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## Somalia and EAC team set to start membership talks

By Guardian Reporter

NEGOTIATIONS for the membership of Somalia in the East African Community (EAC) will be held from August 22 to September 5 in the EAC head offices.

Dr Peter Mathuki (pictured), the secretary general, made this remark here yesterday in presenting an annual address to key organs of the EAC, where the issue of admission of the Federal Republic of Somalia into the bloc was also addressed.

The EAC secretariat and the council of ministers have organised the talks, after which the relevant report will be submitted to the council for consideration.

It will then land before the summit for adoption or otherwise, thereupon giving the next direction in the quest for membership, he said.

In a presentation dominated by trade issues, he said that national level protectionism by applying non-tariff barriers (NTBs) is a key factor impeding the growth of intra-regional trade.

He said the region is working to eliminate



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NTBs with 26 NTBs resolved as of June 2023, out of the 33 that were still pending at the start of the new financial year, he stated.

Seven NTBs remain outstanding at different levels of resolution, he asserted, affirming that intra-EAC trade ratio to EAC total trade stood at 15 percent in 2022.

It was inching towards 16 percent in January and 19 percent in February, thus 2023 has indicated a positive trend with recorded a growth of total EAC trade, he said

"To facilitate free movement of goods, partner states have effectively eliminated NTBs as they arise and have cumulatively eliminated 184 NTBs with only a few remaining outstanding," he explained.

EAC total trade increased by 13.4 percent to \$74.1bn in 2022 from \$65.3bn in 2021, while total intra-EAC trade grew by 11.2 percent to \$10.9bn in 2022 from \$9.8bn in 2021, he elaborated.

"The increase is attributed to strong collaboration among partner states to promote trade, including admitting DRC, the timely resolution of NTBs, enhanced trade facilitation initiatives and harmonization of 2,568 East African standards," he declared.

Implementation of the single customs

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# MPs alert over NHIF 'nearing bankruptcy'

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) has recorded insufficient revenue collections for three consecutive years, with a surge in expenditures, putting its operations under threat of bankruptcy.

Jerry Silaa, chairman of the Public Investments Committee (PIC) of the National Assembly, made this observation shortly after committee members met with the management of NHIF.

In the 2019/2020 financial year the fund had a deficit of 49bn/-, in fiscal 2020/2021 the deficit climbed to 109bn/- and in fiscal 2021/2022 it hit the worrying ceiling of 204bn/-, he stated.

"The fund's financial statement for the period ending June 2023 shows that it will record a deficit of 152bn/-," he said, affirming that NHIF assets decreased from 1.2trn/- to 1.09trn/-, while its capital has decreased from 1trn/- to less than 700bn/-.

"Looking at its revenue collection trend,



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you can see that it is likely to die," he stated, underlining that the government is working on a strategy to ensure universal health care (UHC) as a remedy for the situation.

Once the bill is passed by the National Assembly, NHIF will be responsible for implementation of the plan, he specified, noting that NHIF membership had increased from 1.05m to 1.35m during the period under review.

Its efficiency is not the same as in past years when it had fewer members, he said, explaining that committee members had a detailed discussion with the fund management on the issue.

The committee has prepared a document for presentation to the Speaker's Office, consisting of opinions and advice to the government to ensure the fund operates profitably, "with excellent performance that will ensure its sustainability."

He pointed at the need to improve the management of resources especially in procurement, the committee asserted in its report.

The Controller and Auditor General (CAG) has in an annual report cited a number of irregularities including embezzlement of funds via repeated payment of medical bills, he added.



Jerry Silaa



Tanga city Bajaj taxi operator Avishai Fanuel (L) pictured yesterday admitting in writing having committed a road traffic offence by not stopping at a zebra crossing. He was held by a traffic police officer and taken to this Children's Rights Moot Court run by Mwakizaro Primary School students. The holding of the sessions of the 'court' constitutes part of non-profit Amend.org's mission of developing, implementing and evaluating evidenced-based interventions meant to reduce the incidence of road traffic injury among the most vulnerable road users in Africa while working to help create an environment for long-term, sustainable injury reduction. Right is an "official of the court", while looking on is Tanga regional traffic police commander William Mwamasika.

Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Jane Goodall fund gets \$29.5m in USAID boost

By Guardian Reporter

CONSERVATION efforts of the Jane Goodall Institute in four districts have obtained a \$29.5m donation from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

US ambassador Michael Battle said at the signing event in Dar es Salaam yesterday, said the funds are intended to help Tanzanian communities to benefit from conservation efforts.



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Craig Hart, the country director, said the donation is in pursuit of cooperation with the Jane Goodall Institute since 2003 for conserving biodiversity. It involves uplifting communities in the reserve area, including the Gombe Nature Reserve, he said.

"In this cooperation we protect the habitats of the chimpanzees that now number only 500 and are in danger of extinction owing to human activities

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## PCCB holds three court accountants

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Mtwara Region have detained three accountants of the High Court registry here for suspected embezzlement of more than 600m/- in family inheritance funds.

Jumbe Kaboba, the acting regional PCCB head, told journalists here yesterday that during the past three months they



received reports on inheritance money left for beneficiaries of deceased family members had been embezzled under High Court custody.

An in-depth investigation showed that the three accountants were involved in transferring the money belonging to various beneficiaries.

He said the suspects were detained for suspected embezzling of more than 600m/- of inheritance funds belonging to beneficiaries whose cases were still before the court.

PCCB has already finalised the relevant investigations on 234m/- apparently embezzled by court staff, he said, noting that seven case files had been deposited with the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for approval to take the suspects to

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including wanton tree cutting," he said.

USAID has hope for the project funds to assist family planning efforts, gender equality enhancement, agriculture development and the fight against the effects of climate change, he said.

Dr Jane Goodall, the institute director, said the money will be used to preserve the environment and restore the habitats of the chimpanzees, as outside this effort, they will disappear from the face of the earth.

The money will also help people living in poor environments by providing education for adult learners and in school to protect their own environment, she said.

"We have followers everywhere from elementary school level to universities. It is my hope that this generation will make

huge accomplishments in the preservation of the environment and biodiversity in the future," she observed.

The communities are compelled to reap from the environment in order to cater for their vital needs like food, wood fuel, in which case education and assistance to shift to clean energy will enhance their participation in conserving the environment, she further stated.

Emmanuel Mtiiti, the projects and policy director at the institute, said the money will be spent in Dodoma, Uvinza, Tanganyika and Mpanda districts to assist the communities therein by increasing their incomes through savings and loans projects.

The funds will also assist communities in 104 districts to get customary land title deeds to mobilise environmental conservation. The institute believes that if a person owns land legally he adopts greater awareness in protecting it, he added.

## 16,000 children under 5-yrs given free medical treatment in Hanang District

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

MORE than 16,000 children under five years of age in Hanang District, Manyara region were exempted from paying treatment costs for the period January to June this.

This was revealed yesterday here by the district Community Development Officer, Anna Odimari during discussions by stakeholders for children upbringing who are implementers of National Inclusive Plan for Children Upbringing (PJT-MMMAM).

He said the main obstacles facing the children was from their parents for failing to take the children to attend a clinic.

Elaborating on the exemption, the Manyara Region Community Development Officer Khadija Muwango said in giving exemption they consider the parent's economic statuses and whether the children

attend the clinic.

Muwango said the exemption of treatment cost is not accorded to children only, as according to ministry guidelines other groups including old people and other special groups also get exemption.

For his part, Head of Health, Nutrition and Community Development Department in Manyara Region, Dr Damas Kayera said for parents who do not take their children to the clinic the government applies the 2009 Community Health Act to pressurize them to implement this responsibility.

Rehema Samweli resident of Riroda Village in Hanang District, praised the government for giving free treatment services to children and other groups, but urged the government to impress upon parents to make their children attend clinics.

## 'Honey, timber to be added in the warehouse receipt system'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

WAREHOUSE Receipts Regulatory Board (WRRB) has said it expects to incorporate honey and timber products to the warehouse receipt system.

This was disclosed here yesterday by Asangye Bangu, the board's acting managing director as he addressed reporters on the warehouse system for 2022/23 and its expectations for 2023/24.

Bangu said they plan to introduce timber products into the system, particularly for Njombe Region and education has been offered to timber business groups in order for them to understand its implications.

"The Board is also in the process of incorporating honey, especially for Tabora Region, in collaboration with Sikonge District Council," he said, and added that this will help to bring about competition aimed at raising the price of the product to producers as well as enhancing its quality.

Bangu further said by June 30

this year, 370.7 million kilograms of 13 products were sold through the warehouse receipt system valued at about 741.5bn/-.

He named the crops as including soya, pigeon peas, sesame, grams, cashew nuts, groundnuts, maize, beans, cassava, rice and sorghum.

Bangu said the system has enabled the government to earn 22.24bn/- through its local councils in the regions where the warehouse receipt system was implemented.

He added that many farmers in the country have developed the urge to understand how the system works and have been asking themselves many questions.

According to him the Board continues to introduce the system to all zones in the country in regard to various products in collaboration with the Cooperative Development Commission and Tanzania Products Market and both have finalised guidelines for the purchase of leguminous crops including soya, lentils, and peas.



Jamal Kassim Ali (standing), Minister of State in the Zanzibar President's Office, briefs Vice President Dr Philip Mpango in Luanda yesterday on preparations for the 43rd Southern African Development Community (SADC) Heads of State and Government Summit in the Angolan capital. The VP is representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the event. Photo: Correspondent Peter Haule

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territory, a stop-gap measure towards the realisation of a fully-fledged custom union, has seen a reduction in the turn-around time from an average of 21 days to four days along EAC corridors, he said.

Most EAC customs formalities including imports and exports have been operationalized with transit being piloted, he said, noting that the average transit time from the main EAC ports of entry (Dar es Salaam and Mombasa) to exit

border points was cut from 86.16 hours (3.59 days) to 81.84 hours (3.2 days) during 2022, he said.

Operationalization of additional one stop border posts with non-EAC countries Tunduma/Nakonde (Zambia/Tanzania), Moyale/Moyale (Ethiopia/Kenya), and Kasumulu/Songwe (Tanzania/Malawi) has led to a reduction in cross border clearance time by 80 percent, he pointed out.

Five out of the seven EAC partner states commenced the issuance of the EA e-passport to facilitate the

free movement of persons across the region, he said, noting that the partner states adopted a mechanism for removal of restrictions in trade in service.

This will help in monitoring the removal of restrictions in service, he said, pointing out that in July 2022, the EAC summit convened in Arusha and discussed the progress made in implementing the common market protocol.

The summit identified areas that need to be prioritized to ensure that the common market is fully

operational, especially the: one network area and an open skies policy, he said.

In addition to the establishment of the East African Monetary Institute, bills for the establishment of the EAC Bureau of Statistics, the East African Surveillance, Compliance and Enforcement Commission, and the East African Financial Services Commission have been passed by the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and currently await assent by the summit, he added.



Parliamentary Energy and Minerals Committee chairman Dunstan Kitandula (3rd-L) chairs a meeting of the committee discussing a report on the implementation of the second cycle of Phase III of the rural electricity supply project, as presented in Dodoma city yesterday by Rural Energy Agency director general Hassan Seif Saidy. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

## Eleven underage children rescued from imminence of sexual abuse

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

ELEVEN children aged under 18 years who were under threat of sexual abuse have been rescued from the threat and now continue with their education from safe homes.

This was revealed here yesterday by Rose Njilo, the Coordinator of Mimutie Women Organization (MWO), at the event to mark World day of the Indigenous people organised by the organisation.

Rose said beginning January this year they have succeeded to rescue more than 11 children who had already been married off while under age.

However, she said MWO has to a great extent, (at 75 per cent) been able to fight gender based violence and child abuse for children especially the issue of under-age marriages.

She said in the process, they established a centre as home for those rescued from the threat, saying this was made possible following the provision of education to members of the community that in turn helped them to report to the centre on such threats.

"Right now, we have been receiving various cases including regarding women being severely beaten, conned of inheritance to

land, but before we established the centre we had no place to take them to," she said.

She added that they have also been able to help girls, many of whom were now in school.

She appealed to the indigenous communities to use traditional means to resolve their disputes. "These traditional organs include traditional leaders 9the Laigwananai and Ingaigwanaki to raise voices in order to eradicate all oppressive customs," she said.

For his part, Iddi Ninga from Media Aid for Indigenous Pastoralists Communities (MAIPAC) said in marking the event they have come up with recommendations

to eradicate these acts of gender based violence.

He said there are various traditional strategies if applied well they can help to eradicate the practices.

Neema Laizer, a Simanjiro resident in Manyara Region, reading a short statement at the event, appealed to the government to recognize the laws and judgments by traditional leaders for settling disputes in the communities.

She also recommended the traditional activities to oppose gender based violence including the 'Alamal' in order to have equal gender balance among the pastoralist communities.

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court.

Investigations are being pursued regarding more than 460m/- of inheritance money including the portion that was embezzled, with investigations expected to be finalised this week, he stated, asserting that the files are being referred to the DPP for approval of prosecution.

Not revealing the names of the detained suspects, he said legal procedures were proceeding. Their names will be released upon being arraigned in court, he added.





Badru Idd (C), CRDB Bank Plc's Dar es Salaam zone manager, presents a prize saloon car to Robert Masala, a customer of the bank, for winning a SimBanking promotion raffle. The event was held at the latter's residence in the city's Goba suburb yesterday. Looking on are CRDB University of Dar es Salaam branch manager Donath Shirima (L), CRDB 'ambassador' Stephane Aziz Ki (2nd-L) and CRDB alternative service senior manager Mangire Kibanda. Story on Page 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Journalists seek full presence in accreditation board, council

By Guardian Reporter

MEDIA practitioners are requesting for their full presence in proposed two organs, including the accreditation board and independent media council, as part of implementation of the Media Services Act (MSA) 2016 and its amendments.

Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF) chairman Deodatus Balile gave the remarks yesterday during the virtual meeting to review the recent parliamentary amendments of the MSA 2016, suggesting the best way of implementing the law, as well as formulation of the regulations.

Balile further said: "As we are looking forward, all these media organs must be represented by practicing journalists, specifically those with commendable skills and experiences".

"I am expecting the chairman of the accreditation board to be a journalist

with much experience and skills or a retired journalist who has gone to the newsroom," he said.

He called for media practitioners to ensure that they suggest what types of the people they want to be included in these two organs, ahead of their formations.

"We need to suggest criteria of who we want to be in these organs, while we are learning from other countries," he said.

The MSA 2016 and its amendment, requires the formation of the accreditation board, which will deal with the registration of journalists and the media council, which will deal with all issues pertaining to ethical issues of practicing journalists.

He said on the media council, members of the media should also, through their discussions, suggest what types of people they may wish to be included.

"I expect the chairman of the council to be a practicing journalist who is

accredited, we expect members of the council from universities also to be journalists as well as those coming from public and private media umbrellas," he said.

Explaining on the amendment of the MSA 2016, Balile said the amendments have raised hopes to media practitioners and investors, although much is needed to be worked on to ensure safe media space in Tanzania.

Jesse Kwayu, member of TEF, is worrying on how media practitioners are expected to influence and participate in the formation of these two organs.

He said journalists may have the influence in the expected media council, but he is also worrying that it is very tricky.

Kwayu has also suggested the consolidation of the media governing board to become one instead of a diverse body of organs.

## TFS allots 62.7bn/- to scale up forests' conservation

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) is set to commence implementation of three major projects worth 62.7bn/- in the current financial year.

Prof Dos Santos Silayo, TFS Conservation Commissioner unveiled this yesterday here when speaking to journalists on the organisation's performance and its future plans.

He said the move is meant to scale up conservation and development of the forest sector in the country.

The projects, where the funds accrued from the development partners, include the 'Integrated Landscape Management in the Dry Miombo Woodlands of Tanzania (DSL-IP), Building the resilience of forest biodiversity to the threats of climate change in Tanzania's nature forest reserves and Integrated Approach to Sustainable Cooking Solution.

Prof Silayo said implementation of the projects was due to a mutual understanding and good cooperation between Tanzania and other countries, unveiling that the Integrated Landscape Management in the Dry Miombo Woodlands of Tanzania (DSL-IP) was spending a total of \$6.9million.

"The key objective of this project is to help curtail and reverse the negative trend of land degradation and loss of biodiversity in the degraded areas of the Miombo forests in western Tanzania by using an integrated landscape management approach," he said.

The Integrated Approach to Sustainable Cooking Solution, according to Prof Silayo, the project involves more than 34.3bn/- (euros12,500).

"This project aims to promote sustainable forest management and wood-fuel production in rural areas with an overall aim of enhancing environmental sustainability, in particular the sustainability of the wood-fuel value chain," he explained.

Together with that, he communicated that the package includes implementation of the third project, dubbed: "Building the resilience of forest biodiversity to the threats of climate change in Tanzania's nature forest reserves. The initiative is worth around \$4.8 million.

"It focuses on carrying out activities to build the capacity of forests of nature reserves to withstand the negative effects of

climate change by building forest protection infrastructure, strengthening activities to increase income through eco-tourism, together with other activities meant to heighten incomes to the communities surrounding forests."

Informing about the TFS's achievement in developing the forest sector during the 2022/23 fiscal year, the Don stated that TFS had managed to establish one major tree farm in Makere area of Kasulu-Kigoma, occupying at least 65,000 hectare.

"Apart from establishing the tree estate, we also managed to expand two farms, including Mibwa (12,000 hectare) and Pagale range and Longuza at 400 hectares extent," he expressed.

During the past fiscal year, he added that TFS had successfully produced 25.9 tons of tree seeds and planted a total of 32,735,653 seedlings of numerous tree varieties at different areas of the 24 public tree farms available across the country.

"Other seeds were distributed to the relevant stakeholders in the private sector in the country," he added.

He said so far, TFS has managed to plant a total of 6,909 new trees as well as replace trees at a total of 2,434 at different state-owned tree farms, noting that TFS managed to conduct a special forest inventory at a total of 42 forests (1,031,293 hectares) across the country, and later on developed the relevant management plans.

He also stated that during the period, TFS had also to upgrade 15 forests to the level of national forest parks, and other five national natural reserves forests, occupying a total of 58,216 hectares.

Last year, TFS received 4bn/- from the monies that was disbursed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan for supporting improvement of forests preservations and tourism in the country.

"With the amount, we managed to construct at least five modern entry gates at five national parks, but also, the money assisted us to construct a 97 km road, as well as a 190.5km-long tourists walking trails at 11 parks," he expressed.

He also added that through TFS's internal work plan, they have managed also to improve the country's ecology and cultural tourism attractions by rehabilitating at least 231.7km of tourist trails, and 643.54 roads within forests.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF FACILITY BRANDING AND INTERIOR BRAND STYLING SERVICES FOR EACOP LTD. REFERENCE NO. 00000338

East African Crude Oil Pipeline ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in provision of facility branding and interior styling services to the (EACOP) project offices.

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

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

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) is seeking a qualified Facility branding and interior Brand Styling services EACOP Ltd. EACOP runs operations in various regions and shall have offices in the Regions of which it operates. Therefore, EACOP Ltd require Branding and Interior Brand Styling Services for the EACOP offices located in Dar es Salaam and regional offices in Tanga, Dodoma, Singida, Kahama and Bukoba.

#### The Vendor:

- Be responsible for recommending designs of office branding, which includes wall graphics, signage, and other branding elements.
- Recommend and provide samples of materials used for the branding, ensuring that they are of high quality and are environmentally friendly.
- Be responsible for the implementation of the branding, ensuring that it is done in a timely and efficient manner.
- Shall provide a dedicated qualified project manager who will be responsible for the management of the project, ensuring that it is completed within the agreed timeframe and budget.
- Shall provide a maintenance plan for the branding elements, ensuring that they are kept in good condition throughout their lifespan.
- Shall adhere to all health and safety regulations during the implementation of the branding.
- Shall provide a detailed budget for the project, outlining all costs associated with the design, implementation, and maintenance of the branding.
- Should have an in-house design team to create and correct branding designs and layouts.
- Should be able to work with EACOP Brand guidelines and incorporate the required message and information.
- Should have a rigorous quality control process in place to ensure the branding elements meets EACOP standards and specifications.
- Should have a commitment to environmental sustainability and should use eco-friendly printing materials and processes.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

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

- Proof of technical capacity such as equipment, facilities, and team composition.
- Proven experience of working in major projects with high demand for Branding.
- Certificate of Incorporation and BRELA search and Business License
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the Scope of Services outlined above in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards.
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the project including personal certifications as necessary and level of qualifications, and experience and capacity to deliver the required services.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com), (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT) on or before 1st September 2023. Email object shall be: 00000338-Provision of Facility branding and interior Brand styling services. Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.

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



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF LARGE-SCALE PRINTING AND BRANDED PRODUCTS SERVICES FOR EACOP LTD. REFERENCE NO. 00000337

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in provision of large-scale printing, and branded products services to the EACOP project in Tanzania.

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

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

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) is seeking a qualified Printing Vendor to provide high-quality printing services for various printing materials. EACOP Ltd, runs operations in various regions in Tanzania with regional offices and with its operations EACOP requires various Printing services for its office and regional engagement activities and supply of the branded products. Therefore, EACOP Ltd require printing service and branded services for EACOP LTD.

#### The Vendor:

- Must be capable of providing high quality printing services for large-scale printing projects. this includes, but is not limited to printing of banners, brochures, posters, flyers, stickers, signages and other promotional materials.
- Must be able to provide a range of materials to choose from including papers, vinyl, fabric, and other materials as per the demand.
- Must have an in-house design team to create, correct and layout artworks for printing.
- Must be able to work as per EACOP brand guidelines and incorporate the required message and information.
- Must have a rigorous quality control process in place to ensure that, the printed materials meet EACOP standards and specifications.
- Must be capable of delivering finished products to multiple locations as required by EACOP.
- Will be responsible for replacement of breakages of any printed materials particularly before, during and after a reasonable period after delivery.
- EACOP may place an order for printing beyond office hours and holidays for which no additional payment will be made to the vendor.
- Shall supply items strictly as per EACOP requirements, EACOP shall reserve the right to return any non-conformant printed items delivered and without paying any associated costs.
- Should have a commitment to sustainability and should use eco-friendly printing materials and process.
- Must be able to package the finished product in accordance with EACOP health and safety guidelines.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:


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


- Proof of technical capacity such as equipment, facilities, and team composition (photos)
- Proven experience of working in major projects with high demand for Branding.
- Ability to install or manage logistics of distribution along the pipeline corridor where required, specifically in Kagera, Geita, Tabora, Shinyanga, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga
- Business License.
- Certificate of Incorporation and BRELA search
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- OptiFiber Pro Quad (Multimode and Singlemode) Wi-Fi enabled with Versiv2 Main + OTDR Quad module
- Manufacture Part No: OFP2-100-Q INT
- Manufacturer: Fluke Networks

**Key documents:**

- Clear and detailed Quotation.
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**Submission of Quotes:**  
Please submit your quotes via email to [bulytender@barrick.com](mailto:bulytender@barrick.com).

The reference "**BUL-RFQ-23-07-02 SUPPLY OF OFP2-100-Q INT**" must be quoted in the subject line of the email.


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**Key Dates**

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**Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited**





**Advertisement**

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION**

**BUL-RFQ-23-08-02 SUPPLY OF 400 VD, 4000 Amp L.V CIRCUIT BREAKER**

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine ("the Company"), a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Quotes from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

**Material types and specifications:**

- 3 Pole L.V Air Circuit Breaker for a CAT Generator
- Service Voltage: 400 VAC
- Service Current: 4000 Amp
- Control Voltage 24 VDC
- L.V Circuit Breaker Specifications and items required.
  - o YO E1.2..E6.2-XT7-XT7M 24 VAC/DC – Shunt Opening Release coil
  - o YC E1.2..E6.2-XT7M 24 VAC/DC – Shunt Closing Release coil
  - o Measuring Package for Emax 2
  - o M E2.2...E6.2 24-30 VAC/DC – Motor Mechanism
  - o RF Kit HR E4.2 F lu4000 3pcs – Retrofit Kit
  - o E4.2S 4000 Ekip Touch LSI 3p F HR - C.BREAKER SACE EMAX2 E4.2S 4000 FIXED THREE-POLE WITH TERMINALS REAR HORIZONTAL AND SOLID-STATE RELEASE IN AC EKIP/TOUCH-LSI R 4000 FITTED WITH: 4 AUXILIARY CONTACT AND C.BREAKER IN POSITION OPEN-CLOSED

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**Materials types and specifications:**

- Apparent Power: 1000kVA
- Input voltage: 6600 VAC
- Output voltage: 525 VAC
- Dyn Transformer Configuration
- 3 Phase Input and Output
- Frequency: 50 Hz
- Impedance Z% = 5.5
- No fuses or fuse holders of any auxiliary supply circuit shall be used. Only circuit breakers.
- 3-year warranty shall apply to the mini substation.

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**Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties for Proposed Surface Magazine Construction at BGML**

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BGML, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced, and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for Proposed Surface Magazine Construction

No.	Reference no.	Description of services to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-23-07-07	<b>New Surface Magazine Constructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractor specialised in building construction works, must have proven experience with construction, Civil CRB Certificate, minimum class 4.</li> <li>• Experience working with similar works in last 3 years</li> <li>• Competence in working at heights and fully conversant with the risks and control measures of working in Mining industry</li> <li>• Team with multi discipline members (Mainly - Supervisors / Safety officer / QA&amp;QC officer / Multi skilled) should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health &amp; Safety acts.</li> </ul>

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- Full company profile.
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- Time frame to complete the project. (Including site mobilization stage)
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**For and on behalf of BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED**



# Deputy minister calls on TEMESA, TANROADS to operate nationally

By Guardian Reporter

WORKS and Transport deputy minister Godfrey Kasekenya has called on Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) and Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) in Dodoma Region to have strategies for them to operate nationally instead of regionally as in the past.

Speaking during his inspection visit of TEMESA workshop and the laboratory for examination of building materials in Dodoma region, Kasekenya said it would be better for the two institutions to boost their operations by serving many more people who had shifted to the country's capital city, Dodoma by increasing the number of their experts, working equipment and producing quality work in short time.

"TEMESA must adopt both innovation and diligence for your staff so that many private institutions should be attracted and take their vehicles to your workshop for maintenance as well as other electrical services you provide," said the Deputy Minister.

He also spoke on the importance of educating their customers on the need to remove broken down vehicles in the workshop in order to

have ample space for the maintenance of big numbers of vehicles at the workshop.

Kasekenya also called on both TEMESA and TANROADS to continue opportunities to students with engineering profession to conduct practical training in their workshops to empower more youth in the sector.

For his part, Dodoma Region TEMESA Manage, Eng. Grayson Maleko appealed to the Deputy Minister for more workers to enable them to enhance their operations and reach their set goals.

Eng. Leonard Chimangu, TANROADS manager for Dodoma Region assured Kasekenya that the Agency is well mobilised to make sure all construction projects going on in the City of Dodoma are fully supervised in order to complete them in time.

The Deputy Minister was on his official visit to inspect work performance of the two government agencies in Dodoma to see how they cope with the need to serve a big number of people who have shifted to the country's capital city.



Right To Play (RTP) is a global organization committed to protect, educate, and empower children to raise above adversity using the power of play. We play for change in 4 key areas (Quality education, Child protection, Girls Empowerment and health and well-being). RTP is headquartered in Toronto, Canada with national offices in Canada, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Germany, and the United States. In Tanzania we are committed to advancing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals of quality education and gender equality. Our strategic thematic areas for 2021-2025 are Education quality and Girls' Empowerment.

**Vision Statement:** Seeing every child and youth have access to quality early childhood and basic education for them to be able to realize their full potential.

**Mission Statement:** To protect, educate and empower children to rise above adversity using the power of play.

In accordance with Non-Governmental Organization (Amended) Regulation, 2018, RTP is pleased to publish its received funds and expenditure from **January 2023 to June 2023**

**Right To Play - Tanzania**  
**Semi-Annual Income and Expenditure for the period from January 2023 to June 2023**

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	Note	2023	
		JAN-JUNE	TZS
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Grant income received from HQ	2	1,397,020,256	
<b>Total amount received</b>		<b>1,397,020,256</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Personnel costs	3	590,701,423	
Program activities	4	515,260,279	
Operating expenses	5	182,093,401	
Bank charges	6	5,112,365	
Office Equipment & Fixtures	7	14,775,600	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1,307,943,067</b>	
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the period</b>		<b>89,077,190</b>	

In summary, Right To Play Tanzania received grants from the following donors in 2023; **NORAD, GAC, LEGO FOUNDATION and UKAID**

**RTP received the funds for project activities on monthly bases from its HQ- CANADA and some expenditures are recorded and reported under Inter Country Expenses**

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## GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

### Statement of Work

<b>Purpose</b>	:	<b>Building Capacity of MSD staff on warehouse management best practices</b>
<b>Provider(s)</b>	:	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Period of Performance</b>	:	<b>Mid-September 2023 to mid-March 2024)</b>
<b>Place of Performance</b>	:	<b>Tanzania</b>

#### Background.

The USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program Technical Assistance - Tanzania (GHSC-TA-TZ) has been working closely with Medical Stores Department (MSD) in the area of system strengthening in line with project goal of supporting the development of agile, robust, and sustainable health supply chains that will contribute to improving medicines availability, and ultimately the health status of Tanzanians. MSD, as the parastatal agency responsible for production, procurement, storage and distribution to all public sector facilities; is a key player in improving health commodities availability and ultimately the health status of Tanzanians. MSD delivers medicines, medical supplies and laboratory reagents directly to over 7,000 public health facilities in Tanzania. Recently, MSD has embarked on reformation processes aimed at improving its operational performance with focus areas to include service and operational excellence, timely availability of quality health commodities with affordable price through local production, as well as promoting good governance. In August 2022, GHSC-TA-TZ in collaboration with MSD conducted a rapid assessment of the current warehouse management operations at MSD warehouses of Dar es Salaam and Central to establish what has changed in relation to the findings and recommendations included in an assessment report done in 2018. (The implementation of the recommendations contained in the 2018 report were halted due to the emergency of COVID-19 pandemic). By early 2023, recommendations from the rapid assessment were made available with proposed three (3) key activities: 1) system strengthening activities; 2) storage capacity addition initiatives; and 3) ERP system replacement activity. GHSC-TA-TZ is collaborating with MSD to support part of the identified system-strengthening activities outlined in the rapid assessment report.

#### 1. Objectives

The objectives of this Short-Term Technical Assistance (STTA) scope of work are:

1. To support the Medical Stores Department (MSD) in addressing inventory management challenges and issues identified in the rapid assessment report with specific focus at the central warehouse and Dodoma zone to improve efficiency.
2. To build capacity to MSD staff aiming at improving warehouse operations including change management at central MSD and Dodoma zone.
3. To develop a phased costed roadmap for route optimization implementation at MSD Dodoma zone.

#### 2. Activities

Total days allocated - 150 days

- Conduct meetings with MSD management and other staff to identify and develop a detailed implementation plan for the execution of the objectives/activities listed including the project plan.
  - Assist MSD in the evaluation of the bid to identify the competent expert/company to undertake evaluation, adjudication, and testing of the ERP for MSD, ensuring that the criteria set for the system meet goals as per best practice. These include FEFO-based picking, traceability, cycle counting, MRP, and barcode processing capability.
  - Develop customized training materials on best practice inventory management, and warehouse operations including change management training of MSD staff in selected zones to improve warehouse practices. The training materials should include but not limited to Material Resource Planning (FEFO) picking practices, cycle counts, separation of bin locations into Bulk & Active locations and the related replenishment, etc; Material Resource Planning (MRP) at the zonal level for Transfer Order suggestion and at Central level for Procurement suggestions and Gravity Flow Rack, separation and fencing off of areas reserved for single unit picking at Central level, mitigating expiry of health commodities including isolation of expired ones and general house-keeping for disposal and change management.
  - Train MSD staff (Central and MSD Dodoma) on inventory management best practices, warehouse operations, change management including FEFO picking practices, cycle counts, separation of bin locations into Bulk & Active locations and the related replenishment, etc
  - Training to re-introduce Material Resource Planning (MRP) at zonal level for Transfer Order suggestion and at Central level for Procurement suggestions and Gravity Flow Rack for the MSD Dodoma zone
  - Provide technical support in separation and fencing off of areas reserved for single unit picking at the Dar es Salaam zone or a selected pilot zone
  - Build capacity of MSD staff (Central and MSD Dodoma) on mitigating expiry of health commodities including technical assistance in isolation of expired ones and general house-keeping for disposal
  - Develop a costed roadmap for route optimization for MSD Dodoma zone including estimated cost of implementation
  - Develop and implement change management training to MSD staff
  - Recommend performance monitoring plan with key process/output indicators which can be implemented to track performance after trainings
  - Conduct progress meetings/presentations to GHSC-TA-TZ and MSD EMT.
  - Identify and capacitate 20 MSD staff as pool of trainers for future trainings in other zones
- 3. Deliverables with timelines**
- Trip report completed within 5 working days after the consultancy
  - Training package for MSD staff on warehouse management best practices
  - Training package for MSD staff on change management
  - Number of TOTs capacitated (10 from MSD central and 10 from Dodoma MSD zone)
  - Technical report outlining activities accomplished and further recommendations/plans made with MSD staff
  - A costed route optimization roadmap that encompasses inputs driven cost inputs such as modern software required to facilitate execution of the plan.

#### 4. Activity Schedule

Activity	Start Dates	Completion Date	Locations
Systems Strengthening activities	Mid Sept 2023	Mid Mar 2024	MSD Central and Dodoma zone
Warehouse Best Practices	Mid Sept 2023	Mid Mar 2024	MSD Central and Dodoma zone

#### Qualifications and Attributes required

The applicant for this consultancy should possess the following minimum qualifications and can provide documentation supporting capabilities and past experience:

##### 1. Demonstrated Technical Capabilities

- Be a qualified professional with a demonstrated track record in developing supply chain best practices.
- Experience in developing warehouse management systems and have knowledge of delivering transitional organization support.
- Experience in building capacity in warehousing best practice in pharmaceutical supply chain environments
- Experience in ERP/WMS systems and their applications in pharmaceutical distribution chains
- Experience in change management with international experience in designing pharmaceutical supply chain infrastructure, particularly pharmaceutical warehousing projects.
- Proven 15+ (years) of pharmaceutical supply chain experience in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Experience in designing and supervising the development/construction of pharmaceutical warehousing infrastructures.
- Extensive experience working to remodel the supply chain of health commodities.
- Extensive experience working in Tanzania will be an added advantage.
- Experience working with the Tanzania Medical Stores Department (MSD) will be an added advantage.

##### 2. Demonstrated Project Management and Communications capabilities

- Demonstrated experience leading and supporting similar projects.
- Strong experience managing projects of this scope and size, including meeting deadlines and managing risks.
- Experience in planning and executing communications efforts in support of projects of this scope and size
- Be able to participate and lead in-person workshop(s) to review prototype materials, as needed
- Excellent verbal and written English and Swahili
- Proven experience in the kitting of pharmaceutical warehouses
- Mentoring and hands-on experience in process improvement
- Proven experience in Project Management
- Familiarity with MSD operation will be an added advantage
- An B.Sc. Degree in Logistics or Engineering discipline will be an added advantage

##### Proposal Submission and Timelines

- All submissions have to be sent to [peace.nyankojo@tz-ghsc.com](mailto:peace.nyankojo@tz-ghsc.com) with cc to [michael.kishwa@tz-ghsc.com](mailto:michael.kishwa@tz-ghsc.com) and [james.bagoka@tz-ghsc.com](mailto:james.bagoka@tz-ghsc.com)
- Bid submissions have to be submitted by 1st September 2023.
- All quotes have to be valid for a period of 150 calendar days.
- All cost proposals should be broken down by the number of position descriptions/types, hours, hourly rates, and deliverables.
- The work is expected to start once the contract is signed by the contractor.
- The duration of the contract is expected to be 150 workdays. All work should be completed within the contract duration.
- Work is expected to commence in Mid Sept 2023.
- All proposals should be priced/quoted according to days and deliverables.
- All proposals should include references and contacts of which the bidder performed a similar work
- Examples of past work are required and should be shown when needed

##### Selection Criteria

- Past experience proven 15+ (years) in the pharmaceutical supply chain in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Extensive experience working in Tanzania
- Experience working with MSD
- ERP/WMS systems and their applications in Pharmaceutical Distribution Chains
- References checks
- Quality of proposal
- Pricing

##### Background Documents

Please contact Peace Nyankojo [peace.nyankojo@tz-ghsc.com](mailto:peace.nyankojo@tz-ghsc.com) for further clarifications and to obtain materials.



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### Advertisement

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1	BUL-23-07-08	Supply and Installation of Two (2) Solid Cast 3.0 Meter Diameter Sheave Wheels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor specialised in design, supply &amp; installation of the sheave wheels with minimum Class 3 CRB registration</li> <li>Experience working with similar works in last 5 years</li> <li>Competence in sheave wheels design and fully conversant with the risks and control measures of working in Mining industry</li> <li>Team with multi discipline members (Mainly - Supervisors / Safety officer / QA&amp;QC officer / E&amp;I Engineer / Multi skilled) should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health &amp; Safety acts. QA / QC officer should be NACE certified or equivalent</li> <li>List of equipment's - Resource list - specifying quantities - List of all tools and tackles (with detailed specifications of important equipment).</li> </ul>

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For and on behalf of **BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED.**



## NGO provides road safety education to over 6,000 students in Tanga Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

AN international road safety non-governmental organization—AMEND has successfully implemented its road safety action plan by 90 per cent which included provision road safety education to 350 pupils in Tanga Region.

The road safety action plan that aimed at improving safe and sustainable journeys in the city of Tanga was launched on November 11, 2022 by Tanga District Commissioner, Hashim Mgandilwa.

The improved road infrastructures in school areas include footpaths, pedestrian footbridges, road signs, speed humps, rumble strips, and zebra crossings.

Speaking in Tanga yesterday shortly after launching a Kids Court at Mwakizaro primary school, Manager, Amend Tanzania, Simon Kalolo said the kids' court project was purposely introduced to punish reckless drivers violating traffic rules when driving at school areas.

Kalolo said the NGO has since 2009 been working with Tanga city council in implementing and evaluating evidence-based programs to reduce incidences of road traffic injuries.

The Manager noted that Amend has been providing road safety education to students, as well as establishing road safety clubs and model courts for children, provision of training to motorcycle drivers 'bodaboda', organizing conferences for road safety stakeholders, conducting research on road accidents and preparing a road safety action plan for Tanga city.

He said they have also launched road infrastructures at Shaaban Robert, Mabawa and Majengo primary schools. He said they have provided road safety education to 3,501 pupils at Mabawa, Majengo and Shabaan Robert primary

schools as well as 3,247 students from Toledi, Kihere and Kiomoni secondary schools.

He said they have also introduced a road safety club at Usagara primary school and a bicycle safety club at Usagara secondary school, each with 20 children.

"We gave intensive road safety training to these children; they graduated and are now ambassadors. Activities of the clubs include training, road safety discussions, games, table discussions and participating in media campaigns," he said, adding a total of 950 350 motorcycle drivers have been trained on the same.

Kalolo said that in February this year, Amend distributed road safety training materials to community development officers in 22 out of 27 wards within the city. He said officers are using them to educate the public at health centres, saving and credit groups, schools, markets, and other populated areas.

The officers have so far reached approximately 6,600 people, he said.

He added: "We have completed installation of pedestrian infrastructure in one area with three primary schools to reduce the speed of vehicles to less than 30km/h and give children a safe place to walk and cross."

The NGO has also conducted maintenance of damaged infrastructure facilities, especially zebra crossings in Chuma, Chuda, Kana, Masiwani and Usagara primary schools that were built in the previous phases of the project in 2019.

Since 2019, with the funding of the Foundation Botnar organization through the TangaYetu initiative, Amend organization has been working with governments, companies, development agencies, and other institutions to implement projects that target specific aspects of road traffic injury.



JTI Leaf Services representative Oscar Lwoga (3rd-L) pictured yesterday presenting to Kaliua district commissioner Dr Rashid Chuachua desks donated by the firm to schools in the district. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## PPRA stresses Sept 30 as deadline for public institutions to register in NeST

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

THE Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has stressed on all traders and bidders in the country to continue registering in the National e-Procurement System of Tanzania (NeST) in order to enhance competition and widen

the scope in boosting public tendering operations.

PPRA Chief Executive Officer Eliakim Maswi has said as the September 30 deadline looms, the number of bidders registering in NeST keeps on increasing by the day, the situation that indicates positive results on the response by Tanzanians on the new public procurement system.

"We are thankful that owing

to government efforts those registering keep on increasing and so far a total of 4,350 bidders have already been registered in NeST.

Maswi also called on bidders and public institutions to continue participating in the ongoing training provided in various regions in the country that aim to provide guidelines on the correct use of NeST.

In addition, he said alongside

the training given, they are making sure every institution given training gets registered in NeST in order to begin using the system without any other bureaucracy.

He added that by September 30 this year all public institutions should be registered in the new system because beginning October 1 there no public institution will be able to make procurement procedures outside NeST.

## DC calls on members of district health centres' committees to demonstrate more accountability

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

MBARALI district commissioner Col Denis Mwila has called members of the District Health Centres Supervisory Committees to be accountable in their responsibilities by identifying challenges facing the sector in order to boost health services provision.

Col. Mwila made the remarks yesterday at the opening of a training seminar to Members of Health Centres Supervision Committees for Mbarali district organised by Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE) of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) being held here.

"You must be accountable, unless you are not appointed, you appointed yourselves. Don't be like chameleons, or the cause of creating misunderstandings among this or that person.

"Health is everything, as good health is the foundation of the nation and its human resources.

"In the world big countries like China with huge populations, US, Nigeria have developed due to the size of their populations, good health is the foundation of development," he said.

Col Mwila further said the members from his district should see the importance of the rare opportunity accorded to them, for being among 130 districts countrywide with only two provided with the training - Handeni in Tanga Region and Mbarali districts.

For his part, Prof Peter Kamuzora from UDSM Development Institute said that the aim of the training is to enhance accountability through supervision from the committee members who are there by law.

"The aim for establishing the Board and the Committee to supervise health centres and

dispensaries is to involve the community on health services as they are the ones being served by them, as well as to develop skills, human resources and enhance health services quality.

"In addition it also aims to involve the private sector after the country moved away from socialist policies," said Prof Kamuzora.

He added that at the time of independence Tanzania had a small population, of about 10 million, but every day the population keep on increasing, hence to serve these people more medical devices and drugs are needed.

For his part, Acting Mbarali District Medical Officer, Dr Jacqueline Wambaa said the training seminar will improve work performance at health centres, dispensaries and hospitals in the district as well as reducing challenges facing health service delivery.

The training is a result of research done by DUCE that identified that a large percentage do not know whether there are health supervisory committees as well as health boards.



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God the Saviour Church nuns in Masasi District take an oath on Wednesday in making their first vows. Photo: Correspondent Hamisi Nasri

## Herbalists want involvement in protection of herbal plants

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

HERBAL medical practitioner Dr Gayo Sanga has called for greater state involvement in protecting Tanzania's rare herbal plants and their use in treating patients, saying the plants are as valuable as rare minerals and gems.

Sanga said this at Sun Rise pavilion at John Mwakangale grounds here recently.

He said that Tanzania is gifted with precious medicinal plants that should be protected and the

state should initiate exhaustive research on their use in treating Tanzanians and foreigners.

"I am a simple Tanzanian calling for greater involvement of the state in protecting herbal plants and their use in treating our people. This kind of effort calls for exhaustive research," he said.

He said that herbal treatment of people should be part of the promotion of the tourism industry.

"Let us link the two together," he said, adding that the cardinal issue in the health sector is to save lives

and reduce agony and suffering.

"You see, people know me as Dr Sanga because we treat patients at our place using Tanzania's herbal plants but I am not a conventional doctor; I have never been in a classroom of a college of health sciences. The important thing in the health sector is to save lives and eliminate pain and suffering. This, we do at our place," he quipped.

He thanked the government for giving general support to alternative medicines but insisted

that the state has a special responsibility in cooperating with herbal practitioners and in protecting Tanzania's herbal plants. Some species, he said, are on the verge of extinction, saying they retain them at their botanical garden.

He said they are using ointment extracted from dendirian plant to treat bed sores, sores of diabetics and other sore linked with cancer.

He said a recent patient of public significance treated at their place is the father of Mbeya Regional Commissioner Juma Homera who lived with a stroke for seven years but now has been cured. "That the RC brought his father to us is sufficient evidence that our senior public leaders have faith in this branch of treating people" he said.



## Dr Hussein Mwinyi urges Z'bar Water ministry to strengthen water supply and sanitation services

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has urged the Isles' Water Ministry to strengthen the water supply and sanitation services through innovation, modern technologies and infrastructures as well as the strengthening of water management institutions.

President Mwinyi made the call yesterday when opening the water conference organised jointly by the Ministries of Water, Energy and Minerals in Zanzibar in collaboration with various stakeholders in the water sector.

The aim of the conference was to bring together water stakeholders to discuss and exchange experiences on various issues as well as to identify areas of cooperation. The conference was themed—'accelerating the speed of change: in achieving sustainable management of underground water resources with resilience for all.

He said the water sector is important for living organisms and plants, hence the need for stakeholders involved in the sector to set strategies to ensure the services reach all citizens.

"As you understand, many studies have been carried out in the areas of Unguja and Pemba to identify sources of underground water, I instruct the Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals in Zanzibar to continue working closely with various experts in the water sector and prepare a special Water Master Plan," he said.

The Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) participated in the conference on the implementation of the Zanzibar water investment programme that was launched in 2022.

The authority set up a pavilion to show the implementation of various plans as well as the success

of the water sector in Dar es Salaam, some areas of Tanga, Morogoro and Coast regions.

Speaking at the event, DAWASA Water Supply Manager, Eng Tyson Mkindi said the authority has planned to reach 95 per cent of people within its service area.

He said the authority has also planned to reduce the level of water loss through improvement of services and the use of Information and Communication Technology (IT).

"The government has directed us to reach 95 percent by 2025 and the authority has planned to implement strategic projects, especially in peripheral areas in order to achieve the set goals," said Eng Mkindi.

DAWASA being one of the participants in the conference has had the opportunity to provide water service education as well as explain the success of the water sector in the city of Dar es Salaam and the Coast Region as well as some parts of Morogoro and Tanga.



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## Water projects execution in Dar excites CCM political committee

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Kinondoni District CCM political committee in Dar es Salaam Region has expressed satisfaction with the implementation of various water projects in the city.

The committee specifically hailed the 71bn/- worth Makongo-Bagamoyo project which is currently in final stages of completion, something which will bring huge relief to residents of the district and other areas.

Shaweji Mkumburwa, CCM chairman for Kinondoni showered the praise when members of committee visited Makongo-Bagamoyo water project which is implemented by the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) through funding from the World Bank (WB).

He said the 6th phase government has brought relief to many people of Kinondoni District including the areas of Madale, Wazo, Mivumoni, Goba, Mbweni.

He said other people who benefited from the project are from Tegeta and the surrounding areas who previously did not have water service so they had to buy it at a high cost.

"Honestly speaking, the 6th phase government is improving the lives of many Tanzanians, we have witnessed a number of water projects in various parts providing relief to people who have struggled for years to access the precious liquid," he said.

He commended DAWASA for the job well done and asked the authority to continue with the efforts.

Mkumburwa assured residents in the district that as per the big job which is carried out by DAWASA, supply of water will continue to improve to reach all areas.

Kinondoni District Commissioner,

Saad Mtambule said there is every reason to congratulate President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her efforts to ensure that water services reach people in every corner of the country.

He also urged residents to stop sabotaging water infrastructure because the government is spending a lot of money on the projects.

DAWASA manager in Mivumoni, Gilbert Massawe said so far the project has been completed and the remaining work is to make small connections to reach all the people to be able to get water service.

He said the implementation of Makongo-Bagamoyo which will benefit more than 450,000 residents was implemented with the aim of eliminating the challenge of water service.

He said the project also involves the construction of three water storage tanks in the areas of Vikawe, Mbweni and Tegeta A as well as two water pumping stations.



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Tanzania Political Parties Council chairman Juma Ali Khatibu (C) addresses journalists in Dodoma city yesterday. With him are Political Parties deputy registrar Mohamed Ali Mohamed (R) and council member Dorothy Semu. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

INDIGENOUS investors have been invited to invest in infrastructure in various tourist attractions in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region to benefit from opportunities provided by tourists who are coming into the country in big numbers following President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts to advertise the country's tourism through the Royal Tour film which she starred.

Improvement of infrastructure, in particular road infrastructures in some tourist attractions is also mentioned as among other reasons for the influx of tourists.

Rungwe district tourism officer Anumwagile Bugali made the

## Invest in infrastructure in tourist attractions, local investors urged

remarks in an interview with this paper yesterday saying 25 tourist attractions have been identified in Rungwe District the large of which are Mt Rungwe National Park, Lake Ngosi, Daraja la Mungu and Kijungu.

Bugali cited other attractions as including 16 waterfalls in the district including Kaporogwe, Isabula, Malasusa and Kapiki waterfalls.

"We also have Mti Katembo (Katembo Tree). It is called as such owing to its huge size and locals gave the name because not less than 12 adult persons can form a

circle around it by holding hands," he said.

He added that in the last three years the district made various efforts on how to improve its tourist attractions.

He said in collaboration with various stakeholders they have already made investments in infrastructures in some of the areas, especially Lake Kasiba that is being visited by many tourists due to the improvement of vital infrastructures.

He said another one is Lake Ngosi

which has road infrastructures and other services for tourists including a rest camp, toilets and others.

"As for now, statistics show that in our district many tourists visiting tourist attractions are local tourists, and this is after the launching of the Royal tour film," he said.

He named investors opportunities in these attractions as including building of hotels, restaurants, formation of traditional Ngoma groups, cooking of traditional foods and building of rest camps for tourists.



Kongwa legislator Job Ndugai (R) exchanges greetings with Mkoka village chairman Elia Chibago at a routine meeting in the constituency yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Youth advised to explore social media platforms

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

TANZANIAN youth have been urged to positively utilize social media platforms for engagement, learning and for various social and economic benefits while also ensuring that they protect their safety.

Hussein Melele, Mulika Tanzania chief executive director made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday at a one-day dialogue that involved over 50 individuals including youth, journalism students, street vendors, social media influencers and adolescent girls and boys.

Organized by Mulika Tanzania

in partnership with International Media Support (IMS), the platform aimed to empower and nurture youth advocacy for freedom of expression, the right to information and addressing critical issues of online safety and security.

"The session also aimed at fostering dynamic exchanges among youth, media representatives, and duty-bearers, resulting in concrete actions that promote freedom of expression and access to information," he said.

According to Melele, the forum encompassed two dialogue sessions—where the first one aimed to empower young people

to harness the power of online platforms while ensuring their safety.

Participants learned tools and techniques to effectively express themselves online, advocate for important topics and drive positive changes.

"The session also addressed various aspects of online safety, educating participants on how to navigate potential risks, and explored the role of media in empowering the rights of young people online," he said.

The second dialogue session aimed to promote responsible and safe online behavior among youth. Participants learned the

rights and duties of online citizens, the importance of abiding online rules and contributing to a positive digital environment.

The session also explored the relationship between digital citizenship and freedom of expression, as well as the right to access information.

Mulika Tanzania and IMS remains committed to empower young people through targeted training sessions and dialogues, creating an environment for youth to amplify their voices on online safety and security, while advocating for unchecked freedom of expression and the right to information.



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## Improved agriculture is still lifeblood of Tanzania's economic development

**T**HE swiftness with which Tanzanians have come to realise and appreciate the health, economic and other benefits of engaging in gardening and horticulture is heartening indeed.

Even the most patriotic among us will admit that, until relatively recently, the really serious horticultural business in this part of Africa was the virtual monopoly of Kenyans - and these were reaping windfalls chiefly by selling their produce in Europe and the United States.

Yet anyone who knows about Kenya and the particular spots where most commercial gardening and horticulture are conducted knows that there are numerous areas in Tanzania that could be equally important players in the lucrative business.

After all, with the advances in technology made possible in part thanks to the ingenuity, turning desert land into model vegetable and fruit gardens is no longer that much of a big deal.

But while this could run as some really big news, there has been even more heartwarming news for Tanzanian farmers in the form of promises of 'ready and waiting' foreign markets for their fruits and vegetable.

A number of banks and other financial institutions as well as agencies such as our very own Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) have also made pledges of financial and other assistance or support to small and medium enterprises engaged in the cultivation and processing of vegetables, flowers, fruits and other crops both for the domestic market and for export.

For instance, a speciality foods consultant from a US-based company serving as a critical link between manufacturers, importers, distributors and retailers once visited food processors in Dar es Salaam at SIDO's invitation.

The consultant sought to make an

assessment of Tanzania's speciality food sector including by meeting food processing firms and institutions known to support the sector.

The consultant revealed during talks with representatives of SMEs engaged in food processing that the popularity of African speciality foods in the US market - the world's largest - was rising considerably.

It was learned that the consultant warned that, though that while African speciality foods were "well supported" in the US, there were "straightforward" challenges in entering that highly competitive market. The main obstacles related to meeting quality and basic labelling and packaging requirements.

Fortunately, the US government, various local and other NGOs and private enterprises were understood to be working alongside African manufacturers to meet world market demands, embrace Africa's development efforts and show the world what Africa was really worth.

This clearly stood as a golden chance for Tanzanian farmers and entrepreneurs to seize, particularly in that ever rising numbers of local and international agencies were coming up with promises of support to those of our people engaged in various initiatives and businesses, among them horticulture.

Expert research has long shown that, properly done, serious gardening often translates into the reaping of economic, physical and mental health benefits as well as the peace of mind inherent in even merely knowing exactly where one's food comes from and having a surplus for sale.

There are strong indications that most Tanzanians now know that gardening and horticulture often pay back handsomely economically and in the various other ways mentioned and are dying to see even faster growth in the sub-sector.

This should push us as a country into increased support for efforts to improve our agriculture all the more.

## We need to think harder on how to develop into a giant in sports

**T**ANZANIAN premier soccer league and various other sports clubs have time and again been embarking on the recruitment of trainers or coaches to add steam, as it were, to their chases for silverware. Very understandably so, we must say.

It is always to be hoped that the searches for and recruitment of the trainers, whether Tanzanians or foreign nationals, would genuinely help the clubs concerned realise their dreams of achieving resounding success in both local and continental competitions. Phrased a little differently, the recruitment would make sense only if it is finally seen that the appointments made were not a gamble or a trial and error matter.

There is the case of a premier soccer league club that once replaced its assistant trainer for alleged ineptitude and not having a mandatory diploma in soccer coaching.

One would have correctly wondered as to the logic behind the club's decision to appoint the assistant coach while aware that he was not qualified to occupy the post.

It would doubtless have pointed to poor leadership and the need for deliberate efforts to re-build a seriously dented image.

That ugly scenario aside, we strongly recommend that all our clubs appreciate the need to secure opportunities for home-grown trainers to attend quality advanced coaching courses because that is a must for us to grow and mature as a sporting nation. Few Tanzanian sports trainers have had the luck to attend advanced studies in any of the world soccer powerhouses, and this often explains our mediocre performances in various competitions and even

friendlies.

Effective promotion of any country's sports invariably calls for the training of local trainers. These should have as many chances as possible of attending quality advanced studies so that they can adapt to whatever changes occur in their respective sports and thereafter contribute more productively to the general development of sports in the country.

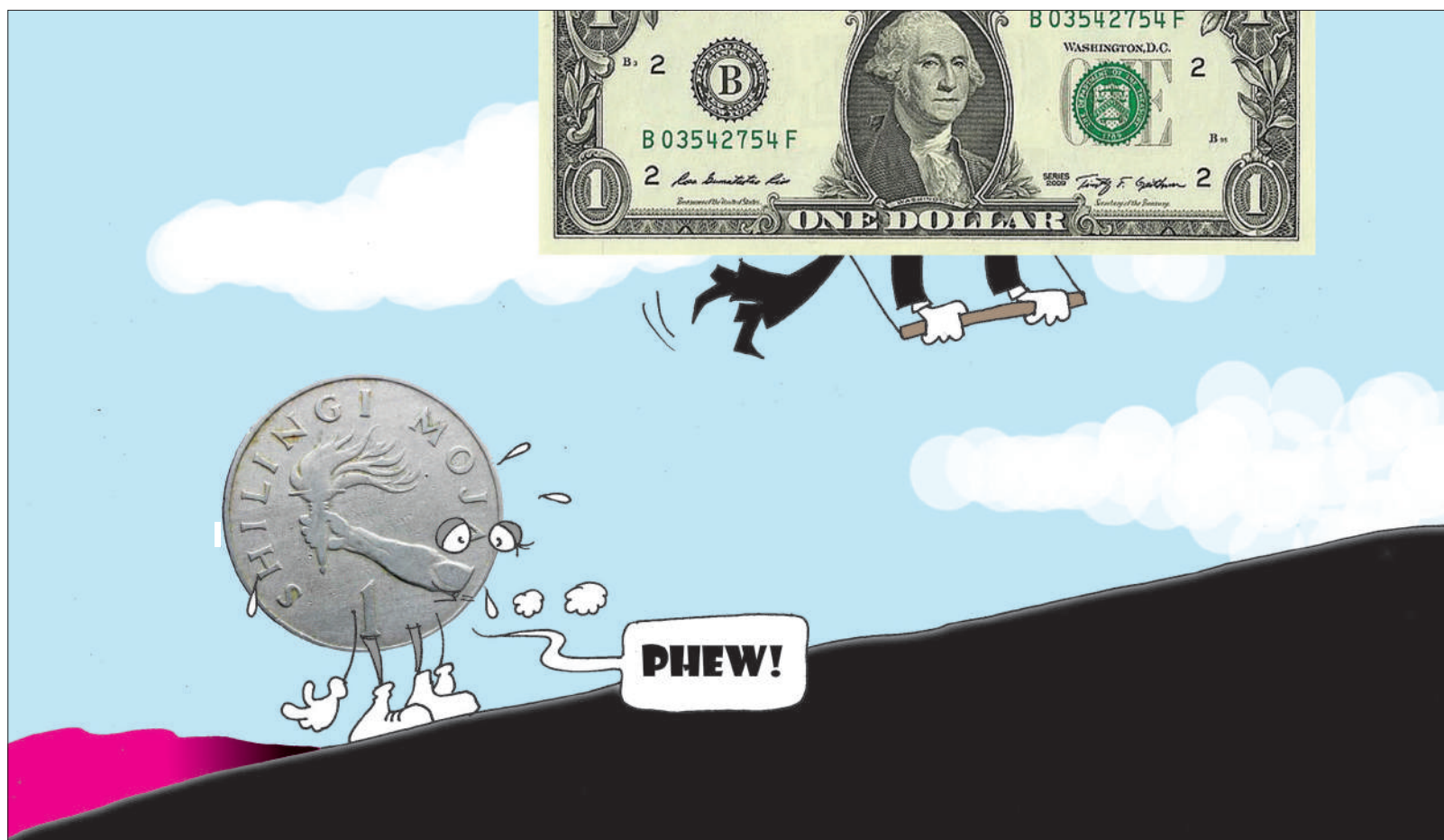
That some of our soccer clubs still cling to foreign coaches at the expense of local ones does not augur well for the future of our soccer, which commands a huge following.

Oflate, there have been encouraging efforts to promote the sport right from the grassroots level, with Tanzanian soccer stakeholders having started a handful of soccer academies. While this is commendable, little has been done to professionally groom home-grown coaches.

It should be noted that starting soccer academies in the country will have enough impact if it goes alongside the floating of more opportunities for studies to Tanzanian coaches who will, in the end, cater for the needs of both the academies and our clubs.

With the presence of a good number of well-educated local soccer trainers, our country will likely have plenty of options when it comes to selecting head coaches for national teams and clubs, positions which largely remain the preserve of foreign coaches.

We remain convinced that it would be of little use if efforts to develop Tanzania's sports focus solely on players. The reason for this is simple and clear: the players will still need adequately qualified professionals, preferably Tanzanian nationals, to help them grow in to even better performers.



By Lenah Bosibori

**T**HIS story walks us through the journey of one Kenyan woman who, despite facing defeat three times in her pursuit of a political seat in Nairobi's Kibera slums, remains undeterred and steadfast in her efforts to bring positive change to the neighbourhood she has called home for many years.

As the choking black smoke subsided after three days of protests in the slums, one of Kenya's biggest informal settlements, I embarked on the maiden journey in search of one resilient young woman who has emerged as a beacon of hope in her community.

She is Malasem Hamida, a minority indigenous woman popularly known by her nickname 'Mama Mazingira' (literally, Kiswahili for Environment Mother). She has vied for a Member of Parliament (MP) in Kibera three times and looks forward to vying again in the forthcoming election in 2027.

"I have so far vied for elective seats three times - in 2022 as an MP, in 2019 still as an MP during a by-election and party primary in 2017," said Hamida, adding that throughout her three trials, she has received a "wonderful experience despite the challenges".

"I have created a bigger network and the lessons I have learnt are enormous," she notes, adding: "The challenges I have faced are crosscutting. We as women come from backgrounds that don't have a lot of finance. Finance was my biggest challenge because voters are brainwashed that they must be paid."

Hamida stood to her policies that were issues-based and at last realised that, regardless of how appealing one's policies were, one still needed money to bribe voters.

With regard to cyber-bullying, she says that it happens a lot but she has received a lot of training from different organisations that have trained her on how to respond to such issues.

"Cyber-bullying happens a lot but for me it is not a big issue. I engage in comments that I can handle and disengage immaterial things," she notes.

She said that she prepared her family well in case of any outcome: "I was both mentally, emotionally and psychologically prepared. My confidence gave them confidence too."

However, Hamida disagrees with the law as put in place during the last election: "The law this time was unfair to some extent because they barred anyone who went for an elective post not to be considered

## 'I vied three times and lost; however, I'm still hopeful'

for any nominations. I felt left out."

According to her, Kibera is an ethnic majority constituency which, to her, meant a big competition: "Coming from an indigenous minority was quite challenging for me in convincing other ethnic majority people to vote for me."

Annabel Njoki, an advocate of the High Court of Kenya, also vied for an elective post. She agrees with Hamida that finances are the biggest challenge for people vying for any political seat and even worse when it is a young person.

"The moment you announce your interest in politics in Kenya, even neighbours start looking at you as a big person. They expect handouts, they expect you to travel in big vehicles, forgetting that one needs financial support," says Njoki.

Competition from male counterparts and older women is another challenge she cites as hindering young women from going for political seats.

"Young people are energetic and good at technology but are not getting the empowerment they deserve," says Njoki.

She calls upon women-led organisations to harness their networks and equip them on how to address the public that always demands handouts.

"Let these organisations back up young women with proper support and train them on how to counter cyber-bullying and how to handle the public that always demands handouts," she notes.

Njoki further reiterates that the expectation to issue handouts is, unfortunately, a demand made by about 50 to 60 per cent of fellow youths.

"So for every ten youths I engaged with, about six to six demanded that I give them money or buy them something," she adds.

She feels that unemployment among the youths could be a reflection of systemic rot that makes a young person's quest for office much harder.

Esnahs Nyaramba, founder of Onzembe Community-Based Organisation in Kisii County and also Young Women Democrats, has been fighting for women's rights for a decade.

Here are her insights on challenges young women are facing in the political space: "Financial muscle is the biggest challenge our young women are facing when they go for these political seats. Men are always heavyweight and loaded,"

she said.

Nyaramba explains adds that when male competitors realise that a young woman is strong in the seat they are vying for, they tend to buy their spouses so as to create enmity among the youths vying for the seat.

"Sometimes these people also use a lot of threats like kidnapping one's children or selling fear when they realise that you are better than they are," she adds.

Nyaramba also noted that most party meetings are held at night, leaving women behind because in some cases most women are unable to make it at night.

"When you vie for a political seat, your life becomes a public life. The public enters your life with a couple of questions, like are you married? How many children do you have?" she says.

Nyaramba says that one should not fear going for an elective seat no matter the circumstances: "Go for it no matter what and develop a thick lane. When it comes to threats, don't allow it to pull you down; don't let anything negative distract you."

According to UN Women's elections analyses, women in Kenya now hold 201 out of the 1,882 elective seats - representing 10.6 per cent of the elected leaders.

This is up from 172 (9.1 per cent) seats after the 2017 elections and 145 (7.7 per cent) after the 2013 national polls.

For Binah Maseno this is how she has been able to conquer her challenges while vying for a political seat. She was only 22 years old when she vied for a Member of County Assembly (MCA) seat in 2017. She vied for this seat while living in Kayole, a low-income Nairobi suburb.

She said that the violence she experienced during the campaigns was way too much for her and her parents to bear: "My parents stopped going to church because the expectations were very high."

"My mother's business was affected too because people would come and purchase goods without paying, saying that their daughter was a big person," she explained.

During her campaigns, one of her main security officers was gunned down on claims that he was a criminal. This, according to Maseno, was one of the many red flags warning her to step down since she was associating herself with him.

Maseno said so during the third African Girls and Young Women Festival organised by FEMNET that

brought together young women and girls from across Africa.

The Festival is celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Maputo Protocol, which is geared towards redefining the rights of women and girls on the continent.

According to Maseno, leadership is not a gender role: "You don't have to be a politician to effect change, political officers are citizen offices."

She explains that, owing to her loss in the political arena, she founded Badili Africa as a civil society organisation based in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

The CSO boasts a digital reach in five African countries, its mandate being to cultivate and strengthen the leadership capacities of women and girls.

The organisation also encourages and supports spaces that enable grassroots women and young girls in universities and urban informal settlements to organise as leaders and participate in local development initiatives coupled with pushing for inclusion in decision-making processes.

Meanwhile, Kabarak University President Karen Cheptoo says that gender bias is the greatest challenge she is facing in her otherwise coveted position.

"I had seven male co-competitors when I was running for office, with people judging us according to our gender rather than what we put on the table," says the final-year Law student.

Cheptoo says that when a woman gets into the office she gets a huge following online, and if she is not careful people will bully her with all sorts of derogatory words.

"I am forced to read a lot so that I can communicate well while online. I have inspired a lot of women to run for positions next year because I tried and won," said Cheptoo, who is only five months in office.

Domestic challenges are another problem facing young women in the political arena. "Women themselves don't believe that they can lead. They would rather take the application to their husbands or brothers for the jobs and prefer to stay at home," she added.

Cheptoo, Hamida and Maseno all have one agenda: to hold other girls' hands and inspire them by making their work visible.

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# Processes and procedures of starting a business in Tanzania

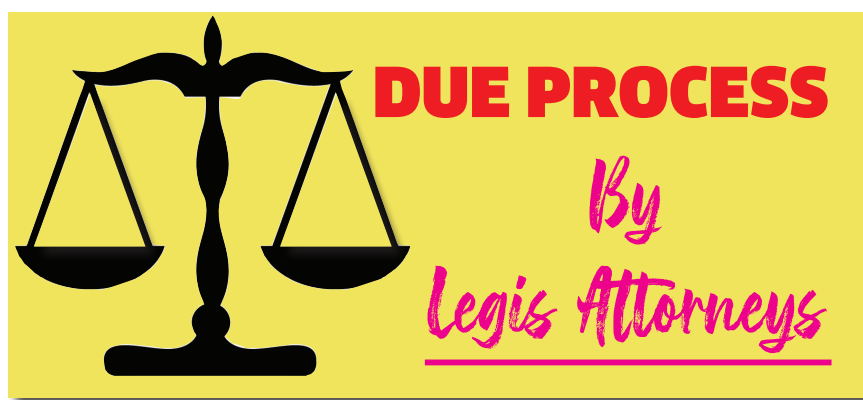
**S**TARTING a business is a dream of many people in our society. However, dreaming and executing are different things and sometimes execution fails due to one reason or the other, including lack of useful information.

This piece seeks to guide anyone who wishes to start a business but has not yet executed their idea on some key issues for consideration or simply what to do to start a business in our country.

The first step is to register a business name in the form of a partnership or sole proprietorship which identifies you in the market. You can incorporate a limited liability company for local entity or obtain a certificate of compliance for foreign company opening a branch in Tanzania.

The registrar of the companies and business names at the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) is the one mandated by law to register companies and business names and issue certificate of incorporation for the locally registered companies, certificate of registration for foreign companies opening branches in Tanzania.

There are various advantages of incorporating a limited liability company than registering a business name which we shall point out in brief herein specifically what you need to know when you want to register a local company or business name and how to undergo the entire process.



Company formation means the process of incorporating a business in the form of limited liability company. The law recognizes that there are people who may assist another person to incorporate a company. These people are called promoters.

Section 40 of the Company Act provides for a person or entity permitted by owner to establish a company and complete the whole process until it starts operation. Once the incorporation and other processes are completed, then the promoter is discharged of the duty.

As a matter of practice and for the purpose of having control of duties and obligations of the promoter, only the owners or owners of the intended company are entitled to enter into binding agreement with the promoter.

Company formation is categorized into two types: company limited by shares which are registered by the registrar of companies and company limited by guarantee depending on the objectives. Some are registered by the registrar of non-governmental organizations in the Ministry of Community Development, Gen-

der, Women and Special Groups.

Company limited by guarantee is not aimed at making profit but non-profit purposes within the community. Therefore, there are no shareholders but owners or members who jointly opted to contribute fixed amount guarantees upon either winding up or purchase of assets of the company.

Members are the guarantors of liability of the company. Most of the nonprofit organizations, clubs, and charitable organizations use this type of structure.

Company limited by shares is pure profit oriented company in whose liability is limited by share of each shareholder allocated in the company. Each shareholder's liability cannot exceed their shareholding capacity.

When a company enters into some transactions with another entity, some shareholders can stop the company from entering into transaction which exceeds the authorized share capital of the company due to the risks associated with that deal. In such a situation, the shareholders have to either to increase their shareholdings capacity or be limited within the

capacity.

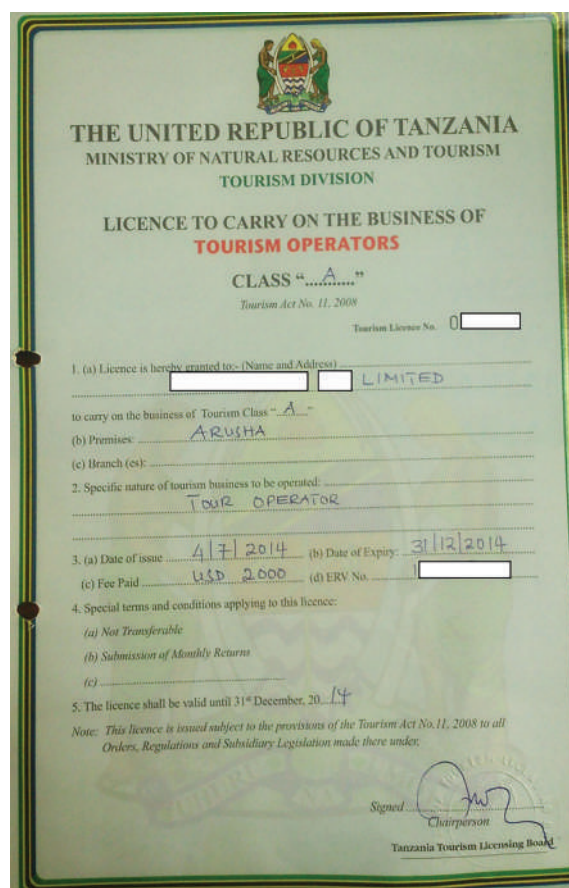
In company limited by share, there are two categories: private company and public company. Private company shareholders are private individuals who agreed to trade together privately whereby transferability of shares is by agreement or arrangement between shareholders.

In the public company, members should be more than seven with no limit to while in private company shareholders should be not less than two and not more than fifteen.

One of the major features of public company is that it is required to operate in a transparency manner. That is why public companies are required to publish their financial position to the public through newspapers unlike private companies.

Public companies operate through stock exchange in the sense that they are free to trade in open market. Whoever is interested in investing in a public company can do so provided terms and conditions provided are met.

One important thing to note is that once a company is incorporated and issued with certificate of incorporation, its advan-



tage is that it becomes a legal entity with its own capacity either to sue or be sued or enter into contract like a human being, including paying rent or taxes and others.

Further, its liability is limited to what is found in the shareholding capacity. The only difference with human beings is that its operation or management is placed at the hands of board of director which is mandated to take care of the day to day duties of the company.

Board of directors is responsible to report to the shareholders of the company through meetings which are required to be conducted either as general meetings of the company or through extraordinary meetings.

Members of board of di-

rectors can appoint one of them or employ another person to head the company either as managing director or chief executive officer. Directors do meet on various occasions either to monitor or to oversee affairs of the company and board of directors is chaired by the board chairperson either appointed by the shareholders or from among the directors themselves. Once the objectives of the company are known, then you are required to prepare memorandum and articles of association for the company intended to be incorporated.

Memorandum of association is a legal document which contains fundamental details of the company. One can also refer to it as the constitu-

tion of the company containing main objectives of the company, authorized share capital and shareholding structure indicating capacity or liability of each shareholder or member. It is the guiding document which manages relationship of the company with outsiders.

Articles of association are legal documents which mainly contain rules and regulations of the company. Basically, articles of association of the company contain procedures on how the company will be managed internally, the names of the first directors and what will amount to their disqualification, the meetings of the company, the quorum for such meetings in order for the resolutions to be valid to mention a few.

Once the company is incorporated, it does not automatically become operational. It has to comply with other mandatory sectorial requirements like registration of company or business name with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) for Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for the company and the directors or partners in the case of a business name.

After getting TIN, the next step is to acquire a business licence which depends on the type of business. Generally, companies with activities of national and international link such as real estate, tour operation, cargo handling and so on are required to process their business licences from BRELA while those intending to carry business of local nature such

as law firms and court brokers can obtain their licences from the nearest municipal council.

Sometimes, depending on the nature of the intended business, for example tour operators are also required to obtain tour operators licence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism before obtaining the main business licence from BRELA.

There are also other mandatory requirements like registration with the Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA), National Social Security Fund (NSSF) and Workers Compensation Fund (WCF).

Currently, registration of companies is being done online and one can do it at the comfort of their home or office. However, one still needs guidance of a lawyer in matters such as drafting of memorandum and articles of association or a partnership deed in case of a business name.

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By Wilson Odhiambo

**K**ENYA'S fight for food security may have just gone 'Old School' as Egerton University dons win a grant to help bring back a pre-colonial delicacy that was gradually sliding its way off consumers' plates.

Their project, dubbed 'Exploring Potential of Togotia (Erucastrum arabicum), a forgotten African leafy vegetable for nutritional security and climate adaptation in Kenya,' won the grant in October last year in a bid to help farmers and consumers realise the importance of the crop that many, today, term as a weed.

According to the project's lead researchers, Togotia falls among the forgotten African leafy vegetable (fALVs), which have been ignored in formal research and policy and their nutritional values.

The project focuses on Togotia's nutritional value and hardy nature compared to other vegetables such as cabbage, kale and spinach that are exotic to Kenya.

It involved the expertise of Prof. G Mendiolo (University of Nottingham), Dr Maud Muchuweti (University of Zimbabwe), Dr Miriam Charimbu (Egerton University) and Dr Charles Kihia (Egerton University).

The grant, worth Ksh 4.9 million (about USD 37 000) was awarded to the institution by the Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF) UK.

"Togotia and many other traditional vegetables have their roots embedded deep in the pre-colonial era, where they formed a daily delicacy for many. However, the colonial period brought exotic crops that quickly became a favourite for many, majorly due to their high market demands," Kihia told IPS.

Between 1960 and 1980, these exotic vegetables flooded the local markets, especially in towns, thus relegating Bogota and other traditional vegetables to the rural areas.

And, due to high market demand for the exotic vegetables, farmers in the villages also transitioned to cash crop farming, a move that saw Togotia gradu-

## Pre-colonial delicacy could boost food security amid climate change



**Togotia, a forgotten African leafy vegetable, has found its way back into markets as its high nutritional value could help address food insecurity. CREDIT: Egerton University**

ally cast out as a weed.

However, the current global changes in climate conditions have seen many farmers suffer the consequences of unpredictable weather patterns that have seen crops dwindle in the local markets.

Most food crops that serve towns come from rural areas where farmers rely heavily on weather patterns to meet the market demands.

Kenya is currently facing one of the worst drought periods in its history, making food production a burden for

the farmers who town dwellers rely on for their needs. Lack of rainfall means low food production, which leads to high food prices in the market.

"The drought has led to a scarcity of many vegetables, such as kale and spinach, which have the highest demand in town. The ones that we are getting right now have tiny leaves, which customers complain about," said Nancy Mulu, a local grocer in Nairobi.

"We are forced to sell them in small bunches at high prices due to the trou-

ble we go through to get them," she explained to IPS.

"The only traditional vegetable I sell in my shop are Terere (Amaranthus), Managu (Solanum), Saga (Cleome), and Kunde (Vigna). I have never come across a fellow vendor selling Togotia in town. They are mostly found in the village areas, and even there, many still treat them as weed," she added.

Despite the rains that recently kicked off, the meteorological department warned farmers that it may not be enough to meet their agricultural demands.

Charimbu told IPS that if embraced, Togotia will be important in helping the country meet both the supply and nutritional demand of the people.

"Emergence and intensification of climate change with associated unreliable rainfall (either too much or too little) limit capacity of local farmers, not only to produce their own food but also surplus for sale, resulting in impoverishment," she explained.

"The high cost of farm inputs required for the exotic vegetable also makes them an expensive and unsustainable venture during draught seasons such as the one the country is experiencing. Being a hardy crop, Togotia easily has an edge over them."

"They flourish in marginal soils, require limited agrochemical input, are fast maturing (takes two weeks), widely occurring and are resistant to many local pests, and hence are ideal candidates for sustaining nutritional and household food security even during such draught periods, Charimbu added.

In major crop production towns like Molo and Kuresoi, known for maize, potatoes, carrots, onions, kales, and cabbages, Togotia is usually considered a weed and farmers prefer to get

rid of it or feed it to the livestock. Few people in the area consider it a food crop.

From their analysis, the dons found out that apart from being hardy, Togotia was a rich source of vitamin C, iron, zinc, protein and calcium, which are important for the human body.

Kihia believes that the project will not only help to redefine the current understanding of the use and ecology of Togotia but also identify and develop appropriate agronomic cropping protocols suitable for adoption among small-scale farmers in Kenya and elsewhere.

"For a farmer with a healthy crop of maize targeted for sale in the lucrative Nairobi market, it is a weed. But when the same farmer hires a number of locals to do weeding at his farm, they remove the weed and eat it. Similarly, when there is massive crop failure and the maize crops do poorly, this weed becomes an important survival crop for the farmer and the community," Kihia added.

In counties like Baringo, which falls among the hardest hit by the drought, Togotia is one of the residents' main vegetables to supplement their needs. If this can be incorporated in other drought-prone areas like Turkana, Marsabit and Samburu, it will go a long way in helping address the recurring food crisis in Kenya.

"Incorporation of Togotia and other fALVs into current land-use will not only increase farms agrobiodiversity and household food diversity but also provide important forage crop for bees and other pollinators that are disappearing from Kenyan landscapes," he concluded.

The project will involve setting up demonstration farms at the university and sensitising local farmers and communities around on their importance in helping supplement their nutritional needs.

They aim to produce Togotia varieties that are responsive to environmental needs in terms of resistance to pests, diseases, and drought.



# Mexico: Where megaproject is blamed for water scarcity

By Emilio Godoy

DU E to insufficient pressure, water does not make it up to Elliot Escobar's house in the Mexican municipality of Matías Romero, where he lives on the second floor, so he pipes it up with a hose from his sister's home, located on the first floor of the house shared by the two families.

"I store it in 1,000-liter tanks, which last me about a month. We recycle water, to water the plants, for example. In the municipality people don't pay for the water because there is none, it comes out of the pipes dirty. It's a worrisome situation," said the 44-year-old lawyer.

Matías Romero, with a population of just over 38,000, sits along the interoceanic Corridor of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec (CIIT), a megaproject under the responsibility of the Ministry of the Navy and one of the three most important projects of the current government, together with the Mayan Train, in the southeastern Yucatán peninsula, and the Olmeca refinery system, in the state of Tabasco, also in the southeast.

The demand for water from the CIIT works is causing concern among the local population, already affected by water shortages, explained the lawyer, who shares the house above his sister's with the other two members of his family.

"The project will require water and electricity, and our situation is uncertain," Escobar said. "Everything has to have a methodology, be systematized, the infrastructure must be consolidated. In Salina Cruz (another stop along the megaproject) there have been complicated water problems in the neighborhoods; it's a problem that's been going on for years. There are too few wells to supply the local population."

The lawyer is a member of the non-governmental Corriente del Pueblo Sol Rojo and spoke to IPS from his home in the state of Oaxaca, some 660 kilometers southwest of Mexico City.

In the area, the local population works, at least until now, in agriculture and cattle, pig and goat farming. The municipality is also a crossing point for thousands of undocumented Central American migrants who arrive by train or truck from the Guatemalan border en route to the United States.

Despite the fact that water is a fundamental element of the megaproject, CIIT lacks a water plan, according to responses to requests for access to information submitted by IPS.

The works are part of the Tehuantepec Isthmus Development Program that the Mexican government has been executing since 2019 with the aim of developing the south and southeast of this country of some 129 million inhabitants, the second largest Latin American economy, after Brazil.

## An inter-oceanic transformation

The plan for the isthmus includes 10 industrial parks, and the renovation of the ports of Salina Cruz, on the Pacific Ocean, and Coatzacoalcos, on the Atlan-



A demonstration in Puente Madera, in the state of Oaxaca, against the advance of the interoceanic Corridor of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, which runs between that southwestern state and Veracruz, in the southeast. CREDIT: APIIDTT

tic, connected by the Isthmus of Tehuantepec Railway, which is under reconstruction.

It also includes the modernization of the refineries of Salina Cruz, in the state of Oaxaca, and Minatitlán, in the state of Veracruz, the laying of a gas pipeline and the construction of a gas liquefaction plant off the coast of Salina Cruz.

The development program covers 46 municipalities in Oaxaca and 33 in Veracruz, over a distance of some 300 kilometers. The 10 industrial sites, called "Poles of Development for Well-Being," require 380 hectares each.

Researcher Ursula Oswald of the Regional Center for Multidisciplinary Research at the public National Autonomous University of Mexico told IPS that she proposed a comprehensive model for analyzing all aspects of the megaproject.

"The most urgent thing is to make a master plan, which must have a water plan before other

processes. It is crucial, before introducing industries. And each one must have very rigid zoning, to avoid pollution of water sources, and not to repeat the chaos we have seen in the north," she said from the city of Cuernavaca, in the state of Morelos, next to the Mexican capital.

The researcher said it is necessary to answer questions such as "which basins and aquifers (can be used), and how does the surface water interact with the groundwater?"

The government of Andrés Manuel López Obrador, in office since December 2018, is looking for companies to set up shop in the south and southeast of the country, in an attempt to attract investment and generate jobs in these areas, the country's poorest.

But one obstacle to development lies in the logistics of moving the products to the U.S. market, the magnet for interested corporations. Other problems are the lack of skilled workers

and the environmental impact in a region characterized by rich biodiversity.

Some recent cases show the difficulties of such initiatives. The U.S.-based electric car-maker Tesla chose the northern state of Nuevo León in March to build its factory in Mexico, despite López Obrador's interest in having it set up shop in the south.

Between 2020 and 2022, the CIIT's budget was 162 million dollars in the first year, 203 million dollars in 2021, and almost double that in 2022: 529 million dollars. But in 2023 it has dropped to 374 million dollars.

Independent estimates put the total investment required for the CIIT projects at 1.4 billion dollars, although there is no precise official figure.

## Water pressure

The megaproject puts greater pressure on water resources in a region where water is both abundant in some areas and overexploited.

Of the 21 aquifers in Oaxaca,

five are in deficit, according to figures from the governmental National Water Commission (Conagua). Among these are the aquifers of Tehuantepec and Ostuta, which have suffered a deficit since the last decade and are on the corridor route.

In Veracruz, of the 20 water tables, five suffer from excessive extraction, such as the one in the Palaoapan River basin, also in the CIIT area.

One of the five objectives of the development program is to increase biodiversity and improve the quality of water, soil and air with a sustainable approach.

Meanwhile, CIIT's regional program stipulates that the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources must guarantee water for both the incoming companies and the local residents.

However, the Auditoría Superior de la Federación, the national comptroller, found no information on increasing biodiversity or improving water, soil and air quality by 2021. Furthermore, it did not have sufficient data to assess compliance with the five CIIT objectives.

For the provision of the necessary water, CIIT identified in its 2022 progress and results report the sale of water rights among users, the transfer from the Tehuantepec aquifer, despite its deficit, and deep wells, the use of dams, rivers or the construction of a desalination plant, in addition to the consumption of treated wastewater.

**Indigenous people**  
A May 2021 document on consultations with indigenous communities in the Oaxaca municipality of Ciudad Ixtepec, also along the corridor, seen by IPS, suggests studies on the use of recycled and treated water for some industrial processes, the promotion of the use of rainwater for green areas, and the introduction of programs to raise awareness and foment responsible water use.

The megaproject's area of influence is home to some 900,000 indigenous people from 10 different native peoples. But the consultation process, free of interference, prior to the development of the works and with sufficient and timely information, only covered less than one percent of the native population.

CIIT has already launched the international bidding process for the construction of three industrial parks in Veracruz and two in Oaxaca.

The right to a healthy environment is another aspect of a context of human rights violations. At the end of July, the Civil Observation Mission, made up of representatives of non-governmental organizations, found violations of access to information, free participation and freedom of expression.

For this reason, Escobar stressed the need for federal authorities to pay close attention to the project.

"Water is not a commodity, its supply has to be guaranteed to the local population," the lawyer said. "We have to invest heavily in water and develop awareness about it. We do not understand their concept of modernity, they think it is only about building megaprojects. There is going to be an environmental problem in the medium term."

For her part, Oswald suggested going beyond the traditional focus on attracting investment.

"No company is going to invest if it does not have guaranteed (water) supply, land, a way to export its merchandise on the sides of both oceans, and labor," said the researcher. "It is necessary to link water, cost, social issues, and which indigenous groups are in the region. What other mechanisms do we have to provide water? Who has control in the region? That is basic to understanding the conflicts. It is a crucial socio-cultural issue."

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# Siah Malle's journey of pursuing her passion and empowering others

By Guardian

Correspondent, Geita

**S**IAH Malle is a good example of a woman who has broken the glass ceiling in a male-dominated field. Her journey to become a judge at the 8th Tanzania Women in Engineering Convention and Exhibition (TAWECE) is a testament to her passion, dedication and hard work.

Growing up, Siah was fascinated by the world of science and technology. Her brother, a civil engineer, sparked her interest in engineering and she was determined to follow in his footsteps. Encouraged by her teachers, she studied science and mathematics at high school, where she excelled in these subjects.

Siah was then accepted onto a three-year diploma engineering course at Arusha Technical College where she studied engineering and her teacher, John Mbando, recognized her potential early on and encouraged her to move away from civil engineering and specialize in mechanical engineering.

Mbando convinced her that mechanical engineering had many advantages, including employability, benefits and creating solutions for society with tangible impacts. Siah's passion for mechanical engineering grew and she was determined to enter this profession.

After successfully completing her diploma, Siah studied for three years at



**Siah Malle assesses engineering projects presented by young female engineers at the 8th Tanzania Women in Engineering Convention and Exhibition (TAWECE) in Zanzibar.**

Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST) where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with a grade point average (GPA) of 4.3 and was awarded the best female graduating student award in her graduation in 2019.

Siah's teacher, Mbando, played a pivotal role in her journey as an engineer. He not only taught her the technical skills of mechanical engineering, but also instilled in her the importance of ethics, communication and teamwork.

He encouraged her to follow her dreams and never give up, even when faced with challenges. Siah's experience is a testament to the power of mentorship and the impact it can have on one's career and life.

After completing her studies, Siah was recruited by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) for an internship as a mechanical engineer. Today, she works as Coordinator 2 - Reliability and is part of the Engineer-

ing - Asset Management and System Reliability team. She was excited to be part of a company committed to responsible mining practices, environmental sustainability and gender equality.

At GGML, Siah has had the opportunity to work on various projects, including the design and implementation of sustainable energy solutions.

As a judge at TAWECE 2023, Siah was honoured to play a crucial role in promot-

ing gender equality and empowering young women to pursue their dreams in engineering. She assessed engineering projects presented by young female engineers and provided valuable feedback and guidance.

Siah was impressed by the innovative ideas and solutions presented at the exhibition, including the solar power design project, the automatic juice blender and the blood donor and search app. These projects demonstrated the potential of engineering to address real-world challenges and improve people's lives.

Siah was proud to be part of an event that challenged gender stereotypes and broke down barriers for women in engineering. Siah believes that events like TAWECE are crucial in inspiring more women and girls to pursue engineering careers, breaking down gender stereotypes and challenging the status quo.

To become a successful engineer, you need to possess several key skills and attributes. These include technical knowledge, problem-solving skills, creativity and innovation, communication skills, analytical thinking, time management and teamwork. Siah stresses the importance of integrity, transparency and professional development, as well as the need for engineers to keep abreast of the latest advances in technology.

As a role model for aspiring female engineers, Siah's goals are to improve operational efficiency, drive innovation and technology, and pursue further education and training.

Her dream project is to design a system that will make troubleshooting easier and more efficient, benefiting not only GGML but the mining industry as a whole. As well as furthering her education, she is determined to encourage young girls and women to pursue careers in engineering.

Siah's journey as a young female engineer is an inspiration to all. With the support of her teachers, mentors and employer, she has overcome challenges and pursued her dreams, empowering others along the way.

Her story is a testament to the power of mentorship, hard work and dedication, and serves as a reminder that women can excel in traditionally male-dominated fields such as mining engineering.



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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential bidders to express their interest for the supply of services in relation to petrophysics evaluation and model update.
- This EOI is the start of an open, transparent, and objective tender process which will commence from the date of this notice.
- The potential bidder must be able to respond to the following scope of work:

### Objective:

- Review the available data from 12 wells and develop petrophysical model.
- Generate petrophysical curves for use in geo-cellular modelling and other studies.
- Identify main petrophysical uncertainties.
- Recommendations for further areas of investigation or data acquisition to reduce uncertainty.

### Base Scope of Work:

- Review input well data:
- QC existing edited and corrected raw logs. Only rework if justification can be made.
- Core data (RCAL, SCAL, petrographic)
- Pressure data
- Water analysis data
- Petrophysical interpretation
- Lithology and porosity
- Water saturation
- FWL
- Saturation height function, Swirr & transition zone
- Permeability
- Phi-k transform
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- Sums and averages

### Deliverables:

- Report and petrophysical. las

- The Potential Bidder should be a well-established and reputable company and should indicate that it is willing, capable, experienced, and competent in carrying out the said Services preferably to the Oil & Gas Industries. Failure to indicate clearly so may result in disqualification. Potential Bidders must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following:
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- All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail, hand-delivery, or delivered by courier, otherwise the potential supplier may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.

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All responses are to be sent to the following address before Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 2pm.

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**Attn: Rehema Shija; Procurement, Contracts, Local Content and Compliance Manager.**



# Fragility and poverty in sub-Saharan Africa: Two sides of the same coin

By Samuel Kofi Tetteh Baah and Christoph Lakner

**I**N 1990, about half of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia and two-thirds in East Asia and the Pacific were living in extreme poverty (defined as living on less than what today amounts to around \$2.15 per person per day).

In the three decades that followed, these three regions have followed quite different development paths. In 2019, 35 percent of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa were estimated to be living in extreme poverty, compared to 9 percent in South Asia or 1 percent in East Asia and the Pacific.

Why has Sub-Saharan Africa been left behind? What explains the sluggish progress in poverty reduction in the region?

The role of fragility, conflict, and violence in stifling development

Fragility, conflict, and violence, or, more generally, the lack of peace and security, is one of the key barriers to poverty reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The World Bank's list of fragile, conflict-affected, and violent (FCV) countries in 1998, the year with the earliest available data, indicates that 13 of the 24 FCV countries worldwide were in Sub-Saharan Africa (54%, or slightly over a half).

By 2021, the year with the latest available data, the number of FCV countries in Sub-Saharan Africa had increased by six, and the region still accounted for roughly half of all FCV countries in the world (19 of the 37 FCV countries).

Even before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the world had already become more violent over the years, largely driven by increasing counts of FCV countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East and North Africa.

These two regions do not only have the most cases of fragility, conflict, and violence, but also the worst trends in extreme poverty.

Thirty out of the 48 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa (almost two-thirds) have been designated as a fragile, conflict-affected, or violent (FCV) country at least once since 1998; in the Middle East and North Africa, it is 7 out of 14 countries (or a half).



South Sudanese soldiers carry machine guns. Credit: punghi/ Shutterstock

Extreme poverty has decreased at a slow pace in Sub-Saharan Africa and increasing in the Middle East and North Africa (though at lower levels of poverty and subject to greater uncertainty due to a lack of recent data for many countries in the Middle East).

Besides the severe impact

on human life and happiness, conflicts worsen a country's ability to promote its own development and eradicate poverty. They lead to the loss of lives (human capital) and property (physical capital), thereby stifling investment, growth, and poverty reduction.

From an economic stand-

point, they destroy investor confidence in the economy and lead to wasteful military spending. Conflicts destabilize economic activity, disrupt food value chains, and increase the risk of food insecurity and hunger.

In times of political or civil unrest, people flee for safety in neighboring countries, hu-

man mobility and transportation can be restricted, trust and social capital get destroyed, and people live in fear and panic with little or no hope for a better life.

All these factors are contrary to the values of freedom, peace, and stability necessary for poverty reduction.

the non-FCV countries were split between middle-income and low-income countries.

The Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, the Central Africa Republic, and Liberia are highly conflict-affected, and are the only countries that have remained FCV countries without interruptions since 1998.

These four low-income countries had an average extreme poverty rate as high as 73 percent in 1998, while the remaining FCV countries had an average rate of 44 percent compared with 56 percent for all non-FCV low-income countries (34 percent and 39 percent, respectively).

### Fragility and poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa

Or could it be that the lack of peace in Sub-Saharan Africa is because of poverty (and inequality) in the region? Studies have suggested that grievance increases the risk of conflict, and grievance may occur when individuals or groups of individuals are socially, politically, or culturally deprived.

Conflicts are more likely when deprivation occurs along the lines of ethnicity, religion, or geographical location. In fact, high ethnic and cultural diversity in Sub-Saharan Africa increases the probability for such conflicts.

A negative relationship between income status and FCV status, supports the idea that poverty drives conflicts. On the other hand, it is impor-

tant to stress that this is not an automatic mechanism: eight countries have always been low-income countries but were not FCV countries in 2019.

Also, two of them (Rwanda and Uganda) have never been FCV over the entire period for which data are available. Overall, poverty and fragility can re-inforce each other and create a vicious cycle or a trap.

There are other factors that might jointly explain the high levels of poverty and fragility in Sub-Saharan Africa, such as low schooling attainment, high inequality in educational outcomes, and the lack of decent jobs. Improving educational outcomes for all (i.e., SDG 4) and increasing job opportunities for all (i.e., SDG 8) would therefore be priority areas in Sub-Saharan Africa that could potentially break the poverty-fragility trap that the region seems to be stuck in.

A highly educated population is more likely to be tolerant, while education and employment opportunities offer the most likely route out of poverty. However, these policy actions are more long-term in perspective, and require peace and stability to be effective.

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## THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS AND WORD FIT - 05 -

1. Capital city of Russia  
 7. a common flatfish of the plaice family  
 9. what is meant by a word  
 10. an agricultural tool similar to pickaxe  
 13. e-mail  
 15. a fish-eating aquatic mammal with a streamlined body and feet developed as flippers  
 18. move rhythmically to music  
 20. a deep yellow colour  
 22. related by blood  
 23. Beryllium symbol  
 24. an alloy of copper and tin for making bells, with a higher tin content than in bronze

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In this Puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start.

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### Poverty and fragility: a vicious circle

The lack of peace increases the risk of poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa. All FCV countries in the region in 1998 were low-income countries, whereas



The Democratic Republic of Congo's eastern provinces of North Kivu and Ituri have never known peace for decades.

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# BENJAMIN MKAPA FOUNDATION GETS FULLY SET TO INVEST IN REAL ESTATE

By Correspondent James Kandoya

**H**EALTH financing is one of the major challenges in developing countries, including Tanzania. This is all about financial constraints, the inefficient allocation of health sector resources and a lack of management capacity. The health financing system suffers from segmentation, high out-of-pocket expenditures (OOPs) and inefficient use of resources, as result, this is led to poor healthcare services.

Furthermore, it is dominated by tax- and donor-funded health delivery, with a modest proportion of the population enrolled in social, community, or private health insurance.

It was due to the above reasons, the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation (BMF) is now embarked on real estate investment as an alternative source of health financing.

The Health Plaza is a real estate investment innovation done by Imara Horizon Company (IHC); a sustainability arm of the Benjamin William Mkapa Foundation. It is a new addition into Tanzania's health sector.

Mariam Ndabagenga, Manager-Corporate Communication & Partnership told the Guardian Newspaper on phone yesterday that the investment will help to reduce dependency from donors.

She said the health Plaza among oth-



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (2nd L) poses for a photo after cutting the ribbon during the laying of the foundation stone for BWM Health Plaza recently. Photo by James Kandoya

ers will be hired to institutions for health-related issues such as mini hospitals, pharmacies, and medical supplies shops selling CT-Scan and MRI machines and laboratories.

She said that financing the healthcare system has always been a problem in many African countries just like it is in Tanzania.

Ndebagenga said established in 2006, the foundation's intention is to improve human capital development, which is a critical building block in achieving resilient and sustainable

health systems in resource-constrained settings like Tanzania.

"Our future plan is to have more sources of revenues to generate income in order to sustain health financing and people uplift in future," she said.

BMF through Imara Horizon is entitled to oversee and manage the construction of Health Plaza and the income from the investment is used in health financing.

Apart from that, the foundation collaborates

with the government to recruit health staff and employees, especially in rural areas where there is poor infrastructure.

When laying the foundation stone of the Benjamin Health Plaza recently in Dar es Salaam, Dr Mwinyi challenged both the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation and the Imara Horizon Company to find ways of creating more technological innovations and being a health solution incubator.

He said the move, among others, will strengthen research and development functions which will inform the government and other valued partners.

"It is through his vision of a sustainable and resilient institution that we, the governance board of the Mkapa Foundation, saw the need to start an investment company, the Imara Horizon," he said.

"I would like to impose a challenge to the Imara Horizon Company, to shift their focus beyond infrastructure. Invest your resources into providing solutions for the health sector in Tanzania, since this was the striving

The foundation Chief Executive Officer Dr Hellen Mkondya-Senkoro, extended the appreciation to the Board of Trustees of Mkapa Foundation and the deceased Settlor, the Late Benjamin Mkapa for approving the idea of establishing the special purpose vehicle for health business functions through Imara Horizon Company.

"We also appreciate your stewardship all along as the first founding chair of the Board of BMF. You have guided us effec-

tively on sustainability initiatives of the Mkapa Foundation work, through establishment of the endowment fund and this subsidiary company of the Imara Horizon Company being able to kick off the Mkapa Health Plaza project," he said.

"Both of the two products are the result of your visionary leadership to us," she said.

Chief Executive Officer of Imara Horizon Company Mirza Ngoshani introduced the company with its services covering real estate investment in the health sector, medical supplies, equipment and consumables, trading and enhancing innovation training, research and development

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Health financing is a core function of health systems that can enable progress towards universal health coverage by improving effective service coverage and financial protection.

Currently, millions of people do not access services due to the cost. Many others receive poor quality of services even when they pay out-of-pocket.

Carefully designed and implemented health financing policies can help to address these issues.

For example, contracting and payment arrangements can incentivize care coordination and improved quality of care; sufficient and timely disbursement of funds to providers can help to ensure adequate staffing and medicines to treat patients.

## \$30mil fund to support cleaner energy access across Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent

**T**HE Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB) Group is extending USD\$30 million under a securitization structure that will mobilize US\$125 million in funding for d.light to expand access to clean energy and foster financial inclusion through the delivery of Solar Home System (SHS) products and mobile phones to off-grid customers in Tanzania.

The new facility follows a previous US\$50 million on balance sheet loan to d.light extend-

ed in 2021, where TDB served as co-mandated lead arranger.

Since its founding in 2006, d.light has sold over 30 million products encompassing solar lanterns, solar home systems, TVs, radios and smartphones, which have impacted the lives of over 150 million people and helped offset 32 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

In Africa, d.light is one of the largest players with a significant market share in the SHS space. To enhance product affordability and access, d.light uses Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) technology. Under the proposed



facility, an estimated 150,000 households will gain access to clean energy, with a direct impact on economic and social development. Furthermore, larger tier solar home systems enable the productive use of energy, particularly in agriculture and domestic activities, so that more time can be saved and reallocated, especially for women.

Michael Awori, TDB CEO said "Access to energy is critical to the sustainable development of the continent, especially for the most vulnerable off-grid communities. As one of the leading renewable energy financiers in the region, we are delighted to extend this second facility to d.light, this time in Tanzania. Globally, in 2022 alone the company reached over 1,677,216 people through PAY-GO model,

created close to 2,000 jobs, and averted 1,329,371 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and black carbon emissions with solar replacing kerosene lamps. This is the kind of impactful track record TDB is keen to support."

d.light CEO Nick Imudia said, "This new financing from TDB gives us the extra funding to reach more low-income families and households in Tanzania via our Pay-Go business, in a way that is affordable for our customers and sustainable for our business. d.light and our lending partners are long-time pioneers in developing securitized finance as an innovative, scalable financing model for raising equity for off-grid solar that is guaranteed against current and future customer sales."

Tanzania, the fifth most popu-

lous country in Africa, grapples with electricity access issues, as only 40 percent of its population currently enjoys this privilege.

d.light's long-standing presence in the country, dating back to 2008, has contributed significantly to bridging this gap and improving lives through reliable solar-powered solutions.

Eric De Moudt, founder and CEO of AFC remarked "We are very happy to announce the launch of our latest social impact securitization, BLTI, which further expands our industry leading off-balance sheet securitization structures into new jurisdiction for d.light and brings the total volume of local currency receivable being financed to almost US\$500 million".

TDB is active in the energy transition in the region it serves, by contributing short-term energy security needs while financing long-term renewable energy projects, in geothermal, wind, solar and hydro, including in Tanzania.

Off-grid solar energy projects have proven to create significant environmental impact, while contributing to critical outcomes such as access to electricity, job creation, economic growth, increased health benefits, and more, with this transaction contributing to realisation of multiple SDGs.

## Dar resident wins vehicle through CRDB Bank Plc campaign

By Guardian Reporter

**R**OBERT Masala, the resident of Goba in Dar es Salaam walked away driving yesterday, after being awarded a Toyota Crown vehicle, following his winning chance of an ongoing CRDB Bank's SimBanking campaign for the month of July.

The handing over of the brand new vehicle was held yesterday and he becomes the third winner of similar prize. Others were Mayani Yahaya and Jared Awando Ojweke, winners for June and May respectively.

Speaking during the award ceremony, Masala said he has been the customer of CRDB Bank since 2005, noting that SimBanking has simplified his business financial transactions.

"I am an employee in Dar es Salaam but my businesses are based in my home Mwanza, my home town. SimBanking has been helping me to supervise cash flow of my business. Between May and June this year, I completed some projects and I mostly used SimBanking in financial transaction. I believe this has helped me to become the winner," he said.

Masala, a father of two, said since he opened his CRDB Bank account, he has been using SimBanking at a time by using USSD, until the digital Application was introduced, of which he said has improved efficiency.

The winner of the fully fueled and insured vehicle valued 20mn/- has also advised other Tanzanians to open accounts through CRDB Bank, use SimBanking to win various prizes, ranging from cash, mobile phones and vehicles.

Speaking during the vehicle handing over, Badru Idd, Eastern zonal Manager, CRDB Bank, said it is impossible to escape digital economy as he called for Tanzanians to not leave behind in using CRDB Bank's Simbanking, the best platform for banking transactions.

"Today we have announced Robert Masala as the winner of the draw conducted on August 3rd. He is the third winner after Jared Awando Ojweke, resident of Dar es Salaam and Mayani Yahaya, resident of Dodoma. SimBanking is for everyone and has the capacity of fulfilling your banking need wherever you are," he said.

He further said that the bank recently launched the new CRDB SimBanking app as part of efforts to improve services delivery and bring revolution in banking sector.

The bank's zonal manager said the newly launched CRDB Bank app is made through the combination of the Artificial Intelligence (AI), which enables it to have a high sense of identifying behavior and needs of customers.

## China: Next real estate giant on the ropes

BEIJING

**C**HINESE policymakers are facing calls to do more to prop up the ailing real estate market after the largest property developer, Country Garden, warned of multibillion-dollar losses and missed bond payments.

The world's 138th largest company, according to business magazine Fortune, said last week that due to a "decline in sales in the real estate industry," it was on course to lose between \$6 billion and \$7 billion (£5.5 billion and €6.4 billion) in the six months from January to June 2023.

Until recently, Country Garden appeared to have been spared

from the real estate downturn that took hold in China during the pandemic when the government of President Xi Jinping placed limits on how much debt property developers could take on.

Over the previous two decades, as the Chinese population grew more wealthy, an unprecedented construction boom led to a quadrupling in real estate prices. Hundreds of millions of people bet that property speculation would be safer for their savings than the country's volatile stock markets.

Chinese job seekers read information for employments at a job fair in Xiamen city, southeast

China's Fujian province Chinese job seekers read information for employments at a job fair in Xiamen city, southeast China's Fujian province

But after years of high growth, the government's new debt curbs caused property sales and prices to plummet, hitting one developer, China Evergrande, particularly hard.

The country's second-largest construction firm, Evergrande had grown used to using investor deposits on future projects to fund current construction. In 2021, Evergrande announced it owed \$300 billion and later defaulted on some of its debt, along with many of its peers.



Youth unemployment is on the rise in China after the collapse of the property market, driving down economic growth



# THIS IS HOW DIGITALISATION EMPOWERS CONSTRUCTION TO MAKE MORE WITH LESS

By Steve W. Smith

There's perhaps no industry where even the tiniest inefficiencies can have a major detrimental effect on the bottom line more than in construction. A project's inherent complexity, the industry's strict regulations, as well as continued macroeconomic uncertainty make maximizing jobsite productivity paramount to construction's success.

Yet, many construction firms still haven't embraced technology to maximize project efficiency. And as a massive worker shortage continues to plague the industry, it's arguably more important than ever that construction leaders turn to digital solutions to get more done with fewer resources.

In my nearly 15 years in construction, I've witnessed the evolution of the industry as embarked on with technology. I've seen firsthand as contractors moved away from paper-based workflows in favor of digital ones—and the exponential benefits that have resulted. And in my current role as a director of partnerships at construction technology company Bluebeam, I have a front-row seat for how the continued digitalization of the industry is solving some of its most complex problems, all while evening the playing field for even the smallest contractors to compete with

some of their larger counterparts.

Still, I also understand why many in the industry remain wary of adopting digitalization and new technology.

The market is flooded with solutions, making it dizzying when it comes to trying to understand what will work for a business' needs. Moreover, change is hard. When you have a tried-and-true process that has worked for your business for a long time, it can be difficult to shift course and adopt something new—especially if the new technology is something you don't fully understand.

The good news: At the same time, it's never been easier to embrace new construction technology. The competitive landscape ensures that the best, most efficient solutions are being made. And new distribution and business models for many of these new solutions ensures that you can test a new technology before a broader implementation at little to no initial upfront cost.

Here are three ways construction business leaders can approach adopting new digital technologies.

Adopting technology for construction applications requires a certain amount of consideration and preparation. Still, don't delay your steps too much that you perpetuate continued inefficiencies.



The constraints on time and efficiency on your crews are most likely here to stay for the foreseeable future, as skilled tradespeople will be in high demand for some time amid an industrywide worker shortage.

The construction industry will need to attract an estimated 546,000 additional workers on top of the normal pace of hiring in 2023 to meet the demand for labor, according to a February 2023 report from Associated Builders and Contractors, an industry trade group.

These trends point to two things: (1) continued inefficiencies

may lead to worse and slower outcomes—in other words, you will remain in "status quo" mode, not being able to improve output—and (2) as your teams see these inefficiencies, they may become more likely to find an employer who is more "tech ready" than their current employer. This second topic is even more detrimental, as it could lead to further workload and backlog challenges.

In short, get started. Sign up for a demo of a piece of hardware, equipment or software that you think might help your company. There might be some sort of demo software to try for a couple

weeks or a hardware or tool that allows you to borrow or rent for little to no upfront cost. This may seem counterintuitive, as there are so many other things on your plate—but, in my experience, construction managers who devote some of their time to finding more efficient ways to work through technology tend to be more able to navigate changing environments more effectively.

Not every product will work for your firm, regardless of what you hear. The challenge here for all construction management experts is to find the tech stack that will work best for their situations. Some vendors provide spectacular products for interior finishing solutions, but are weak for mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) applications. Others are great for enterprise customers, whereas still more are designed with small-to-medium sized businesses (SMB) in mind.

One of the benefits of this process is that you might be able to skip some steps, as you may be able to adopt solutions that others had to figure out for themselves.

An example of this is reality capture (LIDAR, or Laser Scanning). Twenty years ago, this technology was largely used by surveyors and geomatics experts and required special training.

Over the years, the technology has gotten better, smaller and faster. Now, it is much easier to get started with reality capture than it was even 10 years ago. You wouldn't have to grow with the technology as others had to.

You can get started now and benefit from the many iterations that have brought things to where they are. The same holds true for many other digital construction workflows. Take some time to find the current state of a workflow that is important to you, learn whether there might be a more modern way to approach it, confirm whether that solution applies to your work situation and, if so, move forward.

Despite its reputation as a laggard, the construction industry is doing some great things with technology. Even if you feel like you're "behind," it's likely you're much farther along than you think. Every construction manager that I have met is vetting, adopting and/or using new technologies. Still, there is a long way to go to get more work done more efficiently.

In the end, it's important to give yourself, your colleagues and your project stakeholders a little bit of credit for the good work that they have been doing to improve the state of digital construction.

## US Mortgage Rates Continue to Rise 30-year fixed rate matches highest since 2001, weighing on purchases



## US mortgage rate hits 7.16 per cent, highest since 2001

NEW YORK

The US 30-year mortgage rate rose to 7.16 percent last week, matching the highest since 2001 and crimping both sales and refinancing activity.

The contract rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage rose 7 basis points to 7.16 percent in the week ended Aug. 11, according to Mortgage Bankers Association data out Wednesday. The gauge of home-purchase applications slipped for a fifth-straight week to the second-lowest level since 1995.

The latest jump in borrowing costs presents a fresh headwind for the housing market, just as the sector had been showing signs of finding its footing. The impact from high mortgage rates is two-fold: it restrains demand and keeps many Americans who are sitting on lower mortgage rates from listing their homes.

A lack of homes listed for sale are also pushing prices higher, with recent price gains helping the US housing market erase the roughly \$3 trillion it lost in value during the past year's slowdown, according to Redfin Corp. Price

gains coupled with higher rates are squeezing affordability even more.

"Many households that would like to move are trapped right now," said James Knightley, ING's chief international economist. "Consequently housing supply has fallen just as rapidly as housing demand, hence why prices have stabilized and are moving higher again in several areas."

Higher rates could exacerbate inventory issues as owners seeking to move confront the prospect of giving up much lower rates. About nine in 10 owners with mortgages have interest rates under 6%, according to Redfin.

The Federal Reserve's efforts to tame inflation through higher interest rates led to a rapid deterioration in the sector last year, dragging down economic growth. Existing-home sales have remained tepid amid limited supply, but new-home sales have rebounded, supported by more available inventory.

The pickup in the housing market has fueled more optimism among economists that the US

may be able to avoid recession. Another report Wednesday showed new-home building rose last month, and applications to build single-family homes advanced to the highest in more than a year.

But separate data on Tuesday showed homebuilder sentiment fell for the first time this year on concerns about higher borrowing costs. While lean inventory has generally encouraged more home construction, higher mortgage rates may mean builders have to offer more incentives to lure prospective buyers.

Mortgage News Daily, which updates more frequently, put the 30-year rate at 7.26 percent on Tuesday.

The MBA's gauge of refinancing applications fell 1.9 percent, a fourth-straight decline. The overall measure of mortgage applications fell 0.8 percent.

The survey, which has been conducted weekly since 1990, uses responses from mortgage bankers, commercial banks and thrifts. The data cover more than 75 percent of all retail residential mortgage applications in the US.

## Knight Frank expands into Egypt with new Cairo office

CAIRO

Egypt - Knight Frank, the leading global property consultancy, announced the launch of its first office in Egypt. The new office is located in the heart of Cairo, in the Zamalek district, which marks the intersection between the capital's expanding East and West urbanizations.

The launch of the Cairo office is Knight Frank's first foray into Egypt's dynamic real estate market. The firm brings its extensive expertise to this exciting and growing market, providing a world-class portfolio of real estate consultancy services, including strategic consultancy, marketing, commercial and residential property sales and leasing, property management, and valuations.

Fueled by rapid urbanization, a burgeoning population and a surge in foreign investment - the Egypt real estate market is currently at its peak. Contributing approximately 16% to the nation's GDP



and poised for further growth, the property sector presents a wealth of opportunities in both residential and commercial domains.

Knight Frank's team in Egypt is led by seasoned industry shapers who have been an integral part of the local real estate sector's development. Zeinab Adel is a real estate investment professional with an extensive roster of consulting developers and with a track record of successfully establishing strategies for major real estate management firms.

As part of the new Cairo office management team, she will be joined by Tamer Elfiky, Partner - Head of Operations, Egypt, a real estate veteran with extensive

experience in business development and marketing.

Zeinab Adel, Partner - Head of Egypt Office said: "Spearheading the progress, Egypt's government is committed to further growing the local real estate market by providing housing opportunities for different socioeconomic segments and increasing the confidence of regional investors in the market."

Commenting on the new office, James Lewis, Knight Frank's Middle East Managing Director, said: "I am excited the Middle East region is expanding into North Africa and connecting further into our wider Africa network. This extension has come at the request of our clients

who would like our integrated service offering to be available in this growing and dynamic gateway market."

Adel and Elfiky have a deep understanding of the Egyptian real estate market and will work closely with clients to provide bespoke solutions to their real estate needs, drawing on Knight Frank's global network of experts and its reputation for excellence in real estate services.

Known for its exceptional track record and commitment to excellence, Knight Frank has forged strong relationships with a distinguished list of global clients, including Emaar, Aldar, Google, Barclays, HSBC, Panasonic, Samsung, Unilever, and DHL. Such prestigious partnerships have enabled the firm to effectively navigate the dynamic and ever-evolving luxury real estate market, consistently delivering innovative solutions and remarkable results for their clientele.

## Idaho's first wildlife overpass under construction

BOISE

Some of Idaho's wildlife between Lucky Peak and Idaho City will soon have another way to cross State Highway 21.

The state's first wildlife overpass is under construction, with a finish date of October. Scott Rudel, Idaho Transportation Department environmental planner, said the area is a hotspot for crashes between drivers and animals.

"We have a migrating herd of deer and elk that winter back and forth between their winter range and their summer range, and

they have to cross State Highway 21," Rudel said. "But when they are crossing, they create a mobility issue between the motorists who encounter them."

ITD data shows there have been nearly 7,000 wild animal-related crashes on Idaho roads in the last five years. About 40 of those happened along the stretch of SH 21 above Robie Creek to Lucky Peak.

Rudel said the wildlife crossing will help reduce those numbers. About 10 years ago, ITD added an underpass about a mile away from where the overpass is getting built. Since installing the underpass, there have been no re-

ported wildlife crashes and very few carcasses found on the road. He said they are aiming for a similar result with the overpass.

Once completed, Rudel said it will be the first wildlife overpass in Idaho. The state already has a variety of crossings, including the underpass.

The project costs about \$7 million. He said most of that money came from the federal government, specifically through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act.

Since most of the land around the overpass is federal land, Rudel said it makes sense for the federal government to pitch in.



## CONSTRUCTION

# CREATING A POSITIVE FUTURE - ONE YOUTH AT A TIME

By Desideria Mwegelo

**A**S Tanzania looks towards building a brighter future for its citizens, there is a critical factor that cannot be overlooked – investing in the youth.

Representing 25 per cent of the adult population, the youth are a significant demographic with immense potential to drive the country's socio-economic growth. However, the current unemployment rate of 9.6 percent among this group demands urgent attention.

On this year's International Youth Skills Day, we must emphasize the importance of empowering the youth and making them the driving force behind our economic agenda.

Realizing this objective necessitates a unified effort from various stakeholders, including governments, multi-lateral institutions, and responsible corporations.

At Standard Chartered, we are driven by a powerful purpose - to foster commerce and prosperity through our unique diversity. As part of this mission, we have undertaken an ambitious initiative called "Futuremakers by Standard Chartered," which seeks to empower young minds and make a positive impact on communities in Tanzania and beyond. This program leverages the expertise of our bank and collaborates with staff volunteers and local partners to provide young people with access to jobs and economic opportunities.



Our commitment lies in equipping the youth with the skills and knowledge needed to secure meaningful employment or venture into entrepreneurship. Over the past four years, through Futuremakers, we have reached an impressive 237,069 young people globally. Among them, we have directly supported 1,394 talented young women from low-income communities in Tanzania, empowering them to learn, earn, and grow. Our focus

centers on three pillars: Education, Employability, and Entrepreneurship.

Under the education component, we impart business and life skills, while employability focuses on preparing young individuals for the workforce through vocational training and skills development. The entrepreneurship aspect enables youth, including women, to engage in business start-ups and growth. As a result, Futuremakers has made a signifi-

cant impact, reaching 94,662 young Tanzanians over the past four years. In 2022 alone, our contribution to the program amounted to TZS 352.4 million.

To further enhance the financial capabilities of the youth, we have also invested in targeted interventions.

Through strategic partnerships with local implementing organizations such as the Small Industry Development Organization (SIDO), Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA), and Tanzania Women's Chamber of Commerce (TWCC), we reached 256 young women with intensive interventions from March to October 2022.

This led to the successful employment of 323 youth in the program, with an additional 89 receiving valuable internship opportunities. Impressively, 70 percent of those employed were still in decent employment after six months.

Furthermore, the program has been instrumental in fostering entrepreneurship, with a cumulative total of 107 new businesses launched as of October 2022. Moreover, 102 youth entrepreneurs were able to access funding to support their ventures through the program. The success of this initiative is bolstered by the participation of 308 established businesses and 501 micro-businesses that continue to receive ongoing professional support for their development and growth.

Aligned with the country's population demographics, 38% of our customers in

2022 fell into the youth category, meaning they were under 35 years old. This highlights the relevance and potential of catering to the needs of young people in the Tanzanian market. Notably, lending to this category has remained stable, with TZS 18.3 billion disbursed in 2021 and TZS 17.9 billion in 2022.

Inclusive economic growth and employment opportunities rely heavily on entrepreneurship and job creation. It is crucial for governments, the private sector, and the global community to invest in and provide services tailored to young job seekers and entrepreneurs. The success of our commitment to supporting the development of today's youth will determine our ability to foster sustainable and broad-based growth.

As we commemorate International Youth Skills Day, let us renew our dedication to empowering the youth and creating opportunities for them to flourish. Through Futuremakers, Standard Chartered remains unwavering in its mission to transform the lives of young people, shaping a brighter future not only for them but also for the communities they belong to. Together, we can build a world where every young person has the chance to learn, earn, and grow, ultimately contributing to a more prosperous and sustainable future for all.

**Desideria Mwegelo (pictured) is the Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand & Marketing, Standard Chartered Bank**

## Luxurious seaside waterfront haven unveiled in Dubai

DUBAI

UAE - Leading UAE developer Damac Properties has announced the launch of its latest project, Damac Coral Reef, to be developed within the picturesque Dubai Maritime City.

This exclusive waterfront development promises to redefine luxury living with a captivating blend of artistic expression and exceptional coastal charm.

The new property offers a luxurious seaside waterfront haven and marks a spectacular collaboration with acclaimed artist Vincent Faudemer, celebrated globally for his captivating Babolex collection.

Collaborating with the artist, known as the "Little Prince of Contemporary Art," Damac Coral Reef is set to introduce an unparalleled fusion of artistry and luxury living.

Through this project, Faudemer will create a bespoke Babolex collec-

tion exclusively for the interiors of this architectural marvel, infusing it with an aura of creativity and elegance that transcends traditional living spaces.

Commenting on the launch, Niall McLoughlin, Senior Vice President at Damac International, said: "Damac Coral Reef is a testament to our commitment to pushing the boundaries of luxury living."

"By collaborating with Vincent Faudemer, we not only aim to offer a unique residential experience but also to create an immersive space where art and lifestyle seamlessly come together. This project is a true embodiment of our dedication to innovation and excellence," he stated.

According to him, Faudemer, brings his visionary creativity to Damac Coral Reef, infusing the luxury residence with bespoke pieces that reflect his unique artistic style.

Drawing inspiration from cherished childhood characters like Babar, The Little Prince, and other iconic figures, Faudemer crafts artistic sculptures in a blend of resin, bronze, and silver nitrate.

His masterful reinterpretation of these beloved symbols, sometimes intertwined with luxury fashion house branding, offers a thought-provoking commentary on our modern society.

Damac Coral Reef is a manifestation of luxury living by the sea, providing residents with a breathtaking coastal experience.

This waterfront gem is the latest addition to Damac's impressive portfolio of branded residences, marking the sixth tower launch this year alone. The project demonstrates Damac's unwavering commitment to creating extraordinary living spaces that seamlessly blend art, design, and luxury.



## Board targets 120,000 tons sisal production by 2025/26

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Sisal Board (TSB) is working efforts to increase the production of the key economic cash crop with target to start producing at least 120,000 tons annually from the 2025/26 season.

The TSB's Director General (DG), Saddy Kambona yesterday told a press conference in Dodoma Capital City that the Board was currently implementing a number of initiative to push for effective production and productivity in the cultivation of the crop among the involved farmers.

He said the number of sisal farmers have kept on mounting annually, the encouraging development which communicating that the sector was heading into a bright future.

"In 2020, TSB registered a total of 6887 smallholder farmers who engaged in the sector, whereby in 2022 the number increased to 8972," he informed.

However, he said the sector attract others 22,000 farmers who have yet to register at the Board.

Despite facing diverse handicaps, the TSB's chief boss said the sector had managed to record an important stride, in which the

production increased from 36,379 tons in 2020 to at least 48,352.49 in 2022.

"Currently, we're implementing a number of programs with an eye to ensure the sector attract more farmers, but also, to assure the involved farmers are cultivating in accord to the recommended agronomic practices," he said.

Being similar efforts, Kambona expressed that TSB have managed to collect and freely distributed a total of 6,991,200 Sisal seedlings to the smallholder farmers in the 16 different districts.

The beneficiaries districts, according to him, include Korogwe, Muheza, Tanga, Mkinga, Handeni, Kilindi, Rorya, Bunda, Butiama, Bariadi, Bagamoyo(Chalinze), Kisarawe, Mkuranga, Manoyoni (Itigi), Singida rural as well as Mkalama district.

Moreover, he said the sector has witnessed a potential increase in the sisal plantations, especially for the small-scale farmers.

"In order to boost cultivation of the crop, TSB had distributed to the farmers free farms. For instance, in Korogwe district a total of 983 farmers were given free plantations, whereby others 3000 growers were given the arable farms in Kilosa district of Morogoro region," he unveiled.

He hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan for rolling out different support meant to revive the performance of the economic sector.

"There have a significant increase in the allocation of the Board's development fund from the state coffer, from 100m/- during 2019/2020 fiscal year to 2bn/- during 2022/23 financial year," he informed.

With the development, he said the Board has successfully managed to procure modern Sisal processing machines, as well as reviving the other dilapidated processing facilities at Kibaranga Sisal estate in Muheza district (Tanga), and at the state-owned TPL Sisal farm in Bwawani, Arumeru district in Arusha region.

"Installation of the ultra-modern facilities is projected to play meaningful role in helping the sector to reach the Sisal production and processing targets that have been placed by the government by 2026," he assured.

Tanzania Sisal Board was established in 1997 by an Act of Parliament and is charged with the regulation and promotion of the sisal industry with the aim of making it sustainable through increased productivity and profitability.

## 100 companies ready for 2023 international medicines and laboratory expo

By Guardian Correspondent

MORE than local and foreign 100 companies are expected to participate in the second International Medicine and Laboratory Exhibition to run from 24 to 26 August in Dar es Salaam.

The exhibition is jointly organized by Exhibitions and Trade Services India Pvt Ltd (ETS IPL) of India, the Ministry of Health and the Tanzania Pharmacists Association (PST).

The exhibition, which is being held for the second time in the country, is aimed at providing education on medicine, treatment, health, surgery, laboratory, orthopedics and other issues related to the health sector in general.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the Director of ETSIPL, Vijayanka Brighuvanshi, said the exhibition will bring together experts in the health sector where participants will have the opportunity to share knowledge and skills.

"We welcome all citizens, stakeholders in the health sector, companies that produce equipment and medicines, these exhibitions will help increase understanding and expertise for the producers of medical equipment," said Brighuvanshi.

In addition, the President of the Tanzania Pharmacists Association (PST), Fadhil Hezekiah, said that so far 17 Tanzanian companies have already confirmed their participation in the exhibition.

"We are also expecting other companies from the countries of Kenya, India, China and Yemen where for this week we now have 105 companies including 17 local companies," said Hezekiah.

He said that the space is still open for other local and foreign companies that want to participate in the exhibition that will be held at the Diamond Jubilee hall.

He said that for this year, the exhibition is in collaboration with other institutions like Tanzania Medicine and Medical device Authority (TMDA), The Association of Private Health Service Providers of Tanzania (APHFTA), The Association of Local Drug Manufacturers (TPMA), Tanzania Surgeons Association (TSA) and Tanzania Women Doctors Association (MEWATA)





## WORLD



Ina Krisnamurthi, Indonesia's Ambassador to India

## India's G20 presidency has added value, says Indonesian envoy

NEW DELHI

INA Krisnamurthi, Indonesia's Ambassador to India has hailed India's G20 presidency saying that it has added value and expressed confidence and hope that India through its G20 Summit will bring all leaders together on the table.

While speaking to ANI, the envoy pointed out that continuity and convergence of agenda of emerging economies are on the table and also between multilateral fora for the benefit of emerging economies.

"It's one of the biggest engagement of leaders. So, I wish India all the very best logistically and substantively. India has done tremendously in bridging all differences.

This presidency has added value. India comes in second after Indonesia as emerging economies and as you may know, under the G20 presidency four emerging economies will be in the helmet until 2025", said the Indonesian envoy.

"We have consultation, coordination to ensure one the voice of emerging economies are heard. Second, continuity and convergence of agenda of emerging economies are on table.

And third, making sure that the con-

tinuity and convergence not only in the G20, but also between multilateral fora also happen and for the benefit of emerging economies", added the envoy.

Expressing optimism over having all the leaders together on the table, the envoy stressed that countries need to have an open mind on common concerns of all, rather than focusing on conflicts and tensions between countries.

"Indonesia hope that the G20 Summit will bring all leaders together on the table. We need to ensure that all people in the countries of G20 are willing to have open mind, on common concerns of all rather than focusing on conflicts, tensions between countries, because as you may know, global south in particular, are facing difficulties, challenges currently with disasters, climate change, post pandemic economy recovery, many issues that needs to be discussed.

So, we do hope that countries in G20, including the observers see more into the common concerns rather than the tensions and conflicts" added the Envoy.

Speaking further on India acting as a voice of global south, the ambassador said, "both the nations (India and Indonesia) are head on to voice the concerns of emerging economies and developing

nations, in particular the global south' and that 'India could be one of the important leaders of global south'.

The envoy also said that there are 'Positive indications' of the Indonesian President coming for the G20 summit.

Responding to a query whether Indonesia has applied for the BRICS membership or any possibility of Jakarta joining, the envoy stated that her country hasn't applied for the membership and that when it comes to membership, the criteria, interests, modalities needs to be clear first, before engagement or enlargement.

"Well, there's strong and a positive indication that our leader, President Joko Widodo, will come to the BRICS summit as friends of BRICS. We haven't applied for BRICS membership, because Indonesia has main principles in international engagement", said the Envoy.

"We are open to anything, everything, but at the same time learning from past experience, including APEC, learning from ASEM as well as ASEAN and EAS. When it comes to membership, the criteria, the interests, the modalities needs to be clear first, before engagement or enlargement in this

matter. So, Indonesia is open minded in when it comes to membership, but the criteria and modalities needs to be very clear", she added further.

Speaking about India and Jakarta relations and ASEAN engagement, Ina believed that Jakarta as the chair ensure that the elevation of comprehensive strategic partnership between ASEAN and India will be in concreteness.

"We see that in ASEAN, India, we as the chair, make sure that there is an elevation of engagement between ASEAN and India. So, this chairmanship of Indonesia in ASEAN is to ensure that the elevation of comprehensive strategic partnership between ASEAN and India will be in concreteness, in more implementable programs, so that we will make sure that the epicenter of growth and also where ASEAN and India matters are there", she said.

"We have close relations, socially, culturally and historically. But at the same time at the present and future, we need to also ensure that those footprints of the past is going to be very strong building blocks for the brighter future between Indonesia and India", added the envoy. **ANI**

## UN World Food Programme lauds India's contribution in providing life saving food to Afghanistan

KABUL

UNITED Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) in Afghanistan thanked India for its help in providing life-saving food to 16 million people in the country.

The generous contribution by the government of India has been acknowledged by the relevant stakeholders in Afghanistan, including UNWFP.

In their recent tweet, UNWFP stated, "For the first half of this year, 16 million people in Afghanistan received life-saving food from WFP. We are grateful for generous donors like India who make that happen".

As per the government sources, "in view of the deteriorating humanitarian situation and urgent appeals by the UN agencies, India continues to supply humanitarian assistance, including medical and food aid for the Afghan people. In this endeavour, the Government of India has partnered with United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) for the internal distribution of wheat within Afghanistan."

Under this partnership, India has supplied total of 47,500 MTs of wheat assistance to UNWFP centers in Afghanistan. The recent ongoing shipments are being sent through Chabahar Port and being handed over to UNWFP at Herat in Afghanistan.

On the medical assistance side, India has so far supplied almost 200 tons of medical assistance consisting of essential medicines, COVID vaccines, anti-TB medicines and medical/surgical items like Pediatric Stethoscope, Sphygmomanometer mobile type with pediatric BP cuff, infusion pump, drip chamber set, electro cautery, nylon sutures etc.

The same were handed over to authorities of the Indira Gandhi Children Hospital, Kabul. India has also continued its support for the Habibia School, Kabul and has sent assistance of winter clothing and stationary items for the primary students.

Recently, India also partnered with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) in Afghanistan to provide humanitarian assistance for the welfare of the Afghan drug user population, especially females. Under this partnership, they have supplied 1100 units of female hygiene kits and blankets and medical assistance to UNODC, Kabul. These items will be used by UNODC in their female drug rehabilitation camps across Afghanistan. India would be providing medical assistance for these rehabilitation camps.

According to UNWFP, it is the world's largest humanitarian organization saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity, for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change. **ANI**

## Canadian wildfire threatens towns, govt orders evacuations

YELLOWKNIFE

CANADIAN officials ordered the evacuation of the Northwest Territories' capital of Yellowknife and several smaller communities on Wednesday as a massive wildfire threatened the town of Hay River overnight.

Teams were working to evacuate Hay River, a community of some 3,000 on Great Slave Lake, by bus or plane on Wednesday night as the fire approached.

"Hay River saw the fire south of their community increase, get closer to the city today," fire information officer Mike Westwick said at a news briefing on Wednesday evening. "We saw highly active fire in that area and it was moving quickly."

Westwick said the blaze could reach Yellowknife by this weekend barring rain and that residents of the capital were also being asked to leave as part of a "phased evacuation" beginning with the most threatened communities.

So far no deaths have been reported from the Yellowknife fire but several structures have been destroyed. Yellowknife has a population of around 20,000 people and lies 400 km south of the Arctic circle.

Canada is enduring its worst wildfire season with more than 1,000 active fires burning across the country, including 230 in the Northwest Territories.

Thousands of residents of the sparsely populated territory have already fled smaller communities and the hamlet of Enterprise near the Alberta border was almost entirely destroyed by a blaze that swept through on Sunday.

Northwest Territories Premier Caroline Cochrane said some Yellowknife residents were preemptively leaving the city but urged people to remain calm and warned that highways could close suddenly because of the fire risk.

"I've never seen so many vehicles leaving town," Cochrane said. "There's all kinds of rumors out there, but be ready and evacuate if necessary. Be calm. Do not panic." **Agencies**

## Migrant boat capsizes off Cape Verde, over 60 feared dead

DAKAR

MORE than 60 people are feared dead after a boat carrying mostly Senegalese migrants capsized off the coast of Cape Verde in the Atlantic Ocean.

The boat left Senegal on July 10 with 101 passengers on board, and 38 people were rescued on Tuesday, Senegal's Foreign Ministry said in a statement late on Tuesday.

It was not immediately clear when the incident occurred.

The survivors were on the Cape Verde island of Sal,



Fishermen attach ropes to a beached pirogue to eventually move it from the beach in Dakar on Aug 9, 2023, in which 17 migrants lost their lives after it capsized off the coast of Dakar a month ago, allegedly on its way to the Canary Islands. **AFP**

where Senegal is liaising with authorities for their repatriation, the ministry said. One of the survivors was from Guinea-Bissau.

The Atlantic migration route from the coast of West Africa to the Canary Islands, typically used by African migrants trying to reach Spain, is one of the world's deadliest. Summer is its busiest period.

"Safe and regular pathways to migration are sorely lacking, which is what gives room to smugglers and traffickers to put people on these deadly journeys," said IOM spokeswoman

Safa Msehli.

IOM is collecting information and did not yet have details about the latest incident, she added. At least 559 people died attempting to reach the Canary Islands in 2022, while 126 people died or went missing on the same route in the first six months of this year with 15 shipwrecks recorded, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

At least 15 people drowned when a boat carrying migrants capsized off the coast of Senegal's capital Dakar in late July. **Agencies**

## Moscow demands that US stop 'hunting down' Russians in third countries – envoy

WASHINGTON

RUSSIA is demanding that the US stop "hunting down" Russian nationals in third countries and is prioritizing the repatriation of all compatriots imprisoned in the US, Russian Ambassador to the US Anatoly Antonov said.

"Russia has always opposed Washington's 'hunt' for Russians in third countries. It demands that this practice stop.

However, the [US] Administration continues to live in a world of its own, built on their own rules while ignoring the interests of other countries. We will never agree with such an approach," the diplomat said on the Russian em-

bassy's Telegram channel.

Antonov underscored

that Moscow advocates the prompt repatriation of all Russian citizens held in American prisons.

"It is an absolute priority for us. This is why we consider speculation on this issue unacceptable. [...] We fight for these people to get [them] back to their homeland, [back to] their families as soon as possible," he noted.

"We call upon American politicians and the mass media to let the relevant



agencies of both countries work in an atmosphere of calm. Stop playing with people's lives and let professionals seek the necessary 'resolutions,'" Antonov added.

He pointed out that the "issue of prisoner exchanges is being resolved via the agencies tasked with this matter, as was determined by the presidents of Russia and the US in 2021."

"The special channel has already proven its effectiveness, making it possible to bring home [Viktor] Bout and [Konstantin] Yaroshenko," the diplomat pointed out.

Earlier, CNN reported that US Secretary of State Antony Blinken had a

phone call with Paul Whelan, who is imprisoned in Russia on spying charges. In particular, the top US diplomat encouraged the former US Marine sentenced for espionage not to lose faith, adding that the US is doing everything in its power to bring Whelan home as soon as possible.

Earlier, in July, Blinken said that the US and Russia were working together on prisoner exchanges despite existing disagreements. In turn, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov noted that the Moscow-Washington channel for negotiating prisoner exchanges remains intact and that contacts via this line of communication continue.

## PM Modi meets US Congressional delegation, calls strong bipartisan support 'instrumental' in elevating partnership

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday met US Congressional delegation and called strong bipartisan support from the US Congress "instrumental" in further elevating India-US comprehensive global strategic partnership.

Taking to X, formerly known as Twitter, PM Modi (pictured) stated, "Glad to receive a Congressional delegation from US, including co-chairs of India Caucus in the House of Representatives, Rep. @RoKhanna and Rep. @michaeltwaltz. Strong bipartisan support from the US Congress is

instrumental in further elevating India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership."

The delegation included US Representative Ro Khanna, Democratic co-chair of the India Caucus, US Representative Mike Waltz, Republican co-chair of the India Caucus, US Representative Ed Case, US Representative Kat Cammack, US Representative Deborah Ross, US Representative Jasmine Crockett, US Representative Rich McCormick and US Representative Shri Thanedar.

Welcoming the delegation to India, PM Modi conveyed his appreciation for the "consistent and bipartisan support" of the US

Congress for India-US ties. He recalled his recent State visit to the US at the invitation of US President Joe Biden.

"Prime Minister fondly recalled his historic State Visit to the US in June at the invitation of President Biden during which he had an opportunity to address a Joint Session of the US Congress for a second time," Prime Minister's office said in a press release on Wednesday.

Prime Minister's Office in a press release said, "Prime Minister and the US delegation highlighted that the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership is based on shared democratic val-



ues, respect for rule of law and strong people-to-people ties."

Earlier in June, PM Modi travelled to the US for a State visit. During his US visit, he addressed a joint Session of the US Congress and attended various events. He was hosted by US President Joe Biden as well as First Lady Jill

Biden for a state dinner at the White House as well as a State Luncheon by the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and US Vice President Kamala Harris.

Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday met US Congressional delegation and discussed the transformation underway in India. The two sides exchanged views on advancing the bilateral partnership between India and US.

During the meeting, Jaishankar and US Congressional delegation discussed the global situation and collaboration between India and US on multilateral, regional and global issues. The delegation

included Indian-American Congressman Shri Thanedar, US Congress Richard McCormick, and Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna.

Taking to X, formerly known as Twitter, Jaishankar stated, "A good interaction with US Congressional delegation today. Glad they could join as we celebrated #IndependenceDay. Discussed the transformation underway in India, especially its outcomes of better governance. Shared our aspirations and expectations for Amritkaal. Also exchanged views on our advancing bilateral partnership." **ANI**



By Du Yifei

## BRICS cooperation shines with strong appeal

THE 15th BRICS Summit to be held in Johannesburg is destined to be a grand and dynamic event.

According to South Africa's BRICS Sherpa Anil Sooklal, more than 40 countries have expressed interests in joining the BRICS, and some 20 of them have submitted official applications.

Over the past 17 years since the BRICS mechanism was established, BRICS countries have upheld the BRICS spirit of openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation, constantly expanded areas of cooperation, enriched the connotation of cooperation and achieved fruitful results.

The success of the BRICS cooperation has boosted the confidence of developing countries that hope to accelerate development while maintaining independence, and has won high recognition and trust from these countries.

A large number of emerging market countries and developing countries have shown strong willingness to further strengthen cooperation with BRICS countries.

During the 2017 BRICS summit in China's Xiamen, China for the first time proposed the "BRICS Plus" cooperation

model, building an important platform of solidarity and cooperation for emerging market countries and developing countries. It was hailed as an important innovation to expand BRICS countries' global influence.

In 2022, at the 14th BRICS summit, the leaders of the five BRICS countries agreed to explore "BRICS Plus" cooperation at more levels, in more areas and in a wider scope, to promote the membership expansion process. It has received wide attention and active response from multiple parties.

The comprehensive and pragmatic cooperation of the BRICS is what makes the mechanism tremendously appealing. The BRICS cooperation has formed an all-dimensional mechanism led by leaders' meeting and involving meetings of foreign ministers and senior representatives for security issues. It has forged a cooperation architecture with its three main drivers, namely, economic cooperation, political and security cooperation, and people-to-people exchanges.

BRICS countries are an important emerging force in the



Photo taken on July 26, 2023 shows a busy scene of a container terminal of the Port of Qingdao in east China's Shandong province. Almost every day, there are vessels to and from BRICS countries loading and unloading cargos at the terminal. (Photo by Han Jiajun/People's Daily Online)

global economy. Statistics released by UK-based economic research institute Acorn Macro Consulting in March this year showed that BRICS countries accounted for a larger share of the global economy than the G7 in 2022 based on purchasing power parity.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted that in the next five years, BRICS countries will contribute close to 40 percent of global economic growth.

In recent years, BRICS countries have steadily strength-

ened pragmatic cooperation in areas including poverty alleviation, food security, COVID-19 fight and vaccination, development financing, climate change and green development, industrialization, digital economy and connectivity, injecting momentum into global economic recovery.

BRICS countries follow true multilateralism and make decisions based on equal footing and consensus-building. In a range of global multilateral mechanisms including the

UN, G20, WTO, IMF and World Bank, BRICS countries have steadily enhanced policy communication and coordination, promoting the reform of the current international system in a constructive manner.

It can be said that the influence of BRICS cooperation has gone beyond the five countries and the cooperation mechanism has become a constructive force for boosting world economic growth, improving global governance and promoting democracy in international relations.

It's not surprising that such a cooperation mechanism gains extensive recognition and support from the international community, and there will be more and more like-minded partners willing to join this promising mechanism.

In June this year, an article published on the website of Spanish newspaper *Rebelion* stated that BRICS countries share a common vision of fairer international trade and multilateral cooperation, which aims at safeguarding shared interests. They will promote a more just world order that brings stability to global production, the article added.

Against the backdrop of rising unilateralism, protectionism and exclusionism, BRICS countries keep away from exclusive "small circles" and are committed to building an inclusive "big family." This has become a model for emerging market and developing countries to carry out South-South cooperation, building an extensive platform for emerging economies to participate in South-South cooperation.

Currently, the collective rise of emerging economies has

become a trend of the times, and "BRICS Plus" is an important manifestation of this trend.

"BRICS Plus" cooperation always focuses on development and promotes the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, so as to advance global development. It can unite developing countries and explore new space for the development of the BRICS mechanism.

Feng Xingke, secretary-general of the World Financial Forum, said the BRICS resolutely upholds globalization and cooperation, and serves as a cooperation mechanism themed with development.

In recent years, the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia-Ukraine conflict and other factors have made development the top priority for developing countries. This is why the BRICS cooperation mechanism is attractive to these countries, Feng said.

It is believed that the expanding "circle of friends" of the BRICS mechanism will further increase the representation and influence of BRICS countries. As more emerging market countries and developing countries deeply integrate into BRICS cooperation, it will demonstrate greater appeal with even more substantial cooperation results.

## China's bridge construction picks up speed

By Han Xin

BRIDGE construction across China is accelerating this year. A number of technologically reliable bridges built in various shapes, which cross rivers, lakes, seas, valleys and canyons, are vitalizing the country's economic and social development and contributing to China's vision of building a strong transportation network.

On April 28, the Lingdingyang bridge, which is part of the Shenzhen-Zhongshan link in south China's Guangdong province, got its final segments joined.

The 2,826-meter bridge, a key control project of the Shenzhen-Zhongshan link, has a main span of 1,666 meters and a main tower height of 270 meters. It is the world's longest-span steel box girder suspension bridge in the ocean and the highest sea bridge.

In east China's Jiangsu province, which is situated in the lower reaches of the Yangtze River, the Zhangjiagang-Jingjiang-Rugao Yangtze River Bridge is currently under way. The bridge is 7,859 meters long, with its main section across the Yangtze River measuring 2,300 meters. Connecting Suzhou, Taizhou and Nantong cities of Jiangsu province, it features the longest suspension bridge span in the world.

In the middle reaches of the Yangtze River in Hubei province, the Yanji Yangtze River Bridge, the world's largest double-deck suspension bridge, is under construction. So far, the foundation of the bridge towers on the two sides



The main tower of the Yanji Yangtze River Bridge in Ezhou, central China's Hubei province, is being constructed. (Photo by Zhao Guangliang/People's Daily Online)

of it has been completed and the construction of the towers is expected to be finished in April 2024.

About six kilometers upstream of the Longtan hydropower station in south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, the Tian'e Longtan Mega Bridge is expected to be open to traffic at the end of this year. It will become the world's longest-spanning

arch bridge upon completion, with a main span of 600 meters.

These record-breaking structures will be remembered in the world bridge history and make bridge building a signature demonstrating China's strength.

According to statistics released by China's Ministry of Transport, China is home to eight of the top 10 largest sus-

pension bridges in the world, five of which are currently under construction; the country is also home to nine of the 10 longest cable-stayed bridges, and four of them are underway. Besides, eight of the world's 10 longest arch bridges are in China, and two are under construction.

After years of learning and innovation, China now has the technologies and domestically produced equipment to design and build bridges in the mountain, over the sea and across cities, said an official

with the Ministry of Transport, adding that China is leading the world in terms of the scale and technical level of bridge construction.

Behind China's achievements in building mega bridge projects are the constant breakthroughs made by the country in bridge construction technologies.

China's road bridges boast standard design, industrialized manufacturing, modular construction and informationized control, which help expand the endurance and service life of bridges, said an official with the Ministry of Transport.

Today, intelligent technologies are applied in multiple sectors of bridge construction. For instance, the Beidou Navigation Satellite System is now assisting 3D geological modeling in land survey, with a centimeter-level accuracy. A batch of intelligent equipment have been developed and put into use, including smart steel structure manufacturers, multi-functional tower builders and welding robots, which significantly improve China's capability in building bridges.

As of the end of 2022, China had 1.03 million road bridges, with a total length of 85.76 million linear meters. In particular, 8,816 were super large bridges, with a total length of 16.21 million linear meters.

Bridges can break geographical barriers by crossing rivers and seas, as well as mountains and valleys. As key transportation infrastructure, road bridges have largely improved the transport of the Chinese people, created important opportunities for bettering regional economic exchanges, flow of information and personnel exchanges, and helped increase people's income and promote economic and social development.

## China, Africa make fruitful achievements in economic, trade cooperation

By Qiang Wei

TWENTY-FIVE containers of fishmeal weighing 485 tons recently arrived at the Yangshan Port, one of Shanghai Port's main ports, from Gambia. It marked the first time for the fishmeal produced in the smallest country on the African continent to enter the Chinese market via a port in Shanghai.

Today, China is the largest trading partner of Gambia. The rapid development of trade and economic cooperation between the two countries is exactly a miniature of the constantly deepening China-Africa economic and trade ties.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the principles of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith, and of pursuing the greater good and shared interests in developing China's relations with Africa.

Over the past decade, China and Africa have cooperated closely with each other and advanced a batch of major cooperation projects in an orderly manner. Both the trade volume between China and Africa and China's investment in Africa saw steady growth, and the economic and trade cooperation between the two sides has entered a new phase of high-quality development.

The third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo was held in Changsha, central China's Hunan province between June 29 and July 2. It was joined by over 1,700 Chinese and African enterprises, chambers of commerce and financial institutions. Nearly 1,600 types of commodities from 29 African countries were displayed at the event, up 166 percent from those in the previous session, including coffee, wine and artifacts. The number of exhibitors jumped 70 percent to reach 1,500.

Mozambique brought its wood carvings to the expo, and Malawi displayed its featured agricultural products such as chilies and soybeans. In the exhibition booth of



On May 17th, 2022, 50 special purpose vehicles manufactured by Chinese maker Hunan Jinsong Automobile Co., Ltd. are ready to be shipped to Tanzania. This is the first export order for complete vehicles of special purpose vehicles in Hunan Province, and also the first major export order from the Hunan Pilot Free Trade Zone to Africa. (Photo by Huang Chuntao/People's Daily Online)

Madagascar, there was a "tree" inspired by the African baobab.

A total of 120 projects worth \$10.3 billion were signed during the expo.

At the expo, China's General Administration of Customs released for the first time a China-Africa trade index. Between 2000 and 2022, the import and export value between China and Africa grew more than 20-fold to hit 1.88 trillion yuan (\$260 billion) from less than 100 billion yuan, with an average

annual growth of 17.7 percent. China has remained the largest trading partner of Africa for 14 consecutive years, and the areas of cooperation between the two sides have been extended to digital technology, green development, aerospace, finance and other emerging sectors.

China is the fourth largest source of investment for Africa. As of the end of 2022, the stock of direct investment by Chinese businesses in Africa exceeded \$47 billion. Cur-

rently, there are over 3,000 Chinese companies doing business in the continent.

Africa is the second largest overseas engineering market of China. Since 2013, the total value of the contracts signed by Chinese enterprises in Africa has surpassed \$700 billion, and the contracts completed exceeded \$400 billion.

China has signed civil air transport agreements with 27 African countries, built and launched com-

munication and meteorological satellites for Algeria, Nigeria and other African countries. Under the support from the China-Africa Development Fund, Chinese drone technologies have been introduced to many countries in Africa. Drones manufactured by Chinese enterprises such as DJI and XAG are bringing hopes of harvest to farmers in Mozambique, South Africa and Ghana.

E-commerce platform Kilimall headquartered in Changsha is now operational in Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria. It has built a warehouse covering 10,000 square meters in Kenya's capital Nairobi. Its independently built logistics network allows it to complete same-day delivery and it also has an independently developed online payment system that supports transactions in multiple currencies.

Li Fei, China's vice-minister of commerce, said that China has inked BRI cooperation documents with 52 African countries and the African Union Commission, and established multiple special work groups focusing on promoting unimpeded trade, investment cooperation, capacity cooperation, e-commerce and other fields.

China actively supports the development of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and has set up an expert group on economic cooperation with the AfCFTA secretariat for better policy communication and experience sharing on the facilitation of China-Africa trade and investment.





Dar es Salaam's young footballers engage in training at Mnazi Mmoja ground recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Polisi Jamii Cup tourneys set to support Blood Bank

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu

THIS season's Police Jamii Cup sports tournaments' games, set to involve civilian and police outfits, have been scheduled to take place at Dar es Salaam Police Academy's ground in Temeke from September 4-23.

The events target to bring the people closer to the police force and eradicate crime as well as donate blood to the Blood Bank.

The tournaments are set to be officially launched on August 25 and various sports are expected to be contested by men's and women's outfits made up of civilians and those made up of police officers.

Dar es Salaam Police Academy Head, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police (SACP) Lazaro Mambosasa, said the tournaments are out to involve the public in games that will have it interact with the police force for the exchange of various information including the ones about crimes and criminals in the civilians' areas.

He said apart from the entertainment, the police force, through the college's instructors and students, and the participating civilians intend to donate blood to the safe Blood Bank to be used to save the lives of those in need.

"We will also do blood donation, apart from protecting citizens, we participate in social issues," Mambosasa noted.

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He said that the blood donation exercise is expected to be managed by the Temeke Referral Hospital.

Dar es Salaam Police Academy's Sports Officer, Senior Superintendent of Police Salum Madongo, said that the tournaments are set to involve 16 sports for men and women.

Madongo pointed out that the sports include soccer, volleyball, boxing, taekwondo, judo, athletics, and various other sports that will involve outfits made up of civilians and those made up of police officers.

Basketball coach, Lincon Kagame, said his club is relieved to be invited to participate in the Polisi Jamii Cup showdowns.

The tactician stated the games will bring them closer and unite them with the police force in fighting crime.

He said that his outfit will participate in the basketball tournament, emphasizing that they are keeping on training to face the opposing teams.

The Polisi Jamii Cup sports tournaments are expected to be launched on August 25 which will, moreover, be the day for handing over various equipment to all participating teams.

The day will further witness the blood donation exercise taking place and, on September 4, the competitions will officially start and come to a close on September 23.

## Salim lauds Cadena after Community Shield exploits

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC goalkeeper Ally Salim has hailed the outfit's goalkeeping coach Daniel Cadena after the former's brilliant displays helped his side clinch this season's Community Shield mini tournament's silverware.

Salim's penalty-saving heroics propelled Simba SC to a 3-1 victory over Yanga in the penalty shootout of the Community Shield mini tournament's trophy clash.

The promising keeper kept away three penalties taken by Yanga in the tournament's final at Mkwakwani Stadium.

Simba SC managed to score penalties through Mzamiru Yassin, Willy Onana, and Jean Baleke while Saidi Ntibazonkiza and Moses Phiri missed theirs. Midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki was the only one who converted his penalty, whereas midfielders Khalid Aucho, Pacome Zouzoua, and full-back Yao Attohoulou could not find the target for Yanga.

Salim was quick to pay homage to Cadena after their hard work, studying each possible penalty taker at Yanga to perform well.

The shot-stopper revealed: "I want to thank Cadena for his brilliant tutorials during training, we put in hard work to achieve our first silverware."

"He told me to be composed and have confidence because penalty takers have the highest percent to score a penalty than me saving

them," Salim pointed out.

After the clash, Salim lauded the whole outfit and the technical bench for making him the man of the match.

He noted: "That is why I was calm and composed, we came a long way to achieve this, we have now claimed our first season title."

"I also thank my teammates, the whole technical bench, and team leaders for their everyday trust and lessons they pass to me," the keeper added.

Simba SC captain John Bocco also praised Salim, saying the youthful goalkeeper will emerge as a top goalie if he keeps on doing well and follows instructions from his trainers.

It is the first title for Simba SC under head coach Roberto Oliveira and, after lifting the Community Shield, he is tasked with reclaiming the Premier League silverware, which Simba SC also lost in the past two seasons.

The Community Shield mini tournament's final witnessed Simba SC missing the services of center-back Henock Inonga, who is still nursing an injury he picked during the team's semi-final clash versus Singida Fountain Gate FC, and he was replaced by Kennedy Juma.

The echoes of history for Simba SC roared, and the pride of the squad's fanatical supporters, and the pursuit of supremacy all converged on the hallowed turf of the Mkwakwani Stadium.

# FIFA lifts second transfer ban imposed on Tabora United

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE world football governing body, FIFA, has lifted a transfer ban imposed on the NBC Premier League outfit Tabora United as the outfit has paid outstanding dues to its former attacker, Rahim Osumanu.

Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) said in a statement issued on Wednesday evening the Ghanaian goal-getter had reported the outfit, formerly known as Kitayosce FC, to FIFA for unfair termination of his contract.

Tabora United had earlier been handed the second FIFA transfer ban less than a month after, once again, failing to pay the club's former attacker, Osumanu, and other two foreign professional players.

Osumanu is currently turning out for the Indian club, Gokulam Kerala, which battles it out in Kerala Premier League.

Kerala Premier League is a state-level football league organized by the Kerala Football Association and played in the state of Kerala, India.

The FIFA decision came after Tabora United had failed to pay the Ghanaian attacker and his two teammates for unfair dismissal according to the ruling by the world football governing body.

Tabora United had settled its dues with the outfit's former coach Ahmed El Faraway Yusef Mostafa Soliman but failed to address the players' plight, something that put them in FIFA's wrong books barely a month after the initial ban was lifted.

After Osumanu and his fellow footballers had won the case at FIFA, Tabora United was supposed to have paid



A section of footballers making Tabora United, formerly known as Kitayosce FC, congratulate the outfit's attacker Fabrice Ngyo (Front) after he scored for the club in one of the 2022/23 Championship League ties held in Tabora. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TABORA UNITED FC

them within 45 days since the decision was issued, but the squad did not adhere to the judgment.

Consequently, FIFA ruled that the Tabora club cannot register new players until the club pays the foreign players whose contracts were terminated at the end of last season.

The development was confirmed by TFF through a press release in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday morning.

The federation noted in the statement: "Kitayosce FC, a club in the NBC Premier League, is banned from registering new players until it pays the players who have made claims against it."

TFF noted: "The decision has

been made by the International Football Federation (FIFA) after the relevant players won civil cases against the club."

"Three foreign players filed a lawsuit against Kitayosce FC, protesting the breach of contract and non-payment," the federation added.

"The club was supposed to have paid them within 45 days since the decision was made, but it did not implement those judgments," TFF pointed out.

While FIFA has banned the club from making international player transfers, TFF has extended the sanction to domestic footballers.

However, the club has already done significant transfer business and is unlikely to be af-

ected, with only two weeks left before the window closes.

Tabora United earned the first-ever promotion to the NBC Premier League on the last match day of the 2022/23 Championship League season.

The side finished second ahead of third-placed Pamba FC to take the remaining automatic promotion ticket.

After earning top-flight promotion, the club changed from Kitayosce FC to Tabora United. The name change is a step in re-branding the club to reflect the regional base and the financial support from the Tabora Municipal.



Simba SC's players are pictured engaging in training in Tanga as the outfit was preparing for the 2023/24 Community Shield tournament's fixtures played in the region.

## Simba SC official calls for patience in 2023/24 season

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC's Chief Executive Officer, Iman Kajula, has called on its members and fans to be patient so the squad's technical bench can achieve the ambition of retaining lost glory.

The Msimbazi Street outfit clinched this season's Community Shield, having defeated Yanga 3-1 on penalties in the mini tournament's trophy match that took place at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga on Sunday.

The outcome had Simba SC commanding yet another win against the age-old rival. When the sides took on each other in the second phase duel of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League, Simba SC secured a 2-0 victory.

Kajula noted that they are

aware of changes made in their outfit with many new entries in their technical bench and players that need to gel.

The club CEO revealed that they have a special strategic plan for the 2023/24 season that will enable them to clinch all trophies they missed in two consecutive seasons that were won by Yanga.

Kajula disclosed: "Patience is key in everything, especially coming into the first game of the season, cup tournaments' finals are there to be won, we aim to win the league but with less pressure and letting the technical bench do what it does best."

"We are happy we have something to smile about for this opening season, we aim at winning more trophies again,

patience is key, and our fans should be calm and composed as our team aims to scale great heights," Kajula pointed out.

Simba SC head coach Roberto Oliveira noted although it was not easy to win the first silverware of the season, his team wants to use the morale to start with the highest number of winning games in the top flight.

The Brazilian revealed: "When you start the season with success like this, great morale is built in our hearts. I have found that this club has been without a title for two years, Simba SC's status was not right... now we enter the league with great strength."

The tactician noted: "I'm a coach who everywhere I've been I've wanted to win trophies and I've been getting them, unfor-

tunately here in the first year I didn't get any trophies and there was a reason and this is the beginning of many as we begin the league."

Meanwhile, Simba SC reached Morogoro mid-this week ahead of the squad's league opener against Mtibwa Sugar at Manungu Stadium on Thursday, the top flight's only match of the day.

Last season, Simba SC grabbed a comfortable 3-0 win over Mtibwa Sugar in the second phase fixture at the same venue, with striker Jean Baleke bagging a hat-trick.

The game comes a few days after Simba SC's Community Shield victory, hence the squad's players are still in a good mood ready to claim the first maximum points of the campaign.



## Australia dared to dream of World Cup glory, then it all slipped away

By Hilary Whiteman, CNN

A LONG, emotional day for Australian soccer fans turned into an even longer trip home when severe delays stranded thousands on train platforms at Stadium Australia after the nation's disappointing 3-1 loss to England in the World Cup semifinal.

For many, it was a fitting end to a draining night that saw Australia's newest sporting superstars, the Matildas, fall frustratingly short of their first ever World Cup final.

After the match, a downcast Sam Kerr - Australia's talismanic superstar and captain - told reporters she was lost for words.

"Unfortunately, this World Cup hasn't gone as planned. I can't blame it all on myself, but it's hard not to feel bad right now," she said.

Before the match kicked off, Australians had lifted their heroes onto their shoulders, but when the final score gave the game to England, they weren't prepared to put them down.

"I think they played incredibly," Skye Marshall told CNN, as she stood outside Stadium Australia with her family after the match.

"They've still got the hard work to do. And they will rally, and they will make us proud on Saturday," she said, referring to Australia's clash against Sweden in the third-place playoff.

"Rose gold," added Harold Marshall. "That's what we call it."

After Wednesday's game, politicians, sports stars and supporters lined up to commend the players.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said they had "shown incredible skill, ferocity and flair," while Foreign Minister Penny Wong said they had "made Australia so proud."

"You played some great football and along the way you have changed the country. We're all behind you, always," Wong posted on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Olympic runner Cathy Freeman, whose 400-meter dash for gold captivated the nation at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, also added words of encouragement.

"So incredibly proud of our girls! You gave it everything and inspired an entire nation! Hold your head up high and here's to the future!" she posted on X.

"Close match

Emotions ran high throughout the evening as spectators perched on edge of their seats, ready to spring to their feet every time Australia had a shot at goal.

The sound of drums echoed and fans launched into songs whose lyrics were distributed online by the Matildas' dedicated supporters' group: "Come on, Matildas!"

Sam Kerr's stunning kick - arguably the goal of the tournament - to equalize the score at one goal apiece shook the stadium as fans roared their approval.

But as England pulled ahead with a second goal and then a third, the singing lost some of its volume and exuberance, and some fans sat quietly down, despair etched on their foreheads.

As the time ran out on a dream comeback, the dejected players huddled before walking around the pitch to thank their supporters.

Kerr gave Chelsea teammate Millie Bright her jersey, which the Lionesses defender wore as she told reporters that the England team had "started to click."

"We're getting the ball in the back of the net, which is nice," she added.

"The long ride home

Outside the stadium, the Australian flags that had been held aloft earlier in the night were wrapped around shoulders for warmth as fans attempted to go home.

Normally, trains run frequently to the city center, but hours after the match, thousands were left stranded in long queues on the platform after officials said a nearby station was damaged by vandalism. Some people gave up and started walking.

Jennie Gannaway, 72, and her son, Christopher, 34, had left their home in Newcastle on the New South Wales coast at 10 a.m. local time on Wednesday to take the 2.5-hour train ride to Sydney for the game.

They had planned to be home by about midnight, but as the clock ticked into Thursday, they were still standing with others on the platform near the stadium, phoning home to warn family they'd be late. At best, they hoped to be home by 4 a.m.

The mother and son have completed the same journey many times to see the Matildas play in Sydney, and though her back ached after the 14-hour day, Gannaway had no regrets.

"It could have gone either way quite a few times," she told CNN of the game. "I enjoyed it. I've enjoyed the whole World Cup."

Fan Mariela Pocklington said, win or lose, this Women's World Cup had shown the joys of soccer to new audiences and she expects more girls will sign up to play the Beautiful Game.

"The effect after the Lionesses won the Euros was massive. They had a lot of girls that joined. Here will be the same," she predicted.

The question remains if England can add another trophy to the cabinet and complete a historic major tournament double when they meet Spain in the final on Sunday.

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# Guardiola eyes full house of Manchester City trophies after Super Cup success

ATHENS

PEP Guardiola is targeting a "full circle" of trophies as Manchester City boss after winning the club's first UEFA Super Cup with a victory on penalties over Sevilla after a 1-1 draw in Athens.

The European Champions had to come from behind after Youssef En-Nesyri's towering first-half header gave the Spaniards the lead.

City were far from their slick best, but hit back to force the game to penalties through Cole Palmer's equaliser.

Guardiola's men were then perfect from the spot and prevailed 5-4 in the shootout after Sevilla defender Nemanja Gudelj smashed against the bar.

Should City win the Club World Cup in December, it would complete Guardiola's honours list since arriving in England, which already includes five Premier League titles, four League Cups, two FA Cups and the club's first



Manchester City won the UEFA Super Cup for the first time. Agencies

Champions League.

"We are really pleased for the club to win this," Guardiola said. "We miss just one to finish the full circle and have all the titles we can have."

Guardiola has become his side's lack of preparation for the new season, which showed under the baking heat in the Greek capital.

City badly missed the creative presence of Kevin De Bruyne and Bernardo Silva through a combination of injury and ill-

ness.

A four-month absence for De Bruyne due to a serious hamstring injury has exacerbated the loss of firepower offered by Ilkay Gundogan and Riyad Mahrez since last season.

West Ham's Brazilian international Lucas Paqueta has been linked with a move to the Etihad, and this performance may serve as further proof City need to strengthen before the end of the transfer market.

"We are not in the best moment, I would say," Guardiola acknowledged. "Football in these games, in this period, is a (toss of a) coin."

Sevilla began their La Liga season with a disappointing 2-1 home defeat to Valencia.

But just as they did last season in lifting a seventh Europa League despite a 12th-placed league finish, they rose to the big occasion.

Sevilla's missed chance -

Jose Gvardiol was

making his first start for City since a 90 million euro (\$99 million) move from RB Leipzig. But the Croatian international was beaten to Marcos Acuna's cross by En-Nesyri, who bulleted a header in off the post.

City's sluggishness was in evidence again at the start of the second-half, when Lucas Ocampos skipped past Kyle Walker's desperate lunge to set up En-Nesyri with a golden chance to double Sevilla's lead. The Moroccan striker was one-on-one with Ederston but fired straight into the Brazilian goalkeeper's legs.

"When we had the chances to score the second goal, we didn't take them," said Sevilla boss Jose Luis Mendilibar.

Sevilla were left to rue that miss as City hit back against the run of play on 63 minutes.

Mahrez's departure has opened the door to City academy graduate Palmer to the first-team, and the England under-21 international, who also scored against Arsenal in the

Community Shield, is taking his chance.

Rodri was City's hero with the only goal in the Champions League final against Inter Milan, and the Spaniard this time provided the assist with a perfectly measured cross for Palmer to cushion a header past Yassine Bounou.

En-Nesyri was guilty of another wasted one-on-one moments later as Ederson flew off his line to make a block.

Erling Haaland had scored twice in all of his previous three appearances against Sevilla, but the Norwegian barely got a sight of goal before the spot-kicks.

Bounou was playing what is expected to be his final game for Sevilla before a move to Saudi side Al Hilal.

However, there was no perfect ending for the Moroccan international as Haaland, Julian Alvarez, Mateo Kovacic, Jack Grealish and Walker all held their nerve to score in the shootout.

AFP

## 'How to win graciously': Sportsmanship melts hearts at World Cup

SYDNEY

UNLESS there is an uncharacteristic outbreak of hostility and flurry of red cards in Sunday's final, opposing players consoling each other after games will be among the enduring images of the Women's World Cup.

England, who face Spain in the final in Sydney, have been notably quick to approach their emotional opponents after the final whistle to offer a heartwarming hug and words of sympathy.

The European champions dealt out some rough treatment to Australia's skipper Sam Kerr in defeating the co-hosts 3-1 in their semi-final on Wednesday in front of 75,000 in Sydney.

But after the final whistle the Lionesses players and staff consoled an emotional Kerr, who plays in England for Chelsea and is one of the most respected forwards around.

Images of England players rushing over to commiserate with Nigerian goalkeeper Chioma Nnadozie after defeating the African side on penalties in the last 16 were shared widely online.

England midfielder Keira Walsh said it was not something the players had made a conscious decision to do. It was the result of an ethos established by coach Sarina Wiegman about remaining humble and respectful in victory.

"We all know the feeling of being knocked out of a World Cup and it's one of the worst feelings in the world," Barcelona's Walsh said.

"When you can see fellow players who are really upset, I think the natural human thing is just to go over and see if they are OK. I'd like to think that most people would do the same in that situation."



England defender Alex Greenwood (R) comforts Colombia's midfielder Jorelyn Carabali. Agencies

- 'Really touching' -

Pictures of Sweden defender Jonna Andersson hugging a distraught Maika Hamano of Japan after their quarter-final were also widely shared online.

"I got sad because I saw she was sad," Andersson told reporters in Auckland after Sweden's victory.

"I hope it was important for her to feel that support, I know she has that support from the national team and the club team. I wanted to show her that I care about her, she's a fantastic person."

The two players know each other well from club football, where both played this season for Hammarby in Stockholm.

There were similar scenes on Tuesday, when the tables were turned and the Swedes left in tears after Spain won 2-1 in their semi-final.

Spain's players comforted a tearful Fridolina Rolfö, the Swedish forward who plays for Barcelona and was up against several club colleagues.

Julie Dolan, the first captain of Australia's Matildas, in 1979, noted that similar happens in the men's game, but not to the same extent.

"It's how to win graciously, I guess," she told AFP. "It's a wonderful

thing to see."

Pundits say it has been one of the endearing features of a World Cup that will already go down as the best-attended and be remembered for a series of shock results.

"That has been one of the most heartwarming things about this tournament," former Australia international turned broadcaster Grace Gill said.

"Because as much joy and elation as there is for the winners of the game, they're so quick to turn their attention to make sure their friends, ultimately, are OK. To offer them a little bit of support in that moment is really touching to see."

Meanwhile, The Matildas' crushing Women's World Cup semi-final

loss to England was the most watched television show in Australia on record, data showed Thursday, as their exploits captivated the nation. A staggering 11.5 million people tuned in at some point to Wednesday's match in Sydney, that the Lionesses won 3-1, out of a population of some 25 million. The average audience was 7.13 million.

The country's free-to-air host broadcaster Channel Seven said it was the most-watched programme, sport or otherwise, since the current rating system was established in 2001.

"The Matildas have rewritten the history books," said Seven's head of network sport Lewis Martin. "Australia

was captivated last night as the Matildas played their hearts out and did us all proud."

The data does not include those who watched on pay-TV broadcaster Optus Sport.

Despite their defeat, Australia still have one match left with a third-place play-off against Sweden in Brisbane on Saturday.

England face Spain in the final in Sydney on Sunday.

Meanwhile, skipper Millie Bright said her team were embracing an "incredible opportunity" to do something an English side has not managed since 1966 -- win a World Cup.

The Lionesses powered into Sunday's final in Sydney against Spain after a ruthless 3-1 dismantling of co-hosts Australia, with their relentless energy grinding down a Matildas side that had few answers.

It set up England's biggest game since Bobby Moore lifted the men's trophy at Wembley 57 years ago.

"I'm really happy for the fans back home, for our nation," said Chelsea stalwart Bright, with men's skipper Harry Kane and even King Charles III sending congratulations.

"It's something that we've all been driving to-

wards and it's something that's been missing. Now the opportunity we have is incredible."

The European champions have grown through the tournament, with their ruthless attacking football and defensive resilience proving a tall order for the opposition.

But it has been their adaptability that has driven them to the brink of history, built on the back of the tactical genius of coach Serena Wiegman who led them to the European title last year.

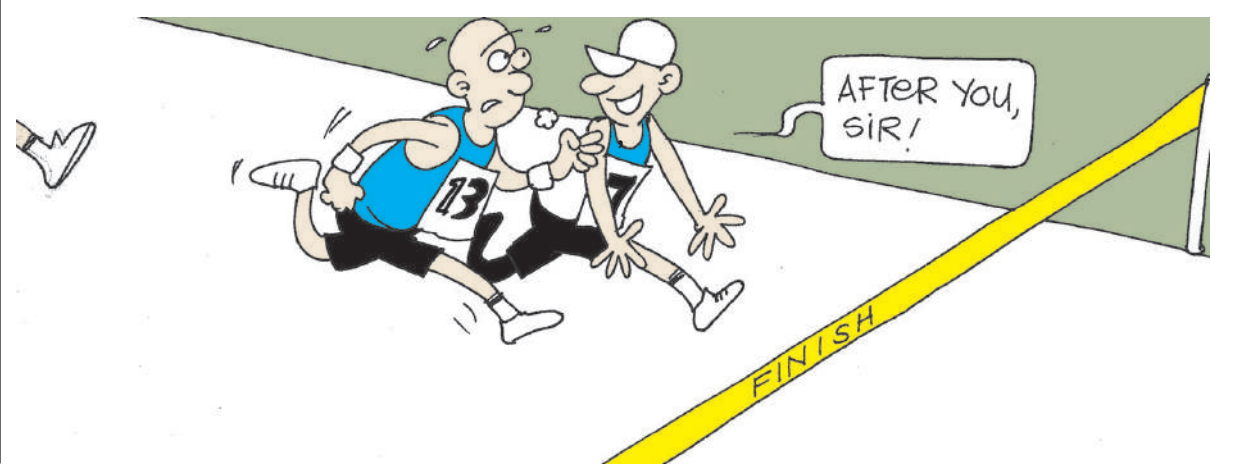
"You can win in many different ways and, for us, we've faced so many challenges at this tournament," Bright said on Fifa.com. "It's hard for people to see on the outside, but as players, we know that there's more to football than just pretty passes and connecting."

"In each game, we've proved something different about how we play, what we're capable of. We're very adaptable to what teams throw at us. But things are really starting to click now and we're getting the ball in the back of the net."

This is ominous for Spain, who have also shown resilience after their tournament preparations were thrown into disarray.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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**DAR ES SALAAM**

## Tip Top Club triumphs in 2023 Nane Nane Pool Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DAR ES SALAAM's pool club, Tip Top, last weekend won this year's edition of the Nane Nane Pool Championships which attracted more than 100 players.

Some of the players who took part in the showdown, held in Dar es Salaam, came from clubs and others were individuals.

Tip Top Club beat fellow Dar es Salaam outfit, Vegas Club from Sinza suburbs, 13-6 to win the top honour.

The champion took home prize money of 500,000/- and gold medals while the runner-up, Vegas Club, was awarded 100,000/- and silver medals.

Snipers Club of Mwenge, Dar es Salaam finished third, having garnered a 13-6 win over Waturuki Club of Temeke and pocketed 50,000/-.

This is the fourth time that the Nane Nane Pool Tournament takes place, it was organized by Safi Point.

One of the company's officials, Michael Machelah, said he is delighted with the level of competition showcased by participating clubs.

He said the men's individuals category final saw Abdul Kiande from Tip Top Club clinch the top honour after defeating Festo Yohana 7-6.

The category's champion, Kiande, was awarded a gold medal and 500,000/- while second-placed Yohana took home the silver medal and 100,000/-.

Machelah said Seif Hamad from Tip Top Club finished third after beating Abdallah Hussein from Snipers Club 7-6 and the former was awarded 50,000/-.

In the women's category, Jackline Tido from Dodoma beat Judith Machafuko from Vegas Club 7-4 in the final and was awarded 300,000/- and a gold medal while the runner-up, Judith, was awarded 100,000/- and a silver medal.

Machelah said: "This is the fourth time that we are hosting Nane Nane Pool Tournament, we thank all players who took part in this tournament and we appeal to companies to sponsor the next year's tournament."

"We had 16 clubs and individuals and one of them came from Uganda, this means that the tournament is growing," he said.

Tanzania Pool Association (TAPA) president Wilfred Makamba hailed all of the tournament's participating players and clubs.

He appealed to the cooperate world to sponsor pool tournaments in the country, saying the sport is growing tremendously thus attracting many people.

Meanwhile, Machelah said this year's edition of the Nyerere Day Open Pool tournament will be held in Dodoma from September 13-15.

The official said the tournament is organized by Safi Point in cooperation with the national pool association.

He asked clubs and individuals from within and outside the country to start preparations for the tournament.

# Singida Fountain Gate FC makes CAF Confederation Cup bow



Footballers making Singida Fountain Gate FC in a group photo before confronting the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)'s AS Vita Club in an international friendly match that took place in Singida recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SINGIDA FOUNTAIN GATE FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

MAINLAND Tanzania's Singida Fountain Gate FC will play the club's first-ever continental game, welcoming Zanzibar's JKU SC to Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam for the first leg of their 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup First Preliminary round.

The NBC Premier League side will be seeking an emphatic result against the Islanders to put themselves in a comfortable place to book a Second Preliminary round clash with Egyptian side Future FC.

Future FC, which reached the showdown's Group Stage last season, was exempted from the First Preliminary round.

Veteran Dutch coach Hans van der Pluijm guided Singida

Fountain Gate FC to a top-four finish in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League, underlining the club's ambition.

Thanks to a fat checkbook and Pluijm's work, Singida Fountain Gate FC finished 15 points ahead of fifth-placed Namungo FC and four points behind third-placed Azam FC.

The hosts have improved their squad with the signings of Kenyan winger Duke Abuya, Nigerian midfielder Morice Chukwu, Joash Onyango, Beno Kakolanya, Dickson Ambundo, Habib Kyombo, Gadiel Michael and Marouf Tchakei.

With experienced and exciting players like Bruno

Gomes, Meddie Kagere, Francis Kazadi and Yusuph Kagoma, Singida Fountain Gate FC's squad is stronger and more is expected from the outfit in its continental debut against JKU SC.

Gomes established himself as one of the most complete midfielders in the NBC Premier League last season and will be expected to transform his performance into the continental scene to help Singida Fountain Gate FC scale great heights.

However, they go into this game on the back of a disappointing outing in the 2023/24 Community Shield mini-tournament, which took place in Tanga.

They crashed out of the Community Shield tournament's last four with a penalty shootout defeat to Simba SC, following a 0-0 draw after 90 minutes.

That was followed by a 2-0 loss to Azam FC in the third-place playoff match on Sunday.

As for JKU SC, the outfit has more experience playing in various African inter-club competitions compared to their counterparts.

The Zanzibar Premier League club is competing in the CAF inter-club competition for a fifth time, having only once - in 2016 - made it through to the next round. JKU SC experienced a pos-

itive pre-season campaign and comes into the game on the back of a 2-1 victory against Dodoma Jiji FC in their final friendly tie.

They also held Young Africans SC to a 0-0 stalemate in a behind-closed-doors pre-season friendly at Avic Town ground in Kigamboni last week.

This will be marked as the first head-to-head meeting between these two teams in what is expected to be an open match.

Singida Fountain Gate FC however should have the upper hand playing in front of their fans. There will be no entrance charges for the fixture.

## JKT Queens make it to CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers semi-finals

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

MAINLAND Tanzania's JKT Queens beat Zanzibar's New Generation FC 1-0 to book a semi-final spot in the ongoing CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal qualifiers in Uganda on Wednesday.

After a goalless first half, the Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League champions came all out and found the net in the 56th minute through Esther Mabanza.

They continued to create several scoring opportunities but failed to convert them.

Esther Fredy Chaburuma, JKT Queens' coach, said she was happy with her team for securing back-to-back victories and making it to the semi-finals.

The gaffer noted: "They have remained focused and now we go back to the drawing board to plan for our last group match against Vihiga Queens."

The victory comes after the Tanzanian side began their campaign with a 2-1 comeback win over Rwanda's AS Kigali Women's FC in their opening Group B match on Sunday.

JKT Queens will take on Kenya's Vihiga Queens in their last Group Stage game tomorrow.

The two teams are level on

six points with the Kenyan side on top of the group courtesy of a superior goal difference following their 3-1 victory over New Generation FC.

Vihiga Queens, the inaugural CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal qualifiers' champion, went on to beat AS Kigali Women's FC

1-0 in the second Group Stage game.

Former Simba Queens striker, Bertha Omita, scored the all-important goal in the 36th minute for Vihiga Queens and despite late pressure from the Rwandese side, the Kenyan side held on for their second win of the tournament in as many games.

Ethiopia's Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE) Women's FC, which has also won the squad's first two games, is the other team to have qualified for the semi-finals.

Action returns in Group A with Fad FC (Djibouti) facing South Sudan's Yei Joint Stars in the first match.

In another encounter, Uganda's Kampala Queens will face an acid test against table leaders CBE Women's FC, in the second match at the FUFA Technical Center, Njeru.

The CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal qualifiers are slated to conclude on August 30.

The winners will represent the zone in the main competition, the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League, scheduled to be held in Cote D'Ivoire later in the year.



Mainland Tanzania's JKT Queens' midfielder, Anastasia Katunzi (L), seeks to get the better of Zanzibar's New Generation FC player in a 2023 CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers tie played in Uganda on Wednesday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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