are considered for this award, but Josko has proven that defense players deserve this and I believe he deserves the award."

Gvardiol is listed at 6-foot-1, only five inches taller than Modric, but he fills a huge space in

Croatia's defense and he showed he can also move like a smaller player.

Running through the middle of the field with the ball at his feet in the second half, Gvardiol crossed into the opposite penalty area with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Morocco midfielder Sofyan Amrabat, however, appeared to clip Gvardiol's left foot. He

went down in a heap and called for a penalty, but the referee wasn't buying it.

The big man in the black mask wasn't happy, sitting on the grass with his arms in the air before rejoining play on the other end, immediately jumping to try to head the ball out of danger from in front of his own goal.

"I think there was a touch there," Gvardiol

said of the possible penalty. "I'm a defense player. That's the worst part, that I don't know how to fall."

Gvardiol was central to Croatia's strong defense from the start in Qatar, with the team allowing only one goal in three group matches.

They continued that stingy play into the knockout rounds until being undone in the 3-0 loss to Argentina in the semifinals.

Despite what Dalic said, Gvardiol was unconcerned with the individual award, preferring instead to win something with his teammates.

"I am not interested in any such award for best young player," Gvardiol said. "What I care about is the bronze medal and I fulfilled my dream."

Gvardiol came into the World Cup after recently extending his contract with German club Leipzig, a deal that ties him to the team through 2027.

But some of Europe's biggest clubs may have something to say about that with the January transfer window coming up in a matter of weeks.

AP

## Analysis: Morocco won something much more valuable than third place at World Cup - respect

Kevin Baxter

Croatia's World Cup team earned bronze medals Saturday, the players lining up patiently to cross a platform where they received their awards from FIFA President Gianni Infantino after their 2-1 victory over Morocco in the tournament's consolation game.

France and Argentina will play for an even larger prize Sunday in the tournament final.

Yet the biggest winner in this World Cup might be Morocco, which, even in defeat, earned something more valuable than a medal or a trophy.

It won respect. It beat some of the world's biggest teams and eliminated some of the world's best players, proving it isn't who you are but what you do that matters most.

Morocco didn't defy imagination; it inspired it.

"Football makes people dream, especially children," Morocco coach Walid Regragui said. "We have allowed them to dream. And they now dream of being footballers and getting to the World Cup."

"That is priceless. It means more than winning any match."

Croatia came to Qatar a contender, ranked 12th in the world, a finalist four years ago when it finished second to France. Morocco came here as little more than an afterthought. It hadn't won a World Cup game this century and had won only two in its history, advancing past the group stage once.

It won three times

here. It beat No. 2 Belgium in group play, eliminated Spain, a past world champion in the round of 16, then knocked Portugal and Cristiano Ronaldo out in the quarterfinals, becoming the first Arab and first African country to reach the World Cup semifinals.

It made the impossible seem possible. And for people on two continents, that was bigger than anything that happened on a soccer field.

"We were given a 1% chance of winning the World Cup. Now we are one of the top four teams in the world," Regragui said. "If you told me we would do that before the tournament, I would have accepted it straight away."

"Every time we won a match and we saw the Morocco people taking to the streets, it stuck a chord for us. When we wake up tomorrow morning, we'll take stock and I think we'll all realize we had a fantastic achievement here."

Even as Morocco struggled to the finish line Saturday, limping exhausted and injured through its seventh game in 24 days, it never quit. Nor did its large and enthusiastic red-clad fan base, whose incessant whistling and choreographed chants became a big part of the soundtrack of this World Cup. By the end, the rest of the world was cheering Morocco as well.

"I would like to salute Morocco," Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic said at the start of his postgame news conference. "It was a great fight they put up. They were tired, they



Morocco's Bilal El Khannous, left, and Croatia's Luka Modric fight for the ball during the World Cup third-place playoff soccer match between Croatia and Morocco at Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar, Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022. (AP Photo)

were exhausted. But they put up a great fight.

"They remind me of us four years ago."

Four years ago, Croatia made the final, the greatest achievement of a golden generation that played its final World Cup game Saturday. And fittingly Luka Modric and Ivan Perisic, the core of that generation, had a role in its final World Cup victory, teaming up on a well-designed set piece that ended with Josko Gvardiol heading

in the game's first goal in the seventh minute.

Modric, a former Ballon d'Or winner and Croatia's all-time leader in appearances, sent a free kick toward the near post for Perisic, the team's leading active goal scorer, who peeled away from his defender to head the ball back into the center of a box for Gvardiol, who nodded it in.

The assist gave Perisic a hand in his 11th World Cup goal since 2014.

Only Argentina's Lionel Messi has been involved in more. And only Messi has played in as many World Cup games over that span as Modric, 37, and Perisic, 33, who were starting for the 17th time.

Croatia's lead didn't last long though, with Achraf Dari bouncing in a header to tie the score less than two minutes later. But Croatia went back in front to stay three minutes before the intermission when Mis-

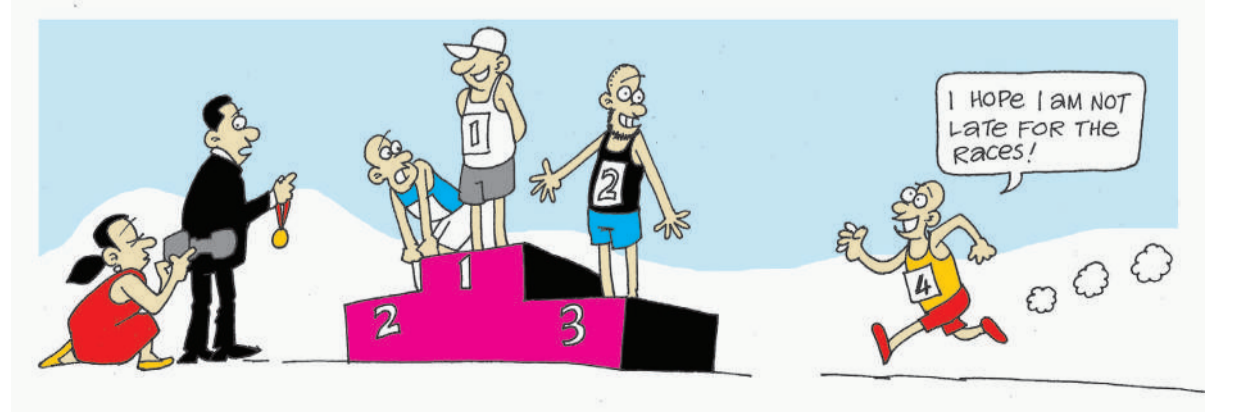
lav Orsic curled a right-footed shot just over the outstretched right hand of Moroccan goalie Yassine Bounou and in off the far post.

Gvardiol is 20, his goal Saturday making him the youngest Croatian to score in a World Cup. Orsic is 29, young enough to be in the picture for the next World Cup.

"This is the end of the cycle for us, the end of process. This is the last World Cup for some of my players," Dalic said. "But we have some young players and they are the hope for Croatia. I believe Croatia has a great future."

Regragui says he believes the same about Morocco. He emptied his bench in the second half, keeping a promise to give game time to players who hadn't appeared in a World Cup game. Yet the Atlas Lions kept pushing to the final whistle, which sounded just seconds after Youssef En-Nesyri's header just missed the crossbar, dropping harmlessly onto the roof of the net.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Nasreddine Nabi

## Nabi praises Yanga resolve in overcoming difficult first half against Polisi

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans head coach Nasreddine Nabi was a happy man after he sealed back-to-back NBC Premier League wins by beating Polisi Tanzania on Saturday evening at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The defending champions found it hard to overcome a resilient and well drilled Polisi Tanzania side coached by their former boss Mwinyi Zahera in the first half but came back a rejuvenated side in the second half after making small changes to their tactic and squad to walk away with a 3-0 home victory.

Young Africans' goals were scored by Jesus Moloko in the 47th minute after receiving a pass from Bernard Morrison, who came in as a halftime substitute, while the second was scored by Fiston Mayele in the 77th minute before Clement Mzize struck the final nail in the coffin in 86th minute.

The victory moved Young Africans five points clear at the top of the league after second placed Azam were held to a 2-2 draw by Kagera Sugar on Friday evening at Kaitaba Stadium.

Afterwards, Nabi, who was returning on the touchline for the first time after serving a three-game ban for confronting officials, faced the media to discuss the performance.

He said they knew they had to be at their best if they were going to beat Polisi Tanzania.

"We expected that the match was going to be very difficult because it is always challenging playing against Polisi Tanzania and Coastal Union and what has made it even more difficult is Mwinyi Zahera. He knows us very well, he was working with the club, and he has already coached the team.

"We knew he was preparing something but I think he was too ambitious compared to the physical qualities of his team because he never asked if his team would have held the same way," he said.

Reflecting on the changes made during halftime, he added: "We knew moreover, we noticed loopholes at the end of the first half and responded. We made some small changes in the second half.

"We thank the opponents for the solid performance and also thank our players and technical staff for the hard work they put in to get the results."

Young Africans have now won 13 of their 16 NBC Premier League games this season, their only defeat came against Ihefu and shared the spoils with Simba and Azam.

Their next league assignment is against a struggling Coastal Union side on Tuesday at the same venue.

# Samia, Mchengerwa awarded for their contribution in arts sector



Minister of Culture, Artists and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa (L) receives a special award of appreciation for his contribution in bringing about huge transformation in the arts sector from veteran actress Theckla Mjata during the apex of 2022 Film Festival Award held on Saturday in Arusha on Saturday. Centre is the Deputy Minister of Culture, Artists and Sports, Pauline Gekul. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

**P**RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan and the Minister for Culture, Artists and Sports, Mohamed Mchengerwa, have been awarded special awards of appreciation for their contribution in bringing about huge transformation in the arts sector.

The awards were given during the apex of 2022 Film Festival Award held on Saturday at Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), in Arusha.

Earlier, before the awards' presentation, Tanzania Film Board (TFB) Chief Executive Officer, Dr Kiagho Kilonzo, said Mchengerwa was selected while abiding by his big contribution in the short period since he was appointed to oversee the sector that leads in the country's economic growth.

He said the directives that he had been issuing and oversee have helped the sector's growth to a great extent.

Mchengerwa has become the second leader to get the award following President Samia, who received the same award for her huge contribution in the arts sector during her time.

"We have awarded President Samia with the Honorary Award as an appreciation on two big issues, first in allocating her time as President and act in the Royal Tour Film, which was not an ordinary thing to

accomplish, and secondly for restoring our Arts Fund that will assist artistes to get loans for their activities," said Kilonzo.

President Samia's Award was presented by veteran artiste, Mzee Chilo and received on her behalf by the Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, Mchengerwa.

Meanwhile, Mchengerwa has instructed the Department of Arts in his ministry to collaborate with TFB to make sure by Wednesday next week (five days hence) artists should start getting funds from the fund in order to make good production that will be marketable

and improve their lives.

In his official speech when opening the event, Mchengerwa stressed that the intention of the government is to continue investing in assisting artists to enable them perform better.

Citing example, he said in many developed countries the sector has made huge investments, and added that there is still great work that is to be done here to equal them.

He stressed that Tanzania's artistes are well known everywhere all over the world, but their fame does not reflect their actual lives, hence, there is the need for

change.

In the event, Arusha Regional Commissioner was presented with an Appreciation Award for his region to host the second season of the Film Festival Award as well meeting some of the event's expenses.

The last such event was held in the city of Mbeya.

A total of 32 awards were presented this season and there have been special awards that are not competitive in regard to national leaders, and for the first time 10 artists who had huge contribution in the sector were awarded with TFB Appreciation Awards.

These include Dr. Sheni, Bishanga, Musa Banzi, Ray, Single Rich, Jacob Steven (JB), Monalisa, Wema Sepe-tu, Thecla Mgaya (Aisha) and William Mtitu.

Also late Steven Kanumba was posthumously awarded with Honorary Lifetime Award for Achievement for men and Joyce Mhavile in respect of women.

Many awards this season were given to new artists and were emotionally received while many of them wept from to their historic achievements

The event was also attended by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Artists and Sports, Pauline Gekul, and officials and various stakeholders in the industry and was graced with various musical groups.

## Doshi elected as new THA Chairman

By Guardian Correspondent

VETERAN hockey administrator Kaushik Doshi has ultimately taken up a bigger role in the sport's promotion in Tanzania, having been elected as Tanzania Hockey Association (THA) chairman early this month.

The national hockey governing body held its election in Dodoma on December 9 following the completion of leadership term of its officials that had been taking charge for the past four years.

Doshi was previously the THA secretary-general, a position he had held for six years.

The newly elected chairman noted the THA leadership will, among others, focus on improvement of hockey infrastructure which constitutes the acquisition of an astro turf for modern venue.

Doshi revealed his association is looking forward to communicating with envoys of countries that have had tremendous success in hockey to cooperate with THA to facilitate the acquisition of the astro turf.

The official stated the association further needs the government's support in fulfilling the plan.

Doshi said: "Working on the amendment of the constitution and looking into the possibility of acquiring the first ever new astro turf through assistance are some of our foremost tasks."

The leader pointed out: "At the moment, there is no single hockey turf that is available in the country, a situation which is a setback for hockey."

According to the THA Chairman, the



Newly elected Tanzania Hockey Association (THA) Chairman, Kaushik Doshi (R), presents a prize to Arusha's Black Mambaz hockey squad's player Bahati Kalebi that was adjudged this year's Uhuru Cup showdown's upcoming player upon the tournament's completion in Arusha recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF THA

presence of a modern hockey venue will raise the standard of local hockey players and ensure national sides excel in international assignments.

"The new venue will certainly improve our players' performance, our national squads were previously performing dimly in international competitions because we lack modern hockey turf," Doshi noted.

The official revealed: "It is very important for us to have a hockey turf to boost hockey...it will also improve the standard of players who will be able to compete with other players internationally."

The THA Chairman added: "With the presence of a new hockey facility, our national squads stand to improve and go as far as outsmarting opponents in international assignments."

Doshi revealed: "Most countries in our continent now have modern facil-

ities and are doing well in high profile competitions."

The THA leader, who also serves as Africa Hockey Federation (AfHF) Board Member, noted: "Later on we can also host international hockey tournaments under the banner of the AfHF."

Doshi stated: "Other plans are to work on the goals and objectives which include youth development plans to take hockey to greater heights."

The THA election, held at the Sikh Union Club in Arusha, was conducted under the supervision of a committee made up of four officers from National Sports Council.

All eligible candidates went through a screening process held by the National Sports Council officers and were thereafter subject to voting process involving all representatives of

hockey clubs.

Ten posts were supposed to be filled up and there were no other contenders besides the 10 people that took forms eyeing the body's leadership posts.

All 10 candidates had majority of the votes in their favour and were elected for the posts they were contesting for.

The association's vice chairman position was won by Barlaj Mudher, Frank Lusawa was elected as secretary-general.

The THA assistant secretary position went to Smitesh Vadgama, and the treasurer post was won by Gurtaj Bhogal.

The association's newly elected executive committee members are Deep Visram, Tatu Kahumbira, Mark Sequeira, Varinderpal Bhamra, and Mark Fernandes.

National Sports Council officer Benson Chacha that was THA election committee chairman noted the association's constitution needs to be revised completely as it is an important tool which safeguards the interests of hockey and implementation of development plans.

Chacha further stressed on vouching for Anti-doping, which is very common in the world, and asked the association's members present to be aware of it.

Doshi thanked National Sports Council for taking charge of the election process smoothly and further thanked clubs' representatives for their support.

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