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Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba and the British High Commissioner to Tanzania, David Concar, pictured in Dodoma city yesterday holding documents on an agreement they had just signed involving the 15bn/- the British government is set to release for use on Tanzania Social Action Fund activities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Nordic firms in upbeat mood on investment laws, political stability

By Felister Peter

A RECENT survey shows that a third of all Nordic firms (34 percent) find the current business environment to be more conducive than 12 months ago.

Discussing the finding of a joint Nordic-REPOA survey in Dar es Salaam yesterday, participants said political stability was top ranked by many Nordic companies in Tanzania as a vital feature in evaluating the business environment.

In the survey supervised by the local economic think tank, about 38 percent of the firms reported being exposed to corruption with private sector counterparts like clients, suppliers and other associates while about 30 percent faced that situation in interaction with public agencies in customs, immigration, the Tanzania Investment

Centre (TIC) and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

Elizabeth Jacobsen, the Norwegian ambassador, underscored the need to nurture business and investment links between Tanzania and Nordic countries, sounding upbeat on improved flows of foreign direct investments both in the Mainland and Zanzibar.

The government needs to utilize the population potential by investing in human capital, she stated, underlining that Nordic companies operating in Tanzania had so far employed upwards of 3,000 people.

The situation is a complete reversal to what existed three years ago, participants noted, with executive director Dr Donald Mmari urging the government to work on the highlighted challenges.

These areas relate to the cost of doing

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# World Bank \$300m credit to uplift food systems resilience

By Guardian Reporter

NEW credit arrangements taking up \$300m lately approved by the World Bank will enable at least 300,000 local farmers, nearly half of them women, to adopt resilience-enhancing technologies.

Nathan Belete, the World Bank zonal director, said in a statement yesterday that resilient farm practices increase productivity, so the facility will enable accessing assets and services for up to 1.8m more farmers.

"Agriculture is key to inclusive economic growth and rural poverty reduction," he stated, noting that the new programme seeks to harness the potential of agriculture-led growth to build up food systems resilience while generating jobs.

He said the Tanzania Food Systems

Resilience Programme is a programme for results (P4R) financed via a soft loan by the International Development Association (IDA), targeting three result areas in the second phase of the Agriculture Sector Development Programme (ASDP).

These include improved service delivery in research, extension and seeds; developing resilient rural infrastructure and strengthening fiscal interventions to enable delivery on priority farm level investment areas, he said.

The local programme has been approved as part of the second and third phases of the Food Systems Resilience Programme (FSRP) for Eastern and Southern Africa pegged at \$903m.

The rest of the financing is allocated to

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# MPs query TPDC's gas subsidiary pace

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

EFFORTS put up by the Gas Supply Co. (GASCO) to connect households, industries, public and private institutions with clean and safe natural gas is unsatisfactory, a section of legislators have declared.

Dunstan Kitandula, chairman of the Energy and Minerals standing committee of the National Assembly, said in delivering the committee's assessment of the Energy ministry estimates that the firm's services



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were discouraging.

GASCO, a subsidiary of the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) controls the national natural gas infrastructure, along with construction of natural gas distribution systems.

Building natural gas supply systems in Dar es Salaam, Coast and Lindi regions was far too slow, he said, noting that committee members inspected the gas supply infrastructure at the Kinyerezi receiving station in Dar es Salaam

The gas supply project consists of two natural gas processing plants located at Madimba (Mtwara Region) and Songo Songo (Lindi Region) and pipelines to Dar es Salaam, with the onshore natural gas pipeline from Madimba to Togeta in Dar es Salaam stretching 551 kilometers.

The pipeline capacity from Madimba to

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# 'Cargo freight firms to hire ATCL plane'

By Guardian Reporter

INTERESTED companies will be allowed to hire the new Boeing 767-300F cargo plane to be operated by Air Tanzania Co, Ltd (ATCL).

Prof Makame Mbarawa, the Works and Transport minister, affirmed this orientation at a press conference in Dar es Salaam, ahead of receiving the newly cargo plane on Saturday, at a ceremony to be graced by

President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

He said that the plane will have two regular flights per week for each route for cargo delivered for freight, but ATCL is instituting a plane hiring mechanism to cater for the needs of large businesses.

The plane has installed capacity for 54 tonnes of cargo capacity and will be flying to Nairobi, Entebbe, Kinshasa, Mumbai, Dubai, Ndola, Lusaka, Harare, Lilongwe and the Guangzhou global commercial hub in China.

"We expect that when the plane starts operations it will reduce costs to traders in transporting their goods, as presently they incur extra costs when using charter planes and scarce regular flights, plying each destination twice per week," he said.

The plane is a modern used version using less fuel, able to fly for 10 hours without refueling, he affirmed, linking the use of the plane with growing trade links regionally and

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa listens to a question from Special Seats legislator Salome Makamba during yesterday's weekly session in the National Assembly in Dodoma city specifically meant to afford MPs the opportunity of shooting direct questions at the prime minister. Photo: PMO





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business, tax administration and cost of energy, transport and communication, he said, pointing out that the government had increased the number of experts that can be sourced from outside, which further eases the country's investment atmosphere.

A range of investors expressed confidence with the on-going reforms on investment laws and policies, urging further improvements to stimulate FDI flows.

They expressed satisfaction with government efforts in improving the business and investment climate as most of the challenges raised in 2019 had largely been resolved.

However, findings of the 2022-2023 business climate survey highlight the need for the government to take actions to cut bribe extortion, sustain improvements in infrastructure like adequate and reliable supply of electricity.

Extension of road networks and improving the curriculum to equip colleges with technical skills and knowledge for those finishing school and further education was also stressed.

The survey taking stock of feelings by Nordic companies in Tanzania is the second after the 2019-2020 survey, held from last November to February, as a joint initiative by diplomatic missions of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, with REPOA the local consulting

organisation.

Aristides Mwasi, an investment director in the Investment, Industry and Trade ministry, made assurances to participants in the Nordic business seminar held as part of activities to mark the Nordic Week.

He said that Nordic investors and those from other countries should be assured that the government will further strengthen relations with the private sector, cultivate transparency and embrace open dialogue to improve the business environment.

Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga, the Labour, Economic Affairs and Investment Isles state minister for Zanzibar, noted that despite efforts to review investment policies and laws, there are still challenges on implementation of the directives.

The survey indicated that upwards of one million graduates enter the job market each year, while current education and training remains short of adequately preparing competitive graduates and school leavers.

"Findings show a limited availability of specialized skills as well as other soft skills including problem solving, communication and team working.

They highlight the need for more streamlined implementation of the national internship and apprenticeship guidelines of 2017 to offer more incentives to employers to support learning by doing and bridge the skills gap," the report asserted.

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Comoros (\$4m), Kenya (\$150m), Malawi (\$250m), Somalia (\$150m) and the African Union Commission (\$13m), the statement indicated.

Launched in June 2022, the programme's first phase provided support to Ethiopia and Madagascar, as well as two regional bodies, in the wake of multiple shocks affecting African food systems, he said.

The factors are extreme weather, pest and disease outbreaks along with market instability arising from grain supply channel interruptions following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The wider impact of the conflict is to further exacerbate underlying weaknesses by disrupting the global food, fuel and fertilizer markets. "As a result, an estimated 83m people in the region are projected to experience food stress or a food crisis emergency," the director affirmed.

Emma Isinika Modamba, senior agricultural economist and task team leader for the local part of regional FSRP said that increasing food systems resilience and strengthening ability to adapt to the challenges of climate change requires a transformation in institutional systems and ways of working.

"This programme focuses on resilience-building by increasing access to climate-smart technologies, early warning systems and drought resistance," she explained.

The FSRP supports participating countries in prioritizing medium-term investments uplifting resilience of their food systems. It helps countries to re-build their

productive capacity, improve the management of natural resources, strengthen food value chains and access to markets, she stated.

Improving national and regional policies to enhance the resilience of the sector, is essential, where the programme takes up medium-term investments to enhance resilience. It can also provide a range of short-term support measures in case of a deteriorating food security situation, she said.

The FSRP is central to the World Bank's engagement in the region, which prioritizes enhancing human development outcomes and increasing the resilience of populations in a region undergoing complex overlapping challenges, the statement underlined.

Observers noted that the International Development Association (IDA), established in 1960, the soft loan window of the World Bank, helps the world's poorest countries by providing grants and low to zero-interest loans for projects and programmes that boost economic growth, reduce poverty, and improve poor people's lives.

IDA is one of the largest sources of assistance for the world's 74 poorest countries, 39 of which are in Africa. Resources from IDA bring positive change to the 1.3bn people who live in IDA-funded countries, experts affirm.

Since 1960, IDA has provided \$496bn to 114 countries, its annual commitments rising steadily to averaging \$34.7bn over the past three years (FY20-FY22), with about 70 percent of the financing directed at African countries, the statement noted.

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in the Gulf States.

Tanzania produces 24,971 tonnes of meat and vegetables annually, with upwards of 400 tonnes transported by air to foreign markets, he said, discounting social media speculation that the new plane had been seized and prevented from flying to Dar.

Plane reception procedures are in full swing and its arrival tomorrow is on schedule, he said, intoning that its June 3 arrival is assured "and all Tanzanians will be witnesses."

Sarah Ruben, ATCL public relations officer, said they expect the plane to begin operations next month, after registration procedures are done, meanwhile as civil aviation authorities are opening doors for investors to build storage facilities at airports for goods to be exported.

With the new cargo plane infrastructures for the storage of goods to be airlifted need to be expanded, thus the government welcomes investors in that area," the official underlined.



Dogan Budeba (in wheelchair) of Uganza village in Kaliua District pictured yesterday airing views at a meeting attended by Livestock and Fisheries minister Abdallah Ulega (2nd-L), who was on a tour of Tabora Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Kinyerezi is 784m standard cubic feet per day which can be increased to 1002m with further compression, he said.

GASCO is carrying out a 15.3km gas infrastructure project to connect 125 houses and four institutions (a technical secondary school, vocational training college, teachers' college and Lilungu Prison) with natural gas, he stated.

It also working on a gas connection project at Raddy Fiber Manufacturing (T) Ltd Mkuranga plant, a 4.3km stretch to connect 85 households in Mikochoeni suburb in Dar es Salaam as well as a 16.4km pipeline to connect 155 houses and two establishments at the University of Dar es Salaam, he said.

The committee visited the

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Kinyerezi receiving centre, the pressure reduction station and the control centre, noticing that everything is going well there "but the pace of connecting customers with the gas service is displeasing," he elaborated.

He said the government has a good intention to ensure that natural gas changes people's lives so efforts must be heightened to improve production and supply of natural gas.

Contributing to the debate, some MPs sought robust efforts to address power challenges facing various parts of the country.

Ester Bulaya (Special Seats-Opposition) urged the ministry to heavily fine contractors who fail to

complete projects on time without due cause.

"We have witnessed many projects becoming 'white elephants' while contractors are paid on time to ensure that they produce quality work," she stated, demanding that the government be strict in this matter.

"We are using funds of poor Tanzanians who want to see positive outcomes from their taxes," she emphasized, also asking the ministry to inform the House on the status of quality electricity supply in the country.

Soud Mohamed Juma (Donge) asked the government to focus on implementing initiatives that promote clean energy to stem

deforestation.

Flatei Massay (Mbulu Rural) urged the government to focus on promoting the use of natural gas in various activities, including converting motor vehicles to natural gas use, to cut carbon emissions.

Tanzania is yet to utilize the plentiful resource to spur development and fight poverty, while many countries are promoting the use of natural gas and other forms of renewable energy, he said.

Shamsia Mtamba (Mtwara Rural-CUF) said that many areas in Mtwara are yet to be reached with power supply. This hurts the populations and affects economic progress in the region, she added.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi and Zanzibar's Director of Public Prosecutions, Mgeni Jailani Jecha, draw the curtain yesterday when gracing the launch of a sexual harassment committee for the Isles. Right is Zanzibar First Lady Mariam Mwinyi. Photo: Zanzibar State House

## Arumeru DC orders suspension of human activity in mountain areas

By Guardian Correspondent, Arumeru

ARUMERU District Commissioner, Emmanuela Kaganda has instructed all the people engaged in human activities in the district's mountain areas to stop doing so else the government will take stern legal measures against them.

She also told them stopping human activities will restore the area's former condition in order

to reduce its reduction including floods.

DC Kaganda gave the directives in her visit to areas that have been largely affected by residents around the mountain areas who have been engaging in farming and wanton cutting of natural trees on Kivesi Mountain, Sokon II Ward in the district.

She said owing to these human activities on the mountain in

violation of the country's laws, people in low lying areas have been affected.

"The government's directive is that all those engaging in human activities in all mountains of Arumeru district should start coming down and together we should collaborate to restore its natural vegetation," she stressed.

Some residents around the mountain have appealed to the

government to take stern legal steps against people who violate boundaries that had been erected in order to conserve the environment.

"It is true that there is great environmental destruction going on, there people dragging logs causing floods to people's settlements, I appeal to the government to take legal steps to stop them invading the natural forests and remain in their own areas," said Maglan Lukumay, resident of Ng'iresi Village, Sokon II Ward in Arumeru District.

Recently some residents of the district were engulfed in floods causing loss of property, with others left without shelters during the seasonal rains.





Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured in Bujumbura on Wednesday addressing financiers and other members of Burundi's business community on investment opportunities in Tanzania. He was in Burundi representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan at on Wednesday to attend the 21st Extra-Ordinary Summit of the East African Community Heads of State. Photo: VPO

## VP Mpango invites Burundian investors to invest in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President, Dr Philip Mpango has welcomed investors from Burundi to invest in Tanzania following a friendly investment environment existing and that Tanzania is safe for investing their capital.

Dr Mpango made the remarks during discussions with traders and

investors from Burundi who aim to invest in the country after arriving in Bujumbura, Burundi to attend the East African Community (EAC) Summit meeting.

He said since its inception, Tanzania Phase VI Government has been stressing in strengthening the country's investment climate including making sure it finds solutions to challenges facing

business people aimed at boosting trade and investment.

The Vice President added that Tanzania's economy was well developing and involved efforts to supervise monetary and budget policies as well as making sure of its food security.

He cited other steps taken as including controlling inflation saying as for now inflation stands

below five per cent, with sufficient foreign currency reserves.

He said that there are better opportunities for trade between the two regional and neighbouring countries in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

He also told the investors that efforts being done by Tanzania including the construction of railways, airports will simplify trade between the two countries.

He also commended CRDB Bank for providing bank services in Burundi and called upon government institutions, including Tanzania Ports Authority to serve investors well.

## Majaliwa tasks DCs to ensure no student expelled for lack of school contributions

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has called on District Commissioners to make sure that no student is expelled for lack of school's contributions.

He also called on District Executive Directors (DEDS) to make sure they serve the schools by having good plans in areas in need.

Majaliwa made the remarks here yesterday in the National Assembly when responding to legislators' questions during Prime Minister Question Time.

In his question, Kilwa South MP, Ali Kasinge said the government has been implementing its free education policy in order to reduce financial burdens on parents and guardians.

He said despite this, there have been contributions called by schools including those for security, dairies and food and queried "doesn't the government see the importance of going through the policy that the parents and guardians should be relieved of the financial burden in educating their children?"

Responding to the question, Majaliwa said the government continues implementing its free education policy in order to rescue parents' financial burdens via rampant contributions demanded by school authorities.

"Every month the government provides money to districts to enable secondary schools to spend it in areas that need contributions from parents and guardians to stop them from contributing in order to let them provide their children with such needs as uniforms,"

Majaliwa said.

He said he recognizes that not all areas were able to receive funds, especially in regard to food for students.

He said one area the government is engaging itself in is the refurbishment of schools, but also admitted that there are schools which students go to for their lessons in the morning and return home in the evening and that they do not get any food while at school.

"In this area, I admit that the government continues to address it to find a better way to provide food for students while at school even though we have also witnessed the private sector chipping in, and sometimes even parents and guardians do so," he said.

"By rampant contributions I meant those which a teacher tells his student 'tomorrow come with 500/- or 1,000/- which have been inconveniencing parents, and these we have tried to control and abolish them completely."

"Both primary and secondary schools are people's schools, every village has a primary school run by villages themselves. When a pit latrine is broken down we do not prevent parents and guardians to sit down and rebuild it from their own contributions, these are contributions for development even though we have placed conditions thereon, including being managed by the District Commissioner or any one picked by him to do so in his behalf," he added.

He added that the government continues to review the policy to enable parents get more relief in contributing towards the development of their schools.

By Guardian Reporter,

Dodoma

FINANCE and Planning Minister, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has directed ministry financial experts and the visiting IMF delegation to discuss on the better way to address the effects regarding scarcity of US dollars in order to rescue developing countries' economies.

Dr Nchemba made the remarks at the opening of the meeting that involved IMF experts who are in the country for the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) evaluation programme in collaboration with government officials.

He said changes to US Monetary Policy in expenditure constraints and reduction of US dollar circulation have contributed to visible effects to developing countries including Tanzania.

"We have been citing the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war as among issues that have affected the economies of

## Tanzania, IMF to discuss the scarcity of US dollars

developing countries, but dollar scarcity has to a great extent impacted on the economy including on oil imports and various other goods for the private sector," said Dr Nchemba.

He explained that it would be better to find ways to address the issue policy-wise in order to rescue developing countries because external sectors are essential in driving internal economies.

For his part, the leader of the IMF delegation, Harris Tsangaride said the

Fund will continue to work together with Tanzania in order to make sure economic and social development strides.

He commended the government for its policies being implemented in the face of the Russia-Ukraine war.

Tsangaride added that Tanzania is among a few countries in the region that perform well in implementing various programmes in collaboration with the IMF, hence at the sitting they will discuss the best way for it to perform even better.

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# Enable students to go for holiday, Prof Mkenda tells heads of schools

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

MINISTER for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda has urged public and private schools' heads to adhere to the set rules and directives, which require them to ensure that children go for holiday.

He said those who will be found violating the directives, will push the Commissioner for Education to issue another guideline that poses strict conditions.

Prof Mkenda sounded the warning at the Parliamentary grounds on Wednesday in Dodoma when issuing the government's stance over complaints issued by some parents and students on the behaviour of some schools forcing children to remain in schools during holidays.

He said the government had already issued a guideline for public schools that explains in detail on the days to close and opening of schools.

"The major aim is to ensure that school children get time to rest. That's why we do not entertain making the children stay in school throughout the year without giving them time to go for holiday, this has effects on their growth," he said.

He however said that on the part of private schools, the government provided flexibility for them to plan days of holiday as per their calendar.

"Private schools can make adjustments as per their calendar, but they should ensure that children go home for holiday and not give them the burden of staying in schools throughout the year," he asserted.

He warned schools that prohibit

pupils from going home for holiday without even discussing with parents on the adjustments.

The Minister added that holidays are meant to provide school children a good time to change environments and stay with their parents as this is also good for their academic progress.

"We are insisting that even for the private schools who allow children to stay in school for a few days or weeks, they must ensure that they consult and reach agreement with parents before going on with the plan," he added.

He cautioned that if the government will continue receiving more complaints concerning the matter, it will take another measure by putting more stern conditions.



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## 'CBE to impart key skills as demanded by markets'

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE College of Business Education (CBE) is set to start equipping students with important skills and knowledge in the fields of entrepreneurship, innovation, economics, finance, transportation, logistics management and digital marketing in the next academic year.

Prof Tandi Lwoga, CBE acting principal unveiled this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when introducing new programmes at the college that will begin to be offered in the academic year that will begin in October.

The principal said the new programmes will include basic technician certificate, technician certificate, bachelor degree and master's degree programmes, noting that CBE is determined to provide high quality business education for 58 years now, meeting the needs of the labor market and promoting entrepreneurship in the country.

"The introduced programmes are the result of extensive research and long-term efforts carried out by the college lecturers together with various stakeholders who are experts in relevant industries and have considered the rapidly growing technology changes, the investment environment, industry and business, and the needs of the market," she said.

According to principle, the courses are aimed at providing practical skills, advanced knowledge, and in-depth training to the college's students to enable them to succeed in the job market and face the challenges of this time.

She mentioned that the programmes for the basic technician certificate will include, entrepreneurship and creativity, economy and finance, transportation, logistics management, digital marketing,

She said the college will also offer Bachelor's Degrees in entrepreneurship and creativity courses, transportation, economics and finance, business informatics, Master's Degree in Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation

She said through the Business and Sustainable Economic Development Project (BUSEDA), CBE will start offering an online course to all master's students that will give them special knowledge.

She said the knowledge is about investment and business opportunities for economic development in the participating countries, which are Finland and the five countries within Africa, namely Mauritius, Seychelles, Malawi, Lesotho and Botswana.

She said the program is sponsored by the Team Finland Knowledge program which is under the Finnish National Agency for Education in Finland.



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Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) acting CEO Kiula Kingu introduces the 339bn/- Kidunda Dam project, which is undergoing implementation, to members of the Morogoro District security committee yesterday. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## Traders in Ruvuma, Njombe want TRA laws to be revised

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

TRADERS in Njombe and Ruvuma regions have called on the government to review the current laws that give more power to the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) officer to fine or pardon a businessman found guilty of not issuing receipts or tax evasion in order to remove bribery.

They were speaking in a meeting in Makambako township before the

committee that was created by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, traders said that due to the power that the TRA officer currently has, it causes many of them to give bribes to avoid the fines that they have to pay.

One of the traders, Oraphu Mhema said: "It is important for the government to remove the value added tax (VAT) from all timber and food businesses."

Mhema explained that the VAT

should be charged in the factories where the products are produced.

"We give bribes because of the existing systems, for example TRA today has been given the authority to arrest you or pardon you, let him do what he sees at that time, VAT should basically be charged at the factory," said Mhema.

"VAT has been extorting traders, VAT has been getting people into trouble, VAT has been bringing challenges to traders who wherever

you go, the source is VAT," said Upendo Lutandi, secretary of timber traders.

One of the Guest House owners, Sifaeli Sanga said that the influx of taxes that they are charged including the bed fee while asking the government to see how to remove those taxes because they are not friendly to business development.

Tanga Ismael Masuti, secretary of traders' community, asked the traders not to be friends with the TRA official as it is the source of tax accumulation.

Alex Katundi, TRA Kariakoo manager has asked the employees of the authority to comply with the law, including not to collect tax from new traders within six months.



Captain Christopher Shalua (L), an officer with the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation in Tanga Region, briefs Investment, Industries and Trade ministry deputy permanent secretary Conrad Millinga (R), who visited at agency's booth at the ongoing 10th Trade and Tourism exhibition. Photo: Correspondent Oscar Assenga

## Southern African countries out to reinforce internal capital markets

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

COUNTRIES in the Southern Africa region look for a better way to develop their internal capital markets using government bonds for internal loans at the time many business loans are being sourced at high cost.

The observation was made here by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba at the meeting of experts in financial and economy from 16 Southern African nations dealing in the issues of their

countries' debts.

Dr Mwamba's remarks were given on her behalf by the Ministry of Finance and Planning's Commissioner dealing in debts, Japhet Justine.

Justine said countries in Southern Africa look towards using short, middle and long-term internal bonds which to a great extent provide relief to African countries, as such loans do not incorporate the use of US dollars or foreign investment.

"Worldwide, business loans are sourced at great cost, hence

domestic loans will be a good step to assist African countries to finance their budgetary obligations for their own development," said Justine.

He explained that to develop the internal bonds market provides opportunities for African countries to perform better and as for now, Tanzania gets more than 7trn/- in loans from the internal capital markets.

He added that there are African countries that perform well in regard to the budgets by using internal capital markets including Namibia whereby over 80 per cent

of its budget is financed by its own security bonds.

According to Justine, the meeting will discuss and analyse the types of domestic government bonds that are beneficial for economic growth at the time loans from loans diminish.

He also called on delegates of the meeting to make sure they have constructive discussions and exchange of experiences to assist their governments.

He also commended all countries that sent representatives at the meeting and called upon them to also visit Tanzania's tourist attractions.

The meeting is attended by representatives from host Tanzania, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia.





Dr Donald Mmari (L), managing director of the NGO Research on Poverty Alleviation (Repoa), pictured in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday contributing to Nordic Week anniversary discussions on population growth and climate change organised by UNFPA-Tanzania in collaboration with the Danish Embassy in Tanzania. He is with (from-R) Karibu Tanzania Organisation representative Mia Mjengwa, Health ministry official Gerald Kihwele and World Bank official Chiho Suzuki. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

# CCM SG urges minister Bashe to inspect fish dam in Iringa

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

DANIEL Chongolo, CCM Secretary General has appealed to the Minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe to go and inspect Masaka fish dam in Iringa District that is to be used for irrigation.

He also called on the country's National Irrigation Commission (NIC) to seek funds for the construction of an irrigation scheme in the area to help people increase crops production.

Chongolo issued the directives during his inspection visit at the dam including introducing therein fingerlings for 3,000 fish and required Minister Bashe to implement the directives within three weeks to ensure the dam's benefits are discerned.

He said the Water ministry has done a great job to supervise the dam's construction but in order to develop farming, stress thereon is also required from the Agriculture ministry.

"Here there was an error committed, officials in NIC were not involved as had they seen the writing they could come here very early, but now I will talk to the Minister of Agriculture to come here with his experts within three weeks," Chongolo added.

He also instructed Iringa District Council authorities to protect the environment around the dam to make it last long as well as attracting tourists.

Masaki Ward Councillor, Mathew Nganyagwa said the dam has been built by the government as a

solution to water problems facing residents in the area for a long time.

He said apart from fish farming, the dam is also expected to be used for irrigation purposes on farms of 1,000 acres and above to enhance crops production.

Iringa district Fisheries Officer, Calvin Ndege said the dam cost 1.5bn/- to build, with the money provided by the government through the ministry of water.

He said the dam is capable of taking in more than 439.8 cubic litres that can be stored for one year without drying up.

For her part, Iringa Regional Commissioner, Halima Dendego said in order to simplify transport of various crops to be grown in the area, his office will cooperate with various stakeholders to improve road infrastructures.



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# Tanzania, Kenya experts chart ways to strengthen territorial border posts

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

TANZANIA and Kenya are in talks regarding the issue of strengthening border posts between the two countries Phase III covering Namanga in Arusha Region to Tarakea in Kilimanjaro Region.

The five-day joint committee meeting began May 29 and is expected to end today (June 2) whose main aim is to receive an

inspection report on Phase III regarding the 110km stretch from Namanga to Tarakea, inspecting the boundary marked for strengthening and lay down plans for the coming phases.

Officially opening the meeting here on Wednesday, Arusha Region Administrative Secretary David Lyamongi, on behalf of regional commissioner John Mongella said the meeting proves the importance of the task given

to the experts from the two countries by making sure they complete the task assigned within the given time.

The Coordinator of the exercise for strengthening the Kenya-Tanzania boundary who is also Assistant Director in the Mapping and survey department in the Ministry of lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Joseph Ikorongo said the five-day meeting received provisional

report on the completion of all work in regard to Phases I and II totaling 348 km that have already been strengthened.

According to Ikorongo, the Joint Committee Meeting is also preparing the task plan for the coming Phase IV and V from Tarakea in Kilimanjaro region to Jasini on the shore of the Indian Ocean in Mkinga District, Tanga Region, covering a total of 758 km.

Earlier, the Kenya-Tanzania team of experts visited the international boundary area near Losoyai River that joins Ruvu River and flows into Lake Jipe, followed by land boundary to Pangani in order to satisfy themselves.

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## National medical tourism committee hails Samia's support to health sector

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE National Medical Tourism Committee has commended the huge investments made by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in the health sector within two years of her leadership, which attracts foreign patients in Tanzanian hospitals.

The compliment was made yesterday by the Vice Chairman of the Committee, Abdulmalik Mollel, who is also the director of global Medicare, when talking about the 13-day visit of specialty doctors and the committee members to India's famous hospitals.

Mollel said that after the huge investment made by the President in the health sector, especially in medical equipment, in buildings, recruitment of various specialties, within two years and effective management of the Minister of Health, Umyy Mwalimu and her deputy, Dr Godwin Mollel, Tanzania is shining in Africa.

He said that minister Umyy Mwalimu and her deputy have been the catalyst for the success of medical tourism in the country due to the cooperation and guidance they have given to the committee since its inception.

Mollel said that since he was appointed to lead the ministry, minister Umyy Mwalimu has done great and unique things that have made the health sector continue to improve each day.

He said the increase in modern medical equipment and the resources of doctors specialising in various treatments in the country has caused the need for abroad patients to come to Tanzanian hospitals for treatment.

"And in her vision, our President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan clearly announced that because of the position we have and the great potential we have compared to the countries around us, there is a need for Tanzania to be the centre of medical tourism in Africa," said Mollel and added.

"In order to achieve the President's ambition, we, the stakeholders and expert doctors, must do something, so we decided to go to India to look for opportunities to collaborate with the biggest hospitals in the world," said Mollel, who is also the Director of Global Education Link.

He said India has been a friend of Tanzania for a long time and

they have been collaborating in the health sector and other development sectors.

He said that while in India they were received with unique hospitality that they did not expect and also they got positive cooperation from the Tanzanian ambassador in India and various hospitals they visited.

"Our doctors had the opportunity to even enter the operation rooms of some hospitals and watch the surgery being done by our colleagues, it was really good," said Mollel.

"I thank our national leaders, our chairman, Professor Mohamed Janabi, for giving me the opportunity to accompany this delegation of specialty doctors. I thank Professor Janabi for his vision along with his fellow hospital directors, I believe we have done what they sent us," he said.

In addition, Mollel said the committee will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders to ensure that the journey to make Tanzania a hub of medical tourism is successful and starts immediately.

"We have started well and with great success in medical tourism because only a week ago a panel of specialty doctors from Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) was in Malawi where they served more than 700 people, this is a great success," he said.

He said the people of Malawi enjoyed the services of the institution's doctors to the point of asking them not to leave so that they could continue to serve them, which he said showed the great potential of the Tanzania doctors.

"I sincerely congratulate my country because in the health sector we are far better than others in Africa and from this trip we expect many great things because these doctors have seen a lot and have new things," said Mollel.



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## EU-funded programme to help enterprises grow businesses penetration of clean cooking solutions

By Guardian Reporter

ENTERPRISES involved in the clean cooking solutions value chain will have an opportunity to scale their businesses through the European Union (EU)-funded CookFund programme in Coast, Morogoro, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Dodoma regions.

The funding by the EU falls under the broader 'Integrated Approach to Sustainable Clean Cooking Solutions Program in Tanzania' and the 11th European Development Fund (EDF).

UNCDF is the main implementer and Fund Manager of the programme, implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and UNIDO. UNIDO focuses on scaling up uptake and use of bioethanol in Dar es Salaam region only.

As implementing partners, UNCDF is championing the accelerated market rollout of clean cooking solutions to mitigate climate change impacts resulting from deforestation and harmful cooking practices.

Head of UNCDF Tanzania, Peter Malika said: "Through the CookFund programme, we are stimulating market development

of clean cooking solutions with a focus on ensuring affordability and accessibility for the end user and sustainability of the market."

The second call for applications will run through 30 September 2023 with over 10bn/- in grants available to scale up the production and distribution of clean cooking solutions for qualifying businesses, ultimately providing environmentally friendly alternatives to traditional cooking methods.

UNCDF Tanzania, as the implementing partner, will oversee the selection process and disbursement of funds to successful enterprises and business development services as required. Leveraging their specialized expertise and experience in sustainable development finance, UNCDF Tanzania will ensure transparent and accountable management of the CookFund program, maximizing its impact in the transition to clean cooking solutions.

The CookFund program supports the government's ambitious plans to increase access to clean energy and clean cooking solutions in urban areas, aiming for 80% usage of clean cooking solutions by 2033.



Zanzibar Tourism and Heritage minister Simai Mohammed Said (R) exchanges greetings with the Mwera member of Zanzibar's House of Representatives (legislature), Mihayo Juma Nhunga, in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

## Villagers up in arms against water project's contractor

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

RESIDENTS of Uhambingeto Ward in Kilolo District, Iringa Region complained before CCM secretary general, Daniel Chongolo about an uncompleted 19-year-old water project despite the contractor being paid the money but his whereabouts unknown.

They aired their complaints yesterday during Chongolo's visit as part of his six-day visit in Iringa Region.

Uhambingeto Ward Councillor, Tulimwa Mlaga accused the project's contractor, Msdhamindi Construction for not completing the water project while ward residents faced acute water shortage.

He said people in the area had depended on water dams which often dry up during dry seasons hence they have to walk long distances in search of water.

However, he said water from the dams they use is not clean and safe and hence they anticipated that

the project would have solved the challenge.

He said the project reached 55 per cent completion and the contractor was paid more than 50 per cent of the money and that they have been looking for him without success.

He said when complete, it will to a large extent solve the water scarcity challenge and added that as for now they buy 20-litre containers of water at 1,000/-.

Kilolo MP, Justine Nyamoga

appealed to the CCM Secretary General to help them in taking stern measures against the contractor.

For his part, Chongolo instructed the Minister for water, Jumaa Aweso to visit the ward within one week and take stern measures against the project's contractor.

He also instructed RUWASA in Iringa Region to also take stern measures against the contractor.

"I want the water minister in person to come here to console you, but also to follow up what made the contractor fail to complete the project," he said.

He said the government has been dishing out a lot of funds for funding development projects, but some people see it as better placing obstacles on them.



Selemani Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), takes part in an environmental hygiene drive alongside students of Dodoma city's Kiwanja cha Ndege Secondary School yesterday in the run-up to the commemoration of World Environment Day (June 5), which is this year being held at national level in the national capital. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

## Experts tasked to solve problems facing road infrastructure

By Guardian Reporter

ROAD experts have been tasked to find solutions on challenges facing road infrastructures in urban areas including reducing vehicle congestions and environmental degradation.

Prof Makame Mbarawa, Works and Transport minister made the remarks in Arusha on Wednesday when opening the three-day international seminar of World Road Association also known as

PIARC that involved the country's road experts and others from Africa, Europe and Asia. "Roads are a big pillar for our country as goods are imported and exported via ports are later transported on roads," said Prof Mbarawa.

Prof Mbarawa said that in addition to improving other means of transport, as for now the government continues to strengthen its Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) to relieve roads in cargo transport especially those

destined to remote areas as well as outside the country.

Prof Mbarawa also directed experts to finalise correct scientific reports and submit to the ministry as the government prepares to make amendments to the road policy in regard to the right use of tyres (super single tyres) to be used in the country aimed to protect roads.

"The meeting is full of experts on road issues and what I expect is that after the meeting, you should bring

to me results of research made on the correct use of super single tyres in order to come up with a right decision for our nation," he said.

For his part, Tanzania Roads Association Chairman, Joseph Haule explained that the international seminar regarding sustainable goods transport issues has been organised by PIARC in collaboration with the Ministry of Works and transport and TARA whose aim was to discuss and find solutions on various issues on roads.



## NGO teams up with students to plant trees in Moshi MC

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

MOSHI-based Environment and Conservation Group (MECG) in collaboration with pupils and students for various education institutions has planned to plant trees in some primary and secondary schools in Majengo ward within the Municipality. The initiative aims to combat g hazards that have been caused by climate change.

Daniel Mvungi, MECG founder said that move is meant to conserve areas for sustainable tourism and water availability.

He said that the project also aims at creating awareness on the importance of environmental protection and conservation for sustainable tourism and water availability.

"As you have seen today, we have already participated in our tree planting project in some primary and secondary schools, for the sustainability of this project that will also help to protect Mt. Kilimanjaro's buffer zone," he explained.

He added that they will plant more trees in the future as the tree planting project will be sustainable.

This is a part of the series of our activities to commemorate the World Environment Day observed on June 5, every year with the theme; 'Join us in the global effort to Beat Plastic Pollution'," he further enlightened.

The World Environment Day 2023 is a reminder that people's actions on plastic pollution matters. The steps governments and businesses are taking to tackle plastic pollution are the consequence of this action.

Sustainable tourism is a growing attempt to offer many of the same vacation packages while making as low an impact on the local people as possible. The larger umbrella of 'Ecotourism' involves visiting natural areas that are more undisturbed, which allows for a low impact vacation with few other people present.

With the concept of sustainable tourism, popular locations still welcome visitors, but with an emphasis on travelers not taking anything away from locals' way of life, or affecting it in any other adverse way. Instead, travelers are able to provide important revenue while consciously choosing to impart only positive experiences.

Environmental protection and conservation, cleaning as well as wildlife and other natural resources protection is one of the crucial issues to be considered by every member of the community for sustainable tourism.

## Z'bar First Lady Mariam Mwinyi pleads for more efforts to make orphans have a rewarding future

By Correspondent James Kandoya

ZANZIBAR'S First Lady Mariam Mwinyi has called upon stakeholders to join the efforts in providing care to the orphans to shape responsible future citizens.

She made the call at the occasion of launching the "Warm Children's Hearts" a China-Africa joint action" for Caring Tanzanian Children's Health in the Ljango Zaidia Orphanage, in Dar es Salaam which was organised by Embassy of China in Tanzania and held in Dar es Salaam.

In her speech, Madam Mwinyi said the event was one of the missions of carrying orphans for Africa countries.

During the event, the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania and the Chinese Medical Team in the country went to local orphanages to visit children, carry out voluntary health clinics and love package donations.

She said that the action was initiated by the First Lady of the People's Republic of China, Prof Peng Liyuan, together with the Organization of African First Ladies for Development (OAFILD), themed as "Warm Children's Hearts" on the occasion of International Children's Day.

Madam Mwinyi said Prof Peng highly appreciates the contribution of the government of Tanzania to development of women and children's public welfare.

She affirmed the government commitment to continue working closely with the government of China for the benefit of the two countries.

"I would like to request all relevant stakeholders from the government and private sectors to honor and embrace this noble initiative which has been initiated by the first lady of China, so we can line up to the theme of "warm children hearts" she said.

She further called to support the orphanage centre in various ways in donating the funds and other basic needs.

Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania Chen Mingjian said the Chinese first lady established a deep friendship with the first ladies of African countries and has long been supporting healthcare in Africa.

The envoy said as a close friend of Tanzania, the Chinese government and people have always cared about Tanzania women, children and other socially vulnerable groups.

She said they donated supplies to Tanzania, including computers, radios, bicycles, sewing machines, sweaters, blankets, children's school supplies, trying to help women and children in Tanzania live a better life in all aspects.

"We hope that this event will bring health and warmth to the children, and that through our efforts, more and more Tanzanian children will receive social attention and care," she said.

Zaidia Hassan, Manager of Ljango Zaidia Orphanage in Kinondoni Municipality called the minister to support renovation of the center's old infrastructure including painting.

## JOB VACANCY

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## Efforts to inhibit exam cheating laudable but the cancer lives on

ONE of the top stories we (The Guardian) ran in early March 2009 had the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (Necta) blaming exam cheating, for long literally an integral part of education systems in our country and many countries, on teachers.

We quoted an August to December 2008 study by the council on the way Standard Seven national exams were being conducted as having shown that head teachers and host teachers were behind the rampant bribing of guest supervisors, who then helped pupils cheat.

The then Necta executive secretary presented the findings of the study at a seminar for education stakeholders in Dar es Salaam, declaring that host teachers used a slew of "techniques" to accomplish their mission.

These included bribing invigilators so as to make them assist pupils by helping them answer complicated questions or actually showing them the correct answers.

The Necta executive explained that, by doing so, the teachers were blatantly contravening exam rules and regulations which stipulate - in part - that only a head teacher and one supporting teacher should be in the school compound during examinations.

"Teachers have been violating this rule by reporting to school during examinations and forming illegal technical committees to prepare examination answers for gullible candidates," the executive said.

The study specifically singled out some of the people associated with the mess that was going on as unscrupulous invigilators, parents/guardians, school owners, education sector leaders and candidates.

The Necta boss also outlined the techniques used in sneaking answers into exam rooms, saying the most common included the use of vacuum flasks brought to the supervisor while containing exam answers written on pieces of paper.

Some answer sheets were tucked in supervisors' signature books while

candidates also at times collected answers from toilets or "strategically" hid pieces of paper containing answers in pen tops.

It was discovered that poor preparation of candidates for exams, which usually saw teachers frantically resorting to tests and model answers at the eleventh hour, was yet another factor leading to the high incidence of exam cheating.

The other factors noted were moral decay in society, corruption among teachers, the stigma attached to poor performance in national, regional and district rankings, punishable in some areas.

The study also called on the Education ministry to keep sensitising teachers on the importance of concentrating more on teaching than on giving students too many pre-exam tests.

The then Education ministry permanent secretary had opened the seminar by rightly saying exam cheating spoiled the learning process and stood to make Tanzania "a visionless nation".

The study was conducted in 13 regions and involved 2,059 respondents, mainly primary school teachers and pupils, head teachers and Form One students.

The respondents also included district and regional education officers as well as regional police commanders, all of whom are usually directly involved in overseeing the conduct of national exams. The then Tanzania Teachers Union president slammed teachers and education officers involved in examination cheating as "a disgrace to the noble profession of teaching".

He gave another explanation for exam cheating as the mentality that every child was born to make it to secondary school.

Admittedly, there has been noticeable progress in efforts to curb the incidence and prevalence of exam cheating in schools and institutions of higher learning.

It is however true that the cancer is yet to be fully or permanently done with. The struggle must thus continue, the aim being to rid our country of the embarrassing rot.

## Dealing with population-related issues tricky, rethinking a must

REFLECTIONS on how population changes, youth bulge, personal choices and collective empowerment have lately been heard as some development partners came together in unveiling the State of the World Population Report 2023.

The UNFPA's annual flagship publication, '8 Billion Lives, Infinite Possibilities', focuses on rights and choices, whose implication is people empowerment so that they are able to exercise such options.

The key objective was to state the wish by some states to hold a series of interactive dialogue on how the cardinal objectives are engendered in cooperation with Tanzania.

Some of our development partners see these themes as vital in facilitating 'friends in tackling climate change' status.

Any in-depth examination of opportunities, challenges and innovative solutions in advancing rights and choices of society in general and the youth in particular in the context of population growth and climate change has to take up unspoken issues.

For instance, if agriculture remains the focus of economic activity, can Tanzania hold 25 per cent more people, 40 per cent or even double what we currently have? How did the rich countries cut agro-sector populations by vast percentages, hence prospering?

Since independence, development thinking in Africa has been tied to land ownership, such that getting rid of a few thousand European settlers was pivotal in the fight for independence everywhere.

But hardly did the settlers' departure induce much of the hope-for prosperity, and even today really convincing answers are rather scarce.

Some countries in the Sahel and pockets of sub-Saharan Africa descended to land-based civil wars, seeking domination over resources.

he tonality of introducing the discussion left a lot to be desired as it singularly zeroed in on how women, men, girls and boys would prosper when they were broadly empowered with sexual and reproductive health rights and choices.

Surely, this ought to have come virtually last, after figuring out how economies affected the massive gaps in employment, and not just for graduates but as well as agro-sector adaptation challenges. Many move into agriculture, prices fall, and they are ruined.

The crisis is also engendering a massive breakdown in cultural values, as men feeling incapable of being breadwinners and thus in a position of command in households simply abandon them.

Youths are compelled to start relying on older youths who prey on their vulnerabilities to negatively acculturate them. While African countries seek positive solutions to marginalisation, upholding family coherence and reliable incomes, they are treated to buzz reminders on 'rights' of reproduction but supposed 'beneficiaries' find them to be calamities in waiting.

There is a difficult development dialogue going on in relation to development, where Africa appeals for more aid while it bursts with crises going unheard.

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## Just what does it take to rise into a CEO? - 2

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For rising CEOs at well-performing companies, what's the justification for dramatic pivots? What kind of distance do you want to put between yourself and the current CEO? Where will you leverage your personal strengths to drive breakthroughs that others would have a difficult time creating?

A persuasive value creation thesis positions you for a quick take-off and lays the groundwork for the growth message you'll be communicating to the whole company.

"I've actually gone back after all these years and looked at all the strategic changes we had planned, at where we said we wanted to take the company," reflected one CEO.

"We worked on creating a culture for the company, a new approach to 'How are we going to do things around here?' And we did a pretty good job," added the CEO.

But however well-conceived your value creation thesis may be, your success as CEO will depend on deploying the right talent against the most important initiatives. Many CEOs have told forum participants that their only regret was not acting faster on talent changes.

Any leader preparing to be CEO should be ready to clearly define the highest-value roles and to know who should be in them. There is nothing easy about this challenge.

Our research suggests that only 10 per cent of the 50 most valuable roles in a corporation report to the CEO and that, while 60 per cent can be found at the next level down, 20 per cent are below that level.

Since most rising CEOs have excelled in individual areas of the company, their knowledge of the very top talent across the entire company can be limited.

These talent decisions can be critical to reshaping the culture of an underperforming institution. "Do you have a high-performance culture? What is a high-performance culture?" reflected one CEO.

The response: "It's a culture that is focused on the purpose. It's a culture that is principle-based rather than rule-based. The biggest change we made with the new team was taking the company from a rule-based culture to a principle-based culture."

Rising CEOs who want to step into the role with a broader, more accurate view of talent go to great

lengths to broaden their view across the organisation. They appreciate the need to have a wide range of talent.

They make a point of paying attention when they find diamonds in the rough, knowing that in this technological age, transformative leaders may or may not have followed traditional career paths.

"It's a really good thing to assess the team members," said one CEO, adding: "Not only yours but also those in critical roles further down in the organisation."

They also develop their external networks as much as possible. If their value creation thesis will move the company in new directions, sometimes an outside hire will be needed to kick-start change.

### Do what only you can do

As leaders rise through the organisation, they learn that truly scaling their operating model means not overextending themselves, and instead doing what only they can do.

"I try to control what I do and where I spend my time," said one CEO, reflecting a sentiment he heard from many others - and adding: "I don't do a very good job of it, I'll be honest with you. But I do try to be deliberate about where I think I can have the most impact."

This realisation has become more important as the CEO job has become more complex, and it's a skill that every rising CEO must master.

At recent Leadership Forums, visiting CEOs have provided examples of the personal steps they take to ensure that they are not distracted by noise and instead focused on doing what only they can do.

Some of this is time management: carefully allocating time to top priorities, building flexibility into their schedule so that they can manage unexpected events, and structuring in recovery time after management "sprints".

Many rely on a set of mechanisms to enforce this discipline - mechanisms that enable them to be fully present in every interaction and to devote the maximum amount of energy to the most demanding tasks.

"So much of the CEO's role is taking things that are or could be highly complicated and simplifying them," said one long-serving CEO, adding: "You're constantly doing it. And if you focus and execute with discipline, you actually get things done."

This, too, is one of the most profound changes we've seen at the Leadership Forum. When the forums started, back in 2006, it was common to find rising CEOs who still believed that they could lead

using a traditional "command and control" model.

That model has since been replaced by leadership models in which the CEO serves as enabler in chief.

In these newer models, doing everything is both ineffective and impossible. It is far better to catalyse the talent around you and spend your time doing things that no one else in the organisation can do.

Rising CEOs know this and are prepared to deal with a greatly expanded range of stakeholders, including customers, employees, the media, regulatory agencies, unions, suppliers, distributors, activists, analysts and, of course, shareholders and investors.

What they are less prepared for is that, in today's world of social media, every word they say - or fail to say - while interacting with these stakeholders will be scrutinised.

Rising CEOs must ready themselves for today's fractured media environment, where every public utterance might present a risk.

It can also, however, present an opportunity. CEOs who deliver a consistent narrative that reflects the values of the company across traditional and social media will build trust and credibility with all stakeholders.

"You can have your CFO [chief financial officer] and your IR [investor relations] person do a lot externally with your shareholder/s and constituents, but your visibility is very impactful as well," said one CEO.

One key topic where rising CEOs can make their mark is sustainability. This most public-facing issue has become a top management focus over the past few years and affects all stakeholders. Being prepared with a consistent, credible strategy on sustainability is a requirement for today's new CEOs.

### Manage your personal energy

It's hard for function leaders and business unit heads to really internalise what becoming CEO might mean for them personally. They have grown accustomed to managing intense demands on their time and personal space, but the CEOs we speak with agree that the top job is intrusive in a completely different way.

Inside and outside the company, people track a CEO's every utterance and action, looking for signals. Everything is amplified.

Rising CEOs should be prepared to figure out a unique model for safeguarding, developing and tapping into their personal energy. This isn't solely a matter of work-life balance; bringing the right energy to work is a job requirement.

"Balance your own personal life,"

one CEO recommends, adding: "We can all work a lot, but if you don't bring yourself to work every day refreshed and energised, it's really hard to be great at what you do when you are in the office."

CEOs employ a variety of techniques to manage their personal energy... The message is clear: while there's no single recipe that works for every leader, rising CEOs need to be ready with their own plans for managing their personal energy.

### Committing to preparation

Committing to a rigorous CEO preparation process is one of the most rewarding developmental journeys a top executive can make.

The process is a deeply personal and challenging experience that asks a lot of candidates across several dimensions. It is a science, a methodology with a clear set of stepping stones, including the ones mentioned in this article.

Engaging fully improves the likelihood of a candidate's success. But that's just one of the rewards that come with the hard work.

Candidates have to take an honest look at their personal and professional track records, skills and development areas - and assess their readiness for the top job. They have to approach the task with humility.

As one CEO explained: "If you get to a leadership role and you're afraid to ask for help and afraid to say that you don't know something, my guess is that you are walking on some pretty thin ice."

Rising CEOs have to identify ways to enhance their capabilities including by gaining relevant knowledge and expertise via workshops and visiting other organisations.

These things have been part of the process for decades. But the additional focus on external events and external stakeholders, as well as a deeper, more realistic examination of the personal challenges that come with the CEO role, make the CEO preparation process more rigorous - and more rewarding - than ever.

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# When your property is used to secure loan for someone else

IT is common practice for businesspeople to secure loan from financial institutions for purposes of financing their working capital to generate more profit and or expand operations.

Financial institution being vested with the duty of lending money to their clients also have to secure money to lend to their customers hence securities or collateral are collected from borrowers or any person who consent to support the borrower in securing the loan granted.

Various forms of securities are accepted by lenders to secure credit facilities granted. These can be land, lease, debentures, guarantees and so on. It is however in normal circumstances not possible for every businessperson or every bank customer to be in possession such securities or collateral.

In dealing with this gap, our business laws have in place commercial arrangement which invites a third party to use his or her collateral to secure money issued to the borrower. This arrangement is what is called third party arrangement. In this article, we shall deal specifically with third party mortgages.

We have been experiencing many land disputes in and out of courts of law involving landed property securities offered by third parties to secure credit facilities granted to borrowers. Upon looking into most of such disputes, what comes into mind quickly is that most of the owners of the securities are not aware of some key issues regarding third party mortgage.

It should be known that ignorance of the law is not an excuse. Therefore, in view of the above introductory part, this article intends to give some insights relating to third part mortgage.

First and foremost, mortgage is among securities in the form of right of occupancy or lease of the land issued by the land owner to secure facility granted to the borrower. Under Tanzanian law, right to mortgage does not constitute transfer of ownership. Rather, the borrower transfers interest to the lender subject to redeem the same upon compliance with rights and obligations agreed between the parties, particularly on payment of the loan.

The mortgage property can be owned by the borrower or other person in the transaction. When it involves another person different from the borrower of the loan, then it is called third party mortgage.

Now third party mortgage arises when the security for the borrowing is given by individual or entity (third party) for liability of the borrower as ruled in the case of Guma vs Bank of



Africa (U) Ltd & others (2018) UGHCCD 28. There are various laws which deal with issues relating to mortgage, including Land Act Cap 113 R.E. 2019, Land Registration Act Cap 334 R.E 2019, Law of Contract Cap 345 R.E 2019 and Law of Marriage Act Cap 29 R.E 2019.

Section 113 of the Land Act recognizes applicability of third party mortgage transaction. There are two types of mortgage namely legal mortgage and equitable mortgage. Legal mortgage is transfer of interest in the mortgaged property to the lender upon compliance with legal provisions of the law. Once provisions of the law are complied with, then legal mortgage is created.

These requirements of the law include creation of deed of mortgage in which the same should be signed by the lender in whose favour the mortgage is created and known as mortgagee and the owner of the land known as mortgagor.

The said deed of mortgage should contain terms and conditions related to

payment of the loan and consequences of default. Other relevant issue is that it should be registered at the office of the Registrar of Titles under Land Registration Act.

Once the same is registered, legal mortgage is created and the mortgagee or the lender can enforce those terms and conditions without an order of the court such as to sale the mortgaged property by way of auction or private sale depending on what parties have agreed and the prevailing circumstances.

Equitable mortgage is derived from the word equity, meaning strictness on applicability of the law is reduced as compared to legal mortgage. Here, the intention of the parties is what is being looked at. It is not required to be registered, therefore, its enforceability requires the lender or mortgagee to obtain court order and not otherwise.

What is important is that the same need to be in writing under strict terms and conditions. This is mostly used by

individual person who opts to enter into transactions which require security because legal mortgage is only allowed to be registered by financial institutions for quick recovery of loans upon default by the borrower.

Practically, third party mortgage is a triplicate transaction involving the borrower, the mortgagor and the lender or mortgagee. Third party is different from indemnity agreement because in third party duty of the mortgagee or the lender is not to compel the mortgagor to pay the outstanding sum of money as required in the indemnity agreement but only to inform the mortgagor of the borrower's default.

Therefore, upon expiration of certain period of time, the lender enforces its rights based on the terms and conditions available in the deed of transfer. Upon being informed, the owner of the mortgaged property has the right to clear the outstanding loan or opt to enter into mutual understanding with the lender to clear the debt or whatever they agree on while in indemnity agreement all the parties are responsible for clearing the debt.

An arrangement between a borrower and a mortgagor whose title deed is used to secure the loan advanced to the former has nothing to do with the lender or mortgagee.

We have been experiencing situations whereby when a lender commences recovery processes such as auctioning the third party mortgaged property, various unwarranted arguments arise from the owner such as breach of some agreed terms between them and the borrower.

Unfortunately, at that stage, such arrangements are time-barred. What the third party is required to do is to allow the lender to exercise the right of recovery or to clear the debt and proceed with enforcement of those rights against the borrower and not the lender who is a stranger to their arrangement.

There are some rights of the owner of the right of occupancy in third party mortgage. First, right of redemption of the property. Issuing a property to secure loan advanced to someone does not mean absolute transfer of ownership. Rather, the mortgagor can redeem his or her property once the entire money and its interest is paid in full pursuant to agreement or early payment can also make the property be redeemed before lapse of the agreed time. Right of redemption is available at any time upon full payment of the advanced money and its interest therein.

Second is right to be given notice of

default. As explained above, the third party is not an integral part of the contract of borrowing who can monitor day to day activities of the borrower's account. Rather, his or her role is only to issue property to secure the loan advanced with condition of redeeming the same once the same is paid in full.

So, since he or she is not in day to day operation and correspondences between the borrower and lender, then once default has occurred, he or she has the right to be given notice of default with a time provided to rectify be situation before commencement of remedies available in the deed of mortgage. The law requires 60 day notice of default to be given.

Third, recovery from the third party is limited to the third party mortgage property offered only. In the event the lender managed to recover less money in the auction, the recovery cannot be extended to other properties of the third party.

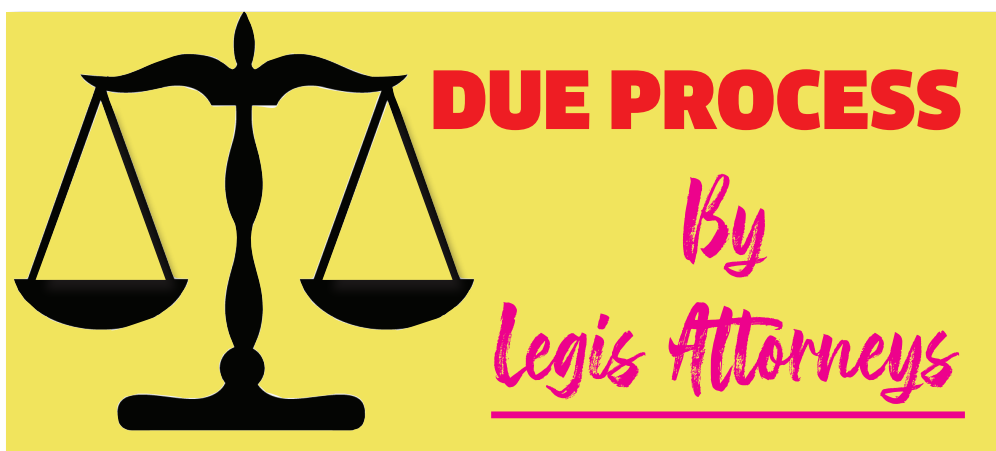
But on the other side, the same can be extended to the borrower's other properties but subject to court order which may permit the lender to do the same or in the indemnity agreement. It is a matter of law that liability of the third party mortgage is limited to such property so once the same is sold, his or her involvement in the matter ends.

Fourth is the right to be paid excess money after the sell of the mortgaged property. When the mortgaged property is sold and proceeds realized exceed the outstanding amount required to be paid, then the balance shall be refunded to the owner of the property.

Five is the tight to be involved in any variation of the terms of the loan granted. It is a matter of contractual principle that mortgaged property is subject to loan advanced between the borrower and the lender. Therefore, any variations of terms and conditions in the loan agreement without involving the owner of the property have the effect of completely discharging the property from that transaction and the third party from any liability.

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By Juressa Lee

STORMS fuelled by climate crisis have hit New Zealand hard this year. In January, we suffered unprecedented extreme weather and flooding, followed by Cyclone Gabrielle in February - the worst storm in 55 years - which triggered a national state of emergency. In total, we had 5.5 times more rain than Auckland summers typically receive.

In the aftermath, we saw first-hand one of the causes of the climate crisis: single-use plastic. Te Wai reā, a popular Auckland park, was covered with single-use plastic pollution.

Each stage in the life-cycle of plastic, from production to disposal, fuels the climate crisis - 99% of plastics are made from fossil fuels, and corporations keep making more. According to the Minderoo Foundation, annual greenhouse gas emissions from single-use plastics in 2021 exceeded the total annual emissions of the United Kingdom.

I am tangata whenua (indigenous to Aotearoa New Zealand) and tangata Moana (indigenous to the Pacific). What I call home is more ocean than it is

## We need binding global treaty to end the age of plastic

**Big consumer goods companies, in league with the fossil fuel industry, produce more and more plastic, reaping the profits while disregarding the cost and damages to the climate, environment and people. Credit: Albert Oppong-Ansah/IPS.**



land, and this ocean is our livelihood. It provides our traditional diet and is a rich source of the stories of our existence. Each Pacific island nation ties to the next through our ancestors' great migration across the ocean by their navigational skills.

On the east coast of New Zealand's North Island, heavy rainfall floods the waterways and plastic waste hits the beaches and the waters where locals spend a good chunk of their lives, where they fish and gather food. And

every time, they clean up that trash. No one wants to see pollution in places that they have held sacred for many generations.

Communities on the frontlines of any part of the plastic lifecycle, from oil extraction to trash dumps and everywhere in between, are hit with a trifecta of injustice: plastic pollution, social injustice, and the climate crisis. The plastic deluge that is left after every climate-crisis-fuelled storm only reinforces this point.

Right now, nothing is

being done 'upstream' to stem the flow of plastic so 'downstream' action - as effective as an ambulance at the bottom of a cliff - is all that local communities can do.

In Paris this month, governments from all over the world will meet to continue negotiating a Global Plastics Treaty - a once-in-a generation opportunity. An effective treaty must reduce plastic production and prioritize protecting biodiversity, safeguarding the climate and ensuring a just transi-

tion to a low-carbon, reuse-based economy.

Instead, big consumer goods companies, in league with the fossil fuel industry, produce more and more plastic, reaping the profits while disregarding the cost and damages to the climate, environment and people.

This is where we draw a line in the sand - a treaty that does not stop runaway plastic production and use is bound to fail.

Consider the Cook Islands, where my mother's parents were raised and

married. The way of life has been transformed from a traditional one of circularity and living gently with the land, to one where consumer products - much of it in plastic packaging - have been pushed upon our people since colonisation.

The islands, surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, are now filling up with so much plastic that some might reluctantly feel there are just two options, burn it or bury it. Burning would accelerate the climate crisis and rising sea

levels, and there is no land on the islands for bottomless landfills.

Coca-Cola, the world's worst plastic polluter for five years now according to the Break Free from Plastic brand audits, sells their products in plastic bottles in small island nations without any recycling infrastructure or product stewardship. Coke sells over 100 billion bottles each year and is one of the wealthiest fast-moving consumer goods brands in the world, yet its single-use plastic packaging wreaks havoc on the environment.

In the Global South, single-use sachets that contain only enough product for one serving from consumer goods conglomerates like Unilever and Nestle, flood some regions, especially during the regular typhoon season. In 2020, the CEO of Unilever expressed his interest stop selling sachets, yet, since then, Unilever has lobbied against sachet bans in India, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka.

The treaty negotiations so far have seen New Zealand push for an ambitious position that will keep oil and gas in the

ground, stop the relentless production and use of plastic, and ensure a just transition to a low-carbon, zero-waste economy with leadership and expertise from indigenous and most affected communities. In the next round of talks, we need to lift the ambitions of other member states.

My ancestors shared a deep connection with Papat nuku (our Earth mother) and our well-being is interdependent. We don't see ourselves as being separate from nature. This indigenous worldview can lead treaty negotiations, creating systems that are less demanding of our planet and value nature over profit.

A Global Plastics Treaty can stop plastic production at the source and deliver a cleaner, safer planet for us and future generations. Governments need to step up to this moment and not let it go to waste.

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# Digital equality key for girls to reshape the future of artificial intelligence

By Diana Gutierrez



A FEW weeks ago we celebrated the Girls in ICT Day and I am wondering how can we keep moving the digital equality needle so that more women out of the 259 million that are disconnected today can log in and become creators and not only beneficiaries in the digital economy?

Digital technologies have permeated virtually every essential aspect of our lives. From the news we hear first thing in the morning, to school homework and connecting with our friends and family.

In just a matter of days after its launch Chat GPT had more than one million visitors and now is attracting close to 100 million users monthly. A few weeks ago, a group of industry leaders wrote an open letter to put a temporary halt to AI development for at least six months. They argue that AI technologies should be deployed under strict regulatory frameworks, be public and verifiable, just as medicines and vaccines are developed and released.

Undoubtedly AI and machine learning are a double edged-sword.

On the one hand, these technologies can help combat climate change. Agronovate in Nigeria designed a smart storage device which keeps fruits and vegetables fresh. In Morocco, Atlan Space is using AI to pilot drones collecting data and conducting surveillance missions to track environmental crimes. While in the Sahel region herders are using AI and satellite data to feed livestock with a pastoral surveillance system.

AI is also fighting the backlash against gender equality.

UNDP is using AI-based algorithms in Uruguay, the Philippines, Uganda and Colombia, to track social media, monitor gender hate speech and send signals to governments and civil society organizations.

It's to protect women's rights defenders, women

**We need to push for digital equality so that more women out of the 259 million that are disconnected today can become creators and not only beneficiaries in the digital economy. Credit: UNDP South Sudan**

politicians and women journalists who are increasingly experiencing cyberbullying and other forms of digital violence including doxing, trolling and flaming.

But AI has also a dark side that can deepen inequalities and cause harm, most notably for women. Women are increasingly exposed and entrapped by AI that produces deep fakes or digital images and audio that are artificially altered or manipulated by AI and deep learning to make someone do or say something they did not actually do or say. Consequences can be devastating. In early March hundreds of sexual deepfake ads flooded Facebook and Instagram using Emma Watson's face, a British actor and women's rights advocate.

It is undeniable that gender biases are reproduced by AI technologies whose algorithms are trained by biased programmers shaped by discriminatory social norms, and this can have adverse results for example

when women apply to credits that are awarded with AI-based credit scoring applications, or when they apply to a job that is typically done by men.

For better or for worse AI will shape the future of our world and we have not only to harness its power, but also to make sure we protect the furthest behind from potential adverse effects.

**Here are some clues to achieve it.**

First, we need robust legislative and regulatory frameworks capable of holding big tech companies accountable.

Second, tech companies need to further commit to addressing hate speech and gendered violence and keeping their platforms safe for everyone. Globally, 38 percent of women - that is close to one in four - have experienced online violence. The statistics are appalling and big tech companies, including Google, Amazon, Apple, Meta and Microsoft, need to be more re-

sponsible and accountable.

Third, the design of digital products including AI-based algorithms and the way they are trained must be gender equal by design and be guided by digital ethics principles. Technologies should be designed with users and address privacy and security, ensuring all people, but especially women and gender-based marginalized populations to be protected in digital spaces.

And fourth, we need more diversity in the tech industry. Big technology companies are making slow, but steady progress in increasing women's participation not only across the career ladder, but also in technical roles. Large global technology firms, on average, reached nearly 33 percent overall female representation in their workforces and 25 percent in technical roles in 2022. Still a long way to go.

Digital innovation can be truly a game changer in our modern world and there's so much female potential and tal-

ent out there to flip the script. Young innovators are already helping to redraw the future of AI with solutions that are addressing today's most pressing problems.

UNDP firmly believes that women tech founders' tailored support, dedicated acceleration programmes and increased access to capital is needed now more than ever. So we're supporting thousands of women across the globe with flagship programmes such as the Arab Women Innovators Programme or the BOOST Women Innovators Programme in Europe and Central Asia.

Look at some of the most amazing stories of young women innovators supported by UNDP that are spearheading the field of AI for good.

Samar Hamdy (Egypt), co-founder of DevisionX and developer of Tuba.ai, a platform to label, train data and deploy AI-based applications with zero code; Mariam Torosyan (Armenia), CEO and founder

of SafeYou, a mobile application designed to reduce gender-based violence through safety and community functions; Sara Saeed (Pakistan) CEO and co-founder of Sehat Kahani, a telehealth platform that connects a network of predominantly female health professionals to patients using a telemedicine application that allows real time and instant chat/audio/video doctor consultation, e-diagnostics, e-pharmacy, and health counselling; or Salua García (Colombia), co-founder of Symplifica, a tech startup with a mobile app that facilitates the formalization of domestic workers.

Let's keep supporting girls in ICT, those young innovators that are redrawing the future of AI and bringing digital equality closer.

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# AfDB driving innovation to scale up climate adaptation

By Special Correspondent

**I**NNOVATIVE approaches and solutions will be critical to scale up adaptation efforts across the African continent. This includes the African Development Bank (AfDB)-supported Adaptation Benefit Mechanism and the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Programme. The latter is a joint initiative between the Bank and the Global Center on Adaptation.

This assertion was made clear in a panel discussion on May 26, hosted by the AfDB during its 2023 Annual Meetings in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. The panel of experts highlighted Africa's urgent need to implement measures to drive climate adaptation, while also stressing a number of obstacles, including the difficulty of measuring and monetizing adaptation efforts.

Speakers included representatives of the African Development Bank, development partners, and development beneficiaries.

AfDB Vice President for Power, Energy, Climate & Green Growth, Kevin Kariuki, said climate investments favored climate mitigation over adaptation, but that this was not to Africa's benefit.

Kariuki said: "Many adaptation projects are small-scale and context specific. The micro, small and medium enterprises that would implement these projects are unable to access the international private funds because they lack collateral or expertise to apply."

Climate adaptation projects typically yield little cash flow, although they deliver hard-to-monetize public goods. "The donor community has been seeking adaptation metrics to drive efficiency and enhance support, but alas, the metrics for adaptation do not exist today," Kariuki added.

Under the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism, development partners, consumers, funds and philanthropists will sign purchase agreements for Certified Adaptation Benefits. Project developers will use these as collateral to raise private sector debt, equity and in-kind contributions.

Adaptation Benefit Mechanism projects will also incorporate an approved methodology defining the expected adaptation benefits and enabling certification of outcomes that lead to the achievement of desired impacts. The program was launched in a pilot phase in 2019, and two pilot projects are under development: one for climate resilient cocoa in Côte d'Ivoire, and another for rapid deployment of dams to counter flooding in Lagos, Nigeria.

Highlighting that the Bank has a number of live adaptation initiatives which are ready to receive contributions, African Development Bank Manager Gareth Phillips said the Bank was working to raise as much as \$50 million in funding to capitalize a new fund, tentatively named the "African Adaptation Benefit Fund," which is expected to be launched at the next

global climate summit (COP28) this November. The funds will be used to purchase Certified Adaptation Benefits to kick-start the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism and will also provide technical assistance and support the operation of the Mechanism's Executive Committee and establishment of a secretariat.

Charles Nhemachena, the Global Center on Adaptations Acting Regional Director for Africa, said the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program is working to mobilize \$25 billion over five years to accelerate and scale climate adaptation action across the African continent. He said that over the last two years, the program had "influenced more than \$5 billion worth of downstream investments that had been supported through the upstream facility. One example is the African Development Bank's Banjul port project in The Gambia, for which the upstream facility had provided climate risk testing.

Development partners and beneficiaries of African Development Bank initiatives to drive climate adaptation took part in a second panel discussion. They included Daouda Ndiaye, Manager for Climate and Environment at the Islamic Development Bank and a member of the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism's Executive

Committee; Phil Stevens, Alternate United Kingdom Governor of the African Development Bank's Board; Adama Kone, African Development Bank Executive Director for Côte d'Ivoire; and Margaret Kuhlow, a United States Treasury Deputy Assistant Secretary.

Stevens said the new Climate Action Window of the African Development Fund—the Bank's concessional lending arm—had created an opportunity for private investors to channel funds for climate adaptation.

During the African Development Bank Group's Annual Meetings, the United Kingdom announced the launch of two projects under its "Room to Run" guarantee program, a \$2 billion guarantee provided to the Bank. The guarantee will allow the Bank to provide an additional \$2 billion of climate finance to Africa by 2027, with a 50-50 split between climate adaptation and mitigation.

Kuhlow said that people usually think of energy when they hear the word "climate," but that in many parts of the world, climate means water: too much or too little. She said the United States was committed to the adaptation agenda, with its efforts in Africa channeled through the African Development Bank via the African Development Fund.



(From left) AfDB VP Kevin Kariuki, GCA Acting Africa Regional Director Charles Nhemachena, AfDB Director Anthony Nyong and AfDB Manager Gareth Phillips during a session on the Adaptation Benefits Mechanism

Kuhlow explained that President Joe Biden's administration had launched the President's Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience (PREPARE). She said its goal was to extend assistance to 500 million of the world's most vulnerable people. She added that the Biden administration had also committed to support the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism in its 2023/2024 budget.

The African Development Bank is a pioneer among global multilateral development banks in terms of the share of its climate financing that goes to climate adaptation. Its climate adaptation funding increased from 49% in 2018 to 55% in 2019 and 63% in 2020.



**Tender No. S-SRBC/SRBDP/2021/2022/G/01B**

For

**SUPPLY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS- MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR WATER MONITORING (HYDROLOGICAL) EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED GADGETS**

**Invitation for Tenders**

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

- The **Joint Songwe River Basin Commission** (hereinafter called "Client" or "Beneficiary" has received financing from Global Environment Facility (GEF) through African Development Bank in the form of a "grant" toward the cost of **Strengthening Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Songwe River Basin (STCINRMSRB) Project** and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to cover eligible payments under the contract for supply of **construction materials, water monitoring (Hydrological) equipment and associated gadgets**
- The Joint Songwe River Basin Commission now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers of supply of water monitoring (Hydrological) equipment and associated gadgets
- Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the Public Procurement Regulations, 2013 - Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016, and is open to all Tenderers as defined in the Regulations.
- Interested eligible Tenders may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the **the Joint Songwe River Basin Commission, P.O.BOX 300, Kyela by facsimile + 255 25 2957412, or by E-mail : [joshuandabiti@yahoo.com](mailto:joshuandabiti@yahoo.com)** and copy to [hydesibande@gmail.com](mailto:hydesibande@gmail.com) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm EAT on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in in English and additional sets may be Obtained by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above
- All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Securing Declaration in the format provided in the Tendering Documents.
- All tenders in one original plus Two Copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address **the Joint Songwe River Basin Commission, P.O.BOX 300, Kyela nearby Kyela Resort Hotel** at or before 16th June 2023 at 9:00am EAT. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the Extension Office Conference Room
- Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

**ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
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**TANZANIA PETROL STATIONS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (TAPSOA)**

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**NOTISI YA MKUTANO MKUU WA WANACHAMA WA TAPSOA**

Kwa wajumbe wote wa Mkutano Mkuu wa Wanachama wa TAPSOA 2023.  
Ndugu Mwanachama,

**HII NI TAARIFA RASMI KWAMBA;**

Mkutano Mkuu wa wanachama wa TAPSOA utafanyika siku ya Jumamosi tarehe 1 mwezi wa 7 mwaka 2023 kuanzia saa nane Alasiri mpaka saa kumi na moja jioni katika ukumbi wa Mikutano wa Kimataifa wa Julius Nyerere (JNICC), uliopita mtaa wa Shaaban Robert, Dar es salaam, Tanzania.

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  - Wageni waalikwa
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- Taarifa ya mpango kazi mwaka 2024
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Sajili ushiriki wako kupitia barua pepe [floratapsoa@gmail.com](mailto:floratapsoa@gmail.com) au namba 0712 448033 kabla ya tarehe 20/06/2023.

Ikumbukwe kwamba, Wanachama waliokamilisha vigezo vya uanachama kama inavyoeleza Katiba ndio watako kuwa na haki ya kuudhuria mkutano huu.

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TAPSOA - Katibu Mkuu Taifa**



# Kenyan scientist's trend-setting research into health benefits of snails

By Wilson Odhiambo

SNAILS and slime are usually followed by the thought 'EWW!' from most people, some might even scream at seeing a snail near them.

For Dr Paul Kinoti, however, these slimy creatures could earn him international recognition because his research on snails landed his institution, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), a Ksh. 127 million (USD 1 million) grant.

The grant, awarded by the Cherasco Institute of Snail Breeding, Italy, is expected to fund a two-phase research project to produce cough syrup meant for children under five.

As a lecturer at JKUAT's Horticulture and Food Security department, Kinoti has specialized in non-conventional farming systems for over a decade.

Non-conventional farming is a system that employs modified/unique farming methods in crop and animal production. Kinoti has been researching insects and worms (vermiculture), concentrating on how they add value to supplement crop and livestock production.

According to Kinoti, snails are already associated with a wide variety of products, including animal feeds, skin care products, pharmaceuticals, and fertilizer.

"My research focuses

on unique farming methods that farmers are not used to, including rearing insects and worms as a source of livestock feed and fertilizer for plants. I keep black soldier flies and worms which are a major source of proteins for livestock, especially for poultry and fish," Kinoti explained to IPS.

And as a food security specialist, one of his goals is to encourage people to include snails in their diet, given that it is rich in proteins and iron.

"Lack of awareness is the main reason why Kenyans do not see snails as a source of food for themselves, and getting them to accept it will be a difficult task. This is why we are using a simpler approach by encouraging farmers to take up snail farming to get used to the idea of having snails around them," he told IPS.

Across the globe, majorly in Asia, parts of Europe, and West Africa, snails are a known delicacy.

The snail products are currently being manufactured within JKUAT, where, through training, they have engaged local farmers to supply them with snail slime (mucin). The institution offers these farmers short, three-day courses on how to rear snails and extract their slime, which they later sell to the institution for profit.

"We are grateful to the institution for opening our minds to an opportunity that has become



Dr Paul Kinoti at the JKUAT snail farm, where he is researching the potential of snail slime cough syrup. Credit: Wilson Odhiambo/IPS

quite lucrative. Most of the people in Kiambu County are either full-time farmers or have a piece of land somewhere that they have put aside for farming activities, making this a good source of extra income. Snail farming is new to us. Most would never even have considered practicing it due to the culture that we have grown up with," said Antony Njoroge, one of the local farmers who now farms snails.

During his PhD studies in Austria, Kinoti was introduced to snail farming by his host, a snail farmer.

"When I came back, I realized that snail farming was still alien to Kenya, and rather

than just focus on rearing the snails, I decided to research their value addition for farming. It is from this that I was able to come up with different products such as fertilizer, animal feeds, and skin care products," Kinoti told IPS. The products have been certified by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) and are already in the market.

The idea for the cough syrup did not come about until 2019, when Kinoti conducted field research on snails in Kumasi, Ghana. His visit happened to be during the flu season, where he was surprised at the strange concoctions that parents were using

as remedy for their children who were coughing.

"I noticed that rather than being given ginger or lemon tea that most of us are used to when someone gets the flu, their parents were collecting snail slime and mixing it with some bit of honey which they gave the children as a remedy," Kinoti explained to IPS. This idea stuck in my mind, and when I came back, I decided to do more research on it.

The project's first phase, which is meant to take two years, will involve identifying the best snail species for production and research on snail slime while encouraging farmers to breed them.

The second phase will be manufacturing and producing the cough syrup once it has been approved by the Kenya Food and Drug Authority (KFDA).

The snail species commonly used for slime production is the African giant land snail (*Achatina Fulica*), which produces up to 4 milliliters of slime per snail. It takes about 250 of these giant snails to make a liter of slime, extracted once weekly.

The *Achatina Fulica* is native to East Africa, where its origin can be traced to Kenya and Tanzania. Across the globe, it is regarded as an invasive species due to its ability to produce colonies from a single female. It feeds in large quantities and is a carrier for plant pathogens, making it a pest to farmers when it invades their farms. It has spread across the globe through exportation to Europe and Asia as a delicacy, being bought into those areas as a pet or by accidental transportation when it latches on to something.

The project involves a number of experts (mainly within the university) from different departments to help oversee its success. These experts include animal scientists, food scientists, health scientists, and other technical staff who help run the snail farm.

It also works in conjunction with other major institutions such as the Kenya National Museum, whose work is to help them identify the best type of snails for slime production, and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), which is the

main stakeholder and body that provides them with the license they need to carry out snail farming in Kenya.

As a conservation measure, the snails are not supposed to be harmed during the slime extraction, which makes it a delicate process that involves using citric acid, and the extraction is only done once a week.

Once successful, the cough syrup is expected to help lower the cost of importation since everything will be manufactured locally, thus helping save a lot of money. The farmers are also excited that they no longer have to rely on expensive fertilizer and animal feeds from the government, which has always made their input expensive while giving them little returns.

As a delicacy, snails are primarily spotted in high-end hotels that are mostly visited by foreigners and tourists.

"Growing up, the one memory I had about snails from my biology lessons was that they caused bilharzia, which made me dislike them. Today, I am one of the suppliers of snail meat to some big hotels in Nairobi and Mombasa," says Brian Wandera, a local businessman from Nairobi. "It is amazing what knowledge can do."

"I buy the snails from the farmers in Kiambu and sell them to the hotels at a profit. Locally, Kenyans are yet to adopt snail meat as a source of food," he added.

The grant is also expected to help empower women and the youth by providing them with employment opportunities through training on snail farming, according to Kinoti, an investment of Ksh. 20,000 (USD 190) can earn a snail farmer between Ksh. 50,000 (USD 450) and 100,000 (USD 950) monthly once the snails start to produce their slime, usually at four months. The slime is categorized into three grades which are sold at different prices.

"We buy the slime from the farmers at a fee of Ksh. 1200 (USD 11) per liter for grade A slime, Ksh. 850 (USD 8) per liter for grade B slime and Ksh. 650 (USD 6) for grade C slime," Kinoti concluded.

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# NEW 42BN/- FIVE-STAR PROPERTY FOR SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

By Guardian Reporter, Serengeti

Serengeti National Park is bracing to host a new five-star hotel, thanks to a local investor for committing 42bn/- (US\$18 million) in developing the luxurious tourist property.

The 75-lavish rooms, Lake Magadi Serengeti hotel on a hill, set to open doors early 2024, will offer the high-end holiday-makers stunning views of the wildlife sanctuary to make true the country's catchphrase of Tanzania unforgettable.

The Wellworth Hotels and Lodges Ltd, Managing Director, Zulfikar Ismail said that the ambitious tourist property near the alkaline lake, the first of its kind in central Serengeti, once is complete towards the end of this year, will create 180 job opportunities for Tanzanians.

"Apart from business value, the whole idea of building a most luxurious hotel in Serengeti, is to complement the government efforts to unlock the full potential of leisure travel," explained Ismail.

He further said that owing to the successful Royal Tour Film directed by the President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, in commanding influx of tourists across the world and the Chama Cha Mapinduzi's manifesto that eyes to attract five million tourists, there's a need



Architectural design of planned five-star Lake Magadi Serengeti Hotel

to have top quality accommodation facilities to cater for them.

"So our investment as Tanzanians, among others, intends to complement efforts by the government under President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan in stimulating tourism growth to achieve five million tourists and \$6.6 billion earning in 2025" Mr. Ismail noted.

Billed to be one of the world's exclusive

and luxurious hotel with an array of leisure ambiance, the Lake Magadi Serengeti promises the ultimate African accommodation experience for high-end tourists, while viewing bigger game around the hotel.

The Wellworth Hotels and lodges Ltd, is one of the prominent company running a number of top-notch hotels namely Kunduchi Beach Hotel, Zanzibar Beach Resort,

Tarangire Kuro Tree Tops Lodge, Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge, Ngorongoro Mountain Lodge in Karatu and Oleserai Luxury camps in Serengeti.

Commenting on the project, Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) said the Wellworth Hotels & Lodges Limited has been allocated the area, through an official letter TNP/HQ/P.30/17 dated on June 04, 2015.

The statement signed by the Senior Conservation Officer, Corporate and Public Affairs Manager, Catherine Mbena indicates that the wellworth Hotels & Lodges Ltd, was awarded an area at Lake Magadi Serengeti for the purpose of establishing a top quality lodge after fulfilling all the requirements.

The custodian of 22 National Parks said that the local investor has followed all the laid-down procedures and that the property currently under construction, has ticked all boxes as far as park and the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC)'s regulations are concerned.

"The investor has been acquired a property clearance certificate number EC/EIS/2435 issued by the NEMC in May 16, 2016, after having successfully undergone through Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)" TANAPA said in a statement on Wednesday evening.

## Local government authorities declare TCB Bank as their preferred financier

By Guardian Reporter

THE Association of Local Government Authorities Tanzania (ALAT) has said it will continue working with Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) as financier of its different activities, through a synergistic collaboration.

Speaking on the sidelines of this year's ALAT annual congress early this week in Arusha, which TCB supported the event with a package of 100mn/-, local governments leaders expressed readiness to do business with the state lender, saying they fully support the long overdue strategic formation.

The ALAT fraternity vowed to forge commercial and developmental ties with TCB after its Chief Executive Officer Sabasaba Moshingi made an impressive presentation of the lender's operational and fiscal credentials on day one of the 37th annual general assembly of the local governments bloc.

"TCB is a bank that the whole country should support and help to grow because it an indigenous national bank," Habili Charles Maseke, the chairman of Kibondo District Council emphatically stated.

"In other words, it is the bank for all us Tanzanians in which the government is the majority shareholder with an 83 percent ownership stake on behalf of the people," the leader from Kigoma Region added noting that it only needs to enhance its strategic positioning in the market."

Speaking during the event, Moshingi said with its 82 outlets across the country, TCB has the third most extensive branch network with outlets in all regions and many districts, which are supported by over 5,000 agents and 86 ATMs for convenient service of the 184 ALAT members and the people they serve.

"We are very good in collection services and specialised lending whereby so far we have extended loans worth over 60bn/- to women and youth groups," Moshingi noted when outlining the benefits the LGAs will get from the partnership and its digital finance status.

The seasoned banker said services pioneered in the country by the bank include agency and mobile banking, which have been decisive in advancing the national financial inclusion agenda. Others are Western Union money transfers and lending to retirees through the Wastaafu Loans Scheme.

The presentation also showed that the other TCB shareholders are Tanzania Post Corporation whose stake is eight per cent as well as the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar with three per cent of all shares.

The other owners of the bank are Posta na Simu Saccos (3 percent), PSSSF (2 percent) and WCF (1 percent).

"Supporting TCB is supporting the government and enabling it to raise the funds it requires providing social services and financing development projects," councillor Halima Mchoma from Nanyumbu District Council emphasized.

The leader of Kaskazini A District Council in Zanzibar, Mr Mchano Fadhil Babra was moved the most by the bank's 97 years' experience in the market.

He urged all districts, towns, municipalities and city councils that are yet to start doing business with TCB to start doing so, because the benefits of doing that are many and of national interest.

# CRDB Bank heightens financing to women miners

By Guardian Reporter

Women miners who want to develop their projects will have no worry for financing, after CRDB Bank announced that doors are open for them to access funding through the newly introduced iMbeju programme, targeting to provide seed capital for women and youths.

The bank said has so far provided credits amounting 67bn/- to mining sector during the first quarter of this year, and the door is currently open for women miners.

The call was made by the director of CRDB Bank Foundation managing director Tully Mwambapa during the minerals exhibitions held in Lindi, which specifically involved women miners from across the country.

"CRDB Bank is the major stakeholder of mining sector. From January to March this year we have

issued credits amounting 67bn/- on mining alone. I congratulate Tanzania Women Miners Association (Tawoma) for organising this exhibition which is specifically targeting to create opportunities for women in southern regions of Tanzania, mainly Lindi. These efforts stimulate the participation of Tanzanians in mining strategic minerals such as Graphite, which are found in Ruangwa district," she said.

Earlier last year, CRDB Bank entered an agreement with State Mining Company (Stamico) to support small scale miners through providing credits to improve their mining activities, and during the first quarter of this year, the bank has extended financing amounting 6bn/- to small scale miners.

She said the bank is not only targeting women miners, but also empower-



Ruangwa district commissioner Hassan Nasoro Ngoma (R) shakes hand CRDB Bank Foundation managing director Tully Mwambapa at mining exhibition held in Lindi Region recently. Left is Tanzania Women Miners Association chairperson Palina Ninja. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

ing women through CRDB Bank Foundation's iMbeju programme, considering that the social group has special needs.

Until May 26th, CRDB Bank Foundation through its iMbeju programme, has reached a total of 10,238 women by offering financial education and seed capitals to improve their

business activities as well as capacity building training on insurance, business management, market access, business formalization and other financial and business skills.

"These efforts of reaching women are ongoing in different regions of Tanzania and I am happy that through Lindi exhibi-

tion, we have managed to empower women in the region to emancipate them economically and stimulate the regional and national economy," Tully said.

Tawoma chairperson Palina Ninja said if banks will provide financing to their activities, the economies of many families will

improve and reduce poverty.

"If a woman has sufficient income, the family economy will grow. We ask for commercial banks to easy loans issuing requirements to enable more women to borrow. The trustiness of a woman in loan repayment is well known. Mining sector has a lot of opportunity in reducing poverty is many women will participate," she said.

The Ruangwa district commissioner, Hassan Ngoma said the government is continuing to improve business environment to ensure that entrepreneurs are benefiting from various opportunities to stimulate economic growth.

"In order to increase access to capital, the government is continuing to create friendly policies that will easy access to credits," he said.

# Tanzania hotels, lodges, safari camps to benefit from IFC financing scheme

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania's hotel, lodge and safari camps operators will benefit from International Finance Corporation (IFC) financing commitment announced US\$13 million investment in the African Community Conservation and Tourism Fund (ACCT Fund) for Sub-Saharan Africa.

The international financial institution has participated in the final closing of the \$70 million African Conservation and Community Tourism Fund.

The announced investment will alleviate the short- to medium-term financial stress of ecotourism businesses in Eastern and Southern Africa, specifically safari camp, hotel, and lodge operators in Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zambia, who are facing liquidity shortages.

"IFC's investment in the ACCT

Fund will help financially affected ecotourism businesses to preserve jobs and contribute to the local economy. The partnership aligns with IFC's strategy to support the revival of domestic and regional tourism markets, and to use a blend of financing tools to support countries' development priorities," said Sérgio Pimenta, IFC Vice President for Africa.

The African Conservation and Community Tourism Fund was set up in 2021, amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Based in Luxembourg, but investing in sub-Saharan Africa, it aims to provide flexible loans to ecotourism businesses that operate in conservation areas in Sub-Saharan Africa and are affected by this health crisis.

To date, the fund has completed its final closing, raising nearly \$70 million from several international financial institutions. The IFC participated by committing

\$13 million. It committed 27 percent of its capital to tourism operators in Botswana, Kenya, and Tanzania.

Several other potential investments are currently being developed in Southern and East Africa.

Initial loans from the ACCT fund have helped companies to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and to renovate and develop their conservation management activities in protected areas.

The fund will also support operators who can channel significant financial flows toward conservation activities in natural landscapes and for the benefit of wildlife.

The ACCT Fund is an innovative collaboration that adopts an impact-first approach to demonstrate how driving sustainable investment into the conservation tourism sector can benefit some



Tanzania's safari lodge & camp

of the continent's most ecologically important landscapes and their surrounding communities.

While tourism numbers have rebounded, the sector has not yet fully recovered, and the ACCT Fund now encompasses a more holistic focus on sustainable expansion of conservation tourism operations into

high-value conservation areas, in order to catalyze incremental conservation and community impact.

The ACCT Fund's first six loans have helped portfolio companies retain over 1,000 jobs across 35 camps, driving \$1.3 million into local economies through salaries and other channels.



# WHY 20PC BUDGETARY ALLOCATION ON EDUCATION VITAL IN ADDRESSING VARIOUS CHALLENGES IN SECTOR

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

The government has been advised to allocate at least 20 percent of its national budget as per the Incheon Declaration to address the many challenges faced by this sector.

Declaration signatories are urged to commit 4-6 percent of their Gross domestic product or 15-20 percent of their public expenditures to improving the status of education in their respective countries.

The main presenter during Policy Forum's Breakfast Debate, Research and Policy Analyst from HakiElimu, Makumba Mwemezi, said that the proposed Education Sector Budget FY 2023/24 of 5.95trn/- is only 13.4 percent of projected national budget - 44.4trn/- - does not align to the Incheon Declaration.

"One of the key recommendations contained in the Incheon Declaration regards funding for education. The signatories are urged to commit 4-6 percent of their Gross domestic product or 15-20 percent of their public expenditures to improving the status of education."

The breakfast debate took place over the weekend in Dar es Salaam, focused on "the National Education Budget for FY 2023/24 focusing on Securing Sustainable Development through Budget and Fiscal Reliability."

According to the Executive Budget Proposals FY 2023/24, the government's National Education Budget is projected at 5.95trn/- for Recurrent and Development expenses.

Again, the proposed Education Sector Budget FY 2023/24 is 72.2 percent of the Third Education Sector Development Plan [ESDP III] Education Budget FY 2023/24 - 8.13trn/-.

He said this is an increase of 3.9 percent from 5.73trn/- allocated in the FY 2022/23.

The budget allocation has slightly increased in the last three years, from 5.65trn/- FY 2021/22 to 5.95trn/- FY 2023/24 of which 3.59trn/- (60.3 percent) is recurrent expenditures and 2.36trn/- (39.7 percent) development expenditures.

The proportion allocation for recur-



Research and Policy Analyst of HakiElimu, Makumba Mwemezi

rent expenditures has dropped from 62.7 percent in FY 2022/23 while development budget proportion increased from 37.3 percent in the same FY.

He further said that the government has not been able to use much of its resources to fund the budgetary allocation of 20 percent as required by the Dakar Agreement 2000.

"Aligning budget with Incheon Declaration recommendations is paramount in addressing all the challenges facing the sector," he said.

Mwemezi noted "It is critically important for the government to allocate its national budget by following its guidelines and international agreement it has signed."

He has cautioned that we can have good plans, but they cannot be implemented over lack of the right budget.

Mwemezi further noted that, the current meager problems facing the education sector in the country was due to the low budget allocations, an aspect that many educational projects are not implemented as required on time and to the satisfaction.

He suggested that in order for the fee-

free education policy introduced by the fifth phase government to efficiently work, it needs to inject more funds in its 2023/24 budget, because the enrolment rate in both pre-primary and primary schools continued to shoot up because the move has encouraged many parents to send their children to school.

Mwemezi mentioned some of the priorities in the education sector budget 2023/24 include: Education and Training Policy (ETP 2014) Review and New Curriculum Development, improving education quality and enrolment at all, strengthening country capacity in researches, improving Primary Student Learning through - BOOST- 20.26bn/-, improving basic skills in literacy and numeracy for children aged 5 - 13 through Global Partnership for Education- Literacy and Numeracy Education Support (GPE-LANES II) - 1bn/-.

Also Secondary Education Quality Improvement through - Tanzania - Secondary Education Quality Improvement Project (SEQUIP)- 25.35bn/-; fee free education - purchasing books in secondary schools - 17.2bn/-.

Others are fee free basic-education -

399.64bn/- (157.79bn/- Primary Schools & 241.85bn/- for Secondary Schools (Increased by 53.15bn/- or 15.34 percent from 346.49bn/- allocated in FY 2022/23).

Higher Students Loan through HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS' LOANS BOARD - Tsh 738.73 billion; increasing from Tsh652.76 billion allocated FY 2022/23.

Meanwhile, Mwemezi has applauded the Six Phase Government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for increasing fee free education budget allocations for O-Levels from 364.2bn/- FY 2021/22 to almost 400bn/- FY 2023/24.

Likewise, for increasing the Higher Learning Students Loan Board budget from 570bn/- FY 2021/2022 to now almost 739bn/- FY 2023/2024; and for increasing daily subsistence allowance for Higher Learning Institutions Students from 8,500/- to 10,000/-.

However, he has mentioned some of the challenges as: Increased education needs like population increase by 37 percent to 61.7 million peoples in last ten years; form one students' enrolment has shot up from 780,376 in 2021 to 1,073,941 this year 2023 equivalent to 38 percent increase.

Retention and Transition rate increasing at all levels. A - Level performance for instance increased from 82,440 students in 2022 to 93,136 in 2023 (equivalent to 13 percent).

Higher Learning Institution intake/enrolment capacity has increased from 157,770 students in 2020/21 to 172,168 students in 2022/23 (equivalent to 9.1 percent).

On infrastructures, he said that according to BEST findings report of 2021; Student classroom ratio in primary schools was as follows: 1:74 instead of 1:45; In Primary classes the ratio is 1:75 instead of 1:40. Classroom deficit is 102,485 rooms as per The President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government Authority [PO-RALG] statistics 2022.

CAG report 2021/2022 to 45 audited LGAs indicated a deficit of 158,066 desks, 56,530 pit latrines, 35,684 teacher's houses and 27,316 classrooms for primary schools.

With regards to teachers' deficit,

(PO-RALG Budget speech 2022/2023) showed that primary schools had a deficit of 100,958 teachers (equivalent to 37 percent) while secondary schools had a deficit of 74,743 teachers (equivalent to 47 percent).

In 2023/24 - PO-RALG requested a permit to employ 13,130 teachers for both primary and secondary.

If 13,130 teachers will be employed in FY 2023/24, the gap will still be huge -162,571 for both primary and secondary schools.

He also suggested that there is a need to increase the capitation grants in schools because the current ones are outdated and inadequate.

Currently, it's 10,000/- per primary school student per year (with 4,000) retained at central government level for purchasing books.

25, 000/- per secondary school student per year (with 12,500) retained at central government level for laboratory equipment.

Currently public schools (majority) do not provide meals at schools. Sanitary pads budget - hardly included in schools' budget.

Mwemezi has therefore urged "Part of capitation grants should be used to send some food in schools."

For his part, an independent Advocacy Expert who was one of the participants during the debate James Mlali has urged the government to have a close eye on the public procurement department, saying there is a lot of embezzlement of public funds in this department.

Donat Shamba said that infrastructure improvement is one thing, what about the quality of teachers, quality of what they teach and produce. He has therefore urged the government that infrastructure improvement needs to go in line with having enough quality teachers.

One of the discussants Advocate Dominic Ndunguru has suggested that the government should ensure the education offered answers the challenges of the community. "The national budget needs to put more priority on people and not on material things."



A resident of Chamndindi Village in Nyang'oro Ward, Iringa District (2nd R), fetches water from a tap shortly after the launch of the 9bn/- project. Photo by Correspondent Friday Simbaya)

## Villagers get access to piped water since 1961

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

Villagers in Chamndindi Village, Nyang'oro Ward, in Iringa District, have for the first time since independent, get an access to safe and clean piped water.

Villagers said that since Tanganyika gained independence in 1961, they have been using salty waters from self-dug wells, as the village is located in semi-arid area. This was confirmed on Tuesday when the Secretary General of the Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Party Daniel Chongolo launched a newly 9bn/- constructed piped water project in the village.

The project which has been implemented by the Iringa Urban Water and Sanitation Au-

thority (IRUWASA) will benefit 58,000 people from 29 villages in the two District Councils of Kilolo and Iringa respectively.

"For many years we have been using water from wells whose water are salty, and if you use them in cooking, you have to use a lot of firewood to boil it, so that the salty stays on the bottom and if you don't do that, the food doesn't cook due to the actual condition of the water itself. We thank the government for hearing our cry for water..." said the people of Chamndindi Village.

During the 6-day visit, in Iringa region, where he addressed a public meeting in the village, CCM Secretary General Daniel Chongolo said the government is determined to deal with the concerns of the people as one

of its main goals.

Engineer Fabian Maganga who is the director of water distribution from IRUWASA said the acquisition of the project open the doors of stimulation of the economies of the people of Iringa and Kilolo districts.

He said that the Isimani-Kilolo water project aims to solve the challenge of water access, especially in the arid areas.

Eng. Maganga explained that the project is managed and funded by the government 100 percent at a cost of the 9.2bn/-, as the government has already provided 8bn/-.

The project which construction has reached 90 percent will be completed by the end of this month.

He said that the project is implemented in six wards where

four wards (Kising'a, Kihorogota, Malengamali and Nyang'oro) are in Iringa district (Isimani Constituency) and two wards (Lugalo and Irole) are in Kilolo District. "Citizens have been walking long distances and spending a lot of time looking for water," said Eng. Maganga

However, the General Secretary of the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Daniel Chongolo said Isimani and Kilolo, will be getting water at a distance of 400 meters and each station will serve no more than 250 citizens

Also, the project will improve the health services of the people of the villages of Isimani division and Kilolo as well as economic and employment opportunities for youth and women.

## Deloitte flags Adani ports deals

NEW YORK

Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd.'s auditor sounded a note of caution over insufficient disclosures around the company's transactions with certain entities, returning the spotlight to allegations made by short seller Hindenburg Research on Gautam Adani's (pictured) empire.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP raised concerns this week over the port unit's transactions with three entities, which the company said were unrelated parties.

But the auditor said it couldn't confirm that the parties were indeed unrelated, and that the firm has refused to get an independent external examination that would help prove so. It therefore signed off on the company's books only with what's called a "qualified opinion".

Noting that "the evaluation performed by the group does not constitute sufficient appropriate audit evidence for the purpose of the audit," Deloitte said that it can't comment if the company was fully compliant with local laws.

It's the first time that a top auditor has issued a qualified opinion on part of the port-to-power conglomerate's books citing allegations



from the US short seller report that has wiped more than \$100 billion off the group's market value. The move will renew concerns that information gaps persist in Adani's financial dealings, and risks hampering its attempts to move past Hindenburg's allegations of extensive corporate fraud.

"The qualified statement could be a dampener near term," Sanford C. Bernstein analysts Nikhil Nigania and Anusha Madireddy wrote in a Tuesday report on the stock.

One area highlighted by Hindenburg that's received attention is how parties like Adani's little-known elder brother, Vinod, is a director of several overseas firms which are either investors in or transact with

the conglomerate. The US shortseller characterized this as "a vast labyrinth of offshore shell entities" that moved billions of dollars into Adani firms without disclosure "of the related party nature of the deals."

The Adani Group has denied Hindenburg's allegations and has maintained it is fully compliant with disclosures required under Indian laws. It is awaiting findings of a probe by India's market regulator that needs to conclude by Aug. 14 deadline on any possible violations by the conglomerate. An expert panel appointed by India's top court this month found no regulatory failure or signs of price manipulation in the group's stocks in its interim report.



## CONSTRUCTION

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## MOST EFFECTIVE TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES IN CONSTRUCTION REVEALED

LONDON

**P**roject management software has proven to be the most effective technology purchase in construction.

That's according to a free new white paper examining construction professionals' attitudes to construction technology.

The wide-ranging report probed around 100 contractors, consultants, equipment manufacturers and others on their priorities for technology, their appetite for investment, the challenges in adopting technology, and the benefits they hope to realise.

Some 18 percent of respondents reported that project management software (other than BIM) was their most effective technology purchase, followed by 16 percent for BIM, 12 percent for autonomy or remote control, and 11 percent for machine control.

Despite the fact that they capture a considerable share of the headlines when it comes to construction technology, robotics, 3D-



printing and augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) technology were much further down the list.

This also demonstrated the fact that such technologies, although potentially transformative in the future, are still in their infancy and more expensive to implement.

However, respondents did show an interest in those technologies for the future. When it came to robotics, 10 percent of respondents

said they were potentially interested in investing in the future.

For 3D-printing, that figure was 6 percent, but for AR and VR it was just 2 percent. Those areas where respondents reported the most interest were in machine control (11 percent) and project management software (11 percent).

The figures come as construction professionals show a greater appetite and readiness to invest in technology.

More than two thirds of respondents (68.1 percent) said their budget for technology would be either the same as last year or increase. Nearly a quarter (22 percent) said the budget would be slightly higher, while 10 percent said it would be much higher.

Meanwhile construction professionals picked out four clear drivers for construction businesses to invest in digital technology.

They are increased productivity

and efficiency, reduced on-site risk and safety improvements.

Perhaps surprisingly though, they placed environmental social governance (ESG) last on their list of drivers for investment in technology. Carbon reduction also scored relatively low marks.

It wasn't clear if this was because of an unwillingness on the part of the construction industry to shoulder its climate change responsibilities, or the construction technology industry failing to send clear messages about the capacity of its solutions to help reduce emissions.

Among the challenges facing construction companies interested in scaling up their use of technology was finding staff with the required skills and background.

Nearly two thirds (61 percent) of respondents reported this to be a problem, compared to 26 percent who said they weren't having difficulty and 13 percent who didn't know.

The white paper attributed this to options for training or re-train-

ing in new technologies failing to keep pace with the rate of technology adoption.

It also suggested that people may still be unaware of technology-based career opportunities within the industry.

Commenting on the launch of the white paper, Construction Technology magazine editor Andy Brown said, "This lends credence to the widely held view that interest in investing in digital technology is growing."

"While interest in project management software and machine control largely matches the responses received in last year's survey, the growth in interest for robotics was something of a surprise, along with growing interest in digital twins."

"In an industry still being termed 'traditional' it would seem from this survey that the adoption of digital technology is well underway."

The 19-page white paper also explores: the rate of technology uptake, investment intentions, what technology is of most interest for the future, and obstacles to the adoption of new technology.

## Simba Cement bags Sh28bn contracts to export clinker

NAIROBI

Simba Cement, part of the businessman Narendra Raval's empire, has inked long-term contracts that will see it export up to Sh27.7 billion worth of clinker to the neighbouring countries annually.

The move comes ahead of the opening of the firm's West Pokot plant in August. The company has targeted regional markets of Rwanda, Uganda, and Burundi given the proximity of the new plant to these countries.

Raval told the Business Daily that the signing of the long supply deal has started with the neighbouring countries with the supply of 6,000 tonnes of clinker a day.

The West Pokot plant, said Mr Raval, will export 80 percent of the total production to the regional market.

"Currently we are exporting 20 percent of our production to these countries but we are now signing long-term contracts that will see us supply clinker worth \$200 million dollars (Sh27.7 billion) a year," he said.

He said these countries are already making orders because the



Devki Group of Companies chairman, Narendra Raval. FILE PHOTO | NMG

West Pokot plant is closer to them and it will make the cost of the commodity cheaper as compared to other markets where they are acquiring it currently.

The new plant will

pump into the country an additional 2.5 million tonnes of clinker, a key raw material in the manufacture of cement.

The commissioning of the plant will make Mr

Raval the largest producer of clinker in East Africa with the production of 7.5 million tonnes from his three factories.

The businessman has other cement operations

through National Cement Company Limited.

The West Pokot plant will be the second largest in Kenya after his Emali plant, which currently produces 3.5 million

tonnes of clinker annually.

Raval said the additional capacity in Kenya has the potential to cut the cost of cement from the current Sh650 for a 50-kilo bag to Sh500.

The plant, said Raval, would also contribute to job creation with at least 2,000 people to be employed directly at the facility.

In the 2023/2024 budget to be read next month, Treasury has proposed a 10 percent tax on imported clinker, resulting in an outcry from small players who have opposed the move through the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM).

KAM issued a statement calling on the government to reconsider the proposal, saying it poses serious negative economic and social ramifications including a possible loss of more than 100,000 jobs.

The billionaire, who also has an interest in steel, has been pushing for an increase in duty levied on imported clinker to protect the local industry.

He has been pushing for enhanced import duty on clinker, the main ingredient for the manufacture of cement, as the steel magnate eyes some Sh8.3 billion that factories without grinders pay to import the crucial raw material. Import levy on clinker stands at 25 percent currently.

## Global rich set to spend \$2.5bn on luxurious Dubai properties in 2023

DUBAI

Dubai, an increasingly favoured destination for the global rich in the post-pandemic era, is poised to attract \$2.5 billion this year as high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) seek property as an investment asset or as a second home.

According to property consultancy Knight Frank's inaugural edition of Destination Dubai, last year they spent \$3.8 billion on homes priced at over \$10 million in the emirate.

The consultancy surveyed 183 HNWIs globally, each with a net worth of over \$3 million, excluding their main home, or primary residence. Together, this group owns 851 homes around the world and has a combined net worth of \$3.2 billion.

The report also highlights the shift in preference from off-plan purchases to recently built/completed homes. Fifty-three percent of HNWI buyers are focusing on acquiring newly constructed homes, rising to 71 percent amongst HNWIs from East Asia.

Dubai recorded 88 home sales above \$10 million, totalling over 6 billion dirhams (\$1.6 billion) during Q1 2023, with average transacted prices for such homes reaching AED 7,235 per square feet (psf), representing a 16 percent increase on 2022's AED 6,250 psf.

While Dubai's prime neighbourhood comprising the Palm Jumeirah, Emirates Hills and Jumeirah Bay Island, accounted for 64 percent of \$10 million+ home sales during Q1, other areas are also gaining prominence, the report noted. "They will likely be classed as 'prime' if they continue entrenching themselves as high-end neighbourhoods."

"...With the surge in second home purchases, particularly in locations such as Palm Jumeirah, the global elite are paying record prices to secure beachfront villas. They are subsequently spending almost the same amount again on customising these homes, suggesting they will be removed from the natural cycling of homes on the market for a period, mirroring what we see in established markets such as London," said Faisal Durrani, partner and head of Middle East Research at Knight Frank.

## Volvo launches first mid-sized electric excavator

OSLO

Volvo Construction Equipment (Volvo CE) has launched its first mid-size electric excavator, the EC230 Electric, into the European market.

The company says the excavator, which offers low noise and zero emissions, is available to select customers in the region.

The 23-ton EC230 Electric, introduced in China in 2021 and Norway in 2022, promises the same performance as its diesel counterpart, the EC200E, but Volvo says the new machine delivers zero emissions, low noise, low vibrations, better controllability, and a lower total cost of ownership.

According to Volvo, operators have reported that the excavator achieves

similar digging force to its diesel equivalent, but with a faster cycle time.

Up to now, the excavator has only been deployed on customer sites in Europe, such as the Slakthusområdet urban development project in Sweden, the largest fossil-free worksite in the country, and the Green Construction Site of the Future project in Denmark, where it assisted in the construction of an office building and urban public spaces.

Powered by lithium-ion batteries, the EC230 Electric is designed to work a full eight-hour shift, assuming a high-power lunch-hour charge.

The excavator is equipped with a CCS2 connector, a standard connector in most European countries, allowing



for charging at various charging stations, and comes with a charging cable providing a power level of 22 kW, enabling battery charging via a CEE socket.

Customers will also have the option of using a mobile power bank specifically designed for the machine.

Thomas Bitter, head of technology at Volvo CE, said, "Partnering with our customers is a vital part of our innovation journey and

a close cooperation with them is how we can gain valuable feedback to continually improve our offering and build sustainable solutions.

The EC230 Electric has proven its sustainable power and is the perfect fit for modern construction sites - fulfilling demanding tasks while being considerate of its surrounding environment.



## WORLD

## UN chief calls for effective governance of outer space

UNITED NATIONS

EFFECTIVE governance of outer space is necessary for the benefit of all humankind, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a new policy brief published on Wednesday.

"Our common interest in preserving the domain of outer space, a province of humankind that benefits us all, requires agile and multi-stakeholder governance responses," he wrote in the introduction to the policy brief, entitled "For All Humanity -- the Future of Outer Space Governance."

In the past 10 years, humanity's access to and operations in outer space

have fundamentally changed and the driving factors behind these changes are likely to accelerate in the coming decades, according to the report.

It listed three outstanding indicators as evidence of the "unprecedented change": the number of objects launched to orbit; the participation of the private sector; and commitments of public and private actors to return to deep space and enable the long-term presence.

The revolutionary change brings both opportunities and risks, the report said, underscoring the need to develop further the existing governance to sustainably accelerate innovation



UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres addresses the media during a visit to the UN office in the capital Nairobi, Kenya, on May 3, 2023. AP

and discovery, and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The report outlined the UN secretary-general's recommendations for harnessing the potential of outer space, one of which called for the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to develop a unified regime for space sustainability.

Alternatively, the committee could consider developing new governance frameworks for various areas of space sustainability,

such as space traffic management, space debris removal and space resource activities, Guterres suggested.

A new era of space exploration has come rapidly upon the multilateral system, the report noted.

"It is our shared responsibility to ensure that existing international space law is fully implemented, and that effective governance is in place to propel innovation and mitigate risks," it concluded. **Xinhua**

## US' denial of support for Ukraine's attacks in Russia 'not worth a penny' – ambassador

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON is demonstrating indifference to Kiev's crimes by allocating another package of military assistance to a sum of 300 million US dollars to it and its statements that it allegedly doesn't support Ukrainian army's attacks inside Russia "are not worth a penny," Russian Ambassador said on Wednesday, commenting on the US security assistance to Ukraine announced on May 31.



"We have noted the persistence of the administration in the escalation of the Ukrainian crisis. The authorities are again proudly talking about providing financial assistance and another batch of materiel to their crazed Kiev puppets. At the same time, they are inciting European satellites to fetter Russia's technological development with additional trade barriers," he was quoted as saying on the Russian embassy's Telegram channel.

"And this is right after a series of terrorist attacks by US proteges in Moscow and the Moscow region. Instead of calling the [Ukrainian President Vladimir] Zelensky regime to account, Washington is demonstratively showing indifference to the crimes of Banderites. Public statements by the White House that they allegedly do not support the attacks of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the very heart of our Motherland are not worth a penny," he stressed.

"The new US 'security package', totaling \$300 million, effectively fuels the rotten regime in Kiev," he noted. "Nothing stops the administration. Neither the crisis in the economy, nor the calls of the states of Latin America, Africa, and Asia for assistance in socio-economic development."

"Numerous questions remain unanswered about why Washington is unprepared to address acute migration issues on the southern borders of the United States. The problem of the miserable existence of migrants could be solved quite simply by redirecting at least part of the military aid that burns in the furnace of the conflict in Ukraine to noble goals," Antonov stated.

"However, the American authorities do not want to see the reality. It seems that they are zombified by the desire to inflict a strategic defeat on Russia, by trying to wear down our economy. At the same time, they continue to encourage the reckless actions of their 'clients', supplying them with ever more deadly weapons. It seems that the lessons that the Russian Armed Forces teach neo-Nazis in the special military operation zone are not enough for the patrons of Kiev."

Ukrainian drones attacked Moscow and the Moscow Region on Tuesday morning. According to the Russian Defense Ministry, the attack involved eight drones, five of which were shot down and another three disabled by electronic warfare means. **Agencies**

## Sudan war: Army to not take part in Jeddah ceasefire talks

KHARTOUM

SUDAN'S army has suspended its participation in talks over a truce and humanitarian access, sparking worries of further escalating the conflict that has displaced hundreds of thousands, Al Jazeera reported.

The talks with the rival paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) began in early May in the Saudi port city of Jeddah and resulted in a declaration of commitments to protect civilians as well as two short-term ceasefire agreements that have been repeatedly breached. The army and the RSF agreed to extend a week-long cease-fire agreement by five days just before it was set to expire late Monday.

The general command of the armed forces announced the suspension of talks in a statement on Wednesday, accusing the other side of a lack of commitment to executing any conditions of the agreement and a continual violation of the ceasefire.

"The General Command of the Armed Forces has decided to suspend the current talks in Jeddah due to the rebel militia's attack lack of commitment to the implementation of any of the terms of the agreement and its continuous violation of the ceasefire," reported Al Jazeera, quoting a statement posted on Sudan News Agency website.

In the statement, the RSF accused the army of interrupting the talks in Jeddah in order to weaken them and of breaking the truce by attacking its positions with airpower and heavy artillery.

Later that day, the African Union (AU) stated that the suspension of discussions should not deter future attempts at mediation.

Until late Tuesday, residents in Sudan's capital, Khartoum, reported fierce combat in all three neighbouring cities that make up Sudan's greater capital around the Nile's confluence -- Khartoum, Omdurman, and Khartoum North. **ANI**

## Peng, African first ladies launch health campaign for orphans

BEIJING

PENG Liyuan, wife of Chinese President Xi Jinping, and the Organization of African First Ladies for Development (OAFILD) jointly initiated a health care campaign for African orphans "Warm Children's Hearts: a China-Africa Joint Action" ahead of the International Children's Day.

Chinese embassies and medical teams in African countries have visited children in local orphanages and relevant institutions, carrying out activities such as free medical check-ups and donation of care bags.

Peng made remarks about the charity activity that China is Africa's forever friend and sincere partner. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the dispatch of medical teams to Africa by the Chinese government. The Chinese medical teams have actively assisted the people of African countries and become envoys to carry forward the China-Africa friendship.

Peng expressed her hope that the health care campaign for African orphans could pass on



Children pose for a group photo at an orphanage in Nairobi, capital city of Kenya, on May 31, 2023, as the health care campaign for African orphans "Warm Children's Hearts: a China-Africa Joint Action" was launched ahead of the International Children's Day.

warmth and care to children, improve the health and well-being of African children, and contribute to building a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era.

Monica Geingos, the rotating president of OAFILD and wife of the president of Namibia, and the members of the federation responded positively and expressed high appreciation for Peng's long-time care and support for the development of the cause of women and children in Africa.

Presidents, first ladies, and senior officials from many African countries attended relevant events in their own countries, where the atmosphere was warm and touching. They said true friendship knows no distance and China is a close neighbor even though it is thousands of miles apart.

They also expressed sincere gratitude to China for its selfless help and invaluable support to Africa for a long time and looked forward to writing a new chapter for the Africa-China friendship and creating a better future together. **Xinhua**

## 'We're now aspiring to be world's 3rd largest economy'

NEW DELHI

LAUDING the 9-year rule of the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Wednesday said that India is now aspiring to be the world's third-largest economy.

Speaking on Morgan Stanley's 'Transformation' Report on India, Minister Chandrasekhar said, "...He (PM Modi) has brought India from the depths of 2014, from being the 11th or 12th largest economy in the world to the 5th largest economy. We are now aspiring to be the 3rd largest economy. For the first time in the history of modern India, we are looking to the future to become a developed nation..." He further said that the report talks about the fact that India has undergone an unprecedented transformation in the last nine years and "we are today the fastest-growing economy in the world".

"Even as the world struggles with the European conflict, post-COVID consequences, India has become a nation now whose



economy has demonstrated resilience and is now demonstrating unprecedented growth and expansion," Chandrasekhar said.

He added that the Congress-led UPA government had left the economy in tatters in 2014, with 14 quarters of runaway inflation.

"They had left an economy with twelve quarters of declining growth and industrial production. They had left an economy where the financial sector and the economy had been battered and the banking sector was being borne down by the weight of NPAs due to crony lending, corrupt lending investors were running away from the country. Every day there was a new scam.

This was the situation in 2014," he added.

He added that PM Modi's systematic work and determination through the 9 years made this growth possible.

"This is what Prime Minister Narendra Modi inherited in 2014 and over the last nine years, systematically, with hard work, determination, and integrity, not allowing corruption anywhere near the government, he has not only rebuilt the economy, he has made the Indian economy the pride and the showcase for the world as becoming the fastest growing major economy in the world. We are the third-largest innovation economy in the world. We have the largest number of start-ups being created and unicorns being created compared to any other country in the world", the Union minister said.

Chandrasekhar said that the country is at a point where "this is the most exciting period for Indians all over who are concerned about the future of the country".

"We as Indians, the government, and the prime minister are looking to the future to become a developed nation. That is why I

say the Morgan-style report confirms India has transformed in a manner unprecedented in history as an independent nation and we are at the point where this is the most exciting period for Indians all over who are concerned about the future of the country. This is the most exciting period in the history of modern India," he added.

Morgan Stanley Research, in a report, said that in a short span of 10 years, India has gained positions in the world order with significant positive consequences for the macro and market outlook.

The report, 'India Equity Strategy and Economics: How India Has Transformed in Less than a Decade', highlights the 10 big changes, mostly because of India's policy choices, and their implications for its economy and market.

"This India is different from what it was in 2013. In a short span of 10 years, India has gained positions in the world order with significant positive consequences for the macro and market outlook. We present a snapshot of these changes and their implications," the report said. **ANI**

SYDNEY

ONE of Australia's most decorated living soldiers yesterday lost a defamation lawsuit against three newspapers which accused him of involvement in the murder of six Afghans during deployment to Afghanistan.

The newspapers successfully established that their reports that former SAS corporal Ben Roberts-Smith was involved in execution and murder in Afghanistan were true, said Federal Court judge Anthony Besanko in Sydney.

The case against Roberts-Smith

## Former Aussie veteran loses defamation case over Afghans murder

(pictured), a Victoria Cross recipient, has put a spotlight on the secretive wartime conduct of Australia's elite SAS troops.

The papers proved their allegations in relation to four of the murders they accused Roberts-Smith of, but "in light of my conclusions, each (defamation) proceeding must be dismissed," Besanko said in a summary of his findings.

Publication of his full reasons was delayed until Monday due to national security concerns.

Former special forces corporal Roberts-Smith, 44, had sued the Sydney Morning Herald, the Age and the Canberra Times for portraying him as someone who "broke the moral and legal rules of military engagement" in Afghanistan where he served from 2006 to 2012. Roberts-Smith won several top



Australian military honours, including the Victoria Cross, for his actions during six tours of Afghanistan before carving out a post-military career as an in-demand public speaker and media executive.

But articles by the newspapers from 2018 suggested he went beyond the bounds of acceptable military engagement.

The articles, citing other soldiers who said they were there, said Roberts-Smith had shot dead an unarmed Afghan teenage spotter, and

kicked a handcuffed man off a cliff before ordering him to be shot dead.

Roberts-Smith's lawsuit called the media reports false and based on the claims of failed soldiers who were jealous of his accolades, and sought unspecified damages.

The newspapers sought to defend their reports by proving the claims were true, and presented other soldiers and former soldiers as witnesses in court who corroborated them.

The judgement comes at a time of heightened sensitivity around Aus-

tralia's military after a 2020 report said there was credible evidence members of the special forces killed dozens of unarmed prisoners in Afghanistan.

No soldiers were named in the redacted report but about two dozen current and former Australian soldiers were referred for potential criminal prosecution.

Judge Besanko said he would give reasons for his decision on Monday after the federal government applied to delay the proceedings to give government lawyers time to check for national security information being inadvertently divulged. **Agencies**



## Kenya marks World No Tobacco Day amid call for alternative crops

NAIROBI

KENYA marked World No Tobacco Day Wednesday in its western Migori County with senior officials renewing their commitment to assisting smallholder farmers to embrace alternative crops that promise food security and improved revenues.

Susan Nakhumicha Wafula, cabinet secretary of the Ministry of Health, said that the ministry has been stepping up efforts to help farmers shift from tobacco cultivation to food crops, so as to help tame ailments and deaths linked to unregulated smoking.

Wafula said Kenya has rolled out the Tobacco Free Farms project, supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, and the World Food Programme (WFP) to encourage farmers to grow alternative and nutritious crops.

She disclosed that in the last two years, more than 2,000 tobacco farmers in Migori County, bordering Tanzania, have switched to alternative crops including high-iron beans.

According to Wafula, the tobacco farmers who have embraced alternative crops including cereals and legumes have recorded improved health and income.

"The government wholeheartedly supports the Tobacco Free Farms Project due to its prioritization of the health of Kenyans," Wafula said in a statement issued in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

By introducing iron-rich nyota beans, the ministry aims to address the prevalent iron deficiency among women and children, thereby significantly improving their well-being, Wafula added.

According to the Ministry of Health, more than 6,000 Kenyans die of tobacco-related diseases annually. The Ministry of Health said 220,000 children and 2,737,000 adults in the country are estimated to consume tobacco daily, while thousands of deaths are attributed to exposure to second-hand smoking.

Kenya was among the first countries in Africa to ratify the legally binding WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) in 2004 and has been proactive in the enactment of legislation to regulate smoking.

Wafula noted that Kenya's Tobacco Control Act in particular promotes economically, socially and ecologically viable alternatives to tobacco farming, transforming the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and their dependents.

The 2023 World No Tobacco Day, featuring a theme of "Grow food, not tobacco," sought to rally governments, industry and civil society to support a transition to alternative crops that are rich in diets and ecologically friendly. **Xinhua**

## Rising costs force schools to shut in UK

LONDON

The rising cost of house prices and child care causing young families to relocate out of urban areas, together with falling birthrates, would mean that nearly 100 primary schools across England could be forced to shut, according to new figures released by the Department for Education.

The Guardian has published data showing that 88 schools were found to be more than 66 percent empty last year, with four others already marked down for closure.

With funding allocated according to pupil numbers, reduced school rolls mean even tighter budgets. "The Department for Education has estimated that the total pupil population will fall by over 900,000 by 2032," Jon Andrews, head of analysis at the Education Policy Institute, said. "Most school funding is allocated on a per-pupil basis, so falling pupil numbers can lower budgets for schools."

The COVID-19 pandemic and changed working practices caused many families to relocate, which is borne out in the figures by a geographical redistribution of pupil numbers. Comparing figures from the academic years 2009-10 with 2021-22, around half of the schools in inner London had smaller numbers of pupils, and in the southwest of England, the figure was around one-third.

However, in the northwest of the country and West Midlands, around two-thirds of schools have seen pupil numbers rise, with the need for increased capacity also causing budgetary challenges.

An analysis of 20 years of census data published last November by the think tank Centre for London showed a hollowing out of families with children in London.

Since 2001, the borough of Southwark had seen an 11-percent decrease in households with at least one child of school age, with Lambeth, Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington reporting similar decreases.

"People are either being pushed out before they can have babies – or they're choosing to leave," Georgia Gould, leader of Camden council in north London, said.

This results in population bulges elsewhere. To the east of the city in the borough of Barking and Dagenham, there has been a 34-percent increase in households with children, posing new challenges for the education system.

"Around 1 in 5 schools in England are also currently operating over capacity," Andrews said.

"While in most cases, this is by a relatively small number of pupils, where the problem is more acute, it can mean additional demands on teaching staff, as well as a greater number of pupils being left without access to their preferred school."

The number of children starting their educational journey in reception class highlights another challenge that awaits the school system in years to come, with numbers in many schools smaller than in years 1 and 2, signposting that fewer children will be coming into existing classes. Government data showed that there have been around 160 primary school closures across England since 2009. **Agencies**

## Kim Jong Un's sister says North Korea will 'correctly' place spy satellite into orbit

SEOUL

A day after the failed attempt to launch a spy satellite, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's sister pledged that Pyongyang will "correctly" place a military reconnaissance satellite into orbit soon, Yonhap News Agency reported.

Kim Yo Jong (pictured) made the remark while slamming the United States for condemning North Korea's satellite launch, Yonhap reported quoting Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). "If the DPRK's satellite launch should be particularly censured, the US and all other countries, which have already launched thousands of satellites, should be denounced," she said, adding, "It is certain that the DPRK's military reconnaissance satellite will be correctly put in space orbit in the near future and start its mission," Kim Yo Jong said.

DPRK stands for North Korea's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

She added, "We confirmed once again that the enemies are most afraid of the DPRK's access to excellent reconnaissance and information means including reconnaissance satellite and, accordingly, we are aware that we should direct greater efforts to developing reconnaissance mean."

"Kim serves as the vice department director of the Central Committee of the ruling Workers' Party, also called the UN Security Council's resolutions that restricts Pyongyang's use of ballistic technology as gangster-like and wrong for violating the North's right to use space," according to Yonhap News Agency.

She said, "We have no content of dialogue and do not feel the necessity of dialogue with the US and its stooges... we will continue our-style way of counteraction in a more offensive attitude so that they should not but realise that they will have nothing to benefit from the extension of the hostile policy toward the DPRK."

Earlier on Wednesday, a military spy satellite was launched by North Korea that crashed into the Yellow Sea owing to an



engine problem.

According to Korea Central News Agency (KCNA), North Korea launched "Malligyong-1," the military reconnaissance satellite mounted on a new-type rocket named "Chollima-1," at its rocket launching station on the west coast at 6:27 am (local time).

The carrier rocket fell in the Yellow Sea "after losing thrust due to the abnormal starting of the second-stage engine after the separation of the first stage during the normal flight," said KCNA in an English-language dispatch.

The failure was due to "the low reliability and stability of the new-type engine system and unstable character of the fuel used," read the KCNA report, citing a spokesperson of the state-run space development agency.

North Korea also said that it would thoroughly investigate the serious defects that emerged in the latest satellite launch and take necessary measures to overcome them, pledging to "conduct the second launch as soon as possible through various part tests."

Both South Korea and Japan issued emergency warnings advising the residents to take cover indoors if they were outside.

Japan termed North Korea's projectile a "possible ballistic missile," reported Kyodo News quoting the Japanese Defence Ministry.

According to the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), North Korean leader Kim Jong Un directed his country's space agency to finalise preparations for the launch of Pyongyang's first military reconnaissance satellite. Pyongyang alerted the Japan Coast Guard of three maritime hazard zones where objects may fall beginning Wednesday, two to the west of the Korean Peninsula and one to the east of the Philippines. All of these areas are not within Japan's exclusive economic zone, according to Kyodo News.

Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Pyong Chol, on Monday, said, "The North's military reconnaissance satellite is indispensable to tracking, monitoring, discriminating, controlling and coping with in advance in real time the dangerous military acts of the US and its vassal forces."

Ri noted "the reckless military acts" by the US and South Korea, telling KCNA, "We steadily feel the need to expand reconnaissance and information means and improve various defensive and offensive weapons", according to Kyodo News. **ANI**

## US House of Representatives passes Bill to raise debt ceiling

WASHINGTON

The United States House of Representatives passed legislation late Wednesday to implement the debt ceiling agreement negotiated between President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, putting Congress on track to approve additional borrowing just days before the government is anticipated to run out of money, Fox News reported.

Majorities in both parties supported the agreement, which also satisfies the GOP demand to reduce nondefense discretionary spending over the next two years, and the package passed by a vote of 314 to 117. Democrats supported the bill 165-46, while Republicans supported it by a vote of 149-71. Democrats took credit for their role in advancing the bill. 52 Democrats joined with Republicans in an unusual procedural vote earlier in the day to keep the bill alive, Fox News reported.

Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries said on Wednesday night, "I thank House Democrats for your steady hand, for your unity of purpose, for

your efforts to make sure that we push back the extreme mega Republican efforts to jam right wing cuts down the throats of the American people that would have undermined the health, the safety and the economic well-being of everyday Americans."

He added, "From the very beginning, House Democrats were clear that we will not allow extreme MAGA Republicans to default on our debt, crash the economy or trigger a job killing recession. Under the leadership of President Joe Biden, Democrats kept our promise and we will continue."

Calling the bill "objectionable," former House speaker Nancy Pelosi said, "It will avert unprecedented devastation, which would bring devastation to America's families."

McCarthy, a Republican from California, praised the bill's spending reductions despite the fact that the package fell short of conservatives' original goal of cutting expenditure by around USD 150 billion from this year to the next.

He said, "Tonight we're going to do something we haven't done before," McCarthy said. "Tonight, we



Speaker of the US House Kevin McCarthy walks to the House chamber at the Capitol in Washington on Wednesday, as the House moves toward passage of the debt limit bill. AP

are going to vote for the largest savings in American history - over \$2.1 trillion. That's what we're voting for. Every great nation that has overextended itself has collapsed", according to the Fox News report.

The House vote send the bill to the Senate, where Majority Leader Chuck Schumer earlier in the day vowed it would be debated "as soon as possible." Barring any objections

from senators to moving rapidly, that vote is anticipated to happen this week.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has cautioned that if Congress does not increase or suspend the debt ceiling by Monday, June 5, the US government will be unable to cover its ongoing obligations.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell responded to a question

about whether a Senate vote by Friday was feasible, saying, "I can tell you what I hope happens... that we can finish this Thursday or Friday and soothe the country and soothe the markets", reported Fox News.

The final agreement reached over the weekend suspends the debt ceiling without a limitation until January 1, 2025. It also reduces non-defence expenditure to levels similar to fiscal 2022, caps growth at 1 per cent for the following two years, and proposes optional caps for the following four years. Additionally, it recovers some cash intended for the Internal Revenue Service and certain Covid-19 pandemic funds that were not yet spent.

But shortly after the agreement was reached on Saturday night, a number of conservative Republicans voiced their opposition to it.

Republicans who opposed the bill frequently argued that the expenditure reductions were insufficient and many pushed McCarthy to return to the original Limit, Save, Grow Act, which Democrats in the House and Senate panned as the "Default on America Act."

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## China sees major progress in new industrialisation

CHINESE new energy vehicle (NEV) manufacturers BYD and Neta Auto recently started building their first overseas manufacturing bases of passenger vehicles in Thailand.

In the first four months this year, China exported over 1.49 million automobiles, up 76.5 percent year-on-year. In particular, NEVs contributed 51.6 percent to the rise of the industry, and accounted for 42.9 percent of the overall auto export value.

At present, China is focusing on the development of the real economy by advancing new industrialization. The development of the Chinese NEV sector exactly mirrors the country's efforts to promote the optimization and upgrading of industrial structures and accelerate the building of its modern industrial system.

Traditional industries comprise over 80 percent of China's manufacturing sector. Therefore, industrial upgrading and transformation is of vital significance across China.

Guangdong province in south China plans to help 9,000 enterprises launch technical transformation this year.

East China's Shandong province is expected to implement around 10,000 technical transformation projects each with an investment of more than 5 million yuan (\$707,684) this year, lifting the total investment by 6 percent.

Hubei province in central China is launching a new round of technical transformation action targeting traditional industries, planning to invest 12 percent more.

An official with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said China will vigorously promote technical transformation and equipment replacement in the next five years to modernize industrial techniques and manufacture more premium



A man works in an intelligent workshop of a textile enterprise in Suqian, east China's Jiangsu province. (People's Daily Online/Chen Shaoshuai)

products. Apart from upgrading traditional industries, China has also worked to consolidate and expand industries with competitive advantages.

Today, the country produces over half of the world's important products including personal computers, mobile phones, home appliances and solar panels. It is also competitive in high-speed rail, shipbuilding, power equipment, engineering machinery, communication equipment and other sectors.

China's regions and government departments have steadfastly implemented a group of industrial foundation reengineering projects and research projects on major technologies and equipment to consolidate and enhance its complete industrial chain.

A special campaign aiming to create world-class advanced manufacturing clusters has been launched, focusing on major areas such as engineering machinery, rail transit, optoelectronic information, energy and power equipment, and textile.

China is fostering the development of emerging industries. Taking intelligent connected vehicles as an example, last year, over 30 percent of the passenger vehicles sold in China were equipped with a driver-assistance system classified as or above Level 2 in the Society of Automotive Engineers' six levels of driving automation.

Chinese NEV manufacturer Avatr has launched an intelligent electric SUV equipped with a navigation assistance sys-

tem that enables the vehicle to automatically make unprotected left and right turns, avoid pedestrians and vehicles, follow vehicles up ahead, switch lanes and avoid obstacles in downtown areas.

In the next five years, China will keep enriching and expanding the application scenarios in key sectors including 5G, biotech production, industrial internet and green development. It will build more national manufacturing innovation centers in emerging industries, implement a "robotics+" action plan, and promote massive and intensive development of the Internet of Things industry.

Over recent years, China has created a forward-looking layout for future industries. It has made positive progress in technological innovation, industrial ecology and integrated application of the AI industry, becoming a first-tier player in the world. The value of core sectors of China's AI industry reached 508 billion yuan last year, up 18 percent year-on-year.

At present, China is developing new industries such as humanoid robots, metaverse and quantum technology, as well as advancing the research in the 6G technology. The MIIT is currently working on an action plan for promoting future industries, which encourages regions to launch pilot programs that accelerate the layout.

While promoting new industrialization, China is also making its manufacturing industry smarter, greener and higher-end.

MIIT statistics show that China has built over 2,100 high-level digital workshops and intelligent factories, including 209 demonstration ones. It has fostered more than 6,000 suppliers of system solutions and 240 influential industrial internet platforms.

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PSMC soccer side's Karim Abdul (R) battles for possession with Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park side's Hassan Haji when the two sides met in a friendly duel at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park venue in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Prisons' head coach set to decide fate of his players

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Prisons' head coach Mohamed Abdallah has said he has been impressed with his team's performances although the squad's last two games in this season's NBC Premier League will be key to deciding players that should be retained for next season.

Abdallah, nicknamed 'Bares', did not allow his players to rest, given he used the league break to assess them so that he would know where to start when the transfer period begins.

He said that currently the league is almost over and many teams are starting to evaluate areas needing improvement, noting Prisons must keep up with the times so that the next season will be better for the club.

"At the moment we are not talking about this season anymore, the league is almost over, so we must use this period to look at the deficit to help us in the main transfer window to see where to start," the tactician pointed out.

"Many teams are doing evaluations, so even those of us who have goals of achieving success must make these evaluations by measuring the quality of each player to know how the next

season will be," the gaffer added.

Abdallah was adamant he has been impressed with his team's performances in the club's last four duels in NBC Premier League, with the league now heading into the final two games.

He added he has also been impressed with their consecutive victories in matches. First, they won 1-0 against Kagera Sugar at Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera.

Then, they beat Geita Gold FC 3-1 at the latter's home venue, Nyankumbu Girls Secondary School Stadium in Geita.

Prisons later on defeated Namungo FC 3-2 at Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi and won 3-1 against the almost relegated Ruvu Shooting FC.

He added they still need to do well while insisting they will maintain the momentum in the next season.

The gaffer said: "Tanzania Prisons is among the oldest clubs in the country but it was a bad win that my predecessor (Patrick Odhiambo) experienced, and I had seen a few shortcomings and worked on them."

Abdallah reiterated his players have shown great transformation, insisting the outfit wants to have the same quality next season.

## Dodoma Jiji FC now aims to bounce back to winning ways

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DODOMA Jiji FC will hope to bounce back to winning ways in the team's remaining two games of this season's NBC Premier League.

The side will confront Namungo FC and Ruvu Shooting, seeking to avoid taking part in playoff duels that have been slated for this month, to have a clear chance for Premier League survival.

It fell short on May 13 in a duel against Yanga, which ended with the former going down 4-2 after garnering two wins and a draw in three games.

In the NBC Premier League table, Dodoma Jiji FC is positioned 11th with 31 points, while Namungo FC is sitting fifth after notching 39 points, both have played 28 matches.

Dodoma Jiji FC will have to avoid losing both games to avoid any statistical decider with Polisi Tanzania if the latter wins their clashes.

A draw will be enough to have the Dodoma team stay clear of relegation.

Dodoma Jiji FC head coach Melis Medo said: "The players' condition in the camp is good, we continue to be a team to emerge victorious in our next matches, starting at home with Na-

mungo FC."

The gaffer stated: "Namungo FC is a team that has had a good time in top-flight football for about two or three seasons, they have shown high quality and have players with standards, because of that we must make good preparations."

Dodoma Jiji FC has been in fine form recently and the squad's chances for survival will not be a walk in the park with good results being the only key to survival.

The tactician noted: "I have faith that we will do well in that game, although I know it will not be easy, we are ready to fight for three points."

"In games like this that define odds, I have told my player to focus, and I believe we shall give it our all. We have been training, and now it is time for action," the gaffer revealed.

Medo will be disappointed, should Dodoma Jiji FC not live up to its expectations, as he vowed to ensure the squad ends within the top seven places in the NBC Premier League when he was appointed as the outfit's head coach in October last year.

Medo took the post after the outfit had mutually terminated its contract with coach Masoud Djuma.

## Yanga inward doubts the key obstacle to overturning the tables in away tie

By Correspondent John Kimbute

UNENDING debate is in the air in the city of Dar es Salaam and elsewhere as to how far Young Africans SC (Yanga) are capable of overturning the tables in this season's CAF Confederation Cup final's return match at the weekend to Algerian co-finalists USM Alger.

For one thing, recent memories of continental matches do not augur well for Yanga's situation, as the pattern seems to be repeated with minor improvements.

The only good or helpful cases are those conducted by their archrivals, Simba SC, in far-off times, versus Mfulira Wanderers.

More recent cases also with Simba SC are not too supportive of their chances as well, since they once fell 4-0 to South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs, who descended into celebration the way players and fans of USM Alger are now celebrating.

They lowered their guard sufficiently for a spirited Simba SC to overturn the tables in the return encounter but not by a sufficient margin.

The 3-0 win was a fitting result but not sufficient for the job, unlike Jwaneng Galaxy who lost 2-0 at home, then triumphed in a 3-1 away win over Simba SC.

This latter model is excellent for the Jangwani Street side but it is unclear if the Algerian club is as much a newcomer to such competitions to expend most of their energy in celebration ahead of the return match.

Save for these exceptional results or instances of match outcomes, other encounters show that the first result (whether it is home or away) is usually upheld with minor changes. It is depicted in Yanga's 1-0 loss to Al Hilal, winning 2-0 against Rivers United 2-0 away, etc.

It can thus be taken for granted that this second set of results is more reliable as a pointer to what happens in Algeria if one also takes note of how it encompasses recent results by Simba SC with Moroccan teams.

They lost 3-0 in Dar es Salaam and obtained a 3-1 loss in



Tanzania's Yanga center-back Bakari Mwananyeto (L) outfoxes Algeria's USM Alger attacker, Aymen Mahious, during the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. Yanga lost 2-1 to USM Alger. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

an away return match against Morocco's Raja Club Athletic, which for Yanga implies at most a draw, hardly a reversal of the table.

Away goals are also problematic as the host side has two such goals, which the visitors will have to equal before hinging on the penalty shootout.

It takes a lot of confidence and technique to know where the other side might be weak enough for a visiting side to triumph with a clear margin, for instance, Yanga hitting two unanswered goals at the Omar Hamadi Stadium, if USM Alger plays at home ground.

How far the side has a track record of not allowing opponents to score is in doubt as it is not a top-ranking side like the two Moroccan opponents of their archrivals.

They sort of despised losses their rivals absorbed and now face it too.

This is where a question can be posed as to whether 'Arabs' lose concentration enough for reversals to take place and, on a strict psychological level, it is more likely USM Alger will be more in control of their game spirit than the visiting side.

For once, the home side had earlier respected the oppo-

nents and was more inward-looking, apprehensive rather than presumptive of winning the final ties.

The Jangwani Street side was going around with easy formulas since eliminating Rivers United, such that even brushing aside Marumo Gallants was less due to acute preparation, and precautions but rather owing to gaps in their opponents' play.

In other words, Yanga, the presumptive Premier League champions, have not been in a serious playing mood at least since taking on Rivers United, and even then they started with the usual braggadocio that they would win their away game, which incidentally was the case.

The southern Nigerian side is hardly that weak this year in the Nigeria Professional Football League standings as the South African opponents who are now relegated, but all the same, they were not a powerful side in continental tournaments so to speak.

USM Alger is pretty close to a rematch with Al Hilal, which is still a shade lower than encountering Raja CA, etc.

That is where the critical issue comes up, as to whether

Yanga has energy reserves that have been missing since it encountered Rivers United, and, all of a sudden, they spring up such energy and credibly overturn the tables at 2-0 or even 1-0.

It would require that Yanga's weaknesses be duplicated in USM Alger which is hard to guess at, but there are some worrying signs on their part.

They appear to have been waiting for a regular flight at a posh hotel in the city, celebrating all the time.

Depending on what the Yanga technical bench has been doing since the loss at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, popularly known as 'Estadio Lupaso', there is a chasm there, an opening of sorts where it seems that the host side will long since have written off the next match, by excessive celebration.

Even with celebration, it can be hypothesized that they will take the stadium in a zealous and triumphant or confident mood, and here it matters a lot if the Yanga head coach will show his side clear techniques which if used can make a visible difference.

If it is just a matter of asking each to 'do more' it surely will not work.

## Dar midfielder linked to English football

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN defensive midfielder, Novatus Dismas, who currently plays for Belgium's Zulte Waregem, is linked with a move to English Championship football.

Middlesbrough and Southampton, now battling it out in the English Championship, are reportedly vying for his signature.

Dismas featured 34 times in the Belgian Jupiler Pro League during the 2022/23 campaign, with his club, Zulte Waregem, being relegated from the top flight for the first time in 18 years.

Manager Michael Carrick will be looking to bolster his ranks with some new signings in the summer transfer window with Dismas emerging as a target for Middlesbrough, nicknamed 'Boro', which failed to earn promotion to Premier League, whilst Southampton 'Saints' relegation to the Championship has already been confirmed.

The young midfielder spent much of the Belgian top-flight campaign as a left-back but was also required to fill in as a holding midfielder and as a center-back.

The 20-year-old only joined



Novatus Dismas is a Tanzanian defensive midfielder that plays for Belgium's Zulte Waregem.

Zulte Waregem last summer and in his first season since joining from Israeli outfit Maccabi Tel Aviv, the utility man has been a big hit.

Dismas has mainly played

as either a left-back or centre-back and he has as well been deployed further forward as a winger.

The midfielder managed to chip in with two assists in 36

games across all competitions for his team.

It remains to be seen whether Middlesbrough or Southampton's interest is firmed up, but a move to England would mark an impressive rise for the midfielder.

He started his career in his native country, playing for Azam FC and Biashara United (loan) before heading to Israel in November 2020.

It was with Beitar Tel Aviv Bat Yam where he made a senior breakthrough, impressing out on loan before moving to Belgium last summer.

With two years left on his current contract with Zulte Waregem, the player has represented his country's national squad, Taifa Stars, eight times, managing two goals since his debut back in 2021.

Dismas' first goal on the international stage came just five days after his senior debut, in what proved to be a fantastic few days for the progressing young midfielder.

A player of Dismas' age and versatility certainly makes for an intriguing target, but time will tell if either 'Boro' or the 'Saints' plan on moving for his services after making checks ahead of the summer.



## Barca believe triumphant era has begun ahead of Wolfsburg Champions League final

EINDHOVEN

BARCELONA face Wolfsburg in the Champions League final tomorrow, aiming to assert themselves early as the decade's dominant force in women's football, as Lyon did in the 2010s.

The Catalan giants have both immense quality and huge support, but securing a second triumph in Eindhoven is essential to keep writing history, and prove a worthy adversary for the French side on a longer timeline.

Lyon are the reigning champions after beating Barcelona 3-1 in Turin last year, and have won six of the last seven editions, with a record eight triumphs in total.

"There was women's football before Barcelona, and it was played here for years," Lyon forward Ada Hegerberg remarked last season, as Barca racked up two world-record attendances at Camp Nou en route to the final.

The Norwegian forward also pointed out her side have never lost to Barcelona, so even if they conquer Wolfsburg, that issue remains.

Some Barcelona players, however, already think believe their time has begun.

"I consider myself within the successful era (already), because reaching three consecutive finals is not something we would have seen in the past," veteran defender Marta Torrejon told reporters this week.

"With one Champions League in the bag, as I put it, let's see what happens this Saturday."

Explosive young forward Claudia Pina, who could play a big part for Barcelona in the coming decade, agreed, saying winning the second Champions League would be further progress.

"I hope we keep winning, I hope we win this final, but I think already, today, we're one of the best teams in Europe and the world," said Pina.

"We are showing it, by reaching the finals we're reaching, and now we have to win them and, well, take a step forward."

Barcelona have dominated within Spain, winning the last four consecutive league titles, wiping away opponents without breaking a sweat.

In May they suffered their first league defeat in almost two years -- during that run they won 62 consecutive league games.

After Lyon beat Barcelona 4-1 in Budapest in the 2019 final, the already improving Catalans kicked up a further gear. They beat Chelsea in the 2021 final in Gothenburg to earn their maiden Champions League trophy.

This season, shorn of injured two-time Ballon d'Or winner Alexia Putellas until recently, the Catalans lost only one game in Europe, a group phase match at Bayern Munich.

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## Popp calls on underdogs Wolfsburg to channel spirit of 2013 against Barca

EINDHOVEN

TEN years after Wolfsburg achieved a "euphoric" treble, star striker Alexandra Popp hopes to tap the underdog spirit from that memorable campaign against favourites Barcelona in Saturday's Women's Champions League final.

Red-hot Barcelona have lost only twice in the Spanish league in the past four seasons and will be playing in their fourth Champions League final in five years when they take on Wolfsburg in Eindhoven.

"I would definitely not make us favourites," Popp told media in a press conference in Wolfsburg.

The forward, who on Wednesday was named Germany captain for the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, has won three Champions League titles. The first was as a teenager with Duisburg in 2009 and the others with Wolfsburg in 2013 and 2014.

Popp drew inspiration from her side's memorable 2012-13 campaign when they swept the German League and Cup and won the Champions League.

"We couldn't believe what we'd managed to do. It was Wolfsburg's first year in the Champions League," the 32-year-old said.

"To achieve something like that -- a triple -- it gives you goosebumps just talking about it.

"It makes me happy to think about it, it makes me feel euphoric."

Wolfsburg's treble class of 2013 has been invited for a reunion this week and will be at the game on Saturday -- with Popp front and centre on the pitch.

- 'Caused a sensation' -

Wolfsburg have won the German Cup in each of the last nine seasons and five of the past seven Bundesliga titles, although they lost out on the final day this season to Bayern Munich.

Despite their dominance in Germany, Wolfsburg are without a Champions League title in nine years. They lost the 2016, 2018 and 2020 finals to Lyon.

Barcelona, who won their only title against Chelsea in 2021, will also be happy they are not facing Lyon after losing the 2019 and 2022 finals to the French club.

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# Sevilla in seventh heaven after Europa League win

BUDAPEST

SEVILLA found their Europa League magic formula on Wednesday, beating Roma 4-1 on penalties in Budapest to make it a perfect seven out of seven in finals in the competition.

The game finished 1-1 following extra-time after Paulo Dybala's opener was earlier cancelled out by an own goal from Roma defender Gianluca Mancini.

A bad-tempered but gripping match went to a shootout at a raucous Puskas Arena, with Sevilla goalkeeper Yassine Bounou proving the hero with two saves.

Gonzalo Montiel, who scored the winning penalty in the 2022 World Cup final, netted the decisive spot-kick after Mancini and Roger Ibanez had failed to convert for Roma.

The win is a remarkable achievement for 62-year-old Jose Luis Mendilibar, who only took over at Sevilla in March and is now celebrating his first major trophy.

"We are going to enjoy this because it has cost a lot and right now I don't know if I will renew or not and I don't care," said the Spaniard, who is not certain to be at the club next season.

The veteran coach was brought in to save the club from relegation and has led them to safety as well as European glory.

"When I arrived I told the players that they were very good but that they were not mentally in the right place and that was my job," he said. "They have shown me in the end that they are



Sevilla

very good."

Defeat spells heartbreak for Roma boss Jose Mourinho, who has lost a European final for the first time after five successes.

The fans created a crackling atmosphere before kick-off but the early stages of the game did not match the colour in the stands.

- Dybala strike - Dybala repaid Mourinho's gamble on his fitness in the 35th minute when he latched onto Mancini's through ball from the centre circle, coolly slotting his shot past Bounou.

Sevilla, finally finding some fluency, came agonisingly close to leveling deep into the seven minutes of added-on time when Ivan Rakitic drilled a fierce left-footed strike from distance that cannoned back off an upright.

Mendilibar brought on forwards Suso and Erik Lamela for Oliver Torres and Bryan Gil at the

break and the Spanish side began the second period on the front foot.

They were level after 10 minutes when Mancini bundled a Jesus Navas cross from the right into his own net from close range.

Roma seemed certain to re-take the lead against the run of play midway through the second half but the Sevilla defenders somehow scrambled the ball away after several stabs at goal from close range.

Dybala, starting a match for the first time since mid-April, was withdrawn, with midfielder GeorGINIO Wijnaldum coming on to replace him.

Sevilla thought they had a penalty with 15 minutes to go after referee Anthony Taylor ruled that Ibanez had brought down Lucas Ocampos but the decision was overturned by VAR.

Roma squandered a glorious chance to go back in front when substitute Andrea Belotti failed to keep his shot on target with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Extra-time was largely uneventful as tempers flared between the two benches but Roma defender Chris Smalling almost snatched the win when he hit the woodwork with a looping header from a corner in the dying seconds.

There were 13 yellow cards awarded, the most ever in a UEFA Europa League game.

The first three spot-kicks were converted but when man-of-the-match Bounou saved penalties from Mancini and pushed Ibanez's effort onto the post, the Spanish side had a 3-1 lead and appeared certain winners.

But there was more drama to come.

Montiel's effort was saved by Rui Patrício but the kick was ordered retaken after an encroachment by the goalkeeper and this time the Argen-

tine made no mistake.

Sevilla, 11th in La Liga with one match to play will play in the Champions League next season.

But Roma's campaign could end with a whimper after the highs of winning the inaugural Europa Conference League last year.

The Italian team are sixth in Serie A with one game remaining and there are major doubts over whether Mourinho, 60, will still be manager next season.

"We felt pressure against a team that has more talent than us," said the Portuguese. "We lost a game but not dignity. I've never gone home prouder than today, even when I won."

Meanwhile, Jose Mourinho threw his future as Roma manager into further doubt on Wednesday, saying he was "too tired" after the bitter pain of losing his first major European final to Sevilla.

The Spanish team tri-

umphed 4-1 on penalties after the game in Budapest finished 1-1, with Paulo Dybala's opener cancelled out by an own goal from Roma defender Gianluca Mancini.

Such a defeat is a new experience for Mourinho, 60, who had won all five of his previous major European finals, including last year's inaugural UEFA Conference League final with the Italian side.

"I'm too tired to do the job as a trainer, as a spokesman of the club, to fight every time," he said in the immediate aftermath of the defeat.

Mourinho told reporters that questions over his future were "not important at the moment", adding he was looking forward to going on holiday at the end of the season.

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The Portuguese said he was disappointed with the officiating during the final and felt a number of decisions went against his men.

"We felt pressure against a team that has more talent than us," he said. "We lost a game but not dignity."

"I've never gone home prouder than today, even when I won. We had also worked hard on penalties but we missed two -- but all together, not only the penalty takers."

"Congratulations to Sevilla, but also congratulations to my players. The boys must go home peacefully, with pride for having done what they have done. These are my boys from Budapest."

AFP

# Man United aim to rewrite history with FA Cup glory at City's expense

LONDON

TWELVE years ago, Manchester City triggered a seismic shift in English football by beating treble-chasing Manchester United at Wembley. Now City's own treble bid will come under threat from resurgent United in Saturday's FA Cup final.

With the Premier League wrapped up for a third successive season, City are two victories away from becoming only the second English club -- after United in 1999 -- to win the English title, the Champions League and the FA Cup in the same campaign.

City's current success and United's status as hopeful challengers would have been unimaginable when they last met in the FA Cup at Wembley in the 2011 semi-finals.

Just a few weeks after that showdown at the national stadium, United would clinch the Premier League title for the fourth time in five years, while also reaching the Champions League final.

In stark contrast to United's golden era under boss Alex Ferguson, City were still scarred by decades of dysfunction and they headed to

Wembley in the midst of a trophy drought that had become a source of embarrassment.

Such was United's superiority over their neighbours that fans cheekily displayed a banner in the Stretford End at Old Trafford which showed how many years it was since City last won a trophy.

To the intense frustration of the blue side of Manchester, the number on the banner was 35 by 2011.

Yet by the time they left Wembley on a grey April afternoon, City had delivered a statement of intent that would soon render that mocking banner redundant.

The first Manchester derby to be played at Wembley was an appropriate setting for a defining moment in English football.

Since City were taken over by Sheikh Mansour's Abu Dhabi-based group in 2008, their vast spending on new players had become the talk of the Premier League.

Ferguson had dismissively waved away talk of City posing a threat to United when he dubbed their rivals "noisy neighbours" in 2009.

But City were gradually improving under boss

Roberto Mancini and the FA Cup semi-final served as their coming of age.

After United missed several chances, Yaya Toure, one of City's expensive recruits, scored the only goal of a fiercely-contested clash seven minutes after half-time.

The defeatism that had plagued City for so long was removed in one fell swoop.

- 'A real turning point' - Joleon Lescott was part of the defence that kept United at bay and the centre-back recalls the match as game-changer for both clubs.

"That FA Cup semi-final was a real shift in belief as a club, for us as players and the fans, but

also for United," Lescott said.

"They realised we were a real threat. That was a real turning point. It really propelled us."

City would go on to win the FA Cup final against Stoke, banishing the trophy taunts from United and setting the stage for the start of a blue dynasty in Manchester.

Mancini's men thrashed United 6-1 at Old Trafford the following season and won the title at their rivals' expense thanks to Sergio Aguero's unforgettable late goal against QPR on the final day.

"We weren't just the noisy neighbours anymore, we were very

loud!" Nigel De Jong, a member of that title-winning team, said.

Since beating United in the 2011 semi-final, City have won 15 major trophies, including seven Premier Leagues, as Pep Guardiola arrived to lead them to new heights with five titles in the last six seasons.

United have won only six major trophies in the same period with their last title coming in Ferguson's final season in 2013. However, a revival could be brewing after United boss Erik ten Hag ended the club's six-year trophy drought this season.

Winning the League Cup and finishing third

in the Premier League are encouraging signs, but beating the champions in the first all-Manchester FA Cup final would be an even more significant milestone.

"It's obvious we play against probably, at this moment, the best team, but still there is a chance. We have to give everything," Ten Hag said.

And with their club seemingly on the verge of being bought by a wealthy new owner, United fans can dare to dream of emulating the City surge that started with an unexpected victory at Wembley over a decade ago.

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## Swimming club ready for Tanzania Junior Championships

By Guardian Correspondent

A total of 15 clubs will participate in this year's Tanzania Junior Swimming Championships, slated for tomorrow to Sunday at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) pool, Masaki in Dar es Salaam.

The event is intended for swimmers up to the age of 12 years, according to the Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) secretary-general, Inviolata Itatiro.

She disclosed that the event will have four age categories namely U-7, 8-9 years, 10-11 years, and 12 years old.

Inviolata mentioned the clubs lining up for the showdown as Bluefins, Braeburn Arusha, Braeburn Sharks, Champions Rise, Dar Swim Club, FL Blue Marlins, Lake Swim Club, and Majimaji Swimming Club.

Morogoro International School (MIS) 'Piranhas', Mwanza Swimming Club, Pigeon Swimming Club, Premier Swimming Club, Riptide Swimming Club, Taliss-IST, and Wahoo Swimming Club complete the list.

The event has been sponsored by Bwana Sukari, a product of Kilombero Sugar Company- the championships' main sponsors, while co-sponsors are Pepsi and JustFit, and vendors are F and L Juice, Wrap and Roll, Burger 53, and DelhiDarBar.

She said TSA has organized the juniors' event to promote the sport, besides giving international experience to budding swimmers who are expected to fight for their clubs as well as improve their Personal Best (PB) times.

"The competition is a continuation of TSA's mission to raise awareness and promote swimming in Tanzania," Inviolata pointed out.

According to her, trophies will be presented to the top three swimmers in each age group, while medals will be handed over to the top three swimmers. The medals are gold, silver, and bronze for the first, second, and third winners respectively.

"Points will be allocated for the first- to 10th-place winners. The top swimmer will get 20 points, the second posts 16 points, the third notches 14 points, the fourth- 12 points, the fifth- 10 points, the sixth-eight points, the seventh- six points, the eighth- four points, ninth- two points, and 10th- one point," she said.

She said points for events involving 10-year-old and over performers, such as the 400m Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley, and 200m Freestyle will be allocated to the individual swimmers.

The TSA leader further pointed out medals will be awarded based on final place rather than age group. She said swimmers who do not meet the qualifying times will be disqualified.

# FIFA president congratulates Yanga for lifting Premier League title



Yanga's winger Farid Mussa (front), jubilates with fellow players, Tuisila Kisinda (L), and Zawadi Mauya after the former notched one of Yanga's goals when it confronted Dodoma Jiji FC in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. Yanga garnered a 4-2 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

GIANNI Infantino, FIFA president, has reached out to the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to offer his congratulations on the occasion of Young Africans SC (Yanga) being crowned 2022/23 NBC Premier League champions.

In the letter to TFF president Wallace Karia, Infantino congratulates Yanga. He also expressed gratitude to TFF for the federation's efforts to promote football in the country.

The letter reads: "Dear president, please allow me

to congratulate Young Africans SC for having been crowned 2022/23 champions of Tanzania!"

Infantino revealed: "This title is, no doubt, the result of hard work, passion, and commitment, and everyone at the club can be proud of this important achieve-

ment."

"I would be grateful if you could please extend my congratulations to everybody involved, whom I encourage to continue working with team spirit, passion, and determination," the FIFA president stated.

He added: "On behalf of

the international football community, I finally take this opportunity to thank you and your Federation for your contribution to the development and prosperity of football in Tanzania."

Yanga clinched this season's Premier League top honour after beating Dodoma Jiji FC 4-2 at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last month to lift a record-extending 29th title.

The Premier League title was secured with two games to spare aided by Simba SC slipping against Namungo FC.

Yanga has won two NBC Premier League titles under head coach Nasreddine Nabi who joined the team in April 2021 and is now the longest-serving tactician in the topflight.

Fiston Mayele's goals have helped fire Yanga to their latest title, with the Congolese striker finding the back of the net 17 times so far, seven more than his closest challengers.

Mayele's 17-goal haul equalled last season's mark set by top scorer George Mpole, then turning out for Geita Gold FC.

The champions can revel in a momentous campaign

having won the Community Shield at the start of the season, and sweeping aside South Africa's Marumo Gallants to reach this season's CAF Confederation Cup final.

Yanga has moreover set up an Azam Sports Federation Cup final date against Azam FC following its victory over Singida Big Stars to keep their treble hopes alive.

The Premier League winners will close out the league season with trips to Mbeya City FC and Tanzania Prisons.

Yanga currently faces crucial games, the first of which is the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final re-match against Algeria's USM Alger slated to take place at the latter's backyard tomorrow.

The Jangwani Street side has an uphill battle to overcome a 2-1 first-leg defeat against the Algerian outfit, which came about when the two clubs met at the former's backyard last weekend.

The Tanzanian club will later honour the Azam Sports Federation Cup final, slated to take place on June 12.

## 20 models line up for Miss Tanzania 2023 crown

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Miss Tanzania 2023 beauty pageant was launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday, with a total of 20 contestants preparing to compete for the title and the winner will represent the country in the Miss World.

Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee's Chairperson Azama Mashango said during the pageant's launch: "We have officially launched the beauty pageant and we already have 20 beauties in this competition who are representing different regions in the country."

She further noted that Miss Tanzania has been an important bridge to girls' success where they showcase their potential for a chance to win the crown and represent the country in Miss World.

According to Azama, apart from enjoying recognition and being presented with titles, the models will secure different deals that will help them economically in the long run.

"Nowadays, the public opinion against the beauty pageant has been positive and that gives these young ladies the courage to compete for it and see it as a means where they can improve their lives through the prizes that are presented which include money and other different packages," she said.

"We cannot say what prizes will be presented to the winners but we can assure that the prize will be much more

grand than last year's and so the contestants just need to work hard and ensure they win," the Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee's Chairperson noted.

David Malisa, Director of Marketing and Content at Startimes, said: "Today is the official launch of the Miss Tanzania 2023 camp and it will be broadcast live through the ST Bongo channel in Startimes."

The Miss Tanzania camp, he noted, will officially start on June 23, with its first episode airing the same day.

The official revealed the episodes will air for five days (Monday-Friday) at 2130 hrs and the rerun of all episodes will be on Sunday at 1400hrs.

"The participants of Miss Tanzania will stay in the camp for two weeks in which all activities that take place in the camp will be broadcast

directly through ST Bongo channel number 401 for dish users and channel 161 for antenna users," he noted.

Miss Tanzania 2022, Halima Kopwe, said that the pageant keeps on getting recognition from different stakeholders.

According to the model, she is sure the situation will encourage more girls to take part in the pageant as it has turned into a source of employment akin to other in-

come-earning activities.

The model noted: "I will be representing the country in the Miss World 2023 pageant which will take place in Dubai."

"As my era is coming to an end I just want to let the girls know every girl is beautiful in their way and so they just need to work hard and show that they are qualified to be crowned the title," she added.



Members of WAJIKI, a Community-Based Organization sensitizing communities on gender issues, and other stakeholders, engage in jogging at Makumbusho in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. The exercises back a campaign, known as 'Unga Tela, Vunja Ukimya, Safari Salama Bila Rushwa ya Ngoni Inawezekana, targeting to do away with sexual extortion. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

