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President John Magufuli swears in newly reappointed Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa (R) at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. The National Assembly endorsed the reappointment unanimously last week. Photo: State House

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed regional commissioners countrywide to visit cement manufacturing plants and dealers in their respective areas to establish reasons behind inflated prices of the product.

Majaliwa issued the order yesterday here soon after being sworn-in by President John Magufuli for his second term at the Chamwino State House, saying RCs have four days to report back to him.

For a month now there are reports that the price of cement was rising rapidly in some regions, such that some property developers suspended construction.

"There are people who have forgotten that the government exists, thinking it was still election period hence it can't do anything on them," he stated.

The premier discounted any valid reason for hiking the price of cement, pointing out that no new taxes have been imposed, meanwhile as the workforce and raw materials are locally available.

He said that in the last five years, the government has improved infrastructures—roads and railways. "We have supplied gas and coals, hence, there is no reason to increase

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Trump camp shifts ground in certifying Pennsylvania votes

WASHINGTON DC

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's (pictured) campaign has withdrawn a central part of its lawsuit seeking to stop the certification of election results in Pennsylvania, where Democrat Joe Biden beat Trump to capture the state and help win the White House.

Ahead of a Tuesday hearing in the case, Trump's campaign on Sunday dropped the allegation that 682,479 mail-in and absentee ballots were illegally processed without its representatives watching.

The campaign's slimmed-down lawsuit, filed in a federal court on Sunday, maintains

the aim of blocking Pennsylvania from certifying a win for Biden in the state, and it maintains its claim that Democratic voters were treated more favorably than Republican voters.

The Associated Press on 7 November called the presidential contest for former vice president Joe Biden, after determining that the remaining ballots left to be counted in Pennsylvania would not allow Trump to catch up. Trump has refused to concede.

The remaining claim in the lawsuit centres on disqualifying ballots cast by voters who were given an opportunity to fix mail-in ballots that were going to be disqualified on a technicality.

The lawsuit charges that "Democratic-heavy counties" violated the law by identifying mail-in ballots before election day that had defects - such as lacking an inner "secrecy envelope" or lacking a voter's signature on the outside envelope - so that the voter could fix it and ensure their vote would count, a move called "curing."

Republican-heavy counties "followed the law and did not provide a notice and cure

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New deal signed to boost fuel haulage, certify tanker drivers

By Francis Kajubi

THE Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) and the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) yesterday sealed a pact that among other things, introduces the need for fuel tanker drivers being certified.

The pact signed in Dar es Salaam yesterday aims at harmonizing operations of the two authorities often seen as contradicting one another, to avoid confusion and thus guarantee safety in fuel transportation.

EWURA Acting Director General Godfrey Chibulunje told reporters that the Energy Act 2008 read with its 2010 regulations authorizes EWURA to regulate transportation of oil products.



Our common target is to create a safe environment for the business chain from central depots to where the product is destined for consumption

However, the amended Energy Act 2015 identifies roles of EWURA as overseeing the quality of the product, loading and distribution of fuel while all issues relating to transportation were slated for SUMATRA, now LATRA, he said.

"This MoU makes the task of regulating the sector even easier as we have together bridged the gap of overseeing transportation related matters. EWURA's role is educating the general public on safety issues related to fuel tankers and observing the quality of the product from depot centers to final consumers," he explained.

Other public institutions such as the police force, the Tanzania Revenue Authority and the National Institute of Transport (NIT) are assigned

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PCCB recovers 21.2m/- in stalled sacco loans

Immigration officer in court for 500,000/- bribe

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MORE than 21.2m/- high interest loans of the Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (SACCOS) for retired officials has been recovered following investigations of the Dodoma regional bureau of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB).

Sosthenes Kibwengo, the regional PCCB commander said in a statement yesterday that



a Dodoma based immigration officer Elibarick Mnghani (29), appeared in the Resident Magistrate's court charged with soliciting and receiving a 500,000/- bribe.

His arrest was a result of investigations conducted on November 13, the statement indicated, elaborating that on that day at around 11.00 am within Dodoma Hotel area the accused solicited and received the said bribe from one Saurabh Tanwar.

The money was paid as an inducement to set free Gangeswaran Thangadurai, an Indian national held by fellow immigration officers for obstructing them in their duties, it said.

The offence was in violation of the PCCB Act No 11 of 2007, he said, noting that in the same court althe bureau charged one Hamis Athumani, a vehicle mechanic with Yapi Markezi Co. for soliciting and receiving bribes totaling 380,000/- from three

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the price of cement."

He tasked RCs to submit by Friday this week reports detailing why the cement price was inflated, insisting that the price has been hiked without valid justification as the government has not increased any tax.

"We need explanations on why the cement price has risen so much...I'll begin with that one," the premier intoned, noting that regional commissioners were present at the ceremony, thus directing them to furnish the needed explanations by November 20.

"Everyone should go to cement factories and sale agents to find out why the price has risen from its normal price by as much as 3,000/- to 4,000/- per bag without any justification."

"As we were engaged in election campaigns, a handful among us forgot themselves, and we have seen the eruption cement price hikes at high rates which are totally unacceptable as there was no valid reason for that."

"In the past five years our government has accomplished a lot. We have improved infrastructures to simplify business transactions, we have revived railway lines from Dar es Salaam, Ruvu to Tanga, hence we don't expect to see the cement price rising that much."

In regard to President Magufuli's directives to merge all empowerment funds, Majaliwa said he would meet with officials who have already been mobilized and they'll start classifying all the funds in the eventuality of merging them."

He said: "The aim is to assist small and middle entrepreneurs and if it will touch on bigger traders, then let them all benefit."

After the announcement of the new cabinet, the premier would set out to visit ministries, requiring them to set out work plans for their areas of responsibility as reflected in the CCM election manifesto and the president's speech to inaugurate the 12th Parliament.

"The aim is to implement, and what

will be implemented must reach out to all Tanzanians up to village level. That is the big task before us," he said, pledging to ensure that government responsibilities are smoothly executed, so that all set goals are attained.

Re-appointed ministers, Dr Philip Mpango in the Finance and Planning portfolio and Prof Palamagamba Kabudi in the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation portfolio promised to work hard and produce rightful services to enhance development in the country.

Speaking soon after the swearing in, Dr Mpango said during the election campaign he found that poverty was still a big challenge in our country. "So as government we still have a lot to do so as to address poverty. I promise to work hard to ensure that Tanzanians make good use of available income generating opportunities in the country."

He promised to continue to monitor discipline among ministerial staff and its institutions. The focus will be on addressing recklessness, theft and embezzlement of public funds, he declared.

He also promised to strengthen efforts and supervise smart collection of government revenues, with Treasury working closely with the private sector to ensure that they participate fully in various initiatives and development projects.

Prof Kabudi vowed to continue strengthening already vibrant economic diplomacy at a bilateral and multilateral level, promoting trade and investments in various sectors for the country's development.

"I'll work hard and make sure that all ambassadors representing Tanzania abroad prove to be a vital link in promoting investments and access to markets for goods and services," he stated.

"I will supervise to ensure that the embassies perform well to cement relationships, strengthening businesses, tourism and cultural relations between Tanzania and those countries," he added.



Newly reappointed Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango (R) and his Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation counterpart, Prof Palamagamba Kabudi, take an integrity oath for public officials before President John Magufuli shortly after he swore them in at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

SUB-Saharan African countries should invest in innovative wildlife conservation models to stem the escalating human-elephant conflicts driven by competition for space, campaigners have suggested.

Chief executive officer of Elephant Protective Initiative (EPI) Foundation John Scanlon said that urbanisation, shrinking habitat and climatic shocks were behind the spike in violent encounters between African communities and the iconic mammal.

"People and elephants are increasingly competing for land and dwindling natural resources," Scanlon said in a statement.

"In recent years we have witnessed a dramatic increase in human-elephant

African conservationists sound alarm over rise in human-elephant conflicts

conflict across the continent. If these conflicts cannot be satisfactorily resolved, the long-term prospects for elephants are bleak," he added.

Scanlon said that Africa's elephant population estimated at 400,000 is currently grappling with an existential threat to survival linked to poaching, human encroachment on their habitat, pandemics and climatic stresses.

He said that conservationists have rallied governments, industry and civil society to share knowledge, experience and technologies required to mitigate conflicts between communities and the giant land mammal.

The EPI Foundation in its recently launched Vision 2030 call upon African elephant range states to promote harmonious coexistence between communities and the iconic species.

According to the EPI Vision 2030 document, Africa's growing human population combined with economic growth, infrastructure development and conversion of land to agriculture presents new threats to the survival of elephants.

"With these come an ever-increasing risk of escalating human-wildlife conflict, as people and elephants compete for land and natural

resources," said EPI Foundation.

The lobby said that COVID-19 pandemic could derail efforts to protect African elephants from external threats amid slump in tourism earnings.

African leaders have endorsed the EPI Foundation's latest call to action to enhance survival of elephants amid human-induced and climatic threats.

Winnie Kiiru, a technical advisor at EPI said that political goodwill coupled with innovative financing, research and greater community engagement is key to minimize human-elephant conflicts in the Sub-Saharan African region.



You may elect not to believe your eyes, but these are Dar es Salaam residents pictured yesterday crossing the flooded Jangwani Valley stretch of the city's all-important Morogoro Road - for days now closed to all vehicular traffic. Most of the blame for the mess is heaped on the ongoing rains. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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various roles in the MoU to optimize performance, he stated.

LATRA Director General Gilliard Ngowe said that the fuel tanker drivers' certification initiative dates August, where LATRA commenced registration of fuel tanker drivers to obtain accurate information on their functions.

The next step will be identification of qualified and unqualified drivers so that those who fit the bill are certified for the job, he said, noting that unqualified drivers will be obligated to undergo special training at the National Institute of Transportation (NIT) and obtain certificates to take part in the field.

"The LATRA Act No 3 of 2019 stipulates that the regulator will certify all commercial vehicle drivers, fuel tanker drivers being among them.

"Among other reasons for fuel tanker drivers' certification is to enable EWURA to identify drivers with no skill in handling such vehicles. The MoU also calls for inspection of vehicle safety standards that fuel tankers must observe before they are loaded with

the product," he pointed out.

LATRA will team up with other authorities to phase out faulty tankers from operations, the LATRA CEO stated, citing the police force as highlighted in the MoU and as per LATRA Act 2019.

Ahmad Kilima, a member of the EWURA Board of Directors, said that the pact will serve as a stepping stone in a mission to end fuel tanker explosions that have recently claimed lives in certain areas.

"Our common target is to create a safe environment for the business chain from central depots to where the product is destined for consumption. We are joining forces to make sure that we reduce if not end deaths attributed to fuel tankers explosions by educating the general public," he added.

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people.

He said PCCB investigations showed that from October 2019 to January 2020, the accused obtained the money to assist the three people obtain jobs at the firm.

As for the rescued SACCOS funds, Kibwengo said 10,976,800/- was returned by the PCCB office in Kondo District to Mkombizi Soku Kuu SACCOS, being hard core loans in respect of 27 members.

Another 5,100,000/- was returned to retired Prisons official Julius Mtono after the bureau required Kihega Investment Ltd, a city money lending

firm to return the money it acquired in violation of the agreement, after it advanced a 6m/- loan to Mtono in September 2017.

PCCB also enabled one Rehema Shembuli to be paid by her former employer -Traveling Link, Dodoma Branch, benefits totaling 5.2m/- that she was entitled to after she was terminated, he said.

PCCB arraigned in Kongwa District Court one Kibaigwa Anania Madoho (57), Senior Assistant Medical Officer with Kibaigwa Town Council charged under two counts of soliciting 200,000/-, and receiving 160,000/- in contravention of Section 15(1) of the PCCB Act, the commander added.

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process, disenfranchising many," the lawsuit indicated.

Cliff Levine, a lawyer representing the Democratic National Committee, which is seeking to intervene, said it was not clear how many voters were given the chance to fix their ballot. But, he said, the number was minimal and certainly fewer than the margin - almost 70,000 - that separates Biden and Trump. "The numbers aren't even close to the margin between the two candidates, not even close," Levine

said.

In any case, there is no provision in state law preventing counties from helping voters to fix a ballot that contains a technical deficiency. Levine said the lawsuit did not contain any allegation that somebody voted illegally.

"They really should be suing the counties that didn't allow [voters] to make corrections," Levine said. "The goal should be making sure every vote counts."

Pennsylvania's top election official, secretary of state Kathy Boockvar,

a Democrat, responded in court on Sunday, asking the judge to dismiss the case. State courts are the proper jurisdiction for the subject, and the lawsuit contains no "plausible claim for relief on any legal theory," the state's lawyers wrote.

More than 2.6m mail-in ballots were reportedly received by counties, and no report of fraud or accuracy problems has been made by state, county election officials or prosecutors.

A key theme of Trump and his supporters has been their claim that Philadelphia - a Democratic

bastion where Trump lost badly - had not allowed Trump's campaign representatives to watch mail-in and absentee ballots processed and tabulated.

However, Republican lawyers have acknowledged in a separate federal court proceeding that they had certified observers watching mail-in ballots being processed in Philadelphia. Governor Tom Wolf's administration has said that ballot watchers from all parties had observers throughout the process and that "any insinuation otherwise is a lie."



Lions Club of Tanga health project coordinator Godfrey Sawe (L) sheds light on diabetes at Tanga city's Nguvumali health centre at the weekend. The event was part of the commemoration of World Diabetes Day (November 14), the focus this year being on promoting the role of nurses in the prevention and management of the disease. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

Nine people arrested after allegedly setting family house afire in Kibaha Rural District

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

POLICE in Coast Region are holding nine people for allegedly setting fire on the house of the newly elected Kikongo Ward councillor in Kibaha Rural District. In the incident six people were killed.

The CCM elected councillor Fatuma Ngozi is one of those who died on the spot together with her two grand children. Other three people died later when receiving medical treatment.

Coast Regional Police Commander (RPC) Wankyo Nyigesa told journalists yesterday that the incident killed six people out of seven who were in the house.

"This incident occurred on November 9 midnight, at Chekeleni village in Mlandizi, Coast Region. The house had seven people sleeping inside including the councillor (Fatuma). According to preliminary investigations nine people had been arrested and they will appear in court when investigations were complete," he said.

"We have interrogated all suspects we will take further legal measures. We will not unearth the names and identities of the suspects now because investigation is still ongoing."

He urged the public inside and outside the Coast Region to remain calm and continue giving cooperation to police so as to unearth all the suspects of the incident.



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Govt to improve quality of science education in secondary schools

By Getrude Mbagi

GIRL children in the country have a reason to smile as the government is working to construct special schools in every region so as to promote science learning among females and thus produce competitive scientists to serve in the country.

In his speech to inaugurate the 12th Parliament late last week, President John Magufuli said that girls' education is one of his priorities as he serves the second term of the fifth phase government.

"In a bid to ensure that girl children

achieve their educational dreams, we have decided to support them by having special science schools and thus produce more experts to serve in the country's sectors, we will capacitate the new school with all the required equipment and teachers so as to enable the children learn comfortably," he said.

He also said that the government will continue providing free education for both primary and secondary education as well as increase loans budget for Higher Learning students.

"The government is well prepared to ensure that the country produces as

many scientists in the coming years, we will encourage the teaching of science and mathematics subjects, especially for female students," he said

The Head of State also said that the government will also place greater emphasis on vocational education.

"And in that regard, we aim to establish state-of-the-art training centres within the educational institutions so as to produce young and competitive graduates to serve in the country," he said

He further pointed out that a total of US\$75 million has been set aside to implement the plan whereby the

Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) will specialize in Information and Communications Technology (ICT); the Institute of Technology Mwanza will specialize in leather issues, the National Institute of Transport will specialize in aviation while the Arusha Technical College will specialize in renewable energy.

"We will continue improving the teaching and learning environment which include improving infrastructures, capacitating schools with required equipment to promote smooth learning," added Dr Magufuli.

He further said that the government

will continue investing more to improve the education sector and facilitate growth of science and technology.

He said that the government will continue to build and renovate educational infrastructure, including schools, classrooms, dormitories, laboratories, libraries, offices, lecture halls. In addition, we will continue to build and renovate educational infrastructure, including schools, classrooms, dormitories, laboratories, libraries, lecture halls, and teachers settlements.

"This government has a huge

trust in women and it will continue promoting gender equality by ensuring that women get representation in all positions," he said.

He named other priorities as to improving people's settlements by reducing costs of construction materials as well as addressing water blues all over the country.

"Leaders from regional to village levels should work hard to ensure that they address people's problems, they have to set enough time listening and solving challenges facing their communities," Dr Magufuli insisted.

AFRICAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

CLERK OF WORKS JOB DESCRIPTION

Summary
Classroom Africa (CA) is AWF's Education Program that seeks to improve educational outcomes for children in schools based in communities within or adjacent to critical wildlife habitats; by improving access to quality education that promotes greater participation in, and support for, AWF's conservation efforts.

Since its inception in 2013 Classroom Africa focused on building world class primary schools in rural areas and has achieved remarkable success in six primary schools across landscapes; Zambia-1, Tanzania-1, DR Congo-1, Ethiopia-1, and Uganda-2.

Manyara Ranch Primary School is a public boarding primary school in northern Tanzania that was initially located in an important wildlife corridor between Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks. Due to the disruptions and the safety hazards associated with this location, the African Wildlife Foundation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the local community, relocated the school in 2008 to the perimeter of Manyara Ranch Conservancy.

Manyara Primary School is a hub for education and conservation. In addition to formal learning, the school serves as a model for how AWF successfully works with communities to incentivize best practices and commitment to healthy ecosystems. The school boasts of outstanding facilities and a qualified teaching force that is committed to providing a quality education for children living in rural communities.

The Clerk of Works will oversee the completion of ongoing works in the school and will report directly to the Construction Project Manager with a dotted line to the Manyara Ranch Manager

Major Responsibilities

Design Phase

- During the design phase, the Clerk of Works will be the main liaison between AWF office in Nairobi and Manyara and the consulting Architect's office in Arusha.
- The Clerk of Works will assist the CA team in Nairobi to ensure that all communication to or with the consulting Architects office is answered and recorded;
- The Clerk of Works will assist the CA team in collect all design data to ensure the design responds to the context of the school (including but not limited to cultural context, wind, rain and sun patterns, availability of materials and labor);
- The Clerk of Works will assist the CA team with the production of drawings and other technical documents to help communicate with the various project consultants;
- The Clerk of Works will assist the CA team with the sourcing of construction materials and information on materials and labor to help inform the design process and the BoQ production; and
- The Clerk of Works will assist as needed to help ensure the finalization of both designs and BoQ.

Construction Phase

- During the construction phase, the Clerk of Works main role will be to ensure that sustainable and construction methods and materials and skilled labor are being used throughout the construction of the school.
- The Clerk of Works will work on site daily to ensure that the building contractor is following all the design drawings and technical documents as provided by the consulting Architect's office and approved by the Monduli District authorities;
- The Clerk of Works will work on site to ensure the labor hired has the necessary skills to implement the design in conformity with the design, quality, budget and timeline;
- The Clerk of Works will report to the Construction Project Manager on the progress of construction through submission of weekly site reports, including photographs documenting construction progress and any concerns. (S)He will also highlight any problems that need immediate attention as well as issues from which problems can arise in the future;
- Based on his/her presence on site, the Clerk of Works will suggest to the Construction Project Manager changes that he/she thinks will improve the overall quality and durability of the school and make the construction process more time and cost-effective;
- The Clerk of Works will work with the consulting Architect's office to verify claimed quantities of completed works by the Contractor;
- The Clerk of Works will verify any and all certificates of payments issued by the consulting Architect; and
- In addition to closely monitoring construction of new infrastructure, the Clerk of Works will also monitor various maintenance issues of the existing infrastructure to ensure the school continues to operate safely during the construction process (including but not limited to current buildings, furniture, water, power, waste management systems);
- The Clerk of Works will communicate any current or expected problems in the weekly technical reports sent to the Infrastructure and Design Manager;
- The Clerk of Works will propose solutions and action plans to address the problems;
- The Clerk of Works will prepare cost estimates to implement proposed and approved solutions;
- Subsequent to receiving approval for works from the Infrastructure and Design Manager, the Clerk of Works will supervise the implementation of the approved solutions and report to the Infrastructure and Design Manager on progress.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in architecture, Civil Engineering, sustainable design, or related relevant degree required;
- 5+ years' experience in architecture design and/or construction management, or other relevant experiences on the African continent required; experiences in rural African contexts strongly preferred.
- Excellent English oral and written communication skills, interpersonal skills, flexibility, and cultural sensitivity. Knowledge of local languages strongly preferred.
- Expertise and prior experience in Computer Aided Design (CAD) systems
- Ability to think and work independently in remote sites.
- Willingness to travel to Nairobi, Kenya as needed.
- Commitment to conservation and primary school education in Africa.

GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

JOB OPPORTUNITY

<p>Job Title: Supply Chain Analyst</p> <p>Department/Unit: Performance and Analytics</p> <p>Location: Masaki, Dar es Salaam</p> <p>Reports to: Performance and Analytics Team Lead</p>	
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OVERVIEW:
The Global Health Supply Chain Program – Technical Assistance – Tanzania (GHSC-TA-TZ) project, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance to Tanzania to strengthen country supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g., malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC-TA-TZ assists Government of Tanzania health programs by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

Job Summary/function:

- To lead the project's research agenda, develop and prioritize research questions, analyze supply chain data, conduct root cause analysis, and package and disseminate findings.

Responsibilities:
Specific responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Develop supply chain research questions
- Working with GoT and other stakeholders, prioritize those questions
- Create processes and methods/approaches to answer research questions
- Using performance data (from eLMIS, ILSGate way, and other routine and ad hoc data sources), analyze the performance of the supply chain, and identify problem areas
- Conduct root cause analysis of supply chain performance, identifying determinants of product availability Using performance data, identify areas of potential cost savings
- Prepare research findings – in tables, graphs, visual presentations and reports for sharing with internal and external stakeholders
- Design and conduct issues-based workshops to educate key supply chain staff in common problems observed.
- Work collaboratively to develop interventions/so lutions for addressing supply chain bottlenecks
- Support GHSC TA-TZ teams in the collection and analysis of data to measure and track project monitoring indicators.

- Mentor key counterparts including LMU, CHMT, RHMT to strengthen their capacity to use key supply chain information for decision making
- Help foster trusting relationships with partners
- Undertake any other responsibilities, tasks or activities as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

- An advanced degree or a Masters Degree in Epidemiology and Biostatics, Health Services Research, Statistics, Health Informatics, Data Science, Business Analytics, Public Health, Pharmacy or other relevant area
- Skills in SPSS, STATA, and other statistical software packages
- Previous experience in data analysis.
- Knowledge health supply chains in Tanzania
- Experience in HIV/AIDS, malaria, reproductive health and essential medicines programs strongly desired.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Strong verbal and written communication skills in English and Swahili
- Excellent technical writing and oral presentation skills highly desired
- A proven ability to work as part of a team and to be self-managing
- Proficiency in MS Office packages
- Attention to detail and high level of accuracy
- Experience working with an international NGO preferred
- Previous work experience with USAID-funded projects desirable

If you are interested in applying this position please send your resume, cover letter to ghsc.recruitmentz@gmail.com. And kindly include title you are applying for in the subject line.

While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for interview will be contacted.

Deadline for submission shall be on December 1st, 2020. GHSC - TA - TZ is an equal opportunity employer.

1000 households in Gairo benefit from smart maize farming project

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

OVER 1,000 households in Gairo and Kilosa districts in Morogoro Region have started benefiting from the smart maize farming project with majority of them having doubled their yields.

Commenced in 2019, the three-year project focuses on supporting small-scale farmers in 14 villages of the two districts with prerequisite skills and knowledge on smart organic farming.

Emmanuel Kasembe, an agricultural officer of the Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) told journalists here that the implementation of the projects had supported farmers to invest in modern organic agriculture by changing farming practices.

He said that the project is implemented under the community development department with support from the Germany government through Anglican Church of Tanzania-Morogoro Diocese.

"Farmers are now harvesting 10 to 15 maize bags of 100kgs per acre from one to two bags of 100kgs per acre which they were harvesting before the projects due to poor farming practices," he said.

According to him, the implementation of the project had also improved nutrition in the two districts while also strengthening food security.

He named the beneficiary divisions as Maguha, Mtumbatu, Iyogwe, Italagwe, Lubeho and Nongwe.

"A total of 1,260 small scale farmers in 14 villages of two districts had benefited from the project and they are living a happier life as their incomes had improved for good. ICDP has been striving to transform lives of the

villagers by engaging them in various agriculture value chains," he said.

Kasembe urged farmers to make good use of the skills, knowledge and equipment given to them to change their farming but also impart the knowledge to other people for sustainable smart farming.

"It is quite clear that harvesting 4 to 6 maize bags of 20kgs per year is not enough for a family to meet food needs, so this project has come up to address the challenges and thus strengthen households food security," he said.

Kasembe said in 2019, when the project started, experts taught farmers to practice organic farming by using a small area, water and natural fertilizer available in their surroundings. This has improved production with some farmers doubled or even tripled their yields.

Stella Sabuhoro, project coordinator said that the project which is expected to be completed in 2022 has also linked them to markets where they sell their produce easily and profitably.

One of the beneficiaries, Daimon Chisongela, a farmer from Mtega village acknowledged that the project had transformed lives of majority of farmers in the area.

According to him, apart from increasing the production, the programme had also enabled them to raise their incomes.

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Ally Mwakababu (in blue T-shirt), the National Health Insurance Fund's Tanga regional manager, has a word with motorbike taxi riders at the launch of a sensitisation campaign on the Fund held in Korogwe at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Oscar Kasimiri

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE number of domestic tourists visiting local attractions is reported to be on increase following dedicated efforts to promote such activities in the country.

According to Paul Hillonga Fissoo, the Assistant Commissioner of Conservation in charge of tourist services at the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, they were still compiling data to that effect while also increasing efforts to ensure that the newly lit domestic tourism fire remain kindled.

In support to that, local institutions and corporations have joined the nationwide drive of actively promoting domestic tourism through being directly involved in visiting the country's top attractions, with the CRDB bank pioneering the mission.

'More Tanzanians at tourist sites'

Jetting into Arusha over the weekend, more than 80 members of staff from the leading financial institution enjoyed their excursion into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, where they descended into the legendary wildlife filled caldera, in addition to sampling other attractions found within the NCA.

Group leader, Shima Danford said the CRDB Bank has been playing major role of supporting travel, tourism and hospitality sectors in the country thus it was only right for the members of its staff to get first-hand experience in visiting parks and other tourist destinations.

"Our Chief Executive Officer, Abdulmajid Nsekela has been encouraging CRDB employees to

embark onto domestic tourism, as way of unwinding, getting fresh ideas while also boosting the country's income through tourism," pointed out Danford.

The Director of Marketing for the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), Mindi Kasiga said the CRDB entourage set record of being the largest group of domestic tourists to visit any destination yet. "We are still negotiating with other institutions so that they may also follow suit," she stated.

The CRDB weekend tourism outing to Ngorongoro was handled by the Moshi-based Zara Adventure Tours and Mountaineering Safari. It included an en-route sight-seeing plus tradition dance preludes.

"For most of us it was the first time in Ngorongoro, we only used to

read about it in the press," said Dina Mwaipopo, one of the CRDB members of staff from the bank headquarters in Dar-es-salaam, adding that she also discovered that such adventures are also affordable.

Receiving an average of 500,000 tourists per annum, Ngorongoro Conservation Area remains the leading tourist destination in Tanzania, followed by Serengeti National Park which records over 400,000 visitors yearly.

Overall, Tanzania receives more than 1.5 million tourists per annum in normal years, with 90 percent of these preferring to visit the Northern Circuit which has Mount Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti migration.



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A detailed tender document can be access via the link <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice> with reference number 2020/FRURT/FRURT/107489.

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Chief of Party - C3HP HIV/TB Project (Tracking Code 10230)

The Chief of Party is expected to lead an anticipated five-year USAID-funded contract working on comprehensive client centered care for HIV and TB in Tanzania's northern regions. The Chief of Party will help to accelerate HIV epidemic control and eradicate TB in Tanzania by leveraging disruptive approaches and driving equitable access to differentiated, client-centered, efficacious HIV and TB tools, systems, and services. The successful candidate will have excellent technical capacity in HIV and TB, and considerable experience and proven excellent capacity in project and team management.

Deputy Chief of Party (Finance and Administration) - C3HP HIV/TB Project (Tracking Code 10231)

The Deputy Chief of Party (Finance and Administration) is expected to lead the administrative and financial management of an anticipated five years USAID-funded contract working on comprehensive client centered care for HIV and TB in Tanzania's northern regions. The successful candidate will support the project's technical team to accelerate HIV epidemic control and eradicate TB in Tanzania by leveraging disruptive approaches and driving equitable access to differentiated, client-centered, efficacious HIV and TB tools, systems, and services.

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Dar es Salaam resident Fatuma Mapunda takes notes at a gender awareness workshop held in the city at the weekend. It was organised by the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Tanzania fetches USD 12.93m from export of cassava, says ministry

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo
Dodoma

TANZANIA has successfully managed to generate at least USD 12.93 million from exportation of dry and fresh cassava from 2016 to 2018.

The country exports small quantities of cassava and cassava products, mainly chips to different countries, including Rwanda, Burundi, DRC, Kenya, China, Oman and United Arab Emirates.

The Director of Crops in the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr Nyasebwa Chimagu, said despite the actual demand for cassava for both, domestic and foreign markets is not well determined, Tanzania is however failing to meet demand for the economic cash crops, especially when it comes to foreign markets.

He expressed that there is untapped cassava market opportunity of at least 9.60 tonnes, in Vietnam (2pc), South Korea (3pc), Thailand (24pc), Turkey (1pc), USA (1pc) whereby in China the market stands at 68pc.

"The country doesn't meet cassava products demand due to low production and productivity being contributed by inadequate use of improved technology along cassava value chain, low quality and inconsistency supply and small fragmented farms resulted in high cost of production per unity and hence the product cannot compete in the market," he explained.

However, he stated that, a number of efforts have so far been taken by the government to increase production, productivity and processing, saying such efforts include breeding of markets oriented varieties where up to 2020 there were more than 26 varieties have been released, which are suitable to various agro-ecological zones.

"Various trainings has also been conducted towards extension staffs on uses of good agronomic practices,

the efforts which went in tandem with establishment of Tanzania Cassava Producers and Processors Association (TACAPPA) a vital platform to organise cassava value chain actors," he added.

According to Cassava Desk Officer, Upendo Mndeme, Tanzania imports cereal starches from maize, wheat, millet, sorghum, potatoes and to the lesser extent cassava starch.

She detailed that cassava starch has special merits such as high cereal starches paste clarity (48.32pc), followed by potato (42.16pc), and least for sweet potato derived starches (23.22pc), while all cereal starches paste clarity is at 14.97pc.

"These properties demonstrate the untapped potential of cassava and tuber based starches for use in food and non-food applications currently dominated by cereal starches," she observed.

She insisted that it was high time for cassava value chain actors and investors to invest in establishment of high cassava products processing plant to tap the untapped existing potentials.

Production of cassava in Tanzania has significantly increased from 5.9 million tons up to 8.2 million within a period from 2008 to 2019.

However, despite the increase, production of the vital economic cash crop remains relatively low in the country compared to the high demand from within and outside the country, especially in China which is more than 2 million tons of dry cassava, equivalent to 6m tonnes of fresh cassava per year.

During 2016/17 at least 1,202,216 hectare of cassava was cultivated, produced a total of 4, 025,265 tons, whereby during 2017/18 the country grew cassava in a total of 983,502 hectares which generated 8,372,211 tonnes, and in 2018/ 2019 farming season the county produced 8,184, 093 tonnes from

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

'Three pillars of state ought to work collectively to stimulate development'

ZANZIBAR Chief Justice Omar Othman Makungu has said there was need for the three pillars of state to work together in order to spur development for the people.

CJ Makungu said during a seminar here yesterday for Members of the House of Representatives on the relationship of the House and other pillars of state that the main aim of the three organs was to

offer better services to the people via democratic principles, and that the aims cannot be realised if the organs were in conflict among themselves.

He explained that in regard to Zanzibar and Tanzania in general,

the three state organs work in great cooperation, the situation that has spurred great development strides to the people.

Meanwhile, retired diplomat, Dr Mahadhi Juma Maalim stressed on the members of the House of

Representatives to learn carefully laws and regulations that govern the workings of the House.

"You also have to utilise experts of the House to enable them implement their duties professionally," he added.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

Zanzibar registers 16 deaths in road crashes

SIXTEEN people died out of 23 who were involved in road accidents in Zanzibar in October, this year.

This was disclosed here at the weekend during a report on accident statistics and other road traffic offences for October.

The Zanzibar government chief statistician, Asha Mussa Mahfoudh said among those who lost their lives were 14 men and two women while Zanzibar West 'A' district had five accidents.

She said the total number of road accidents for the last month increased by 109.1 per cent up from 11 accidents in September to 23 in October.

She said a total of 1,118 traffic offences were reported during October this year all of which were committed by men from not adhering to road traffic rules.

She said Zanzibar West 'A' District recorded the biggest number of offences - 296, equivalent to 26.5 per cent out of all offences. "However, Micheweni District recorded two

road traffic offences," she added.

The head of criminal offences unit at Zanzibar Police Headquarters, ACP Khamisi Mwinyi Bakari said police in collaboration with other government authorities continue educating motor cycle riders who appear to be the cause of accidents on the roads.

Nassor Mwinyi Mzale, licensing officer in

the Transport and Road Safety Authority called on motor cycle riders and owners to abide by traffic regulations signs.

For his part, Zanzibar West 'A' District traffic officer said in addition to efforts by the road traffic police force, motor cycle riders were still major cause of road accidents due to their disregard of road traffic rules.



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We invite competent and financially stable Service Providers to access the Invitation to Tender documents on the following link below <https://fco.bravosolution.co.uk> And Navigate to:

Provision of Air Conditioning Maintenance Services for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - CPG/3774/2020, ITT_4029, Project_4850

A non-compulsory site visit will be conducted on Monday 23 November 2020, 11:00. Tenderers are requested to meet the representative, Mr. Stephen Mrumah of FCO at British High Commission, at 1 Kenyatta Road. The site visits will be conducted entirely at the Tenderers own risk and expense insofar as transport and accommodation are concerned. Tenderers shall make their own arrangements in this regard. Site visit registers will be completed in respect of all participating Tenderers.

Please forward all the names of the representatives prior (by 20 November 2020 at 13:00) to attending the site visit to Ndumiso Mncube via sending a message on Bravo or Ndumiso.Mncube@fco.gov.uk Kindly note that you will not be allowed on the premises if you have not forwarded or registered your name for the attendance of the briefing.

The Invitation to tender documents should be completed and uploaded on the **Bravo System** by the stipulated submission deadline. Contact Ndumiso.Mncube@fco.gov.uk for any queries. Kindly note that the responses will be required to be in English.

The BHC reserves the right not to select any service provider and will only reply to the best-suited organisation.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE JOINT SONGWE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION Songwe River Basin Development Programme

Date: 16th November, 2020
Tender No: S-SRBC/SRBDP/2020/2021/G/02

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SONGWE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Countries: Malawi and Tanzania
Project: Strengthening Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Songwe River Basin (STCINRM-SRB) Project.
Sector: Water
Financing Agreement reference: 5550155001701
Project ID No.: P-Z1-EAZ-054

The Secretariat of the joint Songwe River Basin Commission has received a financing from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the African Development Bank towards the cost of the **Strengthening Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Songwe River Basin (STCINRM-SRB) Project**, and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for **Provision of Consultancy Services for Capacity Building for the Songwe River Basin Commission**.

The services included under this project are **Provision of Consultancy Services for Capacity Building for Songwe River Basin Commission for financial year 2020/2021**.

The Secretariat of the joint Songwe River Basin Commission 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.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's **"Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants"** May 2008 Edition, Revised July 2012 which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 09:00 hrs (EAT) to 17:00 hrs (EAT) from Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 1st December 2020 at 11:00 hrs (EAT) and mention "Provision of Consultancy Services for Capacity Building for Songwe River Basin Commission for financial year 2020/2021".

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'Most waterborne diseases in Moro are due to failure to follow advice'

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

WATERBORNE diseases have increased in Morogoro municipality from 5,092 cases in April to 6,574 in September this year due to ignorance of health guidelines including regular hand washing with soap.

Dr Ikadi Rashid, the municipality's medical officer says the increase came about after the announcement on the decrease of COVID-19 infections, hence many people abandoned the habit of washing their hands with soap.

"Washing of hands with soap has been almost abandoned compared during to the height of COVID-9 infections when people used to wash their hands with soap even 10 times each day, but today three days can pass without many of them washing their hands with soap in running water, the factor that had contributed to the rise in infectious diseases.

He said from January to March this year there were 7,310 cases of infectious diseases, and from April to June, during the COVID-19 period, diarrhea cases decreased by 5,092, a difference of

2,278 cases.

He lamented that people have abandoned hand washing tradition, with some people eating food without washing hands.

Dr Rashid said during the COVID-19 period every house had a bucket of water and soap from which people used to wash their hands, but now that was history.

He called on the residents to revert to the habit to reduce cases of infectious diseases as well as COVID-19 which has not fully been wiped out.

He also called on food and fruit vendors to ensure their places of businesses have running water for their customers to wash their hands with soap before eating.

Norbert Bilaba, the municipality's health officer said due to the increase of infectious diseases cases, they now plan to embark on a special operation in areas selling foods, fruits and other shops to see whether they had hand washing facilities and warned that violators of this health guidelines would be dealt with according to the law.



Muheza district administrative Secretary Desderia Haule (3rd-R) in a group photo at the weekend with facilitators of a capacity building seminar for members of lands ward councils. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Empower all vulnerable people with knowledge, skills, RAS urges CSOs

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Regional Administrative Secretary Paulo Makanza has suggested the need for civil society organisations (CSOs) to complement government's efforts by giving information and knowledge to vulnerable people in the society.

He made the suggestion yesterday in Dar es Salaam when opening the five-day capacity building for 15 Youth-led and Women-led Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to strengthen their ability to use media channels for awareness campaigns, advocacy and community mobilisation.

The training has been organised by WeWorld - GVC in partnership with Tanzania Bora Initiative (TBI), Kiota Women Health and Development Organization (KIWOHEDE), Tanzania Data Lab (dLab) and Tanzania Development Information Organisation (TADIO).

This part of the project "Sauti Mpya. CSOs-media partnership for amplifying youth and women's voices", co-funded by the European Union and We World - GVC and aiming at "strengthening CSOs role in promoting women's and youth's freedom of expression, access to information and awareness on fundamental freedom".

Makanza who is also responsible for supporting local development initiatives to exploit community-identified opportunities and linking central and local government called on CSOs to ensure that vulnerable people are well informed on a number of issues.

Through the programme, CSOs will be empowered to actively engage the media and to use traditional and new media for an effective advocacy and communication strategy. The programme provides them with an opportunity to share experiences, to strengthen networking synergies with media actors and to define a media strategy to address challenges for fundamental rights, with particular focus on women and the youth.

The 15 CSOs from Mbeya, Mtwara and Kigoma will participate to further project activities such as advocacy initiatives, community mobilisation activities, production of community-based media products in collaboration with the media in their respective regions.

The action aims at contributing to strengthen CSOs role in promoting women's and youth's freedom of expression, access to information and awareness on fundamental freedom in accordance with national legislation and international agreements, as well as ensuring youth and women's full participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public spheres.

In this sense, it promotes CSOs-media partnerships and dialogue with local authorities in Mbeya, Mtwara, Kigoma and Dar es Salaam regions, to increase media coverage and quality of reporting, with particular focus on addressing challenges facing women and youth's rights.

Platform urges women to grab opportunities offered by govt

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA Women Cross Party (TWCP)-Ulingo Platform has called on women in Tanzania to grab various opportunities presented by the government.

Saum Rashid, a member of platform secretariat made the call here yesterday as she was speaking to reporters over President John Magufuli's inaugural speech in the 12th Parliament.

She said women had hailed the fifth

phase government for giving many decision making positions to women.

"We commend our government for recognising the women's contribution in their various development efforts," she said.

She said the current government had accomplished many things which had elevated women status in their participation of national development.

In regard to President Magufuli's inaugural speech when opening the 12th Parliament last week, Saum said the speech

was exemplary as it contained important issues for the national vision for the next five years.

She said President Magufuli's pledge to build one secondary school for science subjects in each region shows how determined he was in elevating the status of women.

Saum said the government policy on free education from primary level to Form IV will remove the burden on parents who would have otherwise paid for their education.

She also praised the National Electoral Commission (NEC) for managing the national elections successfully.

"A total of 361bn/- was budgeted for the elections but the Commission spent only 262bn/-, and the remainder can be used for other development projects," she added.

ADA TADEA deputy Secretary General, Ziada Athumani called on women to grab the available opportunities including zero interest loans to start various projects for their own economic wellbeing.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Addendum No. 1
For
Tender No: AE/008/2020-21/HQ/W/31
For

Construction of Medium and Low Voltage Lines, Installation of Distribution Transformers and Connection of Customers in Un-Electrified Rural Areas of Mainland Tanzania on Turnkey Basis in 24 Regions under Turnkey Phase III Round II.

Date: 16th November, 2020

1. The Rural Energy Agency has extended submission deadline for Tender No: AE/008/2020-21/HQ/W/31; Construction of medium and Low Voltage Lines, Installation of Distribution Transformers and Connection of Customers in Un-electrified Rural Areas of Mainland Tanzania on Turnkey Basis in 24 Regions under Turnkey Phase III Round II;
2. The new submission deadline will be on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 1000 Hours Local Time. Place of bid submission will be at 5th Floor, PSSF Conferences, PSSF House Wing B, Makole Road, Dodoma;
3. Interested bidders are required to download Tender Document through TANePS (www.taneps.go.tz).

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The above services are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable qualified and experienced service providers will be invited to receive the tender documents. If your company would like to be considered for pre-qualification to receive the invitation to tender, please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

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- Job, equipment and client reference for similar services rendered within the last 3 years
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Kindly send your response by email to bulytender@barrick.com by 16:00 on the 20th November 2020. Any responses received after this date and time shall not be considered. Please quote reference number in the subject line of your email

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of BGML.

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Jane Mgidange (R), Inclusive Education Coordinator with the Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania for Bahi and Dodoma, has an audience with children with disabilities and their parents or guardians at an advocacy seminar held yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

Mbalizi residents seek revamp of the town's drainage system

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

RESIDENTS of Mbalizi town in Mbeya District have appealed to the government to revamp water drainage system to reduce frequent floods in their areas. They told this paper at the weekend that when rains started trench

drainage had been blocked making flood waters flow to residential areas. Tilson Kamwela, Mbalizi resident said the one-day downpour had already caused floods into homes, threatening lives of those living in them, saying if the drainage system is not revamped some residents could flee their homes due to collapsing houses.

"There are certain areas here where flood waters change the course due to trenches that were filled up by the contractor who was widening the road," Kamwela added. Neema Mwanja, another Mbalizi town resident and owner of a restaurant in Tarafani area said flood waters had been flowing into their rooms, the

situation that had ruined her business. She said many trenches were old and have no capacity to withstand great volumes of water, saying they should be revamped. She also called on the government to control some traders who throw rubbish into the drainage system close to them thereby clogging them.

Appreciate our varsities, don advises students

By Correspondent Michael

Sikapundwa, Morogoro

TANZANIAN students have been urged to imbibe a culture of appreciating the quality of education offered by local universities instead of thinking about overseas education institutions.

Principal of the Morogoro-based Jordan University College (JUCO), Prof Bertram Mapunda made the call here over the weekend when speaking at the eighth JUCO's graduation ceremony.

JUCO is part of St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT).

He said Tanzania has a number of universities which provide quality and competitive education similar to those offered abroad.

"I don't see the reason as why Tanzanian students, think of overseas universities, when we've similar institutions, with the same qualities," the rector said.

He also called on clerics, priests and pastors to seek their PhD, theology and masters studies in Tanzania as to minimize costs of studying abroad.

Prof Mapunda said the decision to come up with the new courses came after realising that religious institutions spent more funds for upgrading their religious leaders abroad.

"JUCO is the first university in Tanzania to offer PhD, and masters in theology, that's a chance for you to upgrade your education within the country since it's cost-effective compared to other institutions abroad," he disclosed.

The college in the next fiscal year is set to start offering bachelor degrees in sociology. Commenting on how the college sustains its programmes, the principal said: "JUCO is one of the universities in the third world countries which survives on students' tuition fees, hence we decided to create a number of income-generating activities."

Filbert Rudasingwa, a theology and philosophy graduate congratulated JUCO for coming up with masters programme to minimise costs incurred by dioceses to send students abroad.

According to him, studying in Tanzania the language barrier is not a threat as most of students faced challenges in their first year of study in Italy due to Italian language as medium of instruction.

JUCO has capacity to offer such courses because had sufficient teachers and are PhD holders

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African governance moving ahead - 2020 Ibrahim Index

By Special Correspondent

THE 2020 Ibrahim Index on African Governance (IIAG) has named Mauritius, Cape Verde, Seychelles, Tunisia, and Botswana as the 2019 top-scoring countries. Angola and Somalia remain at the bottom but on a steady path of improvement.

The report released on November 16 by the foundation in London said that for the tenth consecutive year, Mauritius maintained its top position in 2019 while Somalia remained bottom because of security challenges in parts of the country posed by al-Shabaab militants.

Despite these challenges, Somalia has improved on its governance score since 2010, on the back of improved infrastructure and increased gender equality, among other things, according to the report.

"Sixty percent of Africans live in countries where governance is better in 2019 than it was in 2010," according to Nathalie Delapalme, Executive Director of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF).

"However, since 2015, this progress has been slowing, which is a bit worrying," Delapalme told DW in an interview.

The IIAG is a tool that measures and monitors governance performance in 54 African countries annually.

The framework comprises four categories: Safety and the rule of law, participation and human rights, sustainable economic opportunity, and human development. In 2019, human development was the highest-scoring of the four categories of governance.

The foundation defines governance as providing the political, social, and economic public goods and services that every citizen has the right to expect from their state. Over the last decade, governance dimensions have followed diverging paths. That is to say, while there has been an increase in improved infrastructure, economic opportunities, and human development, there is a decline in the

rule of law and security.

Some high-ranking countries, such as Mauritius, Botswana, or South Africa, though, still currently ranking 1st, 5th, and 6th respectively, follow a concerning path of deterioration since 2015.

In contrast, some lower-ranking ones such as The Gambia (16th), Ivory Coast (18th), and Zimbabwe (33rd) feature among the five largest improvers over the decade. Somalia, ranking 54th, is the 7th most improved country over the last ten years.

Besides a balanced approach to governance progress, the rule of law, justice, inclusion, and equality appears to be the main common denominators among best-performing countries.

"Somalia, which is at the bottom of the index, has shown signs of improvement over the last decade, and Angola is among the five best trending-countries," Delapalme said.

In more than half of the countries surveyed, citizens are less satisfied with their country's governance performance than ten years ago. For most countries, the deterioration in public perception of overall governance has even worsened since 2015. Since digital rights have also been infringing on and internet shutdowns are on the rise in Africa, there has been a decline in information sharing.

"The analysis of our findings was that there was overall dissatisfaction among African citizens when it comes to governance delivery in their countries, and the level of satisfaction is worse than ten years," Camilla Rocco, Head of Research at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, said.

"Citizens are the recipients of public leadership and governance, and the assessment of governance performance needs to be rooted in results for citizens and cannot rely on official and expert assessment data alone," Rocco said.

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INVITATION OF THE CONSULTANT WHO WILL CONDUCT CUSTOMERS' SATISFACTION SURVEY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020

Azania Bank Limited invites sealed tender bids from eligible consultant to carry out a transparent and objective customer satisfaction survey that aimed to determine the importance of a customer in execution of its corporate business strategy. Further, aimed to determine levels of customer satisfaction and how it may be improved.

The main objective of the survey will be to assess the customer's overall satisfaction and perceptions which includes measure of their satisfaction with regards to the banks product and services. The survey is intended to cover Azania Bank Limited customers and non-customers.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of reference can be downloaded from our website www.azaniabank.co.tz select "Media" then "Tenders" OR go directly to www.azaniabank.co.tz/azania-tenders to access and download the documents.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and the closing date will be on **27th November, 2020 at 12.00 p.m.** This will be followed by a bid opening on the same day at 12.15 p.m. in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend the opening at Azania Bank Limited, Board Room, located at the 3rd floor, Mawasiliano Towers, Sam Nujoma Road, Dar es Salaam.

The Bank is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right not to disclose reasons for doing so.

In event you need any further clarification please contact **Procurement Unit** through the following address: Mawasiliano Towers, Ground Floor, Sam Nujoma Road, P. O. Box 32089, Dar Es Salaam. Email: pmu@azaniabank.co.tz Telephone no: 2412025/26/27

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Taking A New Look
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We are duty-bound to end food and water insecurity

A Greenpeace scientific report released recently reveals that extreme weather events such as heat waves, floods and intense rain are increasing in intensity, frequency and severity across many parts of Africa, gravely threatening human health, food security, peace, and biodiversity.

Weather across sub-Saharan Africa has become more extreme and unpredictable in the twenty-first century, a trend that climate scientists project will become more pronounced in future decades. This is the key finding confirmed by the comprehensive report published yesterday by Greenpeace Africa and the Greenpeace Science Unit.

The report 'Weathering the Storm: Extreme Weather and Climate Change in Africa' explores the relationship between extreme weather events and climate change in Africa and summarises the scientific data on how the climate crisis is spiraling out of control across Africa, including irregular extreme heat waves, floods, droughts and cyclones at a scale hitherto unknown. Climate-related problems can often be disproportionately felt in the poorest communities because they are least equipped to cope with and adjust to changes.

Science shows there is very little that is natural in the disasters striking our continent. A human-made crisis requires a human-made solution. Africa is the cradle of humanity and it shall be the cradle of climate action for our future. Health, safety, peace and justice will not be achieved only through prayers and bags of rice and maize in the aftermath of a disaster. Only the one who preserves has no misfortune - and African leaders must declare a climate emergency to preserve our collective future.

Key findings of the report include future average temperatures in Africa are projected to increase at a rate faster than the global average in all warming scenarios, the mean annual temperature increase for much of Africa.

The rising temperature is likely to lead to deaths, displacement, climate-related

conflict, irregular rainfall, drinking water shortages, and obstruction of agricultural production and accelerated extinction of endemic African species. The frequency, intensity, and duration of extreme heat events are expected to increase, following trends already observed in Southern, East and Northern Africa.

Climate Scientist, founder of Black Women in Science and co-author of the report Ndoni Mccunu: "There needs to be better incorporation of indigenous knowledge in scientific evidence on extreme weather events in Africa.

African countries need to be more involved in leading the development of new databases and models rather than being dependent on countries outside Africa. This will ensure better communication, planning and future projects of events. Access to information needs to be provided at a community level.

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Director of the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT): "Over the last 50 years, we have already experienced a warming well over the world average. In the Sahel, climate change destroyed our crops, our homes and tore families apart through forced migration."

"But Africa is not only the stage where the worst climate impacts will play out; it is a continent of millions of citizens determined to stop climate change, to move away from fossil fuels, who will stand up to protect our forests and our biodiversity from industrial agriculture."

Ugandan Climate Activist Vanessa Nakate: "I have seen climate change disproportionately affect the people in my community, in my country and the African continent. It is disastrous for agriculture which is key to our survival; our livelihoods are in danger with everything being lost to floods, droughts, and heatwaves. Leaders: you must wake up, you must listen to the science, and you must face the climate emergency. We must put an end to food and water insecurity, to the violence, to the gender inequality that is being caused by climate change.

International community should give giraffes protection from exploitation

THE giraffe is an African mammal, the tallest living terrestrial animal and the largest ruminant. It is traditionally considered to be one species, *Giraffa camelopardalis*, with nine subspecies. However, the existence of up to eight extant giraffe species has been described, based upon research into the mitochondrial and nuclear DNA, as well as morphological measurements of *Giraffa*. Seven other species are extinct, prehistoric species known from fossils.

The giraffe's chief distinguishing characteristics are its extremely long neck and legs, its horn-like ossicones, and its distinctive coat patterns. It is classified under the family Giraffidae, along with its closest extant relative, the okapi. Its scattered range extends from Chad in the north to South Africa in the south, and from Niger in the west to Somalia in the east. Giraffes usually inhabit savannahs and woodlands. Their food source is leaves, fruits and flowers of woody plants, primarily acacia species, which they browse at heights most other herbivores cannot reach.

Giraffes may be preyed on by lions, leopards, spotted hyenas and African wild dogs. Giraffes live in herds of related females and their offspring, or bachelor herds of unrelated adult males, but are gregarious and may gather in large aggregations. Males establish social hierarchies through "necking", which are combat bouts where the neck is used as a weapon. Dominant males gain mating access to females, which bear the sole responsibility for raising the young.

The giraffe has intrigued various cultures, both ancient and modern, for its peculiar appearance, and has often been featured in paintings, books, and cartoons. It is classified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as vulnerable to extinction, and

has been extirpated from many parts of its former range. Giraffes are still found in numerous national parks and game reserves but estimates as of 2016 indicate that there are approximately 97,500 members of *Giraffa* in the wild.

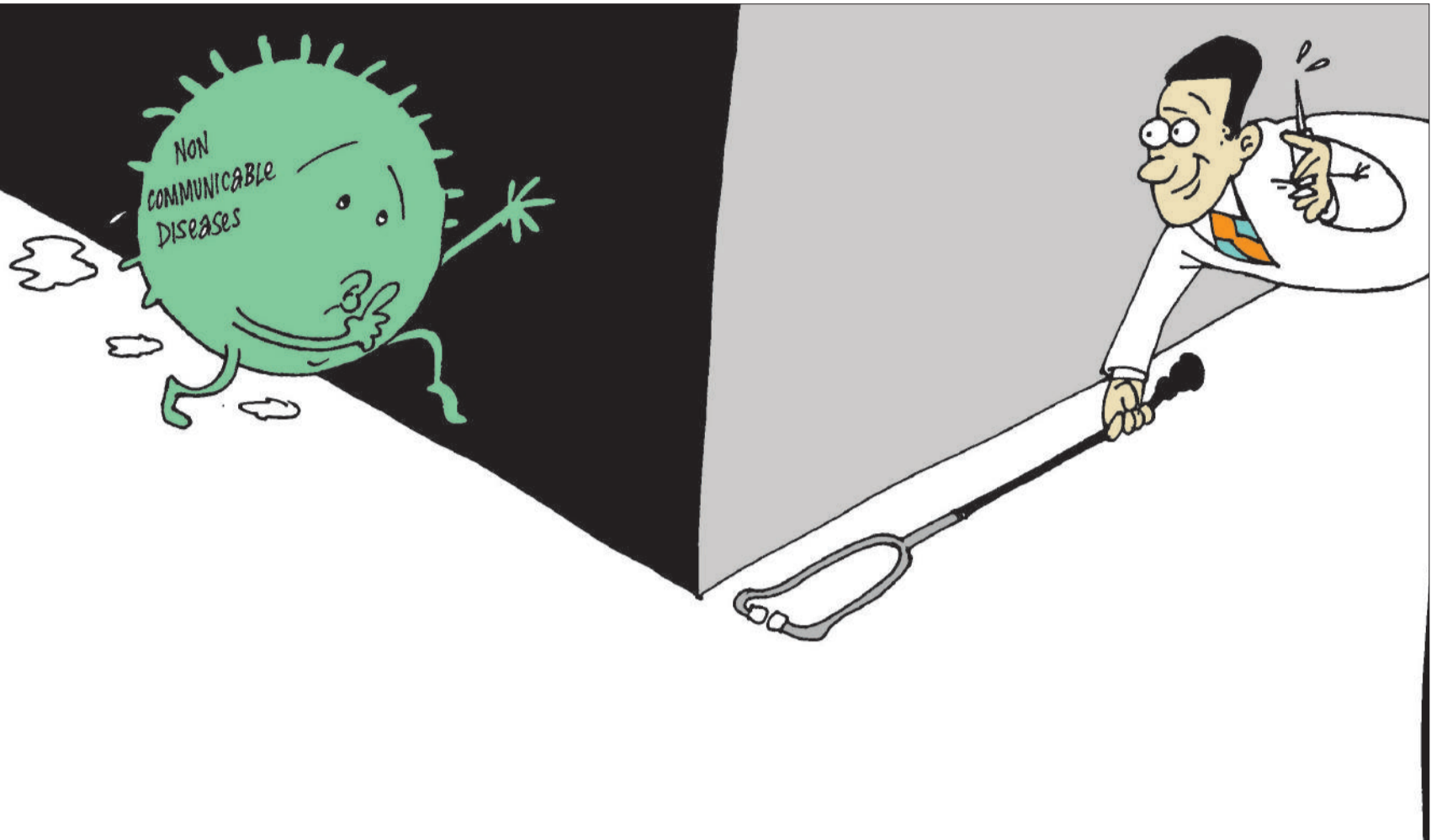
Highlighting the need for global action to fight giraffes' silent extinction, a body of scientific experts had declared giraffes in Kenya and Tanzania called Maasai giraffes endangered.

Maasai giraffes, one of nine giraffe subspecies, had long been considered a key population for the species. But today's assessment by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature finds that these majestic animals are profoundly threatened by illegal hunting and land-use changes. The subspecies' population has fallen by an estimated 49 per cent to 51 per cent in the past 30 years.

Maasai giraffes have long had a robust wild population. An endangered assessment is an eye opener that signals the critical need for giraffe protections," said Adam Peyman, wildlife programs and operations manager for Humane Society International.

Africa's overall giraffe population has declined by up to 40 percent over the past 30 years. The species was assessed as "vulnerable" to extinction by the IUCN in 2016. That assessment was confirmed in 2018, and Maasai giraffe now join reticulated giraffes as endangered; two other giraffe subspecies are critically endangered.

A proposal by several African nations to regulate giraffe trade will be discussed at a meeting of CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, next month in Geneva. The proposal has been put forward by the Central African Republic, Chad, Kenya, Mali, Niger and Senegal, and is supported by the 32 African nation members of the African Elephant Coalition.



Data, information, knowledge and wisdom: Treasuring wisdom a must in today's world

By James Blignaut

WITH you and me and our time being the commodity in the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) market, what might be the 5IR commodity? Will we be the slaves to humanoid and hubots? Will the commodity escalate from just our time, to our beings - our very souls - being sold to the highest-bidding machine? Is this the future we desire? And what happened to wisdom?

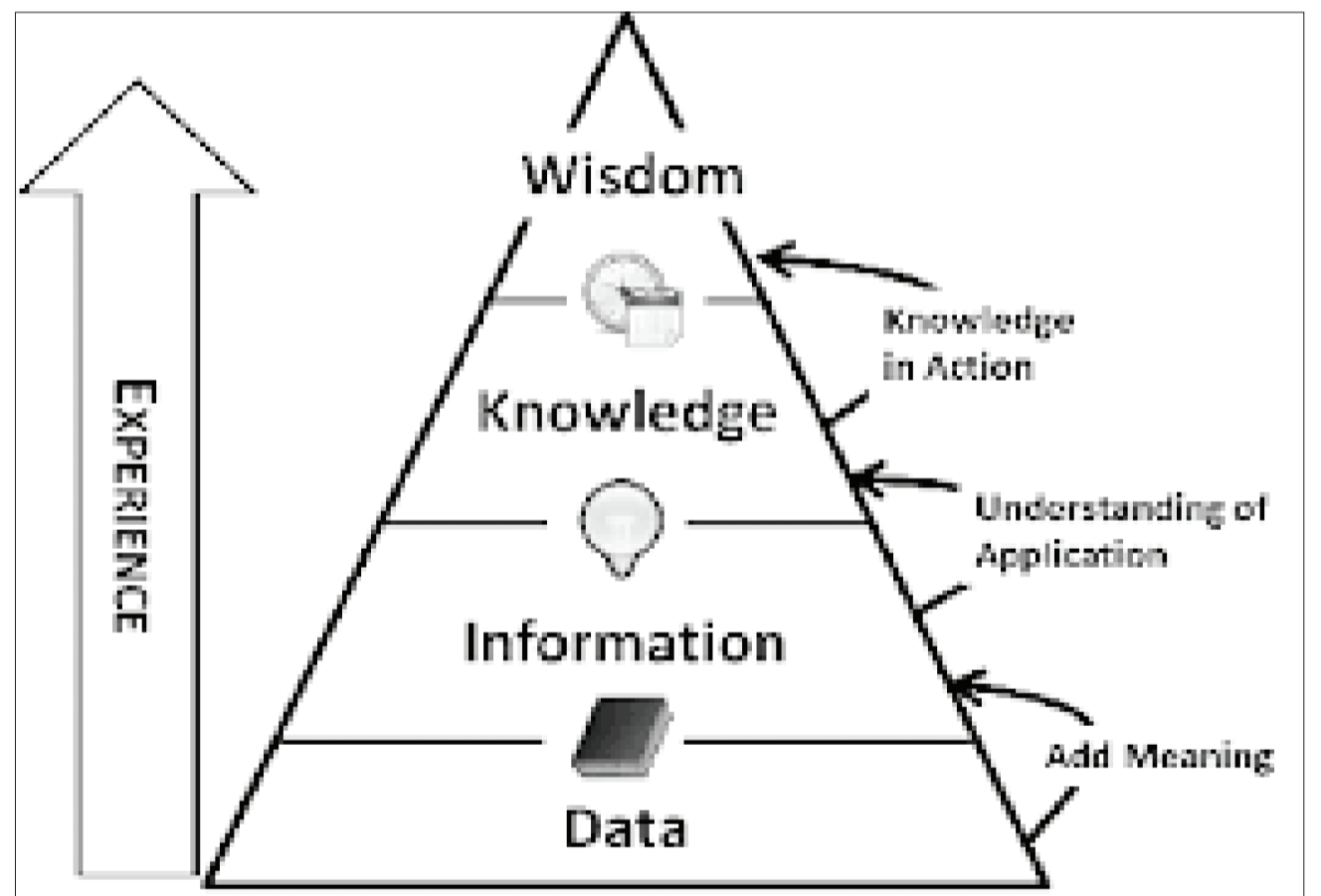
It is hot, very hot. The thorns of the sickle bush and the blackthorn relentlessly grasp hold of human flesh. In complete oblivion to the external world, not disturbed by either sweat or pain, the hunter is at work. Quietly, diligently, with calculated precision, crawling over rocks on hands and knees with senses tuned to razor-sharp mode. The hunt is on. The impala is being stalked.

Equally, with great precision, the hunt for our time - and our most precious attention - is on. It is firmly in the scope of the deadly accurate cyberalgorithm, and it has a name: 4IR. The hunter becoming the hunted.

None of us alive today knows anyone from the first industrial revolution (the late 1700s to early 1800s) - the revolution dealing with the invention of steam and waterpower and subsequent innovations. Not so with respect to all the succeeding industrial revolutions. The second industrial revolution, the technological revolution, is associated with the period during which all my grandparents were born (the late 1800s to early 1900s). The third industrial revolution, the digital revolution (1960s/early 1970s), covers the period during which my parents were young, and I learnt how to walk and run and do mischief.

While we had to wait millennia for the first revolution, a couple of centuries for the second and a handful of decades for the third, a mere few years later it was the dawn of the fourth: the cyber-revolution - the invention of this millennium. In conjunction with the 4IR, almost overrunning it, we have the ill-defined 5th revolution, which deals with the co-habitation between the machine and its human maker. Never in human history has a single generation experienced four such epoch-like technological shifts.

The exponential acceleration in the speed these revolutions have taken to develop, to the point of even overtaking each other, has caught us, the impala, off-guard. While we were happily grazing enjoying the morning sunlight, we turned from being grazer, the predator of grass, to the prey. No wonder society is in a state of leaderless confusion enveloped



in a mixture of honest and fake news, half-baked truths and downright lies with limited capacity and capability to discern which is which.

With the number of cyberinduced e-connections rising, the web of society-wide relationships increased exponentially. The ever-increasing number of e-relationships and e-dependence has led to an increase in social fragmentation or atomisation. The reason is that with each newly connected person, the number of e-relationships expands multifold, and this leads to the breakdown of local cohesion in exchange for global connectivity.

It is like a teacup falling on the floor, shattering into pieces, allowing for an untold number of possible connections, yet its functionality destroyed. Performing work in the virtual marketplace, performing social distancing, building a pixelated e-community, but no hand to shake, no shoulder to cry on. Connectivity implies neither integration nor social cohesion; on the contrary rather.

It leads to fragmentation and polarisation as each person's ability of self-expression increases combined with the right, with strongly asserted entitlement, thereto. A world of decentralised decisions but with rapidly weakening influence and power. We are integrated into a digital soup, clinical by its very nature - a soup without emotion, feeling, devoid of compassion.

On face value the first four industrial revolutions all dealt with enhanced

efficiency. Wrong! While it could be argued that that might be the case for the first three, it is not so with respect to the fourth. The target of the improved efficacy and productivity of the first three was the utilisation and manipulation of natural resources. The scope of the fourth has rested on us - the two-legged impala. Data is captured, stored and traded, but not for data's sake, rather to buy our attention - our time is the sought-after, highly prized commodity.

To that effect, algorithms designed to aid machine learning are developed to increase the predictive power of the machine on how better to capture our time and manipulate our moods while extracting the maximum amount of dopamine - and then sell that precious time and attention and manipulated mood to a buyer. That is how e-marketing in the digital age is working. It is a relentless pursuit to increase the number of hits and likes, and then to sell that to a prospective buyer in the hunt for even more hits and likes through improved AI. Thus, the buying and selling of our preferences and behavioural patterns as reflected through our keyboard strokes to the next buyer to capture more and more of our time is ongoing in a seemingly endless race to an uncertain destiny.

With you and me and our time being the commodity in the 4IR market, what might be the 5IR commodity? Will we be the slaves to humanoid and hubots? Will the commodity escalate from just our time, to our beings - our very souls - being sold to the highest-

bidding machine?

Will machines decide where you and I may go, what we may buy, what we may eat? Will machines decide, based on a programmed yet self-learning algorithm, who are considered a threat to society and who not? Such a future, while incomprehensible, is plausible. Some, tragically, might even argue desirable. It does, however, force us to stand back for a moment, take a deep breath, take an introspective look and ask: is this the future we desire?

What is data anyhow but strings of zeros and ones? Lots of such strings combine to form information. Traditionally, we added human intelligence to birth knowledge. Recently, we also added artificial intelligence giving rise to machine learning. Knowledge, in the right hands, matures to wisdom. Wisdom joins hands with knowledge and human intelligence to influence behaviour in various ways - all embedded in a system with several layers of feedback loops reinforcing patterns embedded in the data pertaining to our understanding of reality.

In the end, however, machine learning can neither be equated to human knowledge, nor can it mature into wisdom. Data, information, knowledge, wisdom: the degrees of comparison for data. Long live wisdom.

Crafting a future wherein people are neither traded commodities nor the serfs of machines requires wisdom. Let us turn to wisdom - wisdom that should be treasured in a data-besotted world.

Ivory Coast needs new men or a woman

By Dirke Köpp

IF the old guard of politicians were to finally step down, Ivory Coast might have a real chance for peace at long last, writes Dirke Köpp.

A 1980s German pop star, Ina Deter, once had a hit singing: "I'll spray it on every wall: the country needs new men." These lyrics can be easily applied to the election in Ivory Coast. But while Ina Deter was primarily concerned with providing Germany with more good looking men, Ivory Coast is searching for a capable leader. Unfortunately, he is nowhere in sight. Maybe the country should try a woman?

Three of the four men who took part in Saturday's election have one thing in common: they are far too old for a country where the average age is 19. And none of the four is an asset for a democratic society: they polarize, cultivate their old rivalries and keep the country in a permanent crisis. They don't care about the country and its citizens. What matters to them are their personal interests and those of their ethnic group.

The old president

President Alassane Ouattara is a case in point. During his two terms in office he failed to heal the wounds caused by the power struggle after the 2010 election, from which he himself emerged victorious.

Ten years ago, Ouattara competed against his predecessor Laurent Gbagbo in the runoff for the presidency. Shortly afterwards, the country had two presidents. Both refused to step back. In the end, the dispute cost the lives of 3,000 people. Gbagbo was put behind bars and Ouattara took over.

Ouattara will now be sworn in for a third term. And even though he argues that this is legal, many Ivorians believe that his candidacy is a breach of the constitution. Gbagbo, on the other hand, was not allowed to run, nor were other well-known politicians who were too much of a competition for President Ouattara. The country is far from being reconciled.

Unsuitable opposition candidates

The trauma caused by the violence 10 years ago still runs deep. So deep, in fact, that many Ivorians hoarded basic necessities before the election and did not dare leave their homes over the weekend.



Two days after the election, the country's largest city, the economic metropolis of Abidjan, was still eerily quiet. Now that the election commission announced that Ouattara won the polls, things are slowly returning to normal.

Truth be told, Ouattara's rivals are hardly any better suited to the job. Powerless against the president's decision to run again, they whipped up resentment and called on their supporters to "actively boycott" the election. Naturally, they moderated their speech and asked their followers to remain within the bounds of the law.

But on election day, opposition candidate Affi N'Guessan publicly raved about how well "the young people" had obstructed the election by building barricades and burning election material. In the process, police stations and markets also went up in flames. A politician who glorifies violence cannot be trusted with a country.

A need for reconciliation

It is true that the opposition's possibilities are limited. They have almost no way of asserting themselves against an over-powerful government. But violence never helped Ivory Coast in the past.

The country now needs someone capable of calming down tempers; someone able to unite young people from different ethnic groups instead of stirring up conflict among them; someone who accepts his party's candidate as a good choice, even if he or she does not belong to his ethnicity. Ethnic conflicts have already cost Ivory Coast too many lives.

All of this will remain wishful thinking for now. If the candidates had been at least a little younger -- Ouattara is 78 years old, his oldest rival, ex-president Henri Konan Bedie, 86, Affi N'Guessan 67 -- and not decades-long political rivals, the chances of progress would have been much better.

The people might then have had a real election and a real new beginning. Instead, the old guard prevailed once again and managed to keep themselves from being replaced by a younger and fresher generation. Poor Ivory Coast.



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Introduction:

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SN	Description of requirement
LOT 1	Procurement of portable PrEP Pill Cases/Bottles – 10,000 units for filling 7 days medicines

Note:

Interested Bidders shall submit sample along with the tender documents before the deadline. All sample will be received at ICAP Jangid Plaza 7th Floor

General Criteria for Submission

- Submitted Financial Proposal should be valid for at least 90days and delivery period should clearly indicated.
- Current and updated company profile must be submitted
- Copies of registration certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, VAT, TMDA, TIN Number, and other relevant documents
- Submit Bank Statement/ Audited financial statement
- Evidence of similar work/assignment with at least three reference from clients served must be submitted
- Payment terms must be indicated
- Manufacturer authorization should be attached for all distributors (if Any)
- The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives. We encourage all bidders to attend through zoom conference meeting and Zoom conference Link will be sent to all applicants.
- MSPH Tanzania reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- MSPH reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP Procurement Guidelines.

How to Apply:

Interest bidders shall apply based on the information provided by addressing below address

Att: To: The Tender Committee,
MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP,
Jangid Plaza 7th Floor – Chaburuma Road
P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania
All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings

Sample should be physically submitted

The deadline for the tender documents submission is 11:00am and Deadline for Sample submission is 02:00pm East Africa Time on 30th November 2020.

All tenders should be electronically submitted to TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu
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INTERIM DIVIDEND DECLARATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020

The Board of Directors of National Investments PLC is pleased to, subject to obtaining approval from the Annual General Meeting of shareholders to be held on Saturday 21st November 2020, recommend an Interim Dividend of TZS 10 per share out from the profit for the financial year 2020.

Pursuant to the dividend payment declaration, the share Register details shall remain as follows:

Announcement Date	16th November 2020
Trading of Share cum Dividend	16th November to 3rd December 2020
Trading of Share Ex Dividend	4th December 2020 onward
Closure of the Members Register	8th December, 2020
Dividend Payment on or by	14th December 2020

Dividend will be paid directly to shareholder's bank account.

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Coronavirus: The constant drumbeat of 'we do not know that yet' is tiring

By Michael Mina

THE coronavirus is not happening in a vacuum where no information existed previously on immunity, on testing, on serology, on transmission, on masks, on treatments. We must stop this narrative that we know nothing of this virus until we learn it anew - again.

The constant drumbeat of "we do not know that yet" is tiring. We know so much about SARS-CoV-2 and Covid-19. We knew it before this virus was ever discovered! We've watched since January with study after study reaffirming our expectations of this virus in so many ways.

In many ways, we got lucky on this front. Take HIV for example. HIV was a new virus for which we generally did have to rewrite the textbook. But this (corona)virus is different from HIV in that it is behaving in almost all ways per the "textbook".

Transmission: We knew that this was a transmissible respiratory virus, yet

when the virus began transmitting internationally, we said we weren't sure if it would become global. Of course, it would when, after a few weeks, it had already transmitted to many countries in Asia and the Middle East.

We knew this is a respiratory virus, and yet we said we didn't have enough information to know if masks help or hinder. This was always ridiculous.

Yes, there were reasons - for instance, conserving personal protective gear (PPE) - but stating that we didn't know enough shouldn't have happened. The lasting effects of that early messaging error persist today with an active anti-mask community.

Immunity: We know much about viral immunology. When antibodies started to be observed to wane, we said this is an otherworldly virus and thought we must learn everything about it anew. But that's not so. It serves as a textbook example of immunity to an acute respiratory virus.

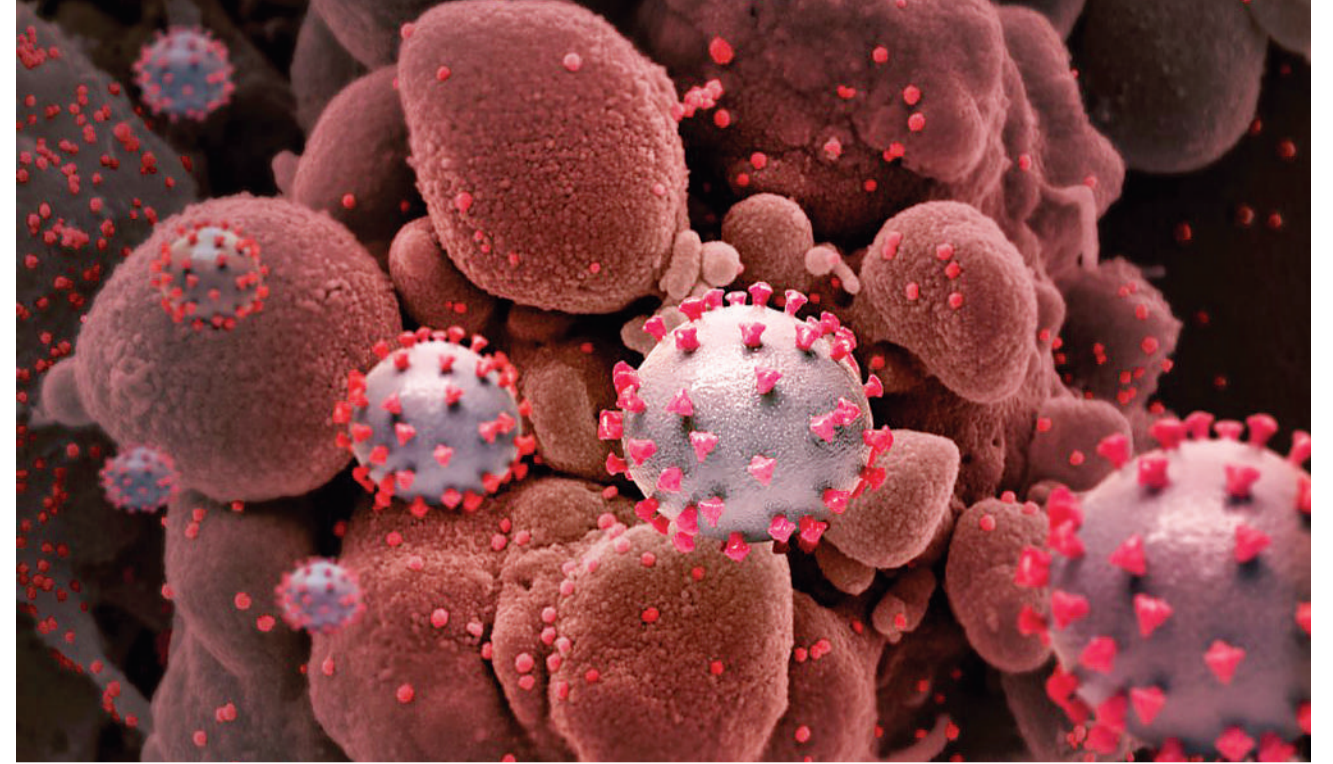
Antibodies go high with primary infection and wane quickly. We know

this. Yet it led to massive confusion and concern. People like Akiko Iwasa-ki luckily chimed in to remind us that this is normal, and New York Times journalist Apoorva Mandavilli wrote a nice article about it.

Knowledge of immunity is accelerating because of this virus, yes. The important point is that this virus is not in isolation. It fits in most ways what we expect and know already. We don't need entirely new empirical immunological evidence for every assertion.

Testing and transmissible virus. We've seen major confusion about PCR (polymerase chain reaction), the role of Ct (cycle threshold) values, the limitations of PCR and antigen tests, and whether tests can help understand the infection status of people.

Over and over, people say that we don't yet know enough to know about how to use Ct values to help determine transmissibility. But we do! We know so much and have known so much. For instance, we know that low Ct values mean that someone is likely



transmissible. We know that high Ct values are most likely to mean low viral loads.

At the very least on this front, we can use a low Ct value to say "this person definitely has a high viral load" because a bad swab isn't going to add virus to the test. The other direction is not as clear. But at this particular point, that low Ct means high viral load need not be in question.

When we began to focus on the use of rapid tests, people said we don't know enough. Rapid tests might miss everyone on the front end of an infection if they aren't as sensitive as PCR. But we know how viruses like this grow.

Did we know the precise kinetics? No. But we know that viruses like this grow exponentially once they take off and become PCR detectable. And we know that they slow down and get cleared.

The earliest empirical data showed that the RNA (ribonucleic acid) gets cleared after many weeks or months even, and the earliest epidemiological data showed that people were largely transmitting virus for (in general) a maximum of about ten days.

So, we don't need all of the empirical evidence to have a very good idea

of viral trajectories and how Ct values correlate with transmissibility. We combined data sets and used statistical methods to do this with precision many months before the full kinetics curves started to become available.

Now that the empirical data are becoming available, it is proving to be in very strong agreement. Science and mathematical methods combined with understanding first principles of virus replication and transmission allowed us to do this.

It's great to have the empirical data, but we didn't need to learn it all over anew to start making decisions. Up to this day, too many people continue to say that we don't have enough data to make informed decisions. This is just not true.

Seasonality. This is the last point. I recognize that we haven't been with this virus for a full year and it's not endemic, so it's hard to know if it's seasonal.

But we know so much about it already from its closest neighbours. It was reasonable to make the leap many months ago that it is most likely seasonal - and we should have planned for it. Largely, we did not, and once again our policy leaders are being taken off guard as a major upswing in cas-

es is precisely what we are now seeing.

These leaps in these areas aren't guesses. They are part assumptions, but it's clear-cut, scientifically defined aspects of viruses like this that enable us to combine complex concepts/data and develop pictures of a virus like this before all of the empirical data exist.

When we can obtain the empirical data, great. But by going back to first principles and the basics about viral replication, cell biology, immunity, transmission, droplets, pandemic spread, etc., we often can infer a tremendous amount despite highly incomplete SARS-CoV-2 specific data.

To sum it all up, I hope that in this pandemic, when the pace of necessary forward movement outstrips the pace of data collection, we can recognize how much we already know. I am still looking for major aspects of this virus that do not fit the textbook. But they arise only very rarely. Most of the major pieces really do fit the textbook.

-Michael Mina, an epidemiologist, immunologist and physician with Harvard Public Health/Medical School, filed this report for Medium Coronavirus Blog.



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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF MANUFACTURING, SUPPLY, TRANSPORTATION AND INSTALLATION OF PREFAB QUICK MOVERS/FLATPACK AND CONTAINER CONVERSION TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Prefab Quick Movers/Flatpack and Container Conversion and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the below listed service.

Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICE TO BE PROCURED
GGME0890	Provision of Manufacturing, Supply, Transportation and Installation of Prefab Quick Movers/ Flatpack and Container Conversion

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Environment Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	2.5%
Safety and Environmental Policies	2.5%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 Names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2.5%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	2.5%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above)	2.5%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	
	60%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL, together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 27 November 2020 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

Fear dominates the lives of Nigerians: The consequences are dire

By William Hansen

IS Nigeria a failed state? Former president and would-be elder statesman Olusegun Obasanjo seems to think so... well, almost. On October 1, 2020 - the day Nigeria marked 60 years of independence from colonial rule - the former president claimed

Nigeria is fast drifting toward a failed and badly divided state...

Of course, Obasanjo's statement is self-serving. The political class refuses to accept any responsibility for six decades of venal governance. In blaming President Muhammadu Buhari, Obasanjo conveniently ignores his own eight years as president, during which time civilians inherited the state apparatus from their military predecessors and insistently retained the same corrupt, abusive system of (mal)governance under the new, allegedly democratic dispensation.

Often it was simply a matter of changing from officer's uniform to mufti; old Nigerian wine in new bottles. Nevertheless, there's more than a little truth to Obasanjo's contention regarding looming state failure.

My research has concentrated on the Boko Haram insurrection. One question I've sought to answer is why so many otherwise "normal" people would join or support what is, ostensibly, a group of maniacal, deranged, religious fanatics. The answer always points in one direction: the near universal absence of even the most minimal form of effective, human-oriented governance. Desperate straits can drive even normal people to desperate solutions.

The above is not meant as a defence of Boko Haram; rather an explanation. It's meant to draw attention to a cause and effect relationship. The alienation and viciousness exhibited by Boko Haram did not suddenly appear, as if by fate, from nowhere.

While the northeast insurrection is obviously the most prominent, the post-colonial Nigerian state is arguably unravelling in all parts of the country: shilla boys, secessionists, bandits,

highwaymen, vigilantes, kidnappers, jihadists, bank robbers, terrorists all presided over by a rent seeking political class of parasites and predators voraciously looting the public weal and abusing their trust. Safe behind their high walls and protected by the security forces, they remain oblivious to the lived experience of the vast majority of Nigerians.

Bountifully endowed with human capital, an enormous internal market, fecund land and multiple natural resources, Nigerians should be prosperous. Instead they are desperate and ruled by a political class which has squandered the national patrimony through decades of feckless governance. Nigeria's best and brightest emigrate as soon as possible to the more accommodating, more meritocratic climes of Western Europe and North America.

Fear dominates a Nigerian's life. Jibrin Ibrahim, a prominent intellectual and chair of the editorial board of Premium Times, recently wrote:

The climate of fear in Nigeria today is palpable. We are afraid of the insurgents, of the security forces, of the Civilian JTF and the vigilante groups that we ourselves set up. We live in terror because each week, our president assures us that the situation would improve, but it only gets worse.

If you're rich you hire your own. If you're poor you simply take your chances. Most are poor.

The trouble with law enforcement

This would not have surprised Frantz Fanon, French West Indian psychiatrist and political philosopher, who while observing the political class then coming to power in Africa, presciently predicted the consequences. The mode of governance Fanon saw emerging six decades ago is also responsible for virtually all of the conditions mentioned above by Obasanjo and Ibrahim.

The Nigeria Police Force has been identified as the single most corrupt governmental agency. There is an almost two-thirds probability that in

any single interaction with the police the citizen will be required to pay a bribe. According to a recent Amnesty International study, the Police Force functions for the most part as a criminal organisation itself. Torture and extortion are part of its modus operandi.

Police regularly kidnap (detention is their euphemism) young people off the streets and demand a bribe (bail is another euphemism) for their release. The author can corroborate the Amnesty report as he himself has paid the bail for three young people in the past eight months. There is no arrest record, no trial date and no receipt for this so-called bail. It disappears into the pockets of the recipients who allegedly share a cut with their superiors.

The Nigerian Army is little better when it comes to respect for human rights. Abuses occur constantly and everywhere, including summary executions. A Nigerian captain chasing after Boko Haram once told me, after I had said that Nigeria was obliged by treaty to adhere to international human rights law, "In the bush, I'm the law."

The normal function of an army is to protect a nation from external aggression. Not so in Nigeria. The army is deployed - not simply stationed - in 32 of the country's 36 states.

The primary duty of the Nigerian Army is to provide what elsewhere would be "police" functions; keeping public order, protecting property. Primarily this defence is of the governing kleptocracy. Human rights exist primarily for those who can afford to pay for them.

Nigeria may not be the most poorly governed state on the planet but it's certainly a contender. In looking at the causes of the Boko Haram uprising I have come to the conclusion that at base is what I call comprehensive social deprivation. I use this term to describe the lived reality of more than three-quarters of the Nigerian population. It includes statistically measurable factors such as poverty, (un)employment, education, and lack of access to health care and housing.

AfDB supports young Africans in agricultural sector

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) is set to support young African agripreneurs by providing concessional funding for their projects and push for capacity-building activities through competition.

This is part of the pan-African bank to contribute to poverty reduction and economic and social development in African countries.

According to a statement is-

sued by the bank, twenty-five young African agripreneurs have advanced to the final round of the African Development Bank's AgriPitch competition, stepping closer to a share of US\$120,000 in seed funding prizes, training and other benefits.

AgriPitch organizers received more than 2,500 applications and evaluated 605 proposals from 30 countries under the theme of "Driving Sustainable Nutrition and Gender Inclusivity in Africa's Agri-Food Systems:

Youth Agripreneurs Seize the Decade."

The final round offers young entrepreneurs in Africa's agricultural sector the opportunity to pitch their agribusiness proposals online to a panel of experts and investors who will select the winners.

The finalists are from 12 African countries, and all aged under 35. They were selected under the competition's "Startup," "Mature Business" and "Women-Empowered Business" categories.

Those selected in the "Startup" category are AgriProa (Tanzania), Bringo Fresh (Uganda), Digifarms Africa (Cameroon), Farm Kiosk (Uganda), Farmspeak Technology (Nigeria), One Kiosk (Nigeria), Premium Hortus (Benin), Releaf (Nigeria), Solar Freeze (Kenya), and Tropic Coffee Company (Rwanda).

The "Mature Business" finalists are Agwenda Investments (Malawi), Bee Happy Enterprises (Kenya), Carl Group (Rwanda), Dasfarm (Ghana), Foodlocker

(Nigeria), Herdy (Kenya), Lentera (Kenya), Lono (Ivory Coast), Stawi Foods (Kenya), and Tilaa (Ghana), while the "Women-Empowered Business" finalists are AquaFarms Africa (Guinea), Baby Grubz (Nigeria), Farm2U (Nigeria), INVXT Agro Investimentos (Mozambique), and Mhogo Foods (Kenya).

Finalists are now enrolled in the AYAF/AgriPitch online training platform, a two-week business development bootcamp, before pitching at the winners'

ceremony on November 16 and 17.

"It is encouraging to see that almost 62 per cent of all AgriPitch 2020 applicants self-described as being women-led businesses or having women make up at least 50 per cent of their management," said Wambui Gichuri, the AfDB's acting vice president for agriculture, human and social development.

"Word is spreading that AgriPitch is the competition where all qualified agripreneurs can get

the training and support to grow their businesses."

The AfDB is a financial provider to African governments and private companies investing in the regional member countries (RMC). Since its founding, AfDB has financed 2,885 operations, for a total of \$47.5 billion. The African Development Bank Group has two other entities: the African Development Fund (ADF) and the Nigeria Trust Fund (NTF).

Rome meeting appeals for unparalleled collaboration in tackling multiple global crises

By Special Correspondent, Rome

THE COVID-19 pandemic is reversing development gains and testing the foundations of global peace, yet it also presents an unprecedented opportunity to collaborate in helping governments and communities build back better.

This is the core theme of a high-level virtual meeting in Rome yesterday bringing together top representatives of the United Nations, international financial institutions, African Union and European Union and governments.

"As countries rebuild and reset their economies, we must accelerate the transition to renewable energy, undertake dramatic shifts in our food systems and achieve net zero emissions by 2050," United Nations Secretary General António Guterres said, ahead of talks at the UN World Food Programme, winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

Guterres also emphasized the importance of a global ceasefire, noting conflict and instability are the main factors behind hunger. WFP's 2020 Nobel Peace Prize sent an important message, he said, "food is peace. Hunger is an outrage in a world of plenty."

The discussions—gathering top leadership from the UN, the World Bank Group, the International Monetary Fund, African Union, European Union and representatives from UN member states—focused on essential and rapid breakthroughs needed to prevent the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from becoming unreachable.

Only by working together, breaking down institutional barriers and deepening collaboration can major players, from the African and European Unions, to the United Nations and international financial institutions, channel the extra resources needed to realize the SDGs—and support governments in delivering more efficiently to their citizens.

"These are truly unprecedented times," said WFP Executive Director David Beasley.

"We're facing the threat of famine in multiple countries, while Covid-19, conflict and weather crises are sending hunger rates sky-rocketing in many parts of the world. No country or organization can fix all these problems alone.



YARA Tanzania commercial manager Philipo Mwakipesile speaks in Kigoma Region soon after the recent launch of the firm's product dubbed 'MICROP', which is meant to help maize and rice smallholders increase production. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

We will only overcome these immense challenges if we join forces and work together for a better future."

Backdropping calls for urgent action is not only the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more than 1.3 million people worldwide, but also the looming and potentially far more catastrophic climate crisis. The impact of these shocks—feeding and intensifying conflict in many places—is already seen to-

day, in rising levels of hunger, migration and extreme weather events.

"In this historical moment of multiple crises we have to rethink our entire humanitarian and development system, and to aim for breakthroughs by dismantling our own respective silos, instead of just working on improved collaboration within existing institutional silos," said President of the WFP Executive Board, Ambassador Ulrich Seiden-

berger of Germany.

"The challenges facing the world today require globally integrated responses to better use the resources mobilized to date," he added.

"This can only be achieved through joined-up planning, financing and implementation of major stakeholders like those participating in today's High-Level Panel discussion."

Today's multiple crises demand the world's

top institutions swiftly find better ways to streamline institutional procedures and reshape approaches to working collaboratively on humanitarian, development and peace-building goals. These efforts must also engage the wider development community, along with the private sector and under-represented groups, including women.

Affordable devices a big opportunity in driving 4G migration, says expert

By Special Correspondent, Johannesburg

THERE are significant business opportunities in the mobile-broadband space in building an ecosystem of affordable mobile devices to support user migration to 4G and 5G cellular network technology.

This was the message emerging from the 5th Huawei Africa Mobile Broadband Salon taking place at the online Africom Africa Tech Festival from 9-12 November.

Delegates heard that the ICT industry had never been more important to society, and that it was now at the forefront of social development and restoring economies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Connectivity is the foundation for digital transformation," said Salon facilitator Mohamed Madkour, Vice President, Carrier Business Marketing and Solutions for Huawei.

"It's about time that we address mobile connectivity not just in terms of speed or capacity or coverage, but also in terms of ecosystem accessibility, affordability, convenience and value."

The event heard that according to GSM, the number of 4G users in Africa was expected to triple in the next five years, with population coverage increasing from 55% today to 80% in 2025.

"Universal connectivity in Africa needs proactive collaboration from all stakeholders to develop profitable businesses and also encourage investment," said Madkour.

Roy Zheng, Overseas Business Development Director for one of the semiconductor maker, said that since the pandemic, the demand for education tablets had exploded. To meet this demand, his company was producing chipsets that enable the production of tablets priced from \$48 (R750).



Dr Mohammed Madkour

"The adoption of more effective technology with lower cost can drive 4G adoption," said Zheng. "We are able to provide chipsets for mobile phones priced from \$31 (R485), which could be the ideal entry-level smartphones for 4G migration."

Also speaking at the Salon, Lin Ranhao, CEO of smartphone and tablet maker Tele I, said that during the coming years, the fastest growth of the 4G user base was likely to come from Africa.

Ranhao said Africa had many 2G users waiting to switch to 4G, but that despite ready infrastructure, 4G penetration was still relatively slow. Suggesting ways to resolve this, Ranhao drew an analogy with China, which was encouraging the production and purchase of electric vehicles through subsidies.

"If the conversion from 2G to 4G is such an urgent task for carriers, we should take a more proactive

strategy, and drive this process through subsidies. After all, to bundle carrier plans with subsidised devices is common practice all over the world."

Ranhao said subsidy programmes combined with competitively priced entry-level devices would lower the threshold for first-time smartphone buyers, accelerate 4G migration and open up vast opportunities for business, and for human development.

"The demand and supply sides are important pillars of the mobile broadband business," said Madkour. "Infrastructure and spectrum represent the supply side, while services and ecosystem are the demand side. We can boost consumer business by showing the value for partnerships in affordable device ecosystems and content services."

Digital platforms in partnership to simplify payments to business

By Guardian Reporter

WHILE Tanzania is keeping on adopting and benefiting in technological development in cashless mobile payment, M-Lipa has partnered with KwikPay to simplify payments to businesses from their end consumers.

Developed by DataVision International, M-Lipa is a cashless payment solution licensed under the Bank of Tanzania that enables businesses to make collections and disbursements via multiple cashless channels.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, M-Lipa manager, Magori Kihore said that the partnership between the two aims at ensuring better payment experience to businesses and their end

consumers. "This partnership aims at bringing specialization between both parties ensuring each party focuses on their strength at all times. We strongly believe that, with KwikPay our clients will have the best payment experience for their end consumers at all times," Kihore pointed out.

Leader of KwikPay, Paschal Giki said that KwikPay is an application that bypasses the conventional USSD processes in the mobile money payment procedures.

"With KwikPay, M-Lipa business clients can enable their consumers to make payments safer and quicker with minimal steps via QR code or bypassed USSD steps. The two brands aim at ensuring both the business and the end consumer get the

best payment solutions offering end to end solutions to our clients," he said.

A move to improve cashless mobile payments which is enabled by development of the ICT technology in the globe, reflects a 5-year vision of President John Magufuli in improving Tanzanians' living standards by using the ICT Technology.

When inaugurating the 12th Parliament in Dodoma on Friday, the president said since most of the activities in the world today depend on ICT technology's creativity, his government will prioritize the same.

He said it will improve the use of mobile phones and the network to be accessed all over the country, and increasing internet users from 43 to 80percent.



Experts speak on the future of humanitarian aid

GENEVA

FROM Nobel Peace Prize winner Nadia Murad to UN refugee agency chief Filippo Grandi, more than 20 visions of the humanitarianism of tomorrow. Rethinking Humanitarianism can feel like an abstract and even overwhelming undertaking. To help break it down, The New Humanitarian reached out to leaders across and beyond the aid sector - from policy-makers to people with lived experience - to crystallise some visions for the future.

Their ideas coalesced around five broad themes: preventing conflict, mutual and activist aid, decolonising aid, shrinking the scope of the aid sector, and anticipating crises.

Taken together, these ideas paint a picture of areas central to the humanitarian action of the future. Each week, until early December, we'll be adding new submissions, so stay tuned for more visions of tomorrow's aid landscape.

To share your vision for the future of aid, get in touch here.

Mutual and activist aid

The future of aid is ... African innovation

By Muthoni Wanyeki, regional director for Africa, Open Society Foundations

"We don't want a piece of the pie anymore. We want to make the pie."

Multilateralism is unravelling before our very eyes, with the response to COVID-19 only the latest example: the individual country scramble for testing equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, oxygen; the tales of diversions and hijacks of supply planes; the attacks on the World Health Organization - the latest convenient proxy for American blame-gaming; the angry responses from China, recovered enough from its early bad behaviour to fashion its non-mea culpa into representation as a responsible global player.

Meanwhile, Africa's poor majority has struggled under the pressures of COVID-19. While the larger supermarket chains switched to online orders for the middle- and upper-classes, a woman boiled stones for her children. That's what no daily income and the disruption of supply to local food markets means. Small-scale farmers who used to earn enough to cater for their families' needs fell off the cliff, separating the lower middle-class from the impoverished. They never asked for anything from the state. They didn't hold their breath. But, they are desperate. So many of us - desperate.

Yes, there were international solidarity flights, bringing in additional healthcare workers, the equipment needed to respond. But the exodus was out, not in. Western diplomatic missions sent discrete messages to their expatriate citizens about flights leaving, despite the ban on all except cargo flights. Chinese expatriates also left - despite their own diplomatic missions' exhortations. They wanted to get their healthcare back at home, not in the continent in which they made their living.

Truth be told, all of that is a good thing. Because it's time we move away from depending on international solidarity and a crumbling world order. We Africans need to build our own future instead.

Today's desperation is being met by fellow citizens. Local innovation is filling the void left by the international community in the wake of the pandemic: the individuals who set up cash transfer programmes for fellow citizens; the adopt-a-family initiatives; the neighbourhood collections. This comes on top of the many informal social protection mechanisms that have always existed, and even despite shrinkage in diaspora remittances.

The creativity, innovation, research and development, and manufacturing pivots are also local: cheap testing and vaccine research under the African research university alliances; PPE from self-help groups and local clothing manufacturers; ventilator designs from the young bright things keeping themselves busy while universities are closed.

That's humanitarianism's future. We don't want a piece of the pie anymore. We want to make the pie. When we do, we'll be ready to (re-)create a real multilateral order.

Decolonising aid

The future of aid is ... decolonising aid, one small step at a time

By Danny Sriskandarajah, CEO, Oxfam GB

"We don't need to wait for a systemic overhaul to start doing better."

One of the books written about Oxfam's history mentions trying to find more 'Indigenous agencies' to channel assistance during the 1966 famine in Bihar, India. Localisation, it seems, has been a long-standing aspiration of the humanitarian sector.

Many of us felt 2016 was a turning point, with localisation under the spotlight at the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, and in the 'Grand Bargain' package of aid reforms. There has been progress since, through mechanisms like the Charter 4 Change pledge on locally-led response. But resources in the sector still flow through complex, top-down chains.

The COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the essential role of bottom-up responses, with lockdown restrictions impeding external interventions. But at its heart, truly transformative locally-led action is about shifting power, supporting communities to drive sustainable change themselves.

Movements like Black Lives Matter are a powerful reminder of the need to confront racism and power imbalances that are embedded into systems and institutions. For the aid sector, that means rethinking traditional notions of wealthy 'donors'



helping poor 'beneficiaries' that perpetuate narratives rooted in colonialism, and replacing them with models that connect people everywhere united by their outrage at poverty and injustice.

Meaningfully shifting resources and power will take explicit, determined efforts from all of us - international NGOs, governments, UN agencies, and donors. Central to this is what the Grand Bargain called a "participation revolution", so the people receiving aid are involved in making the decisions that affect them. While the current model may hinder reform by creating incentives that reinforce the status quo, we don't need to wait for a systemic overhaul to start doing better.

Within Oxfam, this includes a commitment to be feminist and anti-racist in all we do. We want to consciously confront - not inadvertently reinforce - power imbalances between north and south, black and white, and men and women. Tackling sexual abuse, which is often fuelled by power imbalances, is absolutely key to this, as we're acutely aware.

It includes investing in local humanitarian leadership and scaling up a "responsive listening" pilot to ensure we are more accountable to communities. We want to reshape our global model to become a more diverse network, and a better ally to the partners, communities, and movements that make up the social fabric in the countries where we work. We will work in fewer countries, enabling us to invest more, and to transfer more resources to partners to help strengthen local action.

For us, this cannot be just about international NGOs creating new local entities and saying "job done". I believe that a large organisation like Oxfam is at its best when it can help build from below, but also beyond borders; using its resources and expertise to support communities to drive lasting progress themselves, and using its voice and reach to drive global change. I hope that in 25 years the aid sector will have evolved into something radically different, a more diffuse social justice network in which all actors - Northern and Southern, big and small - play a more meaningful and equal role in working towards a better future.

For more on Danny Sriskandarajah's views on the future of aid, listen to the first episode of the Rethinking Humanitarianism podcast.

Shrinking the scope of the aid sector

The future of aid is ... commercially sustainable solutions

By Tara Nathan, Executive Vice President of Digital Solutions for Development at Mastercard

"Mistrust and battles for branding should not dictate how we serve."

Crises today - and undoubtedly in the future - are protracted and recurring, whether forced displacement, natural disasters, or conflict. Still, we react, instead of planning as a collective to deploy our core strengths.

The current humanitarian system is all too focused on the "type" of organisation providing assistance, instead of its capabilities. This is, frankly, a distraction and signals that the system prioritises what is most convenient for entrenched, established players. In the space of cash transfers or shelter construction or sanitation, the private sector is very likely best suited to manage the intervention end-to-end, and yet these companies are often relegated to supplier or vendor status. The impetus is for a short-term fix, not long-term durability.

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended the world and forced us to acknowledge that our current modes of engagement are inadequate. We should seize this moment and upend our institutions in a bid for increased preparedness and fit-for-purpose response in the future.

A future humanitarian system would make the concept of "mandate" irrelevant. It would instead privilege experience and expertise in addressing the tasks at hand. Mistrust or battles for branding would not dictate how we serve.

When an emergency hits, we should refrain from

categorising it. By labelling it "food security" or "displacement", we lose sight of the multi-faceted nature of crises. Food security is tied to agricultural practices, which are connected to environmental degradation and so on. Labelling an emergency "food security" can trigger experts in ready-to-eat meal distribution when the actual need could be for farmers to access markets and fair prices to boost production. Categorising an emergency at the outset over-simplifies the challenge and discourages human-centered, needs-based service delivery. Through technology, we can instead empower communities to outline their needs themselves.

Equipped with these demands, any organisation or company - so long as it demonstrated a track record of success and upheld principles of mutual accountability - can engage. The result is a much more efficient response, one that considers both the short- and long-term. Strategic humanitarian response allows for more deliberate interactions, even joint planning, with development organisations.

A future humanitarian system would design the policy, legal, and financing mechanisms to allow for multi-year investment in durable, resilient infrastructure.

With these operational pieces in place, companies and humanitarian agencies could implement side by side, each to their talents: local communities and NGOs defining needs; international NGOs activating global resources and networks; governments providing blueprints for sustainability; companies leading solution innovation. Together, we could save innumerable sums and countless lives.

Take the example of just one intervention in one refugee and host community in northern Uganda. A private company took over water management from an international NGO to provide a long-term, green solution, which was preferred by residents and was estimated to bring a 90 percent cost saving over the traditional humanitarian fix.

What if all companies shifted from cheque writing to developing commercially sustainable solutions that improved the lives of the vulnerable? And what if humanitarian agencies made space for them to do so? We have the right actors, we have the right expertise, we have the resources. Will we embrace our diversity and pave the way for change?

Preventing conflict

The future of aid is ... building and sustaining peace

By Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

"Humanitarian action can only ever be a partial response in the face of the scale and complexity of forced displacement today."

Humanitarian action has saved millions of lives, has helped alleviate the burden on countries and communities hosting refugees, and has helped secure protection for those who need it. And yet, the major crises of the last decade - in Myanmar, Syria, South Sudan, the Lake Chad and Sahel regions, in Venezuela, and elsewhere - have revealed that humanitarian action can only ever be a partial response in the face of the scale and complexity of forced displacement today.

We have entered a complex and uncertain era, in which the vision of international solidarity and responsibility-sharing that inspired the global protection regime will face many new challenges. In the Global Compact on Refugees, a framework for predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing of refugees, we now finally have important tools and approaches that can help restore that vision and translate it into action.

We have already seen much greater involvement in the refugee response from not only traditional humanitarian actors, but also development actors such as the World Bank, other regional development banks and international financial institutions, as well as from the private sector.

The result is that the forcibly displaced and their host communities have better access to services and opportunities to improve their lives.

This does not diminish, however, the critical role of humanitarians. Humanitarian aid will continue to be a necessity for the forcibly displaced, but real transformation will only be achieved through political solutions to the crises that drive refugee flows.

Recent negative trends in international cooperation and solidarity, including the weak response to date to the UN Secretary-General's call for a global ceasefire in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, are not encouraging.

Looking ahead, the prospects of securing solutions to displacement on a meaningful scale remain challenging. While aid helps alleviate suffering, no amount of humanitarian as-

sistance can resolve the plight of those forced into exile. Solutions to displacement fundamentally depend on successful conflict resolution and investments in sustaining and building peace - and on the ability of states to find the unity of purpose to cooperate to this end.

While I recognise that this is difficult, it is not impossible. For example, Sudanese and South Sudanese leaders have recently taken significant steps towards peace. The international community must now do all that it can to support those willing to take risks for peace, and in so doing create opportunities for solutions for nearly seven million refugees and internally displaced people throughout the region.

The future of aid is ... accountability for war crimes

By Nadia Murad, Nobel Peace Prize winner

"We now have the legal precedent to take conflict-related sexual violence seriously and to prosecute it."

Conflict-related sexual violence (CSVR) has been ongoing throughout history. All over the world, women have been and are still seen as objects. And, as objects, they are used by men as weapons of war.

Just as women were subjected to CSVR during the Yugoslav wars and Rwandan genocide, women are still subjected to CSVR today, as Yazidi women were when the so-called Islamic State invaded northern Iraq in 2014. Without justice and accountability for war crimes like CSVR, we are accepting that women and girls are ultimately without rights and anything can be done to them.

Until the latter half of the twentieth century, gender crimes were generally categorised as both domestic/private issues and necessary outcomes of war. The codification of gender crimes did not take place until the 1990s when the Rwandan and Yugoslav tribunals and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court finally acknowledged gender crimes as war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

We now have the legal precedent to take conflict-related sexual violence seriously and to prosecute it, but still see a lack of willingness from the international community to hold perpetrators accountable for their crimes. IS perpetrators who committed horrific acts of sexual violence against Yazidi women and girls have yet to be held accountable. Countries like the Netherlands, France, and Germany are pursuing cases against IS militants. But many other states continue to abdicate responsibility for their nationals. States need to ensure that these militants are charged with international crimes that reflect the gravity of their conduct.

Survivors and women globally continue to tell their stories to fight against this inaction. But we also need to redefine the role of women in society and promote gender equality throughout our education systems globally. We hope that our fight will shift the priorities of the international community and put an end to CSVR through holding perpetrators accountable and signalling an end to impunity.



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Taha chief basks in Magufuli promise to create horticulture billionaires

By Smart Money Reporter

A promise to create a pull of new billionaires within the next five years of President John Pombe Magufuli's second five year term, has excited Tanzania Horticulture Association (Taha) Group CEO, Jacqueline Mkindi.

Commenting on Dr Magufuli's inaugural address of the 12 edition of parliament last week during which he pledged to put in place policy that will favour local investors, Mkindi said the president's speech has rekindled hope in the industry.

President Magufuli who also pledged that his government will purchase a new cargo plane to facilitate shipment of the country's exports to the global market, directly touched on a teething challenge which Taha members have complained about for years.

The head of state vowed to facilitate growth of the horticultural industry which currently earns the country US\$79 million per annum to hit US\$3 billion in the next five years. "My government wants the country's horticulture industry to be among the world's largest 20 producers in the next five years," he pledged.

Reacting to the president's speech, Taha's Mkindi welcomed Dr Magufuli's blue print speech, terming it as a 'Renaissance' of horticulture industry and immediately offered a package of steps to unleash its enormous potential to realize the US\$3 billion mark by 2025.

"This is a new dawn for horticulture, thanks to President Magufuli for putting the industry on top of his agenda. For the first time the Head of the State has recognized the industry as the key economic driving force and pledged to unleash its hidden po-



Taha Group CEO, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi speaks at a past event.

tential," the Taha Group CEO noted.

She said that horticulture has played a central role than any other sub-sectors in all countries that have successfully developed it hence being a key driver of growth of the entire agriculture sector, naming Egypt, Kenya, South Africa and Ghana, among many others in Africa.

Mkindi said, in order to achieve such an ambitious feat, there is need to address several challenges in addition to forge a public private partnership. "Through the PPPs model, we can create synergies, share resources, and will be able to leverage our experiences to attain the desired goal," the Taha Group CEO who doubles as Agricultural Council of Tanza-

nia's Chairperson, argued.

She further stated that the government ought to put in place a structure to realize five key drivers of horticulture or agriculture transformation, namely; market access, enhanced productivity, an enabling environment that supports innovation, capital access or financial services and skills development.

Mkindi underlined the need for vibrant infrastructure network which include collection centres and cargo trucks to ease post-harvest losses, competitive airports and seaports furnished with a cold chain management system to support handling of perishables like horticultural crops to facilitate shipment to the global market.

She also highlighted the need to have availability and accessibility of hybrid seeds, cost-efficiency inputs, cutting-edge irrigation technology and guaranteed good agricultural practices to comply with global standards, as among few factors to improve productivity.

"Through PPP we should come up with a package of incentives to encourage local and foreign direct investments in a bid to spur the industry's rapid growth

during the next five years," the charismatic Taha chief who is credited with sustained growth of the country's industry stressed.

Under Mkindi leadership, the horticulture industry has slowly but sustainably developed to become the country's major foreign currency earner. With a humble beginning nearly 16-years ago, the industry is growing rapidly from earning the country less than US\$100 million then to over US\$770 million per annum currently.

Statistics from Ministry of Agriculture entails that the vibrant industry has been growing at 11 percent annually, offering a glimpse of hope to the stagnant agriculture sector with a growth rate of only four percent per annum.

The ministry's date also shows that horticulture production has become the second largest growth driver of the entire agriculture industry after food crops, contributing nearly 25 percent of the country's total agrarian production in 2018/19 season.

Hundreds of retail shops to benefit from new TechnoServe programme

By Francis Kajubi

AN entrepreneurship training program being undertaken by TechnoServe Tanzania is targeting to involve at least 500 retail business owners in the third phase starting this year.

The training program which seeks to equip business owners and manager with business basic management skills to help them rejuvenate following disruption by the coronavirus pandemic, will focus on enabling young entrepreneurs increase their sales to grow their shops.

Pan African Youth Entrepreneur Development Program Manager, Tunsime Kyando said in Dar es Salaam last week that the training has already witnessed 356 individuals graduating from the training last year. Kyando

said unemployment among young people has forced them to start retail shops hence the need for entrepreneur and life skills for self-employment.

"We started receiving applications from retail shop owners who are interested in the program since earlier last month with the scheduled deadline for applications being December this year," she said.

She pointed out that phase three of the program also will focus on educating new and old retail business owners in Dar es Salaam on how their businesses can bounce back after the pandemic's strike.

"The training will also focus on enabling young entrepreneurs increase their sales volumes by 30 percent and adopt best business practices by 75 percent," Kyando added while not-

ing that in order to enroll, interested retail business owners or managers should apply before the deadline.

"We have decided to dedicate the training that are scheduled to commence next January to new and small existing businesses that were badly hit by the COVID-19 outbreak," the PAYED Program Manager noted.

She asserted that TechnoServe Tanzania aims at increasing adoption of best shop management practices among retail owners by 60 percent in the next two years through the PAYED program which is funded by CITI Foundation.

Kyando blamed some 418 youths who abandoned the previous training program this year for opting out because they had expected to be given money for capital. "At least 51 percent



PAYED Tanzania programme manager Tunsime Kyando (standing) addresses retail shop owners and government officials recently in Dar es Salaam.

of shop owners received training collectively in class sessions while 49 percent were trained individually by visiting them at their work places," she noted.

The graduates were also intro-

duced to regulatory bodies such as Tanzania Revenue Authority, Tanzania Drugs and Medical Devices Authority, Weights and Measures Agency and manufacturers cum suppliers for their easy access in future while

undertaking formalization of their businesses. PAYED in Tanzania has so far trained over 945 youth retail business owners, managers or their employees during phases one and two of the programme.

SportPesa faces Sh30bn money laundering probe

NAIROBI

A STATE agency charged with tracking illicit money is investigating SportPesa for possible money laundering in the wake of claims the sports betting firm wired \$278 million (Sh30 billion) from its local accounts to offshore banks.

The Financial Reporting Centre (FRC) will seek to establish if the billions of shillings earned from the online betting craze in Kenya were declared to the gaming regulator, the Betting Control and Licensing Board (BCLB).

The agency will also probe whether SportPesa paid taxes on the Sh30 billion that is said to have been transferred to tax havens of Isle of Man, the Canary Islands as well as Dubai over a three-year period. The fate of the billions of shillings has triggered a bitter fallout among the wealthy, politically influential Kenyans and Bulgarian investors who helped to found SportPesa.

Kenyan entrepreneurs Paul Wanderi Ndung'u and Asenath Maina, who own a combined 38 percent stake in SportPesa's holding company Pevans East Africa, last month blew the lid on the shareholder wars that have been simmering since 2017 and the transfer of the billions of shillings to the offshore accounts. "The matter is of public interest, and we will investigate to establish if there was criminality in the movement of the billions offshore," said Saitoti Maika, the Director-General of FRC.

"We emphasise that moving money offshore is not an illegality, our mandate is to establish if there were breaches in regards to cash movement." Under the Proceeds of Crime



SportPesa's CEO, Ronald Karauri.

and Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2009, which created FRC, those found guilty risk asset seizure, fines and jail terms or both.

Individuals, for instance, face maximum imprisonment of 14 years, a fine of up to Sh5 million or the value of the property involved in the offence, whichever is higher. For companies, the fine could reach Sh25 million or the amount of the value of the property involved in the offence, whichever is higher.

For international crimes, Kenya can seek co-operation of other jurisdictions in investigations and enforcement actions, including asset sei-

zure. Such requests for extradition and mutual legal assistance are principally channelled through the office of the Attorney-General.

Mr Ndung'u and Ms Maina claim SportPesa's CEO Ronald Karauri and the foreign shareholders kept them in the dark on the firm's operations since 2017, arguing that the transfer to offshore accounts happened after the fallout. Mr Ndung'u says that Mr Karauri, who has a seven percent stake in Pevans, conspired with foreign investors

holding a combined stake of 47 percent in the company to implement the controversial transactions. Ms Maina, who controls a 21 percent stake in Pevans, has demanded a forensic audit on the company starting from 2015, a push that has been resisted.

"After persistent push, the management report indicated that within three years Pevans has transferred over \$250 million (Sh27.3 billion) to various offshore accounts in Isle of Man, Dubai and Las Palmas/Canary Islands," Mr Ndung'u said in an earlier statement.

"Shareholders have also come to learn that subsequent to ceasing operations, \$500,000 (Sh54.6 million) has been transferred from Pevans to SportPesa South Africa while another \$17.5 million (Sh1.9 billion) has been transferred to SportPesa Tanzania. We want to know who the beneficiaries of these accounts are."

At 5:25pm on December 24, 2019, for instance, Sh40.9 million was wired from the Ecobank Kenya account of Bradley Limited (a subsidiary of Pevans which operated the defunct Pambazuka National Lottery) to KenTech S.L.U.'s bank account in Las Palmas, Spain. The money was allegedly transferred by Mr Karauri without board authorisation to benefit Valentina Nikolaeva, the owner of the technology firm Kentech and who also holds a three percent stake in Pevans.

"It is within your knowledge that Bradley Limited ceased operations about two years ago and KenTech S.L.U. has not provided any service to Bradley within the same period hence this payment is fraudulent and

a case of money laundering by some of the company directors to benefit yourselves," Paul Kinuthia, the managing director of Bradley, wrote to Ms Nikolaeva on December 28, 2019.

"I, therefore, request you to immediately instruct your bank to send this money back to the source or to instruct Captain Ronald Karauri who signed this instruction to recall this money with immediate effect." Mr Kinuthia said the cash transfer was done without his involvement despite him being a mandatory signatory to the Ecobank account. The money was wired to Spain through Commerzbank's branch in the German financial hub Frankfurt. Mr Kinuthia also wrote to Ecobank, Commerzbank and the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) in a bid to reverse the transaction.

"It is important to note that Kentech S.L.U. where the money has been transferred is owned by the foreign shareholders of Bradley Limited/Pevans East Africa Limited (SportPesa) where the money has been transferred from," Mr Kinuthia wrote to the CBK on December 30, 2019.

He told the regulator that Ecobank had not committed to reversing the transaction. The money, which is yet to be returned, was part of Sh44 million that had been set aside to settle Bradley's liabilities, including compensating employees who lost their jobs.

Mr Ndung'u said that some of the offshore accounts are owned by SportPesa's businesses outside Kenya, arguing that majority of local shareholders have little say on the global business after their ownership were diluted through a dishonest rights issue.

Nicol shareholders set to endorse 10/- per share dividend for 2020



Nicol board chairman Dr Gideon Kaunda addresses journalists at a past event.

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

SHAREHOLDERS of National Investments Company Plc are expected to hold an online annual general meeting that is expected to endorse 10/- per share dividend on Saturday this week.

In statement, Nicol said the virtual meeting will be attended by all shareholders who register online through their desk computers, smartphones and tablets plus other electronic gadgets. The statement stated that other issues to be discussed will include endorsing last year's minutes held in October last year.

"The meeting will receive, discuss and au-

thorize directors' report and financial reports for the year ended 31 December 2019 and dividend payment for the half year ending 2020," the statement noted. The virtual AGM will also receive and authorize directors' payments and sanction auditors' reports for the year. "We encourage all shareholders to attend this meeting on Saturday which will be done online if they will have questions to ask management and board of Nicol," the statement added. Recently, the company succeeded to pay dividend to its shareholders after several years of loss making.

The dividend payment covered three years between 2016 and 2018. Since its establishment in 2012, Nicol which is now under Dr Gideon Kaunda as board Chairman, has never paid any dividend prior to this year.

Under Dr Kaunda Nicol also paid Treasury 1.5bn/- in taxes this year as it eyes sustained profitability in the years to come. Dr

Kaunda has vowed to ensure that Nicol realises its founding shareholders' promise to allow the majority Tanzanians own part of their economy through the company. "My board and the management will continue working together in the interest of the shareholders but also all Tanzanians whose interests are in the company but also the national economy," he stated while commending shareholders for their confidence in him after being elected.

Blow for 40 KRA staff linked to tax evaders



KRA commissioner general James-Mburu

NAIROBI

SOME 40 employees of Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) who were arrested in May last year have suffered a blow after the High Court rejected an application to quash their intended charges.

Justice Luka Kimaru dismissed the application saying he was not persuaded by the argument that the intended trial was a nullity because the investigations against them were conducted by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations, which does not have jurisdiction to probe such matters.

Further, Justice Kimaru also dismissed claims that the prosecution had delayed their trial by more than a year, thereby denying them justice. The judge said the suspended employees also contributed to the delay by filing numerous applications in the matter.

The judge said the orders stopping

their prosecution will be removed after they are charged. "This court does not have jurisdiction at that stage of proceedings to give any direction on how the investigations or the decision to charge should be undertaken," the judge said.

The 40 employees were arrested in May last year after claims that they were acting in cahoots with tax evaders to deny the government revenue.

They were called to a boardroom and their phones, personal computers and other electronic communication gadgets were confiscated. They were later presented to court and ordered to deposit cash bail of Sh200,000 to secure their release.

Led by Kenneth Omondi Ochieng, they said the 14-month delay was inordinate, and the court should quash the charges. They also said the DCI had no powers to investigate taxation, economic and money laundering crimes and the court should permanently bar their prosecution.

But the DPP through principal litigation counsel Caroline Kimiri opposed the application saying they were all informed the reasons for their arrest and were given a chance to record their statements in response to the matters under investigation. Ms Kimiri added that the investigations were complex and required detailed analysis.

The 40 were suspended on half-pay and argued that they have cooperated with the investigators and have continued to faithfully appear before the court when required but the DPP has failed to discharge his mandate. Justice Kimaru said they were correct in stating that the DCI should have deferred to authorised officers appointed by the Commissioner-General of KRA to investigate offences related to tax.

"This court is, however, not persuaded by the argument advanced by the applicants which was to the effect that this court should nullify the investigations conducted by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations on the basis of jurisdictional overreach," the Judge said.

Global Islamic economy set to grow 3.1% to touch \$2.4 trillion by 2024

DUBAI

THE global Islamic economy is forecast to grow at 3.1 per cent to \$2.4 trillion by 2024 despite a decline in spending this year as a result of Covid-19, according to the latest State of the Global Islamic Economy Report.

Muslims spent \$2.02tn on Islamic faith-inspired products in the food, pharmacy, cosmetics, fashion, travel and media/recreation sectors last year, reflecting a year-on-year growth of 3.2 per cent. This figure is set to decline by 8 per cent this year as a result of the pandemic, but all categories other than halal travel are expected to rebound to last year's level by the end of 2021, the report said.

"In these uncertain times, the Islamic economy, with its ethical and transparent ecosystem, remains a pillar of strength and a guarantee for a better future," Abdulla Al Awar, chief executive of the Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre, said.

The State of the Global Islamic Economy is an annual study produced by research company Dinar Standard and supported by the DIEDC in partnership with Islamic portal Salaam Gateway. It details the size and levels of investment in different sectors of the Islamic economy.

It estimates the total value of Islamic finance assets globally grew by 13.9 per cent last year to \$2.88tn and forecasts a compound annual growth of 5 per cent to \$3.69tn by 2024. It said the halal food industry grew by 3.1 per cent to \$1.17tn last year and predicted five-year growth of 3.5 per cent per year to \$1.38tn.

The halal travel market grew at 2.7 per cent in 2019 to \$194 billion, but is expected to fall to \$58bn this year and not recover until 2023. It is still expected to achieve five-year compound annual growth of 1.4 per cent. The modest fashion market was worth \$277bn last year, Muslim spend on media and recreation was valued at \$222bn, the halal pharmaceuticals market was worth \$94bn and halal cosmetics valued at \$66bn.

In terms of countries, Malaysia remained the biggest Islamic economy last year and Saudi Arabia moved up two places in the global rankings to the second place due to the strong performance of its Islamic finance sector, the report said. The UAE was the third-biggest Islamic economy, but had the biggest modest fashion and Islamic media and recreation markets, and the second-biggest Muslim-friendly travel and halal pharma and cosmetics sectors.

Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed, Dubai Crown Prince and supervisor of Dubai's Capital of Islamic Economy Initiative, said the UAE had accumulated



Abdulla Al Awar, chief executive of Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre.

Choppies resumes trading on JSE

GABORONE

SHARES in Botswana's budget supermarket chain Choppies resumed trading on South Africa's Johannesburg stock exchange (JSE) on Friday, after a failure to publish its financial results led to a 24-month suspension.

Choppies shares plunged by more than 60% in September 2018 after it said it would delay publication of its financial statement, and were then suspended from both the Botswana Stock Exchange and the JSE, where it has a secondary listing.

The results were delayed after the company's newly appointed external auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) raised concerns with the board in respect of accounting practices for the year ended June 30, 2018 and prior years.

"Following extensive engagement, the JSE has agreed to lift the suspension of the company's shares and to recommence trading on the JSE from today, 13 November 2020," the company said in a statement. The Botswana bourse lifted its suspension in July after the company published all its financials up to December 2019, bringing it into compliance with the stock exchange's requirements.

According to papers lodged in Gaborone's high court in August and seen by Reuters, the retailer's two biggest shareholders, CEO Ramachandran Ottapathu and executive director Ismail Farouk, sued PwC for 450 million pula (\$40.14 million), saying that their former auditor's failure to sign off the 2018 financial statement caused the share price crash.

PwC has confirmed to Reuters that it was involved in legal proceedings with two Choppies' directors and was defending the action, but said it would not be appropriate to publicly comment further on the matter.

As part of plans to consolidate its business, Choppies - Botswana's biggest retailer - has since exited the South African and Mozambican markets. The company is also divesting its operations in Tanzania and Kenya, Ottapathu told Reuters in July, but will continue operating in Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia.

Vodacom's Hilda Bujiku, woman of many roles at telco management peak

By Smart Money Reporter

BEING a top woman management executive at the market's largest telecommunications company, Vodacom Tanzania Plc, does not make Hilda Bujiku feel on top of the world but rather responsible for a myriad of roles.

Encompassing a number of roles as Vodacom's Managing Executive in charge of Financial Planning and Analysis, Investor Relations and Company Secretariat, Bujiku is focused on her unique position which comes with a huge role to play.

She wears many related hats at the giant telco thanks to her academic and professional credentials which includes a Bachelor of Commerce degree from University of Dar es Salaam and Certified Public Accountant.

An experienced strategic business partner with a history of establishing cross-function partnership and teams to deliver results using keen analysis, insights and team approach to shape decisions and implement best practices, Bujiku attributes her success strengths to an ingredient of attitude, focus and good old-fashioned hard work.

In a recent interview, the Vodacom senior management official said the key to official success, is teamwork and being open-minded team members. "I am lucky to have a brilliant hard working team around me who are committed and ready to challenge the status quo. These attributes are foundations of our success and the basis of getting things done," she said.

Some people say, "We are who we are because of where we came from," which is largely true in Bujiku's life because her early childhood days witnessed her being industrious, focused hence



Hilda Bujiku

developed an attitude of self-determination.

"Raising the standard and constantly challenging yourself will take you places. Breaking barriers and having an ambition is important in order to focus on achieving goals. I gained the spirit of self-confidence at an early age when I was engaged in home business while at school to support the family," she recounts.

"Experience from my work as an auditor and later in the telecommunications industry have given me invaluable insights and knowhow in finance, compliance and the overall depth in the telco industry," Bujiku stated while noting that during years of employment with Vodacom, she was lucky to work abroad like at Vodacom Lesotho where she was Finance Director for two and a half years.

"I gained invaluable experience in understanding norms and how to address some challenges in a constructive manner. I am proud of my achievements which include reaching our business targets and increasing value for shareholders at all times," she bragged.

On advice to young people on what they need in order to succeed in professional life, Bujiku said that developing a habit of continuous learning will increase one's understanding of

the field that they are into hence give them confidence to perform.

"The profile of your skills is what will shape you with clarity in communication and messaging being very important. Understanding the business is crucial and in finance, understanding and interpreting the numbers is crucial," she advised.

Commenting on the listing of Vodacom Tanzania Plc, which is the only telco listed at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange so far, Bujiku explained that the moves means a lot in terms of shareholding structure.

"I am proud to be part of a company that is listed at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange since 2017 because this means that the public owns 25 percent of our share value. This cements our local DNA," she stated adding that being the only listed telco, Vodacom is also the only mobile operator that has complied with Tanzania Electronic and Postal Communications Act which requires that all telcos issue at least 25 percent of their shares to the public through DSE.

"This saw more than 40,000 Tanzanians became owners of the telecom giant and continue to enjoy its strong performance being getting a share of profits in the form of dividend. The listing also allows transparency while enhancing compliance both in terms of business practices and tax obligations," she stressed.

Notwithstanding her busy weekly schedule, Bujiku finds time to do what she loves most, "I am a big fan of sports. I watch football, tennis, and formula 1 races. I also work out a lot and love music as well as shopping. I recently have taken interest in watching movies," she concluded.

A third of the world's air routes have been lost due to Covid-19

SYDNEY

BEFORE the coronavirus, a decades-long aviation boom spawned a network of nearly 50,000 air routes that traversed the world. In less than a year, the pandemic has wiped almost a third of them off the map.

Border closures, nationwide lockdowns and the fear of catching Covid-19 from fellow passengers have crippled commercial travel. As thousands of domestic and international connections disappear completely from airline timetables, the world has suddenly stopped shrinking.

The crisis is unwinding a vast social and industrial overhaul that took place during half a century of air-travel proliferation. In years to come, overseas business trips and holidays will likely mean more airport stopovers, longer journey times, and perhaps an additional mode of transport. Even when an effective vaccine is found, the economic reality of the recovery may mean some non-stop flights are gone for good.

With borders effectively shut from Europe to New Zealand, the bulk of the world's

dropped routes are inevitably cross-border. But thousands of domestic legs have also been axed, reflecting the pressure airlines face at home as they cut jobs and retire aircraft to find a cost base that reflects their shrunken situation.

In late January, 47,756 operational routes criss-crossed the world, more than half of them in the US, Western Europe and Northeast Asia, according to OAG Aviation Worldwide. By November 2, there were just 33,416 routes on global schedules, the data show.

In Hervey Bay, a small tourist town on Australia's east coast, residents are mourning their last direct air connection with Sydney, the nation's main domestic and international gateway. The flight was one of eight regional routes scrapped by Virgin Australia Holdings after it collapsed in April under A\$6.8 billion (\$5 billion) in debt.

"We're living in hope that they come back," said Darren Everard, the regional council's deputy mayor who's responsible for economic development in the area. Among those hardest hit is a local manufacturer of truck body parts who relied on the flight to reach buyers in

Sydney, he said.

Global mobility

Hervey Bay, more than three hours' drive north from Queensland's state capital Brisbane, is best known as a jumping-off point for whale-watching tours and trips to nearby Fraser Island. The town's Sydney flight is one of more than 14,000 connections that have been abandoned globally since the pandemic broke out, according to OAG. Australia's capital, Canberra, has been scrubbed from international maps too. The city has no more direct flights overseas after Singapore Airlines Ltd. ceased services from Singapore in September.

"It will take a good four or five years for connectivity to return to the same level we saw at the end of 2019," said Subhas Menon, director general of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines, which represents regional carriers including Singapore Air, China Airlines and Cathay Pacific Airways. "Some of these routes may never be put back," Menon said. All this erodes aviation's financial clout. But it's the blow to airlines' contribution to global mobility and social opportunity that's harder to measure.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

MultiChoice bets big with R1.8-billion BetKing deal

JOHANNESBURG

MULTICHOICE Group has expanded its repertoire with an agreement to buy a 20% stake in Africa-focused sports-betting platform BetKing for as much as R1.8-billion, giving it access to a sector that's emerged as a winner from lockdown restrictions that have encouraged homebound entertainment.

"Sports betting is an interesting market that is aligned to our pay-TV business," said MultiChoice CEO Calvo Mawela in an interview on Thursday. "We have a lot of sport on our platform, and many people that are betting watch more games," he said.

DStv packages include live English soccer, while MultiChoice agreed to a deal with Walt Disney earlier this year to add two ESPN channels showing US pursuits such as basketball.

BetKing started in Nigeria and has shown rapid growth over the past two-and-a-half years, according to the CEO. "They plan to be pan-African and will be entering South Africa at some stage, too," he said.

Meanwhile, MultiChoice has plans to develop more local productions with Vivendi's Canal+, the French media group that's built a 12% stake in Africa's largest pay-television provider. While Canal+ has described its acquisition of shares in Johannesburg-based MultiChoice as "a long-term financial investment", the South African group has seized on the opportunity to work with its new investor, according to Mawela.

"We have started a collaboration with Canal+ on co-productions that will also

help with sharing costs," Mawela said. "More and more Africans like to see one of their own on television, and that is why we are shifting our strategy to focus even more on local content." The duo have already teamed up on Blood Psalms, a drama based on pre-colonial South African mythology, which is due to be broadcast on MultiChoice's Showmax streaming service next year.

The making of higher-budget African shows will help Showmax grow a local content offering that's helped it differentiate from Netflix, which is seeking to expand on the continent and has started to produce its own dramas set in South Africa and beyond. MultiChoice launched Showmax in part to head off the threat from its larger US rival, and the service can be subscribed to separately or as part of a DStv package.

MultiChoice may also be able to sub-license the rights to certain international shows to Canal+ to broadcast in French-speaking African territories, another cost-sharing initiative, according to the CEO. "As much as you have competitors, there are projects that can be identified that you can work on together," he said.

MultiChoice, spun out of Naspers in February of last year, reported a 6% increase in active subscribers over the six months to September, breaching the 20 million mark for the first time. Revenue and operating profit also gained, according to a first-half earnings statement earlier Thursday.

Shares were trading 1.5% higher at 9.45am to value the company at R56-billion.



MultiChoice Group CEO Calvo Mawela

New company law will boost investor appeal – RDB

KIGALI

THE new draft law amending the existing law could help attract new investments to the country if all proposed changes by the Government are approved by the parliament. The amended law seeks to improve the existing one and create an enabling legal environment for the Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC), according to officials.

The amended law is expected to allow adoption of best practices in corporate governance, and business structures. According to Richard Kayibanda, the Registrar General at Rwanda Development Board, it will also reflect the developmental strategy of the Kigali International Financial Centre.

"The proposed changes concern mostly new companies that will be registering or the existing companies that would want, let's say to change from their current structure to one of the new types introduced in the company law," he told The New Times in an email.

Among other proposed changes, the amended law redefines who an independent director in a company is, and introduces a threshold of shareholding for individuals in a firm. In a nutshell,

the law will now allow an independent director to own shares in the company they oversee, in that way enabling companies to attract directors with the required skills and expertise.

However, a maximum threshold of 2 percent of shareholding will be introduced to safeguard the independence of decision making, according to the Registrar General. The draft law, once gazetted, will introduce another key aspect that allows the Government to collect and keep the information about the beneficial ownership of companies.

The current draft proposes that the information shall be collected and kept by the company secretary who is also bound to share a copy as well as any subsequent change with the Registrar General. However, at the time of initial registration, entities required to provide beneficial ownership information shall be required to provide the same with the Registrar General.

Other changes

The draft law also introduces new types of companies - Protected Cell Companies (PCC) and limited life companies - as well as the transfer of registration which enables the companies to transfer their registration from one country to another.



Richard Kayibanda, Registrar General at Rwanda Development Board.

Kayibanda says the draft law considers a protected cell company as a single legal entity which consists of a core that is linked to several cells that have separate assets and liabilities. That

is to say, "each cell shall be independent from each other and the company core; but the entire unit will be a single entity."

That is expected to help investors in one cell to be protected from the risks and liabilities of other cells, but will only be used in regulated investment funds activities. A limited life company, on other hand, would be described as a company that is incorporated for a pre-determined time of existence. But the maximum is 50 years which can be extended.

Such type of company, which is especially used in fund and investment business helps investor to know from the very beginning the time when they would exit the business. Richard Balenzi, a Partner at Trust Law Chambers and former chairman of AB Bank's Board said the amendment of the law could attract new companies that want to set up base in Rwanda.

"It is offering more options to investors in terms of the entities that they can form in Rwanda. The effect of that would be to make Rwanda an attractive place for business," he noted. Amending the law, he added, is not some sort of new work especially for "a country that wants to be competitive and stay ahead of the game."

Believably, the amended law will enable

Rwanda to comply with international practices and standards such as those pertaining to anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism.

It could similarly attract more investors mostly those who are attracted by investment vehicles that they are familiar with that are available in other financial centres worldwide. "The thinking is that the new proposed changes could push the Kigali International Financial Centre to another level," Balenzi said, adding that it is part of many other laws such as the partnership law.

In August, the cabinet approved the partnership law, which allows partnership businesses to be structured in Rwanda, which was previously non-existent in the country. The legislation is aimed at attracting additional capital and private funding for investments in Rwanda.

Just recently, the cabinet appointed key figures in the financial industry to help drive the country's agenda towards positioning Rwanda as a financial services hub in the region. Key among those is Tidjane Thiam, renowned Ivorian-French banker who is the immediate former Chief Executive Officer of Swiss bank Credit Suisse, one of the largest financial institutions.

WORLD

Joe Biden focuses on economy as Trump challenges election outcome

WILMINGTON / WASHINGTON

US Democrat Joe Biden on Monday will focus on reviving a pandemic-battered US economy as he prepares to take office, as outgoing President Donald Trump promised more lawsuits of the type that so far have failed to alter his election defeat.

With the number of coronavirus cases surging across the country, Biden will receive a briefing and give a speech in his home state of Delaware on rebuilding an economy that has suffered millions of job losses as the pandemic has killed more than 245,000 Americans.

Biden's scientific advisers will meet this week with pharmaceutical companies developing vaccines to prevent COVID-19, a top aide to the Democrat said, in preparation for the logistical challenges of widespread vaccination

after Biden takes office on Jan 20.

Trump, a Republican, briefly appeared to acknowledge defeat on Sunday only to backtrack, saying on Twitter that he concedes "nothing" and repeating his unfounded accusations of voter fraud.

He later promised on Twitter to file "big cases showing the unconstitutionality of the 2020 Election," even though he has made no headway with his legal challenges in multiple states so far.

Election officials of both parties have said there is no evidence of major irregularities. Federal election security officials have decried "unfounded claims" and expressed "utmost confidence" in the integrity of the elections, according to a statement last week by the lead US cybersecurity agency.

In another blow to Trump's legal strategy, his campaign on Sunday



Joe Biden

dropped a major part of a lawsuit it had brought seeking to prevent Pennsylvania from certifying its results, narrowing the case to an issue affecting a small number of ballots. Biden won the state by more than 68,000 votes.

Biden beat Trump in the Nov 3 election by the same 306-232 margin in the state-by-state Electoral College that Trump proclaimed a "landslide" when he won in 2016. The former vice-president also won the national popular vote by at least 5.5 million votes, or 3.6 percentage points, with ballots still being counted.

Former President Barack Obama, a Democrat

who campaigned against Trump, said it was past time for Trump to concede and criticized Republicans who also refuse to accept the victory of his former vice president.

"When your time is up, then it is your job to put the country first and think beyond your own ego", Obama told the CBS News show "60 Minutes" in an interview that aired on Sunday.

"I'm more troubled by the fact that other Republican officials who clearly know better are going along with this", Obama said.

More than a week after Biden was declared the victor by major news organizations based on state-by-state vote counts, the Trump administration has still not recognized him as president-elect, preventing his team from gaining access to government office space and funding normally provided to an incoming administration to ensure a smooth transition.

Biden's top advisers warned that Trump's refusal to begin a transition could jeopardize the battle against the virus and inhibit vaccine distribution planning.

The number of US coronavirus cases passed 11 million on Sunday, up a million in a week and the fastest increase since the pandemic began.

"We are in a very dangerous period," Dr Michael Osterholm, a member of Biden's COVID-19 Advisory Board and director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Unless action is taken now, "we're going to see these numbers grow substantially", Osterholm warned. "Our future's in our hands."

Biden has promised to make the health crisis a top priority as president. Ron Klain, who will be White House chief of staff when Biden takes office on Jan 20, said Biden's scientific advisers would meet with Pfizer Inc and other drugmakers this week.

Putin: Russia stands for strengthening stability in Asia

NOVO-OGARYOVO



RUSSIA stands for developing cooperation and strengthening stability in the Asia-Pacific region, especially in the wake of increased risks after the US exit from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at the East Asia summit via a video link-up on Saturday.

"Russia consistently stands for forming the atmosphere of constructive cooperation and strengthening stability in the Asia-Pacific region. This also relates to the military and political sphere where risks and threats have increased considerably after the INF Treaty was terminated on the US initiative," the Russian leader said.

For the purposes of stabilizing the situation and preventing "a new round of the arms race," Russia unilaterally declared a moratorium on deploying intermediate and shorter-range missiles in Asia-Pacific and other regions of the world as long as the US refrains from deploying such missiles, Putin said.

"We are open for a serious talk on this issue with all the states concerned," the Russian president said.

The future of the Asia-Pacific region depends on the political will of the region's states for cooperation in the interests of common development, Putin said.

"The future of the Asia-Pacific region depends on how much we can consolidate in the face of arising challenges and threats and demonstrate the political will for cooperation in the interests of common and sustainable development," the Russian leader stressed.

"Given this approach, we will necessarily achieve results," Putin said.

Russia is ready to make its contribution to this joint work, the Russian leader said. **Agencies**

Climate still a big concern for EU states

By Chen Qingyun

TACKLING climate change has been the main concern of the European Union and is critical to its economic transformation and the realization of sustainable development in the continent, a Chinese Academy of Social Sciences report says.

The European Development Report (2019-20) was co-published by the Institute of European Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Chinese Association For European Studies and the Social Sciences Academic Press (China) on Saturday.

It said that the EU's Green Deal, which aims to make the bloc the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, has required that the European Commission put green development as its main target by transforming Europe's economic development model and pushing forward sustainable development.

The European Commission needs to raise the targets for tackling climate change, formulate and implement climate policies that are comprehensively upgraded, push forward investment programs for sustainable development and provide financial support for climate change issues, said Kong Yuan, an assistant research fellow of the Institute of European Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

As the EU wants to be climate-neutral by 2050, the commission will have to formulate laws and regulations to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, Kong said.

Reduction target

The report said that from 1990 to 2018, the EU's greenhouse gas emissions had fallen by about 23 percent and its economy grew 61 percent. If it stays this way, it could only realize 60 percent of the reduction target of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

"The process should be accelerated if the EU wants to realize the targets set by the Green Deal," Kong said.

A lot of policy tools in tackling climate change issues would also need to be revised or formulated when necessary by the European Commission, such as the revision of the energy taxation directive.

Digital transformation will likewise be helpful in boosting green recovery for Europe after the COVID-19 pandemic, Kong said.

Zheng Chunrong, head of the Germany Research Institute at Tongji University in Shanghai, said that the EU's Green Deal is not only about technical issues since it was put forward under the backdrop the whole world faces on climate change issues and the fact young Europeans are very concerned about those issues. **Agencies**

Brexit: UK says 'red lines remain unchanged' as talks resume

LONDON/DUBLIN

AS Brexit talks resumed in Brussels, Britain said yesterday its red lines remained unchanged but that it hoped to reach a trade deal with the European Union (EU) if the bloc chose to make progress.

There had been little movement in the talks on the most contentious areas - so-called "level playing field" fair competition rules and fisheries - last week when the two sides missed the latest mid-November deadline.

The United Kingdom left the EU in January but the sides are trying to clinch a deal that would govern nearly 1 trillion dollars in annual trade before transitional arrangements end on Dec 31.

"Our red lines haven't changed and we're preparing for whatever the outcome is," Health Secretary

Matt Hancock told Sky.

"Of course our preference is to get a deal and that is open to the Europeans if they choose to make the progress that's needed," he said.

Britain and the EU have a week to 10 days to find a way to unlock trade talks, Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney said in Dublin.

"We really are in the last week to 10 days of this, if there is not a major breakthrough over the next week to 10 days then I think we really are in trouble and the focus will shift to preparing for a no trade deal and all the disruption that that brings," Coveney told Ireland's Newstalk radio station.

"I think the British government understand only too well that's required for a deal this week, the real question is whether the political appetite is there to do it.



I think we will (get a deal), that's been my prediction for a while but I won't be shocked if it all falls apart."

British officials repeatedly say any deal must respect the country's sovereignty but the EU says the proximity of Britain to the bloc means Brussels cannot hand it a trade deal similar to those it

has agreed with countries such as Canada.

The two sides remain deadlocked over two main areas: the level playing field and fisheries, a sector laden with symbolism for Brexit supporters in Britain.

Both sides have called on each other to shift position for the breakthrough needed to secure a

deal and offer businesses clarity on what happens at the beginning of next year.

A senior EU diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the two sides were "still a bit too far away to be able to feel comfortable", repeating that Britain needed to make a choice because "the timetable is very tight".

On Sunday, Britain's chief negotiator David Frost said there had been some progress over recent days and that the two sides had common draft treaty texts though significant elements were yet to be agreed.

"We may not succeed," Frost said. "We are working to get a deal, but the only one that's possible is one that is compatible with our sovereignty and takes back control of our laws, our trade, and our waters." **Agencies**

US urged to end discriminatory policies against Chinese firms

By Zhong Nan

CHINA yesterday urged the United States government to stop its crackdown on Chinese companies and provide a fair, just, and non-discriminatory environment for Chinese firms operating in the country, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

The ministry made the remarks after the US government decided on Nov 12 to ban US investments in Chinese companies that it claimed are linked to the Chinese military.

Disregarding the facts, the US government's allegation that the Chinese companies are military-controlled is groundless, lacks evidence and is against legal principles, said a spokesperson in the statement.

The ministry said the US government has repeatedly generalized the concept of national security and abused its national

power to suppress Chinese companies, seriously violating market competition principles and international trade rules.

China's capital market has been increasingly favored by global investors, including the US companies, in recent years. This reflects the confidence of international investors in China's economic growth and their recognition of the deepening reform and opening-up of the country's capital market, said the spokesperson.

The ministry pointed out that some people in the US adopted the so-called national security as a pretext to artificially block the US investors' access to the Chinese market or even politicize it.

This is not in line with the market rules and will only cause companies to miss growth opportunities and harm investors' interests. Market forces cannot be suppressed by the actions of a few politicians.



CIIE brings enormous business opportunities for foreign enterprises

THE 3rd China International Import Expo (CIIE), a grand global trade fair held in the post-pandemic world, has attracted worldwide attention. As China shares its market opportunities with the world, it is also injecting more impetus to global recovery.

Strict containment protocols were ensured at the event. Even Jinbao, the mascot panda of the 3rd CIIE, was wearing a mask at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), the venue of the event, as a reminder for people to ensure sound protection against COVID-19.

To make it to the 3rd CIIE as scheduled and guarantee strict compliance with the event's regulations regarding

COVID-19 control, a manager of a German tech firm arrived in Shanghai in advance and went through 14 days of medical observation. It was the third time for the company to join the global trade event. "We must bring the best of us here," the manager told People's Daily. What he said reflected the strong attraction of the vast Chinese market.

The unexpected COVID-19 epidemic has hit countries hard and dealt a heavy blow to the world economy. However, it failed to hinder the progress of the 3rd CIIE. The exhibition area of the event has expanded by nearly 30,000 square meters. A zone on public health and epidemic prevention has been newly added, the size of which was six

times than that planned. Besides, many Fortune Global 500 corporations and leading firms were attracted to the trade gala.

Many exhibitors enjoyed large booths at the event which included both display and business negotiation areas. An exhibitor told People's Daily that he was hoping to explore more market opportunities and generate more ideas with its users and partners. With larger exhibition areas, better layout and higher-quality exhibitors, the 3rd CIIE was safer, more exciting and more successful.

One of the revelations brought by the COVID-19 pandemic is to shape healthy lifestyles, so the Medical Equipment

and Healthcare Products exhibition area was one of the highlights of the 3rd CIIE, dubbed as the most favored area at the event. In this area, vaccines, medical equipment, drugs, and health services were all hotcakes, and the number of global pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies joining the event also doubled from that in the first CIIE two years ago. Pharmaceutical and healthcare companies have built a "Great Wall of health" at the event to improve people's health with high-quality products.

A German company brought to the 3rd CIIE its pill organizers that were both functional and stylish. However, the company didn't join the CIIE in the

previous years due to the lack of information about the global fair. Witnessing China's success in COVID-19 control this year, it managed to get a booth at this year's session.

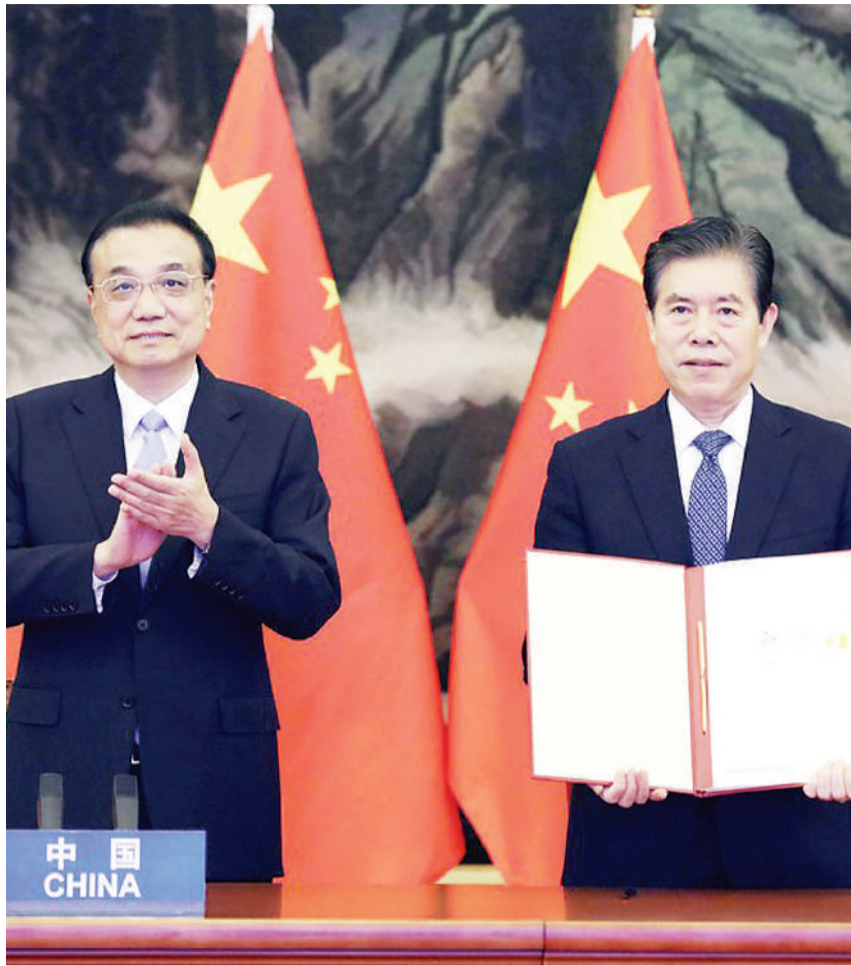
The CIIE is an open platform that encourages global enterprises to jointly expand China's business opportunities. For instance, a series of launch events were held on the second floor of the Hall 7 of the venue, debuting many enterprises' new products, frontier technologies and innovative services.

The comprehensive influence of the CIIE and the purchasing power of buyers were incomparable, said an exhibitor, explaining why this platform was attached with so much importance by

global companies.

China has a population of 1.4 billion and a middle-income group that exceeds 400 million.

The vastly huge Chinese market is the most promising in the world, where global economies and enterprises can share infinite development dividends as long as they understand the country's resolution to promote common development of the world with win-win cooperation, and seize the opportunities in China's new development paradigm with domestic circulation as the mainstay and domestic and international circulations reinforcing each other. **People's Daily**



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang attends the signing ceremony of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement after the fourth RCEP Summit, which is held via video link, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China on Sunday. Chinese Commerce Minister Zhong Shan signed the agreement on behalf of China. (Xinhua)

RCEP agreement victory for multilateralism, free trade

BEIJING

THE signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the world's biggest trade pact, by 15 Asia-Pacific countries Sunday represents a victory for multilateralism over unilateralism and free trade over protectionism.

After eight years of negotiations, the crucial and timely signing shines rays of hope through the dark clouds of global trade uncertainty and proves to the world that openness and cooperation are a sure path toward common prosperity.

Covering a region with a combined gross domestic product (GDP) of 26.2 trillion U.S. dollars, or about 30 per cent of global GDP, the RCEP agreement is an unprecedented, modern, comprehensive, high-quality and reciprocal mega-regional trading arrangement that accommodates the broadest possible interests, conditions and priorities of different countries. The signing marks a new milestone in regional economic integration in East Asia.

The RCEP agreement was signed against the backdrop of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has plunged the world economy into a serious recession with contracted global trade and investment.

The signing shows that in the face of challenges, countries should choose solidarity and cooperation over conflict and confrontation, and look out for each other in the spirit of partnership rather than follow a beggar-thy-neighbor approach or sit by and do nothing.

As the largest economy among the RCEP members, China has been supporting the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries to play a leading role in the negotiation process of the RCEP.

China will continue to support the centrality of ASEAN and advance the

follow-up implementation of the RCEP so that the agreement will help build the region's resilience through an inclusive and sustainable post-pandemic economic recovery process and contribute to the recovery and growth of the world economy.

China's total trade with RCEP members accounts for about one-third of the country's total foreign trade, and the actual investment from RCEP members accounts for more than 10 per cent of China's total foreign investment.

Signing the RCEP agreement has once again demonstrated China's resolve in implementing its free trade zone strategy and promoting a new round of opening up. The RCEP is the 19th free trade agreement China has signed, bringing the country's free trade partners to 26.

As China is making every endeavor to facilitate its new "dual circulation" development pattern, the agreement will promote the greater participation of the country's various industries in market competition and enhance the nation's capability to mobilize resources in both international and domestic markets. It will also grant high-quality products from RCEP members easier access to the super large Chinese market with 1.4 billion people.

The signing of the RCEP is not an end but a beginning. Parties involved should complete their domestic approval procedures as soon as possible so as to allow the trade pact to take effect and benefit enterprises and individuals alike at an early date. The RCEP also remains open to India, which had been due to sign but pulled out last year.

Although the road ahead promises to be bumpy, the RCEP has further unified the region in the pursuit of common economic growth. China will work with all parties to ensure the pact comes into effect soon.



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Contacts with Trump administration continue - Russian diplomat

MOSCOW

RUSSIA continues to maintain contacts with the Trump administration on a regular basis, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told reporters yesterday answering a question from TASS.

"Contacts with the Trump administration are ongoing on a variety of issues," he said.

Ryabkov (pictured) earlier said that Russia had no contacts with representatives of US Democratic contender Joe Biden, and they are not planned yet.

The senior diplomat also noted that he did not quite understand the fuss around the issue of congratulations. "After the outcome of the election [in the United States] becomes clear, the results will be summed up officially, naturally, a message of congratulations will be sent," he said.

"I don't think this is seen somewhere as a gesture or a signal. There is nothing like that. This is following the procedure and nothing more," he



stressed.

The US presidential election was held on November 3. Though the vote count is still underway, major US media outlets project that the Democratic contender has presumptively won the presidential election.

Both Fox News and Associated Press have put Biden over the top, beyond the needed 270 vote threshold. Trump is challenging the current outcome, claiming irregularities in the ballot processing in key swing states, and has filed lawsuits to fight his case in court.

Agencies

Ethiopia says town seized in Tigray, war embroils Eritrea

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIAN Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government said yesterday it had captured another town in the northern Tigray region after nearly two weeks of fighting in a conflict already spilling into Eritrea and destabilizing the wider Horn of Africa.

Hundreds have died, at least 20,000 refugees have fled to Sudan and there have been reports of atrocities since Abiy (pictured) ordered air strikes and a ground offensive against Tigray's rulers for defying his authority.

The conflict could jeopardize a recent economic opening, stir up ethnic bloodshed elsewhere around Africa's second most populous nation, and tarnish the reputation of Abiy who won a Nobel Peace Prize last year for a peace pact with Eritrea.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which governs the region of more than 5 million people, has accused Eritrea of sending tanks and thousands of soldiers over the border to support Ethiopian federal troops. Asmara denies that.

Tigray forces fired rockets into Eritrea at the weekend.

A task force set up by Abiy, Africa's youngest leader, to manage the conflict said federal troops had "liberated" the town of Alamata from the TPLF. "They fled, taking along around 10,000 prisoners," it added, without specifying where those were from.

With communications mainly down and media barred, Reuters could not independently verify assertions made by all sides.

There was no immediate comment from Tigray's leaders on events in Alamata, near the border with Amhara regional state, about 120 kilometers from Tigray's capital Mekelle.

TPLF leader Debretsion Gebremichael urged the United Nations and African Union to condemn Ethiopia's federal troops, accusing them of using of high-tech weaponry including drones in attacks he said smashed a dam and a sugar factory.



"Abiy Ahmed is waging this war on the people of Tigray and he is responsible for the purposeful infliction of human suffering on the people and destruction of major infrastructure projects," he said.

"We are not the initiators of this conflict and it is evident that Abiy Ahmed conducted this war as an attempt to consolidate his personal power," he added, warning that Ethiopia could become a failed state or disintegrate.

Fighting spreads

The fighting has spread beyond Tigray into Amhara, whose local forces are allied with Abiy's forces. On Friday, rockets were fired at two airports in Amhara in what the TPLF said was retaliation for government air strikes.

Tigray leaders accuse Abiy, who is from the largest Oromo ethnic group, of persecuting them and purging them from government and security forces over the last two years. He says they rose up against him by attacking a military base.

Amnesty International has denounced the killing of scores and possibly hundreds of civilian labourers in a massacre that both sides have blamed on each other.

The Ethiopian National Defence Force (ENDF) has around 140,000 personnel and plenty of experience from fighting Islamist militants in Somalia, rebel groups in border regions and a two-decade border standoff with Eritrea.

But many senior officers were Tigrayan, much of its most powerful weaponry is there and the TPLF has seized the powerful Northern Command's headquarters in Mekelle.

There are reports of defections of Tigrayan members of the ENDF. And the TPLF itself has a formidable history, spearheading the rebel march to Addis Ababa that ousted a Marxist dictatorship in 1991 and bearing the brunt of a 1998-2000 war with Eritrea that killed hundreds of thousands.

Eritrea's President Isaias Afwerki - a long-time foe of the Tigrayan leaders - controls a vast standing army which the United States' CIA puts at 200,000 personnel.

Abiy once fought alongside the Tigrayans and was a partner in government with them until 2018 when he took office, winning early plaudits for pursuing peace with Eritrea, starting to liberalize the economy and opening a repressive political system.



UK Prime Minister self-quarantining after coronavirus contact

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson is self-quarantining after coming into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, a Downing Street spokesman said in a statement on Sunday.

The spokesman said the prime minister "will carry on working from Downing Street, including on leading the government's response to the coronavirus pandemic."

"The PM is well and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19," the statement added.

Johnson had a meeting with some MPs in 10 Downing Street on Thursday morning, including Lee Anderson, MP for Ashfield, who later developed coronavirus symptoms and tested positive, Sky News reported.

The prime minister recovered from COVID-19, the coronavirus-caused illness, after contracting the virus in late March and spending three days in intensive care in early April.

England is currently under a month-long national lockdown until Dec 2, the second of its kind since the coronavirus outbreak in Britain, in a bid to quell the resurgence of coronavirus.

Another 24,962 people in Britain have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the national tally to 1,369,318, according to official figures released Sunday.

The coronavirus-related deaths in Britain rose by 168 to 51,934, the data showed.

To bring life back to normal, countries such as Britain, China, Germany, Russia and the United States are racing against time to develop coronavirus vaccines. **Xinhua**

Schools back to remote classes as coronavirus cases surge

NEW YORK

THE COVID-19 pandemic hitting every state in the United States is forcing schools in big cities to stop in-person classes and revert to remote learning.

Boston, Indianapolis and Philadelphia have put in-person classes on hold until later in the school year. In New York state it is wait-and-see for the largest public-school system in the country.

With coronavirus cases surging, some experts are calling for widespread school closures, or considering about them, while other school districts and state officials are pushing back for continuing in-person in-

struction, pointing to the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in schools as being relatively low.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo on Saturday cautioned against making too quick a decision to close schools, saying shutting them has "ancillary consequences that people don't often think of".

Closing the schools makes it much harder for parents to go to work, creates issues with underprivileged children who depend on meals served at the schools and makes it more likely children will spend more time on the street in areas with high virus rates, Cuomo said.

He also said parents and teachers

should be part of the decision-making process. The city of New York should consider a school's COVID-19 rate when deciding whether to close it to in-person learning, he said.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said last week that the city would stick to its policy of closing schools if the seven-day average virus rate exceeded 3 percent. On Saturday the city reported a rate of 2.47 percent, and as a result officials say schools remain open.

"We expect the daily test positivity to backfill and increase as more test results are entered into the system, but do not expect that to increase to push today's seven-day average to 3 percent," they said.

Coronavirus cases in California surpassed 1 million cases last week, with county rates surging and hospital admissions rising.

On Saturday Los Angeles county, the most populous county in the United States, reported a record single-day increase in confirmed cases since the summer surge, Xinhua reported. Public and private schools could once again be forced to shut down completely for in-person instruction if the rises continue to worsen, health officials warned school leaders.

New cases in Pennsylvania have been averaging about 4,000 cases a day, setting record rates for infections. **Xinhua**

Foreign firms see opportunity in 'dual circulation' strategy

AT a time when China is rolling out a new roadmap for economic development pattern called "dual circulation", many foreign companies view it as an opportunity to broaden their business operation in China, senior managers told the Global Times at the third China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai.

Many companies at the event were spotted looking at specific emerging industries or business opportunities, like 5G or healthcare, in the next few years, after China rolled out the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-25) that will chart the course of the country's development over the next five years, but will likely generate ef-

fects well beyond 2025.

Jérôme Bendell, vice president of Thales in North Asia and CEO of Thales in China, a trade visitor at the third CIIE, told the Global Times that the company "understands very well" that the Chinese government is trying to support and develop the domestic market as one of the major tasks of the "dual circulation" development pattern.

He said that the trend of China developing its consumption market "has long been set", as he saw many foreign companies and business partners being supported by the robust growth of China's domestic economy. "It (the strategy) probably shows that it won't stop development

and it will keep stepping up the efforts. So it's very good for us," he said.

Bendell said the company is aware that China is also relying on exports as another growth lever.

Judith Sun, managing director of Swarovski Crystal Business in the greater China region, told the Global Times that the company is looking forward to the rollout of government policies to stimulate home consumption as China seeks to fuel market demand both in the country and abroad.

"For example, after the free trade zone in Hainan, we hope that more commercial channels could be launched in Hainan,

such as duty-free stores. We are also discussing with our headquarters about how the company can deepen participation in China's development of the Hainan free trade zone and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area," Sun said. The company plans to open retail stores in more cities in the Pearl River Delta region, as it has found a faster-than-average business recovery there.

Paul Huang, senior vice president of Lego Group and general manager of Lego China, said at a press briefing during the CIIE that the company is reassured to know that the new circulation strategy means a more open economy.

"It lets us feel China's determination to open up further. Also, broadening China's internal demand makes us believe that China's market will grow bigger, which will benefit our exploration of the domestic market."

At the CIIE, companies are also looking for specific business opportunities as China's economic recovery is gaining impetus. In the proposals for formulating the 14th Five-Year Plan, China stressed that its economy will make new accomplishments with enhanced innovation capabilities and more modern industry chains.

Li Ye, vice president of the greater China region at Honeywell Building Technologies, said

that China's development of 5G will give rise to the construction of the data bases, which will mean growing business opportunities for the company as Honeywell can provide products and solutions that make the operation of data bases smoother while minimize energy consumption.

Jerry Wang, president of Seimens Healthineers China, told the Global Times that reform, innovation, and high-quality development are given high priority in the new 14th Five-Year Plan, and the company looks forward to working with the Chinese healthcare industry to actively explore new diagnosis and treatment recipes, as well as

form local R&D teams to develop products needed by Chinese hospitals.

Global Times



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SPORT

Miquissone's Mozambique lose to Cameroon in AFCON Qualifiers

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC's Mozambican winger, Luis Miquissone, played 46 minutes as his country's national soccer team succumbed to a 4-1 defeat away to Cameroon in the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Qualifiers' Group F match, which took place in Cameroon last week.

In the game played at De La Reunification Stadium in Douala, Miquissone played the 46 minutes before he was replaced by Gildo Vilanculos.

Two goals netted by skipper Vincent Aboubakar on the 38th and 47th minutes respectively and another netted by Frank Zambo Anguissa on the 56th minute and Clinton N'Jie's goal, scored 10 minutes before the final whistle, were enough to give Cameroon the crucial victory.

Cameroon's victory has put them at the top of Group F with seven points, with Mozambique, whose consolation against the former was scored by Kevin Kamo-Kamo on the 74th minute, placed second in the group.

The brace has helped Aboubakar, who currently plays for Turkey's Besiktas, register 20 goals for Cameroon.

He has, in this case, beaten former Cameroon star Patrick Mboma, who has scored 19 goals for the West Africa nation's team.

Aboubakary, however, has yet to beat Cameroon's all-time top goal scorer, Samuel Eto'o, who has netted 56 goals.

If Cameroon emerge victorious in a return leg against Mozambique in Maputo today,

the former, who are also the AFCON finals' hosts, will finish as the group's leaders.

In the group's other match, Rwanda forced an away draw with Cape Verde, with the former fielding three players, who feature in Mainland Tanzania Premier League, in the qualifiers' duel.

The players are Meddie Kagere (Simba SC), Haruna Niyonzima (Yanga) and Ally Niyonzima (Azam FC).

Elsewhere, Guinea made good use of their home ground last week, emerging with a 1-0 win over Chad in a Group A duel.

The only goal of the game was netted by Mohamed Camara, a victory that has put them at the top of the group with seven points.

Forward Khalid Lwaliwa's strike on the 86th minute earned Uganda's Cranes 1-0 victory over South Sudan in Group B game, which took place in Kampala last weekend.

The Cranes have recorded seven points, tying the group's leaders, Burkina Faso, who notched 3-1 victory at home to Malawi.

Winning the return legs will see Burkina Faso and Uganda secure progression to the AFCON finals.

The overall results of the AFCON qualifying matches played last week are as follows: Kenya 1-1 Comoros, Ghana 2-0 Sudan, Gabon 2-1 Gambia, Mauritania 1-1 Burundi, Cameroon 4-1 Mozambique, Cape Verde 0-0 Rwanda, Guinea 1-0 Chad, Algeria 3-1 Zimbabwe, Zambia 2-1 Botswana, Senegal 2-0 Guinea Bissau, Congo 2-0 Eswatini, Libya 2-3 Equatorial Guinea, Ivory Coast 2-1 Madagascar.



Luis Miquissone

NBC Dodoma Marathon awards announced

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MORE than 3000 runners are expected to compete at the maiden National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Dodoma Marathon slated for Sunday in the region and awards for winners were announced yesterday.

The marathon, which is recognized by World Athletics (WA), is organized by NBC and Athletics Tanzania (AT).

Tullo Chambo, AT information officer, said winners at the event will be awarded handsomely.

Chambo said, unlike other events, the NBC Dodoma Marathon will have winners in men and women categories getting awards equally and there will also be consolation prizes to winners finishing sixth to 10th in both categories. He said winners in men's and women's full marathon (42 km) category will receive 3.5m/- apiece, runners-up in either category will pocket 2.5m/- apiece, third-placed athletes will rake in 1.5m/- apiece.

Cash prize totaling 1m/- awaits those who will take fourth position and those who will finish fifth will be presented with 750,000/- and athletes who will end sixth to 10th will receive 500,000/- each.

In the half marathon (21km) category, those

who will finish top in both men and women categories will receive 2.5m/- apiece, runners who will finish second will be presented with 1.5 m/- apiece.

Cash prize of 1m/- will be handed over to athletes who will take third spot, fourth placed athlete will be presented with 750,000/-, runners who will finish fifth will get 500,000/-

Runners who will end sixth to 10th in the race will each receive 300,000/-.

Chambo further said the top runners in 10km race will pocket 1m/- apiece, second-placed runners will be presented with 750,000/- apiece while the third-placed runners will get 500,000/- apiece.

Fourth placed athlete in the event will get 250,000/-, whereas the fifth placed athlete will receive 200,000/-, athletes who will finish sixth to 10th will each rake in 100,000/-.

The AT information officer said medals will be handed over to athletes who will complete 5km fun race.

He said registration for the race is still taking place at NBC branches in the country and any person, who will register for the race, will be given a T-shirt.

Money raised will be channelled to Dar es Salaam's Ocean Road Cancer Hospital to be used for cervical cancer treatment.

Dar's preps for Africa Zone V Beach Volleyball tourney in top gear

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Volleyball Association (TAVA) has intensified its preparations for the forthcoming Africa Zone V Beach Volleyball Championship set for March next year at Mbalamwezi Beach in Dar es Salaam.

The Africa Zone V Beach Volleyball Championship, which will be used as qualifiers for the Tokyo Olympics, will feature women national teams of Niger, Sudan, Burundi, Uganda and hosts Tanzania.

Patrick Mlowezi, TAVA Chairman, said the association started preparations for the championships a few months ago.

He asked the national women beach volleyball team to prepare well and avoid complacency if they want to qualify for Tokyo Olympics.

The team is made up of Jonia Jovin, who partners Evelyn Albert, while second team

consist of Hellen Richard, who will partner Beatrice Soka.

"We started preparations for the Africa Zone V Beach Volleyball Championship a few months ago and I'm sure we will successfully host it, I'm calling upon all our teams to continue preparing for the championship which will be held in March next year," he stated.

"Playing at home is an advantage but you need to work extra hard to achieve your goal. We have encouraged our women

The national volleyball governing body has drafted a budget of about 30m/- to host the event and Mlowezi asked the cooperate world to support the association so that it can successfully host the championship.

"We will host the women's Africa Zone V Beach Volleyball Championship next year, I'm asking the cooperate world and stakeholders to support us financially and materially so as we can successfully host it," he said.

SPORTS

Preparing for life after football



Tanzania's U-17 women football team's Protasia Mbunda (L) dribbles past South Africa's U-17 women side's player during a 2020 COSAFA U-17 Women Championship's tie, which took place in South Africa recently. Tanzania's U-17 women football team won 6-1.

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

THERE is no question that in comparison to men's football, women's football, globally, gets a raw deal.

For starters, female football players the world over are paid inequitably compared to their male counterparts.

And, the levels of publicity accorded to women's football distinctly pale in comparison to the nearly sky-high levels of attention, figuratively speaking, of course, which are customarily given to men's football. And that is just the tip of the iceberg.

Here, on the home front, it has been particularly cheering to observe the gradual ascension of women's football from lowly terrain to loftier and loftier heights.

Following ages of foot-dragging and unfulfilled promises, the Mainland Tanzania Women Premier League finally got up and running a few seasons ago in what was a monumental first for women's football on our shores.

Still, one cannot help but wonder, are players in the domestic women's league fully prepared for life in the post-retirement stage of their lives when the appreciative roar of spectators has faded?

Indeed, this is an extremely weighty query that hovers unanswered over women's football.

It should be borne in mind that gut-wrenching tales of male football icons living in poverty after hanging up their boots abound not just here at home but across the continent too.

It seems apparent then that the million-dollar question is this, do we desire to reserve the same grim fate for female football players? And, if the answer is no, what on earth can we do about it? The Women's NBA League (WNBA) in the states might be able to provide us with a few helpful pointers in this regard.

Indeed, the WNBA is setting up a program which will equip women players with skills, education and critical know-how that will enable them to be economically empowered and financially independent in the post-retirement stage of their lives.

In a bid to ensure the glowing success of the program, the WNBA plans to enlist the help of prominent players of Corporate America so that these corporate behemoths can lend financial backing to the program.

Now, one wonders, would such a program not be hugely beneficial and potentially even life-changing if implemented in the domestic women's premier league?

In fact, come to think of it, such a program would also be of enormous assistance to male football players on our shores if set

up and operationalized in the Vodacom Premier League affectionately known as 'Ligi Kuu Bara'. Indeed, if there is one takeaway to be drawn from this positively nightmarish year when our way of life was upended, it is a home-truth that was already well-known, no one can predict what will come tomorrow.

Thus, in light of that, one hopes that the TFF, the Tanzania Women's Football Association (TWFA) and supportive corporate partners can all band together to ensure that once they have called it quits, women players and their male counterparts on the domestic patch do not find life to be a punishment.

Switching gears, now, the country is obviously in a downcast and gloomy mood following the Taifa Stars' 1-0 away defeat to Tunisia in a key 2021 AFCON finals qualifier, which was vitally important to our admittedly dim Nations Cup hopes. Sadly, the defeat left us placed third in Group J and has most likely put paid to our prospects of qualifying for the 2021 AFCON finals.

Despite our crestfallen mood, it is exceedingly crucial for the boys to try and salvage our badly dented national pride in the few qualifiers that remain.

Hopefully, then, lessons will be drawn from our botched campaign once the qualifiers are through.

Yanga winger shines in AFCON Qualifiers

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's newly recruited Burundian midfielder, Said Ntibazonkiza, has proved his worth by scoring for his country's national team in the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Qualifiers' tie against Mauritania, which took place at the latter's venue last weekend.

Ntibazonkiza netted Burundi's equalizer in the AFCON Qualifiers' Group E game against Mauritania, forcing the two squads to settle for 1-1 draw.

The Burundian midfielder beat Mauritania keeper with a well taken free kick from outside the 18-yard box, which went straight into the net.

Ntibazonkiza therefore ensured Burundi snatch a crucial away point in the continental qualifiers, the team will return to Burundi to host Mauritania in the second leg on March 22 next year.

The East Africans are positioned third in the group given they have posted victory in one match, draw in one match and losses in two outings to register four points.

Morocco are the Group E leaders are strong favourites for qualification for the AFCON finals, second-placed Mauritania are too in contention for progression to the continental showpiece.

Central African Republic are placed at the bottom of the group with victory in one outing and losses in two games.

Ntibazonkiza is the first new signing at Yanga as the mini transfer window draws closers, the player will join the side after completing his national team duties.

Yanga have signed the midfielder as a free agent, he had terminated his contract with Vital'O of Burundi.

He was signed by Yanga after displaying impressive showing when Burundi locked horns with Tanzania's Taifa Stars in a recent international friendly match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, with the



Burundi's national soccer team midfielder, Said Ntibazonkiza (L), shoots past Mauritania's national team defender when the teams met in the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Qualifiers' match, which took place in Mauritania last weekend. The match ended in 1-1 draw.

former edging the latter 1-0.

His signing was recommended by Yanga's new head coach, Cedric Kaze, due to the coach's knowledge of the midfielder's ability to execute assists and score goals.

Yanga's registration committee's chairman, Hersi Said, said the midfielder's official contract with the club starts today, when international matches are completed, noting he will later join his new club.

"Ntibazonkiza's contract with our club starts on

November 17 after the end of international matches, after which he will join the team for practice, but playing matches depends on the opening of mini transfer window," Said disclosed.

Ntibazonkiza, who is regularly deployed in the attacking midfield, netted for Burundi in the friendly against Taifa Stars, he impressed Yanga officials, who met him after the clash and sealed his move to the club.

Safe-hands Neuer set to make history as Germany's record 'keeper

BERLIN

Bayern Munich's Manuel Neuer can make history Tuesday by clocking up a record 96th appearance in goal for Germany in a Nations League game against Spain.

Neuer equalled Sepp Maier's record of 95 appearances for a German goalkeeper, set in 1979, in Saturday's 3-1 win over Ukraine in Leipzig.

He can claim the record outright when Germany play Spain on Tuesday to decide their Nations League group.

"It's about time. It's 41 years since I set the record and I congratulate him," Maier, 76, told DPA last week.

At the age of 34, Neuer has given no hint of retirement.

Maier is tipping him to rack up a century of appearances for Germany with seven months to go before their opening match of the postponed Euro championships against world champions France in Munich.

Maier asked why Neuer should hang up his gloves: "There is nothing wrong with him."

The Bayern stopper proved he remains at his best by hoisting the Champions League trophy for the second time last August in Lisbon, having also won the 2013 final in London with the Bavarian giants.

Neuer made his international debut in 2009, became Germany's first-choice 'keeper the following year and has kept 41 clean sheets in his 95 appearances.

Over the last decade, he has reinterpreted the position like Russia's Lev Yashin did in the 1960s or France's 1998 World Cup winner Fabien Barthez achieved in his era - Maier is as known for his dominant presence in goal as much as his ability to leave the penalty area and act as an extra defender.

- Outfield skills -

Such confidence is backed by a

skillset which promoted Pep Guardiola when he was Bayern coach to consider using him as an outfield player.

"I remember when Pep Guardiola seriously considered the idea of putting him in midfield for a match. I could only dissuade Pep with great difficulty," Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge revealed in February.

In his youth, Neuer once sprinted out of his box to score with a spectacular bicycle kick in a junior match for his then club Schalke.

"As an outfield player, he could easily have played in the third division," insists Germany's goalkeeping coach Andreas Koepke.

"He anticipates well, his reflexes are remarkable and he has this unbelievably assured aura.

"All together, you can say he has raised the role of goalkeeper to a higher level."

Neuer has lifted every trophy available to him.

Since joining Bayern from hometown club Schalke in 2011, Gelsenkirchen-born Neuer has won eight Bundesliga titles.

He shut out the normally lethal partnership of Lionel Messi and Gonzalo Higuain as Germany beat Argentina to win the 2014 World Cup final in Brazil.

It was a crowning moment for Neuer, who was voted the world's best goalkeeper four straight times between 2013-2016.

This year, he was voted Europe's best keeper for the fifth time.

He has captained Germany since 2016 and even with Barcelona star Marc-Andre ter Stegen in good form, Neuer has made the national Number One shirt his own.

And it was telling that when head coach Joachim Loew decided last year to retire most of his 2014 World Cup-winning veterans, only Toni Kroos and Neuer were retained.

AFP

Southgate sees progress as England bow out of Nations League to Belgium

BASEL

GARETH Southgate insisted England have not gone backwards after a 2-0 defeat to Belgium on Sunday ensured they cannot reach the Nations League finals next year.

First-half goals from Youri Tielemans and Dries Mertens for the world's number one ranked side in Leuven kept Belgium on top of Group A2, five points clear of third-placed England, with one game to play.

Southgate's men reached the semi-finals of the inaugural Nations League, but have now suffered back-to-back competitive defeats for the first time since September 2018.

England dominated for long spells after conceding twice in the opening 24 minutes, but failed to make it count with more questions asked of Southgate's switch from a 4-3-3 formation that saw the Three Lions score 37 goals in eight games in qualifying for Euro 2020, to a 5-2-3 that has reaped just three goals in five Nations League games.

"Although we don't like losing and didn't want to go out of the competition, the level of performance was excellent," said Southgate.

"I have to focus on performances and if you get performances right, you will normally win matches.

"I'm really pleased with the progress. In the last two matches, I don't think we've got what we deserved but those are the fine margins of knockout football."

Denmark's late winner over Iceland means Belgium still need a point when they host the Danes on Wednesday to secure their place in the Nations League semi-finals in October 2021.

"The best team on the pitch was Belgium," said Belgium boss Roberto Martinez. "We were very clinical then when you go 2-0 up, we managed the game a little bit better.

"England had a lot of possession but at that point you have to give credit to England. They took risks, pressed high but we defended very

well."

Despite the absence of Marcus Rashford and Raheem Sterling through injury, Borussia Dortmund's Jadon Sancho was left on the bench for England in favour of Jack Grealish and Mason Mount.

Southgate has previously resisted the clamour for Grealish to be given his chance on the international stage, but he hailed the Aston Villa midfielder's impact on his first competitive start.

"I just thought he was outstanding and he should be delighted with the way he played," added Southgate.

"I explained to him what we wanted to see when we brought him in in September. It's been helpful for him to be into the group so he knows the way we want to play and the players get an understanding with him.

"Today was a great game to see him at that level and I couldn't speak highly enough of his performance."

Belgium had gone in front early when the sides met at Wembley last month only to be pegged back and lose, but England could not repeat that trick after Leicester midfielder Tielemans's deflected effort went in off the post after 10 minutes.

Romelu Lukaku had scored 15 times in his last 12 internationals, but it was at the other end that the Inter Milan striker made his most significant contribution with a fine header off the line to deny Harry Kane an immediate equaliser on his 50th cap.

Midway through the half, the visitors had a mountain to climb.

Declan Rice was harshly punished for a challenge on Kevin De Bruyne just outside the area and Mertens curled the resulting freekick perfectly over the wall to give Jordan Pickford no chance.

Belgium were then happy to sit on their lead and could have been punished with better finishing from Southgate's men as Mount turned Grealish's dangerous cross before Kane was twice denied by Thibaut Courtois.

Mane strikes to qualify Senegal for Africa Cup of Nations finals

JOHANNESBURG

LIVERPOOL star Sadio Mane scored as Senegal won 1-0 in Guinea-Bissau Sunday to become the second qualifiers for the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations finals after hosts Cameroon.

The reigning African Footballer of the Year struck after 82 minutes against opponents reduced to 10 men by the red-carding of Jorge 'Bura' Nogueira midway through the second half in Bissau.

It has been a memorable five days for Mane, who scored the first goal and created the second when Senegal beat Guinea-Bissau 2-0 in Thies near Dakar last Wednesday.

The two victories lifted Senegal, currently the top ranked national team in Africa, to a maximum 12 points from four matches in Group I, and they qualified with two matches to spare.

Senegal complete their schedule between March 22 and 30 by travelling to Congo Brazzaville and hosting eSwatini, and Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp will probably request that Mane be rested.

Congo have six points, Guinea-Bissau three and eSwatini none in the struggle to qualify with 2002 and 2019 runners-up Senegal.

A win for the Congolese in eSwatini Monday would put them in pole position to reach the finals after missing out on the 2019 tournament in Egypt.

Another Liverpool star who scored was Guinea midfielder Naby Keita, but Ahmat Abdaraman levelled just before half-time for Chad, who forced a 1-1 Group A draw in N'Djamena for their first point.

Guinea top the table with eight points from four matches, but Mali can overtake them by winning in Namibia Tuesday.

- Comoros need one point -

The Comoros, an island nation off the coast of Mozambique with a population of 875,000, moved within one point of reaching the finals for the first



Sadio Mane

time after a 2-1 home win over Kenya.

Serbia-based Ben -- full name El Fardou Mohamed Ben Nabouhane -- put the Comorans ahead and Cliff Nyakeya equalised before half-time.

French Ligue 2 forward Faiz Mattoir put the home side ahead a second time four minutes into the second half with what proved the match-winning goal.

Boasting an unbeaten record in Group G, the Comoros have eight points, record seven-time African champions Egypt five, Kenya three and Togo one.

Guided by famed French coach Claude le Roy, Togo host Egypt in Lome Tuesday and must win to have any chance of a top-two finish and qualification for the 24-nation tournament.

Meanwhile, Burundi threw Group E wide open through a 3-1 win over Mauritania in Bujumbura with Saido Ntibazonkiza scoring early in each half for the Swallows.

Morocco top the table and are likely to stay there, but only two points separate Mauritania (five), Burundi (four) and the

Central African Republic (three) in an intriguing contest for second place.

The Central African Republic host Morocco Tuesday, but will not enjoy home advantage as the match has been moved from Bangui to Cameroonian port city Douala for security reasons.

Matchday 4 qualifying continues Monday with eight fixtures, one of which has Cup of Nations title-holders Algeria defending a 21-match unbeaten record when they play Zimbabwe in Harare.

AFP

Belgium end England Nations League hopes as Italy eye finals

LONDON

BELGIUM ended England's hopes of reaching the Nations League finals with a 2-0 win on Sunday while Italy edged closer to next year's title shake-up.

Belgium were just five minutes from joining world champions France at next October's finals when Iceland pulled level at 1-1 with group rivals Denmark in Copenhagen.

However, a stoppage time penalty by Christian Eriksen gave the Danes a 2-1 win and kept alive their chances of pipping Belgium to top spot in Group A2.

Youri Tielemans and Dries Mertens scored the goals which gave world number one Belgium victory over Gareth Southgate's England.

Leicester midfielder Tielemans's deflected effort went in off the post after 10 minutes.

Fourteen minutes later, Declan Rice was harshly punished for a challenge on Kevin De Bruyne just outside the area and Mertens curled the resulting freekick perfectly over the wall to give Jordan Pickford no chance.

"We were always in control at 2-0, sometimes it can be dangerous, you feel comfortable but we defended Thibaut Courtois's goal very well," said Belgian coach Roberto Martinez.

A second consecutive defeat leaves England down in third place, five points adrift of Belgium, with just one game remaining.

"We don't like losing, but enormous credit to the team, all the way through they created problems and defended resiliently," said Southgate.

Denmark's late winner over Iceland means Belgium still need a point when they host the Danes on Wednesday to secure their place in the final four.

In Copenhagen, Iceland, whose Euro 2020 hopes were dashed by Hungary in a 2-1 play-off defeat in midweek, suffered more agony.

Eriksen gave the Danes the lead from the penalty spot after 12 minutes following a foul by Ari Freyr Skulason on Daniel Wass.

Vidar Orn Kjartansson levelled for Iceland in the 85th minute but another penalty by Eriksen in the second minute of injury time after a handball by Horður Magnusson gave the Danes the three points.

Italy brushed off the absences of several players and coronavirus-hit coach Roberto Mancini with an impressive 2-0 victory over Poland.

The Azzurri took top spot in Group A1 from the Netherlands, who beat Bosnia and Herzegovina 3-1 earlier in the day.

Italy will be sure of a place in next October's finals with victory over the Bosnians in Sarajevo on Wednesday.

Chelsea midfielder Jorginho opened the scoring in the 27th minute with a penalty awarded after Grzegorz Krychowiak had brought down Andrea Belotti.

In the 77th minute, Poland had Jacek Goralski sent off before the Italians added a second goal from Domenico Berardi.

"It's our culture, Italians give their best during difficult moments and become more united," said assistant coach Alberico Evani whose 41-man squad had been whittled down to 28, due to injuries, as well as positive and inconclusive Covid-19 tests.

Frank de Boer won his first match as Netherlands coach after Georginio Wijnaldum scored twice in the win over Bosnia.



Belgium's Youri Tielemans, left, kicks the ball past England's Declan Rice to score his team's first goal during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between Belgium and England at the King Power stadium in Leuven, Belgium, Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020. (AP Photo)

- 'Good feeling' -

Liverpool midfielder Wijnaldum struck his goals early in the first half to help new coach De Boer break his duck at the fifth attempt following three draws and a defeat, with Memphis Depay scoring the other for the dominant Dutch.

"It had been five games since we'd won, so it was a good feeling to win again," said Wijnaldum.

"If I'm playing more in a sitting role, I

don't get in the box that often, but tonight I was playing as a No10 so I'm expected to. I basically just did my job."

The Dutch go to Poland in their final group game but even a win won't be good enough should Italy prevail in Bosnia.

In promotion ties, Scotland failed to follow up their heroics of reaching a first major tournament for 22 years as Steve Clarke's men were beaten 1-0 by Slovakia, their first defeat in 10 games.

Jan Gregus's deflected strike on 32 minutes decided the meeting of two teams who qualified for Euro 2020 this week.

Wales winger David Brooks sealed a 1-0 win over the Republic of Ireland.

After a seventh successive clean sheet in all competitions, Wales - unbeaten in their last 10 games - need a point on Wednesday against Finland to earn promotion to League A.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko

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Academy Girls cricket team's players pictured shortly after winning the final of the 2020 Women Cricket Premier League, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Academy Girls cruised to 30-run victory over Twiga Girls in the final. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

Academy Girls clinch 2020 Women Cricket Premier League silverware

By Guardian Reporter

NEEMA Justin put scintillating performance with the bat as Academy Girls cricket team lifted the 2020 Women Premier League silverware, commanding 30-run victory over Twiga Girls in a thrilling final played at Leaders Club venue in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Dar es Salaam's Academy Girls had made it to the final after notching a four-run victory over fellow Dar es Salaam side, Dar Combine Girls, in the first of the last four stage's clashes, which took place at the venue the same weekend.

The weekend also saw Tanga's Twiga Girls knock Uluguru Stars of Morogoro out of the last four stage, cruising to six-wicket victory over the latter in a match that was held at the same venue.

Academy Girls, consisting of several players who also feature for senior national women cricket team, posted 106 runs for three in 20 overs once they had won the toss and chose to bat first in the Saturday final.

Promising all-rounder, Neema, was in an impressive form, ending with 45 runs which included a boundary to immensely contribute to her team's acquisition of the impressive total.

Neema, who had opened the innings with an experienced batter Monica Paschal, saw to it that Academy Girls successfully weather Twiga Girls' bowlers' pressure.

Monica had a brief spell, posting 18 runs which consisted of a boundary, prior to being dismissed by Twiga Girls' Sharifa Iddi.

Tatu Bakari and Nasra Hamza closed the team's innings out with unbeaten spells, Tatu recorded two runs not out and Nasra ended with 21 runs not out.

Twiga Girls' Saum Godfrey and Sharifa were the bowlers who somehow held their own against Academy Girls' batters, taking a wicket apiece.

Posting 107 runs to come out with victory happened to be a tall order for Twiga Girls, given they, on reply, scored 76 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs.

They got off to a good start given Saum Godfrey that had opened the innings with Saumu Deo put an impressive performance, notching 30 runs and 12 runs respectively.

Saum, who as well plays for senior national women cricket team, made her experience count, cracking three fours and ultimately posting the best innings in her club.

Top order batter Nasra Nassor boosted Twiga Girls' chase with 12 runs not out, the side's chase was later dealt a blow, given the rest of the batters were below par.

Sada Miraj closed Twiga Girls' innings out with Nasra, with the former posting three runs not out. Zinaida Kelvin led Academy Girls' bowling onslaught, finishing with a four-wicket haul and giving away 12 runs in four overs.

She was ultimately voted as the best player of the clash, thanks to her bowling exploits. Monica chipped in with one wicket.

The triumph has capped an impressive outing for Academy Girls, who proved to be a force to reckon with in the round robin stage of the competition.

They topped Group B with a net run rate of 1.9000, notching 699 runs and giving away 509 runs in five outings, which had seen the club emerge victorious in all matches to book a place in the last four stage.

Tanga's Twiga Girls came second in Group B with a net run rate of 1.1650, notching 391 runs and leaking 376 runs in three wins and one loss to join the group leaders in the knockout stage.

Arusha's Kilumeru Girls, Morogoro's SUA Queens and Nyanza Queens of Mwanza came third, fourth and last respectively in the group.

Morogoro's Uluguru Stars and Dar es Salaam's other club, Dar Combine Girls, took the first and second spots respectively in Group A to seal qualification for the semi-finals.

Uluguru Stars had come out victorious in four outings, posting a net run rate of 4.1960 to progress to the last four stage.

Dar Combine Girls ended with a net run rate of 2.5087 having won three duels and lost two to nail a place in the knockout stage.

Namungo FC seeks impressive start to CAF Confederation Cup campaign

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

NAMUNGO FC has stepped up preparations ahead of the coming CAF Confederation Cup's preliminary round match against Al Rabita of South Sudan.

The Tanzania club's head coach, Thierry Hitimana, stated he is doing some home work on the Sudan side and he is confident that, by the end of this month, his charges will be ready for the encounter.

Namungo FC will host Al Rabita in the first leg of the second tier of continental club competitions at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam between November 27-29.

The coach said that playing the first game at home gives his charges an advantage, but he stressed that they need to prepare well.

"We have started some homework on our opponents, in the coming days I will analyse the way they play and come up with our game plan, you know international games need more preparations and we are doing exactly that," he said.

In the domestic scene, Namungo, who are making their maiden appearance in CAF competition, have not been performing well and the coach blamed his team's disappointing results in the league to poor pre-season preparations.

"We did not have enough time to prepare for the league, this was due to many factors which include the coronavirus pandemic, it affected us a lot," the tactician said after his side's 1-0 loss to Mtibwa Sugar in the Vodacom Premier League.

The gaffer said there is hope that his team will recover before the start of CAF Confederation Cup.

"We will bounce back and come strong, I'm sure the team will recover, of course it will not be easy but with support from everyone we will recover," he said.

Namungo FC has this season bolstered the squad by signing Steven Sey from Singida United, Shiza Kichuya from Simba SC, Haruna Mshamte on loan from Simba SC, Frank Maginge from Mwadui FC, Amani Kyata from Kariobaghi Sharks of Kenya, Fred Tangalu from Lipuli FC and Jaffary Mohamed from Yanga.

Namungo FC information officer Kindamba Namlia had in a previous interview assured that his team will be ready for CAF Confederation Cup games.

"We are not doing well in the league, but that does not mean we can not perform well in CAF Confederation Cup games, let me assure you that the team will be ready for all CAF assignments," he said.



Taifa Stars winger, Farid Mussa (R), dribbles past Equatorial Guinea defenders when the teams locked horns in the Group J clash of the Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers, which took place in Dar es Salaam last year. Taifa Stars won 2-1. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Taifa Stars face Tunisia test in AFCON Qualifiers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's senior national football team, Taifa Stars are, this afternoon, seeking to prove a point as they face Tunisia in the second leg of Group J of 2022 Cameroon Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Qualifiers, which will take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Taifa Stars lost 1-0 to Tunisia in the first leg, which took place at the latter's backyard, Stade Olympique de Rades in Tunis on Friday.

For Taifa Stars' dreams of qualifying for Cameroon AFCON finals to be alive, today's game is a must win for the home team.

Taifa Stars' head coach Etienne Ndayiragije said all of his charges are ready for this afternoon encounter, describing it as a must win.

He said he is confident of seeing Taifa Stars post good results as playing at home will be an advantage to the team.

The coach said he will approach the game with seriousness as he is aware that good results in today's game will be an advantage to his side's dreams of qualifying for AFCON finals two times in a row.

"The perfect opportunity has arrived for us, we are playing at home in front of our supporters, and the morale in the camp is very high, I'm sure of good results," he said.

A victory over Tunisia in today's match is important for Taifa Stars, who are placed third in Group J with three points from three games.

Tunisia are leading the rest of the pack in the group with nine points from three games, while Equatorial Guinea are placed second with six points from four matches.

Bottom-placed Libya who have also played four games have collected three points.

"In our first match we did not play well as we were not penetrating into their side, we have rectified the mistakes and I'm sure of good results," the Taifa Stars

coach disclosed.

"We are cautious, it is a very tough match and the players are aware of that. I hope they will follow instructions at the end of the day to collect the maximum points," he said.

The Taifa Stars' coach had, shortly after the last weekend clash, disclosed: "We are ready for the second leg game and I'm sure we will do well, my charges are ready psychologically and mentally."

He said playing in front of home fans is expected to give his players an upper hand over Tunisia.

"We ask our fans to cheer the team the whole 90 minutes, we want to make sure we reduce the points' gap and also keep our chances of qualifying for the finals alive," he said.

To beat Tunisia, Taifa Stars must be disciplined against a side with quality and experienced players like Youssef Msakni, who scored the only goal in Tunis.

Taifa Stars will on one hand, depend on the services of Aishi Manula between the posts, Erasto

Nyoni, Shomari Kapombe, Mohamed Hussein, Bakari Mwangeto, Himid Mao, John Bocco and Simon Msuva, who had a solid performance in the previous game.

On the other hand, Tunisia boast of quality and experienced players like Youssef Msakni, Wahbi Khazri, Ali Maaloul, Ferjani Sassi and Selfeddine Khaoui.

In the last weekend match, the hosts scored on the 18th minute through forward, Youssef Msakni, from a spot kick.

Msakni was fouled in the box and made the most of the spot kick, his goal extended his team's 100 percent record in the Africa Cup of Nations' qualifying campaign.

During the Tuesday game, Taifa Stars will miss the services of skipper, Mbwana Samatta, who plays for Turkish top side Fenerbahçe, given he is still injured.

However, in the absence of Samatta, coach Ndayiragije will depend on the services of Bocco, Ditram Nchimbi and Msuva.

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