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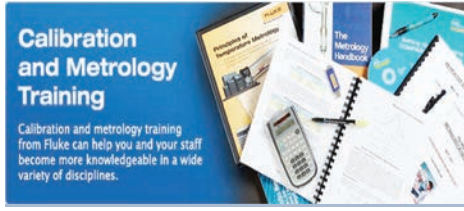
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'BoT audit lists double payments, irregularity'

By Guardian Reporter

CONTROLLER and Auditor General (CAG) Charles Kichere has said a special audit into funds withdrawn from the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) from January to March this year indicates that procedures were in part not followed.

The CAG found that some funds transferred from the national treasury were used to make double payments by some state agencies, citing a series of other irregularities.

The Directorate of Presidential Communications said that Kichere handed over the report to President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dodoma yesterday, noting that other shortcomings include delays to pay contractors despite funds being available.

"The Tanzania National Roads Agency

(TanRoads) and the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) used the funds to make double payments and also delayed to make payments that had already been approved," the CGA indicated.

The National Audit Office found that delays to pay contractors resulted in the soaring of government debt because of interest charged, while other shortcomings include implementation of unbudgeted projects thus occasioning payment of funds out of the approved national budget.

Upon taking office, President Samia ordered the CAG to conduct a special audit on withdrawals at the central bank for the first three months of this year.

At that time she had received the CAG

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World Health Organisation representative Andemichael Ghirmay (L) presents to Zanzibar Health, Community Development, Elderly, Gender and Children minister Nassor Ahmed Mazrui yesterday equipment and supplies meant for use in fighting cholera in the Isles. Photo: Rahma Suleiman



Herders want State House meeting over land conflicts

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

AS President Samia Suluhu Hassan meets representative of various groups of Tanzanian society, herders have come out with a call that they should not be forgotten because they have longstanding pressing issues worthy of a presidential audience.

Speaking at a forum to commemorate 20 years of implementation new land laws in Tanzania, representatives of animal keepers said they want to meet the president because the laws as well as

pronouncements made by political leaders have not resolved their grievances.

Cattle keepers mainly from Lake Zone regions and the northern zone who moved to other predominantly agricultural regions have been embroiled in land conflicts with locals for decades, with some resulting in violent conflicts and even death.

In Tanzania, general land and reserved land are governed by the Land Act of 1999 whereas village land is governed by the Village Land Act of 1999.

Speaking on behalf of others at the forum organized by the Tanzania Land Alliance (TALA), Daudi Mahona from Ushetu District in Shinyanga region said he trusts that the challenges facing them could be solved if they meet President Samia.

He said such a meeting will enable the president to recognize their plight including in being disregarded by political leaders who hand out wrong instructions to them as if livestock keeping activities have no contribution to the national

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New NHIF board challenged to deliver on health coverage

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

A NEW board of directors of the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) was launched here yesterday and tasked to improve services, attract more members and deliver on Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Officiating at the event, Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima said Tanzania has a population of about 60 million people but only 14 per cent have access to health insurance.

She said only 8 per cent of the 14 per cent are members of NHIF, "which amply shows that the Fund's new board has its



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work cut out".

Chairing the board is Dr Juma Muhimbi, while the members are Edward Mbangi, Dr Paul Chaote, Shaban Kabunga, Seif Deus, Samwel Ogilo, Azizi Kifile, Violet Mordichai and Anne Mbughuni.

The minister said that the preparations for the long-awaited health cover for all Tanzanians have reached an advanced stage and is just awaiting parliamentary approval at the next sitting in September this year.

"It would be awkward seeing such a milestone reached with some people left behind," she noted.

The launch came during the

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Zanzibar sees sharp imports, exports lift

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

BUSINESS activities in Zanzibar increased by more than half in May this year compared to the same month last year, recent statistics indicate.

Chief Statistician Bakari Khamis Kondo told reporters here yesterday that business activities increased by 53.8 per cent in the month of May, signaling improving investor confidence.

The situation has been made possible by various developments, with the entire trade volume valued at 70.5bn/- while the



value of exports reached 2.9bn/-.

The value of exports increased by 8.4 per cent compared to May 2020 and 19.9 per cent compared to April 2021, he explained.

Goods exported included foodstuffs, live animals, industrial and oil energy raw materials, machinery and industrial goods including chemicals.

Exports to five best countries for the month of May 2021 reached 70.6 per cent of all exports, he stated, noting that Denmark leads as destination of Zanzibar exports. Goods valued at 620m/- were exported to that country, or 21 per cent of all exports, he said.

Other leading importers of goods from Zanzibar include Vietnam, China, India and Uganda, with the chief goods exported being seaweed, fish (crabs), prawns and tortoises, he said.

During May 2021 goods imported from

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economy.

Mahona cited other challenges faced by cattle keepers as including high levy charges in disregard to the laws as well as confiscation of their animals, unmindful of the fact that they very much depend on them for their survival, including educating their children.

For his part, a herder from Katavi Region, Kasundwa Wamarwa said there was need for TALA to make sure they meet with President Samia to enable the government see the importance of legally increasing grazing areas for them in various regions, "especially large regions."

Wamarwa cited Katavi Region as a suitable example, a small region but 19 per cent of its area has been allocated to human activities. Tabora Region is the country's largest region but only five per cent of its area is earmarked for human activities.

In regard to the need of an audience with the president,

Hakiardhi Managing Director Cuthbert Tomitho said herders have the right to meet with the Head of State to explain to her various challenges they face, which for a long time have not been given a hearing.

TALA has trust in President Samia in her ability to find solutions to the challenges they face, as well as on the frequent land conflicts, he said.

Rashid Msaka, a farmer from Kilwa District who participated in the forum, said land is supposed to be utilised for the benefit of the people without prejudice against any group, pointing out that herders seem to be more favoured than farmers whenever land conflicts arise.

Earlier, while opening the forum Permanent Secretary Mary Makondo said the government continues to deal with land conflicts and other complaints in various ways, including the 'Open Up with the Minister' programme.

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countdown to the Fund's 20th anniversary to be commemorated in the next three months.

While acknowledging achievements made by the outgoing board of directors, whose chairperson was former National Assembly Speaker Anne Makinda, minister Gwajima said a lot needs to be done to enable Tanzanians who can afford health insurance under different packages to get the all-important health cover.

She said that the government has set aside 149bn/- to support UHC, "most of the amount going into helping Tanzanians who cannot afford to pay the money needed for the purpose".

According to the minister, the variety of health insurance packages introduced during the outgoing board's tenure has helped many people in the informal sector to land health insurance.

"Therefore, you can appreciate the magnitude of the task ahead of you as you assume office, aware that and the government fully believes that you can steer the Fund to a much higher level," she said.

She said it was not easy instituting new changes in the Fund "but the outgoing board worked day and night to bring massive changes in accordance with the demands of technological and other changes".

Dr Gwajima also urged NHIF to work closely with the ministries overseeing the government generally and in particular the ministries directly overseeing the communication, science and technology docket in providing public education through other forms of communication such as mobile phones.

She maintained that the government is committed to improving the provision of health services "and that is one reason President Samia Suluhu Hassan has endorsed the raising of the

age bracket for NHIF members' dependants from 18 to 21 years".

The minister meanwhile also directed the new board and the management to seriously work hard in arresting fraud, corruption and negligence in the Fund, saying a few dishonest people were making it lose a lot of money unnecessarily.

She explained that negligence saw NHIF lose 6.1bn/- through "systems' failure" in 18 months, while some 2.1bn/- was due to wrongful and therefore needless deductions and 9.1bn/- was "lost" on 28 questionable specialised cases of treatment.

Dr Gwajima demanded that severe action be taken against all the people named in the audit report compiled on her orders.

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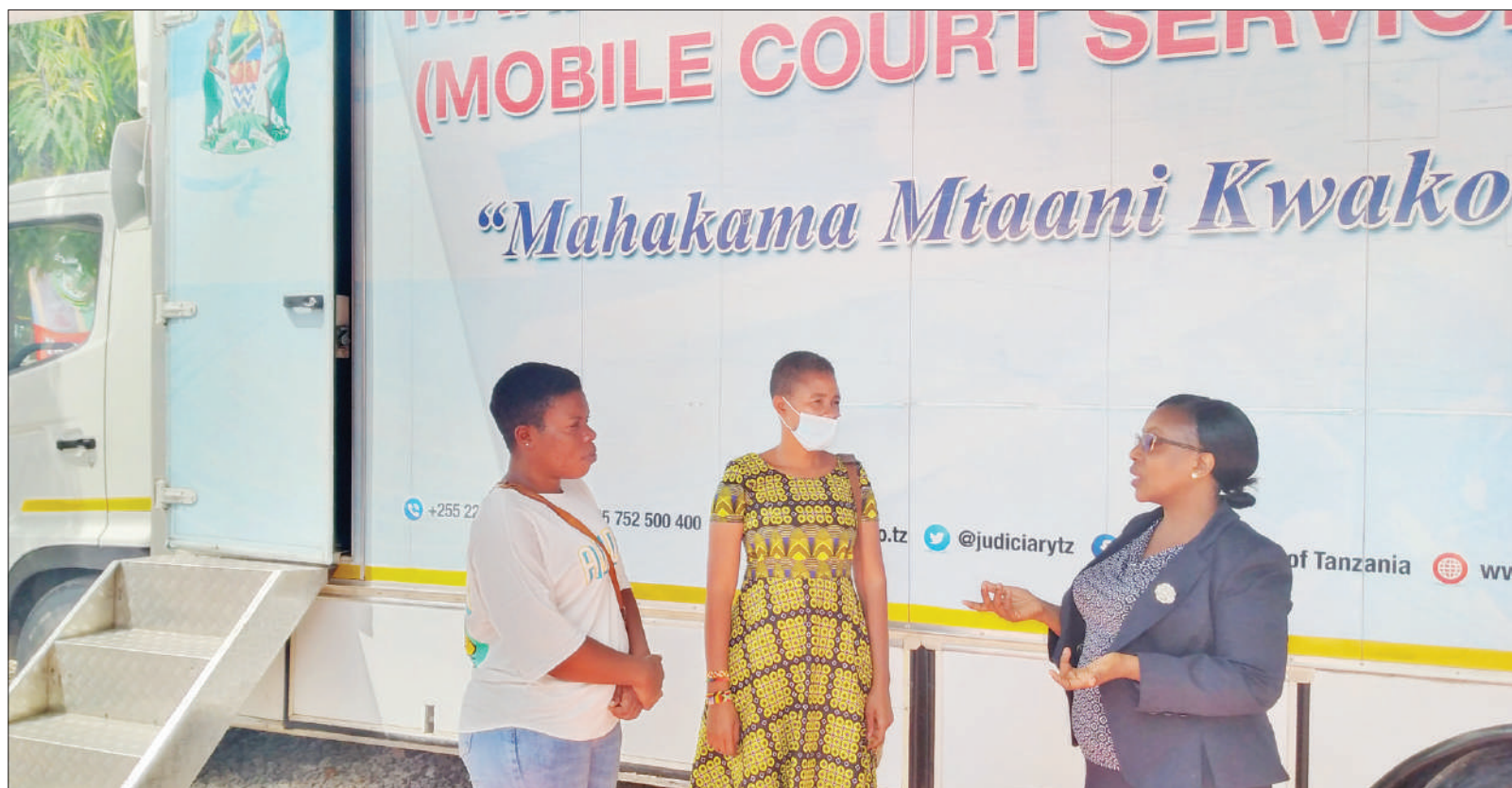
Prof Abel Makubi, Permanent Secretary in the Health ministry, earlier applauded the outgoing board of directors, "for having helped engineer the massive transformation of activities the Fund has realized".

"It is our hope that the new board will also steer NHIF forward and therefore improve on what has been achieved by the outgoing one".

Outgoing chairperson Makinda thanked the government "for having invested much-needed trust in our board and for having extended close cooperation to us throughout our three years plus the one-year 'extension' at the Fund".

She said it was during their tenure that a fraud department was established and "our team and the management worked especially diligently to ensure that the Fund had many more members".

"We thank the government for its support to us but, indeed, the success we are so proud of is also thanks to the proud input of NHIF officials or other staff," she said, wishing the new board luck.



Temeke Primary Court magistrate Josephita Kinyondo (R) pictured at a Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair pavilion yesterday briefing visitors on the operations of mobile courts which the Judiciary introduced in 2019. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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's annual report and that of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) for the year 2019-2020 at the Chamwino State House.

The audit instruction arose from concerns that large withdrawals of public funds were strangely conducted during this period, especially during the two weeks

when President John Magufuli was critically ill.

President Samia also received a report on preparation for the National Population and Housing Census from Chief Statistician Dr Albina Chuwa, slated for August next year, with a mock census in preparation for the major event taking place a year earlier, the statement added.

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outside were mainly used clothing, scrap metal, vitenge, khanga and sarongs, valued at 73.5bn/-, an increase of 51.3 per cent compared to May 2020 and 15.2 per cent for April this year.

Fuel, lubricants and associated goods made 47 per cent of imports,

along with machinery and transport goods, foodstuffs, industrial goods, tobacco and drinks.

Imports from five leading countries reached 76 per cent of all imports during the month with UAE leading as source of imports to Zanzibar with goods valued at 40.3bn/- or 54.9 per cent of all imports, he added.



Hashimu Mgandilwa (4th-L), acting regional commissioner for Tanga, welcomes Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdullah (2nd-R) at Tanga municipality airport ready for the latter to attend a Tanzania Muslim Teachers Association Day ceremony on behalf of Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchala

African Green Revolution Forum 2021 summit due September 7-10

NAIROBI

THIS year's edition of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) summit will be held here from September 7 to 10.

The focus this year will be on the bold actions needed for agriculture to fuel Africa's recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and continued food systems transformation.

This is according to Hailemariam Dessalegn, a former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, and AGRF Board Chair, in remarks during a courtesy call to Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday.

Dessalegn applauded the Kenyan government for making agriculture a priority, despite the Covid-19 pandemic, further noting: "It's inspiring to see the progress Kenya

has made in agriculture. This is the kind of visionary leadership that the continent needs to end hunger and malnutrition and for our continent's shared prosperity."

President Kenyatta welcomed the forum and affirmed his government's commitment to strengthening agriculture and boosting Kenya's food security.

The president said the forum would showcase the country's agricultural leadership on the continent and forge closer partnerships with the private sector.

He called on the AGRF partners group and other stakeholders to increase investments so as to strengthen smallholder farmer resilience, support the development of often neglected value chains like millet which he said are profitable

and nutritious crops, and invest in youth in agriculture.

AGRF is the world's premier forum for African agriculture, bringing together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to take practical actions and share lessons standing to move African agriculture forward.

Jennifer Baarn, the forum's acting Managing Director, said that the 2021 Summit was coming at a defining moment for the continent.

"This year's AGRF takes place when the global voices converge around food systems. It is also the time when the world's focus turns to the economic and social recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic," she said, adding: "We have learned a lot in the past 18 months; there

are a lot of opportunities to accelerate and catalyse agricultural transformation."

She noted that the 2021 Summit would provide a platform to highlight and unlock many of the political, policy and financial commitments and innovations needed to get back on track to targets outlined in the Malabo Declaration and the Sustainable Development Goals.

This year the Summit is expected to host over 10,000 delegates virtually with a scaled-down physical event in the Kenyan capital.

Under its current strategy, AGRF is particularly focused on driving progress of the Malabo Declaration by 2025 as the priority set of commitments African Heads

of State and Government have made to strengthening agricultural development at the centre of the continent's overall development and progress.

The AGRF is organised by the AGRF Partners Group, a coalition of institutions that care about Africa's agriculture transformation.

The AGRF Partners Group is itself made up of 26 leading actors in African agriculture, all focused on putting farmers at the center of the continent's growing economies.

Members include the African Development Bank, African Fertiliser and Agribusiness Partnership, African Union Commission, AGRA, Bayer AG, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation, CGIAR

System Organisation, Corteva Agriscience, UN Food and Agricultural Organisation, Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), the Rwandan government, and Grow Africa (AUDA-NEPAD).

Among the others are Heifer International, IKEA Foundation, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Mastercard Foundation, OCP Group, Rockefeller Foundation, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU), Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH), Syngenta Foundation, The Tony Blair Institute, USAID and Yara International ASA.



Parliament staff pictured in Dodoma city on Wednesday congratulating the Clerk of the National Assembly, Nenelewa Mwiambi (3rd-L), on her presidential appointment to the post. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

PM: Oversee quality of seeds for wheat, grapes

By Guardian Reporter

OFFICIALS of the Ministry of Agriculture must closely supervise the quality of seeds in wheat and grapes by instituting a good plan in the management and development of the two crops, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has declared.

Adjourning the parliamentary budget session on Wednesday, he said that issuance of permits for wheat and grape juice exports should ensure preference for domestic buyers who will be purchasing the crops as raw materials. "Make sure you manage well agreements between farmers and buyers, so that we are not forced to import these crops," he stated.

Regarding the new opportunities in for the cultivation of soya, he directed the ministry to ensure it has in place better plans to develop its cultivation as well as providing farmers with seeds, beginning with Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma regions.

As for crop markets, tobacco in particular, he instructed the ministry to work together with the Treasury to finalise discussions with buyers of the crop especially at this

time when its price was high in foreign markets.

"I also understand that we are already in the cotton purchase system. I stress that input costs should not be deducted from cotton farmers as such costs are already incorporated in its price," he declared.

Contract farming needs to be introduced for some crops including sunflower, wheat, barley and soya for the benefit of farmers, he said.

"On this basis, I stress that the Agriculture ministry must make sure contracts entered with farmers are transparent, and must indicate the selling price," he specified, lauding the ministry for its decision to establish crops markets in border areas.

So far the government has constructed markets at the Hororo border post in Kilimanjaro Region, Kagunga in Kigoma Region and the 3.5bn/- market at Nyakanazi in Kagera Region.

Kagunga market will facilitate trade with Burundi and Rwanda while the Nyakanazi market shall ease trading activities with Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

By Guardian Correspondent

'Transparency lacking in Dar licence swoop'

TRADERS in Kinondoni municipality, Dar es Salaam Region are up in arms over an ongoing night-time operation against unlicensed kiosk owners, saying fines collected are not properly received.

They also claim that the fines were being collected at gunpoint, with some of them being arrested and taken to police stations where after paying the fine, they are given receipts written "fine for wrong parking."

Speaking to The Guardian at different times, a trader from Mlalakuwa area, Gasto Temba said he was arrested at around 11:30pm as he was at his hop after two vehicles with cops came and asked for a liquor

licence. He told them the shop was new as he was only provided with TIN number two days ago and he was following up for his licence from the municipal offices.

"They told me they didn't want many words; I should board their vehicle and proceed to Mabatini police station. They went to another place and arrested another and that was what it was; they went around arresting other people, and when we reached the Police Station they told me to decide - whether to sleep at the police station or pay a fine.

"I elected to pay the fine but the receipt which I was handed with did not reflect the nature of

the offence committed," he said.

"They asked me to pay 200,000/- because I had no licence and if I was taken to the police station I would have to pay 400,000/- I elected to pay 200,000/- and the receipt given showed 20,000/- fine for wrong parking."

Temba said the following day while at his shop with fellow traders, they realised that every one of them was treated the same but there were others who were fined 100,000/-.

"I do not understand. I am told that the fine for unlicensed liquor dealers is 100,000/- but I was fined 200,000/- I went to complain at nearby local government offices," he said.

Commenting, the Mlalakuwa

street chairman Suleiman Masare confirmed to have received the complaints two weeks ago.

"The way these traders were arrested was not clear, as many of them were taken to the police station and placed in custody while others were called to only pay the fine at different rates. But in the end they were given receipts for parking offences showing 20,000/- paid while they had paid between 100,000/- and 200,000/-," he said.

Kinondoni municipality mayor Songoro Mnyonge confirmed receiving many complaints, saying that he would work on them after receiving the full report, as the

operation was ordered by the municipal executive director.

BISMILLAH RAHMAN RAHIM

The family of late Dr. Omar Ali Juma invites you for prayers in memory of the LATE DR.OMAR ALI JUMA which will be held on Sunday 4th July 2021 at Ngazija Mosque, at 4:00 pm Your presence will be highly appreciated.

All relatives and friends are all invited.

May God resthis soul in Etenal Peace. Amen.



APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP



MRS MASOOMA ZOEB HASSUJI

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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE SELECTION

INVITATION FOR APPLICATION OF QUALIFICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A FOUR-STAR HOTEL AND ITS ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT JULIUS NYERERE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JNIA) UNDER PUBLIC -PRIVATE PARTNESHIP (PPP) ARRANGEMENTS

RFQ No. AE-027/2020-21/JNIA/PPP/01

- The Government of United Republic of Tanzania through Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA) intends to develop a Four-Star Hotel and its associated facilities at Julius Nyerere International Airport under PPP Arrangements. It is expected that, this will give our esteemed customers, passengers and general public a wider choice and better range of services to their satisfaction while on the other side assist TAA to generate more revenues aiming at improving airport services.
- TAA now intends to qualify interested reputable and capable company (s) for this business opportunity under Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) arrangements. It is expected that invitation to bid to the qualified Bidders will be made in 22nd November, 2021.
- The qualification process will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) under the procedures specified in Public Private Partnership Act Cap 103 and PPP Regulations, 2020.
- Interested applicants/companies may obtain further information from the link: www.taa.go.tz/media_center/ppp-tenders or obtain the same from the office of the Secretary of TAA Tender Board, Julius Nyerere International Airport, Terminal Building 1, P.O Box 18000, Dar es Salaam from 0900 to 1500 hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of qualification documents in English may be purchased by interested Applicants on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 250,000.00 [Tanzania Shillings: Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Only] or equivalent amount in USD. **Payment should be made through GePG under the following control numbers; 995030025500 (for TZS) and 995030025497 (for USD).**
- Applications for qualification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, in One original plus Two (2) copies including soft copies in Flash Disk, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked '**RFQ No. AE-027/2020-2021/JNIA/PPP/01 for Development of A Four-Star Hotel and its associated facilities at Julius Nyerere International Airport under PPP Arrangements**'. The application should be delivered to the address [The Secretary, TAA Tender Board, Tanzania Airports Authority, Head Quarters, Julius Nyerere International Airport, Terminal Building 1]. Deadlines for submission is on **Monday, 20th September, 2021 at 1400hrs EAT.**
- Applications will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the Terminal Building III - Conference Room at JNIA.
- Late applications, portion of applications, electronic applications, applications not received, applications not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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Tanzania Airports Authority
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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE SELECTION

INVITATION FOR APPLICATION OF QUALIFICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND ITS ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT JULIUS NYERERE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UNDER PUBLIC -PRIVATE PARTNESHIP (PPP) ARRANGEMENTS

RFQ No. AE-027/2020-21/JNIA/PPP/02

- The Government of United Republic of Tanzania through Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA) intends to develop a Commercial Complex and its associated facilities at Julius Nyerere International Airport under PPP Arrangements. It is expected that, this project will give our esteemed customers and passengers a wider choice and better range of services to their satisfaction while on the other side assist TAA to generate more revenues aiming at improving airport services.
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TADB, AGF sign pact for \$20m agribusiness loans

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with African Guarantee Fund for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (AGF) that will allow the bank to disburse up to USD 20 million worth of loans to agribusinesses in Tanzania.

The MoU, which was signed today at TADB Head Office in Dar es Salaam, will enable the agri-bank to guarantee SMEs in the agri-value chain applying directly for loans at the bank.

At the signing ceremony, the Commissioner for Financials Sector Development, Dr. Charles Mwanjawa, representing the Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, said that the partnership has come at the right time.

It is in line with the recently launched Five Year Development Plan 3 (FYDPIII) which aims at increasing the country's capacity for production, building a competitive economy that will stimulate the country's participation in trade and investment, and stimulating human development.

"SMEs constitute 95 per cent of businesses in Tanzania, and 35 up to 50 per cent of the country's GDP. They are the backbone of growth in production, employment and innovation. It is therefore crucial to us as we are moving to realise Vision 2025 to provide an enabling environment for agricultural SMEs," the commissioner said.

"Most traditional banks and financial institutions require collateral worth 125 up to 150 per cent of the total loan amount an applicant is requesting," he said, lauding the TADB and AGF partnership. "It will see more agri-SMEs access affordable financial support."

"This will ultimately contribute to the transformation of agriculture, the economy and lives of Tanzanians," he stated.

While access to credit is the major constraint, most SME owners prefer not to borrow due to high interest rates, lack of collateral, absence of institutions to lend their businesses and more often than not, they do not know how to go about it. This brings to light the importance of this MoU, he said.

TADB Managing Director Japhet Justine said that the partnership is a great opportunity for TADB and more so for the local agribusiness sector as it allows room for lower interest rates and lending conditions that are affordable and friendly.

"We are proud to be one of the initial institutions to spearhead the FYDPIII. This deal realises one of our roles as a development finance institution in mobilising low-cost sustainable financial resources for affordable agricultural financing and enhancing financial inclusion," he said.

"In FYDPIII, the government has reiterated its commitment to promoting the private sector and non-state actors' participation in economic development.

This calls for interventions to further deepen industrialisation, driven by science, technology and innovation (STI) capabilities for value addition in manufacturing and extractive sectors including agriculture, fishing, livestock which are top priorities," he emphasised.

"The Integrated Value-Chain Finance (ICVF) model that we have adopted also ensures that a wide-range of agri-SMEs are compatible for this loan product, as the bank aims to empower SMEs involved in the different stages of the agri-value chain. This relates to inputs, infrastructure, production, storage, processing, transportation and

markets.

"Overall, by enabling the SMEs in the agri-sector, we foresee more markets created for our farming produces," he projected.

AGF Group CEO, Jules Ngankam said that AGF views TADB as a very strategic partner in achieving significant impact within the SME sector. TADB as a government owned institution has the required capacity to lend to SMEs and particularly in the critical agricultural sector.

"Through the MoU, AGF will consider providing individual guarantee relating to loans granted to Tanzanian agri-SMEs on a case-by-case basis. With the backing of such guarantees, TADB is proposing to disburse \$20m of loans to Tanzania agri-SMEs," he elaborated.

"While this partnership is of great importance to SMEs owners and prospects in Tanzania, it is also a trailblazing opportunity for women-led or owned businesses. Through the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) partnership that we have with the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), AGF will also be able to extend the AFAWA Guarantee Facility to TADB to increase financing of Tanzanian women-owned agri-business. Women businesses in different agricultural value-chains will be able to access loans from TADB on much better terms," he declared.

Some of the criteria to be used to assess a female agri-based project may include but not limited to situations where the board of the business, the shares, business founder is a woman.

Also, whenever the workforce or the produce directly benefits more women that too will be a consideration for the business to access a more advantageous interest rate from the finances they require.



Tanzania Agricultural Bank managing director Japhet Justine (L) holds talks with Ruvuma regional commissioner Brig Gen Wilbert Ibuga at the bank's offices in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Z'bar maritime spatial planning vital - study

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Zanzibar government has been urged to establish a maritime spatial planning system to facilitate informed and coordinated decisions on how to use marine resources sustainably.

The Deputy Principal for Planning, Finance and Administration at the Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute (DMI) Dr Tumaini Gurumo made the call on Monday this week when introducing her book on the Blue Economy that was preceded by training for librarians.

Dr Gurumo said the spatial planning system can be used to analyse and assess the need for ocean space by current and future human activities.

She said it can be used to assess cumulative impacts in space and time of current and future economic developments on ecological processes in ocean areas and their resources.

The don said the system will identify special areas of investments such as seabed exploration, fishing, seafood processing and aquaculture, Deep Ocean Water Applications (DOWA) and

marine services. "The premise of blue economy recognises the importance of the ocean, seas and inland waters as indispensable vehicles for sustainable economic development," she stated.

"The governments should prepare the roadmap involving seashore stakeholders and related activities in tandem with conservation of the marine environment in order to implement the concept effectively," she stated.

It must also work hand in hand with stakeholders that include intra-governmental agencies, local communities, parastatal organisations, non-governmental bodies and the private sector, she urged.

Such endeavour must take practical lessons from countries which have already started implementing the concept, like South Africa and Mauritius, she said.

Citing the case of Mauritius, the don said establishment of a ministry that is solely dedicated to ocean related activities including economy, resources, fisheries, shipping and outer islands was essential, elaborating that this should be in line with the setting up

of the national fishing fleet.

South Africa established Operation Phakisa, an initiative to unlock the ocean economic potential, plus the Ocean Economy Laboratory in 2014, to develop an integrated approach to ocean governance to support and facilitate inclusive growth.

Dr Gurumo said countries like Seychelles for instance developed a blue economy roadmap in line with its National Development Vision as well as the Seychelles Sustainable Development Strategy (2012-2020).

The union and Zanzibar governments must take steps towards a blue economy including resources, activity mainstreaming, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

The Aquaculture Association of Tanzania (AAT) president Geoffrey Rucho said we need to promote the blue economy by practicing sustainability instead of jeopardizing future generations.

He said that the blue economy had been described as the frontier of African renaissance, with the potential to create wealth, promote trade, generate economic growth and transform lives.

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Tigo Tanzania communications manager Woinde Shisael (C) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the picking of the mobile phone service provider as the official sponsor of communications for the ongoing 45th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair for the sixth year running. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Emmanuel Ntiringanya

EU boosts Rwanda's bid to manufacture vaccines

RWANDA has signed a Rwf3.6bn agreement with the European Union (EU) to enhance the attractiveness of Rwanda for investments in vaccine manufacturing, a statement from Rwanda Development Board (RDB) said.

The financing agreement signed between the EU and RDB on Wednesday is in line with promoting the country's medical tourism, it said.

The agreement will strengthen the capacity of the Rwanda Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), which is key to enhancing the country's attractiveness for investments in vaccine manufacturing.

Rwanda has been announced as one of the hubs for vaccine manufacturing in Africa, besides Nigeria and South Africa.

In May, President Paul Kagame said that in the context of developing hubs for manufacturing the vaccines in the continent, Rwanda

is in advanced talks with private firms and multilateral agencies to build manufacturing capacity for the raw materials to produce mRNA vaccines.

He was speaking at the virtual Global Health Summit, co-chaired by Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi and European Union Commission president Ursula von der Leyen. The summit focused on how to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic.

Jutta Urpilainen, the European Commissioner for International Partnerships, said that the agreement to increase the capacity of Rwanda FDA is key to improving access to medicines.

"This is an important step in supporting local manufacturing of health products in Africa. As announced by President von der

Leyen, Team Europe will continue to support this country and Africa in strengthening the regulatory framework and attracting investment in the pharmaceutical sector," she said.

The Minister of Health, Dr. Daniel Ngamije said the European Union is a central partner in efforts to bridge the gap in vaccine equity in Africa by building pharmaceutical production capacity.

"Upgrading Rwanda's regulatory capabilities to the required international standards is a critical step on our journey to vaccine manufacturing," he affirmed.

Commenting on the development, Clare Akamanzi, CEO of RDB said access to vaccines is critical especially for Africa where only one percent of vaccines are manufactured on the continent.

Take up metrology courses, lecturer tells college aspirants

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE College of Business Education (CBE) has urged youth to go for metrology and standardization studies due to increased demand of such professionals within and outside the country.

CBE assistant lecturer Ishigita Lucas issued this advice at the on-going 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) at the Mwalimu Nyerere grounds along Kilwa Road.

Most people are not aware of opportunities in the profession because the majority of the graduates get employment shortly after completing their studies, he said.

Experts in the metrology and standardisation profession would likely be employed by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and the Weights and Measures Agency (WMA).

Ishingita noted that CBE introduced the course in 1978 but the college has not enrolled a good number of students for this particular course compared to other courses.

"The demand for metrology and standardisation experts is huge because only a limited number of students opt for the course," he said, noting that WMA planned to employ at least 300 metrology experts this year, but there were only 150 qualified personnel.

Apart from abundant employment opportunities with TBS and WMA, course graduates can be employed in various industries needing standardisation and calibration skills.

CBE is the only college in Eastern and Southern Africa which offers the particular course on metrology and standardization, with 40 to 50 graduates entering the market annually.

"Most students prefer engineering and other fields, forgetting that there are abundant opportunities in the metrology and standardisation profession. I encourage them to choose the course so as to be employed immediately after completion of their studies," he declared.



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Norwegian NGO, drip irrigation changing lives

By Guardian Reporter, Manyara

DODO Matambo (58), married and a father of six, resident of Gadamal village, Gollapo ward in Babati district, started a vegetable project in his home with an investment of 24000/- in only two beds of different vegetables.

He has been increasing his capital throughout and has now expanded to 40 beds and scaled up his existing enterprise in horticulture and poultry.

Matambo now generates more than 60,000/- per week and he has been able to pay for his children's school fees, buy agricultural inputs, buy shares during Inter Religion (IR) VICOBA and built a four-bedroom house as compared to two-bedroom house before.

All these successes have been achieved by Matambo after joining vegetable farming by using drip irrigation, part of the Climate Smart Economic Empowerment (CSEE) project implemented by Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) -Tanzania.

Drip irrigation is micro-irrigation involving dripping water onto the soil at a very low rate from a small plastic pipes fitted with outlets called drippers.

Matambo explained that he joined the project and started with two beds, eight meter long each placed with a 20-liter container for dripping water onto the soil.

"The results were good. I got a lot of vegetables in a small area, and after selling at a good price it persuaded me to expand the garden considering the demand for vegetables is very high." The vegetables are harvested every week and the price of one vegetable bed of 10 meters hovers around 10,000/-.

Through the CSEE program, Matambo now owns 1000 papaya trees where each papaya tree produces more than six fruits in the year, with the price of one papaya standing at 1000/-.

"I am truly thankful because through this project I have increased my source of income, educated my children and some of them have graduated," he stated.

Matambo, who is also a retired village chairman, explained that he has been involved in politics for the past 18 years but he is sad that for all that time he lived a poor life and he was unable to take up any income generating activities.

Fatma Idd a mother of six, who has decided to focus on hot pepper farming by using drip irrigation, said she saw great need of the product in markets, and therefore she took advantage of the project to start hot pepper farming to quench market demand.

She started farming in October

last year by planting four 10-meter-long hot pepper beds, with production costs including seeds put at Sh. 32000.

After three months the product was ready for harvest, so in January this year she started the harvest where every week she is harvesting seven buckets and the price of one bucket is 10,000/-.

Through the cultivation of pepper, Fatma managed to buy a big gas stove. She has a guaranteed a weekly income and also succeeded to join the Community Health Fund (CHF).

However, the project did not leave behind those with physical incapacities as John Juma (22), a resident of Ayamango village in Gallapo ward who has a physical disability. He was not privileged enough to attend primary school but was also given the opportunity to participate in the CSEE project.

"Before the project I was working as a labourer in the farming season, paid 2000/- per day. Through this project I now have a guaranteed source of income, which permits me to support my family and cater for my basic needs," he said.

Beatrice Kasala, a business development officer in Babati, said before the project villagers were practicing agricultural activities along the river depending on the rainy season where during the dry season they could not continue with their farming.

Yusuph Kahabuka, lead agronomist in Manyara Region said that when the project was launched in 2016, they spent the first two months providing practical education to villagers. Seeds and fertilizers were also dished out for free because the project aimed at empowering low-income people.

Meanwhile under the CSEE, the NCA through its experts also facilitated modern poultry activities to enable villagers to get out of poverty.

Nizar Suleiman, Communication and Advocacy Officer of NCA-Tanzania explained that under the CSEE project NCA has been able to support small holder farmers to climb out of poverty and build resilient communities through micro-investments and next level investment in climate smart agriculture.

The focus for 2020-2024 is to help 18,000 farmers to get out of poverty, through CSEE 21000, with climate smart food production, where 3000 new jobs will be created for youths.

"I am truly thankful because through this project I have increased my source of income, educated my children and some of them have graduated"



Dar es Salaam mayor Omary Kumbilamoto makes remarks at a workshop for members of village community banks members' held in the city yesterday, the thrust being on ways to make effective use of loans. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Gates Foundation commits \$2.1bn to advance gender equality globally

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced a commitment of \$2.1 billion over the next five years to advance women's economic empowerment, strengthen women and girls' health and family planning, and accelerate women's leadership.

The announcement was made during the Generation Equality Forum convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the governments of Mexico and France taking place in Paris from June 30 to July 2.

It brought together governments, the private sector and civil society partners to commit to specific actions and announce financial, political and programmatic commitments that will accelerate gender equality and advance women's rights.

Not since the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, when 47,000 participants and activists travelled to Beijing, has the world come together to take ambitious action that will have a transformational impact for women and girls.

Melinda French Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation said the world has been fighting for gender equality for decades, but progress has been slow. "Now is the chance to reignite a movement and deliver real change. The beauty of our fight for gender equality is that every human being will gain from it. We must seize this moment to build a better, more equal future."

The foundation's \$2.1 billion commitment over the next five years will advance activity in economic empowerment, health and family planning, plus accelerating women in leadership.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation said gender equality must be at the center of the world's efforts to make progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals. "Prioritizing gender equality is not only the right thing to do, it is essential to fighting poverty and preventable disease."

"The Generation Equality Forum is an opportunity to hold leaders accountable so that we can ensure that all people, everywhere, have the opportunity to live healthy,

productive lives."

Today, the Gates Foundation also released new data that show pandemic-driven inequality is growing at an alarming pace, driven by disruptions to women's health services, job losses in sectors where women are overrepresented, and a sharp increase in caregiving needs and other unpaid work. "Ripple effects of the pandemic have conspired to rob women and girls of opportunity," said French Gates.

The funding includes economic empowerment with \$650m, family planning and health at \$1.4bn, accelerating women in leadership with \$100m over five years, and \$230m over 10 years to an all-new funding commitment to accelerate women's inclusion in leadership roles, primarily in health, law and economics.

International Labour Organization data shows that unemployment for women rose by 9m in 2020 compared to 2019 and is projected to increase another 10 million this year.

This pattern is not true for men, who are projected to see

unemployment decrease in 2021.

Total global female employment in 2021 is expected to remain 13 million below its 2019 level. By contrast, total male employment is expected to return to close to its 2019 level, exacerbating existing inequalities in the workforce.

"Women and girls already faced unique barriers to their full participation in social and economic life, and the latest data show that the pandemic has only sharpened gender disparities," said Mark Suzman, CEO of the Gates Foundation.

"Each data point represents a woman fighting for a better future, and this funding reflects our longstanding commitment to support all women in their fight for a fairer and more equal world."

The foundation has been committed to family planning and women's health since it began more than 20 years ago.

For almost a decade, it has been supporting partners around the world to break down structural barriers that women and girls face and to advance women's economic empowerment.

LATRA slack in emergency passenger transport permits

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

MOTOR vehicle owners in Manyara Region have blamed the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) for failure to provide them with emergency permits to transport passengers from outside the region citing the newly introduced online system to obtain the permits.

This came up on Wednesday at a meeting of bus owners in the region after the official guest, the Babati DC Lazaro Twange invited their views and complaints.

The owners appealed to the DC to intervene in the issue caused by LATRA over online application for permits, as most bus operators don't work online.

But even if some of them were knowledgeable it takes too long to get the permits, thus urging for a reverting to the old system where the police were fast in issuing such permits when needed.

Amina Ally, a vehicle owner said that as an entrepreneurs, bureaucracy in obtaining permits denies them income as they cannot let their vehicles be rented to transport people on emergency trips.

"You get an emergency to

transport a deceased person, or a patient before daybreak and if you abide by the new LATRA system, you fail to get the permit and if you travel without one you are heavily fined," she said.

Majuto Msangi, another vehicle owner, said LATRA's online red tape has also been denying the government of its revenues as they opt for unauthorised routes whenever there are emergencies to transport people.

The DC said the new system removes fraud and keeps records and called upon LATRA to see how to improve the system to simplify and speed up the issuance of permits, "lest people think that paperwork still has its place in the advent of online application via mobile phones."

He also called upon LATRA to emulate other regions how they do it without problems, wondering why it has not been so in regard to Manyara Region.

Responding to the claims, LATRA's senior officer Joseph Michael said the issue of emergency permits is governed by law, urging vehicle owners to follow the new procedure, even though he admitted there were glitches 'sometimes' in the system.



Lushoto district commissioner Kalisto Lazaro (2nd-R) has a word with Mlalo Health Centre Medical Officer Mary Haule (L) and other staff after presenting weighing scales for use in the maternity ward. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon



Neema Mrema AgResults project team leader Neema Mrema speaks at an event organised for cattle breeders in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

PM: Work permit hassles now over

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

WITHIN the first 100 days of the sixth phase presidency, the government has solved major challenges faced by foreign workers by reducing the number of days for processing work permits.

This has been affirmed by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in adjourning parliamentary budget session business on Wednesday, asserting that since President Samia assumed the top office three months ago, processing of work permits has been simplified.

This is under the new system enrolled since April to fast-track the processing and issuance of the permits through online filling of permit applications.

The new online platform is intended to fast-track issuance of permits to workers and acknowledged investors, he stated.

Since April the government, working via the online permit application and issuance system at initial stages of testing its efficiency, about 500 applications have been processed that way.

"We have continued receiving recommendations from the users of the system that it enhances efficiency. The official launch of the platform will be done in August," he affirmed.

One of the benefits of the new system is that it reduces the number of days used to process permits for foreigners, down to three days from the previous 14 days.

The platform has led to a decrease in the number of complaints related to delayed issuance of working permits. Contrary to previous criteria where foreign investors were required to fill and sign two different forms, they are currently filling just one with all required details on it.

The premier said the new work permits are being produced in smart card format. The process of permits has been cut down to seven stages from 33 stages earlier.

"We have also suspended the previous requirement that obliged one to seek for certificates from NECTA, NACTE and TCU. However, for applicants who are working in implementing government projects, the authorities they work for are supposed to submit their details," he specified.

The government was finalising amendments to the Employment and Labour Relations Act Cap 366, revised 2019 to further facilitate coordination and processing of foreigners' work permits.

Intended amendments involve going through key obstacles that deny the country large numbers of potential foreign investments through long bureaucratic processes.

KDCU accelerates coffee productivity

By Guardian Correspondent, Karagwe

COFFEE grown in the Karagwe and Kyerwa District Cooperative Union (KDCU) zone has increased in productivity following the assurance of access to a reliable international market for the crop for farmers in Karagwe and Kyerwa districts in Kagera region.

KDCU General Manager Oscar Mujuni said the increase in productivity and was attributed by confidence from the global market for the coffee crop due to various adjustments, applied to the entire agricultural process based on the quality of the coffee produced.

Mujuni said that they accessed the buyers in the wake of a decision to focus on the quality of the crop, boosting the confidence of coffee buyers in the world market. They are now importing larger amounts of coffee from Tanzania, he said.

"KDCU has successfully accessed coffee buyers in European countries including Switzerland, the United Kingdom and France,

a situation that increases productivity for members of the cooperative," he said.

The current cooperative system has increased the value of coffee collected from the farmers and brought to industries for processing and grading in various categories, enabling the coffee produced in Karagwe and Kyerwa districts to reach international markets including London, UK and New York, United States.

Mujuni has compared the current improvement of the coffee crop with previous years, citing 2017 when the coffee produced at that time was sold by its pods as it was not of great value when being sold to anyone, with no additional information if the coffee was reaching to the international market.

"Thanks to the management of the cooperatives, the farmer has now been able to realize the importance of selling his coffee without pods if it has been dried up, which raises the value of

coffee and increases prices in the international market," he stated.

Speaking on the impact of this move, Mujuni said the production and processing of coffee in Kagera region has significantly reduced unemployment by increasing by thousands the number people who are self-employed or unemployed in the cultivation of the crop including young people, women and even the elderly. This has increased their income and raised standards of living.

The decision to add value to the crop has given the farmer the assurance that the coffee he sells will be bought at a higher price in the world market than it was previously when coffee was sold at any level, which was not propitious in price terms.

A study conducted by KDCU in the two districts which groups 125 primary cooperative associations, showed increased productivity in the crop significantly, especially in the 2019/2020 crop season.

Fish depletion rate in Lake Tanganyika worries Zambia

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

ZAMBIA has called on fishermen on Lake Tanganyika to consider engaging in other income generating projects to avoid over dependence on the water body.

Chief Chitimbwa of the Lungu people in Mpulungu District in Zambia said people can engage in other projects such as agriculture and aquaculture as a way of earning a living other than from the usual fishing.

Chief Chitimbwa said this is in view of the depleting fish stocks in Lake Tanganyika.

The traditional leader was speaking to ZANIS in an interview in Mpulungu.

Acting Mpulungu District Fisheries and Livestock Coordinator, Mabo Lwambanya, has attributed the depletion of fish in the lake to among other factors, a sharp increase in the number of fishermen.

He said this has put more pressure on the fish as a source of income.

He affirmed that the use of wrong fishing nets could also add to the problem together with issues of climate change.

"We do not necessarily know the real reason that is causing fish stocks to deplete but we have identified several

factors that could lead to these effects, and they include an increase in the number of fishermen on the lake and the use of bad nets," he said.

The Natural Resources Management Specialist at the Lake Tanganyika Development Project, Willem Colenbrander, said the project is working with Village Conservation Development Committees to help monitor and control the use of natural resources in the lake.

Colenbrander said through this initiative, the project is promoting

responsible use of resources in the lake.

"We are not against the use of resources but the resources have to be used in a sustainable way so that they are not depleted," he said.

He further disclosed that the project is supporting afforestation programmes and promoting conservation agriculture in the plateau area.

Meanwhile, the Lake Tanganyika Multipurpose Fishing Association Secretary, Ackim Mwelwa has pledged to work with other fishermen to conserve resources in the lake.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE OF COMPRESSORS (SULLAIR CHAMPION SCREW COMPRESSORS) TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring maintenance of compressors and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01009	PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE OF COMPRESSORS (SULLAIR CHAMPION SCREW COMPRESSORS)

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01009)	
Proof of technical capability to conduct maintenance of sullair champion -screw compressors	15%
Proof of ability to supply of correct spares for sullair champion - screw compressors	15%
Sullair champion - screw compressors 3000hrs service	7.5%
Sullair champion - screw compressors 6000hrs service	7.5%
Proof of ability to conduct major overhaul of compressors and annual inspection of all 160kw - 185kw sullair champion -screw compressors	15%
Proof of ability to conduct safety and PRF inspections	15%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 14TH JULY 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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What do RCs do when the rule of law fails the public interest?

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has lately caught the attention of the media and a stretch of political observers and civil servants generally.

This is with his affirmation in the National Assembly that regional commissioners and regional administrative secretaries need to deliver good governance by sticking to the rule of law and ethical code of conduct in serving the public.

The premier implored the top regional administrators to uphold leadership ethics without fail, insisting that the government would not tolerate leaders who do not stick to principles guiding the conduct of public office holders.

He laid particular emphasis on the need to maintain gainful links with the people they both lead and serve.

He also dwelt on the importance of recognizing and observing the specific roles of the pillars of state, which means observing an ethic of consultation and pursuit of consensus rather than not bossing around as 'president of the region,' etc.

The PM's remarks combined into a rosy presentation of how leaders ought to act although, obviously, some of the participating officials and other listeners may have had their doubts.

The reason for this would not be that they doubted whether the RCs, RAs or DCs would be of that spirit but whether they would succeed in their functions, not just with amicable delivery of governance but effective exercise of government responsibilities, if 'the big stick' was put well out of reach. It is a sort of dilemma that always comes up.

The reason for this dilemma to continually come up is that there are obdurate sections of society which, at the collective level and even in terms of individual

dispositions, will only pursue their own inclinations, and where 'social goods' are involved like the disposal of land, follow just their own wishes.

These don't have much room for authority and are largely contemptuous of the law - save, say, if anti-rustling paramilitary units are on the scene to collect cattle feeding in reserved areas.

In that case the issue of putting aside the big stick applies to the handling of the law-abiding and not those who are, if you will, a law by and unto themselves.

But even with the presumably law-abiding, there will be areas where interests vary considerably such that amicable handling of public issues may have to relate more to consulting at departmental level to get a consensus, or even seeking the word or understanding of representatives like MPs or councillors.

It is thus not the wider public interest per se that can apply, as in many instances the wrongs done by a section of the population are popular with the rest - for instance cultivating and trafficking bhang, khat, etc.

The DC or RC becomes popular by ethical tolerance of popular breaches of the law, when this is not seen as amounting breaches of the peace as such.

There is concern that some NGOs or CSOs lack realism on what people do on a day to day basis, that some shelter all too easily under epithets like 'educating' or "sensitizing" the citizenry on this or that issue, including what the law says on the matter even when using common sense can work as well.

If one were to ask: Isn't it a clear act of contempt and not one of ignorance as such when livestock keepers routinely lead their flocks into farms? There is obviously little to choose from in such a scenario.

Law amendments clearing way for more investments

THE National Assembly has just blessed amendments to laws touching on the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

This relates to 14 laws where the changes seek to facilitate the implementation of agreements on strategic projects the government will be signing with multinational firms, where the EACOP project is a trail blazer.

Quite a few others are on the drawing board and some benefited from a similar spirit of applying the law but by fiat, including the rejection of environmental queries that would clearly make it impractical to proceed with the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project.

Discussions on the US\$3.5bn EACOP project started in 2016, but it has taken five years to reach the full set of accords permitting work in earnest - which shows the importance of vision and mindset.

Many clearly saw the importance of the project, or the benefits it promises, but the specific legal and regulatory obligations were held in such esteem that it became nearly impossible to touch on any of them until now.

The reason wasn't a new appreciation of the mammoth project, or enhancing its benefits after fresh negotiations, but a wider change of vision in the leadership.

It could be said that these amendments take the country to the

halfway mark in a Doing Business Index on what we need to alter in our regulations so that investments can flow without soul-searching on the part of foreign investors or even local investors.

The last five or so years saw militant environmentalism "diluted" by the government's unwavering position, and it is unlikely that the issue will arise when the Mchuchuma-Liganga iron ore and coal mining project comes to finalisation stages.

Relatively secure safeguards will definitely be in place, not a zero sum game where environment is primary. Only if there are no qualms in that area would a project conceivably be approved, so we now have primacy of investment, not primacy of shrubs or rare animals.

Ministerial officials will find time to consult with regional and district officials to sort out this or that matter, including the use of land.

When the mood is welcoming rather than predatory, few issues will be difficult for regulatory agencies to handle, as they will be knowing precisely where the government's sympathy lies and what the acute policy preferences are.

Where these amendments say 'approved by the cabinet of ministers' it will not be difficult for regional and district authorities to say 'when a project uplifts a region or district's profile'. It can thus be done - and, why, let it be.



By Special Correspondent

FOLLOWING a 70-year effort, China has been awarded a malaria-free certification from the World Health Organisation (WHO) - a notable feat for a country that reported 30 million cases of the disease annually in the 1940s.

"Today we congratulate the people of China on ridding the country of malaria," said WHO Director General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, adding: "Their success was hard-earned and came only after decades of targeted and sustained action. With this announcement, China joins the growing number of countries that are showing the world that a malaria-free future is a viable goal."

China is the first country in the WHO Western Pacific Region to be awarded a malaria-free certification in more than three decades. Other countries in the region that have achieved this status include Australia (1981), Singapore (1982) and Brunei Darussalam (1987).

Dr Takeshi Kasai, Regional Director, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, meanwhile said: "Congratulations to China on eliminating malaria."

The director added: "China's tireless effort to achieve this important milestone demonstrates how strong political commitment and strengthening national health systems can result in eliminating a disease that once was a major public health problem. China's achievement takes us one step closer towards the vision of a malaria-free Western Pacific Region."

Globally, 40 countries and territories have been granted a malaria-free certification from WHO - including, most recently, El Salvador (2021), Algeria (2019), Argentina (2019), Paraguay (2018) and Uzbekistan (2018).

China's elimination journey

Beginning in the 1950s, health authorities in China worked to locate and stop the spread of malaria by providing preventive antimalarial medicines for people at risk of the disease as well as treatment for those who had fallen ill. The country also made a major effort to reduce mosquito breeding grounds and stepped up the use of insecticide spraying in homes in some areas.

In 1967, the Chinese government launched the "523 Project", a nationwide research programme aimed at finding new treatments for malaria. This effort, which involved more than 500 scientists from 60 institutions, led to the discovery in the 1970s of artemisinin - the core compound of artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs), the

From 30 million cases to zero: China certified as malaria-free



most effective antimalarial drugs available today.

"Over many decades, China's ability to think outside the box served the country well in its own response to malaria, and also had a significant ripple effect globally," notes Dr Pedro Alonso, Director of the WHO Global Malaria Programme.

"The Government and its people were always searching for new and innovative ways to accelerate the pace of progress towards elimination," adds the director.

In the 1980s, China was one of the first countries in the world to extensively test the use of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) for the prevention of malaria, well before nets were recommended by WHO for malaria control.

By 1988, more than 2.4 million nets had been distributed nationwide, the use of the nets leading to substantial reductions in the incidence of malaria in the areas where they were deployed.

By the end of 1990, the number of malaria cases in China had plummeted to 117,000, with deaths having been reduced by 95 per cent.

With support from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, beginning in 2003, China stepped up training, staffing and control of laboratory equipment, medicines and mosquito control. The effort led to a further reduction in cases; within ten years, the number of cases had fallen to about 5,000 annually.

In 2020, after reporting four consecutive years of zero indigenous cases, China applied for an official WHO certification of malaria elimination.

Members of the independent

Malaria Elimination Certification Panel (MECP) travelled to China in May 2021 to verify the country's malaria-free status as well as its programme to prevent a re-emergence of the disease.

Keys to success

China provides a basic public health service package for its residents free of charge. As part of this package, all people in the country, regardless of legal or financial status, have access to affordable services for the diagnosis and treatment of malaria.

Effective multi-sector collaboration was also key to success. In 2010, a total of 13 ministries in China - representing health, education, finance, research and science, development, public security, the army, police, commerce, industry, information technology, media and tourism - joined forces to end malaria nationwide.

In recent years, China further reduced its malaria caseload through a strict adherence to the timelines of the "1-3-7" strategy.

The "1" signifies the one-day deadline for health facilities to report a malaria diagnosis; by the end of day 3, health authorities are required to confirm a case and determine the risk of spread; and, within 7 days, appropriate measures must be taken to prevent further spread of the disease.

Keeping malaria at bay

The risk of imported cases of malaria remains a key concern, particularly in southern Yunnan Province, which borders 3 malaria-endemic countries: Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar

and Viet Nam. China also faces the challenge of imported cases among Chinese nationals returning from malaria-endemic regions.

To prevent a re-emergence of the disease, the country has stepped up its malaria surveillance in at-risk zones and has engaged actively in regional malaria control initiatives. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, China has maintained training for health providers through an online platform and has held virtual meetings for the exchange of information on malaria case investigations, among other topics.

WHO malaria-free certification

Certification of malaria elimination is the official recognition by WHO of a country's malaria-free status.

The UN health agency grants the certification when a country has demonstrated - with rigorous, credible evidence - that the chain of indigenous malaria transmission by Anopheles mosquitoes has been interrupted nationwide for at least the past three consecutive years.

A country must also demonstrate the capacity to prevent the re-emergence of transmission. The final decision on awarding a malaria-free certification rests with the WHO Director General, based on a recommendation by MECP.

Representatives of China's National Health Commission and frontline health workers are today expected to join malaria programme managers from other regions, WHO experts and global partners in a virtual forum to share reflections and perspectives on China's malaria elimination journey.

Africa's future depends on the children we are failing

By Mcebisi Jonas

THE pandemic has created a hinge moment for humanity. It has laid bare fundamental and disturbing truths about global inequality. And it has provoked a global discussion about the need for nations around the world to work together to confront monumental crises, such as pandemics or global warming. Africa is at the centre of all these challenges.

The entire world has a stake in the future of Africa, which is the youngest continent and the only one whose youth population is projected to increase over the coming century. By 2050, one out of three people under 24 on the planet will be Africans. Between now and then, the youth of Africa will increase by 522 million while the numbers in the rest of the world will decline by 220 million.

Today, almost eight out of 10 people in sub-Saharan Africa are under 35 and the median age is 19 years – a decade lower than the global median age of 29.

By 2050, the population of Africa will double, and by 2100 it will triple to 4.3 billion. Half of the world's population growth will take place in just six countries, five of them in Africa. Nigeria will have more people than China by the end of the century.

Unless this demographic explosion is accompanied by the kind of development that fundamentally alters the trajectory of growth and provides opportunities and pathways to a good life for all, a blessing will become a curse.

It is wrong to talk about a continent as varied and as complex as Africa as one place, but there are commonalities across much of the continent, the starkest being the way we are failing our children.

More than half of the youth of employable age in South Africa, one of the most developed economies on the continent, are unemployed. Further north, thousands of young Africans risk their lives every day to cross the Sahara Desert and to get across the Mediterranean in rickety boats, in search of economic opportunities that they cannot find at home.

There is even a word for African youth stranded without hope or prospects: Waithood. Young people are trapped and stagnating just as their lives are supposed to be taking off. They are no longer children, but have not yet become adults.

Mozambican anthropologist Alcinda Honwana says that African societies no longer offer reliable pathways to adulthood: "Traditional ways of making this transition have broken down, and new ways of attaining adult status are yet to be developed."

This is partly a function of a rapidly urbanising continent. But whereas urbanisation has been an important driver of growth in Asia and Latin America, the new African cities are overcrowded, yet not efficient enough to promote scale economies or to attract capital investment.

A 2020 report produced by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which uses spatial analysis to map the new urban geography of Africa, found that what is profoundly transforming African societies is the emergence of thousands of small towns and intermediary cities.

"This heightened proximity between rural and urban environments gives rise to new and unique urban forms increasingly blurring the lines between rural and urban."

These peripheral urban dwellers are not all poor, certainly not by the standards of young Africans of past decades. Many have university degrees and access to the wider world through smartphones and the internet.

But growth without opportunity is a dangerous mix



as we are seeing with the emergence of Jihadi groups in Nigeria, the Sahel, Somalia and northern Mozambique. Recruits to these movements are almost exclusively young men lured less by ideology than by the prospect of material advancement – such as owning a motorbike, sharing the spoils of looting, or getting a girlfriend or wife.

Attempts to quash these insurgencies with military might alone will fail unless there are more attractive alternatives for people's lives.

But how does Africa fashion a different future, when even after the most profound health crisis in a century, its major economies – Nigeria, South Africa and Angola, which make up 50% of the continent's GDP – are recovering sluggishly and not even making up lost ground?

It will take exceptional leadership to transform this unique moment into a sustained and different future. It will involve rethinking the role of the state as an entity that is not just there to serve elites, but to manage society for the benefit of all. And before one shakes one head and says that's not possible, this is not optional.

One consequence of the pandemic is the end of the neoliberal ideology of small government – even in Washington there is a return to some version of a development state – but African governments lack the means to finance a welfare state or implement the kind of stimulus that has got the US, European and Chinese economies back up and running.

Instead, the watchword should be nimbleness: the ability of the state to move quickly through thoughtful interventions that stimulate economic activity and create jobs while providing a basic safety net, especially in healthcare and ensuring human security and the maintenance of the rule of law.

African governments need to capitalise on the potential of their youth by investing in better-quality education and training, but this cannot happen in a vacuum in which young people are prepared for jobs that don't exist. It needs to be targeted to growth

sectors and the actual needs of economies.

There has to be a greater emphasis on urban planning to not only ensure that the new cities are liveable, but that they can open their doors to the world. City and country leaders need to work to allow the new cities to develop scale economies in line with successful urban development elsewhere in the world.

Africa's people, given half a chance, are capable of miracles. The economic fallout from Covid was blunted by resilient Africans who went back into the marketplaces and found ways to survive and prosper. The pandemic showed that Africa's greatest strength and dynamism is its people, especially the women who are mainstays of the markets.

Now, they need capital and a leg-up.

New forms of financing and mobile money are providing a bridge between the formal economy and the informal economy that will strengthen African businesses and consumers on the ground.

But the reality remains that Africa needs more, not less globalisation. It needs global partners to access capital and new technologies that can provide a shortcut to growth, development, and solving problems in sectors such as energy, agriculture and health. And it needs to be more closely integrated into global supply chains.

As the world's economies start

firing again, demand for commodities will bring new revenue to the continent. But it is a competitive world, as Mozambique has discovered. Its natural gas bonanza is in danger of flaring out thanks to the insurrection and fighting in Cabo Delgado. The potential loss of \$20-billion in investment, if it disappears, will go elsewhere as major producers of liquefied natural gas look to places such as Guyana and Papua New Guinea to open up new fields to meet growing global demand for the one fossil fuel that will continue to strengthen.

In many instances, African states remain hamstrung in their options. Debt burdens have worsened during the pandemic and states such as Mozambique and Zambia are among the most highly indebted in the world. The World Bank has called for an all-hands-on-deck approach to the debt situation in Africa – and it needs to be responded to with urgency.

But the real challenge is accessing new money. To capitalise and develop the infrastructure needed to build modern economies, governments have to prove they are capable of repaying new debt. What will count for lenders (whether the IMF, China or the bond markets) will be sound policies, good governance and adherence to the rule of law.

Investors in Africa will not engage based on sentimentality. They will look to countries that are most welcoming to private investment and best placed to participate in

global supply chains.

The counter-narrative is true as well. As the greatest reservoir of future demand, the global economy will be dependent on Africa and its youth for development into the 21st century and beyond.

African leaders have a critical role to play in ensuring that they take advantage of the opportunities that arise by strategically positioning their economies for investment and growth.

This is not a matter of a one size fits all prescription – as in the days of structural adjustment. The African economies of tomorrow do not have to follow one single pattern of development, whether by becoming Asian tigers or miniature versions of China or the United States.

Africa has its own strengths, its own attractions and its own unique beauty.

Thanks to the extraordinary talents of its youth, Africa is poised to lead the world in design, music, entertainment – parts of the economy that are seldom talked about. Africa's greatest comparative strength is its dynamism and innovative power, as we have seen in tech-savvy cities on the continent where new ideas are being hatched. It is not a stretch to imagine that the next Mark Zuckerberg or Jack Ma will be Nigerian or Rwandan.

Out of the catastrophe of Covid comes the possibility for those who can seize the opportunity and take up the challenge. **DM**

North Korea sees 'propaganda value' in slimmer Kim, analysts say

SEOUL

ARARE mention in North Korean state media of leader Kim Jong Un's health could be intended to head off speculation and play up shared sacrifice amid food shortages, analysts said.

The tightly controlled state media on Friday quoted an unidentified resident of Pyongyang as saying that everyone in North Korea was heartbroken after seeing images of Kim looking "emaciated".

When Kim reappeared in state media in early June after not being seen in public for almost a month, analysts noted that his watch appeared to be fastened more tightly than before around an apparently slimmer wrist, sparking speculation over the health of a leader who holds an iron grip in North Korea.

"If outside observers picked up on the change in Kim's appearance, you can bet your bottom dollar that the North Korean people noticed it, too, and more quickly," said Christopher Green, a Korea specialist at Leiden University in the Netherlands.



It is unclear whether Kim's weight loss is due to illness, or whether he decided that it was time to get fit, and the

intention behind the state media coverage is unknown, said Jenny Town, director of the U.S.-based 38 North pro-

ject, which monitors North Korea.

"It is a little strange that they would show him in such

ill-fitting clothes, as the optics do seem to emphasise his weight loss," she said.

Kim has acknowledged a

"tense" food situation that could worsen if this year's crops fail, exacerbating economic problems amid strict self-imposed border and movement restrictions that have slowed trade to a trickle.

"The most likely reason they would mention his declining weight in this way would, in my opinion, be related to ongoing COVID-19-related border measures," said Chad O'Carroll, CEO of the Seoul-based Korea Risk Group.

"Regardless of the motivation for Kim's rapid weight loss, it seems there is propaganda value in showing that even the leader of North Korea is enduring the same food shortages that are hitting the country at the current time."

The regime may have intended from the beginning to emphasise the fact that Kim is working hard for the people at a time of widespread hardship, or its messaging may have been an unintended consequence of Kim's inevitable appearance, Green said.

"What matters is that the North Korean regime will have received word from its

many, many, many informants that Kim's condition was a talking point among ordinary people," he said.

"From there it is a simple matter to respond by designing a propaganda strategy to use the existing public discussion to the regime's advantage."

The "pseudo-voixpop" – carefully staged by state media to look authentic – such as the one from the unnamed Pyongyang resident was a common North Korean media tactic, he added.

It is unusual, though not unheard of, for North Korean state media to mention a leader's health. In 2014 it reported that Kim – who inherited his position from his father and grandfather before him – suffered from "discomfort" after a prolonged period out of the public eye.

With succession plans unclear, a sudden decline in Kim's health could throw nuclear-armed North Korea's 76-year-old system of hereditary leadership into disarray.

"It is a major weight loss, and his health is important to the functioning and fate of the state, which is why people are watching this closely," said Town of 38 North.

Wang Yi presides over Asia and Pacific High-level video conference on Belt and Road cooperation

ON June 23, 2021, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi presided over the Asia and Pacific High-level Conference on Belt and Road Cooperation via video link in Beijing.

Deputy prime ministers, foreign ministers and other political leaders from 29 countries, including Colombian President Iván Duque Márquez, as well as representatives of international organizations, such as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Achim Steiner, and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Alicia Bárcena Ibarra attended this meeting, themed "Enhance Anti-pandemic Cooperation and Boost Economic Recovery".

Wang Yi firstly read out the written remarks from President Xi Jinping.

Wang Yi said in his speech that in 2013, President Xi Jinping proposed the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Since then, with the joint efforts of all parties, this important initiative has shown strong vigor and vitality, and yielded good results and progress.

Over the past eight years, the BRI has evolved from a concept and vision into real actions and reality, and brought about enormous opportunities and benefits to countries around the world.

To date, up to 140 partner countries have signed documents on Belt and Road cooperation with China. Trade between China and BRI partners has exceeded 9.2 trillion U.S. dollars. Direct investment by Chinese companies in countries along the Belt and Road has surpassed 130 billion U.S. dollars.

The BRI has truly become the world's broadest-based and largest platform for international cooperation.

Wang Yi said that last year, despite the sudden outbreak of COVID-19, Belt and Road cooperation did not come to a halt. It braved the headwinds and continued to move forward, showing remarkable resilience and vitality.

Together, we have put up an international firewall of cooperation against COVID-19, provided a stabilizer for the world economy, and built new bridges for global connectivity.

The fast-growing and fruitful Belt and Road cooperation is a result of the solidarity and cooperation among BRI partners. Belt and Road cooperation is guided by the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits.

It practices the concept of open, green and clean development. And it is aimed at high-standard, people-centered and sustainable growth.

We are always committed to equal consultation. All cooperation partners, regardless of economic size, are equal members of the BRI family.

None of our cooperation programs are attached with political strings. We never impose our will on others from a so-called position of strength. Neither do we pose a threat to any country.

We are always committed to mutual benefit and win-win. The BRI came from China, but it creates opportunities and good results for all countries, and benefits the whole world.

We have strengthened policy, infrastructure, trade, financial and people-to-people connectivity to pursue economic integration, achieve interconnected development, and deliver benefits to all.

These efforts have brought closer the Chinese dream and the



dreams of countries around the world.

We are always committed to openness and inclusiveness. The BRI is a public road open to all, and has no backyard or high walls. It is open to all kinds of systems and civilizations, and is not ideologically biased.

We are open to all cooperation initiatives in the world that are conducive to closer connectivity and common development, and we are ready to work with them and help each other succeed.

We are always committed to innovation and progress. In the wake of COVID-19, we have launched the Silk Road of health. To achieve low-carbon transition, we are cultivating a green Silk Road.

To harness the trend of digitalization, we are building a digital Silk Road. To address development gaps, we are working to build the BRI into a pathway to poverty alleviation. Belt and Road cooperation began in the econom-

ic sector, but it does not end there. It is becoming a new platform for better global governance.

Wang Yi said that, the Communist Party of China (CPC) will mark its centenary. Under the CPC leadership, the Chinese people will soon complete the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects, and on that basis, embark on a new journey of fully building a modern socialist country.

At a new historical starting point, China will work with all other parties to continue our high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and build closer partnerships for health cooperation, connectivity, green development, and openness and inclusiveness. These efforts will generate more opportunities and dividends to all. China puts forward four suggestions:

First, we need to continue to deepen international cooperation on vaccines. China will actively implement the important measures announced by President Xi

Jinping at the Global Health Summit. China will provide more vaccines and other urgently-needed medical supplies to BRI partners and other countries to the best of its ability, and support waiving intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccines, all in an effort to help all countries defeat COVID-19.

Second, we need to continue to strengthen cooperation on connectivity. We will continue to synergize infrastructure development plans, and work together on transport infrastructure, economic corridors, and economic and trade and industrial cooperation zones.

We will accelerate the building of the digital Silk Road, and make smart connectivity a new reality in the future.

Third, we need to continue to promote cooperation on green development. China is ready to step up cooperation in such areas as green infrastructure, green energy and green finance, and develop more environment-friendly projects with a high standard and high quality.

Fourth, we need to continue to advance free trade in our region and the world. China will work for the early entry-into-force of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and faster regional economic integration. China will work with all sides to keep global industrial and supply chains open, secure and stable.

Wang Yi said that the Asia-Pacific is the fastest-growing region with the greatest potential and most dynamic cooperation in the world. It is playing an increasingly important role in the global fight against COVID-19 and economic recovery.

The Asia-Pacific region should be a pacesetter of development and cooperation, not a chessboard for geopolitics. Asian and Pacific countries are the pioneers, contributors and examples of Belt and Road international cooperation.

China is ready to work with Asia-Pacific countries to promote high-quality Belt and Road development, provide Asia-Pacific solutions to the global fight against COVID-19, inject Asia-Pacific vitality into global connectivity, and transmit Asia-Pacific confidence to the sustainable recovery of the world economy, so as to make greater contributions to building a community with a shared future in the Asia-Pacific region as well as a community with a shared future for mankind.

Colombian President Iván Duque Márquez said, his country appreciates China's commitment to making COVID-19 vaccines a global public good for all. He held the view that vaccine cooperation meets the common interests of all countries and shall be free from any political, economic and financing barriers in any case.

The Conference has adopted the Initiative for Belt and Road Partnership on COVID-19 Vaccines Cooperation and the Initiative for Belt and Road Partnership on Green Development that demonstrate the significance of international cooperation on fighting the pandemic and the necessity of jointly promoting green, low-carbon and sustainable development. Colombia will enter into and work with other countries to implement the above initiatives.

Representatives present extended their supports to the conference convened by China. They held the view that the conference is timely and important, and helps all countries deepen cooperation on coping with global challenges including COVID-19, economic recovery and climate change, and helps the Belt and Road cooperation make new progress.

In the face of COVID-19, the international community must work together in solidarity to overcome challenges. The world is not safe until every country has eliminated the pandemic. Vaccines should be fairly distributed as a global public good, and be made more accessible and affordable in developing countries.

They expect to further step up the Belt and Road cooperation for green and sustainable economic recovery, accelerate the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal for 2030, and promote low-carbon, resilient and inclusive post-COVID economic growth.

The conference published the Initiative for Belt and Road Partnership on COVID-19 Vaccines Cooperation and the Initiative for Belt and Road Partnership on Green Development jointly launched by the 29 countries.

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Mabwepande residents commend government for construction of their district hospital

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

WATER is a potential resource which if properly utilised with gender sensitive management systems will contribute significantly in unlocking women's labour potential which is used in fetching domestic water.

Speaking with the paper in an exclusive interview this week chairperson of Bunju B, Knowledge Centre at Mabwepande Ward in Kinondoni District Council, Farida Seif commended that government for supplying water to their place.

"Currently our place gets around 95 per cent of clean, and safe water which is critical for the interventions directed at empowering women and girls."

She said that formerly women and girls were waking up early in the morning to fetch water from a distant area. "So, we spend many hours doing household chores and little hours in economic activities. But we are now working smoothly," she noted.

For her part, Halima Mnikita, one of the local leaders at Bunju B Street, concurred with her fellow leader by commending the government for ensuring they are supplied with enough water, which is an essential utility for their livelihoods.

However, she has urged the government to walk the talk by ensuring other areas, like Mboko, where they have already laid down water pipes are connected to the main water pipes.

Other findings have indicated that around 60 percent of Tanzanians now have access to improved water, although levels of access vary.

Over 50 per cent face collection times of over 30 minutes, time that could be spent in school or work. Only 60 per cent of water points are functional.

Other persistent problems include water quality, reliability and affordability: Tanzanians typically spend 5 per cent of their household expenditure on water compared to the global norm of 2 per cent.

Juma Ally Songo, apart from praising the government for ensuring they have water, he has urged it to address challenges faced in education, infrastructure, environment and health.



Mabwepande district hospital, Kinondoni Municipality, which was launched in February this year by President Samia Suluhu Hassani, when she was still the Vice President, in its completion stages. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Semberya.

Songo has said that it is good that the construction of the Mabwepande District Hospital that was launched by President Samia Suluhu Hassani on the 6th February, 2021, is on its completion stages, however, he has called upon the government to construct a dispensary at Bunju B, which will attend emergency cases.

"Bunju B Street has a population of between 500,000 and 700,000 of people, so we urgently need a dispensary, as the national policy requires."

Commenting on the call for the construction of a dispensary at Bunju B, Mabwepande Ward Councillor, Mr Muhadirina Kasimu Obama said that the plans are underway. Saying that he has already

presented the request to the district council for further actions.

Likewise, he has said that plans are underway to construct a primary school for Bunju B, so as to protect pupils from being knocked down by speed vehicles when closing the road to attend classes on the other side of the road.

"The plot for that purpose has been allocated and the engineer has already surveyed the site, the construction will begin any time from now."

However, she confessed that the challenges facing his ward were land disputes and poor infrastructures.

When reached for comment over a telephone interview, on how he was going to address the

mentioned challenges in one of his constituencies, Member of Parliament for Kawe, Askofu Josephat Gwajima has promised to address them after the closing of this financial budget!

"The Bunge Budget will be closed today (yesterday), so, I know those challenges my voter, and I am going to deal with them, especially feeder roads, among others," he noted.

Meanwhile, Mabwepande residents have applauded the government for taking stern measures to combat offences of craving for wealth like banditry, break-ins, and robbery which were on increase when this paper reported a few weeks ago.

Chairperson of Mabwepande

Knowledge Centre, Fatuma Nuru said that the offences which had flourished were now rapidly decreasing after local leaders in collaboration with police force joined efforts to curb the situation.

Mabwepande Ward Executive Officer Mr. Abel Silaa said that the robbery incidents have decreased after the ward authority had decided to form Sungusungu local militia.

"It is our hope if the sungusungu local militia is in place, it will to a great extent help to address these offences."

Again, Silaa has called upon the Police force to give a helping hand to their Sungusungu local militia to eliminate gangs of thugs in their areas.

"The presence of several police posts in our places will help end banditries and robberies being carried out by bad gangs even during open daylight, he noted.

For his part, Mabwepande Ward Councillor, Muhadirina Kasimu Obama said that the ward authority in collaboration with residents of Mabwepande and the police force have been working tirelessly to eradicate robbery offences in their areas.

Obama has called upon the Mabwepande residents to have patience and trust their government because it is working vigorously to ensure they live peacefully.

Recently, Tanzania has been investing heavily to improve the infrastructure of primary health facilities development to offer essential health services close to communities at affordable costs while ensuring better outcomes.

Social media adoption helps small and medium-sized businesses to power Africa's economic growth

JOHANNESBURG

A study conducted by Genesis Analytics in eight African countries—Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana, Mauritius, and Kenya has revealed that social media platforms help accelerate economic growth and opportunity across the continent.

The African continent is

heavily reliant on its small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the backbone of the economy.

As many countries across the continent have embarked on their digital transformation, the research shows that digital platforms can play a key role in the continent's development.

According to the results of the study, small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) are

the vehicle to achieve youth employment, gender parity and intra-regional trade in Africa.

The report shows that surveyed SMBs that use the Facebook apps have younger employees with an average share of 45 percent of employees under 30.

Additionally, SMBs using Facebook apps reported a higher frequency of being owned

by women, while SMBs in the manufacturing sector ranked the ability to access new foreign markets as the most beneficial advantage of the apps.

Commenting on the report, Kojo Boakye, Director of Africa Public Policy at Facebook said: "84 percent of surveyed SMBs reported that Facebook apps have been important for their business growth. This reinforces our commitment to

providing the access and skills that help people use Facebook apps to increase employment opportunities, incomes, gender equity, and trade."

Ryan Short, Partner at Genesis Analytics added: "The study shines a much-needed light on how small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) on the continent are embracing digital tools and platforms." He added: "It shows empiri-

cally that the use of digital tools can drive economic growth by bringing more women into the formal economy; creating economic opportunity for young people; and boosting intra-African trade. We urge policymakers and digital platforms alike to understand these opportunities and to create an optimal environment for SMBs to thrive using digital tools and social media."

The report also identified the barriers that policymakers may need to further focus on to increase the adoption and drive significant growth, with expensive internet and data costs and low levels of trust in data privacy being barriers to greater uptake.

Resolving these challenges will take close cooperation between governments and private companies to foster a digi-

SADC sets €10 million contribution in anti-terrorism fight standby force

LUANDA

THE head of Angolan diplomacy on Monday in Luanda announced a budget of US\$12 million (10 million euros) for the deployment of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) standby force in support of Mozambique.

In other words, ten million euros is the global amount that the countries of SADC should make available to enable the deployment of the joint regional force to support Mozambique in the fight against terrorism

Angolan Minister of Foreign Affairs Tête António, who was attending an extraordinary virtual meeting of the Council of Ministers of the SADC, said at the end of the meeting that it was held as part of the fulfilment of a decision of the Maputo summit.

According to Angola's foreign minister, the Council of Ministers, made up of foreign ministers, "was tasked with working on the budget of the force that should be operated to support Mozambique."

"The source of funding for this force will be primarily the contingency fund and contributions from Member States that participate with their troops. And they also have a contribution of 7 million US dollars (5.8 million euros) that will be shared by the member states"

During the virtual meeting Monday, the ministers of foreign affairs of the SADC also stated that by July 9th of this year, all countries that make up the organization must send in their contributions.

The minister said it was also determined that, given the situation that many countries in the region are experiencing, recourse may be made to the organisation's reserve



fund, "to allow for no delays in the fulfilment of this mission"

"As you know it is a question of survival of the region, the situation in Cabo Delgado is serious, the organisation has to deal with it immediately and it was determined the deadline for contributions is 9 July, but if there is a deficit of contributions from member states, we can resort to the reserve fund," he said

However, it was also established that in the event of recourse to the reserve fund, its replenishment "must not be made too late."

"Because we cannot leave a region without a reserve and we don't know how the situation may evolve, tomorrow we may resort to the same fund, so it is necessary that this fund is fed," he added.

"One of the issues that our delegation raised is that [the situation in Mozambique] should serve as a lesson for the region, in the sense that we fine-

tune our mechanisms so that when crises like that happen the region is not doing the same exercise of meetings and meetings to respond to it," he said.

Euronews correspondent ion Angola Neusa e Silva, summarised the situation on the ground.

"As stipulated at the last meeting of heads of state and government of the Southern African Development Community, countries in the region should support the fight against terrorism in Cabo Delgado in two ways. The first element that was determined on Monday, which is the budget modality, and the second will be determined at the meeting that will take place from June 30th to July 2nd."

At this meeting, the military capacity or means that each country in the region should send to Mozambique will be determined."

The head of Angolan diplomacy highlighted the mandatory nature of the contributions, as it is a matter of survival for the region.

Here's how to fix South Africa's youth unemployment and black economic empowerment in one go

By Tim Cohen

HOW do you fix black economic empowerment and youth unemployment? The quick answer is, 'not the way we are trying to do it now'. The longer answer is massively complicated, long-term, diverse, difficult and not likely to happen without setbacks. But I do have one suggestion that could take us a long way down the road.

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We all know the famous Albert Einstein quote, "insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results". As it happens, he never said it - but why quibble about the origins, since the quote speaks for itself.

South Africa is oddly in the same position, pretending that the same solutions we have been peddling for the past 25 years will have a different result. Occasionally, we see a crack in the edifice of the ANC's economic policy; normally after the situation has become so dire, that pragmatism is the only remaining option.

Over these past months, the third wave of Covid-19 and the economic crisis in general have resulted in some tiny changes on the edges of ANC policy. The Eskom monopoly on electricity has been marginally diluted by allowing mines to generate their own power, and the ANC's decades-long stance that the State is the proper owner of over 750 corporations is being mitigated at least in the case of its second-biggest disaster, SAA.

But generally the edifice remains. Arguably, were it not for the fact no sensible entity would buy SAA without control, I doubt if government would ever have found a private

"partner". We have yet to see if this aversion to selling majority stakes in state-owned enterprises has changed, or just changed in the case where the finances and the politics are so prutrid that government has no choice.

As far as black economic empowerment (BEE) is concerned, personally, I suspect I fall into an odd camp. Even though I'm suspicious of market interventionism and I find racial categorisation, even if intended positively, to be noxious at root, I just think black empowerment is such a historical necessity, it cannot be repudiated. As a matter of fact, there has been much more successful black economic empowerment than its critics claim. In 2015, research house Intellidex calculated that the value created by BEE deals done by the JSE's 100 largest companies since 2002 collectively generated R317-billion for beneficiaries. This is impressive stuff that really has no comparison internationally.

Yet, the problems with BEE are becoming overwhelming, so much so that there is even some discussion within government about changing the rules.

So what are the problems?

The first is obvious. BEE is too often being used as a kind of cover for what would otherwise be known as outright theft. The examples are so ubiquitous now, they hardly need elucidating.

The second problem is the enormous interpretive difficulties in application. Here too there are a huge number of examples, but let me just cite one. Mining legislation requires the project managers to involve the community in their projects. Critically, "the community" has a veto on whether the project happens or not. Sounds great, right?

'We Need to Act Now' – as sub-Saharan Africa faces third wave of Covid-19

WASHINGTON DC

SUB-SAHARAN Africa is in the grips of a third wave of COVID-19 infections that threatens to be even more brutal than the two that came before.

This is yet more evidence of a dangerous divergence in the global economy. One track for countries with good access to vaccines, where strong recoveries are taking hold. And another for those countries that are still waiting and at risk of falling further behind.

The growth of infections in sub-Saharan Africa is now the fastest in the world, with an explosive trajectory that is outpacing the record set in the second wave. At this pace, this new wave will likely surpass previous peaks in a matter of days—and in some countries, infections are already more than double, or even triple, their January peaks.

The latest (delta) variant—reportedly 60 percent more transmissible than earlier variants—has been detected in 14 countries.

When the pandemic first hit, quick action by policymakers helped prevent infection rates seen elsewhere around the world. But it pushed already strained local health systems to the breaking point.

Only six months after the initial crisis, the region experienced a second wave that swiftly outpaced the scale and speed of the first. Now, another six months on, sub-Saharan Africa faces its third devastating wave.

The only way for the region to break free from this vicious pandemic cycle is to swiftly implement a widespread vaccination program.

A still-vulnerable region
The sheer speed of this third wave highlights the difficulty policymakers in sub-Saharan Africa face in heading off a crisis once it gets under way. In Namibia, for example, new cases reached the previous January peak within only two weeks, and tripled another two weeks later. For many countries, by the time a new surge is identified, it may already be too late.

And the options employed during previous waves may no longer be feasible. The re-imposition of containment measures would likely come at too high an economic and social cost, and is simply unsustainable—and unenforceable—over a prolonged period.



Health workers on Bwama Island on Lake Bunyonyi in Uganda prepare to administer COVID-19 vaccines. "The threat of a third wave in Africa is real and rising", said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa. "Our priority is clear – it's crucial that we swiftly get vaccines into the arms of Africans at high risk of falling seriously ill and dying of COVID-19."

Looking back, most sub-Saharan African countries entered the second wave in a more difficult economic position than the first, with shrinking fiscal resources to protect the vulnerable, additional millions thrown into poverty, and depleted household balance sheets.

While some countries have taken steps to improve preparedness, unfortunately, very few have had sufficient resources—or time—to strengthen public health systems.

And, now, the scale of the current wave is once again threatening to overwhelm local health systems. News reports across the region point to overwhelmed hospitals. The sick are dying while waiting for a bed. Non-emergency surgeries have been canceled to preserve space for COVID-19 patients.

And military hospitals have been opened for civilian use. Oxygen has become a key constraint, with supply already failing to keep up with the demand for critically-ill patients. The region's

scarce health workers continue to be at risk.

The risks of leaving Africa behind
The vaccine rollout in sub-Saharan Africa remains the slowest in the world. Less than 1 adult in every hundred is fully vaccinated, compared to an average of over 30 in more advanced economies. This means even most essential frontline workers continue to work unprotected. In this context, some of the world's more fortunate countries have stockpiled enough vaccines to cover their populations many times over.

Without significant, upfront, international assistance—and without an effective region-wide vaccination effort—the near-term future of sub-Saharan Africa will be one of repeated waves of infection, which will exact an ever-increasing toll on the lives and livelihoods of the region's most vulnerable, while also paralyzing investment, productivity, and growth.

In short, without help the region risks

being left further and further behind.

And the longer the pandemic is left to ravage Africa, the more likely it is that ever more dangerous variants of the disease will emerge. Vaccination is not simply an issue of local lives and livelihoods. It is also a global public good. For every country—everywhere—the most durable vaccine effort is one that covers everyone, in every country.

What can be done to speed up the vaccine effort?

IMF staff has put forward a global proposal that targets vaccinating at least 40 percent of the total population of all countries by end-2021, and at least 60 percent by the first half of 2022.

Africa is expected to receive 30 percent vaccination coverage through COVAX and another 30 percent coverage through the African Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT), established by the African Union under the leadership of President Cyril Ramaphosa.

We see seven key steps to ensure these

vaccination targets are met:

- First, it is essential to deliver vaccines to sub-Saharan Africa as soon as possible. Given that much of the global supply of vaccines for 2021 has already been bought up, many countries will be forced to wait until 2022 to get them. So, the fastest way to get vaccines to sub-Saharan Africa is for advanced economies to share their stockpiles bilaterally or through multilateral initiatives. COVAX has already received pledges for over half a billion doses. But these need to turn into actual deliveries as soon as possible to make a difference. Indeed, the goal should be to get a quarter of a billion doses to the region by September.

- Second, vaccine manufacturers should speed up supply to Africa for the rest of this year. Advanced economies with vaccine manufacturing capabilities should encourage their manufacturers to do so, especially when demand at home is falling short of supply.

- Third, AVATT should be fully financed to ensure coverage of 30 percent of the African Union population. This requires an estimated \$2 billion, that would for example allow AVATT to execute its optional contract of 180 million doses with J&J.

- Fourth, remove cross-border export restrictions on raw materials and finished vaccines. This includes ensuring that the

Aspen facility in South Africa—a key supplier to AVATT—is operational at full capacity, and resuming exports from the Serum Institute of India to COVAX. African vaccination plans rely heavily on these two facilities.

- Fifth, financing of at least \$2.5 billion and up-front planning will also be critical to ensure health systems can deliver shots-in-arm promptly as vaccine supply ramps up. Many countries in the region, including eSwatini, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, and Rwanda, have quickly and effectively administered their limited supplies. These countries, along with others in the region, have had to place their vaccine campaigns on hold as they wait for the arrival of the new supplies that they have recently procured at comparatively high cost or the donated supplies from other countries' stockpiles. It is these shortages—rather than the ability to administer shots—that has so far been the biggest constraint. But when supply picks up, health systems must be prepared to vaccinate as many people as possible. And this is doable as the experience in many developing countries show—the likes of Seychelles, Mongolia, Bhutan, and Maldives impressively scaled-up vaccinations quickly once their vaccine supplies arrived.

Covid-19 pandemic exacerbates domestic workers' plight in Bangladesh

DHAKA

RANI Akter, a mother of five, usually works as a domestic helper in Dhaka's Zikatala area. When the coronavirus pandemic broke out in Bangladesh last March, her employers asked her not to come to their homes for fear of infection.

"I lost my work in three houses one after the other, which became a nightmare for me. My rich employers did not allow me in their homes as they thought that I might carry the invisible virus," Akter told IPS.

Akter's husband also lost his job because of the COVID-19 lockdown and the family fell on hard times.

"We had nowhere to go. Once we had a home in Mehendiganj in the coastal Barishal district, but river-bank erosion engulfed our home eight years ago. That's why we were compelled to stay in the city," she said.

Akter began knocking on doors, looking – unsuccessfully – for work.

"We did not find government relief or cash assistance. But we had to survive and that's why at first we were bearing family expenses from

our savings. And when the savings were spent, we started borrowing from our relatives. We've already borrowed Tk 40,000 (\$ 47). We are taking Tk 5,000 to 6,000 (\$ 8 to \$ 70) in loans per month from neighbours and relatives to meet our food demand and pay rent," Akter said.

She said her family was running into debt and she did not know when their suffering would end.

Shahana Akter (20), a single mother who works as a domestic helper in Netrakona town, also lost her work when the pandemic started. But she was more fortunate than most.

"When I lost my work, I thought how my five-year-old son and I would survive. I had no savings. But I was lucky enough as I got a new work after two months of the lockdown," Shahana Akter told IPS.

Millions of domestic workers lost their jobs because of COVID-19

There is no official data on the number of domestic workers in Bangladesh. But according to Rezaul Haque, additional secretary (Labour Wing) of Bangladesh's Labour and Employment Ministry, around 95 percent of domestic helpers are women and girls.

A 2006 International Labour Organisation (ILO) study estimated that Bangladesh had four million domestic workers in a country with a population of 163 million.

While a recent study by the National Domestic Workers Union (NDWU) showed there are about 2.2 to 2.5 million domestic workers, of which about 60 percent or 1.5 million were live-out workers with the remaining 40 percent living their employer's homes.

According to NDWU general secretary Murshida Akter Nahar, when the coronavirus outbreak began here in March 2020, many domestic workers lost their jobs without notice and without being paid the wages owed to them.

It is estimated that around 1.2 million live-out workers lost their jobs since March 2020.

"And many domestic helpers were forced out of their employers' houses, so they had to suffer a miserable life during the lockdown last year. They had no shelter to live and no food to eat in Dhaka city. That was why many of them were compelled to leave the city," she told IPS.

Once the COVID-19 infection rate

reduced, many domestic workers returned to the city, hoping to be re-employed by their former employers. But most did not get their jobs back.

Nahar said those domestic helpers who had been able to find employment, lost their jobs when the coronavirus situation started deteriorating once again this March. "But they did not get enough support from the government."

She said many domestic workers started begging, resulting a rapid rise of beggars on the city streets.

Mahmuda Begum (40) lives in a small rented house in the city's Zikatala area and she had also worked in the area as a domestic helper. When the pandemic began she lost her job overnight.

"I lost my only livelihood option due to COVID-19. I spent all the savings that I had. Now I have no money to pay house rent (Taka 5,000 per month or \$58) or buy food and other essential goods. That's why I had no option but to borrow money at high interest," Begum told IPS.

Begum, a widow and mother of two, said she did not pay her rent for four months and her family often

have to starve for lack of food. "We cannot eat meals three times in a day," she added.

Domestic work is an unregulated sector

Rights bodies have been demanding ratification of the ILO Convention 189 and implementation of the Domestic Workers Protection and Welfare Policy. In 2015, the Bangladesh government adopted the Domestic Workers Protection and Welfare Policy aiming to ensure the rights of domestic workers and they were supposed to be a registration process.

"But the government is yet to implement the policy. We are also demanding the government include the domestic work issue in the Labour Act to be amended," Nahar said.

Domestic Workers Rights Network coordinator Abul Hossain said: "At the onset of the lockdown enforced in Bangladesh, the domestic workers faced a lot of suffering. About 30 percent of them, who lost work, were compelled to return to their villages and those who were in the city did not have any work. A majority of them did

not get any government support."

He said that many were now in a difficult situation as they could not pay rent and were trapped in debt. He said this also resulted in a rapid rise in family feuds.

Hossain, also a trade union leader, said it was impossible to currently ensure the rights of domestic workers and suggested bringing them under a legal framework to establish their rights.

Haque, additional secretary (Labour Wing) of the Labour and Employment Ministry, said the government distributed cash assistance and relief among the unemployed by preparing their lists. He said that there was no specific social protection scheme for domestic workers as they worked in the informal sector.

Haque said that if the proposed Domestic Workers Protection and Welfare Policy Act was passed, the rights of domestic workers could be established.

"Talks continue with stakeholders concerned to formulate a law to ensure the rights of domestic workers," Haque said.

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By Property Watch Reporter

CHIEF Executive Officer of a local supplier of water related equipments which has received an quality certificate from International Organization for Standardization (ISO) said the achievement takes its products and services to global levels.

Davis & Shirliff's Managing Director, Benjamin Munyao said in Dar es Salaam mid this week that the ISO 9001 quality management systems certification (QMS), means that his company will continue supplying the market with best products and services.

Munyao said the ISO 9001 certification from Bureau Veritas is a milestone achievement which takes the company's products and services to the global market. "The certification is an important proof of our company's credibility when tendering for business. It also installs confidence in the clients that our company will keep promises to distinguish ourselves from others in the market by offering quality products and solutions," Munyao said.

He added that one of the core values of Davis & Shirliff is quality hence the ISO certification is testimony that the company is committed towards offering world class water solution products and services to customers.

Davis & Shirliff is the most trusted manufacturer and supplier of water related equipment in the country with the government and its agencies as main clients. The company also supplies bottled water.

"Over the last 20 years of operations in Tanzania, we have been converging people, technology and resources to improve lives of consumers through investment to find sustainable solutions to existing water related challenges," he added.

The Davis & Shirliff's chief further noted that the Dar es Salaam based company's goal is to achieve real impact on consumers and the community while offering solutions that are friendly to global conservation and sustainable

WATER SOLUTIONS FIRM'S CHIEF EXCITED WITH ISO QUALITY CERTIFICATION



Davis & Shirliff's staff members in a souvenir photo at the company's head offices in Dar es Salaam recently.

growth. Speaking after handing over the certificate to Munyao, a representative of Bureau Veritas in the country, Charles Vunugulu commended Davis & Shirliff's management and staff for getting global recognition saying the certification is a result of several brush up courses and auditing of its products and services to

comply with international standards.

"The next step is to ensure we do surveillance auditing after every year to make sure the company maintains the needed quality in its business operations," Vunugulu noted adding that the supplier of water pumps, generators, swimming pools, solar solutions, water treatment

machines, irrigation equipment and other accessories, has joined the peers in the global market.

He said ISO is an independent, non-governmental international organization with a membership of 165 national standard bodies with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Through its

members, it brings together experts to share knowledge and develop voluntary, consensus-based, market relevant international standards that support innovation and provide solutions to global challenges. In 1947, ISO officially came into existence with 67 technical committees.

Africa's top emitter seeks \$10bn for shift from coal

JOHANNESBURG

Eskom, Africa's biggest greenhouse gas emitter, is pitching a \$10bn plan to global lenders that would see it shut the vast majority of its coal-fired plants by 2050 and embrace renewable energy.

Discussions have already started with development finance institutions like the World Bank and the African Development Bank, a senior Eskom official told Reuters.

"It's a lot of money, so what we are putting on the table is to say to funders: South Africa can offer you the biggest point source of carbon emissions reduction in the world," said Mandy Rambharos, general manager at Eskom's Just Energy Transition office.

Eskom, which generates more than 90% of the country's electricity chiefly by burning coal, is looking for around \$7 to \$8 for every tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent it cuts

from its greenhouse gas emissions. Eskom currently emits around 213-million tonnes of CO2 equivalent a year.

The idea is to line up some of the funding before the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow in November. The utility is already looking at "repowering" its Komati coal plant using solar and battery storage and could present the project at COP26 to show it is serious about curbing emissions. Rambharos said Eskom was modelling different scenarios to reach its target of net zero emissions by 2050.

The least aggressive path is the one the government laid out in a 2019 document called the Integrated Resource Plan, which envisaged Eskom shutting down some 35,000MW of coal by 2050. As of March 2020, Eskom had around 41,000MW of installed coal-fired capacity.

A bolder one would see even

Medupi and Kusile, which will be two of the world's largest coal plants when fully operational, shuttered in the 2040s, at least 20 years ahead of schedule and leaving Eskom with no coal by 2050 from 15 stations now. While Eskom could use natural gas as part of its energy transition, the ultimate aim is to replace coal with renewables, Rambharos said.

Analysts have flagged the carbon intensity of South Africa's economy as a major risk as investors and governments become increasingly attuned to climate concerns, and Rambharos said it was time to act. "We will be left in this little bubble where we are not going to be able to export our wine or our fruit or our cars if we don't transition," she said. "The whole world is transitioning, we have to get on this bandwagon - for South Africa to remain competitive and for our economy to grow."

Biggest China bank abandons US\$3bn Zimbabwe coal plan

HARARE

China's biggest bank dumped a plan to finance a \$3 billion coal-fired power plant in Zimbabwe, dealing a blow to coal developers in Africa that see the Asian country as the last potential funder of their projects.

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China told Go Clean ICBC, an ad-hoc body representing 32 environmental groups, that it won't fund the 2 800-megawatt Sengwa coal project in northern Zimbabwe, according to a June 18 email seen by Bloomberg that was sent to 350.org, one of the Go Clean groups. ICBC didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Western and South African banks have come under increasing pressure from their shareholders not to fund developments that could contribute to climate change, leaving Chinese lenders as one of the last avenues to secure finance. That door may now be closing, should China plan to improve its own environment credentials.

"This is highly significant, obviously for Zimbabwe but also for Chinese overseas energy financing," said Lauri Myllyvirta, lead analyst for the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air. "It is the first time, to my knowledge, that a Chinese bank has pro-actively walked away from a coal-power project."

The Sengwa project was being developed by RioEnergy Ltd., a unit of RioZim Ltd. RioEnergy Chairman Caleb Dengu said last year that ICBC had signed a formal notice of interest in funding the plant, to be constructed by China Gezhouba Group, while associated transmission lines would be built by Power Construction Corp. of China Ltd.

ICBC's withdrawal marks the second time the bank's coal-funding plans have been scrapped. A permit to build a coal-fired plant in Lamu in Kenya was canceled by the government last year. ICBC described Sengwa as a "bad plan due to environmental problems," 350.Org said in the email.

The Chinese lender has been under scrutiny over the environmental impact of funding coal projects and is in discussion with the coalition to "chart a clear road map to stop

funding coal," Go Clean ICBC said in the email. Nathalia Clark, the associate director of Global Communications at 350.org, declined to give further details. The coalition had planned to roll out a global campaign last week against the lender's coal activity, which it suspended after ICBC said it would halt engagement if it did so.

Over the past two decades, China Development Bank and the Export-Import Bank of China have funded more than \$50 billion of coal projects across Asia, Europe, Africa and South America, according to research from Boston University's Global Development Policy Center. A plan proposed last year would make it tougher for the so-called Belt and Road Initiative to finance environmentally damaging projects like coal power plants and metal smelters.

While President Xi Jinping in September put the country on a path to zero out carbon emissions by 2060, he plans to let coal consumption increase through 2026 and the fuel is expected to remain an important part of the country's energy mix for a decade beyond that.

RioEnergy is seeking alternative financiers, a person with direct knowledge of the matter said, asking not to be identified because ICBC's withdrawal hasn't been formally announced. Simba Mhuriro, the general manager at RioEnergy, said he wasn't privy to the matter and couldn't comment. Wilson Gwatiringa, a spokesman for RioZim also declined to comment. Winston Chitando, Zimbabwe's mines minister, said he wasn't aware of ICBC's decision.

Sengwa was initially owned by London-based miner Rio Tinto Group, the one-time parent of RioZim. It was set aside as Zimbabwe's relations with the UK, its former colonial ruler, deteriorated. After the project was revived in 2016, General Electric Co. and a unit of Blackstone Group LP didn't pursue initial inquiries.

The backing of ICBC was seen by RioEnergy as a fresh start in a plan to develop the plant and end recurrent power outages in Zimbabwe. Climate activists say the company will struggle to find another funder.

Zipline raises \$250 million for operations expansion

KIGALI

Zipline, arguably the world's largest drone delivery service for medical supplies which was founded in Rwanda has raised \$250 million in new equity financing, bringing the company's valuation to \$2.75 billion.

The new financing will enable Zipline to continue advancing its integrated service, including its autonomy platform, aircraft, fulfilment systems, and operations. The funding will also fuel continued expansion into new industries and geographies, transforming systems like healthcare and commerce with instant logistics.

New investors in the firm include; Fidelity, Intercorp, Emerging Capital Partners and Reinvent Capital. Existing investors involved in the recent financing round include Baillie Gifford, Temasek and Katalyst Ventures.

Keller Rinaudo, the Founder and Chief Executive of Zipline said that they are keen on building on the growth registered in the past year, using the technology to bring instant logistics to more partners, communities and people.

"Around the world, our partners are reimagining how patients access to care with fast, reliable, on-demand delivery. Together, we have completed hundreds of thousands of deliveries of blood, medicines and vaccines, and today Zipline makes a commercial delivery every four minutes," he said.

Among the adjustments made by the firm in the last year include; expanding service hours in Rwanda to offer 24/7 autonomous delivery service; entering the Japanese Market through a partnership with Toyota Group, as well as a partnership with Pfizer to design and test a delivery for COVID-19 vaccines.

Zipline commenced operations in 2016, following a partnership with the Rwandan Government to commence what was then the first national-scale commercial drone delivery. In recent years, the model has been adopted in multiple countries on the continent and beyond including Ghana, Nigeria, United States and Japan among others. This is in line with the country's ambitions of serving of delivering innovation and technology products and services.

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Cows graze as steam rises from the cooling towers of Matla Power Station, a coal-fired power plant operated by Eskom in Mpumalanga province, South Africa.

TELCO 45TH DITF OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS SPONSOR FOR THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

By Property Watch Reporter

FOR a sixth year in a row, Tigo Tanzania has been named as the official communication sponsoring company of the 45th edition of Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

Tigo's Corporate Communications Manager, Woinde Shisael said in Dar es Salaam mid this week that the telecommunications company has been DITF communication sponsor as a way of supporting government's efforts to promote trade and growth of local industries for the economic prosperity of the country.

Shisael said in addition, Tigo has also partnered with five electronic device manufacturers to offer exclusive internet and smartphone to thousands of its customers who will be attending the fair taking place at Mwalimu Nyerere Trade Fair Grounds in the commercial capital.

"As we enter yet another exciting season of 'Sabasaba,' we have

prepared attractive internet and smartphone offers for our customers. We have partnered with Xiaomi, Infinix, Samsung, TECNO Mobile and Itel, to offer customers not only diversified options but the best internet and smartphone solutions for their needs," she said.

She said the telco is partnering with Tanzania Trade Development Authority which organises the annual trade showpiece involved exhibitors. The DTIF, which is commonly referred to as 'Saba saba,' will this run under the theme 'Industrialization for job creation and sustainable trade.' "To support this theme, Tigo will showcase products and services that connect with customers lifestyle on a daily basis," Shisael added.

On her part, TanTrade's acting Director of Trade Support, Twilumba Mlewa commended Tigo for the sponsorship saying the trade body is lucky to have such a trusted partner in the telco saying this year's trade fair is



Main entrance to the 45th DITF grounds in Dar es Salaam.

unique.

"We are also looking forward to onboard merchants with our 'Lipa kwa simu' service. In addition, Tigo Pesa customers will get information on Tigo Pesa Application, self care service and other exciting

offers," she noted.

"There has been a rapid increase in markets, revenues, investments, in part, due to the increasing use of telecommunications as inputs in new businesses and new ways of doing business, such

as internet, e-commerce, call centres, online meetings and software.

"I would like to take this opportunity to encourage both current and potential customers coming from Dar es Salaam and across the country

to visit our Tigo pavilion during this 'Sabasaba' trade fair in order to get a first-hand experience of our products and services, as well as the best offers from our leading digital lifestyle brand," Shisael concluded.

IFC says Vodacom's Mworria among 22 leading local women in financial sector

By Property Watch Reporter

IN a world dominated by men, women have always been confined to the kitchen. But a new International Finance Corporation report on 'Leading women in Tanzania's financial services sector,' released recently, 22 local women have been singled out for the roles in this male dominated industry.

The list contains notable names in the financial services sector, some of whom have pioneered or facilitated their peers to rise while others have been market leaders. IFC Regional Director for Eastern Africa, Jumoke Jagun-Dokunmu said in the report that it is part of a Finance2Equal Tanzania initiative.

"In 2019, IFC launched the Finance2Equal Tanzania initiative to examine the roles men and women play in the financial services sector and identify ways to reduce gender gaps and enhance women's access to opportunities in the sector," said Dokunmu in the report's foreword.

Through Finance2Equal Tanzania, IFC has established a partnership with five Tanzanian financial services companies to reduce gender gaps in their operations. "This report, as part of Finance2Equal Tanzania, gathered data and assessed employees' perceptions of practices that enable and/or limit gender diversity in the workforce. The quantitative analysis was complemented by a qualitative analysis of 22 women leaders in Tanzania's financial services sector," she noted.

In the 2019 "The power of parity: Advancing women's equality in Africa" report, McKinsey estimated that African economies could add up to 10 percent to their collective gross domestic product by 2025. "If women are equally represented as employees, managers, board members, entrepreneurs, customers, and members of the community, they can help transform African economies," the IFC Regional Director for Eastern Africa argued.

"I am inspired to read the stories of these trailblazing women, who, despite the odds, have risen



Vodacom Tanzania Plc's corporate affairs director, Rosalynn Mworria.

to the highest echelons of the financial services sector. They are the pioneers who have paved the way for other women to follow, facilitators who have enabled women's participation and the market makers who have driven corporate equality strategies.

One of the women featured in the report is Vodacom Tanzania Plc's Director of Corporate Affairs, Rosalynn Mworria. "Rosalynn Mworria found her career purpose at Vodacom Tanzania—the company that launched M-Pesa, Tanzania's first mobile money product, in 2008. M-Pesa has revolutionized payments and become a key part of Tanzania's financial inclusion strategy as the country seeks to include

more women and youth in its financial system," the report stated.

The report which classifies Mworria as being a market maker said, "Today, the company has 14 million customers according to a TCRA report of 2019, including the very poor." As Vodacom's Director of Corporate Affairs, Rosalynn is responsible for ensuring that gender is integrated into the company's marketing strategy, as well as its community investment approach.

The IFC report further noted that since the launch of mobile money in the country, mobile network operators have been instrumental in driving financial inclusion. This is a result their vast distribution networks, large

number of customers, and good customer service.

But despite the success of mobile money, a gender gap of 11 percent still exists in the uptake of mobile money services, and lack of education and a mobile phone have been identified as the key barriers for women.

Since women customers are now at the heart of Vodacom's product development process, women's perspectives are considered when making decisions about the development of new products. Vodacom is specifically focusing on women because although women are generally responsible for managing household costs such as food, school fees, and healthcare, many women do not have their

own bank account or a mobile phone, and these factors make it more time consuming to manage family finances.

Commenting on her role in empowering women financially by influencing policy and strategy at Vodacom's C-suite, Mworria said, "If you can change the life of a woman in the community, you are changing the whole community. If a woman is empowered, she will, in turn, positively impact her many circles."

The Vodacom Tanzania Corporate Director agreed that gender-sensitive policies play an important role in enabling women to excel at work. She acknowledges the struggles that previous generations of women have endured as they worked to improve

women's opportunities in the workplace.

She said that the current generation of women must play a role too in improving women's career prospects. Mworria highlights Vodacom's progressive policies for women such as extended maternity leave, career counselling, and a mentorship program which, together, have resulted in more women moving into management.

"Coaching has helped me navigate challenges at work a lot more effectively. It has enabled me to help my team members achieve their own solutions to problems and have their own a-ha! Moments," she noted while adding that Vodacom has also been working to increase the percentage of women in its workforce, and in its senior management.

As a result, by 2019, women comprised 38 percent of the telco's employees, 25 percent of its board, and 40 percent of its senior management team. Mworria praises this progress, but she also says it is crucial to empower young people in the telecommunications sector. "I think this sector needs to have young people sitting at the management table and driving innovation. Young people, in addition to women, continue to lack access to financial services," she acknowledged.

"When I look at my experiences at Vodacom, where I started in middle management, and climbed to a senior role, ahead of many of my male colleagues, I think that these principles have served me well," Mworria stated. As a market maker, the IFC report describes Mworria as woman, who is at the heart of the private sector, a second generation of women to create corporate strategies that are gender equal, and that prove the business case for gender equality with every promotion of a woman.

A Boardroom Africa report in 2019, found that women held 19 percent of board positions in Tanzania's publicly listed companies which was on par with the regional average of 18 percent, and the G-20 average of 20 percent, but it trailed regional peers such as Kenya with 24 percent, Rwanda with 27 percent, and South Africa, which increased from 22 percent in 2019 to 29 percent in 2021. Cap:

Now Kenya Airways eyes Sh4.85bn savings from new planes lease terms

NAIROBI

Kenya Airways expects to save \$45 million (Sh4.85 billion) this year after it changed the lease terms on its aircraft fleet, opting for hourly rates in place of fixed costs.

The carrier has negotiated for a productivity-based method of payment with its lessors to avoid the fixed cost and cut expenses involved in fleet management at the time the airline is struggling with low passenger demand. Out of the 36 planes that KQ manages, the carrier has leased 19 from different lessors.

Managing director Allan Kilavuka said the airline is working on moving away from the fixed cost or reduce it for both fleet operation and on its employees.

"We have been successful on fleetside because we have been able to move towards pay by the hour for all our lessors for 2021 and that should bring us significant cash savings for us estimated at \$45 million," he said.

However, KQ has failed to reach a deal for its pilots to be paid per trip as the national carrier seeks a lower wage bill to weather the coronavirus storm that has crushed air travel demand. The airline has also cut \$3.1 million after terminating a leasing agreement of the two Boeing 737-700 from the lessors.

Pilots account for 10 percent of the airline's total workforce but take home the equivalent of 45 percent of the overall payout to employees or Sh6.1 billion based on the carrier's wage bill for the year to December.

KQ's net loss in the financial year to December nearly tripled to Sh36.2 billion — the highest ever in its history — joining other global airlines in losing revenue. The airline has cut on its frequencies at the moment due to low demand, a move that has seen a good number of its fleet underutilised.

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CONSTRUCTION

SYDNEY

Australia needs to respond to a UN warning on the threat to its iconic Great Barrier Reef with bolder climate policies that cut planet-heating emissions further and create a greener economy, environmentalists and researchers said on Wednesday.

The world's most extensive and spectacular coral reef ecosystem - off Australia's north-eastern coast - should be added to a list of World Heritage sites that are "in danger," a UN panel said this week, drawing an angry response from Australia. The final decision is expected to be made by the World Heritage Committee in July.

"I hope the most important outcome of the recommendation is that it triggers much more positive and vigorous action from the Australian government in reducing our own greenhouse gas emissions, rapidly and deeply," said Will Steffen, a climate scientist and professor at the Australian National University.

"The pressure on them is increasing and hopefully it will strengthen to the point that they have to take meaningful action on climate change," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. The reef, which was listed as a World Heritage site in 1981 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

GREAT BARRIER REEF ROW PILES PRESSURE ON AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION



Peter Gash, owner and manager of the Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort, snorkels with Oliver Lanyon and Lewis Marshall, Senior Rangers in the Great Barrier Reef region for the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, during an inspection of the reef's condition in an area called the 'Coral Gardens' located at Lady Elliot Island located north-east from the town of Bundaberg in Queensland, Australia, June 10, 2015.

(Unesco), has lost more than half its coral in the last 30 years.

It came close to being placed on the UN "in danger" list in 2015, but that was averted due to high-profile lobbying by the Australian government, which fears that losing its heritage status would lead to fewer tourists visiting the attraction.

Since then, coral-bleaching events in 2016,

2017 and 2020 - caused by severe marine heat-waves - have further damaged its health and affected its animal, bird and marine populations, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The Unesco committee said action was needed to counter the effects of climate change as the prospects of the reef retaining its cherished world heritage status had deteriorated.

Australian Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley said Canberra would challenge the recommendation, adding it was based on a "flawed approach ... without adequate consultation". "I agree that global climate change is the single biggest threat to the world's reefs but it is wrong, in our view, to single out the best-managed reef in the world for an 'in danger' listing," she added in a statement.

Joe Fontaine, a lecturer in environmental science at Murdoch University, said the Unesco decision was "a crucial moment" because of the external pressure it put on Australia's politicians who are more used to infighting. "The real hope is for concerted change in federal climate policy and coordinated federal-Queensland cooperation on water quality issues," he said.

Climate laggard

The Unesco warning adds to growing international appeals for Australia to strengthen its climate policies, seen by critics as weak and lacking a firm net-zero emissions goal, said Richard Leck, head of oceans at WWF-Australia.

"The recommendation ... is consistent with a broader global trend that is starting to call Australia out for being a laggard on climate change," he added, citing comments made by the U.S. and UK governments and last week's meeting of G7 leaders. Once the shock of the Unesco recommendation subsides, the Australian government will hopefully realise the move is based on science and take the need for action seriously, said Leck.

Green groups and researchers urged Australia to set a carbon-neutral goal and introduce policies in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement to limit global warming. "Australia needs to do its fair share to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius - a critical threshold for coral reefs," said Imogen Zethoven, a consultant for

the Australian Marine Conservation Society. "Linking climate policy to the long-term survivability of the Great Barrier Reef is critical."

Reef responsibility

Australia's reliance on coal-fired power makes it one of the world's largest carbon emitters per capita. Its current climate policies are "insufficient", according to analysis by research coalition Climate Action Tracker.

Lesley Hughes, a scientist at the Climate Council and biology professor at Macquarie University, said the Australian government has stewardship of "one of the world's most precious and iconic ecosystems."

"But its continued support for fossil fuels and its lack of effective climate policy means it's utterly failing to live up to that responsibility," she added. "Australia is standing still while the world moves on, and the international community is quickly losing patience."

Conservationists said, however, it was unlikely Australia would act quickly after the Unesco recommendation, because of domestic political risks, but a shift could be expected in the medium to long term.

They urged the government to ban new fossil fuel development, abandon its gas-fired Covid-19 recovery plan, and invest in and promote renewable energy and electric vehicles. "It is inevitable that Australia will embrace a renewable future - a future where we take climate change much more seriously," said WWF's Leck.

World's cities require trillions more dollars to meet climate demands

WASHINGTON

The world's cities need trillions more dollars to invest annually to meet urban climate finance needs, new research shows. The funding gap is most stark in the developing world, particularly in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, a report by the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance and the World Bank said.

According to the research, an average of \$384 billion was invested annually on urban climate finance in 2017-2018, compared with the estimated \$4.5-5.4 trillion needed to tackle global warming. The data is particularly stark given that 70 per cent of global emissions come from cities, which seven out of 10 people will call home by 2050.

"The numbers are clear, we are failing to provide cities with adequate finance to address the climate emergency," said Barbara Buchner, managing director of the Climate Policy Initiative, the secretariat of the Alliance. "It is critical that the entire financial system—public, private, and philanthropic—urgently work together to mobilise city-level climate finance at scale."

Urban climate investments are "heavily concentrated" in China and in the 38 largely high-income nations of the OECD. This contrasts with only small cash flows in the developing world, despite their typically fast growing urban areas. Figures are not yet available for 2019, but despite an expected increase



The world's largest city is Tokyo in Japan with a population of over 20 million people.

in funding for that year, the report warns that "investment trends for 2020 and beyond are highly uncertain due to the Covid-19 pandemic."

"On the positive side, development banks have increased their climate commitments, some countries have adopted green recovery packages, and consumer investment in electric vehicles has continued on an upward trend."

"On the negative side, many cities

are delaying or reducing non-essential capital expenditures, and, at the national government levels, spending on electric vehicle subsidies has decreased," it said. Selwin Hart, a special adviser on climate to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, highlighted the contrasting fortunes of the world's richest and poorest countries.

"Not all countries, and all cities, for that matter, share the same starting

point. As developed countries have poured trillions of dollars into their recovery packages, developing countries continue to battle the pandemic and its social and economic consequences", he said. Mr Hart said that "cities are the global engines for growth but are also on the frontline of the climate crisis."

"With more than half the world's population, they consume two thirds of global energy, emit more than 70 per cent of global greenhouse gasses, and face disproportionate exposure to a wide range of climate risks. By mid-century more than 3.3bn urban residents could be at risk from severe climate impacts," said Mr Hart.

Jurgen Zattler, a senior climate official at Germany's economic co-operation and development ministry, said most urban climate investments went into mitigation measures, compared with a "small fraction" put towards adaptation. "This means leaving many cities and their residents rather unprepared for the effects of climate change," he said.

But Sameh Wahba, an Egyptian national and head of the World Bank's Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience and Land Global Practice, said he was "optimistic about the resourcefulness" that cities have shown in times of crisis. "With thoughtful planning, financing and support, cities can play an important role in the recovery from Covid-19 and towards green, resilient and inclusive development."

Maersk to establish petchems logistics hub in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH

Danish shipping company Maersk's Saudi Arabian subsidiary will set up a logistics hub for petrochemical exporters at King Abdullah Port.

The company will develop a non-bonded warehouse providing a range of logistics services for chemical producers around the privately held port at King Abdullah Economic City on Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast. The planned logistics hub will cater to those who already have access to the Danish company's services such as "land-side movement of cargo, customs clearance and ocean logistics", it said in a statement.

King Abdullah Port is among the world's 100 largest ports and second biggest on the Red Sea. It occupies a total area of 15 square kilometres. The port handled 2,153,963 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent units) shipping containers last year, 6.6 per cent more than 2019. Once fully completed, the port will have the capacity to handle 25 million TEU and 15 million tons of clean bulk cargo annually. The Maersk hub will be within a two-kilometre radius of the terminal yard, next to the port's customs inspection zone, which Maersk said would save exporters time.

Exporters also currently have to wait wait between 14 and 18 days between making a booking and loading chemicals on to a vessel, but this will be shortened to six to eight days, Maersk said. The new site is 200km away from the large chemicals manufacturing hub at the Yanbu refinery - about 150km closer than the Jeddah Islamic port currently used by many of them.

Maersk will invest in 100,000 square metres of warehousing space during the first two years of operations at the hub to meet estimated demand totalling one million metric tonnes of throughput from nearby chemicals suppliers.

Dubai is second most popular global city for digital nomads

ABU DHABI

Dubai is the second most popular destination for digital nomads in the world, in a new ranking of the best cities for remote workers.

It scored highly thanks to its new one-year residency permit

for remote workers, according to the Work-from-Anywhere Index from Nestpick, with Melbourne in Australia topping the index and London coming in fifth position.

"The last year has really proved to many companies that remote

working is not only a possibility, but actually something that can be beneficial to everyone involved. The technology has been available for a while now, but it's taken seeing it in practice for the idea to really take hold," said Omer Kucukdere, founder

and chief executive at Nestpick, a search engine for furnished apartments.

The pandemic has accelerated the work-from-home trend, with the adoption of new technologies encouraging more workers to move away from the city or country where their

employer is based. In response, some countries, including the UAE, have enacted legislation designed to attract foreign-employed workers. The UAE unveiled a one-year residency permit for remote workers in April to help attract more talent

to the region and boost business opportunities.

The Dubai government also announced on Wednesday it had recruited some of the leading lights of the UAE's technology scene to the newly-created Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy, which

will be responsible for transforming the emirate into an international technology hub and attracting investment in e-commerce and emerging technologies.

Members of the chamber's board include Careem co-founder Mudassir Sheikh, Souq,

com founder Ronaldo Mouchawar and Aramex founder Fadi Ghandour. It is supported by an advisory council that includes Telegram co-founder Pavel Durov, Bayt.com founder Rabea Ataya and Propertyfinder founder Michael Lahyani, among others.

WORLD

UN chief urges US to remove Iran sanctions as agreed in 2015

NEW YORK

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appealed to US President Joe Biden's administration to lift or waive all sanctions on Iran as agreed under a 2015 deal aimed at stopping Tehran from developing a nuclear weapon.

In a report to the UN Security Council, Guterres also urged the United States to "extend the waivers with regard to the trade in oil with the Islamic Republic of

Iran, and fully renew waivers for nuclear non-proliferation projects."

The 15-member council will on Tuesday discuss the secretary-general's bi-annual report on the implementation of a 2015 resolution that enshrines the nuclear deal between Iran, the United States, France, Britain, Germany, Russia and China.

Guterres' appeal to Washington comes amid talks to revive the deal - known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

- under which Iran accepted curbs on its nuclear programme in return for a lifting of many foreign sanctions against it.

Former US President Donald Trump abandoned the pact in 2018 and reimposed harsh sanctions, prompting Tehran to start violating some of the nuclear limits in 2019.

"I appeal to the United States to lift or waive its sanctions outlined in the plan," said Guterres, who also appealed to Iran to return to full implementation of the deal.

Iran has refined uranium up to a purity of roughly 60 percent, far above the deal's

limit of 3.67 percent and much closer to the 90 percent suitable for atom bomb cores, though it maintains that it seeks only civilian nuclear power and could quickly reverse its moves if Washington rescinded sanctions and returned to the 2015 deal.

Guterres said: "I continue to believe that a full restoration of the Plan remains the best way to ensure that the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran remains exclusively peaceful."

Agencies

Putin vows support for Belarus amid external attempts to rock the boat

MOSCOW

RUSSIA will keep providing fraternal Belarus with comprehensive support amid the challenging domestic political situation in that country and the external attempts to fuel tensions, Russian President Vladimir Putin told an online forum of Russian and Belarusian regions.

"We will continue providing our fraternal Belarusian people with comprehensive support in the current rather challenging domestic political situation in Belarus, amid the ongoing political and sanctions pressure and persistent attempts to rock the boat from overseas," Putin stressed.

Putin vowed that Russia would further support its "Belarusian friends in countering sanctions-related restrictions, recently imposed by the EU." "We believe that the ban on the supplies of some Belarusian goods to the EU countries harms interests of businesses and people," he noted.

According to the Russian president, those who impose such restrictions should better think about this. "[This creates obstacles] for ordinary people, including in the European countries," he noted.

The Russian president also said that "Belarus remains not just a good neighbor for Russia but also its closest ally."

"Let me stress again: Belarus is not just a good neighbor. It is, first and foremost, our closest ally," the Russian leader said.

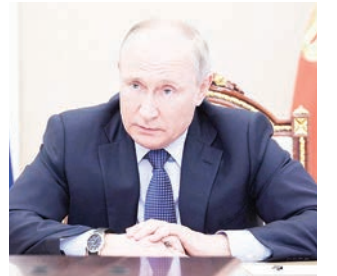
The relations between the two countries "are based on the principles of mutual respect, support and the regard for the interests of each other," Putin pointed out.

The Russian leader greeted all the forum's participants, noting that the event was being held via a video link again due to the pandemic.

"But it is important that such meetings of representatives of regional and local bodies of power, the business community, educational, scientific and cultural figures are regular and provide an opportunity to discuss the most essential issues of Russian-Belarusian interaction in politics, the economy and the humanitarian sphere and map out joint projects between regions of Russia and the Republic of Belarus," Putin said.

The Russian leader also spoke about the discussions already held at the forum, the plans and decisions that had been adopted.

All this "will be useful for further developing inter-regional ties that are a key component of the entire range of the Russian-Belarusian strategic partnership," Putin stressed.



Xi's remarks 'inspirational, spell hope for SAR'

DIGNITARIES from across wide sectors of Hong Kong's community on Thursday applauded the speech by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, at a ceremony in Beijing marking the centenary of the CPC, saying it has shed light on the bright future of the nation, as well as the special administrative region.

Xi's remarks have further inspired Hong Kong people to continue striving for the betterment of the city, they said.

Xi, who's also Chinese president and chairman of the Central Military Commission, stressed that the central government exercises overall jurisdiction over Hong Kong and Macao, and the steadfast implementation of "one country, two systems" principle to the letter and the spirit, under which the

people of the two SARs administer themselves with a high degree of autonomy.

Lawmaker Jeffrey Lam Kin-fung, who attended the ceremony in Beijing, said he was honored and excited to witness the CPC's achievements in the past 100 years.

He said Xi's speech shows the central government's care for Hong Kong and its steadfast support for "one country, two systems", adding that Hong Kong should cherish its hard-earned stability and future prospects.

Executive Councilor Regina Ip Lau Shuk-ye also praised the central government's determination to implement the "one country, two systems" principle.

"With the backing of the CPC, particularly with the enactment of the National Security Law and the improvement



President Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, delivers an important speech at a ceremony marking the centenary of the CPC in Beijing yesterday. (XINHUA)

in our electoral system, I think Hong Kong will have a very bright future," she said.

Starry Lee Wai-king, chairwoman of the city's biggest political party, the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, said Xi's remarks have given Hong Kong people a "shot in

the arm".

She believes the nation and the HKSAR, with the Party's strong leadership and support, will have bright prospects.

During her short visit to Beijing to attend the Party's centenary celebrations, Lee said she's deeply impressed by the heartfelt love and passion for the country of every Chinese, regardless of their profession. She said that's how China, under the Party's leadership, has achieved what it has now accomplished.

Lo Wai-kwok, a legislator and chairman of the Business and Professionals Alliance for Hong Kong, said the president's inspiration has brought Chinese people, including the people of Hong Kong, hope and a bright future in the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

He said Hong Kong's future

is closely-intertwined with that of the country, and the central government has all along attached great importance to Hong Kong and provide all-around support for the city's development. The SAR, he added, should now focus on economic development and improve the people's quality of living to enable the city to regain its glamor.

In a social media post on Thursday, Secretary for Education Kevin Yeung Yun-hung said the CPC is the inventor, leader, practitioner and steadfast protector of "one country, two systems" through which Hong Kong can have a unique advantage.

He urged Hong Kong students to learn Chinese culture and history, including that concerning the centenary journey of the CPC.

Xinhua

Lee: 'One country, two systems' part of CPC's great achievements

ACTING Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region John Lee Ka-chiu on Thursday said the HKSAR governing team is more confident than ever in city's future, with the National Security Law for Hong Kong and an improved electoral system in place.

Addressing the reception in celebration of the 24th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, Lee said that, over the past 24 years since the city returned to the motherland, the central government has firmly upheld the "one country, two systems" principle and helped the city take care of its long-standing systemic loopholes by adopting the national security law for Hong Kong and improving its electoral system.

This year, July 1 also marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist

Party of China.

Lee said the implementation of the "one country, two systems" principle is an important chapter of the CPC's great achievements over the past one hundred years.

"One country, two systems" is the optimal mechanism and a solemn undertaking to maintain Hong Kong's long-term stability and prosperity, Lee said.

In the future, the SAR government will forge ahead and continue to firmly safeguard national security with the implementation of "one country, two systems", Lee pledged.

The nation has provided many opportunities for Hong Kong and now, with the improved electoral system, Hong Kong can concentrate on development, Lee said.

He also appealed to the



Acting Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region John Lee Ka-chiu (third right) attends the celebration of the 24th Anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR of the People's Republic of China, at the grand hall of Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on July 1, 2021. (CALVIN NG / CHINA DAILY)

people of Hong Kong to get vaccinated as soon as possible so that Hong Kong's economy can rebound quickly, with the

pandemic under control and stability restored.

The reception was held after a national flag-raising ceremony. Helicopters flew over

Victoria Harbour, displaying the national and regional flags.

Xinhua

Over 100 Foreign diplomats visit exhibition on CPC history in Beijing

OVER 100 diplomatic envoys of foreign countries and representatives of international organizations to China visited an exhibition on the history of the Communist Party of China (CPC) at the Museum of the CPC in Beijing on June 24.

Through the exhibition under the theme "staying true to the founding mission," they got a better understanding of the extraordinary journey of the CPC over the past century.

At the exhibition hall for the site of the first National Congress of the CPC, they saw photos and manuscripts that bring back memories

of the revolutionary practice of the CPC in its early days and felt the original aspiration of the CPC members.

"I saw how the CPC has struggled for its goals at the exhibition. The founding of the New China helped the Chinese people 'stand up,'" said Ahcene Boukhelfa, Algerian Ambassador to China, who noted that every Chinese has the opportunities to realize his/her dreams today.

Through art forms including paintings, sculptures, music and videos, as well as technological means related to sound and lighting, the exhibition aims to bring im-

mersive experience to visitors.

A glasses-free 3D animated film at the exhibition showed envoys and representatives vividly the Long March military retreat in the CPC history. They recorded the film with their mobile phones, then gave a big round of applause after hearing the interpretation of the narrator's words: "Every generation has its own long march, and every generation must see that march through."

Sudanese Ambassador to China Gafar Karar Ahmed pointed out that the CPC has led its people out of poverty and backwardness, and developed China into the world's

second-largest economy, sincerely keeping its promise to the Chinese people. China's experience in development belongs to both the country itself and the entire world, the Sudanese ambassador said.

At a simulated high-speed train cab, foreign envoys and representatives tried driving trains and experienced the speed of China's railways.

Jose Luis Bernal, Mexican Ambassador to China, has been in China for over 4 years, and marveled at China's rapid development. "I have witnessed changes in China with my own eyes. From my trips to many Chinese cities and villages,

I find that China's transportation is getting more convenient, and its technologies have continuously advanced," he said.

More and more people in China have enjoyed modern life, said the Mexican ambassador, adding that smartphones and computers are widely used even in remote mountainous areas in China.

The CPC has strived to leave no region or individual behind on the road to realizing common prosperity, according to him.

Through the exhibits from different stages in the CPC history, envoys and representatives got to

learn about the stories behind the development miracles the Chinese people have achieved under the leadership of the CPC.

After visiting the exhibition, they took selfies and posed for group photographs in front of a huge CPC flag sculpture at the west square of the Museum of the CPC.

It's really necessary to build such a museum for permanent and comprehensive exhibitions of the CPC history, said Carlos Miguel Pereira, Cuban Ambassador to China, who considers understanding the CPC history a necessity for learning about China. **People's Daily**

Xinhua

Russian politician points to Moscow-led bloc's harmonised legislation to deepen ties

DUSHANBE

LEGISLATIVE support for the decisions made by the leaders of member states of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) and the bloc's harmonized legislation will help bring the peoples of the countries within the organization closer together, Chairman of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly and State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin said yesterday.

The State Duma speaker made this statement at a meeting with Head of the upper house of Tajikistan's parliament Rustami Emomali ahead of a session of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly Council.

"As we agreed upon earlier, we will discuss the issues that concern all the members of the countries within the organization and talk about the issues of harmonizing legislation," Volodin said.

The Russian politician said that he considered it important to address the issues of harmonizing national laws within the CSTO.

"This is vitally important for us to implement these decisions in the national legislations of each country and do everything possible to ensure that the decisions at the level of the heads of state have legislative support.

This will serve both as a good basis for solving many issues and bringing our countries and our peoples closer to each other," the head of the lower house of Russia's parliament emphasized.

The session of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly Council, may also touch upon the issue of the anti-coronavirus fight," Volodin said.

"And each one considers it necessary to discuss it in order to elaborate joint steps to overcome the pandemic and provide assistance to each other," the chairman of the State Duma added.

For his part, the head of the upper house of Tajikistan's parliament said that inter-parliamentary ties of Dushanbe and Moscow "are consistently progressing to a qualitatively new level." "I am confident that your visit will give a new impetus to developing the relations between our countries," Emomali said.

Speaking about bilateral interaction with Tajikistan, the State Duma speaker urged to look for new forms of cooperation "that would make it more effective."

"It would be right to discuss the issue of establishing a high-level commission," the chairman of the State Duma suggested. As part of such interaction, the relevant commitments of both nations' parliaments could formulate the agenda of their work for addressing specific issues, he explained.

Israeli govt, settlers reach deal on West Bank outpost

JERUSALEM

JEWISH settlers agreed to leave a recently-built unauthorized outpost in the Israeli-occupied West Bank by the end of the week, Israeli officials said on Wednesday.

A statement issued by the Israeli defense minister confirmed that the settlers agreed to leave voluntarily the Eviatar outpost. The settlers also issued a statement, in which they say they have agreed to a deal to leave the outpost by the weekend.

Under the deal, agreed between the settlers and the defense ministry and the interior ministry, the homes in the outpost will not be destroyed, according to the defense ministry.

The area will be announced a closed military zone. A land survey will be conducted in which the settlers said they will prove the outpost was not built on private Palestinian lands. If that would be confirmed, a Yeshiva, or a Jewish seminary, would be built there and later the settlers could begin procedures to authorize the outpost too.

Some 50 Jewish families arrived in Eviatar in May and rapidly built huts and caravans.

Eviatar is located near the Palestinian city of Nablus in the West Bank.

There are dozens of unauthorized outposts and some 130 Israeli-authorized settlements scattered around the West Bank, a territory occupied by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war and where the Palestinians wish to establish their future state.

Under international law, all Israeli settlements are illegal. However, Israel holds that the settlements are legal.

Outposts are settlements built without official permits from the Israeli authorities and are deemed illegal also under Israeli law.

Horn of African youth pledge action on climate crisis

NAIROBI

DOZENS of young people from the greater Horn of African region on Wednesday pledge to rally behind interventions that enhances the resilience of communities amid escalating climate crisis.

Speaking at a virtual forum in Nairobi convened by Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the youthful campaigners said their involvement is key to revitalize climate response in the region.

Maura Ajak, a South Sudanese media practitioner said that youth led advocacy is key to boost action on climate related disasters like floods, droughts and vector borne diseases that have taken a toll on women, children and internally displaced persons.

"We should raise the voices of young people to help mobilize communities towards responding to climate change and conflicts that have disproportionately affected rural communities in the region," said Ajak.

She said that success of climate change mitigation and adaptation programs in the Horn of African region hinges on greater involvement of youth who stand to gain more from low carbon development pathways.

Hopes dim for scores still missing in Florida condo collapse

SURFSIDE

RESCUE crews searched on through the shattered ruins of a collapsed Miami-area condominium tower early on Wednesday, with hopes of finding more survivors fading after nearly a week of probing and digging.

Twelve people have been confirmed killed in the disaster, which could rank as the deadliest accidental structural failure in US history. But 149 others were still missing and believed trapped in the rubble.

"The way I look at it, as an old Navy guy, is that when somebody is missing in the military, you're missing until you're found, and we don't stop the search," Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said at a news briefing.

"Those first-responders are breaking their back, trying to find anybody they can."

But nobody has been pulled alive from the mounds of pulverized concrete, splintered lumber and twisted metal since the early hours of the disaster.

Investigators have not concluded what caused nearly half of the 40-year-old Champlain Towers South condo to crumble as residents slept in the early hours of last Thursday.

But a 2018 engineer's report on the 12-floor, 136-unit complex, prepared ahead of a building safety recertification process, found structural deficiencies that are now the focus of inquiries.

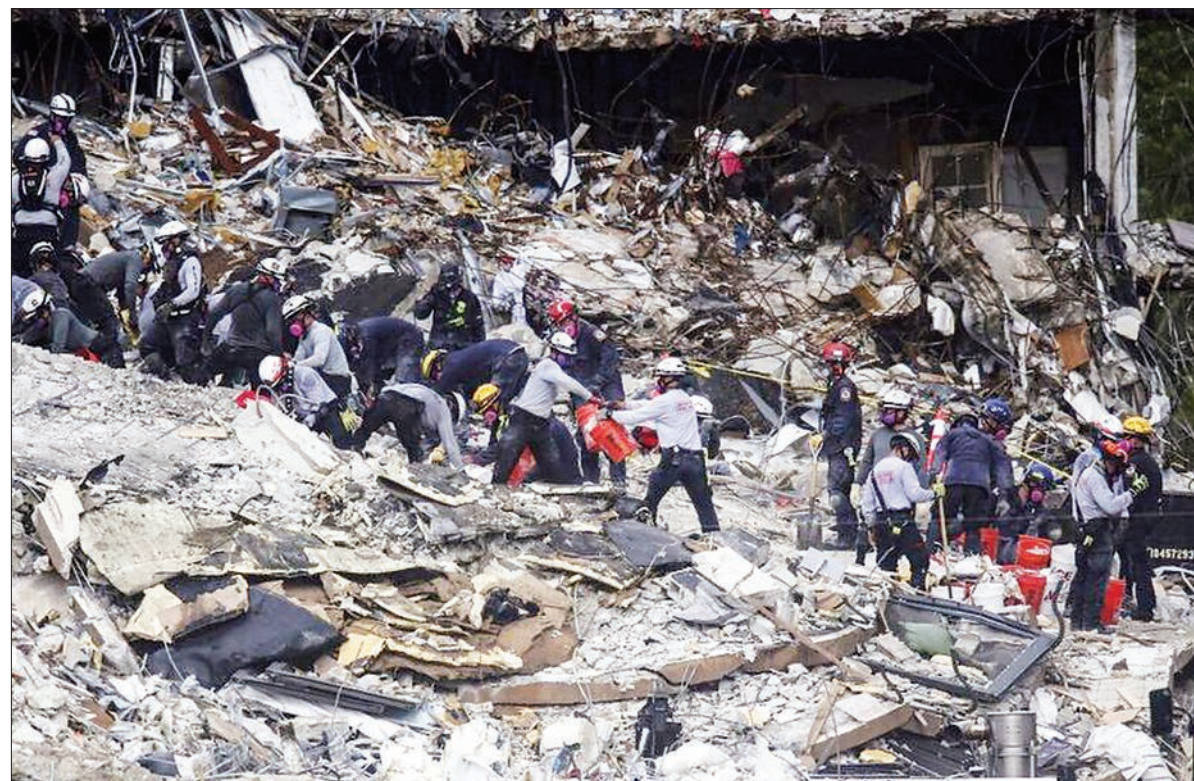
As recently as April, the condo association's president warned residents in a letter that severe concrete damage identified by the engineer around the base of the building had since grown "significantly worse."

Grand jury inquiry planned

Miami-Dade County State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle said she would convene a special grand jury, apart from any potential criminal investigation, to examine building safety and "what steps we can take to safeguard our residents" from similar disasters in the future.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said search teams had exhumed the remains of a 12th victim on Tuesday, leaving 149 people listed as unaccounted for. But she said police detectives were conducting an audit of all the missing-persons reports to "verify and remove duplicates wherever possible".

A day earlier she used dire terms in relating how families of the missing were "coping with the news that they might not have loved ones come out alive and still hoping that they will."



Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez (left) meets with Catalan regional president Pere Aragonés at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid on June 29, 2021. (OSCAR DEL POZO / AFP)

"Their loved ones may come out as body parts," she said.

President Joe Biden and his wife, Jill Biden, planned to pay a visit on Thursday to the scene of the tragedy in the ocean-front town of Surfside, adjacent to Miami Beach, the White House said.

Few if any signs of life have been detected in the wreckage since last Thursday.

Fire officials have spoken of hearing faint sounds from inside the rubble pile - they acknowledged such noises could come from settling of the ruins - and finding voids deep in the debris large enough to possibly sustain life.

But Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Chief Alan Cominsky said on Tuesday that search-and-rescue personnel faced a daunting task while working in 12-hour shifts in the

heat and humidity, hampered by intermittent showers and thunderstorms.

"That building collapsed almost in a footprint of where that building stood - we're talking about 12 stories, with subterranean garages all within that same footprint," Cominsky said.

Florida emergency management director Kevin Guthrie said authorities on Tuesday had asked the federal government to provide an additional urban search-and-rescue team to aid in the effort.

The tragedy has sent agencies in surrounding areas scrambling to check building safety.

Levine Cava said she has directed Miami-Dade County officials to begin a 30-day audit of all residential properties five stories or higher that are 40 years

or more old. The cities of Miami and Miami Beach have announced similar measures.

Rescue workers have moved 3 million pounds of concrete piece by piece from the debris, Cominsky said. The teams include experts sent by Israel and Mexico to assist in the search.

Debris removed from the rubble pile is being trucked to a collection site to be sifted through by detectives for any bits of evidence that will be cataloged and photographed

China puts into use first batch of generating units at hydropower station featuring world's largest single-unit capacity

THE first batch of generating units of China's Baihetan hydropower station, the largest hydropower project under construction in the world, were officially put into operation on the morning of June 28.

The hydropower station, which straddles the border between Ningnan county in southwest China's Sichuan province and Qiaojia county in the neighboring Yunnan province, ranks first and second in the world in terms of single-unit capacity and total installed capacity, respectively.

Located on the dry and hot valley of the Jinsha River, the mega hydropower station faces complicated geological conditions and is the world's most technically challenging hydropower project under construction.

Involving a total investment of 220 billion yuan (about \$34.1 billion), the hydropower station, which has been undertaken by China Three Gorges Corporation, will have a total installed capacity of 16 million kilowatts and be equipped with 16 hydro-generating units independently developed by China, each with a capacity of one million kilowatts.

The water turbines at Baihetan hydropower station have a maximum efficiency of 96.7 percent, and the rated efficiency of the generators exceed 99 percent, representing the highest efficiency indexes of hydro-generating units in the world, according to an executive of Dongfang Electric Machinery Co., Ltd., which has been responsible for the development of the eight generating units to be positioned on the left bank of the Jinsha River.

Each hydro-generating unit of the Baihetan hydropower station is more than 50 meters high and over 8,000 tons in weight. The rotatable part of the generating unit consists of more than ten thousand components, with their weight reaching 2,600 tons.

What is particularly impressive about the mega project is that its first batch of generating units that went into operation on Monday has realized zero counterweight runner balancing after final assembly, becoming the world's first case of giant hydro-generating units that met owner's index of high-quality products without the need for a trial run with counterweight and creating a new record in the hydropower industry.

The generating units have thus been praised as top-notch products by ex-



Photo shows Baihetan hydropower station in southwest China. (Photo by Li Faxing/People's Daily Online)

perts of the industry.

Each hydro-generating unit is comprised of more than ten thousand components and parts, including runner, rotor and the generator shaft, according to Leng Jianhua, head of the project department of Dongfang Electric Machinery Co., Ltd. at the Baihetan hydropower station.

"These components and parts might have a slight difference in weight if not produced with the same machine tool, which could lead to imbalance and deviation in torque, a problem that needs to be solved with counterweight," Leng said.

The generating units of Baihetan hydropower station have achieved zero counterweight as there is almost no torque imbalance, Leng said, adding that the result means relevant personnel have done a great job in controlling deviations in research and development, design, manufacturing, processing, as well as installation.

The construction of the main part of Baihetan hydropower station kicked off in July 2017. All generating units of the project are expected to be operational by July 2022. Upon completion, it will be the world's second-largest hydropower station, second only to the Three Gorges Dam

project in central China's Hubei province.

As a major project in China's west-east power transmission program, Baihetan hydropower station will, together with the Three Gorges Dam project and Gezhouba Water Conservancy Project in Hubei, as well as the Wudongde, Xiluodu, and Xiangjiaba hydropower stations on the Jinsha River, form the world's largest "clean energy corridor", which will bear great significance for improving China's energy mix and advancing the country's endeavor to realize the goal of peaking carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality before 2060.

After Baihetan hydropower station is fully put into operation, the power generated by the hydropower station a day will be enough to meet the need of 500,000 people for household power consumption for a year.

With an annual power generation capacity of over 62.44 billion kWh, the project is expected to save about 19.68 million tons of standard coal a year, thus helping reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 51.6 million tons, sulfur dioxide by 170,000 tons, and nitrogen oxides by 150,000 tons annually.

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Deaths surge in US, Canada from worst heatwave on record

VANCOUVER/PORTLAND

A heatwave that smashed all-time high temperature records in western Canada and the US Northwest has left a rising death toll in its wake as officials brace for more sizzling weather and the threat of wildfires.

The worst of the heat had passed by Wednesday, but the state of Oregon reported 63 deaths linked to the heatwave. Multnomah County, which includes Portland, reported 45 of those deaths since Friday, with the county Medical Examiner citing hyperthermia as the preliminary cause.

By comparison all of Oregon had only 12 deaths from hyperthermia from 2017 to 2019, the statement said. Across the state, hospitals reported a surge of hundreds of visits in recent days due to heat-related illness, the Oregon Health Authority said.

In British Columbia, at least 486 sudden deaths were reported over five days, nearly three times the usual number that would occur in the province over that period, the BC Coroners Service said Wednesday.

"This was a true health crisis that has underscored how deadly an extreme heat wave can be," Multnomah County Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Vines said in the statement. "As our summers continue to get warmer, I suspect we will face this kind of event again."

The heat dome, a weather phenomenon trapping heat and blocking other weather systems from moving in, weakened as it moved east, but was still intense enough to set records from Alberta to Manitoba, said David Phillips, senior climatologist at Environment and Climate Change Canada, a government agency.

"In some of these places, their (temperature) records are being annihilated," Phillips said. "It really is spectacular, unprecedented for us."

It was unclear what triggered the dome, but climate change looks to be a contributor, given the heatwave's duration and extremes, Phillips said.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau paused to remember the dead during remarks in Ottawa on Wednesday and expressed concern over the fire threat.

"We've been seeing more and more of this type of extreme weather event in the past years," Trudeau said. "So realistically, we know that this heatwave won't be the last."

In Washington, US President Joe Biden said climate change was driving "a dangerous confluence of extreme heat and prolonged drought," warning that the United States was behind in preparing for what could be a record number of forest fires this year.

Smashing records

Lytton, a town in central British Columbia, this week broke Canada's all-time hottest temperature record three times. It stands at 49.6 degrees Celsius (121.28 degrees Fahrenheit) as of Tuesday. The previous high in Canada, known for brutally cold winters, was 45C, set in Saskatchewan in 1937.

In the US Northwest, temperatures in Washington and Oregon soared well above 100F (38C) over the weekend. Portland set all-time highs several days in a row including 116F (47C) on Sunday.

Athletics Tanzania launches website

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

THE National Sports Council of Tanzania (NSC) has stated it will back any initiative which gears towards ensuring the country achieves success in sports.

Miande Mahona, NSC representative, issued the comments at a launch of the Athletics Tanzania (AT)'s website at Masaki in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

"The AT decision to own a website will make it easy for them to smoothly operate, as well as issue reports to the game's stakeholders," he noted.

Jackson Ndaweka, AT secretary general, disclosed they have opted to involve the sport's stakeholders that will become some of the association website's users.

"Their views will help our information technology experts to make our website better before making it accessible," Ndaweka noted.

Inspire Consultants Company's Director, Nseyi Kipicyango, whose firm has overseen the AT website's formation, noted they have opted to bring about technological revolution in athletics.

Joseph Katembo from Dar Running Club recommended AT should place the association's information at the right time, after the website starts operating.

"It will be unfair when the association places information on one of the local athletes' success a day after his or her feat," Katembo said.

Boniface Manko from Masaki Corporate Marathon opined the website's presence will make



Athletics Tanzania (AT) president Silas Isangi.

it easy for athletes to get abreast of the schedules and important events.

The Inspire Consultants Company has taken charge of the website formation in cooperation with the AT.

Model now selected as PCCB Dodoma Branch's ambassador

BY CORRESPONDENT RENATHA MSUNGU, DODOMA

DODOMA model, Subilaga Ambangile, has been selected as the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) Dodoma Branch's ambassador at a pageant that took place in the region recently.

A statement presented by the PCCB Dodoma Branch's Head, Sostenes Kibwengo, revealed the pageant had brought together 14 models.

The pageant's judges ultimately felt Mpwapwa District-based Subilaga met the criteria set for the winner.

She won the judges' approval via her competence in educating people on corruption, having the society openly talk about the issue and do away with all forms of corruption.

"This ambassador issued detailed information on the meaning of corruption and the way it destroys the society," the statement disclosed.

He stated: "She also appealed to people to readily issue information on corruption to PCCB, even if the accused are the institution's staff's family members."

Kibwengo pointed out the model will represent Dodoma at a contest to be held at the national level.

"The PCCB Dodoma Branch had on June 19 sponsored a contest aiming at showcasing talent, dubbed 'Miss Dodoma talent show', which was held alongside Miss Dodoma," he disclosed. He disclosed: "Fourteen contestants from Dodoma districts took part in it, they issued information how they know PCCB and its tasks, the society's cooperation with it in doing away with corruption."

"The models as well issued details of corruption's meaning, and how one should issue information to PCCB on a corrupt practice via his or her mobile phone free of charge."

"The person issuing information should send it to emergency number 113, much as all contestants issued information well, the judges selected Subilaga as PCCB Dodoma Branch's ambassador."

According to the official, they have used the Miss Dodoma pageant to get the ambassador, aiming at issuing education on fight against corruption.

He disclosed modelling is one of professions that experience corruption, which frustrates fairness and professionalism. Corrupt practices in the profession lead to selection of models that lack the competence and as a result they fail to successfully represent the country in major pageants.

Kibwengo asked Dodoma residents, particularly young women, to keep on issuing reports to PCCB whenever they experience corrupt practices, to see to it the incidents are dealt with.



Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) Dodoma Branch's Head, Sostenes Kibwengo (seated), in group picture with this year's Miss Dodoma pageant's contestants. PHOTO: RENATHA MSUNGU

2021 TFF Elections: Our football needs inclusivity

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

INCUMBENT Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president Wallace Karia is bound to be the sole candidate ahead of the much awaited Elective Assembly, slated for August 7 in Tanga.

The development came after the TFF Electoral Committee disqualified other contestants, Hawa Mninga and Evans Mgeusa, on grounds that they did not satisfy the conditions set within the TFF Electoral Guidelines.

TFF Electoral Committee vice-chairman, Benjamin Kalume, said Karia would now be the only candidate for the presidential post and he would not be voted on and instead the general assembly would approve him in accordance with the rules.

First, was the successful nomination of Moses Magogo, also a CAF Executive Committee member on June 16, 2017 by the FUFA Electoral Committee at FUFA House in Mengo, Kampala.

Magogo has been nominated unopposed as the FUFA Electoral Committee declared the final candidates for the coming Polls.

It is for the first time a presidential candidate will be elected unopposed and it is no coincidence.

The development was predicted by many after the new electoral guidelines were introduced in 2017.

The administration of the beautiful game is now under key and lock by a few insiders and nothing can be done by outsiders.

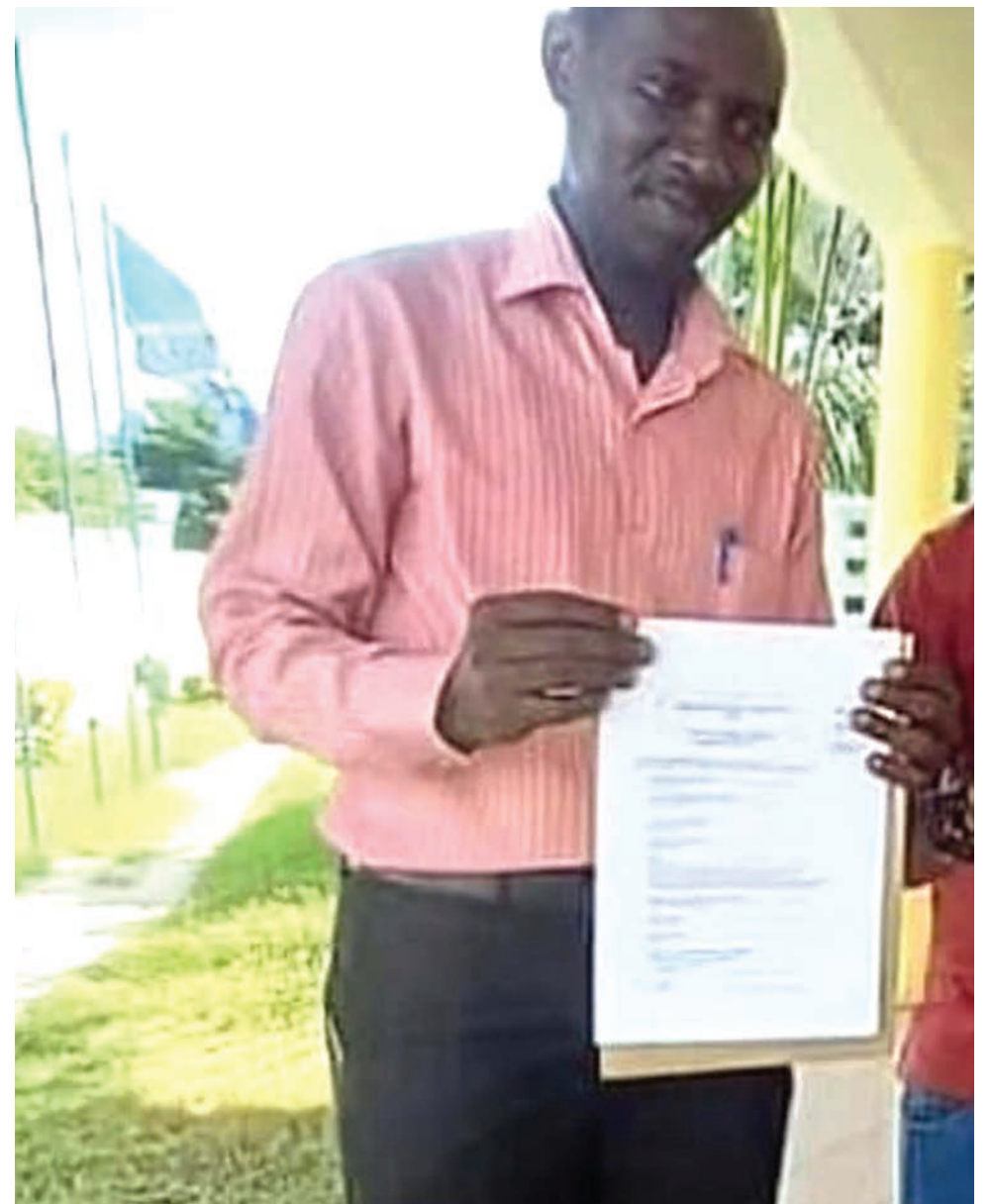
Many stringent clauses effectively knock out outsiders. The experience eligibility is one of the deadliest weapons used against an outsider.

To contest for the presidential post, one must have served in positions of football administration for at least five years in the last 10 years.

A presidential nominee must be endorsed by insiders. He must be nominated by at least five representatives for a group of 47 special members.

Immediately after picking the nomination forms, candidates cried foul.

Only three candidates



Tanzanian football pundit, All Mayay, holds an election form at the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) office in Dar es Salaam early this month. Mayay was disqualified from contesting for the federation's presidency.

got the required signatures. Some candidates did not even bother to return the form while others returned their nomination forms minus the required minimum endorsements.

One particular candidate, Abbas Tarimba, came out and explained he did not bother to continue in a futile exercise that is a coronation of an incumbent. He blamed the strict and unfair TFF Electoral Process.

The former Yanga boss stated that it's difficult to get these signatures from the delegates because they are Karia's loyalists.

He went further and hinted endorsed had been dished before the election race was finally announced.

He made it clear competing in the available electoral structures is just impossible.

Another candidate, Ally Saleh, on the day he was supposed to return the forms to TFF headquarter at Karume in Dar es Salaam, called the press conference and stated that he had failed to get the needed signatures due to the flawed process. He was given a cold shoulder by delegates.

He explained the process can easily be abused because once one candidate can get all the signatures from all delegates which means they cannot nominate any other candidate.

The former Zanzibar lawmaker is reported to have threatened to seek justice outside the normal football judiciary system. It is a treacherous route.

In Uganda where similar restrictive electoral guidelines are used saw incumbent president Moses Ma-

gogo unopposed in 2017 and this year because of the same exclusivity clauses that knockout outsiders.

As it stands, the electoral process is a sham, an outsider can't go through this system and succeed.

It was set up to protect the insiders by locking out potential threats from outside. Our football needs more inclusivity.

For all the primitive excitement of progress in our football, the reality is our FIFA Rankings have not improved.

When the World Cup Qualifiers resume in September, Tanzania will start as the worst ranked team in a group that has DR Congo, Benin and Madagascar.

This is the reality. We simply need an injection of new and fresh ideas from both the insiders and outsiders.

Mchenga BBall Stars clinch U-20 Basketball Tournament's trophy

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

DAR ES SALAAM's Mchenga BBall Stars side has won the 2021 Asas U-20 Basketball Tournament's trophy, cruising to 65-62 victory over Yellow Jacket in the final which took place in the city early this week.

The tournament, which involved junior basketball sides from across the city, aimed at raising the game's standard.

The thrilling final, which took place at the Train 2 gain court at Muhimbili, was attended by, among others, Director of Sports Development in the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuph Singo that was the guest of honour.

Singo congratulated Mchenga BBall Stars squad for staging a comeback in the last quarter.

The guest of honour was accompanied by a contestant for Basketball Dar es Salaam's presidency, Shendu Mwangalla.

Yellow Jacket had an upper hand early on in the final, keeping their opponents at bay with skilful showing.

The match's opening quarter had Yellow Jacket taking 25-12 lead.

In the second quarter, Yellow Jacket kept on tormenting Mchenga BBall Stars, executing quick passes that gave the latter no chance.

Yellow Jacket took 25-12 lead after the completion of the second quarter to notch 40-24 lead at half time.

With Yellow Jacket youngsters having much confidence, the side slowly



Betras Basketball Club's players, Victor Michael (R), and Salum Shaib, showcase their prowess at a training which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

started losing concentration in the third quarter.

The tendency gave Mchenga BBall opportunity to reorganize. Mchenga BBall Stars then managed to score points whenever they neared their opponents' arc.

Spirited showing Mchenga BBall Stars showcased had the outfit taking control of the clash's third quarter, commanding 25-12 lead.

The last quarter once again belonged to Mchenga BBall Stars outfit, the squad went on to take 16-10 lead.

Yellow Jacket's Fotius Ngaiza slotted in 15 points, teammate Ronaldo Kelvin chipped in with 14 points, and Anshuman Singh scored 10 points.

Mchenga BBall Stars' Mathew Shis-

sot was the top scorer, ending with 14 points, he as well had 10 assists, and fellow player Omary Sadick posted 12 points.

Shisot was voted as the showdown's Most Valuable Player, Ngaiza won the competition's best defender prize.

Mchenga BBall Stars' Sadick was presented with the competition final's Most Valuable Player prize.

Eight outfits took part in the tournament and they were put in two groups.

Yellow Jacket, Mchenga BBall Stars, Mabibo Baller and Segerea Junior made Group A.

Group comprised Don Lua, Vijana Young Kids, Mchenga Young Stars and Drim Chaser.

Belgium fret over Hazard, De Bruyne for Italy quarter-final

LONDON

BELGIUM are anxiously waiting on the fitness of stars Kevin De Bruyne and Eden Hazard for their Euro 2020 quarter-final showdown against Italy on Friday.

Thorgan Hazard fired Belgium into the last eight with the goal that knocked out holders Portugal, but the fitness of his brother Eden and De Bruyne is Belgium's main concern before facing the Azzurri in Munich.

De Bruyne came off early in the second half against Portugal with an ankle knock, while Belgian captain Hazard injured a hamstring late in the game.

Neither trained Wednesday with Belgium's medical staff working around the clock to get them fit to face Italy.

Coach Roberto Martinez admits neither player will probably be 100 per cent in Munich, "but we will use every day to get them as fit as possible".

Manchester City midfielder De Bruyne is central to Belgium's hopes of reaching the semi-finals, where Spain or Switzerland would await next Tuesday. Martinez is assessing his alternative options in attacking midfield.

Atletico Madrid's Yannick Carrasco could replace Hazard, while Napoli forward Dries Mertens may step in for De Bruyne.

AFP

Martinez expects Italy to "attack from the very first second, they will be very structured", underlining the need for De Bruyne's presence to guide Belgium's counter-attacks.

Chelsea midfielder Jorginho, who faced De Bruyne's City in last month's Champions League final, has warned his Italy team-mates.

"De Bruyne is a player who makes the difference. We have to stop him because he always finds space. He can be really dangerous," said Jorginho.

With four wins and three clean sheets so far at Euro 2020, the Belgians are living up to their billing as the world's top-ranked team.

- Record run -

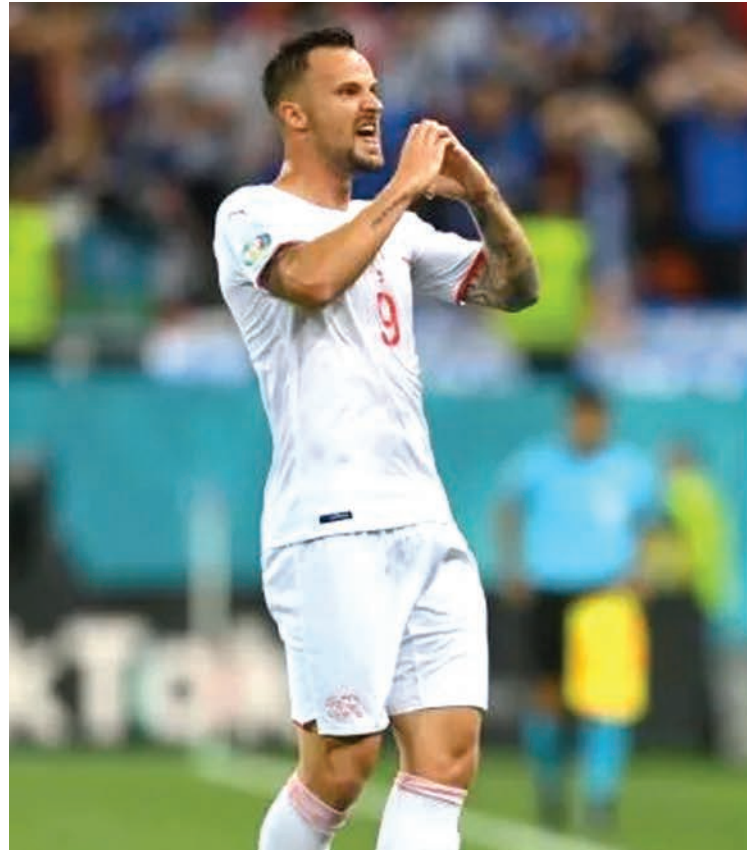
However, Italy are on a national record run of 31 games unbeaten after digging deep to seal a 2-1 victory over Austria following extra time in the last 16.

Second-half replacements Federico Chiesa and Matteo Pessina scored to send the Italians through.

"Italy will be the toughest opponent we've met so far," said Belgium forward Thorgan Hazard.

"They've had a good run of wins and it will be a nice challenge for us to end that sequence."

History favours Spain as Switzerland seek repeat Euro 2020 coup



Haris Seferovic (L) has been a key player for Switzerland at Euro 2020, while Sergio Busquets returned to captain Spain after missing the first two games with Covid-19. (AFP)



LONDON

SWITZERLAND will try to follow up their shock elimination of world champions France at Euro 2020 against Spain today after reaching the quarter-finals of a major tournament for the first time in 67 years.

Vladimir Petkovic's side recovered from two goals down to force extra time against much-fancied France and prevailed on penalties as 2018 World Cup hero Kylian Mbappe missed the decisive spot-kick.

Now the Swiss hope to spring another surprise against a Spain team that has scored 10 times in two games after a slow start to the group stage.

Alvaro Morata's redemptive strike helped secure a 5-3 extra-time win over Croatia, but Spain will need to cut out the errors if they are to contend for a record fourth European

Championship.

The Juventus forward and his family had been subjected to abuse by fans in Seville after he missed a series of chances in the group stage.

History is on Spain's side against Switzerland, having lost just once in 22 meetings, a 1-0 defeat in South Africa that sparked their run to the 2010 World Cup title.

Sergio Busquets, the Spain captain, is the lone survivor from that team, while the Barcelona midfielder and Jordi Alba are the only two players in the squad left from their Euro 2012 triumph.

The win over Croatia was Spain's first in a knockout fixture since they beat Italy 4-0 to claim the second of back-to-back European crowns.

"The quarter-final depends on us not our rival. It wouldn't matter if it were France, the Swiss, Ukraine - we are here to win so we have to face and beat the best," said goalkeeper Unai Simon.

The Athletic Bilbao keeper suffered an embarrassing lapse of concentration, allowing a Pedri back-pass to roll off his foot for an own

goal, but recovered his composure to make a crucial save in extra time.

"It was a miscontrol. I've seen it six or seven times now and I've got a bit worked up about it," said Simon, who made his Spain debut last November.

"The sun's not bothering me and it doesn't bounce awkwardly... I think I tried to get the ball out of my feet by controlling it instead of stopping it."

"It's an accident and something that can be fixed," he added.

- A long time coming -

Switzerland celebrated what striker Haris Seferovic called "the most beautiful of nights" as they dumped out France to win their first European Championship knockout tie.

The last time the Swiss reached a major quarter-final they lost 7-5 to Austria as hosts of the 1954 World Cup, the highest scoring game in the tournament's history.

Fast-forward more than half a century and a first semi-final is within reach for Switzerland, whose Sarajevo-born coach is symbolic of the squad's multi-cultural composition.

"At the end of the (France) game, I couldn't speak at all. I was finished,

I lost my voice," said Petkovic, the former charity worker who was appointed in 2014.

However he will have to do without captain Granit Xhaka, whose booking against France means the combative Arsenal midfielder is suspended for the next game.

"I've always said that this team deserves a lot more than what you read," Xhaka said after Switzerland won their first knockout game since the 1930s.

"There has been so much talk about this team. There's even been talk that we're arrogant. But I can guarantee you now that we wrote history."

The tie will go ahead in Saint Petersburg as planned, organisers told AFP, despite the city this week posting a new pandemic high for daily virus deaths.

Saint Petersburg, Russia's second city and one of the country's main virus hotspots, has seen a surging outbreak due to the highly transmissible Delta variant first identified in India.

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There's a new betting favorite to win Euro 2020.

BY NICK BROMBERG, YAHOO SPORTS

ENGLAND (+200) has assumed the role of favorite to win the tournament at BetMGM following its win over Germany in the Round of 16. England has a great path to the tournament final on July 10 as it faces Ukraine on Saturday and will face the winner of Denmark vs. Czech Republic if it wins its quarter-final game.

An England tournament win would be the men's team's first major tournament trophy since 1966.

France had been the tournament favorite since betting opened. But the defending World Cup champions were eliminated from the tournament by Switzerland on Monday. Switzerland scored twice in the final 10 minutes to send the game into extra time and won on penalty kicks as goalie Yann Sommer saved Kylian Mbappe's shot to end the game.

With France out of the tournament, Italy is the most-bet team remaining.

Nearly 20% of tickets are on Italy to win and just over 20% of the handle is on the Italians. Italy plays Belgium on Friday and has moved to the No. 3 favorite at +400.

Spain is now the No. 2 favorite at +300. Spain plays Switzerland on Friday and will play the winner of Belgium vs. Italy in the semifinals if it knocks out the Swiss. Spain has scored five goals in each of its last two games, though it needed two goals in extra time on Monday to knock out Croatia.

Here's a look at the betting odds for the eight remaining teams in the tournament compared to where they were when the betting lines opened.

Current betting odds
 England (+200) [+500 at open]
 Spain (+300) [+700]
 Italy (+400) [+1200]
 Belgium (+700) [+550]
 Denmark (+1000) [+8000]
 Switzerland (+2500) [+8000]
 Czech Republic (+2500) [+15000]
 Ukraine (+3300) [+8000]

Euro 2020: Joachim Low's Germany legacy a mix of glory, gratitude and frustration

LONDON

WHEN it was over, Joachim Low didn't linger. The final whistle went, the England fans at Wembley exploded and Low was very quickly off, headed down into the tunnel and toward the Germany changing room. It was his last match after 15 years as coach of Die Mannschaft. It was the last night of a legacy that is somehow both simple and hard to parse at the same time.

"I was so disappointed," Low would say after Tuesday's 2-0 loss, explaining why he seemed to be in such a hurry to exit the scene. "There are not many more thoughts in my head."

That is fair enough. When you have come the distance that Low has, the end will always be just a ball of emotion pressing squarely into your chest. But there are, surely, plenty of thoughts - of both gratitude and frustration - from German fans, if not German players, over the conclusion of Low's reign.

That it ended with such a damp, unremarkable performance felt somehow poetic. Low arrived on the German scene as an assistant to Jürgen Klinsmann in 2004, the tactical savant to Klinsmann's motivator, and the pair were charged with reviving the German team from a moment full of such limp showings, a time screaming for transition. He leaves nearly two decades later with the team in a spot that isn't so dissimilar.

What has come in the middle? It sort of depends on who you ask and the type of frame you want to draw. On its face, the ledger is remarkable: five straight major tournament appearances in a semifinal or better at one stretch. Third place at a home World Cup in 2006. The masterpiece 7-1 annihilation of Brazil in Belo Horizonte in 2014, an evening when the

German domination was so thorough that it made an entire country weep. And, of course, just a few days later, the World Cup final in Rio de Janeiro in which Low sent on Mario Gotze as a substitute for Miroslav Klose and Gotze became the tournament's ultimate match winner in the 113th minute against Argentina.

I was at the Maracana that night and saw the joy and jubilation, Low cantering around the field with the sort of wry, sly smile that belied his exuberance. Having seen that party and the incredible light it evoked makes it hard, sometimes, to square the ambivalence that now seems to linger over Low's departure. Those moments, that bliss - that isn't enough to define a man's career?

The answer, of course, is no, and not least because sports is a results business and Low kept putting up results long after the celebration from 2014 had subsided. Time passed. Expectations rose to unfathomable levels. And players aged, the core of the squad that Low (and Klinsmann) developed which was in its prime in 2014 began to wilt. As memorable as it was for me to see the Germans preening in Brazil, I'll also never forget the mixture of shock and embarrassment on their faces in Russia in 2018, as I watched Germany finish dead last in its group and miss the knockout round of a major tournament for the first time in its history.

That is part of Low's tale, too. And it is ugly.

Low tried. Very few national team coaches are ever around long enough to oversee one generational switch let alone two, but Low took another swing, casting off several veterans, including Thomas Müller, after a run of horrific performances in the UEFA Nations League two years ago.

It didn't stick. The future of this



team is with players like Joshua Kimmich and Kai Havertz and Leon Goretzka - even Low admitted as much on Tuesday night - but Low still felt he needed to bring back Müller for this tournament, still felt he couldn't quite sever all his ties to the past.

It was a mistake, of course. France may have found lightning with the recall of its aging scorer in Karim Benzema, but Müller offered no such inspiration. Against England, his woeful pass nearly gifted a goal to the English just before halftime and his inability to even hit the target when in alone about 10 minutes from the end will be the lasting image of a game in which the Germans were punished for their incredible failure to convert on clear chances.

Low substituted Müller not long after his miss (though far too late to make a meaningful difference), and Müller stormed off, shouting back toward the field. Low didn't indulge in such an obvious outburst, but it was clear he was steaming as well.

"We would have turned the match around if we had scored on Müller's chance," he said later. "It was clear. It was obvious it was going to be all about patience. You need to be clinical if you want to succeed. The English team scored on their first opportunity - we didn't."

Was it unreasonable that the Germans ultimately lost? Hardly. But it wouldn't have been unreasonable

if they'd won either, and I think it is that - on a larger level - which makes taking the full measure of Low more difficult. The truth is, it could have been them going through on Tuesday, could have been them with the bracket opening up for them. Could have been them needing only to beat a fatigued Ukraine team on Saturday to book its place in yet another semi-final.

But it isn't. And that is where the frame comes in. This wasn't a German team anyone favored to win the tournament at the start, but in the same way that Low's overall success with Germany - while impressive and laudable - looks a bit less rosy when you realize it came amidst Spain's dominance from 2008 to 2012, say, there is still the sense that despite its obvious flaws here, Germany also failed to even approach its potential in this competition. That given the way the bracket laid out, Low allowed an opportunity to be missed.

It certainly felt that way Tuesday. The game was there to be taken - as so many games against England had been taken over the past half-century - but Low and his players let it slip away.

"We're absolutely gutted," Manuel

Neuer said.

"It hurts a lot to go home now," Toni Kroos said.

"If you crash out in the round of 16, of course it's disappointing, but now we have to move on," Havertz said, his voice steely.

They will. Kimmich had tears in his eyes on the field, but he will be at the heart of the new Germany, a Germany with players who can play literally any position required. That flexibility and newness of shape will come under Hansi Flick starting this fall, not Low, who flew back to the team's base camp in Nuremberg late Tuesday before officially stepping down.

Near the end of his final postmatch news conference, he was asked about his thoughts on the future. Will there be a club job waiting for him? Something else? Perhaps the 61-year-old will simply retire and become a pensioner?

Low shrugged. He sounded tired. And after so many years of scheming and calculating and trying to come up with the perfect tactical methodology, he also sounded like a man who is ready for something different.

"At the moment," he said, "I don't really have a concrete plan."

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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History favours Spain as Switzerland seek repeat Euro 2020 coup

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Ali Kiba impresses revelers in International Cartoon Day commemoration

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

PROMINENT Tanzanian artiste, Ali Kiba, won the hearts of the country's music enthusiasts at a commemoration of the International Cartoon Day, which took place in Dar es Salaam.

Kiba had people that turned up for the event cheering noisily as he was staging a show.

International Cartoon Day's celebration took place at 'Business' venue at Buza in the city.

Some of the local musicians, among others, promising ones, featured in the commemoration.

Kiba took the stage with his dancers and

his younger brother Abdul Kiba also a prominent artiste.

The musician belted out a section of his popular hits including 'Salute' and 'Ndombolo ya Solo', making the revelers cheering noisily.

Popular musicians that as well took the stage are Chegge Chigunda from TMK group, and famous artiste, Mwinjuma Mumin, the latter performed his latest hit, titled 'Kwa Mpalange'.

Other entertainment that graced the day ranged from a beauty pageant, Miss Buza, with the crown going to Amina Abdallah, to music performances Buza-based artistes showcased.



Tanzanian musician, Ali Kiba (2nd L), takes the stage at the commemoration of International Cartoon Day in Dar es Salaam mid this week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO

Shree Kutchi Leva records victory over Gymkhana in Kazim Nasser 50 over League

By Guardian Reporter

ATHUMAN Siwa put stellar all-round showing to catapult Shree Kutchi Leva Patel SC (SKLPSC) to one-wicket victory over Gymkhana Cricket Club in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) T50 Division A match, which took place recently.

Gymkhana Cricket Club notched 136 runs all out in 42 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat.

The team had a stable start, with openers Amit Raghuvanshi and Kheel Suchak putting up 53 runs in 17.3 overs.

They were seemingly a bit slow with the conditions and pitch but then, with a more than decent start, it was expected the cricketers were to post a minimum of 220 runs on the board.

After Raghuvanshi's dismissal, who exited after posting 17 runs off 48 balls, Gymkhana Cricket Club was seemingly not in a position to notch the expected total.

Top order batsman Baraka Laizer, a product of Arusha cricket development program, with so much potential in him, continued to disappoint by experiencing a brief spell, notching three runs off 15 balls.

Laizer's early exit, as a result, left opener, Suchak, stranded for partners.

Before the actual collapse there was a brief little partnership between Suchak and Gymkhana Cricket Club captain, Harsheel Shah, who scored 21 runs.

Top order batsman, Gourav Choudhary, ended with two-digit figure, recording 18 runs off 15 balls.

He had time to crack a big six but then he did not survive, he got out leaving his team reaching 118 runs.

The SKLPSC spinner, Siwa, tormented the opponents' middle order batsmen and ended with an impressive figure of six wickets in nine overs at a cost of 32 runs.

On reply, the SKLPSC was cruising very well with regular wickets. They somewhat just got down to a successful chase for the loss of nine wickets in 36.4 overs.

There were contributions coming



Shree Kutchi Leva Patel SC (SKLPSC) cricket squad's Athumani Siwa (L) receives the best player of the clash prize from Gymkhana Cricket Club's vice-chairman, Ashish Nagewadia, once the former's team confronted the latter's squad in the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) T50 Division A, which is sponsored by Unimoni Bureau de Exchange, recently. PHOTO: DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

throughout the whole squad, with opening batsman, Dinesh Rabadiya, notching 20 runs.

Fellow opener, Naran Vekariya, ended with 14 runs, Vinesh Gorasiya was the cricketer with most runs, notching 26 runs. Other key players, Vipul Pindoria, posted 17 runs, Siwa posted 11 runs, Hassan Rahim notched 13 runs.

The cricketers were the performers who were in the double figures, with a timely boundary hit by Naran Kerai getting them over the line with a lot of nerves around.

Siwa laid his hands on the clash's best performer prize, he was presented with cash prize and a T-shirt awarded by tournament sponsors, Unimoni Bureau de Exchange company.

The firm is well known across the globe and is very supportive to the sport all over the world.

The firm has sponsored such tournaments like Unimoni Asia Cup and it has promised to fully support domestic cricket in future once the firm's business starts flourishing, as it has recently started operating in Tanzania.

Polisi Tanzania seeks better position in VPL

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

POLISI Tanzania's head coach, Malale Hamsini, has said that the team's main goal is to finish in the top five in the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League.

The outfit sits seventh in the top flight after taking part in 32 matches, it has collected 42 points.

Lindi's Namungo FC is lately placed fifth with 43 points from 32 matches.

Polisi Tanzania had locked horns with Ruvu Shooting in the former's past match, settling for 1-1 draw in Coast Region.

The tie's goals were netted via headers, as Ruvu Shooting attacker, David Richard, connected with a header.

Polisi Tanzania leveled matters in the same manner with Tariq Seif beating Ruvu Shooting shot stopper.

Hamsini pointed out: "We have remaining matches and we will fight to get three points in each of them to achieve our goal of finishing the league in the top five."

"The competition is so great,



Simba SC fullback, Shomari Kapombe (2nd R), negotiates his way past Polisi Tanzania's Pato Ngonyani (R), Hassan Maulid (C), and Matheo Anthony in the previous season's Premier League tie, played at Ushirika Stadium in Kilimanjaro.

we are aware of it, we are therefore fighting for victory in the remaining matches," he said.

Meanwhile, Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) said 11 officials will be in charge of the Premier League match between traditional rivals, Simba SC and Yanga, at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The TPLB Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Almasi Kasongo, issued the statement, noting all necessary preparations for the match, set to kickoff at 5pm, are going on well.

He noted: "Apart from the usual four referees, who take charge of the game including the center referee, two assistant referees and the fourth official, seven more officials will officiate it."

"Others on the day will be assistant referee, match commissioner, general coordinator, assistant general coordinator, marketing officer and security officer," Kasongo said.

He added that the VVIP sec-

tion of the stadium will only be reserved to invited people, hence those with no special invitations will not be allowed to accommodate the area.

He also noted that the board will invite almost 200 people for the VIP section, while insisting that Simba SC versus Yanga match is big not only in Tanzania but also across the boarders.

"The TPLB continues to take this match seriously knowing that whenever these two sides meet, the encounter is thrilling," he noted.

He also made it clear that people who bought tickets in the initial rescheduled tie which was slated on May 8 this year will use the same tickets to enter in the venue on Saturday.

"Those who bought tickets on May 8 should come in big number to witness the game and the venue gates are to be opened from 9am," he said.

Government-owned ticket seller agent N-Card's Operations Manager Nasra Mugheiry

said those who bought tickets should bring their cards at the venue on Saturday.

She also insisted that a total of 13,782 tickets will be sold, of which 2,218 will be for the common seats, while 11,280 will be for the orange seats and 284 for VIP B seats.

According to her, tickets for VIP A and C have already been sold out.

On technical aspect, the two sides' coaches, Simba SC's Didier Gomes and Yanga's Nasreddine Nabi will be making their debut in tie and one of them will hopefully have the last laugh.

As it stands, Simba leads the table with 73 points after featuring in 29 games while Yanga continues to cling on to the second spot with 67 points from 31 matches.

Azam FC is positioned third with 64 points from 32 matches whereas Biashara United and Namungo FC complete the top five spots after pocketing 49 points and 43 points apiece.

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