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The public needs to utilise the modern train for boosting activities like agriculture as it will be easier to reach local and international markets

By Guardian Reporters

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday launched the country's standard gauge railway (SGR) speed train services from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma, marking a major milestone in the initiative that has crossed the halfway mark in its construction process.

Yesterday, while en route to Dodoma to inaugurate the train, President Samia expressed her satisfaction with completing

major portions of the railway and other key inherited projects, such as the Tanzanite Bridge and the Julius Nyerere Hydroelectric Power Project (JNHPP).

The president was delighted to have overcome challenges during project execution, recalling that its planning phase was initiated under the third phase, with the late President Benjamin Mkapa.

"The vision for the railway, initially proposed by the late President Mkapa follow-

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REMOTE DREAM COMES TRUE



President Samia Suluhu Hassan leads the clapping in Dodoma city yesterday shortly after flagging off the grand launch of Standard Gauge Railway electric train transport services for the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro-Dodoma stretch. Photo: State House

DPM: TLS needs leaders to uplift unity, not divide

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Prime Minister Dr Doto Biteko has urged members of the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) to elect leaders who are ready to advance justice and peace, to unite the profession rather than divide them.

Opening the TLS general meeting in Dodoma yesterday, he also called on them to elect leaders who will uphold the respectful aura of the legal profession in the community as opposed to cultivating personal fame.

The meeting will elect the society's leaders, including the president and vice president, where the DPM urged those who will be elected to work on uniting members and support those who are unsuccessful in election bids.

He asked the lawyers to use their networks to educate the public about the importance of civic polls and the general election, on the premise that it should be free, with every party promoting its policies and building unity among Tanzanians.

"In doing this, you will assist the government and the nation in selecting good leaders chosen on merit, not for reasons that do not lead to good leadership," he declared.

He responded to complaints by the TLS president Harold Sungusia that lawyers are at times being arrested while performing their duties, where the DPM instructed

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Minister, AfDB praise low inflation, higher real GDP

By Guardian Correspondent, Abuja

TANZANIA'S real GDP growth is projected at 6 percent in 2025 from 5.7 percent in 2024, Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has asserted.

Launching the Tanzania Economic Performance Review Report for 2024 prepared by the African Development Bank (AfDB), he cited observations in the report that inflation is projected to decline to 3.3 percent this year, inching up to 3.4 percent next year.

The key drivers of price stability are mainly stable food and energy prices, he said, highlighting the report's theme as focused on driving Tanzania's transformation, within efforts to reform the global financial architecture.

He said growth was being driven by agriculture, manufacturing and tourism, supported by public investments and reforms to improve

the business environment, affirmed by the report.

The minister is leading Tanzania's delegation to the African caucus meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where he unveiled the report which indicates that Tanzania has made significant economic and social progress in recent years.

It is a leader among East African countries within the context of global challenges including recovering from the impacts of COVID-19, climate change and ongoing conflicts around the world.

He was confident that the country will be strengthening its economy through the third five-year development plan aiming at a strong, inclusive and competitive economy, with emphasis on agriculture, industry,

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PM urges Expo participants to access key global markets

Farmers need to use the eight days of the show distributed in eight zones across the country to learn more about the necessary agro practices, and skills

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has called on exhibitors and participants in the 31st Tanzania Agricultural International Expo to explore various skills and technologies to uplift agro-sector productivity.

Launching the annual agro-sector produce and services showcasing event this

year themed on embracing visionary leadership for agricultural transformation, he underscored the need to elect leaders likely to be fully committed to transforming agriculture responsibly.

Asserting that the government has so far succeeded in easing access to vast markets for crops and meat outside the country, he appealed to agro-sector practitioners and

administrators to adopt best practices to elevate productivity.

This is vital to benefit accordingly from available, lucrative markets, citing China, India, the United States, Pakistan, and Brazil, with \$2.3m gained by exporting 1.57m tonnes of crops, he said.

Available produce for export is no longer a problem, while the government is seeking out other global market platforms, he said, affirming that the National Food Reserve Authority (NFRA) and Cereals and Other Produce Board (CPB) have between them signed accords to sell 1.25 tonnes of maize outside.

Congo has applied to buy 500,000

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ing discussions with Rwanda's President Paul Kagame, was intended to connect Dar es Salaam and Kigali via a modern railway."

The construction of the segment from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro, spanning 300 kilometers, began in April 2017 by the late President John Magufuli.

When the current presidency was inaugurated in March 2021, construction had attained 722 kilometers while its reach at present is put at 1,522 kilometers, showing various levels of completion, she stated.

On June 14 the first train journeyed from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro carrying 14 carriages and upwards of 700 passengers, with President Samia acknowledging yesterday that while immediate benefits might be slow to be noticed, "The railway represents a significant community service and a step towards sustainable development."

The project and other key projects are integral to advancing the country's infrastructure and fostering growth, she said, highlighting that ongoing construction extends the railway towards Kigoma, near borders with Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This will enhance international trade and national development, as the railway project, costing 10trn/- by rough estimates, is expected to boost tourism since tourists traveling to Mikumi now prefer speed train to Morogoro rather than flying.

Speed train is also strategic for rapid transportation of cargo to

clients, including bulk oil, reducing reliance on road transport, where officials say the shift is expected to decrease road accidents while questions are being raised on SGR impact on road transport as a whole.

At the Kihonda train station in Morogoro, President Samia assured residents that road infrastructure challenges are being addressed, encouraging them to leverage the railway for enhanced economic activities.

The public needs to utilise the modern train for boosting activities like agriculture as it will be easier to reach local and international markets, she said, assigning passenger bus operators to take up services in areas not covered by the railway.

Masanja Kadogosa, the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) director general, reported that from June 25 to July 28, SGR passenger trains had lifted 188,000 passengers, averaging about 7,000 per day.

Dr Emmanuel Nchimbi, the CCM secretary general, praised extension of the railway from 722 to 1,522 kilometers in the past three years as highlighting the focus and diligence of the ruling party.

Adam Malima, the Morogoro regional commissioner, noted that the region was a hub with five different train lines, citing the SGR, the central railway line, the Tanzania-Zambia Railway and their connections within the region.

AbdulAziz Abood, the Morogoro Urban MP, said the railway will have a positive impact on the local economy and investment opportunities within Morogoro municipality.

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tonnes of maize, Zambia needs 650,000 tonnes and the World Food Programme (WFP) has asked for at least 100,000 tonnes, he said, highlighting that there are similarly substantial export markets for vanilla, pepper, cloves, pineapples, cocoa, tobacco, potatoes and banana.

He pointed at China, Pakistan, the US, South Africa, and India as key markets, with the need to improve agro-sector performance occasioning a rise in agriculture ministry budget funding to 1.2trn/-.

This is meant to facilitate the implementation of numerous projects to uplift production capacity, he said, elaborating that the target is to enable farmers and livestock keepers to modernise, thus uplifting production and productivity.

Farmers need to use the eight days of the show distributed in eight zones across the country to learn more about the necessary agro practices, and skills, he said, affirm-

ing that livestock and agriculture contribute 26.5 percent to the gross domestic product (GDP) and 65 percent of raw materials for local industries. This leaves aside its share in direct and indirect employment, he stated.

Up to June 2024, 13.14m tonnes of meat had been exported to different countries, including Comoro, Hong Kong, Jordan, Kenya, and Kuwait, fetching \$56m, with the livestock sector obtaining large markets for livestock hides and bones, in Togo and Nigeria specifically.

Agriculture Minister Hussein Bashe said the ministry made the right preparations to ensure that this year's exhibitions are even more fruitful, especially in disseminating the relevant agro-sector technologies to farmers.

Alexander Mnyeti, the Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister, said the exhibition will help to propel better use of livestock rearing technology among local livestock keepers.

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crop value addition, investment flows and external trade, creating jobs particularly for the youth.

Reiterating circulate demand, he urged international financial institutions, including the AfDB to generate favourable conditions for access to concessional financing to enable African countries to sustainably implement major development plans.

He emphasised on challenges hindering the development of African countries including Tanzania as the impact of climate change, projecting that Tanzania needs \$6.3bn annually to address these issues, including mitigating climate change effects.

He said Tanzania had successfully controlled inflation, maintaining it below 3.3 percent due to the sound economic policies of the current authorities, taking satisfaction that the report identifies sectors contributing to sharp growth as including finance, services, agriculture, an improved investment environment, trade and mining.

The AfDB report suggests that the country has scope for maintain-

ing stability in its monetary and economic policies, investing more in agriculture and energy, while further improving the investment environment and addressing the impacts of climate change.

The fiscal deficit, financed by domestic and external borrowing, is expected to decline to 2.5 percent of GDP in 2023/24 and stabilize at that level in 2024/25, supported by improvements in revenue performance, the report noted.

It said that the current account deficit, financed by external borrowing, is projected at 4.0 percent of GDP in 2024 and 4.2 percent in 2025, supported by higher merchandise exports and tourism receipts.

The major downside risks to the outlook include spillover from geopolitical tensions and regional conflicts, sluggish global growth, the narrow tax base and climate shocks, it said, while a background note online says that the fiscal deficit declined slightly from 3.6 per cent of GDP in 2021/22 to 3.5 percent in 2022/23, responding to expenditure controls, and was financed by external and domestic borrowing.



Deputy Prime Minister and Energy minister Dr Doto Biteko (3rd-R, front row) views various Law books and other publications in Dodoma city yesterday moments after opening Tanganyika Law Society's annual general meeting on behalf of President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: DPMO

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Dr Pindi Chana, the Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister, to take up the matter and resolve it"

"Our country is governed by the rule of law, and I believe that, in addition to hearing and addressing it, when we meet next year, this should not be a recurring challenge. We should have found answers," he told the gathering.

He cautioned on expectations by TLS leaders on the sort of feedback they present to the government on draft legal documents, noting that the government can take TLS's feedback and leave out others.

"It does not mean it has been ignored but indicates that engagement has occurred," he said, asking the minister to ensure that every

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matter brought forward for feedback especially from TLS since they handle the law drafts regularly, is given sufficient time to be read and considered.

The TLS president expressed gratitude for amendments to the Lawyers Act, Chapter 341 of the laws of Tanzania, adding sections 41 and 42 which have increased penalties for dealing with "scoundrels."

He was glad about altering the 12-month prison term, now ex-

tended to three years for anyone pretending to be a lawyer or performing legal duties without authorisation.

"With the increased fine from 2,000/- to 20m/-, we see significant changes," he said, projecting that enforcing this law will sideline those lacking ethics who deceive and defraud the public by pretending to be lawyers.

TLS has been educating the public about demands for a new consti-

tution, emphasizing the need for a broad national discussion on how the country can advance constitutional education as it seeks a new constitution.

The minister stated that the government has established a center to provide free legal aid to the public and has instructed local government authorities to list institutions providing free legal assistance for proper recognition by the government.



Muheza District Traffic Police Commander Leonard Bandola conducts road safety training for Genge Primary School pupils yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By Guardian Reporter

Dr Kijaji urges Tanzanians to promote clean cooking energy

of citizens fully participating in the efforts made by the government to deal with the effects of climate change using natural methods.

The Minister highlighted the cooperation agreement between Tanzania and Norway, signed in 2023, which includes facilitating access to funds for the environment and climate change.

She urged executives in the Vice President's Office to leverage the opportunity by preparing documentation for projects that promote environmental sustainability.

Additionally, Dr Kijaji advocated for enhanced climate change research to strengthen strategies and promote climate-smart agriculture.

Deputy Ambassador Schie

noted that Norway has been a long partner to Tanzania in addressing climate change.

He mentioned that recent collaborations include establishing the National Carbon Monitoring Centre (NMC) and the REDD Project, both managed by the Vice President's Office and ended in 2023.

He said in the second cooperation agreement to combat climate change signed in 2023, some areas have been worked on so far which is the MRV4Tanzania Project presented by NCMC in collaboration with the NIBIO Research Institute of Norway.

He also highlighted the MRV4Tanzania Project, developed in partnership with Norway's NIBIO Research Institute.

The envoy mentioned another area is the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) project in collaboration with the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) and the Ministry of Finance to assist three councils in the Dodoma Region with climate change adaptation and funding.

Christina Mndeme, deputy secretary for environment in the Vice President's Office, called for Norway's continued support in advancing clean cooking energy in Tanzania.

She stressed the country's commitment to transitioning away from environmentally harmful energy sources and underscored the need for international support to achieve this goal.



Jestas Abuok Nyamanga (L), Tanzania's Ambassador to Belgium who is also accredited to Luxembourg and the European Union speaks in a Radio One interview yesterday morning chiefly on relations between Tanzania and Belgium as well as Tanzania and the EU. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Use funds better to uplift your incomes, beneficiaries advised

By Guardian Correspondent, Mkinga

BENEFICIARIES of the Marine Conservation Fund in Mkinga District, Tanga Region have been urged to make proper use of the funds and training they receive by engaging in income-generating projects to improve their livelihoods while protecting marine resources.

The beneficiaries who make a total of 4,422 in the district should also ensure that they also take time to educate others on the importance of protecting marine resources.

Ezra Katete, Mkinga District Fisheries Officer made the appeal during the disbursement of 31.5m/- to MKUBA groups in the villages of Zingibari, Moa, and Mwabozza, which collectively include over 461 members.

Katete emphasized the

importance of using the funds to increase business capital and urged beneficiaries to avoid spending on non-essential luxuries.

"Make sure you use these funds wisely. We expect to see positive outcomes soon, avoid lavish spending such as weddings, drinking, or buying clothes and jewelry. The purpose of these funds is to support you economically and alleviate hunger in your homes. The donors aim to empower you so you can carry out your duties with fewer challenges, especially regarding food security," Katete said.

He also expressed gratitude to the development partners for their support.

"We are so thankful to the Mwambao Coastal Community Network Tanzania and its partners. Your assistance has significantly

contributed to achieving our 'blue economy' goals. Through MKUBA, we have been able to provide coastal residents with marine resource conservation education and financial support," Katete added.

Abubakar Masoud, project coordinator at Mwambao Coastal Community Network Tanzania, highlighted that the villages are part of a broader initiative involving 12 villages in Mkinga District and a total of 29 villages across Mkinga, Tanga City, Muheza, and Pangani councils.

To date, 23 villages have benefited from the project funds.

"The funds being distributed to the MKUBA groups in Zingibari, Moa, and Mwabozza are part of our continuous efforts to reach coastal communities. We provide marine

resource conservation education and financial management training, aiming to empower residents economically and help prevent hunger," Masoud said.

Ahmad Salim Omar, Mwambao Coastal Community Network Tanzania regional coordinator noted that increased human activities call for more collective efforts to protect marine resources.

"With the growing population, we have observed a rise in detrimental activities such as mangrove deforestation, illegal fishing using explosives and poisons, and coastal pollution. This is why we initiated projects like 'MKUBA'—to economically empower community members while educating them on marine resource conservation, including mangrove planting and beach clean-ups," Ahmad added.

We're not operating at loss, sugarcane producers stress

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

SUGARCANE farmers in Kilombero Valley, Morogoro Region have distanced themselves from the recent claims that they are operating at a loss.

Speaking to journalists here yesterday, chairman of the Sugarcane Farmers Association in the valley, Bakari Mkangamo, along with leaders from 17 Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society (AMCOS) groups, stated that these claims are baseless and politically motivated.

"There has never been a drop in sugarcane prices. Since we started selling sugarcane this season, we've been selling it at 108,000 per tonne, contrary to this contrary to reports circulating in the media outlets," Mkangamo said.

"Our contract includes a clause for meetings and discussions every three months, unlike the reports claiming that prices have dropped by 70 percent, which is not true," he added.

The farmers said they have never experienced prolonged delays in their payments from the factory; any delays are typically one or two days and are due to new systems that have moved the payment date from the 15th to the 17th.

The farmers emphasized that they have not faced any negative impacts due to the government's decision to withhold sugar import permits to curb the price increase of the commodity and provide relief to the public.

James Mayunga, the manager of the association, stated that sugarcane farmers are the primary beneficiaries of the sugar sector and that they are aware of no adverse effects, contrary to the misleading information.

"We, the farmers, are proud of the government's good policies in collaboration with the Tanzania Sugar Board, which make us proud of our business. We believe this partnership will be beneficial for us," said Mayunga.

Tabu Lwena, a sugarcane farmer in the Kilombero Valley,

urged cooperative leaders not to ignore those trying to spread misinformation to damage the sugarcane sector.

"We, the farmers, constantly review how we are progressing for the benefit of our work. Now, those spreading false information online aim to disrupt our work, so we ask our cooperatives to address this issue," Lwena said.

Iddy Luko noted that as the general election approaches, more people would attempt to spread untruths to push their agendas, and thus, the truth about the sugarcane sector is best found within the cooperatives.

"We know that some are pushing their election agendas, which is why they are targeting the sugarcane sector. However, as farmers, we appreciate the good cooperation and the government's strategy to ensure we benefit," Luko said.

The farmers decided to speak out publicly after a member of parliament claimed that sugarcane prices had dropped due to government changes in sugar import permits to address shortages.

According to the farmers, their cooperatives have a strong partnership with the Kilombero Sugar Factory, giving them high hopes for the sector's reform, especially with the factory's plans for significant expansion that will enable farmers to sell more of their sugarcane.



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Delegations headed by Tanzania Revenue Authority commissioner general Yusuph Mwenda (L) and Tanzania Ports Authority director general Plasduce Mbossa (R) engaged in talks in Dar es Salaam yesterday on cooperation between the two state agencies, with a view to improving their services. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Symposium to foster China-Africa cooperation to drive modernisation

NAIROBI

THE Hong Ting Forum, themed "China and Africa Join Hands Together to Modernization," was held in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi Wednesday, drawing dozens of participants, including policymakers, diplomats, industry executives, media personnel and scholars.

Convened by Xinhua News Agency Africa Regional Bureau, the half-day symposium discussed innovative ways to strengthen Sino-African cooperation across diverse sectors and achieve renewal.

There was a consensus among participants at the Hong Ting Forum that both Africa and China have a shared aspiration to prosper and modernize by leveraging partnerships and mutual learning.

Cavince Adhere, a Nairobi-based

international relations scholar, observed that a fruitful Sino-African cooperation will form the foundation for fostering economic modernization, creating jobs and spreading prosperity evenly.

While acknowledging China's huge footprint in African economies, Adhere called for enhanced cooperation in digital inclusion, green transition, technology transfer, health, agriculture and security to achieve mutual benefits.

In Kenya, Adhere said China has been instrumental in the modernization of the country's infrastructure, boosting economic growth through enhanced movement of goods and services.

Steve Zhao, chief executive officer of MOJA Expressway Company Limited, a subsidiary of China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC),

noted that by tapping into Chinese technology, capital and expertise, African countries will benefit from modernization powered by improved transport networks.

The 271-km Nairobi Expressway, built by CRBC through a public-private partnership and now operated by MOJA, has boosted Kenya's modernization through seamless mobility of manpower and cargo, Zhao said.

Julius Thairu, chief commercial and customer officer of Kenya Airways, the national carrier, said the dream of establishing a Sino-African air "Silk Road" is slowly being realized to promote connectivity, trade, tourism and cultural exchanges.

Thairu said strategic partnerships between African and Chinese airlines have been forged as part of the air "Silk Road" to strengthen

commercial ties and people-to-people exchanges.

African countries have been inspired by China's rallying call for countries to pursue modernization that suits their local conditions and spread benefits equitably, said Samuel Maina, editor-in-chief of Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, the state-funded broadcaster.

Maina underscored the urgency of powering Africa's modernization by leveraging partnerships with China in strategic areas like healthcare, education, agriculture, energy and infrastructure.

"Africa can draw valuable lessons from the Chinese modernization journey to inform its development strategies," Maina said, adding that partnerships in the areas of innovation, advanced manufacturing and e-commerce will hasten modernization.

ASA develops three seed varieties to bolster yields

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

THE Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) has introduced three new varieties of sunflower, wheat, and sorghum, to improve the performance of the local farmers in the relevant sectors.

The locally made and imported seeds incorporate the open-pollinated varieties (OPV) for wheat and sorghum and the hybrids for sunflower.

Benjamin Mfupe, ASA's Acting Production Manager said that the new seeds are TARISO II (Sorghum), Sun Bloom (sunflower) and SST 884 of wheat.

Speaking at the 31st Nane Nane Agricultural International Exhibition, Mfupe said that the new sunflower variety, Sun Bloom, and the SST 884 of wheat have been imported into the country to quench the current quest of the high demand for improved seeds within the sector.

"We have so far imported at least 10,000/- per one kg, instead of 45,000/- as sold by other seed companies.

He added the state -sunflower hybrid seed from the agency is being sold at a cheap price of at least 10,000/- per one kg, instead of 45,000/- as sold by other seed companies.

"This marks the target of the country to increase oil seed crop production in the country by attracting farmers to the use of improved sunflower seed with high production."

He also said with the seed, the farmers will stand a chance to harvest sunflowers around 110 days after planting, as an early maturing variety, adding that the variety produces large heads with seeds of good oil content.

The sunflower plants are more uniform during plant growth which increases time harvesting.

Mfupe noted that the local wheat farmers must have all reasons to smile as well, unveiling that the imported new variety of SST 884 possesses high growing potential with a wide range of adaptations.

"With the variety, it takes between 90 to 110 days for the farmers to harvest, and the seed can produce between 14 and 18 sacks per acre," he said, adding that experience proved that the variety imported from Zambia flourishes well in several regions across the country, including Dodoma (central zone), Southern Highlands regions, Arusha, and Kilimanjaro.

"I am appealing to the wheat farmers in all wheat-grown areas to go for the new seed to improve production and productivity."

He added that ASA has already dispatched a total of 500 tonnes of useful seeds in at least 12 municipalities with wheat production, naming the areas as Makete, Makambako, Njombe, Arusha, Wang'ombe, Ludewa, Siha, Monduli, Hanang, Babati, Sumbawanga, and Nkasi.

He also noted that ASA has distributed a total of 692.9 tonnes of locally made wheat varieties, namely Juhudi and Sifa, saying the farmers can buy and use the improved varieties to boost productivity.

About the new sorghum seed, TARISO II, Mfupe said the seed has been hatched by the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), saying the variety has potential in terms of resistance to diseases, including destructive birds, and it can turn out between 14 and 16 sacks within for one acre.

"ASA will continue to stand at the forefront to work collaboratively with other like-minded stakeholders in the sector to ensure the local farmers are supplied with enough, but better seeds to enable them to elevate production and productivity," he assured.

Create child protection teams, minister Dr Chana urges LGAs

By Beatrice Philemon

MINISTER for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dr Pindi Chana has directed local government leaders both in urban and rural areas to establish child protection committees in their areas.

This, according to the minister will help address challenges facing children, heightening their protection.

Dr Chana made the directives on Tuesday during the launch of legal aid services at the Mwananyamala Regional Referral Hospital One Stop Centre.

"The committees should identify and address issues such as violence affecting children, and ensure that children are protected from abuse, neglect and any form of harm at home, school and within the community," she said.

The minister also stressed the need for communities to collaborate with the committees, report all gender-based violence (GBV) incidents, and work collectively to combat such violence.

"Reporting GBV incidents allows survivors to access necessary medical, psychosocial, and legal aid services on time, which helps minimize the impact of violence and ensures that culprits are held accountable," Chana noted.

She highlighted that protecting the rights of vulnerable groups, especially women and children, is essential due to the barriers they face in obtaining justice.

Dr Chana pointed out that legal aid services have been established at the hospital's One Stop Centre to address various barriers and provide critical support for survivors.

"Our goal is to eliminate these obstacles which can be legal, economic, social or cultural, and ensure that cases are resolved timely," she said.

She added that the new legal aid services aim to assist GBV survivors in overcoming challenges to accessing justice and bringing about meaningful

change in their lives, asking the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) Tanzania to expand the services to other regions due to high demand.

The minister also advises the community to raise their voices to condemn acts of gender-based violence against women and children in the community, continue reporting acts of GBV in the community, and continue to urge family members not to hide incidents of violence occurring in their homes.

She encouraged the public to speak out against gender-based violence, report incidents, and discourage the hiding of such incidents within families, lauding GIZ Tanzania for its ongoing support of justice initiatives for women and children.

Shed stated: "We truly value your contribution."

Chana stressed the need for a collective effort to address GBV, noting that the challenge affects individuals, families, and communities, and often leaves victims with long-term physical and psychological injuries requiring extensive treatment.

Katharina Kuehn, GIZ Tanzania's Cluster coordinator for gender programs, expressed optimism about the pilot legal aid services at Mwananyamala.

"We hope this initiative will significantly support and empower survivors. If successful, it could be extended to other One Stop Centres in Tanzania and beyond," Kuehn said.

She said in Germany, the concept of Nebenklage, or additional plaintiff, allows victims to play a more active role in their cases, choosing their own legal representation and participating alongside the prosecution.

Dr Zavery Benela, a medical officer in charge at the Mwananyamala Regional Referral Hospital said so far a total of 3,476 GBV survivors have been supported at the One Stop Centre from 2019 to 2023 in terms of medical and forensic services, psychosocial counselling, police services include the issuance of PF3, legal aid and case referral for GBV's survivors or victims.



Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe (2nd-R) has a word with NMB Bank's Head of Government Business, Vicky Bishubo (to his right), shortly after the launch of the 31st edition of the annual Nanenane (Farmers' Day) Agricultural Exhibition held at Nzuguni grounds in Dodoma Urban District yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Aga Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam (AKHD) has underscored the need to provide comprehensive support for breastfeeding mothers and their families including provision of essential educational resources.

Sisawo Konteh, CEO of the Aga Khan Hospital Services said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the event was designed meticulously to educate and support a diverse audience including expectant mothers, new parents, maternal and infant health.

The event was designed to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week, which begins each year on August 1st and runs right through until the 7th, adding that it featured hands-on demonstrations on expressing, storing, and feeding breast milk as well as practical advice.

He said this year's theme

Support breastfeeding mothers, families, AKHD tells Tanzanians

"Closing the Gap: Breastfeed Support for All," emphasizes the importance of universal support for breastfeeding, aiming to bridge gaps and ensure that all mothers receive the guidance and resources they need.

He reminded the public of the importance of breastfeeding to mothers and infants, promising to join government efforts to stop breastfeeding in the country.

"Breastfeeding is a fundamental aspect of public health, offering numerous benefits for both infants and mothers. It is our commitment to join hands in this global campaign to raise awareness and galvanize action on themes related to breastfeeding," he said.

Dr Mariam Noorami, Lactation

Consultant and Head of Paediatric department at Aga Khan Health Services, Tanzania said that breastfeeding is the best way to provide infants with the nutrients they need.

"Optimal breastfeeding can save the lives of over 800,000 infants every year. To successfully breastfeed, mothers and babies need support from families, communities, health workers, and policymakers. Together, we can close the gap and improve breastfeeding rates in Tanzania."

She said the hospital has planned to conduct outreach activities throughout the week including partnering with other hospitals in Dar es Salaam to spread awareness and extend the reach and impact of

the breastfeeding advocacy efforts.

Nutritionist and Breastfeeding Specialist at the Aga Khan Health Services, Idda Katigula said that Breastfeeding is important because it supplies all the necessary nutrients in the proper proportions.

She said that it also protects against allergies, sickness, obesity, and diseases, like diabetes and cancer, and against infections, like ear infections.

In Tanzania, 42 percent of children are exclusively breastfed for the recommended six months, and only half the newborns are put to the breast within one hour of birth when newborns can most benefit from the immune factors in breast milk.



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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

This publication is made in accordance with regulation 13(a) of the Non-Governmental Organization Act (Amendments), Regulation 2018 which require Non-Governmental Organizations to Publish bi-annually the funds received and its expenditures.

MC - Tanzania is a locally registered Non-Government Organization (NGO) with a mission to contribute towards improving oral Health and dental care through existing promotion, prevention, curative, and rehabilitation services. The organization aims to see communities throughout Tanzania live free from oral and dental diseases. MC-Tanzania is an affiliate of Miracles Corners of the World (MCW Global), a New York Based non-for-profit organization. Below is the statement showing Grants support and Income Received, Expenditures incurred for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Audited) and for the year ended 31 December 2022 (Audited).

SUPPORT GRANTS

	As of 31 December 2023	As of 31 December 2022
	TZS	TZS
Restricted Funds	358,116,983	321,716,159
Unrestricted Funds	3,195,002	260,000
Total	361,311,985	321,976,159

OPERATING EXPENSES

Project Expenses	194,803,389	179,150,703
Administration Expenses	74,011,303	52,510,523
Operation Expenses	81,953,991	90,054,934
Depreciation Expense	11,366,020	12,818,660
Total Expenses	362,134,703	334,534,819

Deficit for the Year (822,718) (12,558,660)

The above extracts are from the financial statements of the organization for the year ended 31st December 2023 and for the year ended 31st December 2022, which have been prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards. The Financial Statements Were Audited by Enson Africa Certified Public Accountants and received a clean report.

The Financial statements for the years 2023 and 2022 were approved by the Board of directors on 13th April 2023 and 09th April 2024, respectively, and signed on their behalf by:

Dr. Ambege Mwakatobe
Board Chairperson

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Fixed term contract
Job location: Band 4

Responsibilities and Tasks

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- Contributes to the achievement of the annual targets of the unit
- Cooperates effectively and efficiently with projects on ongoing supports
- Monitors closely procurement planning and provides regular updates on ongoing activities
- Handles procurement requests for local subsidies, financing agreements & Development Partnerships
- Maintains the professional relationship between CO and projects as well as within the team member
- Shares opinion before processing a decision inside or outside GIZ
- Provides a roadmap of upcoming operations falling under his/her responsibilities.
- Advises projects regarding procurement issues and challenges in time
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- Handles procurement requests for local consultants and consulting firm contract
- Documents and files properly completed orders
- Advises Head of Procurement and Operations Unit on questions relating to his responsibility.
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- MSc/MBA/master's degree in law, economics, or similar area

Professional experience

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EAC project adds value to border communities' lives

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) together with International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), have announced the successful conclusion of the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project in the region.

The US\$2.5 million WASH project started in 2021 with the aim to strengthen the capacity of EAC partner states to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 and

other infectious diseases using hygiene measures, risk communication and community sensitisation.

The three-year project has achieved remarkable milestones, including the installation and renovation of 43 fixed handwashing facilities at the points of Entry and border hotspots of all seven (7) partner states, namely Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The project has reached over 5 million

(5,000,000) individuals living in border communities across the region encouraging protective health and hygiene behaviours to prevent the spread of zoonotic and water-borne infectious diseases, including COVID-19 and Ebola.

Speaking during the closing ceremony at Rubavu district in Rwanda, the EAC Deputy Secretary General, in charge of Infrastructure, Productive, Social and Political Sectors, Andrea Aguer Ariik, said that proper health and hygiene facilities and services at the border points is a critical

factor in the two integration pillars of Customs Union and Common market as has been demonstrated by the effective management of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases such as Ebola.

Ariik disclosed that hand wash facilities installed in the partner states have been well received, adding that they perform a vital role in ensuring that health and hygiene are maintained at the border points. The DSG commended the IOM and GIZ for supporting WASH project.

"I urge partner states to promote use of the facilities that have been installed and put in place measures of support such as provision of clean water at the points of entry and the authorities to ensure appropriate regular maintenance," he said.

The DSG revealed that apart from the construction of the facilities, the project also conducted awareness programmes to the communities living at the borders on the importance of hygiene and health practices in helping to curb the spread of infectious and zoonotic diseases, including COVID-19, Mpox and Ebola.

German Ambassador to Rwanda, Heike Uta Dettmann, said the project underscores Germany's unwavering commitment to ensuring inclusive development and health equity at the border communities.

"Over the past three years, we have

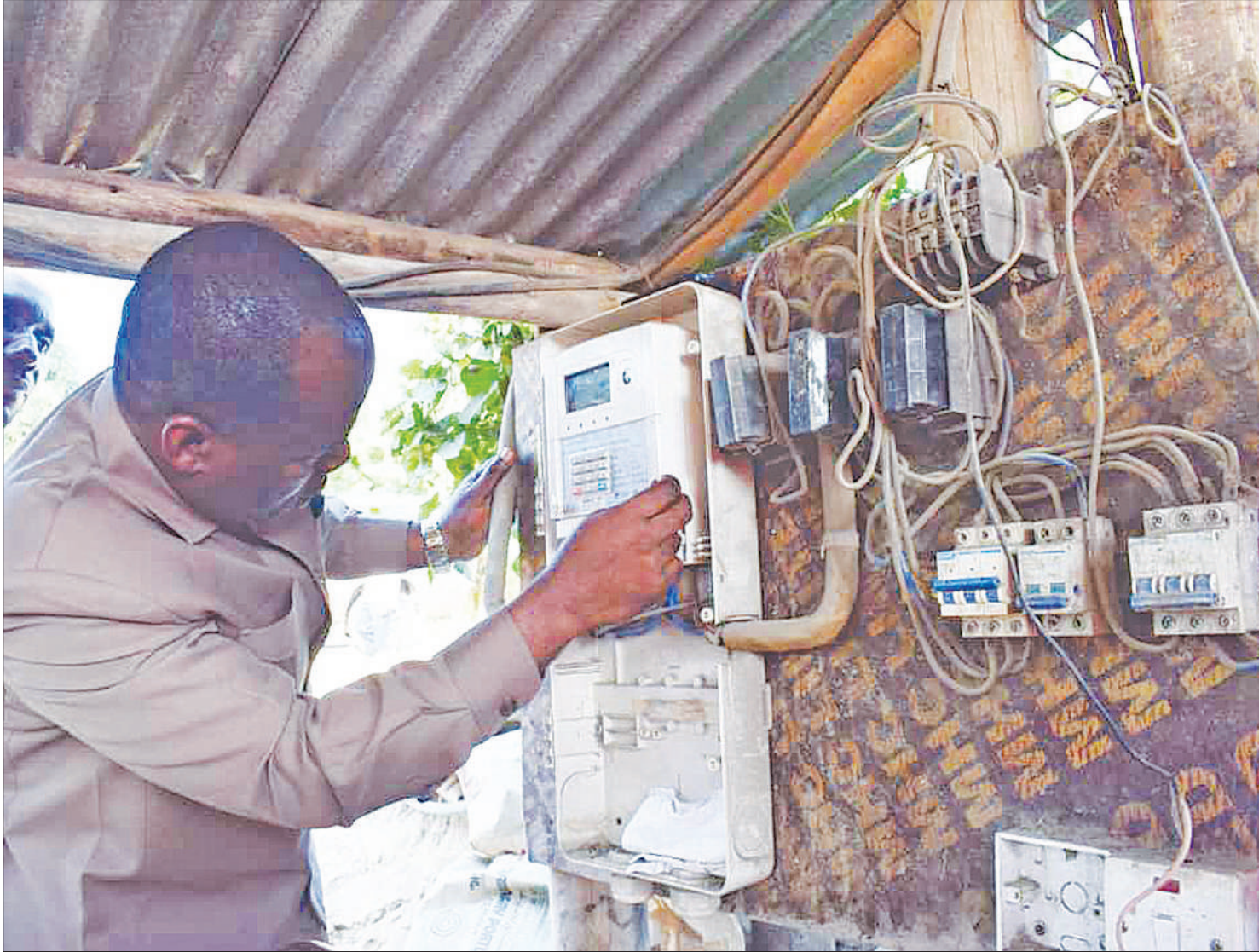
witnessed remarkable progress of the 43 high-standard handwashing facilities have been installed at points of entry and border hotspots across all EAC partner states, significantly enhancing access to essential hygiene practices," said Amb. Dettmann.

Ash Carl, the IOM Rwanda Chief of Mission, said the free movement of people including across borders and within countries, is one vehicle through which diseases spread.

"With human mobility expected to increase as the factors that cause people to migrate multiply, it's critical to support better health outcomes, by strengthening border officials' capacities, conducting hygiene awareness campaigns, and enhancing border health screening and referral systems," said Carl.

During the ceremony, the EAC handed over two new handwashing stations to the Governor of Rubavu on behalf of the Rwandan Government and highlighted the critical linkages between human mobility and health, emphasising the importance of robust WASH infrastructure in preventing the spread of diseases.

The closing ceremony brought together high-level representatives from the EAC, GIZ and IOM as well as national focal points from relevant Ministries of Health, Infrastructure, Water and EAC Affairs from the partner states.



Zanzibar Water, Energy and Mining minister Shaibu Hassan Kaduara inspects electric meter in Ungaja's Chuwini suburb following reports of cases of tampering with the gadgets. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

'Tanzania needs 50-50 gender ratio on leadership positions'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR'S Minister for Social Development, Elderly Gender and Children, Riziki Pembe Juma has underscored the need to conduct a comprehensive review of the laws across Tanzania to realize the 50/50 gender ratio between men and women in various leadership and decision-making positions.

According to her, many laws are out-dated as they were enacted shortly after Tanganyika's independence and Zanzibar Revolution and most of them granted significant authority to men, leaving women's interests behind.

Speaking yesterday here during the meeting focused on integrating gender equality into legislation and devising strategies to combat violence against women, Minister Juma noted that while there are opportunities for women in leadership, existing laws need revision to better protect women's rights.

The Minister stressed that the momentum gained from past international gender equality conferences should be maintained to ensure gender parity prevails across all sectors.

Lucy Tesha, UN Women's Programme Specialist on ending violence against women and girls, summarised the proposed legal framework at the meeting, indicating that the analysis presents 76 gender-related recommendations across all reviewed laws.

"The analysis specifies that a total of two laws must be completely repealed, 18 laws should be amended or revised, and five media laws should be considered to align Tanzania's legal framework with regional and international standards," she said.

Tesha explained that despite the government's efforts in legal and policy reforms, addressing gender disparities requires strong commitment, institutional leadership, legal reforms and additional resources.

She highlighted that violations of the laws are a major barrier to achieving gender equality, noting that discriminatory laws prevent full enjoyment of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights.

Additionally, she noted that several laws and legal provisions in both mainland and Zanzibar need amendments to ensure gender equality.

The Constitution should also be revised to include clarifications addressing laws and practices, serving as a foundation for women's rights in the country."

In mainland Tanzania, 11 laws need to be amended or repealed, including those related to the minimum age for marriage for boys and girls and removing gender-biased language from election laws.

In Zanzibar, seven laws, including those related to elections and anti-women harassment, require revision to promote gender equality.

Msemo Mavare, Deputy Principal, Law School of Zanzibar stated that the meeting aimed to discuss amendments and enactment of laws that would enable women to advance in leadership and decision-making roles, in line with constitutional and legal goals for 50 percent representation of both men and women.

"Women are represented in many leadership areas, however, we have not yet achieved equal representation.

For example, in positions such as representatives and legislators, as lawyers, we have come to support this by providing guidance," he said.

Latifa Juwakali, Special Seats MP, encouraged women to overcome their fear of leadership and build confidence to contribute to national development. She suggested using the examples of successful leaders to create opportunities for more young people to participate.

PRESS RELEASE

SURVEY OF COMPANIES WITH FOREIGN LIABILITIES IN TANZANIA

The Bank of Tanzania, National Bureau of Statistics, and Tanzania Investment Centre are jointly surveying companies with foreign liabilities in Tanzania. The objectives of the survey are to assess the impact of foreign private investments on the domestic economy, update the Balance of Payments (BoP) and International Investment Position (IIP); and for policy formulation. The survey will cover data on equity and non-equity for 2023 and will be conducted from July - September 2024. During the survey, a team of researchers and enumerators will visit the selected companies that are kindly requested to:

- extend maximum cooperation to researchers/enumerators;
- provide the requested information by completing survey questionnaires accurately;
- provide the researchers/enumerators with the company's audited financial statements for 2023. Where audited financial statements are not ready, the company's best estimates or provisional financial statements will suffice; and
- observe the deadline of **one week** for completion of the questionnaire after its receipt to enable timely processing of the information.

The selected companies are kindly reminded that under Section 6(b) of the Tanzania Investment Act (Cap 38), Section 34 of the Statistics Act (Cap 351), and Section 57 of the Bank of Tanzania Act (Cap 197) submission of the requested information is compulsory. Thus, compliance is mandatory.

Please, note that the requested information will be strictly used for statistical purposes and published in aggregate form.

Your usual cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Dr. Alibna Chuwa
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NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Mr. Emmanuel M. Tutuba
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VACANCY – 2 PHD STUDENTS

Application Deadline: 31st August 2024

ENTITY	Aga Khan University-Medical College, Tanzania
PROJECT	PartoMa Project
ACTIVITY	PhD Scholarship within the 'PartoMa Research Project' in the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen
PARTNERING UNIVERSITY IN TANZANIA	Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences Campus in Dar es Salaam.
ANTICIPATED START DATE	October 2024
DURATION	3 years

The Aga Khan University invites applications for two (2) three-year PhD scholarships within the research project titled *"Pregnancy in the Context of Urbanicity and Climate Change: Co-creating Antenatal Care for Urban Tanzania - The PartoMa Pregnancy Study."* This project is funded by the Danida Fellowship Centre, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. Successful candidates will commence their roles by August 2024.

PARTOMA STUDY SUMMARY:

Antenatal care (ANC) offers crucial opportunities for enhancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) among pregnant women, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). Despite efforts, SSA women encounter persistent barriers to accessing comprehensive SRHR services, exacerbated by climate change (CC) impacts such as extreme weather events and rising sea levels. In urban Tanzania, where ANC coverage is high, there's a need for tailored ANC services sensitive to CC and urbanization challenges. This project, dubbed the CC-ANC Project, aims to develop and implement context-specific ANC guidelines in Dar es Salaam. It involves four stages: situation analysis and assessment, co-creation of guidelines, implementation, and evaluation. Lessons learned will inform future interventions for improved CC-responsive ANC in urban settings.

QUALIFICATIONS/ EXPERIENCE/ SKILLS:

First Applicant:

- A relevant Master's degree, e.g., public health, global health, social psychology, sociology, anthropology, human geography, or similar fields.
- Qualifications and experience working with qualitative methods and data, specifically ethnography and ethnographic methodologies.

Second Applicant:

- Relevant master's degree, e.g., public health, global health, medicine, or similar fields.

Professional Skills and Experience for the two candidates:

- Experience conducting qualitative research in a hospital or clinical setting.
- Fluency in English and Kiswahili.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Practical experience in the field of public health, with specific experience in maternal/reproductive health being an added advantage.
- Knowledge of reproductive health, intrapartum, and antenatal care challenges in Tanzania.
- Experience publishing peer-reviewed academic papers.
- Reside in Dar es Salaam or be willing to relocate to Dar es Salaam for the three-year duration of the project.

Additional Requirements:

In addition to completing the PhD research project under supervision, the candidate will, as part of the PhD programme at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), be expected to:

- Complete PhD courses or other equivalent education as prescribed by MUHAS.
- Obtain experience with teaching or other types of dissemination related to your PhD project.
- Write an article-based PhD thesis (3-4 peer-reviewed publications) based on your project.
- Demonstrate their interest in the project, as well as their ability to work independently, take initiative, and be a team player.
- Possess strong analytical skills, outstanding organizational skills, and a drive to be part of a research project and public health innovation efforts.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please submit your application, clearly indicating your skills, qualifications, and experience, along with a cover letter detailing your motivation for contributing to the project. Include copies of relevant academic certificates and contact details of three professional referees.

Send your application via email to hr.tanzania@aku.edu, Human Resources Department, The Aga Khan University, Tanzania. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Please Note: The position is only open to Tanzanian citizens.

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PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR GOODS, WORKS, CONSULTANCY AND NON-CONSULTANCY SERVICES - EXTERNAL USE
NAME OF PROCURING AND DISPOSAL ENTITY: STATE UNIVERSITY OF ZANZIBAR
FINANCIAL YEAR: 2024/2025

Description	Tender No.	Number of lots	Procurement Method	PRE - QUALIFICATION			INVITATION AND AWARD OF BIDS		
				Invitation Date	Closing-Opening	Notification of Applicants	Bid Invitation Date	Bid Closing-Opening	Award Notification Date
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Stanbic Bank Tanzania CEO Manzi Rwegasira (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam earlier this week presenting a certificate to Ruthbrenda Kundasen, who had just completed special training the bank organised primarily with a view to groom young employees into future leaders in financial institutions. Looking on is the bank's head of human resources, Rabina Masanja. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Dar's Goba residents decry rundown roads

By Micky Mulinda, DARTU

THE locals and commuters in Goba ward, Ubungo District, Dar es Salaam have appealed to the authorities to fix the road as well as the drainage system without further delay.

In separate interviews, some Marobo Street residents in the ward expressed concern over deteriorating conditions of roads in the area, something which affects transport and other daily activities.

They stated that the crumbling infrastructure has also increased

frustration within the community.

Lucy Kyombo, a petty trader in the area said for years, the unpaved roads have continued to cause hardships affecting residents both socially and economically.

"The roads are a headache, especially during the rainy season. My shop's deliveries are often delayed, and I lose customers because they can't access my store easily," she said.

Fred Fulgence also lamented that the roads are also dangerous to people, especially children.

"We frequently witness accidents

here because of the deep potholes. The infrastructure wastes time both on my way to work and back home; it's really frustrating," he said.

Rashid Michael also said: "The difficulties with transportation affect my daily activities. Transporting goods and services has become a struggle due to the poor road conditions."

Abdallah Dagira, a university student and resident in the area urged the government to prioritise infrastructure development in the street.

"This also affects my studies

because during the rainy season, the road becomes worse making me miss some class sessions," he stated.

Meshack Rujamila, Marobo Street chairperson acknowledged the challenge saying as leaders have been advocating for road improvements.

"We have submitted a number of proposals concerning the road condition to the municipal council, but progress has been slow. The poor road conditions are not only impacting daily commuting but also hindering the overall development of our area," he explained.

CAR, Kenya confirm outbreaks of mpox

By Special Correspondent

KENYA and the Central African Republic have declared new outbreaks of monkeypox as African health officials scramble to stem the spread of the disease in a region lacking vaccines.

Nairobi announced a new outbreak on Wednesday, after a case was detected in a passenger traveling from Uganda to Rwanda at a border post in southern Kenya. The Central African Republic was the first to declare a new outbreak on Monday, saying it was spreading to its capital, Bangui.

COPD is caused by a virus that originates in wild animals and occasionally jumps to humans, who can pass it on to other people. "We are very concerned about the cases of smallpox that are ravaging Region 7 of the country," Pierre Somsé, Minister of Public Health of the Central African Republic, said on Monday.

MPOX became a global concern during an international outbreak in 2022 that saw the disease spread to more than 100 countries. It has been endemic in parts of central and west Africa for decades.

The World Health Organization said in November that it had confirmed sexual transmission of mpox in the DRC for the first time. African

scientists have warned that this could make the disease difficult to contain.

While smallpox outbreaks in the West have been contained with vaccines and treatments, they are virtually non-existent in parts of Africa, where several countries have reported outbreaks in recent months.

The worst-hit country on the continent is Congo, which has recorded more than 12,000 cases and at least 470 deaths this year in its largest outbreak. South Africa, which last recorded a case of mpox in 2022, has also reported an outbreak this year.

In the Central African Republic, where infection is more common in remote areas, authorities have called on the public to support government efforts to slow the spread of the disease.

The East African Community regional bloc also issued a statement alerting member states about the disease in Congo, which borders five countries in the region. One of them, Burundi, has already confirmed three cases.

Andrea Aguer Ariik Malueth, the Community's deputy secretary-general, urged the group's partner states on Monday to "provide necessary information on the disease and take preventive measures."

Kenya, Uganda in talks to extend oil pipeline

NAIROBI

KENYA and Uganda have officially begun talks to extend the petroleum products pipeline from Eldoret in western Kenya to the Ugandan capital of Kampala.

The Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) said on Tuesday that the project, poised to significantly impact the region's fuel import market, will entail the construction of a multi-product oil pipeline from Eldoret to Malaba (the Kenya-Uganda border) on the Kenyan side.

The KPC also said Uganda will be responsible for building a connecting line to Kampala, while future expansions to the Rwandan capital of Kigali are also being considered.

"Extension of the pipeline to

Uganda is a strategic move for Kenya as the country seeks to regain its competitive advantage in the petroleum export market, particularly in light of Uganda's new importation strategy," KPC Managing Director Joe Sang said in a statement issued in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

Sang said the KPC is open and willing to cooperate with the Ugandan government to lay the Eldoret-Malaba pipeline. The move came after Ugandan Minister of Energy and Mineral Development Ruth Ssentamu held a meeting with officials from the Kenyan Ministry of Energy in Nairobi last week. Ssentamu said the visit entailed planning and preparation for the launch of the project as well as understanding the KPC's operations, infrastructure, and human capacity.

SUPPLY OF INSTRUMENT FOR DENTAL SCHOOL	SMZ/K0108/G/OQ/2024-2025/034	N/A	OQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Wonderful if this fertiliser plant indeed becomes a game changer

THIS midweek saw the Tanzanian government and an Indonesian firm signing an MoU on the construction of a 3.5trn/- urea fertiliser plant in Mtwara.

Many watchers are convinced that the plant will be a game changer in agro-sector improvement, and leading planners even talk of the plant shaping the country's way to an industrial revolution with steady local supply of a key raw material.

This 'blockchain' impression of what a fertiliser plant can help the country to do needs noticeable preliminaries to be realizable.

A preliminary snag one notices in the particular MoU is that it was explicit about the roles major parastatals will have in the plant's business outlays generally and its operations in particular.

The Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) will be supplying natural gas to the plant, while the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) and the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) have specific regulatory roles. This stands to investors' capacity to innovate either in their capital base, procurement or sales.

The fact that Tanzania currently imports 90 per cent of its fertiliser while having phosphates deposits near Lake Natron smacks of failure by state entities with agro-sector inputs to use natural resources efficiently enough to make a difference.

The phosphates is there and the gas is found in the southern regions yet, for a whole 20 years little has happened. It is as if we don't have the technology to process phosphates into fertiliser, including urea for that matter.

The new factory will definitely have the capacity to satisfy local demand as well as some surplus for export to neighbouring countries.

However, this isn't a done deal,

as the government has an outreach effort to investors in fertilisers. Initially, the base would have been phosphates but the possibility evaporated owing to investment strictures and interminable debates on likely impact of phosphates mining on resident the flamingo population.

Some may hold back roaring laughter if they aren't bona fide environmentalists who gave the government a difficult time building the Kihansi hydropower plant in the early 2000s.

For there to be a credible agro-sector transformation figuring as a prelude to an industrial revolution is freeing the factors of production locally so that massive amounts of capital can be attracted.

It so appears, though, that local policy making is anchored in planning rather than markets sod, for any major investment being decided, the role of state monopolies must be set out clearly as in this case.

Thus, the new factory will be facilitated to dominate the local market but fail to export, or compete with smuggled cheaper fertiliser, largely courtesy of the burden of costs where it needs a high profit as it can't localise its shares.

Tanzania can try to learn from the Russian transformation to popular capitalism where state firms are first handed to workers in minute individual shares and then these are purchased by oligarchs, whom we already also have.

China did not have vast industrial or commercial entities to liquidate, so it opted to give the land to farmers, who formed private cooperatives where each farmer contributes the land and it is quantified in terms of shares. It is then leased to investors and the former peasants now city dwellers blossom. This enabled China, and for that matter Russia to attract vast amounts of capital to rapidly industrialise...

3.3trn/- agro-sector southern corridor funds could become game changer as bank credits

JUST how should one see the strategic affirmation on the prelude to the 31st international agricultural exhibition kicking off today across the country?

The Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) has talked of having facilitated over US\$1.32bn (3.3trn/-) in commitment to investing in infrastructure to support an extensive agricultural value chain along with private-sector investments.

There was no direct split as to how much of this total fund belongs to the private sector and how much in public outlays.

The mere fact that the two sides of capital or investment flows into the southern agricultural corridor can be put together in that manner speaks of the conceptual parameters of how the facilitating organisation looks at the situation on the ground.

It is as if the two sides have identical intentions and thus the regulatory body shows how much has been achieved in the ambitious public-private plans to uplift the zone as a successful model to new agricultural corridors nationwide, in the SAGCOT CEO's words. Yet, the two are starkly different.

The CEO said 2024 is a very special year for SAGCOT and its partners as it was the year they were embarking towards spreading their wings farther and farther out in the country.

More specifically, the agency is embarking on the Agricultural Growth Corridors of Tanzania (AGCOT), virtually as its new phase, in a situation where agro-sector business activity in the major staples is confined to state purchasing and pricing.

The joyful party between the entity and its partners are thus donors, as investors in major grain produce can scarcely start projects where direct dealing with markets is nixed.

Even if one were to stick to the 3.3trn/- that could have been released by banks in a situation where property and grain markets work, as other crops don't habitually face the same hurdles, progress on the ground would have been different.

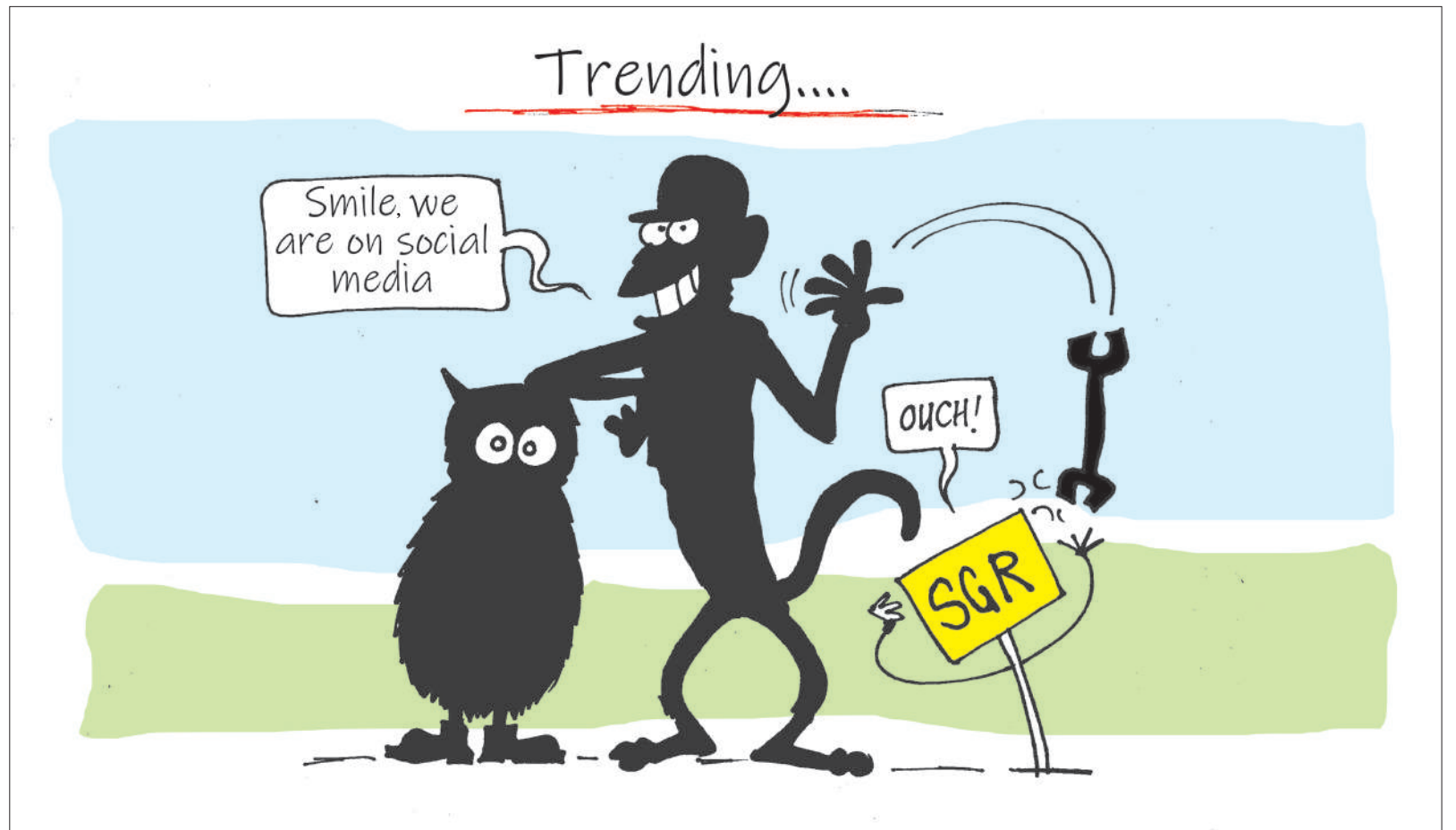
But there was an especially disarming note if one looks at the wider picture, as an ongoing public expenditure review of the SAGCOT Corridor substantiates significant government and public sector investments totalling 13.9trn/- over the past ten years.

This encompasses agriculture, roads, energy and social outlays in particular, where the private sector component is again just marginally clear.

What is evident is that the southern corridor and others take up large amounts of public funds and have attracted some agro-sector investments while there was little private sector presence during the floods that hit parts of our country recently.

Also, there are expectations of the vital public entity agency having a more pronounced presence in supporting the resilience of the valley or delta dwellers to disruptions they periodically experience.

The country is understandably eager to see it doing more for the benefit of the people and, indeed, it would be well advised to extend its operations to a wider array of needy zones.



By Jennifer Walinga and Nancy

Coldham

A growing number of women's groups, regulators and corporate performance experts are raising flags after the release of a recent S&P Global report signalling an "alarming turning point" for women's leadership parity in American companies.

Women accounted for 11.8 per cent of C-suite roles in 2023, according to the report, down from 12.2 per cent the previous year.

This number is significant, considering that women's representation in leadership positions had been on the incline over the years.

This sudden drop marks a reversal in progress towards a decades-old goal to ensure that more women gain executive positions in North American corporations.

The Canadian situation looks equally disappointing. According to Statistics Canada, only five per cent of Toronto Stock Exchange issuers retained a female CEO in 2022 - a number that remains static since the first year of data collection. In Canada, there are more CEOs named Michael than women.

Women have been striving to land a C-suite (such as CEO) corner office while gaining a seat at the corporate table for decades. For those women who do, many have become increasingly disaffected by the patriarchal hierarchy and biases that await them.

In response, women have been seeking alternate leadership models: a C-hub rather than a C-suite, where "C" represents collaboration based on clarity of purpose and coordinated channels of communication, rather than "chief" in charge.

One step forward, two back

As women inch towards the goal of achieving 30 per cent of leadership positions - the target designed to break the proverbial "glass ceiling" - the gap to equity has been widening in some places.

This predictable equity regression, studied for decades, is known as the "glass cliff". It involves women being intentionally put into precarious leadership positions that often result in their failure. Studies have shown that only when an organisation is in crisis are women more likely than men to be placed in leadership roles.

Phenomena like the glass cliff reflect the corporate two-step pattern of gender equity - any gains that are made are quickly followed by losses. Nancy Coldham, one of the co-authors of this article, is currently conducting her doctoral

Traditional corporate leadership models are failing many women in C-suite roles



studies on the topic.

Gender parity makes good business sense

Improving gender diversity on boards and in organisations results in improved financial performance. Organisations experience the greatest benefits of diversity when they have between 40 and 60 per cent female representation.

However, the Globe and Mail's 2023 Report on Business study noted that "at the rate we are going, we won't reach parity for another four decades".

As Ivey Business School professor Alison Konrad states: "I've uncovered over 100 large, longitudinal peer-reviewed panel studies of the relationship between board gender diversity and firm performance, and the beneficial findings are strong and clear."

Research from the non-profit Catalyst, the Boston Consulting Group, Gartner research firm and Harvard University all point to the significant corporate performance benefits of gender parity.

According to the World Economic Forum, the cost to the global economy of failure to achieve gender parity is a staggering US\$12 trillion. That's a bottom-line impact that cannot be ignored.

According to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), women's leadership at executive levels matters to all. Yet decades of struggling for leadership equity remains elusive.

Skirting the equity impact

Boards that are gender-diverse have improved decision-making and corporate governance. Women in leadership foster more engaged and productive corporate management

even begin. Multiple invisible biases and barriers impede women in the workplace before they attempt to lead; the negative outcomes only serve to confirm the more overt biases. Biases must be intentionally revealed and excised for real change to occur.

Achieving gender parity

Perhaps the best solution to the decline in the C-suite, is women declining the C-suite. Women are rejecting patriarchal norms of rigidity, burnout, harassment, limited opportunity and unfair pay in what has been termed the "Great Breakup".

Women are more likely than men to leave their corporate jobs when their needs are not being met at work. In rejecting the C-suite model, women are calling for more power-balanced, equitable models of leadership that involve collaboration rather than domination. This is a model in which, as Gloria Steinem famously states, "we are linked, not ranked".

Likewise, in co-author Jennifer Walinga's research on women entrepreneurs, women shared how leaving their corporate jobs to be an entrepreneur fulfilled their desires for a new universe where post-heroic, non-hierarchical leadership models can be enacted.

RBC may have unveiled another possible solution to failed leadership parity that they call the "great wealth transfer" - a "seismic change" that is seeing wealth ownership transfer from men to women.

In fact, it is estimated that, by 2028, women in Canada will control US\$4 trillion in assets - almost double the US\$2.2 trillion they control today.

With women projected to wield significantly more economic influence in the coming years, there is a potential for them to reshape leadership dynamics and drive positive change.

In confronting failed leadership parity targets, and the failure to benefit from diversity, solutions may be found in women's vision for more sustainable leadership models, growing wealth and economic clout in the future as well as surging political impact as voters at the ballot box.

• **A piece originally published in The Conversation. Jennifer Walinga is Professor of Communication and Culture at Canada's Royal Roads University, while Nancy Coldham is a PhD student in Social Sciences at the same university.**

Concerted efforts required to ensure an ecologically conscious and economically feasible tourism sector

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast

IN the bustling town of Bukoba in Kagera Region, a significant event unfolded in July this year, marking a pivotal moment for sustainable tourism and economic growth in Tanzania.

The first international seminar on sustainable tourism and economic growth brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, united by a shared commitment to foster an environmentally conscious and economically viable tourism sector.

Organized by Mary Kalikawe, Ambassador for the African Tourism Board (Community Tourism Development) and a prominent Tanzanian tour operator from Kiroyeru Tours, alongside Marion Schmidt-Babier, a dedicated German tour leader, and moderated by Joas Kajjage, a renowned Tanzanian environmentalist and journalist, the seminar was an opportunity for exchange of ideas.

It was meant to emphasize on sustainable tourism practices that minimize environmental impact while promoting economic benefits and the preservation of natural resources for future generations.

Delivering a warm welcome speech at the Bukoba-Teemba Heritage Site in Kasha Ward, Councilor Ramadhani Kambuga underscored the seminar's importance in addressing both opportunities and challenges within Tanzania's tourism sector.

Marion Schmidt-Babier, accompanied by a team of six German tourists who had recently explored sites in Karagwe and Kyerwa districts, including the Rumanyika-Karagwe National Park, highlighted the urgent need to ensure that local communities benefit economically from tourism.

According to her, communities who own and are deeply invested in preserving heritage sites, should see tangible benefits to alleviate poverty and



A giraffe captured at the Rumanyika-Karagwe National Park.

support environmental conservation.

"We must align our efforts to bridge the gap between economic growth and environmental sustainability", Schmidt-Babier remarked, pointing out the need to ensure connection between tourism development and local livelihoods

She noted that despite the region's tourism potential, many children still live in poverty and face challenges such as long journeys to fetch water.

Her poignant observations resonated with many participants underscoring the need for a holistic approach to sustainable tourism—one that not only addresses environmental concerns but also tackles poverty and enhances local infrastructure.

Dr Yusto Muchuruza, CEO of the Kagera Development and Credit Revolving Fund (KADETFU), during his presen-

tation on 'Environment and Climate Change: The Tanzanian Perspective and Ongoing Actions' noted that climate challenges faced globally are also impacting Tanzania.

He highlighted that Kagera Region, traditionally known for its reliable two-season rainfall, is now experiencing unpredictable weather patterns, with delays in the arrival of seasonal rains as an example.

Lake Victoria's rising water levels, driven by heavy rains, have caused significant disruptions in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. Since early 2020, the floods have displaced over 200,000 people and devastated local households and businesses.

Idrisa Sultan from the Lake Victoria Basin Board elaborated on conservation efforts and environmental protection around the lake. He explained that his institution manages water resources, protects

against pollution, and maintains the catchment areas of the lake, such as the Kanoni River in Bukoba Municipality. Sultan stressed the critical role Lake Victoria plays in the region's ecosystem and the urgent need for its preservation.

Some critics argue that while tributaries like the Kanoni River are essential to the region's hydrology, they also pose significant flooding risks without detailed scientific studies and proper management. The government is urged to conduct thorough studies to understand these tributaries' behaviors and implement measures to mitigate their impact on Lake Victoria.

Sultan also discussed additional roles of the board, including assessing water quality and quantity, distributing water permits, and raising community awareness about water pollution.

"Among other things, we place beacons six meters from water sources to prevent pollution and ensure clean water flow to the lake. We also remove water weeds from the lake. By maintaining the lake and its surroundings, we contribute to sustainable tourism and ensure the lake remains an attractive site to visit," he said.

Mary Kalikawe offered an in-depth assessment of Tanzania's resources and their potential to meet the European market's demand for sustainable tourism. Her insights highlighted both strengths and areas for improvement to attract and satisfy eco-conscious European travelers.

John Mataro and Ella from Ninu presented on sustainable tourism practices within the culinary tourism sector, showcasing their work through engaging videos.

Gloria Munhambo from the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) evaluated the impact of community-based tourism and mainstream tourism on local populations. Her assessment aimed to understand how tourism can be more inclusive and beneficial to ordinary Tanzanians.

Kimambo explained that while all regions are treated equally, famous national parks such as Serengeti and Ngorongoro, along with Mount Kilimanjaro and the proximity of Kilimanjaro International Airport, naturally attract more tourists.

"We are actively promoting all our tourism resources, and that's why you see national parks and other attractions in Kagera Region are gaining more attention. The northern circuit has a long-standing history in the tourism industry," she noted.

Charles Joseph Ngen-

do, Assistant Conservation Commissioner at TANAPA, discussed balancing ecological and economic interests in managing Rumanyika-Karagwe National Park. He emphasized efforts to make tourism climate-proof.

In response to concerns about local safety due to elephants moving from the park, Ngen-do mentioned that while there is a plan to relocate elephants to Burigi-Chato National Park, current measures include patrols to ensure safety of the community.

German participants provided a comparative analysis of policy frameworks and governance in sustainable tourism development, highlighting differences and potential learning between Tanzania and source countries of international tourists.

Tourism development in Kagera—a region renowned for its rich cultural heritage and natural beauty—is crucial for the local economy. With attractions like Lake Victoria, Rubale Forest, and Musila Island, Kagera draws visitors eager to experience its unique landscapes and biodiversity.

However, development of tourism infrastructure is hindered by inadequate transportation networks and insufficient investment.

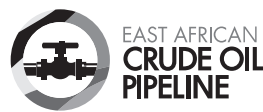
The 2016 earthquakes exacerbated these issues by causing significant damage and highlighting

the region's vulnerability to natural disasters. In this context, NGOs play a crucial role in mitigating climate change and supporting sustainable tourism. Organizations such as KADETFU and various environmental groups are at the forefront of promoting eco-friendly practices and community-based tourism initiatives.

These organizations provide essential resources and training to local communities, helping them adopt sustainable practices that protect the environment while fostering economic growth. Their efforts are vital in addressing immediate climate change impacts, such as flooding and erosion, which threaten the region's tourism potential.

The seminar served as a platform for stakeholders to share knowledge, build partnerships, and develop strategies that integrate environmental sustainability with economic development. By bringing together experts from various fields and countries, the seminar emphasized the importance of a coordinated, multi-faceted approach to tourism development.

The seminar is expected to guide future efforts, ensuring that tourism does not only thrive but also contributes to the well-being of local communities and preservation of natural heritage.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title: HEAD OF LOGISTICS

Job Type: Full Time

Reports to: Operations Director

Location: Tanga, Tanzania

WHO WE ARE

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project is a Midstream development located across Uganda and Tanzania that includes a nearshore Marine Storage and Export Terminal (MST). Once completed, the EACOP Company will operate the East African Crude Oil Pipeline, a 1,443 km long, electrically heated crude oil export pipeline that transports oil from Kabaale - Hoima in Uganda, to the Chongoleani Peninsula near Tanga Port in Tanzania for crude export to the international markets.

JOB DIMENSIONS/ GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION

To be responsible for:

- Logistics services deliverables and team within Field Operations team.
- Logistics operations throughout EACOP asset.
- Logistics budget and contract management.

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To manage:

- Operational logistics as catering, housekeeping, general services, waste disposal, fumigation, sites, lodging accommodations and PTS.
- All material requests (diesel, chemicals, spares, consumables, etc.) from site and office.
- Transport services for personnel, spares, consumables, and supplies.
- Vehicles/truck fleet contract, maintenance, drivers, and shuttle services management.
- Logistics services contracts with Cost Control and C&P Department.
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To ensure:

- Availability and suitability of equipment and services to operational and emergency requests.
- Development and management of 'Supply Chain' activities: reception, custom, transit stock control, storage, material exit, transport, and client delivery.
- Participation in the organization of transportation audits and of a logistic review.
- Minimum dead stock and proper scrap management in line with EACOP procedures.
- Lean operations made in terms of infrastructure and resources.

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EACOP is committed to ensuring that the health, safety and welfare of workers, communities, and the environment are well addressed and managed. Therefore, the employee is mandated to:

- Fully complies with Company H3SE (Health, Safety, Social, Security & Environment) policies and Life Saving Rules.
- Actively participates in HSEQ and promotes this culture to co-workers.
- Remain vigilant and maintain continuous awareness of potential unsafe conditions.
- Communicates to management any HSE related concerns and ways to improve them.
- Maintains a workplace & workspace that is safe, clean, and always neat – practice good housekeeping.

QUALIFICATIONS / EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Academic Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Logistics Services or Engineering.
- English proficiency.

Experience Required:

- 15 years in Logistics services (sites & supply base) in a large organization.

- Have negotiation skills, capacity to take decision and to work under pressure.
- Capable of working with minimum supervision.
- Good supervisory and communication skills with the ability to motivate the team.
- Have good contract and purchasing knowledge.

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The applicant must submit his/her Curriculum Vitae CV and a Cover Letter explaining why he/she is the suitable candidate for the position. Applicants are also required to provide details of three (3) referees one of whom should be the most recent employer. **Please submit your application only through ANY of the contact information provided below. Application deadline is on 31st August 2024.**

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF DRIVING SCHOOL SERVICES UNDER THE EACOP ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM REFERENCE NO: 00000556

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in providing Driving School Services under the EACOP Academy Training Program.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania and 296 km will be in Uganda.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF SERVICES:

EACOP under the Academy training program aims at empowering Tanzanian youths to work as part of the future EACOP Operations. The Academy has selected up to 113 Tanzanians to take part in this program. One of the Academy requirements is for the trainees to possess a valid driver's license since they will be required to drive vehicles during the training program, and during the commissioning and operations period of the EACOP Project.

EACOP is therefore seeking for a qualified and certified driving school to provide drivers' training services to the EACOP trainees who will be based in Academic Training centers in **Arusha** and **Moshi**. The main objective of the driving training will be:

- To deliver a learner's driving course to estimated 100 No. EACOP students.
- Conduct refresher drivers' training for 113 No. EACOP students.
- To qualify and have 100 No. students issued with valid Tanzanian drivers' licenses.

The driving training delivery will be taking place at Arusha, between August 2024 and October 2024, followed with a period at Moshi, between November 2024 and March 2025. Upon completion of the above training, refresher training for the 113 students covering Defensive Driving techniques at Moshi between January 2025 to March 2025. The course outcome must not only aim to obtain driving license, but also to teach the students to follow road rules and regulations, to drive defensively, to maintain the right attitude, and to cultivate safe driving techniques.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

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

- Registration Certificates Tanzania including certificate of registration, business license etc.
- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the Scope of Services outlined above at a large scale in Tanzania, with at least 10 years' experience / performance of similar services internationally in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards (IFC).
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the provision of Services including personal certifications as necessary and level of qualifications, and experience and capacity to deliver the required services in a major capital oil and gas projects.
- Proof of registration with the Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Registration or approved application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database in Tanzania at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Tanzania Local Content Regulations, 2017 and local company definition.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00** hours East African Time (EAT) on or before **16 August 2024**. Email object shall be: **00000556 - Provision of Driving School Services**. Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long. **All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.**

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

Hydropower plants disrupt fishers' lives in Amazon's most biodiverse river basin

By Kevin Damasio

At dawn, 20 fishers received a tip that matrinxãs were swimming down the Aripuanã River toward the Madeira, the Amazon Basin's largest tributary. It was their opportunity to interrupt a week of unproductive fishing in Novo Aripuanã, a municipality in southern Amazonas state, in the Brazilian Amazon. So, they divided themselves among three wooden canoes and went to the river. It was just a matter of waiting for the shoal, which swims on the surface, and throwing the net.

At 11 a.m., with no sign of the matrinxãs (Brycon melanopterus), half of them gave up and, in the larger canoe, returned to the city. A fisher observed everything from a tip of land at that meeting of white and black waters in the Middle Madeira, while just ahead several pink river dolphins (Inia geoffrensis) and tucuxis (Sotalia fluviatilis) emerged to breathe while fish hunting. "Maybe the school doesn't even get here, because the river is very dry," Raimundo Dias told Mongabay.

At the end of April, the Madeira Basin was transitioning from the wet to the ebb season. With the water level still high, fish group into schools and migrate from lakes, tributaries and igarapés (small streams) to feed on fruits, seeds and terrestrial invertebrates that fall into igapós (flooded forests) and in the Madeira flood plains.

But for a decade, abrupt and frequent changes in river levels have disoriented migratory patterns. Scientists and fishers attribute these irregular pulses to the Madeira hydropower plants, two large facilities installed in the neighboring state of Rondônia. "In this month, the flood-and-dry has already happened about four

times. The level was high yesterday. It's very difficult for the fish," Dias said.

Born and raised in Novo Aripuanã, Dias is 50 years old and has always survived on fishing, but making a living from this activity has been increasingly difficult due to the reduction in captures in the Madeira, the most diverse in the Amazon, with 1,406 species of fish catalogued. "There was a lot of abundance, there was no way not to catch fish here. For 10 years now, fishing has declined. This hydroelectric plant ruined us," the fisher said.

The Santo Antônio plant, in Porto Velho, went into operation in March 2012 and has Brazil's fifth-highest power capacity, and Jirau, installed 115 kilometers (71.4 miles) upstream, has been operating since September 2013 and is the fourth largest in the country.

According to Dias, the most affected species by the plants are the most consumed locally: pacu (Mylossoma), aracu (Leporinus fasciatus), sardinha (Triportheus auritus), T. angulatus, matrinxã (Brycon) and jaraqui (Semaprochilodus insignis, S. taeniurus). High-value fish species sold to large cities, such as the migratory catfishes dourada (Brachyplatystoma rousseauxii) and piramutaba (B. vaillantii), have also disappeared.

This scarcity has an impact not only on trade but on the diet of the Novo Aripuanã citizens. Fish, the main protein source for the Amazonian riverine population, has become pricier in markets and restaurants. "We used to sell a handful of matrinxãs for 5 reais [\$0.89]. Now, it costs up to 40 [\$7]," Dias said.

An unpredictable river

In Humaitá, a municipality on the border with Rondônia, fishing productivity is strongly influenced by seasonality. As the river



Fisherman Ancelmo de Menezes holds a jaraqui in the Municipal Market of Manicoré, Amazonas.

dries up, many species come from the Lower Amazon, enter Madeira through the mouth and swim upstream to the whitewater river, where they breed.

However, 58-year-old fisher José Pessoa says this migration was impaired because the river lost its currents after the dams. "The fish requires rapids to make the piracema," he said, referring to the breeding period. "If it doesn't find it in the Madeira, it takes the Amazon, swims to the Solimões River and goes away. Here, we end up with nothing."

"Nowadays, the fish we get around here is when the water level gets a little higher, so the fish comes out of the lakes, travels to another one and goes up [the Madeira]," said Pessoa, who has been fishing since the age of 13. "This year, with little flood, there won't be as much, because there's no water for them to travel."

Artisanal fishing is also affected by the climate crisis, which intensifies meteorological phenomena. In October 2023, the Madeira suffered its worst drought in history, when it reached 1.10 meters (3.6 feet) of depth, influenced by El Niño (the warming of the equatorial Pacific) and the tropical North Atlantic Ocean. The Madeira lowered almost 3 m (9.8 ft) in 15 days in June 2024, and Rondônia decreed a state of alert for drought.

In the community of Paraisinho, 10 km (6.2 mi) upstream from Humaitá, fishing has become "almost nonexistent," according to João Mendonça, president of the local farmers' association, which also represents fishers. The community is sustaining itself thanks to floodplain agriculture, whose production is acquired by governmental food programs.

"The period that's supposed to be drying is flooding," Mendonça told Mongabay. "When it's supposed to be flooding, it's drying. The fish gets out of control. They don't do their piracema at the right time. ... Today, people come to buy chicken [in the city] because it is difficult to catch the fish in the community, both on the lake and the riverbanks."

The dams adopt the run-of-river model, which retains less water in its reservoir but still affects the hydrology of the Madeira. After analyzing discharge data from three hydrological stations, scientists found that the "dam operations significantly increased day-to-day and sub-daily flow variability."

Scientists measured this by monitoring sudden changes in river flow – or "reversal" events, the sudden shifts from a period of rising to a period of falling levels, or vice versa, on two consecutive days. This event almost doubled (94%) at the Porto Velho station, 5 km (3.1 mi) downstream of the Santo Antônio Dam. In Humaitá, 255 km (158.4 mi) from this plant, the increase was attenuated (13%), but still significant, according to researchers, who attribute the numbers to fluctuations in energy demand.

"The daily hydropeaking events are very frequent due to the hydroelectric plant because it controls the amount of water it retains and releases," biologist Carolina Doria told Mongabay. She is co-author and coordinator of the Ichthyology and Fisheries Laboratory, of the Federal University of Rondônia. "This abrupt variation on the same day has a very big impact on the fish."

The fish knows that it needs to get out of the flood plains, flooded forests and lakes and swim to the main river when the water level begins to rise daily and gradually, Doria said. "If this flood-and-dry happens, the fish doesn't even leave the tributary. It gets lost. Physiologically, there is a lack of control."

Barriers to healthy fish Humaitá locals were used to well-defined periods for fishing. "The fish we expected the most in the flood were the jaraqui and the matrinxã. In the

drought, it was the pinto-do, the pacu and the curimatã," Mendonça said. "We used to catch them in large amounts. Today, you can't count on that."

The fish dynamics is closely linked to the availability of water in the basin, according to Marcelo dos Anjos, coordinator at the Laboratory of Ichthyology and Fisheries Planning of the Madeira River Valley, at Amazonas Federal University (UFAM).

"These species did not cease to occur there due to an environmental preference, but because they no longer have access," Anjos said. "The fragmentation of habitats has led to the decline of fish populations." He said this loss of connectivity is linked to a set of factors: hydroelectric dams, deforestation, river silting, gold mining, settlements and agribusiness expansion.

Samuel de Moraes, president of the fishers' association in Humaitá, observed that the riverine people of the Madeira can no longer plan according to the environment's natural dynamics. "If the river is drying on the new moon we can have a good production because the fish leave the lakes to reproduce," Moraes said. "Now we have the new moon. It was supposed to be drying, but it's flooding." He also noticed changes in the behavior of the fish that live in the tributaries and lakes of the Madeira Basin.

Besides changes in the river flow, fish also suffer from poor water quality, which has been dropping in the Madeira, according to Adriano Nobre, a biologist from Amazonas State University (UEA). "Anthropic [human made] alterations directly affect water quality," Nobre said. "The changes in the hydrological regime made by hydroelectric dams, the presence of mining, deforestation, among other factors, have influence over the maintenance of aquatic life."

In April, UEA researchers began to develop the first Water Quality Index (WQI) for a whitewater river in the Amazon, to understand the Madeira's health. In March, the group launched the first WQI for the Amazon Basin, developed for blackwater rivers.

Researchers from UEA navigated almost 800 km (497 mi) on the Madeira to assess its WQI; results were not released yet.

Fishing in crisis

In Humaitá's local market, Osvaldo de Araújo cleaned branquinhas in his stand while recalling the time when he fished in Três Casas Lake, 45 km (27.9 mi) downstream. "It was so much fish we couldn't handle it," Araújo

jo, a 63-year-old fishmonger, said. "We would catch any species we wanted."

Araújo used to catch up to half a ton of fish in five days in his canoe, but he said today, a fisher can take at least 10 days to get 100 kilos (220.4 pounds). "In this market, if it wasn't for the nursery fish, these stands would be empty," he said.

There was a 39% reduction, from 267 to 163 tons, in the annual average of the fish landings in Humaitá, according to a UFAM study, comparing the periods before (2002-10) and after (2012-16) the dams. The most impacted species were branquinha, pirapitinga (Piaractus brachipomus), tucunaré (Cichia), curimatã (Prochilodus lineatus), jaraqui and pacu (Serrasalminidae). "These species are widely used in local cuisine, especially among riverine dwellers, and also represent a large part of the fishing effort of this population for regional trade," said biologist Rogério Fonseca, co-author of the article and coordinator of UFAM's Fauna and Forest Interactions Laboratory.

In the period analyzed, the most productive years took place before the hydroelectric plants came into operation: 2002 (294 tons), 2006 (350) and 2011 (407). The worst in fish landings happened after the dams: 2014 (158), 2015 (94) and 2017 (101). "Today, we are not reaching 100 tons anymore," Moraes said.

The Humaitá association has around 3,700 fishers. The dams' impact "represents a loss of approximately \$342,000 per annum for fishing activity in Humaitá," according to the researchers.

Another recent study found that five traditional fishing points became unproductive. There are also places with a strong decline in captures. In the Beem Stream, previously the most productive, capture dropped 99%, from 164 tons to 1.3. In the Lake Três Casas, it was reduced by a third, from 4.2 to 2.8 tons. Fishers needed to seek more distant places and started fishing in 25 new sites, according to the researchers.

On each fishing trip, the riverine dwellers acquire fuel, ice, hire staff and buy food for the time in the river. "It's not worth going far away," Araújo said. "Today, the expense of a canoe to go to a lake is 500, 600 reais [\$89, \$107]. If you don't bring in enough fish to cover the costs, you cannot afford to go again," Araújo said.

In 2013, more than 1,500 fishers from Humaitá went to court against the companies that owned the plants, based on studies that attributed to the dams' impacts on fisheries and fishing. The lawsuits claimed moral and property damages.

However, the judge of Humaitá considered that the disturbances to the fishers began during the construction of the plants in 2007, so he decided that the lawsuits were prescribed because the time limit had already passed.

The fishers appealed the sentence, and the cases are now in the Amazonas Court of Justice. A tradition at risk

On a Friday afternoon, many boxes filled with jaraquis arrived at

Manicoré's local market, a municipality 355 km (220.5 mi) downstream of Humaitá. "This year, we expected a better production, but just now this fish is coming," said Ancelmo de Menezes, a 59-year-old fisher. Before the dams, he said he used to capture fish in a higher amount and diversity. "It was matrinxã, it was everything. Now, as you can see, there's only this fish here."

"The most abundant fish species became very scarce," said Antônio Veiga, president of the fishers' association in Manicoré. In his opinion, the decline was not greater because Manicoré is surrounded by five large tributaries of the Madeira River, where the lakes have good productivity.

According to Veiga, who has been head of the association for 25 years, there was no public hearing or consultation regarding the hydropower plants in the region. "We had no knowledge of anything good or bad that it could bring to our municipality. They were installed in Rondônia, but the impact came down to Amazonas," he said.

"Nobody has control of the situation. The fisherman no longer knows when the water comes, when it goes, how the riverbanks will be," he said.

In Manicoré, the disturbances in the river and fish caused many fishers to give up and move to other activities. Some began gold mining in the Madeira's main course, which also causes a lot of damage to the river, Veiga added, but this illegal activity is declining after Federal Police raids. In September 2023, agents destroyed 302 mining rafts and dredges scattered from Manicoré to Autazes. In May 2023, 86 vessels were disabled in the Humaitá region.

"Generations of fishermen are being forced to change their jobs. The mining and deforestation are at their door. Illegal activities are being pushed to these people, who are seeing themselves without opportunity," Fonseca said.

A critical future

By the end of June, Novo Aripuanã fishers were still surprised by the absence of matrinxã schools. "So far, they haven't come down," said Allan de Barros, president of the city's fishers' association. This is an example of the uncertainty of fishing activity caused by the Madeira's imbalance.

"We consumed a range of 100-150 tons of fish per year in the municipality, and exported more than 500 tons to Porto Velho and Manaus," Barros said. "Today, we don't even catch enough to meet the city's demand. It's something unusual."

In Novo Aripuanã, the piramutaba used to climb the Madeira up to three times a year, but since the installation of the dams, "we have never seen a school in our river again," Barros said. He also notes that the catfish species have decreased in size: the filhote (Brachyplatystoma filamentosum) used to reach 80 kg (176.3 pounds) and the dourada, 40 kg (88 lbs), but today they do not exceed, respectively, 10 kg (22 lbs) and 6 kg (13.2 lbs).



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OF GOODS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Nyati Mineral Sands Limited (**Nyati or the Company**) is a company incorporated in the United Republic of Tanzania with incorporation number 154424962. The Company is seeking expressions of Interest from reputable and qualified service providers with experience in Valuation for Compensation and Resettlement as well as implementation of the Resettlement Action plan (RAP) for the Project affected people (PAP) for the Tajiri Heavy Mineral Sands project (Tajiri) which is located in Pangani district in Tanga region. The services will be required from August 2024.

Interested and qualified parties wishing to provide their services in line with the above-listed request must submit the following documents to the Company for verification:

1. Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation
2. Certified copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association
3. Registered office address
4. Proof of local content compliance
5. Certified copy of current Business Licence
6. Certified copy of Tax Clearance Certificate
7. Certified copy of TIN Certificate
8. Certified copy of VAT Certificate
9. Certified copy of BRELA search
10. Details of Company Representative / Contact Person
11. Latest audited accounts
12. CVs of proposed valuers and surveys
13. Valuation registration document of the company
14. Certificates of proposed valuers
15. Summary of company's experience on other large valuation projects in Tanzania, both in valuation and implementation (administration of compensation payments, management of grievances).
16. Overview of the key valuation methodology and implementation methodology (key steps, not detailed)

All enquiries and responses to this EOI must be submitted via the email below no later than 06 August 2024 at 17:00 hours East Africa Time.

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This expression of interest has been approved for publication by the Ministry of Minerals Mining Commission and the companies will have 5 working days to respond to this EOI.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

PREQUALIFICATION OF VENDORS FOR PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE IFAKARA HEALTH INSTITUTE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025

1. Institute Overview

Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) – also known as Ifakara – is a leading research organization in Africa with a strong track record in developing, testing and validating innovations for health. Driven by a core strategic mandate for research, training and services, the Institute's work now spans a wide spectrum, covering biomedical and ecological sciences, intervention studies, health-systems research, service delivery and policy translation

2. Official Call

Ifakara invites applications from eligible, competent and qualified companies for the prequalification to provide goods and services listed below for the 2024/2025 Financial Year:

LOTS FOR PREQUALIFICATION FOR THE FY 2024/2025

LOT #	LOT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION/BRANCH	FURTHER DESCRIPTION/LIST
1	SUPPLY OF GENERAL OFFICE STATIONERY	DSM/IFA/BAG/TAB/KAT/KAG	VARIOUS
2	SUPPLY OF OFFICE REFRESHMENT AND CONSUMABLES	DSM/IFA/BAG/TAB/KAT/KAG	VARIOUS
3	SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
4	SUPPLY OF BRANDED PROMOTIONAL ITEMS, PRINTING AND CREATIVE DESIGNING SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG/TAB/KAT/KAG	VARIOUS
5	SUPPLY OF FIELD MATERIALS	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
6	SUPPLY OF OFFICE FURNITURE, FIXTURES, FITTINGS AND CURTAINS	DSM/IFA/BAG/TAB/KAT/KAG	VARIOUS
7	PROVISION OF STATUTORY AUDIT	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
8	PROVISION OF HR CONSULTANCY SERVICE AND TEAM BUILDING SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
9	PROVISION OF LEGAL	RETAINER SERVICES	DSM TOR
10	PROVISION OF VEHICLE INSURANCE	DSM	TOR
11	POWER BACK SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	DSM/IFA/BAG/	VARIOUS
12	SUPPLY OF ICT ITEMS	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
13	PROVISION OF LAN & FIBER DEPLOYMENT SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
14	PROVISION OF PRINTER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
15	ESSENTIAL MATERNAL AND NEW BORN PRODUCTS	DSM	VARIOUS
16	PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE GARAGE SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
17	DESIGN AND SUPPLY OF MOTOR VEHICLES CANVAS AND SEAT COVERS	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
18	PROVISION OF MOTORCYCLE REPAIR SERVICES	IFA/BAG	TOR
19	PROVISION OF MOTORCYCLE SPARE PARTS	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
20	SUPPLY OF BRAND-NEW MOTORCYCLES	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
21	PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE BODY REPAIR	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
22	SUPPLY OF MOTOR VEHICLE SPARE PARTS	DSM	VARIOUS
23	PROVISION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TYRE AND TUBE	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
24	SUPPLY OF MEDICINES AND PHARMACEUTICALS	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
25	PROVISION OF BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENTS, LABORATORY REAGENTS, SUPPLIES ND CONSUMABLES	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
26	INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
27	PROVISION OF PLUMBING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
28	PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING REPAIR AND MINOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
29	PROVISION OF OFFICE ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND REPAIRS	DSM	TOR
30	SUPPLY OF HARDWARE MATERIALS	IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
31	PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
32	PROVISION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSOR MAINTENANCE SERVICE	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
33	PROVISION OF CONFERENCE AND ACCOMODATION SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG/TAB/KAT/KAG	VARIOUS
34	PROVISION OF CANTEEN SERVICE	DSM/BAG	VARIOUS
35	PROVISION OF CLEARING AND FORWARDING SERVICE	DSM	TOR
36	SUPPLY OF BATTERIES AND LUBRICANTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND GENERATORS	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
37	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
38	PROVISION OF OFFICE CLEANLINESS AND SANITARY SERVICES	DSM/BAG	VARIOUS
39	PROVISION OF FUMIGATION AND PEST CONTROL	DSM/IFA	TOR
40	PROVISION OF COURIER SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
41	PROVISION OF PUBLIC AUCTION SERVICE	DSM/IFA	TOR
42	PUBLICITY AND DOCUMENTATION SERVICES	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
43	DECORATION AND EVENT PLANNING	DSM/IFA/BAG	TOR
44	PROVISION OF ADVERTISING SERVICES	DSM	TOR
45	PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL SERVICES	KAG/TAB/KAT	VARIOUS
46	PROVISION OF VEHICLE HIRING	DSM/IFA/BAG/TAB/KAT/KAG	TOR
47	PROVISION OF OFFICE SECURITY SERVICE	DSM/BAG	TOR
48	SUPPLY OF AIR CONDITIONS	DSM/IFA/BAG	VARIOUS
49	SUPPLY OF NEW BICYCLES	DSM	VARIOUS

3.0 Instructions

- 3.1 The tender is open to all bidders. The bidding process will be conducted through competitive procurement procedures specified in the Ifakara's Administration Manual.
- 3.2 Interested eligible bidders may obtain additional information from the Secretary's Office or inquire about the same from Ifakara's Tender Committee via email at procurement@ihi.or.tz from 09:00hrs to 16:00hrs (EAT), Monday to Friday, from the date of first appearance of this announcement.

4. 0 Applications

- 4.1 Interested bidders must pay a non-refundable fee of Tshs 100,000/= to the following bank account: **Bank: NMB Bank House.** Account Name: **IFAKARA HEALTH INSTITUTE.** Account Number: **BS 20103500224.**
- 4.2 Interested bidders must complete tendering documents which can be obtained after submission of a bank slip to Ifakara's offices located in; Dar es Salaam – Mikocheni; Bagamoyo – Kingani Area; and Ifakara – Off Mlabani Passage.
- 4.3 All applications and deposits must be enclosed in an envelope with a seal and addressed to:

**Chief Executive Director,
Ifakara Health Institute,
P.O. Box 78373,
Dar es Salaam**

- 4.4 Hand delivered sealed envelopes should be submitted at Front Desks (receptions) before or on Friday, 23rd August 2024 at 10:00 am (EAT).
- 4.5 **The deadline for all submissions is 23rd August 2024 at 10:00 am (EAT).** Thereafter, the opening of the tenders will immediately start.

5.0 Important

- 5.1 Please note that late applications **will not be accepted** for evaluation irrespective of circumstances.
- 5.2 Other instructions and procedures for the bidding process will be found in the tender documents.

Ticks in South Africa are becoming resistant to pesticides and may become uncontrollable

By Luther van der Mescht

TICKS that suck the blood of South Africa's cattle are developing resistance to the only pesticides that kill them and have become increasingly difficult to control. If not contained, the spread and resistance to pesticides of these small parasites will affect farmers' incomes and could reduce the country's meat and milk production.

South Africa has approximately 12.2 million cattle. The ticks that live on cattle carry pathogens that can cause deadly diseases like anaplasmosis (which causes fever and anaemia) and babesiosis (which causes fever and progressive anaemia).

The potential impact of ticks on South African



Ticks that live on South African livestock are becoming resistant to the only pesticides that can kill them.

transfer their genes to the next generation.

We found that acaricide resistance was highly variable across South Africa, probably because of different farm management practices. Therefore, this needs constant monitoring at a local level for us to understand the scale of the problem and prevent mass tick resistance.

If ticks continue to build their resistance to acaricides, this will affect farmers' incomes and could lead to lower meat and milk production.

How ticks breed

The pesticides that kill ticks are known as acaricides. There are currently only three main acaricides (chemical classes) used in South Africa.

When a cow is infested with ticks, most of these pests will be killed when the cow is dipped in acaricide. However, some ticks survive the dip, reproduce and pass their acaricide-resistant genes onto their offspring. This will eventually result in generations of ticks that are completely resistant.

Male ticks typically mate with a few female ticks on a cow. The female ticks then drop off, lay thousands of eggs and die. The eggs hatch within three to six weeks and a new generation (larvae) is born. Ticks that are fully resistant to acaricides can emerge within as little as two years after the introduction of a new acaricide.

The additional problem is the long time it takes to develop new acaricides. It takes approximately eight to ten years and millions of dollars to clinically test and register new products.

Why ticks are becoming resistant

Poor farm management decisions such as underdosing, overdosing and dosing too frequently with acaricides drive the development of resistance. Underdosing leaves more survivors who have resistant genes. Overdosing or dosing too frequently kills most ticks but the few that survive will transfer their genes to the next generation.

Cattle in communal systems that move around freely, and cross borders, transport resistant ticks to other populations where they

mate and spread acaricide-resistant genes further.

Making the situation even worse is that ticks that breed faster, such as the invasive Asian blue tick, develop resistance much faster than, for example, the endemic brown ear tick.

South Africa also has certain cattle breeds that are naturally less resistant to ticks. They can sustain larger tick populations and therefore contribute more to the problem.

A further problem is that anti-tick vaccines are not yet commercially available in Africa. This is mainly due to limited research and development, especially on the kind of vaccines needed for African tick species.

How to solve the problem

Livestock inevitably develops resistance to acaricides. But this usually happens over a much longer period, if pesticides are used correctly. There are a number of actions that can be taken to slow resistance down:

Livestock should be quarantined when moved to a new farm to prevent the spread of resistant ticks.

The number of acaricide treatments for each animal must be kept to a minimum so that ticks do not have as many opportunities to develop resistance.

Tick resistance to acaricides must be monitored. Identifying ticks and characterising their resistance profiles in specialised laboratories could be used to make informed decisions regarding acaricide use which can mitigate resistance. Once this baseline is established, resistance should be monitored continuously.

Government veterinary services should create awareness of acaricide resistance and support especially under-resourced producers. Acaricide resistance testing laboratories should be established by the government to monitor and advise farmers. No support is currently being provided to farmers by the authorities.

Acaricides that have different ways of killing ticks must be rotated so that ticks don't build up resistance.

Ticks can also be killed by plant extracts. These are popular in developing countries because they are cheaper than synthetic acaricides. However, they are not as effective. Combining botanical extracts and synthetic acaricides could be a solution, but this has not been fully explored yet.

can agriculture is magnified by the sector's peculiar circumstances. South Africa's farming community consists of two agricultures: a large number of subsistence farmers with limited resources and a smaller number of commercial farmers. The country also has a large number of tick species and a diverse landscape (habitat and climate) in which ticks can breed and cattle can be farmed. Warm, humid conditions normally lead to faster tick development, which could result in quicker resistance development.

As a result of these factors, the impact of ticks and tick-borne diseases in South Africa can be more severe than in developed countries.

I research parasites like ticks and set out to investigate acaricide resistance in the invasive Asian blue tick, which is considered one of the most successful cattle ticks in the world, yet its resistance status was uncertain in South Africa. The goal was to determine the resistance status and link this with current and past acaricide use.

The study found that a large number of tick populations have become resistant to at least two of the three main acaricide types (chemical classes) used in South Africa. The reasons for the growing resistance may include poor farm management practices such as underdosing, overdosing and dosing too frequently with acaricides. Underdosing leaves more resistant survivors. Overdosing or dosing too frequently kills most ticks but the few that survive will become "super-resistant" and



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INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT FOR DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION
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(ISP-DRM-NRG)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
EOI NO: ISP-DRM-NRG/ZNZ/AfDB /QCBS/01/2024

1. Consultancy Services for Legislative drafting of Zanzibar Mining Law and its Regulations (ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AfDB/QCBS/01/2021)
2. Consultancy Services for the Draft Bill of Zanzibar Petroleum Income Taxation and Additional Profit Tax (ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AfDB/QCBS/03/2021)

Financing Agreement reference: 2100150037346
Project ID No.: P-TZ-KFO-006
Date: 26th July, 2024

1. The Government of United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Institutional Support Project for Domestic Resource Mobilization and Natural Resource Governance (ISP-DRM-NRG). The President's Office Finance and Planning- Zanzibar, an implementing agency of the Client, intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to eligible payments under the following contracts for which this Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) is issued:
2. The objective of the assignment includes services but not limited to the following:
 - i. Consultancy Services for Legislative drafting of Zanzibar Mining Law and its Regulations

The objective of this assignment is to provide consultancy service for legislative drafting of Zanzibar mining law and its regulations that fit the Mining sector for Zanzibar's unique context.

The duration for the implementation of this assignment is Five (5) months

- ii. Consultancy Services for the Draft Bill of Zanzibar Petroleum Income Taxation and Additional Profit Tax

The objective of this assignment is to provide legislative drafting of Zanzibar Petroleum Income Taxation Act and Additional Profit Tax Act.


The duration for the implementation of this assignment is Five (5) months.

3. The President's Office Finance and Planning-Zanzibar now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.
4. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations, October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.
5. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between 9:00 and 15:00 hours from Monday to Friday except on Public Holidays.

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EA BECOMES HOTSPOT FOR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS

By Guardian Reporter

East Africa is witnessing a remarkable transformation, with its real estate markets emerging as vibrant investment destinations.

The combination of robust economic growth, infrastructure development, a rising middle-class population, regional integration, and a thriving tourism sector has created an environment conducive to real estate development and investment.

Positive GDP growth forecasts for Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya support the continued development of a robust commercial real estate economy despite macroeconomic and geopolitical tensions impacting the region.

According to reports, investor appetite in the East African property market seems to support the heightened levels of optimism that points towards emerging asset classes.

Light industries

The industrial sector continues to benefit from an increase in e-commerce, localized storage, and localized manufacturing requirements as producers / manufacturers look to reduce their reliance on internationally manufactured goods.

The asset class has shown resilience, is retaining value and continues to benefit from low vacancies, product innovation and increasing inventory requirements to minimize supply chain disruptions experienced during Covid and prolonged as result of Russia-Ukraine War.

For example, Africa's demand for packaged medicines is worth \$18bn a year, of which only 36 percent is currently produced locally, and only 3 percent of demand is met by Intra-African Trade.

This is just an example of one



Architectural design of Kenya's Special Economic Zone

industry ripe to grow and benefit this asset class.

Light industrial property developments are key to seeing more industries develop in East Africa and present the ideal opportunity for foreign investors looking for new markets.

Kenya, for example, is targeting investors to establish manufacturing plants in its special economic zones, specifically in electronics, textiles, pharmaceutical, and medical devices, as well as the lift and escalator sectors, leading to an increase in demand dynamics which will benefit rental escalations over the medium term given the emerging nature of the asset class.

Tanzania also has Special Economic Zones and Exports Processing Zones, targeting to attract investors in light industries for export markets, both regional and global.

Data Centres

Somewhere between US\$5-6bn will be invested in carrier neutral data centres in Africa, including EA, over the next 3-5 years, with firm commitments from companies such as Vantage (US\$1 billion), Africa Data Centres (US\$500m), WIOCC's Open Access Data Centres (US\$500m)

and Colo West (US\$259m).

The increase in demand for data centres is driven by several factors including the need for global connectivity, hybrid ways-of-work, a growing population, and regulatory pressures to onshore data storage, moving away from dependencies for data storage in North America, Europe, and Asia.

Kenya, one of Africa's primary data centre hubs, is considered the gateway to the East African region and hence a prime location for new developments with Africa Data Centres (ADC) announcing three new projects to be developed.

The first broke ground in January last year, while plans have started for the development of a second, and land being secured for the third.

Healthcare sector

With economic growth and trade activities continuing to rise in East Africa, there is an increased focus on the provision of healthcare including hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies, and frail-care facilities.

This represents opportunities for developers in the East African region looking to diversify existing portfolios and consider

ways to monetize longer-term debt as they optimise their balance sheets.

Rapid urbanisation

More opportunities to bring suitable affordable housing products to market will need to be unlocked as urban populations continue to grow.

Across East Africa, urban population growth estimated at 4.5 percent to 5 percent urbanisation is driving increased housing demand in a market where the affordable housing stock deficit is at 2 million dwellings.

Policymakers are responding to rising inflation by raising interest rates.

An increase in the development of affordable housing stock is notable and is necessary to address pent up levels of demand given the apparent housing stock deficit.

"We are also seeing an increased appetite from investors to respond to demand across sectors, and, as a leading pan-African bank, we remain committed to delivering sustainable funding solutions to our clients that continues to promote economic progress in East Africa," says Somaya Joshua, the Corporate and Investment Banker,

Absa Bank.

"One of the primary catalysts behind the burgeoning real estate markets in East Africa is the region's impressive economic growth, Joshua says.

"This economic growth has led to an increase in urbanisation, with a growing number of people migrating to cities in search of employment and better living standards."

As a result, the demand for housing, commercial buildings, and infrastructure has soared, creating lucrative opportunities for real estate developers and investors.

Infrastructure Development

East African governments have recognized the importance of infrastructure development in supporting economic growth and attracting investments.

As a result, substantial investments have been made in transportation networks, including roads, ports, railways, and airports, improving connectivity within and between countries.

These infrastructure projects are enhancing accessibility to previously untapped regions, thus opening up new areas for real estate development.

The construction of highways, such as the Northern Corridor and the Standard Gauge Railway, is connecting major cities and stimulating urban growth along these corridors.

Increasing middle-class

The emergence of a thriving middle class in East Africa has been a significant factor driving the demand for real estate.

A growing number of individuals with higher incomes are seeking modern, affordable housing options, as well as commercial spaces to support their businesses.

Developers have responded to

this demand by creating residential complexes, shopping malls, and mixed-use developments to cater to the needs and aspirations of the expanding middle-class population.

The rise in disposable income has also fueled the demand for luxury properties, leading to the development of high-end residential and hospitality projects.

Regional integration, FDIs

East African countries are actively engaged in regional integration efforts, such as the East African Community (EAC) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

These initiatives promote cross-border trade, investment, and economic cooperation, facilitating the flow of capital and stimulating real estate development.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the region has been steadily increasing, with international companies recognising the potential of East Africa's growing economies.

This influx of foreign capital has contributed to the expansion of the real estate sector, attracting developers and investors from around the globe.

Tourism and hospitality

East Africa's abundant natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage make it a popular tourist destination. The tourism sector has experienced significant growth in recent years, driving the demand for hospitality infrastructure.

The development of hotels, resorts, and eco-lodges has been on the rise to accommodate the increasing number of tourists.

Additionally, the growth of international conferences, events, and exhibitions in cities like Dar es Salaam, Nairobi and Kigali has created a need for modern convention centers and business hotels, presenting lucrative opportunities for real estate investors.

By Guardian Correspondent

The Deloitte's engineering and construction industry outlook has shown that 76 percent of engineering and construction executives indicated that they are planning to invest in digital technology this year.

Investing in the latest construction technology is helping business owners facilitate digital transformations and stay a step ahead of the competition.

Technology in construction is advancing rapidly and changing the way building projects run.

Usage of technology in construction showcases benefits like standardising processes, increasing productivity, improving labour safety, managing labour shortages and enhancing collaboration.

According to the report, the following six technologies are expected to revolutionise the future of the global construction industry.

1. Data collection apps

Apps are becoming more of the norm in construction, and for good reason. The increased portability of tablets and smartphones allows for greater communication and the ability to work from anywhere. More specifically, data collection apps are helping construction companies gather faster, more accurate and higher quality data from the jobsite. Integrating this type of technology into your current processes is simple and requires a smaller upfront investment while still providing major benefits, including:

Significant time savings & reduced data entry errors. Data collection app users have reported more than 20 field and administrative hours saved each week, along with a 50 percent reduction in data entry errors. Helpful

Report unveils future trends in construction technology



tip: Estimate your ROI potential by using our free online calculator.

Enhanced workflows. You can automate data collection workflows so the submission of one form triggers another form to be sent, and so on, until a particular task is completed with all necessary sign-offs and collected data. Additionally, some data collection applications offer mobile forms and web forms apps so your team can submit forms on their smartphones, tablets, laptops, desktops - basically any digital device.

Improved safety compliance. Data collection apps can facilitate everything from daily equipment inspections to near miss reporting to a comprehensive job safety analysis. Instant reporting. Whether

you need daily job reports, quick turn-around on client deliverables or fast access to legal documentation, a data collection app is going to help you streamline reporting. You can also easily customize reports based on your business needs.

2. Drones

Drones are the most widely used emerging construction technology. They can conduct site surveys more quickly and accurately than a crew on the ground and are cheaper than aerial imaging. Their high resolution cameras and the data collected can create interactive 3D or topographical maps and models, and take volume measurements.

Another benefit of using drones is the ability to inspect hard to reach places such as

bridges or around tall buildings, and to do it safely. You can also use them to monitor progress on a job site and see how people are working.

3. Building Information Modeling (BIM) software

The use of BIM provides space for better collaboration because each person and expertise area can add their piece to the same model, instead of broken out onto multiple versions of a 2D paper drawing. This way, the model evolves immediately as people contribute, streamlining the process and increasing efficiency. BIM also helps with problem solving in the design and planning stages of a project, by automating clash detection and providing a more complete picture of the project. Deloitte is seeing more and

more global government initiatives to make BIM a compulsory procedure for large-scale facilities projects, including in India, Hong Kong, France, South Korea, Germany and Italy.

In the United Kingdom, BIM is already mandatory for government construction projects. According to Research and Market's 2021 Building Information Modeling Market Report, emerging trends that will have a direct impact on the industry include AI development in BIM, increased demand for BIM-based cloud collaboration, and modular construction and prefabrication.

4. Virtual reality and wearables

Virtual reality technology is often used in conjunction with BIM to help better understand complex projects. Think of the potential: you create a building design with BIM and then are able to use VR to actually walk around it. Pretty cool, right? This will give your team, or the client, an even more realistic idea of what the project will look like once completed. Having a more complete grasp on the project before it begins gives you the opportunity to avoid big changes and expensive change orders mid-way through.

Wearables are a construction technology that are not only

making a positive impact on safety, but also productivity. AsphaltPro published a recent article on the topic, reporting that wearable technology in the construction industry can increase productivity by 8.5 percent and workplace satisfaction by 3.5 percent. The article also highlighted some notable products on the market, including XOEye Smart Glasses, Spot-r Wearable Sensor and Redpoint Positioning Safety Vest Sensors.

5. 3D Printing

3D printing as a construction technology has the potential to change material sourcing. For prefabrication, materials for a project can be printed and then transported to the job site, ready for use immediately. This can allow you to get materials faster and streamline the process by removing extra steps in the middle.

3D printing makes it possible to print materials right on site, reducing waste and further saving on transportation and storage costs. However, one of the current challenges with adoption of this technology is limitations with mass production. Although some 3D printers can produce on a larger scale, they are expensive.

6. Artificial Intelligence

For years, artificial intelligence (AI) has provided benefits to construction projects through increased safety, improving workflows, and getting jobs done faster and better. However, many construction companies continue to navigate and learn how to best apply this complex technology within their organization.

Some larger firms have started to build out their own AI programs to help with internal decision-making processes and operations. While others are relying on third parties, such as AI advisors and solutions providers, to audit their current practices and identify opportunities for AI and/or machine learning implementation.

SPECIAL REPORT

DEFECTS IN COOPERATIVE UNIONS' PROPERTY, LAND OWNERSHIP RECORDS - 4

By Francis Kajubi

FLAWS in land and property ownership whereabouts is troubling the majority of registered cooperative unions across the country.

As a matter of fact, cooperative unions have been caught-up with ambiguities in their financial statements that have landed the majority into an adverse opinion by the state-owned cooperatives auditing apex firm.

The Tanzania Federation of Cooperatives (TFC) in particular is on record with irregularities related to property development projects besides doubtful financial reports.

According to the auditing results for the fiscal year 2022/23 by the Cooperative Audit and Supervision Corporation (COASCO), the major audit flaws identified for TFC includes unrecorded spending worth 79.46mn/-, apart from accounting misreporting and weaknesses in TFC's Tower project management well known as Ushirika Tower.

The audit report states that the construction value of the TFC's investment tower which commenced since the past nine years, has topped 29bn/- while being used as the completed building contrary to the International Accounting standards thus jeopardizing the actual value of the building reported in the federation's financial statements.

The COASCO audit states that financial statements are not clear with M/S Mollé Electrical Construction Ltd (MEC) debt worth 2.55bn/- due to the absence of a relevant signed agreement with TFC.

The debt was meant to compensate M/S China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) with alleged overpayments made for the TFC Tower project.

The compensation claims were brought to light by the Prevention

and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) following a special audit conducted in relation to the construction costs of the building and it was established that there were overpayments made to the mentioned company.

In the course of the narrated scenario, at the meeting held on March 19, 2021 between PCCB, M/S China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) and the project consultant Cons Africa Ltd, it was agreed that the Contractor should return the money to TFC through PCCB in a space of three months.

However, it is noted that as of December, 2022, TFC had not provided the company with a bank account to deposit the money and also it had not featured the payment information in its financial records.

The COASCO's audit report reveals that the TFC Tower project has been operational on loss due to TFC's failure in abiding with the terms specified in the agreement (MOU) that obligates it to hunt tenants alongside timely payment of loans with accruing interest rates from the lenders.

"The Ushirika Tower located in Lumumba Street Dar Es Salaam is on the brink of not being owned by TFC at any time in case the bankers needs back their money because the value of the tower presented in the financial statements stands at 31.55bn/- less than the amount of loans extended by the banks valued at 34.30bn/-," reads part of the COASCO auditing report.



A side view of the TFC Tower in Dar es Salaam.

In another development, the report notes that some cooperative unions' assets, especially land and properties, are facing ownership disputes between unions and individuals, as a result the assets benefit more individuals who mostly are non-cooperative members.

For instance, Mbeya Ileje Cooperative Union (MICU) is surviving a plot ownership conflict. The plot on No. 18 block O in Industrial Street is in dispute with an individual.

The Songwe Region Cooperative Union (SORECU) owns a property in the name of an individual in compound No. 1-7 block E, but the contract between the two parties was not presented during the auditing process thus hiding key information on what

benefits does the union get from the land ownership.

The auditing report states that Arusha Cooperative Union (ACU) is in dispute with the Monduli district council regarding the ownership of the Lokisale farm worth 458mn/- which is also supposed to be under the custodian of the district's Natural Resources and Tourism department.

However, there are several ongoing cases against the union with regard to land ownership which if it fails, there is a possibility of incurring a total loss of 360mn/-.

"The audit reveals that some cooperative unions failed to report some of their assets in the financial statements and also failed to determine the value of land and properties as well as lack of

title deeds for some of the lands owned by the unions," reads the report.

COASCO points out Chato Cooperative Union (CCU) as having assets worth 834.24mn/- undocumented, there are also three farms located in Biharamulo and Chato districts but their value is unknown and not presented in the financial statements.

The audit has revealed that some cooperative unions have lost assets that were in the warehouse, especially machine spare parts, without taking any stern measures to determine the loss occurrence. Chato Cooperative Union (CCU) lost assets worth 176mn/-. The assets include the 4.95mn/- car spare parts worth 13.77mn/-; spare parts for a cotton spinning machine worth 156.98mn/- and spare parts for an electric washing machine worth 351.600/- among other items.

Milambo Cooperative Union (MCU) has lost farm inputs worth 55.43mn/- which were not featured in the financial statements.

Kibosho Mwaka Sungu AMCOS has a dispute with Mwaka Wildlife College over a piece of land covering 12.5 acres which the management claims is part of the intellectual property right of union No.10686 (Mawingo Estate). The dispute has prevailed for many years without meeting a mutual solution.

Uru Kati Mawela Amcos is in a dispute over the land leased to an investor-Laitolya & Safaris Ltd since 1992 which claims to have bought the land.

As the result of this dispute, the Amcos incurred unreasonable costs to run land cases as it lost a land case No. 10 of 2015 at the end of 2021 and was ordered by the court to hand over the piece of land to the investor who is the rightful owner.

The audit report states that cooperative unions and SACCOS are owed by the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), banks and microfinances millions of unpaid loans.

COASCO reveals that Mount Meru Hotels Saccos is owed a loan worth 401.81mn/- by NSSF. AWABOMA SACCOS is owed a loan worth 170.10mn/- by CRDB Bank Plc, TCCIA Muheza SACCOS is owed a loan worth 418.46mn/- by NSSF while Muungano Rural Saccos is owed a loan worth 32.38mn/- and SCCULT is owed 2.65mn/- by SELF Microfinance.

Tanga Cement Saccos is owed a loan worth 1.53bn/- by PSSSF, Maramba Saccos is owed a loan worth 3.17mn/- by SELF. It is also owed 154.08mn/- by NSSF.

Amani Division Saccos is owed a loan worth 163.91mn/- by TIB and is also owed 61.85mn/- by NSSF. Katangaro Saccos is owed a loan worth 227,095/- by SELF while FSA Buhongwa Saccos is owed a loan worth 43.34mn/- by SELF.

Hamaja Saccos Ltd is owed a loan worth 126.22mn/- by NSSF. Mugumu Hospital Saccos Ltd is owed a loan worth 155.84mn/- by NSSF while Mkukuwami Saccos Ltd is owed a loan worth 205.86mn/- by CRDB Bank Plc.

MWAWASA SACCOS is owed a loan worth 807.78mn/- by PSSSF and is also owed 73.36mn/- by NSSF while Geita Teachers Saccos is owed a loan worth 92.97mn/- by SELF.

WADOKI SACCOS has not repaid loans worth 659.99mn/- and 158.46mn/- both issued by TIB as well as a loan from TSSF worth 793.78mn/-.

To be continued.

By Guardian Reporter

Airport lounges market size to reach \$4.2bn in 2024

The airport lounges market size is estimated at US\$4.21 billion in 2024, and is expected to reach US\$9.44 billion by 2029, growing at a CAGR of 17.52 percent during the forecast period (2024-2029), with Asia Pacific leading by significant growth.

The new report by Mordor Intelligence has highlighted that the airport lounges market is expected to witness significant growth in the years to come.

Several factors, such as the growth of the middle-class population in emerging countries leading to increased spending capacity and growing demand for luxury travel experiences globally, are expected to drive the market growth.

The report says the addition of new lounges with greater amenities at airports to improve passenger experience and growing collaboration between credit card companies and airports to make airport lounges accessible, thereby attracting a large number of passengers, are some of the other factors driving the market growth in coming years.

On the other hand, the high operational costs of airport lounges will be the major factor hampering the growth of the market.

Furthermore, increasing focus on digitization and incorporation of virtual reality and artificial intelligence will lead to growing business opportunities within the market in the coming years.

"The growth in the number of air passengers worldwide coupled with growing need for airport lounge providers to upgrade their facilities drive the growth of the market," it says.

"Introduction of advanced connectivity and entertainment systems in order to provide better passenger experience and rising spending on enhancing aviation infrastructure propels the seg-



Most luxurious airport lounge

ment growth."

According to the report there has been a significant growth in the number of airport lounges worldwide. An increasing number of air travelers in recent years has led to lounge providers improving their services and focusing on digitization in order to provide a better lounge experience.

Various airport lounge providers are now experimenting with virtual reality in order to provide their passengers with various entertainment and connectivity options.

By making use of virtual reality, passengers will have a chance to explore exotic destinations, enjoy live performances and also enjoy sports activities from the comfort of the lounge.

For instance, in February 2023, Travel Point Group announced that they are in

plans to deliver a gaming point virtual reality lounge at Perth airport in Australia.

Moreover, the lounge will include a virtual reality room for five players and one gaming session is expected to last for 30-45 minutes.

In addition, the lounge will also house a range of individual high-speed internet gaming stations linked to the stream network which will allow gamers to play using their own accounts or new accounts.

Thus, a growth in the number of air passengers who can afford lounge services and the rising need to improve airport lounges in order to improve passenger experience will drive the growth connectivity and entertainment systems in the near future. Source:

In recent years, the aviation sector across Asia Pacific showcase significant

growth in terms of number of air travelers, spending on aviation infrastructure, and development of new airports.

Various factors such as growth in the number of new airport lounge construction projects as well as a growth in the number of passengers who can afford lounge services within the region will lead to the growth of the market.

There has been a significant growth in the usage of airport lounge services in the Asia-Pacific region in recent years.

According to the data presented by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), airlines in the Asia-Pacific region witnessed an increase in the number of air traffic passengers by 98.5 percent in August 2023 as compared to August 2022.

Furthermore, growth in the spending capacity of the passengers has led to vari-

ous airports within the region increasing their construction of new airport lounges or revamping their existing lounges with better facilities.

For instance, in December 2023, Hirsch Bedner Associates (HBA) a hospitality design firm announced that they have collaborated with Air India in order to improve the lounge experiences at New Delhi International Airport.

The company will be designing Air India's first and business class lounges at the New Delhi airport.

Furthermore, in July 2023, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) launched the India's biggest lounge facility "Encalm Prive," at the Airport's Terminal 3.

It aims to optimise lounge space and provide a luxurious and relaxing environment for business and first-class travellers.

Such developments and increasing investment in airport infrastructure drive the market growth across the region.

The airport lounges market is moderately fragmented, with various players dominating the market.

Some of the major players in the airport lounges market are Qantas Airways Limited, Lufthansa, Cathay Pacific Airways Limited, American Airlines, and United Airlines, Inc., amongst others.

Airport lounge providers, in recent years, have focused on upgrading their lounge infrastructure in order to provide a more luxurious and comforting experience for their passengers.

Moreover, airport lounge providers are also entering into partnerships with various technology companies.

They are engaged in working on premium class lounges in order to provide more amenities to meet the needs of the passengers.

Furthermore, the integration of new-age technology within airport lounges, such as smart check-ins, virtual reality experiences as well as interactive displays, will lead to generating significant business opportunities within the market in the coming years.

CONSTRUCTION

CAIRO

The Central Bank's decision to float the Egyptian pound in the first quarter of this year has sparked a positive shift in sentiment for Cairo's office sector, anticipated to generate long-term improvement and growth opportunities, according to JLL's Cairo Market Dynamics Report for Q2 2024.

As market conditions stabilize and business confidence grows, Cairo is set to receive approximately 540,000 sqm of new office space in the second half of the year, primarily in the New Administrative Capital (NAC) and New Cairo.

However, some projects may face delays due to slow construction or leasing difficulties. During the second quarter, around 15,000 sqm of office gross leasable area (GLA) was delivered, expanding the total stock to over 2 million sqm.

Enquiries for large office spaces between 2,000 and 5,000 sqm increased, and demand for high-quality Grade A supply continued to grow due to limited availability. New Cairo, offering more high-quality office spaces, attracted the most demand, driven by existing tenants seeking to expand or relocate.

Despite this, average citywide rents decreased by 2 percent annually to \$356 per sqm per annum. Prime rents saw a 6 percent annual reduction but remained

CAIRO'S REAL ESTATE MARKET POISED FOR GROWTH AMID CURRENCY STABILISATION



stable compared to the previous quarter at \$480 per sqm per annum.

Ayman Sami, Country Head, JLL Egypt, said: "Egypt's real estate sector, a significant contributor to the economy, continues to witness strong performance across sectors in the second quarter of the year. The Central Bank's decision to float the Egyptian pound has brought much-awaited stability to the

market, igniting a shift in business sentiment. A substantial amount of space was delivered in Cairo's retail sector while the residential sector witnessed an unprecedented rise in sale prices and rents, despite project delays due to prevailing market conditions. These are positive indicators of an ever-growing real estate market as the government remains focused on the expanding investment envi-

ronment."

Cairo's retail sector saw the completion of approximately 102,000 sqm GLA, expanding the total stock to around 3.14 million sqm. The completions included one regional mall, two community centres, and two neighbourhood malls. An additional 300,000 sqm of retail space is expected to be handed over in the remaining year, with neighbourhood malls dominat-

ing the future supply. However, several projects faced delays due to prevailing market conditions.

Current market dynamics favour tenants, with landlords willing to contribute towards capital expenditure (CAPEX) and operational expenses (OPEX). Additionally, average rental rates in both primary and secondary malls recorded an approximately 8 percent increase compared to the same period last year. The average citywide vacancy rate was registered at 8 percent during the second quarter.

Despite ongoing pressure on the retail sector, there is a favourable outlook for the growth of local production and brands. Landlords are offering incentives and revenue share arrangements to attract local brands and fill up retail space, providing opportunities for the growth and success of these businesses.

The residential market experienced an unprecedented rise in sale prices and rents, driven by a combination of currency devaluation and soaring inflation. Notably, in 6th of October, sales prices increased by around 175 percent annually in the second quarter, while

New Cairo saw 180 percent year-on-year growth. The rental market also witnessed substantial growth, with rents in 6th October and New Cairo rising by 101 percent and 122 percent, respectively, during the quarter compared to the same period last year.

Although there were no new major hotels added to the Cairo market in the second quarter, maintaining a stable total stock of 26,700 keys, approximately 1,300 keys are expected to be added to the existing stock during the remainder of the year.

Looking at the year-to-May period, citywide occupancy stood at 64 percent, according to the latest data from STR. During the same period, the average daily rate (ADR) experienced a 4.5 percent reduction, reaching \$135 compared to the previous year. Consequently, the revenue per available room (RevPAR) dropped by 8 percent year-on-year, recording \$87.

More operators are expected to announce expansion plans, demonstrating their confidence in the long-term growth of the tourism industry in Egypt. As the tourism industry continues to flourish, investment in hotel projects and infrastructure is expected to strengthen, with a focus on luxury accommodations and improving visitor experiences.

The positive trajectory of international arrivals and the government's efforts to enhance the tourism sector provides a promising outlook for the hospitality industry in Egypt.

ISTANBUL

Traditionally fond of real estate investment, Turks are turning their attention increasingly to buying property abroad in response to surging domestic prices, worsening returns on investment and the prospect of regulatory changes.

The new trend highlights growing concern about the outlook for Turkey's real estate market, which is feeling the impact of a transformed economic climate after a policy U-turn towards more orthodoxy in 2023 following years of easy money.

In recent years, currency depreciation and the low rates championed by President Tayyip Erdogan pushed Turks into assets like real estate, cars and forex to protect savings as inflation surged to a current level above 70 percent.

But Turks are now seeking properties in places such as Montenegro, Spain, Dubai and London as high prices, lessening supply, and high mortgage rates drive monthly housing sales in Turkey to the lowest level in a decade.

Property investments abroad have nearly quadrupled since 2021, rising to \$2 billion last year, central bank data shows, and some sector experts say the trend may accelerate to \$3-4 billion this year due to the lira's recent real term appreciation and high domestic prices.

"House prices are very high, but house rental income remains low for those who want to own a house as an investment," said 56-year-old Tolga, who works in the energy sector.

Last year, he decided to sell a property in Istanbul to buy a house in London to have a regular FX income and diversify his investments, but also due to regulatory uncertainty in Turkey.

"We also decided to buy something abroad due to uncertainty around real estate and income taxes, lack of rules in Turkey," he said. "We do not know what will happen tomorrow, whether the value of our house will decrease, whether it will be destroyed or something else will be built right next to our house."

Turks have had years of punishing inflation, combined with a sharp clampdown on credit over the last year, and a series of currency crashes.



Turks eye property investments abroad with its domestic market losing appeal

Real estate prices rose much higher than inflation throughout 2022 and 2023, according to central bank data, although there has been a recent slowdown.

As inflation surged to a peak of 85 percent in 2022, the government imposed a 25 percent cap on rent hikes to protect tenants, triggering a backlash from landlords and thousands of legal disputes. The cap was lifted this month.

Against this background, there has been growing interest from Turks in the London housing market, according to Arzu Uygun, founder and managing director of Unique London, a real estate consultancy company operating in London.

She said Turkey's rising real estate prices opened

the door for Turkish investors to buy a house abroad as they aim to shorten their investment return and diversify risks.

According to sector representatives, the return on investment period is around 30 years in Turkey, less than 18 years in the UK and Spain for a comparable residence, and less than 12 years in Montenegro.

DEVELOPERS LAUNCH PROJECTS ABROAD

Seeing the increasing demand from Turks, Turkish developers are looking to expand their businesses abroad.

"I think real estate investment in Turkey will not provide good returns for the next five years. I don't think people will buy

property for long-term investment," said Aycan Fenercioglu, chairman of construction company Fenercioglu, pointing to a price-to-rent ratio of 25-30 years.

"We have started to make investments abroad. We have obtained permits in Spain and will start construction there in the autumn," Fenercioglu said.

The company has investments in Alicante and is set to start building in Montenegro, investments in Dubai are planned next year.

Recent media reports indicating possible new taxes for people who purchase houses for investment point to a change in the government's view in real estate investments, he added.

"I think the government

wants real estate to stop being an investment tool in Turkey. This will lead to more Turks heading abroad in the coming period."

With recent changes in regulation, Turkish authorities have made it harder to offer properties for short-term rentals, increasing necessary permits and paperwork.

Real Estate Service Exporters Association head Bayram Tekce said inflation, rising real estate prices and an uncertain environment were worrying investors.

"Buying a house in another country used to be a feature of the upper income group. But since Turkey is so volatile, now middle-income people want to put their eggs in different baskets," he said.

New digital platform connects local farmers to markets in the US

By Correspondent Beatrice Philimon

The new platform has been launched to connect Tanzanian farmers to various buyers in the United States of America and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) market to sell their fresh agricultural produce and livestock products.

Philipo Mrutu, Mrutu Agro-Solutions Company Limited, chief executive officer said yesterday that his company in collaboration with USA based company-E&M Capital Corporation have introduced UZAMAZAO TM digital services platform to connect farmers and buyers as well as provide comprehensive agricultural business solutions to farmers in Tanzania.

He said more than 3000 farmers from different regions across the country have been registered to UZAMAZAO TM digital service platform to meet with buyers and sell their products.

"The discussion between the ministry of agriculture and my company is underway to see how we will work together to implement this programme," he said.

He called upon farmers to use this opportunities to market and sell their produce, increase income and expand the business.

"This platform leverages groundbreaking technology to connect fresh agricultural produce and livestock products with buyers while ensuring sustainable quality and traceability

features for all products within its system," he said.

"We have already signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with E&M Capital Corporation to help farmers meet with buyers online and make negotiation in accordance with the fresh agricultural produce and livestock products they have in their localities."

During the implementation, all farms data will be inputted into the UZAMAZAO TM system to make traceability process from the field or farm, harvesting until it reaches the end consumer.

The main goal is to help farmers to secure markets in AfCFTA) and other countries across the world as well as digitize their farming and business they have in their localities.

UZAMAZAO TM is a digital service platform established in the USA with its principal place of business at E&M Capital Corporation.

Elaborating on MoU, he said during the implementation, Mrutu Agro-Solutions Company Limited will facilitate market access for farmers to sell their produce at competitive prices, implementing digital agriculture solutions to improve farm efficiency and productivity.

Also will promoting sustainable agricultural practices that conserve the environment, provide farmers with access to high-quality inputs in-terms of seeds, fertilizer and pesticides to enable them produce agricultural products that meet market requirement.

Govt urged to enhance control on fake goods

By Faustine Feliciane

Traders and importers of drinks in the country have asked the government to increase the intensity in controlling the importation and distribution of fake products in the market in order to increase the income for

the nation.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, some of the importers and traders said that the government is losing a lot of money that they were supposed to get due to some people importing and distributing fake products in the coun-

try.

"We are traders and importers who follow all the procedures of the country in the import and distribute the products, and we pay the appropriate taxes to the Government, unfortunately there are people inside and outside the

country who are making illegal business in importing fake products like drinks we import, this causes the nation to lose income but also for us its affect our business," said Obabiyi Fagade, Country Manager of the Heineken company.

He said there are people

who use the good location of Tanzania to be in a good place geographically because it is surrounded by many countries, to import fake products into the market.

"We will do our best, but I think the government should increase its efforts to

prevent counterfeit goods from entering the country, this will help strengthen the business," said Fagade.

The Mabibo Wine's Director, Jerome Rugemalira, said importers of fake products including drinks are returning the government's efforts to collect taxes for the de-

velopment of the country.

"It is true that there are fake drinks products, we believe the Government has a power in knowing who is the importer of which products, dishonest traders should be forced not to import fake products," said Rugemalira.

WORLD

Three 9/11 attacks suspects agree to plead guilty at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON

THE man accused of masterminding the Sept 11 attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and two of his accomplices, held at the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have agreed to plead guilty, the Pentagon said on Wednesday.

The Pentagon did not elaborate on the plea deals.

A US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the plea deals almost certainly involved guilty pleas in exchange for taking the death penalty off the table.

The official said the terms of the agreement had not been publicly disclosed but acknowledged a plea for a life sentence was possible.

Mohammed is the most well-known in-

mate at the detention facility in Guantanamo Bay, which was set up in 2002 by then-US president George W. Bush to house foreign militant suspects following the Sept 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

Its population grew to a peak of about 800 inmates before it started to shrink. There are 30 inmates today.

Mohammed is accused of masterminding the plot to fly hijacked commercial passenger aircraft into the World Trade Center in New York City and into the Pentagon. The 9/11 attacks, as they're known, killed nearly 3,000 people and plunged the United States into what would become a two-decade-long war in Afghanistan.

His interrogations have long been the subject of scrutiny. A 2014 Senate Intelligence Committee report on the CIA's use of wa-



In this photo obtained by the Associated Press, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged Sept 11 mastermind, is seen shortly after his capture during a raid in Pakistan, on March 1, 2003. AP

terboarding and other "enhanced interrogation techniques" said that Mohammed had been waterboarded at least 183 times.

Plea deals were also reached by two other detainees: Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarak Bin 'Attash and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi, according to a Pentagon statement.

The three men were initially charged jointly and arraigned on June 5, 2008, and then were again charged jointly and arraigned a sec-

ond time on May 5, 2012, the Pentagon statement said.

US Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell condemned the plea deals.

"The only thing worse than negotiating with terrorists is negotiating with them after they are in custody," McConnell said in a statement, accusing the administration of Democratic President Joe Biden of "cowardice in the face of terror".

Agencies

Top Russian senator says no way new territories going back to Ukraine

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko ruled out any territorial concessions to Ukraine at a news conference yesterday.

"The new regions, namely the Lugansk and Donetsk people's republics as well as the Zaporozhye and Kherson regions, are now an integral part of Russia, as enshrined in our Constitution," Matviyenko said.

"And our Constitution prohibits tearing any Russian territories away," the senior Russian senator explained. "Let it be known to everybody that there can be no territorial concessions as regards the four new regions, not a chance," she added.

From September 23 to September 27, the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and the Lugansk People's Republic (LPR) as well as the Kherson Region and the Zaporozhye Region held a referendum where the overwhelming majority of voters opted to join Russia.

On September 30, Russian President Vladimir Putin and the heads of the four new regions signed treaties on their accession to Russia. The Russian leader signed laws to formally absorb the regions into Russia on October 4.

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Venezuelan president appeals to Supreme Court to audit, certify election outcome

CARACAS

VENEZUELAN President Nicolas Maduro on Wednesday submitted an appeal to the Electoral Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice to audit and certify the results of Sunday's presidential elections amid calls for greater transparency.

Maduro asked the highest court to summon the pertinent institutions "to compare all the elements of evidence and certify, by carrying out an expert opinion of the highest technical level, the electoral results of July 28."

He went to the Supreme Court accompanied by First Lady Cilia Flores, Vice-President Delcy Rodriguez, National Assembly President Jorge Rodriguez, Attorney General Reinaldo Munoz and Foreign Affairs Minister Yvan Gil, among other members of his cabinet.

In remarks to the press upon leaving the court, Maduro said: "I have told the Electoral Chamber that I am willing to be summoned, interrogated ... investigated by the Electoral Chamber as the winning presidential candidate of Sunday's elections and as head of state; I am showing up, I am submit-



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro as he gives a news conference at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela on Wednesday, three days after his disputed reelection. AP

ting to justice."

The Great Patriotic Pole and the United Socialist Party of Venezuela, which backed Maduro's reelection bid, are ready "to present 100 percent of the electoral records that are in our hands," he said, adding that the Electoral Chamber should expect the same from each candidate and political organization.

On Monday, Venezuela's National Electoral Council declared Maduro the winner of the presidential elections, paving the way for his third six-year term, from 2025 to 2031.

UK charges 17-year-old with Southport child murder, demonstrations continue

SOUTHPORT

BRITISH police have charged a 17-year-old boy with the murder of three young girls and 10 counts of attempted murder in a knife attack at a summer dance class that has shocked the nation and sparked two nights of violent protests.

The teen, who cannot be named due to his age, will appear at Liverpool Magistrates Court on Thursday over Monday's incident at a "Taylor Swift yoga and dance workshop" summer vacation event for children in the seaside town of Southport.

Large disturbances broke out in the northwest English town on Tuesday after false information was spread on social media that the suspect behind the stabbings was a radical Islamist migrant, with anti-immigrant protesters descending on the town from elsewhere.

In London on Wednesday, thousands gathered near the prime minister's Downing Street residence, shouting "Save our kids", "We want our country back" and "Stop the boats", as well as English football chants. More than 100 people were arrested.

Police have said the attack was not terrorism-related and that the suspect was born in Britain, quashing speculation on his origins.

"Whilst these charges are a significant milestone within this investigation, this remains very much a live investigation," Chief Constable Serena Kennedy told a



British Prime Minister Keir Starmer (center) carries a floral tribute near the scene in Hart Street, where three children died and eight were injured in a knife attack during a Taylor Swift event at a dance school in Southport, England, on Tuesday. AP

press conference shortly after midnight.

As well as killing three girls aged six to nine, Monday's attack in the normally quiet town left eight other children with stab wounds. Five remained in critical condition in hospital, along with two adults who tried to protect them, police have said.

"Thugs from out of town"

Prime Minister Keir Starmer has denounced as "violent thugs" those who clashed with police over the attack, saying they would "feel the full force of the law".

More than 50 police officers were hurt in the protests in Southport on Tuesday,

when demonstrators set police vans on fire and dismantled garden walls to hurl bricks at officers. In London on Wednesday protesters threw flares and smoke canisters towards Downing Street.

Local people in Southport have denounced the violence.

"What I saw last night was absolutely appalling...it was devastating and it's kind of taken away from actually what's gone on, which is the tragedy of those deaths," resident David Burgess told Sky News.

Hundreds of people in the community have taken part in vigils to mourn the slain children, and laid bouquets of flow-

ers at the site of the incident.

Starmer, Britain's former chief prosecutor who was elected on July 4, is due to meet police leaders on Thursday to offer them the government's full backing following the violence.

"While the right to peaceful protest must be protected at all costs, he will be clear that criminals who exploit that right in order to sow hatred and carry out violent acts will face the full force of the law," his office said.

Taylor Swift fans have so far raised more than 325,000 pounds (\$417,000) to help families of the victims and for the hospital where some of the children were being treated. Agencies

RABAT

KING Mohammed VI has invited French President Emmanuel Macron to pay a State visit to the Kingdom following "the clear and strong position" adopted by France on the Moroccan Sahara.

In a message sent to Macron, the King told the French President: "It is with interest that I received the important Message You addressed to Me on the occasion of the 25th Throne Day anniversary".

"I would like to thank You for Your warm wishes and Your commitment to strengthening the partnership between Our two countries", added the Monarch, saying that he fully appreciated France's clear support for Morocco's sovereignty over this part of its territory, the resolute French support for autonomy under Moroccan sovereignty to settle this regional dispute, thereby establishing the plan proposed by Morocco, since 2007, as the only basis for achieving it.

"By recognizing Morocco's legal titles and immemorial rights, France contributes in strengthening the international momentum that many countries are already supporting and thus putting an end to a conflict inherited from another era", underlined the King in his letter.

"Thanks to the significant development of the French position and Your determination to act accordingly at internal and international levels, Our two countries will work together to reach a solution that, within the framework of the United Nations, fully respects Morocco's sovereignty over its Sahara", said the royal letter.

"The Moroccan people and its vital forces are fully aware of the importance of this decision, adopted by a permanent member of the Security Council, an intimate connoisseur of the past and present of North Africa and a privileged witness to the development of this regional dispute", underlined the King in his letter addressed to Macron.

"Thanks to the positive momentum that Our bilateral relations are experiencing, promising prospects are opening up for Our two countries in many strategic sectors, making it possible to strengthen the exceptional partnership built over decades on friendship and trust", underlined the Monarch.

On Tuesday, Morocco's Royal Office issued a statement describing as a "significant development" France's support for Morocco's territorial integrity and the autonomy plan "as the only basis" for a solution to the Sahara conflict under the Kingdom's sovereignty.

"This announcement by the French Republic, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, is a significant development in support of Moroccan sovereignty over the Sahara.

It is part of the momentum launched by HM King Mohammed VI - may God preserve Him - and carried by many countries in different regions of the world, in favor of the territorial integrity of Morocco and the autonomy plan as the exclusive framework for the resolution of this regional dispute," reads the Royal Office statement.

In his letter to the King, Macron affirms "that the present and future of Western Sahara are within the framework of Moroccan sovereignty."

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Chinese shooters uphold Olympic tradition over 40 years

A rosy start is often seen to herald good fortune for the journey ahead, a belief deeply rooted in Chinese culture. This sentiment is especially prevalent when it comes to the Olympic Games, where winning the first gold medal is seen as an auspicious beginning for the entire Chinese delegation.

Traditionally, this task has often fallen to China's shooters due to the Olympic competition schedule.

This year, two teenage shooters, Huang Yuting and Sheng Lihao, lived up to expectations by claiming the first gold medal of the Paris Olympic Games with victory in the 10m air rifle mixed team event on Saturday.

"The achievements of our predecessors have been inspiring," Sheng commented after he collected his second Paris Olympic gold, in men's 10m air rifle.

This achievement marks the fifth Olympic Games since the 1984 Los Angeles Games that Chinese shooters have secured the first gold medal at the Olympics.

The road to such success is far from easy. Shooting, in particular, is a sport that demands extreme mental concentration and is highly sensitive to tension and anxiety. The pressure to perform on the world's biggest stage is immense, making every victory a testament to the athlete's mental fortitude and resil-

ience.

At Los Angeles 1984, shooter Xu Haifeng narrowly defeated Sweden's Ragnar Skanaker by a single point, 566 to 565, in the men's 50m free pistol event, winning the Games' first gold medal. His compatriot Wang Yifu grabbed the bronze medal.

"The award ceremony was delayed by 40 minutes because the organizers had not anticipated the need for two Chinese flags. They had to bring in one from another venue by helicopter," Xu recalled.

What made Xu's triumph even more significant was he secured China's first ever Olympic gold medal. With this historic feat, Xu

wrote himself into Olympic lore and school textbooks in China.

Xu's victory set the tone for China at the 1984 Olympics, the PRC's first appearance at the Summer Games since 1952. The country eventually finished a remarkable fourth in the medals table, with 15 golds.

For decades, the Olympic achievements of Xu and the Chinese women's volleyball team, who defeated the United States in the gold medal match, have served as a source of national pride and patriotism.

Reflecting on his journey, Xu mentioned the harsh training conditions he endured. "I trained with the Anhui provincial team, which only had two imported pistols. Bullets were

scarce, and each athlete had a fixed quota. The bullets oxidized over time and developed a white mold that had to be cleaned with an oiled cloth before competitions," Xu recounted.

As China's economy has grown, training conditions for its athletes have improved substantially, though the pressure to perform remains.

Zhao Yinghui, who was a favorite to win the first gold medal at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, failed to qualify for the women's 10m air rifle final under immense pressure. "I felt lost at the Olympics, unable to free myself from pressure," Zhao later admitted.

Despite Zhao's unfulfilled mission, China concluded its impressive run with 59 medals, including 28 golds, finishing third overall just behind the United States and Russia.

In Athens 2004, Du Li came from nowhere to win the first gold medal unexpectedly in the women's 10m air rifle event. "I never thought I would be lucky enough to win gold on my Olympic debut," Du recalled.

However, Du failed to defend her title at the Beijing 2008 Olympics, feeling the weight of competing in front of a home crowd. Later she atoned for failing to triumph on day one by winning the 3-position rifle gold. Xinhua

Vietnam important partner in India's Act East policy, Indo-Pacific vision: PM Modi

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has called Vietnam an "important partner" in Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific vision. He stated that the two nations have good coordination regarding the Indo-Pacific and support "evolution and not expansionism."

While delivering a joint statement with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh at Hyderabad House on Thursday, PM Modi said, "Vietnam is our important partner in our Act East Policy and our Indo-Pacific vision. There is good coordination between our views regarding the Indo-Pacific. We support evolution, not expansionism. We will continue our cooperation for a free, open, rules-based and prosperous Indo-Pacific."

PM Modi extended a warm welcome to Pham Minh Chinh and his delegation. He offered condolences over the demise of General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong.

He said, "I warmly welcome Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh and his delegation to India. First of all, on behalf of all Indians, I express my deepest condolences on the demise of General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong. He was India's good friend and under his leadership, India-Vietnam relations also got a strategic direction."

Stressing that ties between India and Vietnam have strengthened in the past 10 years, PM Modi stated, "In the past decade, our relations have expanded and deepened. Over the last 10 years, we have elevated our ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Our bilateral trade has increased by 85 per cent. Our cooperation has flourished in areas such as energy, technology, and development partnerships. Defence and security have got a new direction. In the last decade, our connectivity has increased and now we have over 50 direct flights."

Speaking about his talks with his Vietnamese counterpart, PM Modi said that they held discussions on all areas of cooperation and took several measures to prepare a roadmap for the future. He said that the development in the two nations has gained momentum due to India's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision and Vietnam's 2045 vision.

He said, "In our discussions today, we extensively discussed all areas of mutual



cooperation and took several steps to prepare a roadmap for the future. We believe that due to India's 'Viksit Bharat 2047 vision and Vietnam's 2045 vision, development has gained momentum in both countries. This is opening up many new areas of mutual cooperation and therefore, today we have made a new Plan of Action to further strengthen our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. New steps have been taken for cooperation in the field of defence and security."

He said that the two nations have agreed that the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement should be reviewed and concluded at an early date to realise the mutual trade potential.

PM Modi said, "The agreement reached on a credit line of 300 million dollars will strengthen Vietnam's maritime security. We have also decided that cooperation will be emphasized on the subject of terrorism and cyber security. We agreed that the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement should be reviewed and concluded at an early date to realise the mutual trade potential."

Earlier, the two leaders held a meeting at Hyderabad House. PM Modi welcomed his Vietnamese counterpart and the leaders greeted each other.

Earlier, Pham Minh Chinh paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat. He paid his tribute by laying floral wreaths at the memorial site where Mahatma Gandhi was laid to rest.

In a post on X, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "Remembering Bapu and his timeless ideals! PM Pham Minh Chinh of Vietnam paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat."

ANI

ATMIS steps up training on civilian protection in conflict zones

MOGADISHU

SOME 26 African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) personnel have completed a five-day training program on civilian protection in conflict situations, the AU mission said on Wednesday.

The training focused on International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law, which was aligned with the African Union's mission to support a robust Somali National Stabilization Strategy to ensure national security after the withdrawal of ATMIS.

Ferdinand Nintunze, project officer at the African Union Compliance and Accountability Framework, said the training is essential for the mission personnel -- military, police, and civilians -- who are primarily engaged in protecting civilians from terror attacks in the country.

"It is imperative that they possess fundamental knowledge on how to effectively safeguard civilians during their daily operations," Nintunze said in a statement issued in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia.

The training program is part of the ongoing efforts of ATMIS to prioritize civilian protection, as mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 2628 (2022). T

he training came as the pan-African body's peacekeeping force is expected to wind up its peacekeeping operations on Dec. 31, amid fears of a resurgent al-Shabab, the extremist group that is fighting to topple the Somali government. A new follow-on mission, however, is being planned to help preserve gains registered thus far and the current momentum in the fight against al-Shabab.

Russia views Indonesia as a key partner in Asia-Pacific, defense chief says

MOSCOW

RUSSIA views Indonesia as one of its key partners in the Asia-Pacific region as it expects Indonesian observers and troops to take part in military exercises on Russian soil, Russian Defense Minister Andrei Belousov said.

"We consider Indonesia as one of Russia's major partners in the Asia-Pacific region. Joint operational and combat training, in particular holding naval maneuvers, is our priority. We expect Indonesia observers and troops to take part in drills on Russian soil," the Russian defense chief said.

Belousov (pictured) held talks with his Indonesian counterpart, President-elect Prabowo Subianto. The two defense chiefs discussed current defense cooperation between Russia and Indonesia and prospects for its development.

The Russian defense minister expressed his confidence that the meeting



would help strengthen ties between the two countries' agencies and give an impetus to new initiatives and more work to develop mutually advantageous cooperation.

Belousov also congratulated Subianto on winning the presidential election as he described the victory as a sign of great trust.

In turn, Subianto thanked the Russian defense chief for the opportunity to meet and expressed his gratitude to Russia for cooperation. "Russia has always helped Indonesia, and we will never forget that," the senior Indonesian official emphasized.

Xi calls for modernising China's border, sea, air defence

BEIJING

THE Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee held its 16th group study session on July 30. The topic was promoting the building of modern borders, sea and air defence.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, presided over the session, and delivered an important speech. He stressed that advancing the building of modern border, sea and air defense is an inherent requirement of national defense and modernization of the military.

It is the rightful approach to ensuring high-quality development with high-level security. It is of great significance to comprehensively promote the building of a strong country and the great cause of national rejuvenation through a Chinese path to modernization.

To do the work well in this regard, it is imperative to steadfastly uphold the guidance of the Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, focus on the overall national security and military strategy, and coordinate both domestic and international imperatives.

It is also important for those in relevant sectors to grasp the new circumstances, characteristics and requirements of the work to develop border, sea and air defense, strengthen their sense of responsibility, foster innovative ideas and measures, do solid work in implementing policies and plans, and strive towards building strong, secure and modern border, sea and air defense. This group study session was held prior to Army Day, which falls on Aug. 1.

On behalf of the CPC Central Committee and the Central Military Commission (CMC), Xi extended festive greetings to all commanders and soldiers of the People's Liberation Army, officers and soldiers of the People's Armed Police Force, civilian personnel posted in the military, and members of militia and reserve forces.

Huang Jizhong from the CMC's Joint Staff Department gave a lecture on issues concerning the building of modern border, sea and air defense and put forward suggestions. Members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee listened attentively and had discussions afterward.

Xi delivered an important speech after listening to the lecture and discussions. He pointed out that border, sea and air defense is an important symbol of national sovereignty, crucial gateway to national security and important guarantee of national development, to which the CPC has always attached great importance.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, the Party Central Committee has consistently placed the development of border, sea and air defense in an important position in governing the country, strengthened the joint efforts of the Party, government, military, police, and civilians to consolidate the border defense, led a series of major reforms in the leadership and management system, struc-



ture of forces, and policy system concerning border, sea and air defense, commanded and carried out a series of major actions in this regard, having effectively defended China's territorial sovereignty as well as maritime rights and interests, and safeguarded national security and strategic initiative for development.

As a result, historic achievements have been made in the development of our country's border, sea and air defense. We are at a new starting point in this regard. Xi noted that, as the world undergoes profound changes of a magnitude unseen in a century at an accelerating pace, the connotations and denotations of China's border, sea and air defense have changed dramatically, and the influencing factors have become more intricate and complex.

As a result, the development of the country's border, sea and air defense is confronted with new opportunities and challenges. It is imperative to adhere to systems thinking, strengthen overall coordination, and enhance the comprehensive capability to safeguard national sovereignty and border security.

Efforts should be made to coordinate the development of border, sea and air defense with the economic and social progress of border and coastal regions, strengthen infrastructure connectivity and collaborative construction and utilization, and establish a defense system that effectively ensures security while supporting development.

It is essential to strengthen technological empowerment, enhance the development of new methods and conditions for border, sea and air defense, and build an intelligent and multi-dimensional control system in this regard.

It is also important to foster neighborly relations and pragmatic cooperation with neighboring countries to create a favorable surrounding environment for the development of border, sea and air defense.

Xi stressed that it is imperative to conscientiously implement the guiding principles of the third plenary session of the 20th CPC

Central Committee, conduct in-depth research on major issues related to border, sea and air defense, consolidate and improve what has been achieved in reform, do a good job in fulfilling existing reform tasks, and intensify efforts to make arrangements for follow-up reform, so as to explore new ways of developing border, sea and air defense.

It is essential to ensure simultaneous actions on operation, reform and improvement, optimize the leadership management system of border, sea and air defense, refine the mechanism for military-civilian coordination, and strengthen the relevant legal system, so as to ensure that all aspects of work related to border, sea and air defense are regularized, orderly, smooth and efficient.

It is imperative to do a good job in managing the country's air traffic, and promote the healthy development of the low-altitude economy. The mode for developing civil air defense should also be optimized, and a modern civil air defense should be built.

Xi stressed that border, sea and air defense involves multiple departments and levels across both military and civilian sectors.

It is imperative to strengthen the centralized and unified leadership of the CPC Central Committee, give full play to the strengths of the combined efforts of the Party, government, military, police, and civilian sectors in reinforcing border stability and national defense, strengthen military-civilian joint planning, task alignment and resource integration in border, sea and air defense, and improve coordination of command and action between the military, police, and civilians to see that they unite as one and make joint efforts.

It is important for the military to proactively communicate and coordinate with local governments. The relevant departments of the CPC Central Committee and central government, as well as local Party committees and governments, must strengthen awareness of national defense, diligently perform duties, and fully implement all tasks related to the development and consolidation of national defense.

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Netanyahu says, Israel has delivered 'crushing blow' to enemies

TEL AVIV

HOURS after the deaths of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh and senior Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukur, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, on Wednesday said that his nation has delivered "crushing blows" to enemies in the last few days, CNN reported.

Netanyahu (pictured), during the address to the nation, however, didn't claim Israel's responsibility for Haniyeh's killing. Notably, Israel has neither confirmed nor denied being behind Haniyeh's assassination.



"Three weeks ago, we attacked the military chief of Hamas, Mohammad Deif. Two weeks ago we attacked the Houthis, in one of the farthest attacks the Air Force has carried out. Yesterday we attacked the military chief of Hezbollah, Fuad Shukur," the Israeli PM said.

Netanyahu said Israel is facing "challenging days" and it will "set-

tle score" with anyone who harms the country. "These are challenging days. There are threats from Beirut. We are ready for any scenario. We are prepared," CNN quoted him as saying.

"We'll settle the score with anyone who harms us, anyone who massacres our children, anyone who murders our citizens, anyone who hurts our nation, blood is on his head," Netanyahu added.

He further affirmed that Israel will keep fighting until the aims of the war are achieved.

Netanyahu referenced previous calls he has received to end the war in Gaza, saying, "I did not

give in then and I am not giving in today."

Reacting to Haniyeh's death, the White House said it "can't confirm or verify" reports from Hamas that the group's political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, was killed in an Israeli strike in the Iranian capital of Tehran.

United States National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communications, John Kirby, however, acknowledged that the deaths of Haniyeh in Tehran and Fuad Shukur in southern Beirut Tuesday "certainly don't help with the temperature going down."

ANI

Final show of giants, young stars to rise

BEIJING

FOR the first time since Barcelona 1992, the Olympic Games' tennis matches will be played on red clay.

This summer, Paris will witness the final Olympic show of legendary players such as Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray, as well as the rise of young stars including Carlos Alcaraz and Iga Swiatek.

The tennis competitions of Paris 2024 will take place at Roland Garros from July 27 to August 4. A total of 184 athletes from 41 countries and regions will compete for five golds of men's and women's singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles.

Paris 2024 will be

Nadal's fourth and final Olympic Games. The 22-time major champion and twice Olympic gold medalist announced in May that he would probably finish his career in 2024 due to a lingering hip injury.

Last month, he skipped Wimbledon to lessen the strain of switching from clay to grass. It seems that the 38-year-old Spaniard aims to add more icing on the cake of his glittering career with another gold at Roland Garros, where he has claimed a record 14 titles.

Another player to bid adieu to tennis is Britain's Murray, who won back-to-back Olympic gold medals at London 2012 and Rio 2016.

The road to the top of the men's singles podium will not be easy, as 24-time Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic and rising star Carlos Alcaraz, the youngest man with major titles on hard, grass and clay courts, will both fight hard for their first Olympic gold.

Several high-ranked female athletes, including world No.3 Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus and two-time Wimbledon runner-up Ons Jabeur of Tunisia, have chosen to withdraw from Paris 2024. However, the women's competition will feature formidable youngsters such as four-time French Open champions Iga Swiatek of Poland and the reigning U.S. Open titleholder Coco

Gauff of the United States, who are targeting their first Olympic gold.

In a sport long dominated by Europeans and Americans, Chinese players have long strived to make a breakthrough on the world stage.

This summer, China will send a seven-player squad to Paris, led by women's world No.8 Zheng Qinwen and men's world No. 34 Zhang Zhizhen, who recently made history as the first male Chinese player to secure a seed position at Wimbledon.

Although four Olympic first-timers will represent China in the women's singles, they helped make China one of only six squads to have a full quota

of players at the event. Among others, Zhang Shuai and Zheng Saisai, who have previously played at an Olympics, will team up with youngsters Yuan Yue and Wang Xinyu, respectively, in the women's doubles.

Chinese tennis players have made progress in recent years, as Zheng finished runner-up in the 2024 Australian Open, and world No.36 Wang Xinyu reached the last 16 at Wimbledon. Paris will also see the first male player from Chinese mainland on court since Beijing 2008, and Zhang Zhizhen, the Asian Games champion, will look to go as far as possible.

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Simba Queens sign Kenyan international from Yanga Princess

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Women's Premier League reigning champions, Simba Queens, are busy in the transfer market ahead of the CAF Women's Champions League qualifiers for the CECAFA Zone after signing left-back Wincate Kaari from Yanga Princess on a one-year deal.

Wincate (pictured) has crossed over to the club from their arch-rivals, where she recorded 13 assists and two goals for her former team.

The Kenyan international is now among the new additions to Simba Queens, joining players like Saiki Atinuke, Precious Christopher, Emiliana Isaya, and Amina Bilal.

Wincate's transfer also means she will be teaming up with fellow players Vivian Corazone, Jentrix Shikangwa, Ruth Ingosi, and Elizabeth Wambui in the Msimbazi Street-based side in the upcoming season.

Fresh from recapturing the league title, coach Juma Mgunda's team is not taking anything for granted and has already signed six new players.

The CAF Women's Champions League qualifiers for the CECAFA Zone will take place from August 17-31 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Simba Queens, who lifted the zonal trophy in 2022 and went on to reach the semifinal stage at the final tournament in Egypt, are hungry to prove their mettle once again.

Having completed the 2023/2024 season unbeaten in the league, Simba Queens have already added new players like Saiki, Precious, and Wincate. The club has also added Emiliana Isaya, Amina Bilal, and Josephine Julias from Baobab Queens from Dodoma.

Speaking about the regional qualifiers, Mgunda emphasized the importance of thorough preparation.

"At this level, all teams are champions from their countries and must be respected. But we must make sure we prepare well so that we can win the trophy and again play at the major African tournament," he said.

In Group B, Simba Queens will kick off their campaign in the CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers for the CAF Women's Champions League on August 18 against FAD Djibouti. They will then face Kawempe Muslim Ladies of Uganda on August 21 before concluding the group stage against PVP Buyenzi of Burundi on August 24.

Both Simba Queens and JKT Queens have represented the region in previous editions of the CAF Women's Champions League.

Another regular contender are Kenya's Vihiga Queens, who managed a single victory in the inaugural tournament in Egypt in 2021 and failed to advance.

Simba Queens enjoyed a successful run in the 2022 tournament, reaching the semifinals before narrowly losing to Mamelodi Sundowns.

Last year, JKT Queens faced challenges in the Ivory Coast edition, exiting the competition after two defeats and a solitary win.

This year, Simba Queens are placed in Group B alongside debutants Kawempe Muslim Ladies, PVP Buyenzi, and FAD Djibouti. Group A, which includes five teams, comprises Commercial Bank of Ethiopia WFC, Yeji Joint Stars (South Sudan), Warriors Queens WFC (Zanzibar), Rayon Sports WFC, and Kenya Police Bullets.



Wheelchair tennis player, Pendo James, is pictured during a training session under coach Riziki Salum at the Gymkhana grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday, preparing for the Kenya Open Championships to be held later this year in Kenya. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Winners of CRDB Bank Marathon to get 98.3m/-

By Guardian Correspondent

THE winners of the CRDB Bank Marathon 2024, which will be headed by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy, Dr. Doto Biteko, will pocket various prizes valued at 98.3 million Tanzanian Shillings.

Speaking yesterday, the bank's communication director and managing director of the bank's foundation, Tully Ester Mwambapa, said the fifth edition of the marathon will cross the border to Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). "Crossing the Tanzanian border means that our Smile Spreading Army (JLKT) will

grow this year and our aim is to have 8,000 members in Tanzania, 1,000 members in DRC, and 1,000 members in Burundi. In DRC, a total of 1,127 members have so far been registered for the marathon to be held on August 4, 2024," she said.

She said in Burundi, the charity marathon will be held on August 11 and 891 runners have already been registered, which is equivalent to 89.1 percent of the targeted people, while in Tanzania a total of 5,583 runners have so far been registered out of the targeted 8,000, of which 823 are foreign runners.

Apart from special medals to be awarded to winners, 10 million Tanzanian Shillings will be awarded to winners of the 42.2

kilometers in both men and women categories, while second and third winners will be awarded 5 million/- and 2 million/- respectively.

The fourth winner will be awarded 1 million/-, and the fifth winner will be awarded 500,000/-, while the sixth winner will pocket 300,000/-.

Tanzanian winners, both men and women, will be awarded 2 million/- each.

According to Mwambapa, the winners of the 21.1 kilometers will be awarded 5 million/- each, while the proceeding winners will pocket 2 million/-, 500,000/-, 300,000/-, 150,000/-, and 100,000/- respectively.

The charity marathon will also involve a 65-kilometer cy-

cling competition, where winners will have a chance to win fully paid accommodation at a five-star hotel.

The overall winner of the cycling competition will be awarded 3 million/-, while the second and third winners will be awarded 1.5 million/- and 1 million/- respectively. The fourth, fifth, and sixth winners will be awarded 500,000/-, 200,000/-, and 100,000/- respectively.

The winner of the 5-kilometer race will be awarded a voucher for fully paid accommodation for two people at Hyatt Regency Hotel in a room costing 250,000/- per night, as well as a voucher for purchasing sports equipment at Shadaka Sports shop valued at 500,000/-.



US tops South Sudan 103-86 at Paris Olympics, earns spot in men's basketball quarterfinals

VILLENEUVE-D'ASCO, France

IN the rematch, the U.S. had an easier time with South Sudan than it did when the teams first met a couple of weeks ago. Easier. Not easy.

The U.S. clinched a trip to the quarterfinals at the Paris Olympics by beating South Sudan 103-86 on Wednesday night – a game that wasn't ever really in doubt but was no romp either. Bam Adebayo scored 18 points and Kevin Durant had 14 for the Americans, who took control with a 25-4 run in the first half.

And led by Adebayo, the U.S. reserves scored 66 points.

"We've been calling ourselves the bench mob for a long time now," Adebayo said. "And it doesn't matter who's in the lineup. We always seem to figure it out."

Anthony Edwards scored 13 and LeBron James added 12 for the U.S. Nuni Omot led South Sudan with 21 points, while Carl Jones scored 18 and Bul Kuol

added 16.

The win locked up a knock-out-round berth and the No. 1 seed out of Group C for the U.S., which joined Canada, France and Germany in the quarterfinals. There are seven teams still alive for the other four quarterfinal spots; only Puerto Rico, which faces the Americans on Saturday, has been eliminated from contention to advance.

That said, Saturday's game – the first between Puerto Rico and the U.S. at the Olympics since an embarrassing 92-73 loss in Athens 20 years ago – isn't meaningless for the U.S. A 3-0 record in group play would give the Americans their best chance at a top-two seed for the knockout round and, in theory, an easier matchup in the quarterfinals.

"It's not the goal," U.S. forward Anthony Davis said of making the quarterfinals. "It does give us a sense of satisfaction as far as being able to play next week. But there's a lot that

we can get better at, a lot that we can clean up, and we'll use Saturday's game against Puerto Rico to tighten the screws again and then just see where it takes us from there."

South Sudan finishes group play against Serbia on Saturday, a game that has knockout-stage implications for both teams. The draw for the quarterfinals will be held Saturday night, and all four quarterfinal games will be played Tuesday in Paris.

"We knew this wasn't going to be an easy task," Jones said. "Our spirits are still positive."

South Sudan coach Royal Ivey likened his life to a movie after his team won its Olympic opener over Puerto Rico, and understandably so. The story of his team – from the youngest country in the world, a group that overcame absurd odds just to get to the Paris Games – is a quintessential Olympic one, one that will be talked about for years whether the African nation wins another game in

France or not.

That said, if nearly beating the Americans in London on July 20 in an exhibition – the 101-100 game where James had to bail out the U.S. at the end – was a movie, then this was the sequel.

In the movie world, sequels often aren't as good as the originals. Such was the case Wednesday.

The first few minutes after the opening credits weren't bad – South Sudan led 7-6 and 10-8 – but the plot quickly got predictable. Durant made a 3-pointer with about a minute to go in the opening quarter for the first double-digit lead, Adebayo scored inside with 8:42 left in the half to cap what was a 25-4 run, the Americans had a 33-14 lead and there wasn't a ton of drama the rest of the way.

"They're a talented team," U.S. guard Stephen Curry said. "On any given night, they can beat anybody."

Che Malone relish Simba's mix of youth and experience

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

CHE Malone Fondoh is excited by Simba's blend of youth and experience and hopes it can propel them to success this season.

Following another underwhelming campaign that saw the club miss out on the CAF Champions League and finish eleven points behind champions Young

Africans, there has been a squad overhaul at Simba.

Experienced players like Saidu Ntibazonkiza, John Bocco, Kennedy Juma, Henock Inonga, and Clatous Chama are no longer part of the squad for the new season.

Instead, Simba have brought in young talents like Nigerian midfielder Augustine Okejephah (20), who was recently signed from Rivers United, and Abdul-

razack Hamza (21), signed from South Africa's SuperSport United.

Other young signings include Joshua Mutale, Jean Ahoua, and Valentino Mashaka, all aged 22.

In an interview with the club's media department, Che Malone expressed his excitement about the new additions and the young talent in the squad, complemented by experienced players like Mohamed Hussein and

Shomari Kapombe.

"This season I believe will be tougher than the last one so we need to prepare very well. We still have about three weeks to go and I believe everyone is ready. Everybody is ready because the training staff are very friendly and open to all, they are here to give us the necessary push. We need to be able to be at 100% before the season starts.

"I know everything will be fine

this season. In every team, there must always be changes but we just hope there will be positive for the team.

"We have a new technical bench with a young coach and staff who are there to direct the players, to show them the right path starting with discipline. I believe in any football team without discipline there can be no progress.

"The new players are also young. We also have experienced

players among them who I believe will help us this season. We need to mix both experience and youthfulness to balance the team so the recruitment process this season is very good.

"We have trained for a short time but we can see the synergy between the old and new players like we have been together for a long time. We learn new things every day and we get closer and closer to each other," he said.

Salah and Carvalho give Liverpool win over Arsenal

By Nizaar Kinsella

ARNE Slot's new-look Liverpool beat Premier League rivals Arsenal 2-1 with goals from Mohamed Salah and Fabio Carvalho in Philadelphia.

Salah's 13th-minute strike and Carvalho's finish in the 34th minute capped excellent Liverpool moves, before Arsenal's Kai Havertz swept in a close-range shot in the 40th minute of an exciting first half.

Both teams made changes during the second half of the friendly as the tempo dropped at Lincoln Financial Field, where the crowd of 69,679 marked a record at the stadium for a football match.

Liverpool have a final fixture in their US pre-season tour against Manchester United in Columbia on Saturday (00:45 BST Sunday).

Arsenal flew straight home after Wednesday's match and will play in a friendly tournament against Bayer Leverkusen and Lyon at Emirates Stadium.

"Elliott to have his breakthrough season?"

Several of Harvey Elliott's former England Under-21 colleagues have broken through into the senior squad in the last year and, before kick-off, the Liverpool player admitted that it is on him to do the same.

The 21-year-old had a competent showing in an drab 1-0 friendly win against Real Betis, but he excelled in an attacking midfield role against Arsenal.

If Diogo Jota had not missed a gilt-edged chance, Elliott would have claimed a hat-trick of excellent first-half assists, after a wonderful first-time through ball for Salah's goal and an instinctive lobbed pass for Carvalho.

New manager Slot's football and his vision for a number 10 role looks to be a perfect fit for Elliott, a versatile player looking to build some identity at the highest level.

If he can go from being Jurgen Klopp's utility man to a regular in Slot's new system, an England debut could follow.

When asked about Elliott, Slot said: "Two great assists, but what I believe is that the team created this for him as well - playing out from the back, getting him in the right positions or another number 10, and then it is up to him to bring the most out of those situations and he did that today with two assists.

"If I am a bit hard on him, I think there are maybe two other situations where he could have done better, but that is what the team is doing for him."

"More evidence Arsenal need a striker?"

Arsenal bombarded Liverpool's goal early on but missed chances. Gabriel Jesus put a one-on-one chance straight at Caoimhin Kelleher and Gabriel Martinelli blasted high from the edge of the box.

The Gunners also missed chances to equalise at 2-1, with Havertz, Fabio Vieira and Eddie Nketiah spurning decent opportunities.

Arsenal must decide whether to bring in additional firepower or try to elevate their capable - but not world class - forward line to deliver that little bit extra to win a Premier League title.

BBC

Yoro out for three months and Hojlund six weeks

By Simon Stone

Manchester United's new £52m defender Leny Yoro has been ruled out for three months and striker Rasmus Hojlund will miss six weeks with injuries they suffered in Saturday's pre-season game with Arsenal.

Sources confirmed the news just over an hour before United's 3-2 victory over La Liga side Real Betis in San Diego.

Both men were forced off in the first half of the 2-1 defeat at the SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.

Yoro was filmed at United's training base at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), on Tuesday wearing a protective boot and using crutches.

That sparked fears of a major injury and those concerns have now been realised, with 18-year-old Yoro set to be out until the end of October.

That would mean he misses nine Premier League games, including matches against Liverpool, Tottenham and Aston Villa, and the start of United's Europa League and Carabao Cup campaigns.

Yoro will have further tests when he returns to the UK to determine the precise extent of the problem, although he will stay with the United party for the remainder of their US trip, which concludes against Liverpool in Columbia, South Carolina, on Saturday.

Hojlund scored United's opener at the weekend but he succumbed to a hamstring problem and will be sidelined until after the September international break, meaning he will miss the Liverpool game at Old Trafford on 1 September.

It remains to be seen whether the news injects fresh life into ongoing efforts to sign Jarrod Branthwaite from Everton or Matthijs de Ligt from Bayern Munich given previous United approaches for both players already this summer.

BBC

Canada women's soccer team reaches Olympics QF despite points deduction from drone-spying scandal

By ANNE M. PETERSON

VANESSA Gilles scored in the 62nd minute to give Canada a 1-0 victory over Colombia and send the team into the quarterfinals of the Paris Olympics on Wednesday despite losing six points in the tournament because of a drone-spying scandal.

Canada will face Germany in a quarterfinals Saturday in Marseille.

Earlier in the day, the defending Olympic champions lost their bid to overturn the FIFA-ordered points deduction for filming an opponent's practice in France.

Canada, which won its first two matches but earned no points from those victories, went into Wednesday's match in Nice in need of a win to stand a chance of advancing.

"Going into the match we wanted to win regardless of what that ruling was," Canada captain Jesse Fleming said. "It did not change our game plan or what we wanted to do."

Canada had asked the Court of Arbitration for Sport to overturn the six-point penalty imposed by the sport's world governing body for spying on New Zealand practices ahead of their opening game last week.

"Chances were stacked against us, but we pulled through, we stayed together through it all and we have seen results of that," Gilles said after the victory.



Canada goalkeeper Kailen Sheridan, left, Janine Beckie, centre and Canada goalkeeper Sabrina D'angelo celebrate their side's 1-0 win after a women's Group A soccer match between Colombia and Canada, at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at the Nice Stadium in Nice, France. (AP)

In the group's other match, Marie-Antoinette Katoto scored goals in the 22nd and 49th minutes for France to down New Zealand 2-1 in Lyon. Kate Taylor scored in the 42nd minute for the Ferns.

"US tops group Trinity Rodman and Korbin Albert both scored and the United States remained undefeated at the Olympics with a 2-1 victory over Australia on Wednesday to conclude the group stage.

The Americans, who already qualified for the quarterfinals, will play Japan on Saturday at Parc des Princes in Paris.

Canada, despite losing points as punishment for a drone spying scandal, advanced to play Germany in Marseille. Brazil was set to play France in Nantes and Spain faces Colombia in Lyon.

The United States is the winningest team at the Olym-

pics, with four gold medals in women's soccer. They're playing under new coach Emma Hayes, who is tasked with turning the team around after a disappointing Women's World Cup.

So far the team is off to a good start. The front trio of Rodman, Sophia Smith, and Mallory Swanson have scored seven of the team's nine goals in France.

"The team is feeling good, we've had three great performances," Crystal Dunn said. "Obviously there's always things that we look at where we're like, 'Alright, this could be better.' But overall I'm proud of the group. I think we really came together."

Dunn had a well-struck attempt from distance in the 38th minute but Australia goalkeeper Mackenzie Arnold pushed it up and over. Moments later, Arnold stopped

Lindsey Horan's header from close range.

Rodman broke through in the 43rd minute when she poked in the ball in a scramble in front of the net. Video review stretched on for several minutes - apparently because of a technical issue - and Australia coach Tony Gustavsson was given a yellow card in the confusion.

Albert, who was subbed into the game during the second half, added a goal in the 77th.

"I was trying and hoping for a goal," Albert said. "I've been working at it in practice and mentally, just trying to focus on it. And then it just happened. I actually closed my eyes and then I opened them and I was like, 'Oh my God it went in.'"

U.S. midfielder Sam Coffey got a second yellow card in the fourth minute, meaning she won't be available against Japan.

The Matildas peppered U.S. goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher in a scramble as time wound down with a goal a minute into stoppage time.

The Americans' game against Australia was a rematch of the bronze medal match at the Tokyo Games. The United States won 4-3 on goals from Carli Lloyd and Megan Rapinoe, who have both since retired.

Hayes said she worked through the possible things that could derail them in France - like looking ahead to

the move to Paris for the quarterfinal.

"Today played out how I thought it would," Hayes said. "I said to the girls before the game 'This is a banana skin game.' They said 'What's that?' They said 'it's called a trap in America.'"

Germany advanced in second place behind the U.S. by routing Zambia 4-1 in Saint-Etienne.

Lea Schueller scored two goals - the first in the 10th and the second just past the hour mark. Klara Buehl had given Germany a 2-0 lead in the 47th - shooting low into the bottom corner from outside the box.

Barbra Banda struck her fourth goal of the tournament two minutes later to give Zambia hope of salvaging something, but Schueller's second extended Germany's lead again. A brilliant volley by substitute Elisa Senns in the seventh minute of stoppage time completed the win.

"Undefeated Spain Athenea del Castillo and Alexia Putellas both scored and Spain defeated Brazil 2-0 in an Olympic group finale that was spoiled for the Brazilians when captain Marta was sent off with red card late in the first half.

Marta, a six-time world player of the year playing in her sixth Olympics, was sent off the field in tears after a tackle on Spain's Olga Carmona in first-half stoppage time.

AP

Canada now lose 'disruptive' appeal in ongoing Olympic soccer drone scandal

By Leyland Cecco in Toronto

A DRONE spying scandal continues to weigh on Canadian soccer, after the women's team lost a last-ditch appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, hours before a must-win match at the Paris Games. The court's decision marks the latest in a "profoundly disappointing" week for the sport in Canada and another setback for a team defending their Olympic title.

The scandal, which involved using a drone to spy on rival New Zealand, has rocked the sport in Canada, exacting steep costs on the team. Three staff members, including the head coach, Bev Priestman, have been barred from organized soccer for a year. Canada Soccer has been ordered to pay a fine of \$313,000. Fifa, the sport's global governing body, also levied a six-point deduction against the team.

On Wednesday, the panel of three judges at the CAS dismissed Canada's appeal of the point deduction. But Clare Rustad, who played for Canada in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, says a last-minute reversal or change by the court would have been "disruptive" to all the teams in the tournament.

"The principles of fair play were violated and an infraction took place. Cheating took place in an attempt to alter the results. And so a results-based consequence was appropriate," Rustad told the Guardian. "But



Canada's women's head coach, Bev Priestman, has been barred from all football activities for a year. Reuters

the number of points a team has really affects the preparation and how they approach the final group phase matches."

Canada's Olympics committee and Canada Soccer had previously argued the decision - equivalent to a pair of wins - unfairly punishes the players.

"What's been really hard for people to grapple with is the team sanction - and it's important to call it that. Because it's not a sanction to the players, it's a sanction against the team - and the team includes the coaching staff and everybody involved," said Rustad.

"I'm happy Fifa acted swiftly and decisively. And I hope that in the future, they do that again. Because there are certainly other areas that within the football world, like bigotry, that could do with such swift disciplinary action as well." Ahead of the court's decision, Priest-

man made her first public comments on the scandal, saying she was "absolutely heartbroken" for the players.

"I would like to apologize from the bottom of my heart for the impact this situation has had on all of them," Priestman said in an email through her lawyers. The head coach had previously removed herself from the

opening match against New Zealand, but said she was unaware of the actions of her staff.

But emails submitted as evidence to the Fifa Appeal Committee suggest Priestman sought guidance on how to deal with a staff member who refused to spy for "moral" reasons, according to reporting by the Globe and Mail.

"It's something the analyst has always done and I know there is a whole operation on the men's side with regards to it," Priestman wrote in an email dated 20 March 2024, framing the spying as a "scouting" issue.

"When she was asked if she knew about the spying, there's no good answer for that question. Either you knew and you were complicit or you didn't know and you had lost control of your staff," said Rustad. "I think more information will just kind of continue to come out. But this whole thing has just been profoundly disappointing."

Earlier this week, Canada's sports minister, Carla Qualtrough, also alluded to a "deeply concerning" pattern of behaviour at Canada Soccer, including reports the men's team used drones to spy on opponents in previous tournaments. "We must, and will, get to the bot-

tom of this," Qualtrough said.

Sport Canada is also withholding funding from Priestman and her two banned assistants, Joseph Lombardi and Jasmine Mander.

Canada, looking to defend their 2020 gold medal, won their opening game against New Zealand and notched a nail-biting victory over France. The team plays Colombia on Wednesday evening, a must-win match if they hope to move out of the group stage.

In the absence of a head coach, Rustad says the players have shown "incredible" on-field leadership.

"For those of us watching, there's been this escalating sense of nausea as the tournament progressed," she said. "The players are focused on getting the results they need. But for everyone involved, this week has really felt like a month."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Tanzania eyes Nigeria scalp in ICC U-19 Men's CWC Africa Qualifier Division 2 opener



Tanzania's U-19 cricketers pose for a photo in Dar es Salaam recently as they prepare for the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 2 which begins in the city today. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga

THE pursuit of progression to ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 1 begins in Dar es Salaam today as hosts Tanzania lock horns with Nigeria in the Division 2 showdown's clash at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) venue. Eight squads have lined up for the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 2, slated to be played at the DGC and University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) grounds.

Salim mentioned the teams as hosts Tanzania, Botswana, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone. In the 50-over formatted showdown's opening day's other clash, Ghana would confront Mozambique at the UDSM ground. Salim disclosed that the participating squads have been put into groups A and B. Botswana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, and Rwanda constitute Group A. Ghana, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Tanzania are the Group B competitors.

Two ties have been slated for Saturday, the first of which would have Sierra Leone confronting Rwanda, and the other would witness Botswana facing Malawi. The TCA official pointed out that teams finishing first, second, and third would sail through to the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 1. Salim stated the squads

would, in the preliminary phase, take on each other in a round-robin system in their respective groups and the top two in either group would secure a place in the last four set to take place on August 9. The official moreover noted that upon the completion of the last four fixtures, teams that would progress to the final, scheduled for August 11, would directly make it to Division 1 of the qualifiers.

The winners of the third-place playoff clash also slated for August 11 would as well make it to Division 1. Salim further revealed that in preparation for the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 2, TCA unveiled nine dedicated liaison officers to coordinate with the squads and match officials. Eight of the officers, he disclosed, have been assigned to the participating national teams and one to the match officials. Salim pointed out that each liaison officer received a specially customized jersey, featuring the name of the country they are liaising for prominently displayed on the front. The unveiling and handing over of these jerseys was graciously conducted by the Chairman of Africarriers Group Fida Rashid, highlighting our commitment to providing excellent support and hospitality to our guests. The TCA official said: "We are thrilled to welcome the teams and officials to Tanzania for this prestigious event. Our liaison officers are ready to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants."

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Zimbabwe Jr and Kapombe lead charge to restore Simba's honor ahead of new season

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

IN a bid to reclaim their dominance in Tanzanian and international football, senior players of Simba Sports Club, including skipper Mohamed Hussein Zimbabwe Jr and Shomari Kapombe, have expressed their determination to restore the club's respect after three challenging seasons. The experienced duo is optimistic about the recent player registrations made by the club's leadership, believing that the quality of the new signings will help them regain their competitive edge. "We have done a good preparation in the camp," said Zimbabwe Jr. "The new recruits

have shown their potential, and together we want to restore the honor of Simba SC by winning the championship and performing better in international competitions." Simba recently concluded their pre-season training in Ismailia, Egypt, where they played three friendly matches. The team secured victories against Saudi Arabia's First Division side Al-Adalah, and Egyptian sides Telecom and Canal SC, which have boosted their confidence ahead of the new season. Zimbabwe Jr also praised the technical bench led by head coach Fadlu Davids for providing various methods and plans to ensure the team's comfort and readiness.

"We have a friendly game on Simba Day and a Community Shield game against Young Africans. These matches will give us the insight we need to start the season well. We are well-prepared," he added. Kapombe echoed his captain's sentiments and called on the club's fans and members to show up in large numbers on Simba Day to support their new players. "This season, we want it to be ours. The leaders have done a great job, and now it's up to us players. Fans should come in abundance as usual to see their team," said Kapombe. The highly anticipated Simba Day festival is scheduled to take place tomorrow

at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, where Simba will play a friendly match against APR FC of Rwanda. The excitement around the event is palpable, with all 60,000 tickets for the stadium sold out well in advance of the festival, set for August 3. Simba have once again set a record by filling the stadium days before the event itself. The platinum tickets were sold out on the first day of sales, followed closely by VIP A tickets. The high demand continued until all tickets were sold out, demonstrating the fervent support of Simba fans. The ticket sales exercise began a week ago, and the response from Simba fans has been overwhelming, showcasing their unwavering dedication to the club. This overwhelming support is expected to provide a significant morale boost for the team as they aim for a successful season. As Simba prepare to showcase their new squad and strategies, the anticipation is building among fans and players alike. The upcoming matches, including the friendly on Simba Day and the Community Shield semifinal against Young Africans, are seen as crucial opportunities for the team to gel and set the tone for the season. With a blend of experienced players and promising new recruits, Simba are poised to make a strong statement both domestically and

in international competitions. The leadership and technical bench's efforts, combined with the players' determination, are aimed at restoring the club's glory and delivering a memorable season for their loyal supporters. As the countdown to Simba Day continues, the excitement among fans is reaching fever pitch. The sold-out Benjamin Mkapa Stadium is set to be a sea of red as supporters come together to celebrate their team and witness the unveiling of the new squad. The festive atmosphere and high expectations underline the significance of this event for Simba and their fans. The journey to reclaiming the club's former glory is underway, and the players are ready to give their all to ensure that Simba return to their rightful place at the top of Tanzanian football. The dedication and hard work put in during the pre-season are set to pay off as the team embarks on what promises to be a thrilling and successful campaign. The senior players' commitment, the new signings' potential, and the unwavering support of the fans create a promising outlook for Simba. The club's preparations and the upcoming Simba Day festival mark the beginning of a new chapter, filled with hope and determination, as they strive to restore their honor and achieve greatness once more.

Red Arrows coach views Yanga clash as Champions League test

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RED Arrows head coach Chisi Mbewe has expressed his excitement to play against Young Africans during the 'Wiki ya Mwananchi' on Sunday as an opportunity to test his guns ahead of their CAF Champions League preliminary stage. This comes barely a few weeks after winning the 2024 CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup title in Tanzania. Mbewe's side also won both the MTN Super League and the ABSA Cup this year. "Wiki ya Mwananchi" finale is a special day where the Young Africans' fans welcome the new season with excitement of its kind while introducing new players who will represent the club in different tournaments. The introduction of the Young Africans squad for the 2024/2025 season will be accompanied by entertainment from various artists and finally, a friendly game that will make the side's fans witness the level of hard work from the new squad. Mbewe believes that playing Young Africans during the peak of their "Wiki ya Mwananchi" celebrations will provide a stern test for his squad. With both teams boasting championship titles, the coach views the match as a 'clash of champions'. Young Africans returned home recently from the pre-season tour in South Africa where they lost against Bundesliga side FC Augsburg 2-1, before winning 1-0 against TS Galaxy and 4-0 against Kaizer Chiefs for the Toyota Cup international friendly. "We respect Young Africans' reputation and their talented players. This game will help us identify areas for improvement as we gear up for the next season. We look at how they performed in their pre-season preparations in South Africa and show how this match is important for us," he said. Red Arrows, fresh off their treble-winning season, are eager to maintain their winning momentum against Tanzanian giants Young Africans. "Our treble-winning last season is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the team. We are excited to test ourselves against Young Africans, a club with a rich history, and this will serve as an opportunity to test ourselves before facing Nyasa Big Bullets in the CAF Champions League preliminary stage," he added. Red Arrows will clash against Nyasa Big Bullets of Malawi in the first preliminary round of the CAF Champions League 2024/25. The two-legged tie will take place between August 16 and 25. The winners of the two-legged match will face TP Mazembe of DRC in the second preliminary round in September. With Zambia needing points to climb back up on the CAF rankings and possibly push for four slots, Red Arrows will have to dig deep and go far in the competition.



CRDB Bank's Communication Director and Managing Director of the bank's foundation, Tully Ester Mwambapa, signs a special jersey of the CRDB Bank Marathon fifth edition after the launch and announcement of the winners' prizes in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent

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