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By Correspondent Paul Mabeja, Dodoma

THE government needs to stimulate tourism activities by reviewing tax and administrative policies governing the sector, a parliamentary committee has declared.

Oran Njeza (Mbeya Rural), chairman of the standing committee on the Budget, advised the government to seek for more loans on concessional terms to facilitate implementation of key development projects.

He underlined the need to attract investors and tourists as well as encouraging investment in various sectors, affirming that the committee advised the government to set up appropriate systems for receiving funds and investments made by nationals living in the Diaspora.

This would increase foreign currency and improve the transport sector, chiefly ports and railways, he said, presenting views of the committee on the state of the nation's economy, the national development plan and the Budget estimates for fiscal 2024/25.

He applauded plans for borrowing a total of 2.9trn/- from outside sources to implement various development initiatives, not-

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ing that it is important for the government to find as many concessional and semi-concessional loans.

There are still a good number of development projects that need to be executed and they all need funds, he emphasised, affirming that the government needs to put in place "solid strategies to expand the scope of taxes to increase revenue collection."

"Furthermore, the government should put in place strategies to combat the risks arising from the global economic recession as well as look at the possibility of using opportunities arising from these challenges," he said, pointing at the possibility of completing the liquefied natural gas (LNG) project to cut petrol and diesel imports.

Citing data placing the value of the economic activities in the informal sector at 14trn/-, he said that businesses in this sector need to be recognised and registered.

There ought to be effective short and long-

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Doyo Hassan (L) candidate for national chairmanship of the Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC) and Scola Deonatus (R), vying for the vice chairmanship of the party, march towards the ADC head offices at Buguruni, Dar es Salaam yesterday to return forms. The vote is slated for late next week. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

VP: Study links between climate change, diseases

That matter came up during the best practices forum and joint consultative committee meeting, as part of events at the golden jubilee memorial

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has urged health experts in the eastern, central and southern Africa region to em-

bark on detailed research on how global climate change contributes to the emergence of new disease characteristics.

Closing the golden jubilee event for health experts known as the regional

health community (ECSA-HC) here yesterday, the VP pointed out that weather phenomena and catastrophes they induce make various ailments acquire new characteristics.

"Early research will help us come up with new medical solutions," he stated, while Health minister Umyy Mwalimu highlighted the fact that some parasites are becoming resistant to medication.

This needs extensive studies beyond the current preoccupation with misuse

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Some Dar es Salaam residents climb into a cart to cross Jangwani Bridge following heavy rain early yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



'Africa has the finances to fund its development'

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICA has the resources to finance its own development but it lacks the relevant processes to effectively allocate the needed resources, a development think tank has declared.

This observation is made in the latest Mo Ibrahim Foundation report, urging African countries to properly manage its resources to attain its aspired development.

Further steps need to be taken to reform the international financial system and update African debt structuring, risk assessment and mitigation as well as loan conditionalities, it said, affirming that when it comes to domestic resources, they are either dormant or misused.

Mo Ibrahim, the founder and chairman of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, asserts in the report titled "Financing Africa: Where is the Money?" that the report provides a comprehensive analysis of what is deemed necessary for Africa to meet its development and climate goals and the resources that are currently available.

"We need a complete change of paradigm," he declared, insisting that the key issue is not about Africa coming to the developed world with a begging bowl and developed countries considering how much more they can pledge.

"This is about smarter money, not just more money. As this report outlines, the money is already there," he stated, while the report is blunt that the continent must stop squandering its own assets and take proper ownership and responsibility.

"In short, we must apply good governance to ensure these assets are adequately leveraged

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TIC lines up Turkish firm to seek investors

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) has entered into a one-year agreement with a Turkish consulting firm, Africapital Investment Holdings Ltd whereby the latter will attract capital investments to Tanzania.

Gilead Teri, the TIC executive director and Africapital CEO Burak Buyuksarac signed the pact in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

The Turkish firm has reputedly wide ranging knowledge of business activities in that country and outside, so it will help increase awareness and take up of investment opportunities for the TIC and implicitly, the government.

Africapital will effectively collaborate with international and local investors to seek capital link up for investments in agriculture, energy, trade and technology in construction, mining sectors, as well as for electricity and gas.

Recent statistics shows that Turkey has vast business potential, with the trade volume with Tanzania standing at \$22m late last year, from \$9m back in 2017.

The upward trend in trade volume between the two countries is mainly contributed by exports of minerals and raw agricul-

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term initiatives for heavily investing in competitive advantage sectors of agriculture, tourism, livestock, mining and natural resources. This would further stimulate investments to achieve intended growth objectives, he said.

The government should set effective strategies to overcome impacts of climate change, create an enabling environment to stimulate the use of information and communication technology (ICT) for innovation, research, production and education, he further urged.

The current uplift of the Tanzanian economy apart, it can still be affected by risks from climate change,

the Ukraine war and aggravating unrest in the Middle East, he further noted.

The committee commended efforts to reduce importation of products that can be produced locally such as edible oil, sugar, wheat and barley, pointing at the need to increase the number of crops and products for sale in auctions and increasing the number of buyers allowed in the market as the move will increase productivity among the farmers and raise foreign exchange earnings.

Building new warehouses and renovation of existing warehouses would facilitate storage of greater crop tonnage, the committee intoned.

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tural produce, with the Turkish firm CEO affirming that the firm works with small institutions, intending to raise capital for start-ups, thus seeing room for collaboration as quest is being energetically pursued in Tanzania at present.

Within the period stated in the contract, the firm is confident it will bring as many companies as it can, seeking to put a foothold in Tanzania, he said.

The TIC was explicit that all prospective investors seeking out available opportunities will be assured of a conducive working environment, working smoothly and being safe in person and properties.

Registering an investment project at TIC requires a minimum of \$0.5m

for foreign investors and \$0.3m for local, with observers noting an upward trend over the past few years.

There was a marked deterioration in the business and investment climate for half a decade, where the focus shifted to public sector strategic projects that now change the facilitation for attracting foreign investments, analysts say.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan sees foreign investments as a huge opportunity to boost the gross domestic product (GDP), especially in creating more jobs and widening the tax net.

President Samia was recently in Turkey for a five-day state visit, where a meeting was arranged between members of the Turkish business chambers and the visiting delegation.

Explosions at army ammunition depot in Chad's capital kill nine

N'DJAMENA

NINE people have been killed after a fire set off explosions at a military ammunition depot in Chad's capital.

Government spokesperson Abderraman Koulamallah confirmed the news on Wednesday adding that 46 people were being treated for various injuries after the explosions jolted residents from their sleep late Tuesday in the Goudji district of the capital, N'Djamena.

The explosions lit up the sky as thick smoke covered the clouds in the West African nation, setting off frantic efforts to extinguish the fire as residents fled their homes for safety.

The cause of the fire was not immediately clear, and President Mahamat Deby Itno said an investigation would be conducted.

"Peace to the souls of the victims, sincere condolences to the bereaved families and quick recovery to the injured," Deby said on Facebook. He later visited the scene of the accident as well as hospitals where the injured were being treated.

People living in the area panicked, thinking the explosion was an armed attack, resident Oumar

Mahamat said.

Local media reported the blasts started just before midnight as nearby buildings shook and ammunition was thrown from the depot with explosive force.

Authorities called on residents to stay out of the area, which was taken over by security forces gathering the scattered artillery shells.

Allamine Moussa, a resident, called on the government to "come to our aid urgently" after he and other residents fled their homes.

"Many families have recorded deaths and it's sad," Moussa said.

Chad, a country of nearly 18 million people, has been reeling from political turmoil before and after a controversial presidential election that resulted in Deby Itno's victory. He had led the country as interim president during the period of military rule that followed the death of his father in 2021.

Cameron Hudson, an Africa expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the explosions might not be entirely coincidental and "feels more like a message" to the government, which has been embroiled in internal political tensions and as well as regional tensions over the war in neighbouring Sudan.



Cedric Merel, the European Union (EU) delegation's counsellor for cooperation, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday at an information session of the EU and financial institutions, public agencies along with women and youth SMEs, focused on enabling them access financial and banking services. Photo: John Badi

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of medical drugs, she told the gathering, at the climax of the 50th anniversary milestone in consultations on the development of the health sector in the region.

Tanzania, which hosts the ECSA-HC secretariat, is disposed to support its activities.

The VP is expected to grace the ministerial conference at the concluding session, while the minister

asserted that ECSA-HC has a vital role in setting out arrangements for training, research and grooming medical experts in the region. Prof Yoswa Gambia, the ECSA-HC executive director, said that during the preceding week the member states showcased achievements of ECSA operations in the past half century.

The secretariat expects to closely work with the World Health Organization (WHO) to come up with

effective solutions regarding emerging diseases in Africa, he stated.

He said that ECSA-HC operations had proved to be resilient, given the high mortality rate of professional organizations in the region, some hardly surviving beyond two years.

Earlier it was aired that the member states are exploring the possibility of establishing joint pharmaceutical industries to reduce dependency on foreign imports.

That matter came up during the best practices forum and joint consultative committee meeting, as part of events at the golden jubilee memorial.

Prof Dingani Moyo, a Zimbabwean medical sector activist, said last week that African countries can come up with contractual pharmaceutical industries, to contain diseases and make treatments more affordable.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango consoles Grace Mgombela, the widow of the late Kilimanjaro regional administrative secretary Tixon Nzunda, who died in a road accident. The VP paid a courtesy call at the family's home in Moshi yesterday. Photo: VPO

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for the best interests of our people," he said, while the report first identifies the substantial but often incoherent numbers associated with Africa's development and climate goals.

"While the task of assessing financial needs is complicated by inconsistent data from multiple sources, the figures all point to staggering numbers," the report's compilers noted.

It analyses financial contributions from non-African sources including official development assistance (ODA) as it accounts for nearly 10 percent of the continent's financial resources.

ODA from Western donors remains primarily directed towards health and education and often comes with specific conditionalities, the report asserts.

"Debt cannot be the way out as stock and servicing costs have tripled since 2009, and its increasingly complex structure renders traditional relief efforts obsolete, it added.

UN warns of high risk of ethnic violence in Sudan

KHARTOUM

AS fighting in Sudan between the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces rages on, the United Nations says the world is in a race against time to avert a massive loss of life.

"Without swift action, Sudan risks becoming engulfed in more ethnic violence and fragment even further. The risk of a conflict spillover remains high," said UN Assistant Secretary-General for Africa, Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee.

She added that between 16 April and 9 June, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights documented at least 192 civilian deaths in El Fasher.

"Since then, dozens more civilians, including women and children, have reportedly been killed. Civilians are in the line of fire. Nowhere is safe for them."

The UN said that with famine impending, human rights violations on the rise, and fighting escalating, the international community must work towards an immediate ceasefire in Sudan.

Sudan's permanent representative to the UN, Al-Harith Idriss al-Harith Mohamed, meanwhile stressed his government commitment to resolve the situation. "The government of Sudan is committed to international humanitarian law, including during

military operations. The Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) are committed to the rules of engagement," he said.

He said the army "prioritises the protection of civilians" and the "non-targeting of their properties or civilian infrastructure".

Mohamed added that the SAF had issued warnings through social media so that citizens leave any areas that are under the control of the rebels, where "they would be considered as legitimate targets". The UN is calling for the protection of civilians and the infrastructure they need for survival, unimpeded and expanded humanitarian access to people in need, and increased funding for the aid operation.

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Govt for establishment of independent accreditation board for health services

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Ministry of Health wants an independent accreditation board that is responsible for certifying and controlling quality of health services provided in the country.

This will help health services provided to meet national and international standards and promote medical tourism in the country.

The idea was floated yesterday in Dar es Salaam by Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Dr Grace Magembe while opening a one-day conference of Tanzanian and British health experts.

"I really commend the organization of Tanzanians living in the UK who collaborate with our health institutions here in training, research and innovation, including the use of information and communication technology in medicine," she said.

She said that the cooperation is important because it helps to deliver professional services to improve and thus enable the country to become the centre of medical tourism for east and central African countries.

"I would like to ask the experts to cooperate with them in preparing guidelines and finally a body that will be responsible for certifying provision of health services with the aim of controlling quality of health services in the country as they do in the UK," she said.

"I have listened to the presentation of an expert from the UK who has explained how the system of accreditation and quality control of medical services is done and how they take appropriate measures there and I concluded that we can do that here in Tanzania too," she said.

She said that there are already institutions and councils that do that do the same but there are still improvements that need to be made in accordance with national and international standards.

"We need to have an independent accreditation body that will tell us where we do well and where we do not do well with the aim of improving our services," she said.

Executive Director of Benjamin Mkapa Hospital in Dodoma Prof Abel Makubi said the academic conference aimed to share experience in various medical issues.

Prof. Gideon Mlawa, Treasurer of the Tanzania UK Healthcare Diaspora Association (TUHEDA), said cooperation between it and Tanzania will be based more on the exchange of expertise, training and research with the aim of improving health services.

"In this partnership, we Tanzanians living in the UK bring back home what we have acquired, including expertise but we will also build pharmaceutical factories and medical devices to boost the health sector in our country," he said.

Health experts from the national, regional and referral hospitals met their colleagues from the Queen-Elizabeth Hospital in the UK under coordination of TUHEDA to discuss various methods of improving health services in the country.

Protect children against violence, parents advised

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PARENTS and guardians in the country have been advised to promote children's rights against all types of harassment and violence to enable them to realize their dreams.

Zainabu Masilanga, Ubungu Municipal Council Social Welfare Officer made the advice in Dar es Salaam recently in a series of events to commemorate the International Day of the African Child that was organized by the Dar es Salaam based SOS Children's Villages.

She said that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is an important agreement by countries that guides protection of children's rights.

She said the convention explains who children are, all their rights, and the responsibilities of governments.

Masilanga said that in 1959, the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which defined children's rights to protection, education, health care, shelter, and good nutrition.

"Let us abide by the laws governing children's rights to avoid the ongoing harassment in the communities," she said.

Director of SOS Children's Villages in Tanzania Florian Fanuel expressed commitment to collaborating with the government to ensure the rights of children are protected.

He said that the organization works together with local authorities to enable children to be reunited with their family of origin.

"We support families and follow the reintegration process. As a result, some children stay in our villages for a shorter period of time," he said.

He admitted that there was an emerging challenge of child care, few centres to accommodate them and an increase of single mothers.

"It is our role as a nation to improve care systems at family level to ensure children remain safe and free from all types of harassment," he said.

Glory Joseph, one of the children at the Dar es Salaam-based centre expressed gratitude to the centre for the support since she was accepted.

"Sincerely, I do not know the day I arrived at the centre but since day one up to now they have taken care of me up to form four," she said.

She called on other young people to have confidence when making decisions, adding that she has a dream of becoming an entrepreneur.

Rozi Titus, Children's guardian at the centre said that conflict between parents can put children at risk of mental health issues and behavioural, social and academic problems.

She said it can also have a significant effect on a child's long-term outcomes such as putting children at risk of school dropout and learning challenges.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa speaks with Deogratius Ndejumbo, the Labour, Youth, Employment and Disabilities state minister in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in the legislature yesterday.

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

Rights groups want justice after child with albinism is murdered

TANZANIA Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) and the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) have condemned the kidnapping and brutal murder of a child with albinism Asimwe Nobath (2).

On May 30th this year, an incident of kidnapping by unknown individuals in Bulamula Village, Kamachumu Ward in Muleba District, Kagera Region was reported whereby assailants snatched Asimwe from her mother Kebyera Richard and disappeared to unknown location.

After 19 days, Asimwe's body was found without limbs, hands, tongue and eyes, a situation which raised fear and concerns among residents.

Speaking at a press conference in Dar es

Salaam yesterday, the two organizations called upon security institutions to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and ensure that all those involved are brought to justice as quickly as possible.

They said this was the time that the office of the Prime Minister (Labour, Employment, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities) should implement robust strategies to oversee the wellbeing of all people with albinism across the country.

"The brutal and cruel incident against this child should remind the government

and all relevant authorities of the urgent need for collective efforts to combat abuse and cruelty against people with albinism in our communities," said the statement.

The human rights organisations said the National Assembly should use the ongoing budget session to discuss and allocate special funds to strengthen protection for people with albinism at all levels.

"We call upon members of the public to stand together to expose and report anyone committing cruel acts

against people with albinism," said the statement.

The statement said that it was evident that attacks against people with albinism have resurged during this period leading up to the elections, especially targeting children, citing an example of the incident which took place back in 2015 in Rukwa Region.

In the incident a six-year-old boy named Baraka Cosmas was attacked while sleeping alongside his mother by unknown individuals who broke into their home and cut off his hand.



Some Dar es Salaam residents negotiate the way with the pedestrian area flooded along Bagamoyo Road at Mwenge area, with the early downpour in Dar es Salaam, yesterday. Photo: John Badi

Issue EFD receipts for every sale, traders told

By Correspondent Christina Haule,

Morogoro

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) in Morogoro Region has urged traders to ensure that they issue genuine electronic fiscal devices receipts to increase collection of revenue and stimulate development.

Emmaculate Chaggu, TRA Senior Taxpayers Education Officer for Morogoro Region made the call yesterday here at a workshop for accountants, procurement officers, auditors as well as university students to discuss best

ways to strengthen efficiency in service provision.

Chaggu said it is important for traders to issue legal receipts and stop demanding extra payment from customers for them to issue the receipts.

"It is also important for all of us to build a culture of demanding receipts with the correct amount of money paid at the time of buying items to stop untrustworthy businesspersons from evading government revenues that are used to incur costs of social services," she said.

She further said the authority will continue enhancing its education and

awareness programmes to tax payers in order to increase voluntary tax compliance and thus expand tax base.

James Suka, executive director of Suyoo Vijana Resolution Group urged the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) and the Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSPTB) to cooperate with universities in the country to implement awareness programmes in order to attract more students to join the boards and increase efficiency of their carriers.

He said the organisation operates an examination centre for NBAA and

has more than 200 students, a number which may increase if more education is given to students in universities on the importance of conducting the board's exams.

He said they decided to conduct the workshop every year to help provide students with understanding on the presence of the professional boards for them to join and benefit from various opportunities.

Suka further urged students to realize that they should use the boards for their professional development because the boards take all cadres and at various levels of education.

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- Responsible for the preparation and oversight of annual budgets including expenditure tracking, budgets monitoring, conducting variance analysis and implementing corrective action;
- Prepare periodic financial information and reports used by management, the Board of Directors, regulatory bodies and other stakeholders;
- In charge of Management Information Analytics of the bank responsible for designing, develop and enhancement of various data mining models that will help the business performance, customer metrics as well as other growth strategies (business units, branches and products performance);
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- Holder of a Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields: Accounting, Finance, Commerce or Business Administration (Majoring in Accounting, Finance and Banking) or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions with:
- At least 7 years' working experience in the banking industry or financial institution of which two (2) years should be in a managerial position;
- Registered CPA (T), ACCA, ACA or equivalent professional qualifications;
- Registration with NBS as a Certified Public Accountant;
- Possession of a Master Degree in one of the fields mentioned above is an added advantage
- Strong leadership skills coupled with the composure required to thrive under pressure;
- Always willing to learn and grow as a leader and professional;
- Strong motivational skills to drive the team for self-motivation in challenging times;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- A healthy level of diplomacy and discretion while dealing with customers and stakeholders at all levels;
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- Implement the bank's approved strategy and facilitate achievement of related short- and long-term business goals in the most effective and efficient manner;
- Develop and manage targeted Corporate Relationships by extending capital, developing robust multi-product account plans, and delivering banking solutions;
- Develop solid corporate relationships with the existing corporate clients and attract new corporate clients for the bank;
- Oversee the development and subsequent implementation of annual plans by individual departments / functions comprising Corporate Banking to ensure achievement of pre-set targets / objectives, including but not limited to business growth and expansion;
- Approve / amend Key Performance Indicators for the purpose of performance monitoring and quality measurement of the Corporate Banking department and systematic monitoring of their achievements in terms of assets and liabilities;
- Manage the development and subsequent implementation of Corporate Banking best practices across the department's operations to promote efficiencies in work processes, ultimately resulting in increased customer satisfaction;
- Review and approve Corporate Banking Department management accounts (comprising the balance sheet, income statement along with the budgeted figures) monthly and positively address adverse variances noted with the respective departmental heads;
- Ensure the provision of value-added corporate products and services to existing and potential wholesale banking customers who seek banking relationships with the bank;
- Ensure that the Department provides timely and accurate information to the external and internal auditors and the Compliance function, as and when required;
- Ensure that the approved strategy, business plans, budgets along with the approved policies/procedures and subsequent amendments thereto are timely communicated to the respective wholesale team to ensure alignment and compliance with the changes;
- Strive to maintain continuous compliance of the policies/procedures and regulations pertaining to Corporate Banking promulgated by the respective regulators (i.e. the Central Bank and other governing authority);
- Responsible for overseeing the process of developing and managing relationships with respective corporate customers, business associations and strengthening commercial banking relationships;
- Oversee the roll-out of innovative corporate banking products;
- Manage, control, monitor and assume responsibility for the corporate banking risk profile and portfolio quality in line with the expectations of Credit Committee / Executive Committee;
- Monitor / review the Corporate Banking portfolio by segment on an overall basis and by product, corporate profile, region, industry, and other parameters on periodic basis to ensure the quality and performance of the portfolio;
- Lead the development of 'early warning systems' that highlight possible risks in the corporate credit portfolio, to allow for timely corrective action. Also, monitor critical portfolio cops of required interests and take prompt action in coordination with the Credit Risk team when required to uphold the quality of the portfolio;
- Responsible for overseeing the overall action plans for addressing control weaknesses or compliance issues noted by Internal Audit Department;
- Coordinate Corporate Banking marketing initiatives with the marketing department to maximize cross-selling;
- Hold meetings with staff and assess their performance as well as the function's overall performance on a regular basis.

Minimum requirements:

- Holder of a Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields: Finance, Accounting, Banking, Economics, Commerce or equivalent qualifications from a recognized institution with:
- At least 7 years' working experience in the banking industry or financial institution of which two (2) years should be in a managerial position
- Possession of a Master Degree in one of the fields mentioned above is an added advantage.
- Strong leadership skills coupled with the composure required to thrive under pressure;
- Strong motivational skills to drive the team for self-motivation in challenging times;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- A healthy level of diplomacy and discretion while dealing with customers and stakeholders at all levels;
- Decisive, resilient and resourceful;
- Strong influencing skills; and
- Performance oriented.

Director of Risk Management and Compliance;

Are you ready to take a transformational journey in the banking sector and passionate about spearheading Risk Management and Compliance? Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) is hiring for a dynamic, experienced and resourceful Director of Risk Management and Compliance (DMC) to head the Risk Management and Compliance department and drive its strategy.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the DMC will be responsible for leading the risk management and compliance functions, ensuring that TCB operates within established risk norms and regulatory frameworks while maintaining a culture of integrity and ethical conduct. This role requires strong leadership, analytical skills, and regulatory expertise, as well as a deep understanding of risk management and compliance practices in the banking industry.

Working with a vibrant team of risk management and compliance professionals, the DMC will be at the forefront in safeguarding TCB's reputation, ensuring regulatory compliance, and navigating the complexities of risks in the banking industry.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop, implement and review risk management programs which encompasses compliance policies, guidelines and manuals;
- Identify potential risk, design, monitoring and control mechanisms and develop contingency plans for risk-return-trade off;
- Allocate resources in managing various risks inherent to the bank business so as to provide maximum protection to all stakeholders and ensure the bank's overall performance;
- Enhance specific controls considering organizational changes, risk mapping, and regulations;
- Monitor and monitor compliance with internal and external operating procedures, processes, guidelines and manuals;
- Review risk management reports to ensure that limit excesses, exception and non-compliances are promptly addressed;
- Manage and review the adequacy of risk analysis process, risk ratings and stress testing as part of Credit Risk process;
- Facilitate continuous improvement of the bank's ICT systems and stress testing;
- Review products/services/project programmes and ensure all risk requirements are met before rollout of the products or services;
- Convene monthly management meetings for RQR and RMC and produce reports to BCC and AEC on quarterly basis; and
- Serve as the Money laundering reporting officer and report transactions to the financial intelligence unit.
- Act as a contact person between the bank and the regulators
- Carry out any other related duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

Minimum requirements:

- Holder of a Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields: Business Administration, Finance, Accounting, Banking, Economics, Commerce, Actuarial Science, Actuarial Science, Actuarial Management, Risk Management, Statistics or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions with:
- At least 7 years' working experience in the banking industry or financial institution of which two (2) years should be in a managerial position;
- Possession of a Master Degree in one of the fields mentioned above is an added advantage
- Strong leadership skills coupled with the composure required to thrive under pressure;
- Strong motivational skills to drive the team for self-motivation in challenging times;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- A healthy level of diplomacy and discretion while dealing with customers and stakeholders at all levels;
- Decisive, resilient and resourceful;
- Strong influencing skills; and
- Performance oriented with high level of interpersonal skills

Director of Human Resources

Are you ready to take a transformational journey in the banking sector and passionate about spearheading the Human Resources agenda? Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) is hiring for a dynamic, experienced and resourceful Director of Human Resources (DHR) to head the Human Resources department and drive its strategy.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the DHR will be responsible for creating and shaping the work culture of TCB, attracting and retaining talent and fostering a high performing work environment. The successful candidate will work closely with the senior management in developing and implementing the organization's HR initiatives and policies that align with TCB's strategic objectives.

Working with a vibrant team of Human Resources professionals, the DHR will be responsible for the overall management of recruitment, placement, training and career development activities of staff to ensure the needs of TCB, its management and employees are met in the most cost-effective manner and provide timely and effective training programs as per the TCB policies, procedures and guidelines.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop and monitor the Human Resource initiative within the Bank's Strategic Plan; ensuring the bank's direction on employee relations, hiring, and retention is adequately addressed and managed;
- Develop and implement HR programs that support business objectives including competitive compensation and benefits programs, HR policies and guidelines, regulatory compliance programs, organizational development programs, payroll administration and employee record management policies;
- Develop the recruitment and retention strategy for the bank and its processes flow to ensure that the recruitment process complies with the Labour Act;
- Complete internal control tasks, such as completing required governmental reports, monthly payroll audits, and ongoing effectiveness of the performance review process, training associates, and communicating the design as needed and annual salary planning with management;
- Provide consultation to management on sensitive employee issues, assist with the disciplinary process for the bank as per policy and engage legal counsel as needed;
- Ensure compliance with all employment laws, including Bank policies;
- Direct and implement employee engagement and retention programs such as Service Awards, and other promotions;
- Complete internal control tasks, such as completing required governmental reports, monthly payroll audits, and ongoing reviews of other HR associate's reconciliations;
- Participate in other projects or bank initiatives as assigned by the management.

Minimum requirements:

- Holder of a Bachelor's degree in one of the following fields: Human Resources Management, Public Administration, Industrial Relations, or equivalent qualifications from a recognized institution with:
- At least 7 years' working experience in the banking industry or financial institution of which two (2) years should be in a managerial position;
- Possession of a Master's degree in one of the above fields is an added advantage
- Strong leadership skills coupled with the composure required to thrive under pressure;
- Strong motivational skills to drive the team for self-motivation in challenging times;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- A healthy level of diplomacy and discretion while dealing with customers and stakeholders at all levels;
- Decisive, resilient and resourceful;
- High level of interpersonal skills; and
- Strong commercial acumen.

Director of Marketing and Public Relations;

Are you ready to take a transformational journey in the banking sector and passionate about spearheading the marketing strategy? Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) is hiring for a dynamic, experienced and resourceful Director of Marketing and Public Relations (DMPR) to head the Marketing department and drive the Marketing Strategy.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, DMPR will be responsible for developing and executing marketing initiatives to enhance the TCB brand, drive customer acquisition and retention, and strengthen our relationships with stakeholders. The position requires strategic thinking, strong communication skills, and a proven ability to position TCB in the market, making it easier to promote products and services to the target customers. Working with a vibrant team of Marketing and Public Relations professionals, the DMPR will be at the forefront of planning, organizing, developing and implementing creative marketing strategies and activities to increase the level of deposits and customer base for the bank.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead the development and execution of integrated marketing communication strategies to support business objectives and drive brand awareness
- Oversee all aspects of marketing communications, including branding, public relations, corporate communications, content development, and social media;
- Develop and manage communication plans, budgets, and timelines to ensure efficient and effective execution of communication initiatives
- Ensure that all corporate governance issues are monitored in the bank
- Develop and review marketing and business development policies, guidelines and manuals;
- Identify business relationships with the corporate and public sector;
- Conduct marketing and sales initiatives of the bank's products and services;
- Design new products and re-brand old ones;
- Prepare periodic sales report and submit to relevant authority;
- Facilitate business relationships with the corporate and public sector;
- Maintain quality service by establishing and enforcing TCB standards;
- Provide support and guide to branches to ensure smooth customer's sign up in transaction banking products such as internet banking and cash management solutions;
- Develop and review public relations, communication and PR policies, guidelines and manuals;
- Facilitate implementation of women banking products, services and programmes to ensure growth in business and visibility as per the bank policies and procedures;
- Develop and review public relations, communication and PR policies, guidelines and manuals;
- Create and maintain a positive public image for the bank;
- Track media/news releases and develop communication programs to shape public perception of the bank in order to increase awareness of the bank products or projects;
- Manage public relations including preparation of press releases, feature articles, arranging for interviews and public appearances of the bank's CEO and other senior executives;
- Manage Corporate and Social Responsibility Projects and
- Carry out any other related duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

Minimum requirements:

- Holder of Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields: Marketing, Economics, Planning, Project Management, Commerce, Statistics or Business Administration or equivalent qualifications from a recognized institution with:
- At least 7 years' working experience in the banking industry or financial institution of which two (2) years should be in a managerial position
- Possession of a Master Degree in one of the fields mentioned above is an added advantage.
- Strong leadership skills coupled with the composure required to thrive under pressure;
- Strong motivational skills to drive the team for self-motivation in challenging times;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- A successful track record in senior marketing roles and experience in the industry a must;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- Familiarity with essential digital marketing tools and technologies;
- Experience with print marketing and social media marketing will be preferred;
- An eye for innovation and the willingness to take the initiative when everybody else is hesitant to step up;
- Strong knowledge in using data software such as CRM and Microsoft Office Suite;
- A healthy level of diplomacy and discretion while dealing with customers and stakeholders at all levels.

Chief Operating Officer;

Are you ready to take a transformational journey in the banking sector and passionate about spearheading Operational excellence? Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) is hiring for a dynamic, experienced and resourceful Chief Operating Officer (COO) to spearhead the bank's operations and drive its strategy.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operations Officer (COO) will be responsible for overseeing the bank's operational functions, including technology, operations, and process improvement initiatives to ensure operational excellence and to drive efficiency, innovation, and growth across the organization. The role requires strong leadership skills, strategic thinking, and operational expertise, as well as a deep understanding of the banking operations and industry best practices.

Working with a vibrant team of professionals, the COO will be at the forefront of the bank's implementation of operations and information communication technology (ICT) strategy in order to facilitate and support smooth functioning of the organization.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Oversee the overall administrative functions of the bank.
- Develop and implement administrative policies and procedures.
- Manage office operations and ensure efficient workflow.
- Supervise the database management team.
- Ensure the security and integrity of the bank's data.
- Develop, implement and review operations policies, guidelines and manuals;
- Manage electronic fund transfer via SWIFT and TIS, clearing process, letters of credit and guarantees for trade facilities;
- Facilitate efficient business management to facilitate delivery of performance and achievement of operational excellence in the zone offices and institute controls to avoid revenue leakages;
- Manage the treasury back office operations according to the laid down procedures;
- Develop, implement and review internal ICT infrastructure and operations policies, guidelines and manuals;
- Study business processes and develop ICT infrastructure projects that are able to achieve the expected business objectives of optimal costs;
- Coordinate data processing, networking, office automation and external contractors in the provision of efficient ICT systems, services and support;
- Plan and facilitate systems installations and introduction of new systems to enhance the bank's performance, integrity and administration;
- Develop and put in place facilities and security systems to prevent cybercrimes;
- Manage and support current and planned business operations in efficient manner;
- Ensure compliance with internal and external regulations;
- Supervise the reconciliation team for accurate and timely reconciliation processes;
- Supervise the reconciliation team for accurate and timely reconciliation processes;
- Implement controls to prevent errors in reconciliation activities;
- Conduct regular audits to ensure reconciliation accuracy;
- Carry out any other related duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

Minimum requirements:

- Holder of a Bachelor's Degree in one of the following fields: Information Technology, Computer Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Computer Science, Telecommunication or any equivalent qualifications from any recognized institution.
- At least 7 years' working experience in the banking industry or financial institution of which two (2) years should be in a managerial position.
- A Master's Degree in one of the above fields and or possession of certification such as CCNA, MFC, MCSC, and MCDA is an added advantage.
- Strong leadership skills coupled with the composure required to thrive under pressure;
- Always willing to learn and grow as a leader and professional;
- Strong motivational skills to drive the team for self-motivation in challenging times;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- A healthy level of diplomacy and discretion while dealing with customers and stakeholders at all levels;
- Decisiveness, Resilience and resourcefulness;
- Strong influencing skills;
- Strong commercial acumen

Director of Internal Audit;

Are you ready to take a transformational journey in the banking sector and passionate about spearheading the Internal Audit agenda? Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) is hiring for a dynamic, experienced and resourceful Director of Internal Audit (DIA) to lead the Internal Audit function.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the DIA will be responsible for leading the internal audit function, providing independent and objective assessments of TCB's internal controls, risk management practices, and governance processes. The Director of Internal Audit should have a strong understanding of banking operations, regulatory requirements, and audit methodologies, as well as excellent leadership and communication skills to effectively manage a team and interact with stakeholders at all levels of the organization.

Working with a vibrant team of audit professionals, the DIA will provide an independent objective assurance and consulting activity designed to enhance and protect the bank's value through a systematic and disciplined approach. Furthermore, the Director will also provide assistance to the management and the board of directors on risk management, controls and corporate governance of the bank.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop and finalize an extensive audit plan with the Audit Committee at the beginning of each year and update them on progress regularly.
- Oversee and perform routine evaluations of the Bank's operational and internal accounting controls, presenting findings and suggestions to the Audit Committee.
- Present concise audit department reports to the Committee quarterly.
- Develop and implement internal controls, procedure and manuals;
- Prepare and implement the audit plan;
- Provide update of implementation of audit recommendations;
- Provide advisory services to the Accounting Officer on the proper management and control of resources;
- Examine and evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the Bank's governance processes; risk management processes and internal controls in the following areas:
 - Risk exposure relating to achievement of the bank's strategic objectives;
 - Reliability and integrity of information and the means used to identify, measure, classify, and report such information;
 - Systems established to ensure compliance with those policies, plans, procedures, laws, and regulations which could have a significant impact to the bank;
- Segregating assets and verify the existence of such assets;
- Effectiveness and efficiency with which resources are employed;
- Operations or programs to ascertain whether results are consistent with established objectives and goals and whether the operations or programs are being carried out as planned; and
- Specific operations at the request of the board or management
- Monitor and evaluate governance processes;
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the bank's risk management processes such as Business Continuity Management;
- Provide consulting services relating to governance, risk management and control for the Bank;
- Report on the internal audit directorate's purpose, authority, responsibility and performance relative to its plan; and
- Carry out any other related duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

Minimum requirements:

- Holder of a Bachelor's Degree in one of the following fields: Auditing, Accountancy, Finance, Commerce or Business Administration majoring in Accountancy or Finance or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions with:
- At least 7 years' working experience in the banking industry or financial institution of which two (2) years should be in a managerial position;
- CPA (T), CIA, ACCA, ACA, or CIMA or equivalent from a recognized accounting body;
- Registered with NBSA
- Possession of a Master's Degree in one of the fields mentioned above is an added advantage;
- Strong leadership skills coupled with the composure required to thrive under pressure;
- Strong motivational skills to drive the team for self-motivation in challenging times;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint;
- Expert in Risk Management, Corporate Governance and Internal Controls;
- Excellent verbal and written communication and presentation skills;
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work closely with people with all levels of the organization and facilitate the implementation of corrective action;
- Versatile with data analysis and summarization of key issues; and

Director of Legal Services

Are you ready to take a transformational journey in the banking sector and passionate about spearheading legal matters? Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) is hiring for a dynamic, experienced and resourceful Director of Legal Services (DLS) to lead their Legal department and handle legal affairs.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the DLS will be responsible for providing legal expertise and services to the bank, advising the board on legal and corporate governance matters, dealing with fraud examination and litigation, handling all legal recoveries in the bank and maintaining the statutory register of all shareholders and the company or large.

Working with a vibrant team of legal professionals, the DLS will be at the forefront of managing contracts and regulatory compliance, developing company policies and procedures, providing research and help in coordinating operations in new jurisdictions. Furthermore, DLS will ensure compliance with the organization's governing structures, advise on employment issues, take the lead in identifying and addressing potential legal issues and risks and manage litigation.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Give opinion on all legal matters to the board and all directors in the bank;
- Coordinate all management meetings, board committee meetings, full board meetings and shareholders meetings;
- Ensure that all corporate governance issues are monitored in the bank
- Serve as Secretary for various meetings and committees, managing shareholder register and share ownership changes;
- Advise management on meeting content, organize meeting materials, and ensure accurate minute-taking;
- Monitor corporate governance developments, advise directors on duties and compliance, and assist with report publication;
- Execute Board/Committee decisions for Management Department;
- Facilitate communication for non-executive directors;
- Monitor corporate governance advancements;
- Ensure compliance with Articles of Association and incorporate amendments;
- Conduct examinations on all internal bank funds;
- Participate in negotiations, writing, drawing and reviewing of contracts and other legal documents;
- Vote/review all contracts and agreement for the bank;
- Litigate all cases by formulating and developing legal defense and prosecution strategies for cases in which the bank has interest;
- Use with the Office of the Attorney General on legal matters for or against the bank;
- Advise and witness contracts, concessions and agreements Involving the Authority and other parties;
- Use with the courts of law and other institutions of justice and stakeholders particularly office of the attorney general, government ministries and departments on legal matters pertaining to the bank;
- Advise and witness contracts, concessions and agreements involving the authority and other parties;
- Provide legal services to the bank and interpret laws and rules affecting the operation of the bank;
- Prepare contracts and instruments to which the bank is a party, and interpret provisions of contracts covering work performed for the bank by third parties; and
- Carry out any other related duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

Minimum requirements:

- Holder of a Bachelor's Degree in one of the following fields: Law or Business Administration from a recognized institution;
- A registered Advocate of the High Court;
- At least 7 years' working experience in the banking industry or financial institution of which two (2) years should be in a managerial position
- Possession of a Masters Degree in one of the fields mentioned above is an added advantage.
- Strong leadership skills coupled with the composure required to thrive under pressure;
- Strong motivational skills to drive the team for self-motivation in challenging times;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to create a message and lay out strategies that team can easily understand;
- A healthy level of diplomacy and discretion while dealing with customers and stakeholders at all levels;
- Performance oriented
- High level of interpersonal skills;

Interested candidates are advised to apply for the stated position and send their email to tz_executiverecruitment@pwc.com indicating on the subject of the email the reference number of the job and the name of the position on or before 3 July 2024. The applicants should attach their Motivational letter, CV which should contain the applicant's mobile number, email address, career background, and three referees. The applicants are also required to attach certified copies of their academic certificates.

- Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.
- Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.



Judge Jacobs Mwambezgele, chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) addressing election supervisors and returning officers for Kigoma Region at Ujiji yesterday. INEC intends to launch the permanent voter register improvement exercise next month. Photo: INEC

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

I am also victim of land grabbing, says minister

MINISTER of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) George Simbachawene has appealed to members of the public to join in the fight against land conflicts in the country, saying he is a victim.

Speaking while officiating at the opening of Public Service Week at Chinangali Park in Dodoma yesterday, the minister said he is also a victim of such conflicts just like other people.

He said while the ministry of land is currently doing a good job in solving land cases, the problem is so big, calling for support from everyone. "Some crooks have invaded my plot of land while I have the title deed and this shows the magnitude of the problem since many government officials have the same problem" he said, adding, "probably we will soon hear that president's plot has been invaded too."

He made the statement while calling on members of the public to attend the

week-long event where land ownership documents, among others, are provided. Simbachawene said that the event whose climax is on 23rd June is to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to communities and development and bring services closer to people.

He said that the event provides the people with an opportunity to air their voices on public services and what the government needs to improve to have strong and professional public service for development.

Meanwhile, the minister used the occasion to urge all public servants who have not registered with the Public Employees Performance Management Information System (PEPMIS) - a system

used to evaluate and manage the performance of public employees - to do so before the end of next week.

He also called on civil servants to use e-government system among others while serving members of the public.

Earlier in his welcoming remarks, acting Permanent Secretary in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), Xavier Daudi, said Public Service Week is celebrated in Tanzania from 16th to 23rd June. He said during the week, government ministries, departments and institutions showcase various activities to the public.

He noted that this year, a total of 14 ministries and 60 out of 80 institutions participated in the event.

Limestone miners want modern machines to increase production

By Correspondent Ibrahim Yassin, Songwe

A GROUP of over 300 youth engaged in limestone production at Nanyala village in Mbozi District, Songwe Region, have urged the government and other stakeholders to support them with soft loans for procurement of tools to increase production.

The youth seek support so that they can dig deeper and produce lime in a modern way by using coal rather than firewood which is too costly both economically and environmentally.

In separate interview yesterday here, the youth told this paper that the current production ways are a threat to the environment as they are forced to cut trees to get wood for burning the limestone which also spends a lot of time and power

Daudi Mwanerere, a limestone miner at Nanyala said despite getting many benefits, they ask for credit facilitation so that they can stop using wood instead use coal for the purpose.

Kalantin Paul, also a lime miner, said that in

addition to the productivity which they see, another challenge is lack of a reliable market because at the moment they sell a 25kg sack at 20,650/-, a price that does not give them profit.

Japhet Kasewa, a lime mill owner, said that for them to be more successful, they need reinstatement of a subsidy system which was suspended in 2016.

"We spend a lot of money and power using wood because sometimes we purchase wood from Iringa Region. We really urge the government to support us to get coal which if bought in bulk is cheaper," he said.

He said the government has only focused on gemstones and forgotten about limestone which is also an important raw material for production of cement as well as other construction products.

Fransis Gewe, a mineral Officer supervising the quarry in the area, promised the miners to forward their concerns to the regional mineral officer for further action.

Nanyala Ward Councillor George Msyani said the presence of the quarries has stimulated economic development in the area.

Govt in business formalisation drive to up revenue collection

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government will continue providing business formalization education to informal traders to stimulate income from taxes and make such businesses recognized by financial institutions.

This was said in Morogoro Region yesterday by Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Industry and Trade Dr Hashil Abdalah when opening a training for journalists on business reporting organized by Business Registration and Licensing Agency BRELA.

Dr Abdalah said that some traders still do not understand processes and benefits of formalization of business and they run their activities informally thus depriving the government of income in unpaid taxes.

"The government through the Ministry of Industry and Trade will continue to conduct awareness campaigns to Tanzanians on intellectual property, investment environment as well as policies so that traders can formalize their businesses," he said.

Dr Abdalah said the training was aimed at pushing the economy of Tanzania forward through media, adding that the government intends to reach many Tanzanians with the message in both urban and rural areas.

BRELA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Godfrey Nyaisa said they started the training started with business reporters from the Dar es Salaam Region who mainly write about BRELA, adding that the training will be sustainable and will be given to journalists from all regions with the aim of building their capacity so that they can deliver accurate information to stakeholders.

"We have decided to organise this training after realising that stories about BRELA have many aspects, including legal ones, and it is important that journalists understand them," he said.

"We have witnessed some stories being reported with some errors that could be eliminated through rain," he said.

"We will have a special award for journalists who write articles about BRELA," he said.

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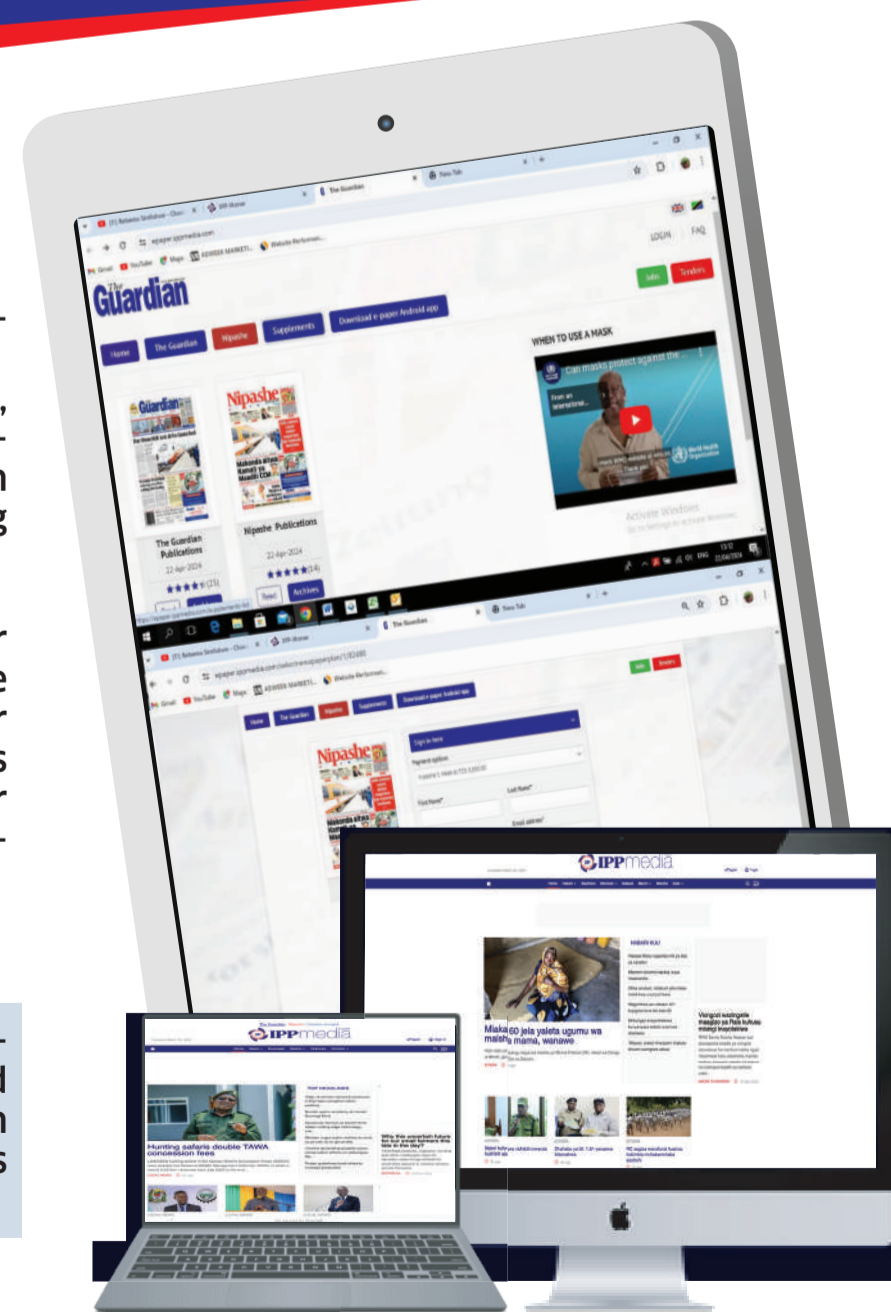
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PART I: BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Transaction/Financing. Pathfinder International (PI) invites prospective Suppliers to compete for a fixed-price quantity contract for the Printing of Promotional materials for m-mama project:

Please submit bids for the items specified to our office premises at our Dar es Salaam office in Masaki as described in Part II of this Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 2024/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/001

1.2 Donor Guidelines and Policies.

(a) The procedures followed by PI in making any award(s) and contract(s) resulting from this IFB, as well as the terms and conditions of such award(s) and contracts, will be based on the procedures set forth by our donor.

(b) Prospective Suppliers are reminded that in preparing their bids they should take into account that funding by our donor carries a low risk of late or non payment. They should also note that a primary requisite of PI, and our donor is that maximum value for money is obtained. Whenever possible, bids are sought on a competitive basis, and all prices offered will be subject to detailed scrutiny and, possibly, negotiation, to ensure value for money is obtained.

1.3 Part I. This Part I, Bidding Instructions and Procedures, will not form part of any resulting award or contract. It is intended solely for the information of prospective Suppliers.

1.4 Definitions and Headings. Terms used in this Part shall have the meanings specified in the Definitions clause of Part III, Terms and Conditions of Contract. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all time periods specified shall be consecutive calendar days. The term IFB is used throughout this IFB to refer to the entire document, including all attachments thereto. Any headings contained in the text of the IFB are for reference only, and do not alter, limit, or waive the content of the full provisions.

1.5 Bidding Costs. Prospective Suppliers are under no obligation to prepare or submit bids in response to this IFB and do so solely at their own risk and expense. PI or the indenter, do not undertake to reimburse any costs incurred therefor.

1.6 Review of IFB. Prospective Suppliers are solely responsible to examine carefully all of the terms and conditions of this IFB – including, but not limited to, this Part I, Bidding Instructions and Procedures, and to comply fully therewith. Failure to do so will be at the prospective Supplier's risk and expense. Any patent ambiguities in the specifications or inconsistencies between or among the various provisions of the IFB shall be resolved against the Supplier if it fails to seek clarification of same prior to award.

1.7 Language. All documents submitted in response to this IFB, as well as all correspondence in connection with the IFB, shall be in the English language.

1.8 Inquiries. Inquiries concerning this IFB and any return bid(s) must be submitted in writing, to be received sufficiently in advance of the Last Bid Receipt Date to permit a thorough and accurate response by PI. Such inquiries shall be sent by email, directed to Attention: Procurement Manager, Email: Procurement-TZ@pathfinder.org no later than **1st July 2024**. PI is under no obligation to consider or respond to questions that are not received in a timely manner.

2.0 Procurement Procedure: Competitive Bidding

2.1 IFB. This IFB constitutes an invitation to prospective Suppliers to submit bids for the goods and services described herein. It consists of (1) Cover Page, (2) Table of Contents, (3) Part I, Bidding Instructions and Procedures, (4) Annex A, Bid Form, (5) Annex B, Scope of Work and specification, (6) Annex C, List of valid business registration documents, (7) Annex D, Certification. All of the foregoing are fully incorporated herein and form an integral part of this IFB.

2.2 Notification of Intention. Where possible, each prospective Supplier that receives a copy of this IFB must, as soon as possible, email its intention to bid or not to bid to PI, Attention: Procurement Manager, Email: Procurement-TZ@pathfinder.org

2.3 Form and Content of Bids.

(a) All bids must be in writing, in the English language, and signed and dated by an authorized employee of the bidder (the original must be manually signed). Bidders must use the Bid Form provided in Annex A of this IFB. The Bid Form should be fully completed, with all the information required therein (Note: in case of a discrepancy between unit and total prices, the unit price shall govern, and the total will be corrected by multiplying the unit price by the specified quantity). The Bid Form combines technical and price bids in a single document. For mailed and hand delivered bids, the Bid Form, along with all other accompanying documents, must be presented as one original.

(b) The bid validity period should be at least ninety (90) days following the Last Bid Receipt Date.

2.4 Submission and Handling of Bids.

(a) Bids are to be delivered by hand delivery or courier. Please note that bids delivered via email will not be accepted. Hand delivered or couriered bids must be addressed and delivered to:

Pathfinder International
Plot No. 577A, House No. 02, Chole Road, Mwanza Peninsula, Masaki,
P.O BOX 77991, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA
Attention: Procurement Manager
IFB No.: No. 2024/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/001
Last Bid Receipt Date: 04th July 2024

(b) In order to be considered, the original bid must be received at the above physical or email address no later than the Last Bid Receipt Date, which is defined as **04th July 2024 at 10.00am**, (East African Daylight) time. Bidders are solely responsible to ensure the timely receipt of their bids. Bids received after the date and time required will generally not be considered unless no other bids are received.

(c) Bids need to be sealed (bids should be placed in a sealed envelope); they will be opened in public on 04th July 2024 at 11.00am, (East African Daylight) time at Pathfinder International Plot No. 577A, House No. 02, Chole Road, Mwanza Peninsula, Masaki. Once received, they will be held secure and intact. Reasonable efforts will be made to protect them from loss or alteration.

(d) Bids may not be altered, corrected, or withdrawn after the Last Bid Receipt Date, except that PI, at its sole discretion, may permit correction of arithmetic errors, transposition errors, or other clerical or minor mistakes, in cases in which PI deems that both the mistake and the intended bid can be established conclusively on the face of the bid. Other than the mistakes listed in the previous sentence, no mistakes alleged by a bidder after the Last Bid Receipt Date will be permitted to be corrected.

2.5 Evaluation of Bids.

- (a) Evaluation of bids submitted pursuant to this IFB will be carried out by PI.
(b) In evaluating bids PI will seek the best value for money.
(c) Subject to paragraph (b) above, bids will be initially evaluated as follows

Criterion	Weight (%)
Price	60
Delivery timeline of the goods	20
Quality of the samples	15
Submission of valid business documents	5
Total Weight	100

Submission of valid business registration documents indicated in the Annex C is mandatory, failure to submit

either of the documents will automatically lead to a disqualification.

For bidders with a delivery timeline of the consignment from 14-21 days will obtain full weight of 20 marks. All other bidders scores will decrease by 1%.

Samples with the best quality during evaluation with the committee will also obtain full weight of 15 marks. All other bidders scores will decrease by 1%.

(d) Multiple awards may be made based upon the above evaluation.

(e) PI may reject any bid that is not substantially responsive to the terms and conditions of the IFB. After initial evaluation in accordance with paragraph (b) and (c) above, PI will make an award decision based on a comprehensive judgment as to all factors deemed relevant to the standard specified in paragraph (b) above. Such factors may include, but are not limited to, proposal risk, quality standards assessments, and prospective Supplier past performance. PI reserves the right to make tradeoffs between or among pertinent factors and to balance strengths and weaknesses. The Supplier selected on the basis of comprehensive evaluation may or may not be the one receiving the highest score on the initial evaluation.

2.6 Amendments. If at any time prior to award PI deems there to be a need for a significant modification to the terms and conditions of this IFB, PI will issue such a modification as a written IFB amendment to all competing bidders. No oral statement of any person shall in any manner be deemed to modify or otherwise affect any IFB term or condition, and no bidder shall rely on any such statement.

2.7 Post-Tender and Iterative Negotiation. PI reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to conduct post tender and/or iterative negotiations to the extent permitted or required by the applicable donor rules.

2.8 Extension of Bid Validity Dates. When necessary and appropriate under the circumstances, PI may request bidders, in writing, to extend the validity period of their bids. Subject to Section 2.6 above, a bidder agreeing to extend will not generally be permitted or required to modify its bid in any manner other than to extend it.

2.9 Rejection or Award. (a) PI is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept any tender in whole or in part and to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason therefore and to Contract on any of the terms offered or on different terms. Circumstances in which rejection of all bids may occur include, without limitation, the following: (1) none of the bids is adequately responsive to the specifications, (2) there is evidence of insufficient competition, (3) the lowest bid exceeds the estimated value or funds available by a significant amount and cannot be reduced by negotiation, or (4) the specific donor funding designated for the award is not approved or received from the donor.

(b) PI will send a Notice of Award to the winning bidder(s).

ANNEX A TO IFB NO. IFB No. 2024/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/001

BID FORM

I. BASIC INFORMATION

DATE OF BID: _____

BIDDER'S FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

BIDDER'S ADDRESS: _____

Contact Person: _____

TIN No.: _____

VRN No.: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

II. BIDDER'S UNDERTAKINGS

The above-mentioned bidder hereby undertakes as follows:

- A. to hold this bid valid through (insert bid validity date);
B. upon receipt of a Notice of Award, to proceed promptly to execute a fixed-price quantity contract; and
C. to supply Printed promotional materials per IFB number 2024/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/001
D. to supply Printed promotional materials only, according to its highest production, and quality control standards.

ANNEX B TO IFB NO. 2024/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/001
SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATION

SN	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATIONS	UOM	QUANTITY
1	Posters	1 Vinyl 2 A3 size	Pcs	18,494
2	Posters	3 Vinyl 4 A2 size	Pcs	27,741
3	Roll up banner	5 Broad-base	Pcs	24
4	Tear drop banner	6 Dye sublimation 7 3 metres	Pcs	16
5	Wheel covers	8 For Landcruiser vehicles 9 Branded with m-mama logo 10 Pictures of two mobile phones 11 Branded with message 12 Colours: Blue, yellow and black	Pcs	800
6	Wheel covers for	13 For Rav 4 vehicles 14 Branded with m-mama logo 15 Pictures of two mobile phones 16 Branded with message 17 Colours: Blue, yellow and black	Pcs	500
7	Vehicle stickers with logo	18 Vinyl 19 40cm X 20cm	Pcs	40
8	Vehicle stickers with logo & 115 number	20 Vinyl 21 15cm X 8cm	Pcs	4,500
9	Caps	22 Adjustable 23 Embroidered with m-mama logo	Pcs	4,500
10	T/shirts (Adult) (Sizes to be communicated to the awarded winner)	24 Round neck 25 Branding - DTF 26 2 logos (m-mama & government logo)	Pcs	1,185
11	T/shirts (Adult) (Sizes to be communicated to the awarded winner)	27 Polo neck 28 Branding - DTF 29 2 logos (m-mama & government logo)	Pcs	1,185

ANNEX C TO IFB NO. 2024/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/001
VALID BUSINESS REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- Certificate of Incorporation or certificate of compliance if a foreign company
- Copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- Valid Business License
- TIN registration certificate
- VAT registration certificate
- Tax Clearance Certificate
- Audited financial report for the past 3 years or financial statement.
- Electronic Fiscal Device User Identification Number registration certificate (EFD)
- Certified Copy of Certificate of Title or Lease Agreements (to determine physical location)
- Client list and,
- Any other relevant document.

ANNEX D TO IFB NO. IFB 2024/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/001

BID FORM - CERTIFICATION

VII. SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

I, the natural person signing below, being fully authorized to bind the Company, hereby certify that all information provided in the submitted Bid Form or otherwise pursuant to the subject IFB is true, accurate, current and complete.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NAME AND TITLE (PRINT): _____

Please initial each page of the submitted bid form at the bottom of each page

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El Nino rains destroy 75,000 hectares of farms nationwide

By Correspondent Paul Mabeja, Dodoma

OVER 75,000 hectares of farms nationwide have been destroyed by El Nino rains this year, Deputy Minister David Silinde told the National Assembly here yesterday. Silinde said when responding to a question by Special Seats MP Sylvia Sigula who sought to know how the government is helping farmers whose crops have been destroyed by floods.

Responding, Silinde said that preliminary assessment shows that roughly 75,594 hectares of crops were destroyed in all regions affected by the floods.

He said that to enable farmers in those areas continue with agricultural activities, the government in collaboration with stakeholders has provided support for inputs, including 70 tonnes of fertiliser, 5.6 tonnes of quality seeds of maize, beans, wheat, and sunflowers.

The deputy minister added that preparations to distribute 748.4 tonnes of maize seeds and 449 tonnes of rice were underway in Kibiti and Rufiji district councils for the 2024/2025 season, adding that the government will continue to monitor production of agricultural products and food safety in all areas and take appropriate measures.

"The most affected are Manyara, Morogoro, Coast and Mbeya regions," he said, underlining that as a result of the effects, the government has taken short-term measures in collaboration with various stakeholders to help victims by providing them with humanitarian aid including food.

"Until April 2024, the government had distributed 1,043.34 tonnes of maize in the affected areas," he said.

First national emergency operation, communication centre inaugurated

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has inaugurated its first Emergency Operation and Communication Centre (EOCC) Situation Room, which is also the first national situation room to be set up under the African Union's Africa Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action System (AMHEWAS) Programme.

The event took place recently in Dar es Salaam and marked a milestone in the country's journey towards building disaster resilience and was welcomed by supporters of the EOCC Situation Room, including the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), which over two years provided technical support for its establishment, in partnership with the CIMA Foundation and with generous funding from the Government of Italy, through the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS).

Working under the authority of the Prime Minister's Office, the EOCC Situation Room will work to combine real-time data on current and emerging risks with data on past disasters to issue timely forecasts and bulletins. These products, through the coordination and support of the Prime Minister's office, will aim to trigger protective actions that can save lives, protect livelihoods and safeguard economic sectors.

Dr Jim Yonazi, Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination) stated: "We have launched this situation room here today, and it is going to really help Tanzania, to predict information on various kinds of disasters including flood, and drought. And this is very important for us to be able to plan strategies, on how we can prevent, but again if it happens, how to recover, and again how to provide more information to stakeholders on how to bring life back together."

Kamal Kishore, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, said, "Today we launched the situation room in Dodoma Tanzania, this is an important milestone, the output, the synthetic outputs that will come out of this situation room will help us prepare communities on the ground to take anticipatory actions and protect lives and livelihoods."

At the inauguration, UNDRR reconfirmed its commitment to supporting Tanzania fully operationalize the new EOCC Situation Room, in coordination with the UN system and other partners.

As part of this commitment, UNDRR's Regional Office for Africa facilitated a workshop to train national officials on the use of an open-source system for real-time monitoring and forecasting of natural hazards. This tool will be utilized in the situation room to enable the issuing of advisories and bulletins to trigger early actions.

"Through the establishment of the situation room, all the warning entities like the TMA and the Ministry of Water plus the Prime Minister's office will be sitting in the same room. So we'll be there 24/7, and it'll be very easy to convey the information from the warning entity to the disaster management department for easily taking measure in preparedness, to the community who will be at risk," explained Kantamla Biseke Mafuru, Manager at Central Forecasting Office, Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA).

Countries with advanced multi-hazard early warning systems have disaster mortality rates that are six times lower than countries with no or weak systems, according to research by UNDRR. Moreover, an early warning of just 24 hours has the potential to reduce ensuing damages by 30%. Despite these benefits, only 45% of countries in Africa report the existence of such systems, according to UNDRR's 2023 report on the Global Status of Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems.

To address this gap, the UN Secretary-General launched the Early Warnings for All initiative, which supports the acceleration of regional efforts such as the African Union's flagship AMHEWAS Programme. The Tanzanian EOCC Situation Room will be integrated into the AMHEWAS network, and support strengthening cross-border cooperation to address common hazards.

Zimbabwe conducts cholera intra action review early June

BULAWAYO

THE Ministry of Health and Child Care in Zimbabwe with support from the World Health Organization and UNICEF conducted an Intra Action Review (IAR) of the current cholera response in the country from 3 to 7 June 2024.

The IAR served as a platform for key responders to collaboratively assess strategies, share experiences, pinpoint challenges, and identify successful actions. These insights will be used to refine programme decisions and control the outbreak more effectively.

The country-led review brought together key stakeholders, decision makers, and implementing partners including experts from technical agencies including the Africa CDC, IFRC, Medecins Sans Frontiers (MSF), UNICEF, World Vision, and WHO.

MoHCC Cholera Incident Manager Dr Isaac Phiri said the review is a stock taking opportunity that will help the country accelerate efforts to control the outbreak particularly at the time when the country is recording a decline in cases.

“The IAR is important for us to re-strategize our response and curb this outbreak preferably in the next six weeks. We also thank WHO and all our partners providing technical support needed in critical situations like this,” he said.

The review was conducted using a combination of presentations, group work and plenary sessions from various pillars including Coordination, Risk Communication and Community Engagement, Laboratory, Surveillance, Operational Support and Logistics, as well as the Case Management. Numerous challenges including insufficient public health structures, particularly those related to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) to effectively contain the spread of cholera were highlighted.

In addition, the review noted delays in last mile distribution of cholera supplies and commodities hindering effective outbreak response while inconsistencies and limitations in communication strategies hindered public awareness and community engagement efforts in some areas.

The review highlighted several success stories. The activation of the incident management system, identified as a key strength, was facilitating improved coordination of the response including resource tracking. Additionally, a robust case management system, with trained personnel, effectively treated cholera patients. The IAR also revealed good practices in the surveillance system that enabled timely detection and tracking of cholera cases. Furthermore, the engagement of interfaith leaders improved community engagement activities on cholera prevention, with traditional leaders playing a key role in engaging communities.

“This was a great platform for sharing information and good practices critical to accelerate our response efforts and end this outbreak. A lot of learning was done even outside the workshop formal engagements,” noted one of the participants John Mwenda, a Medical Research Officer from the National Institute of Health Research.

WHO member states at the May 2020 World Health Assembly recommended a periodic IAR of health response to COVID-19 and this has been cascaded down to other emergencies such as cholera outbreaks.

WHO has been supporting MoHCC since the beginning of the outbreak in February 2023 through provision of up-to-date guidelines on best practices for cholera prevention, control, and treatment, essential cholera supplies including oral cholera vaccines, rehydration solutions, and diagnostic tests, deployment of technical experts to support national and local authorities in outbreak response activities as well as advocating for increased funding and resources to support cholera control efforts.

Tractors remain only means of transport as DRC, Burundi borders go under water

KINSHASA

CONGOLESE and Burundian people pile onto tractors to cross a 4km stretch of road flooded by Lake Tanganyika to reach the Kamvinvira border post between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi.

For more than six months, passengers have been charged between 2,000 to 5,000 FC to travel in heavy trucks or Land Cruiser jeeps to the border.

For those with less financial means, canoes costing 2,000 FC offer a solution.

Safi Mugoli, a resident of Uvira on her way to Bujumbura, describes the current situation as catastrophic and unprecedented.

“The road to the border is under water, so we cross by canoes or farming tractors. Sometimes we fall into the water and risk drowning. We’re asking the State to help us with this customs road,” he said.

Faced with this suffering, more and more people are calling on the Congolese government to urgently find a solution to ease traffic between the two countries and help local residents, especially small traders.

“We sleep under tents with the children, we suffer a lot because we have nowhere to go. Even to go to the market, we have to take a canoe. If you don’t have money, you have to swim. The women are suffering from infections and we’re desperate,” he said.

The South Kivu provincial government, through its spokesman, acknowledged the consequences of the rising water levels at the border.

“There were pillars already built that were submerged every time the water rose and blocked the work,” he said. “A bridge is under construction to allow regular crossings. What has been done at Kamvinvira can also be done at Sange, so we’re not standing still and are always looking for solutions. As long as the government is present, solutions will always be found.”

As the provincial government seeks a solution to this problem, the Kamvinvira border remains the main access route to Bujumbura for many travellers, as Burundi has closed its other borders with Rwanda.



Walter Kirita, the Manyara regional manager for rural water and outlines progress at the Dambia - Haydom water project in Mbulu District billed at 41bn/- to benefit 20 villages when completed. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

EACOP to cooperate with media fraternity

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) has promised to cooperate with Tanzania’s media houses so that correct information about the project reaches the Tanzanian public.

Catherine Mbatia, EACOP Head of Communication (Tanzania), made the pledge in Dar es Salaam at the weekend when speaking to editors of Tanzania’s print and electronic media.

She said for people to understand the

benefits derived from hosting the 24-inch heated pipeline passing through thousands of villages from Hoima in Uganda to Tanga Region, the EACOP has to work very closely with Tanzania’s media houses.

“Let me assure you that we, in the EACOP, will work very closely with all members of the media fraternity because we believe you are very important stakeholders of this project. We believe that when you have a clear understanding of the project, the

Tanzanian people will understand the project and support it,” she said, thanking editors for showing interest in and attending in person all seminar sessions.

She further pledged that media will be briefed on the progress of the project step by step to enable Tanzanians to grasp varied benefits derived from Tanzania hosting 1,147 kilometres of the 1,443 pipeline. The remaining 296 kilometres are in Uganda. The seminar was conducted by a four-member team

from EACOP.

The crude oil pipeline, starting at Kibale, Hoima District in Uganda, will transport crude oil to a terminal to be built on the Chongoleani Peninsula near Tanga Port.

The pipeline is expected to generate thousands of direct and indirect jobs for Tanzanians because the project will need skilled and unskilled workers along the corridor. Main camp facilities are being set up to accommodate workforce across the corridor.



Jeanne Clark, (L) the US Embassy counsellor for public affairs accompanied by Dr Donald Mmari (R) the REPOA executive director, cuts a ribbon on Tuesday to launch the AidData/REPOA “Investing in Tanzania’s People” report at the US Embassy in Dar es Salaam. The embassy is administering an open competition for the private sector and/or civil society organizations, inviting applications for supporting innovative solutions to boost civic participation, bolster media literacy and information integrity. Three organizations will be selected as winners of the contest and will receive \$250,000 in support funding, the counsellor remarked.

Africa urged to embrace AI to drive development, empower workforce

By Special Correspondent, Addis Ababa

AFRICAN continent has been urged to harness the opportunities presented by artificial intelligence (AI) to drive economic growth and empower its abundant workforce.

The call was made by the African Union Development Agency in a white paper titled “AI and the Future of Work in Africa,” released on Tuesday. It said generative AI presents a powerful tool for shaping a dignified future of work in Africa.

It said by proactively addressing

the challenges and harnessing the opportunities, Africa can leverage AI to drive economic growth, empower its youthful workforce, and become a leader in socially responsible AI development.

Africa’s young population and vibrant technology ecosystem provides significant opportunities to position the continent as a leader in technological innovation and sustainable development.

The continental development agency further underscored the need to invest in digital infrastructure and human capital, including education initiatives. It stressed the crucial imperative

of ensuring that AI development is inclusive and tailored to the continent’s unique needs and challenges.

Noting that the impact of AI on the emerging future will be a consequence of many factors, including technological and policy decisions, the agency said getting to a better future will require carefully designed policies and regulations that foster the development of AI while keeping the negative effects in check.

The white paper, among other things, recommended that Africa needs a strong infrastructure and a skilled workforce to

maximize the benefits of AI. It called for the essential need to introduce national and regional AI policies focused on inclusive education, worker protection, and stakeholder involvement.

The agency further called for human-centered design, noting that AI should complement human skills, not replace them.

It added that training data and AI tools should be developed with African contexts in mind, underscoring that cooperation among stakeholders is key to responsible AI development that respects local knowledge and traditions.

Data on US financial flows to Tanzania an eye opener

POPULAR views on who matters more in Tanzania's external relations are likely to be impacted by a report on financial flows from the United States, including investments and budgetary support, as standing at an average of \$2.8bn per year in the decade ending 2022. Titled, 'Investing in Tanzania's people' it was launched on Tuesday by the city research outfit REPOA and AidData, a US research lab at William & Mary Global Research Institute. It is a complex or multifaceted picture of financial flows that just can't be matched.

While the overall figure of financial flows where certain aspects of the bilateral relationship were at most low key, and some worsened midway through the period, what strikes the eye is less the total but the dynamic embodied. It is hard to bring up a similar bilateral relationship with fairly balanced financial flows even if each subsector was not singularly documented. The director for AidData, said that 2012 to 2022 flows included agriculture (\$546m), infrastructure (\$579m) and health, focused on HIV/AIDS (\$3.8bn) and malaria specifically, at \$533m. There was some other data on US firms holding local stocks, and remittances by Tanzanian nationals in that country; their profile is climbing up.

A lead exponent of the data outfit said that despite an enduring relationship, Tanzanian leaders and the public have little information readily available to assess the value of the partnership. The value of US ties was not particularly appreciated in measuring progress toward achieving the goals the country sets for itself, which is true but it is belatedly starting to change. We are seeking out investments from Diaspora compatriots and their ability to form joint ventures with

local firms to take industry a step further, not to speak of energy, tourism.

For one thing, the US was by far and away the single largest provider of funds related to HIV/AIDS during the period, with the report saying this financing helped to save roughly three-quarters of a million lives. What is known as the multiplier effect can be applied, as to horrendous social impact has all those lives been lost, and it is arguably an understatement. While it is unavoidably difficult to extract a clear admission from opinion makers or public authorities, it is by and large evident that the US link in public welfare is unmatched by far.

What makes this interaction different is visible at the report tracks direct US bilateral assistance and the value of 'indirect benefits' from trade and other channels such as foreign direct investment (FDI). More significantly is the contributions from US non-governmental organisations operating in Tanzania, before speaking of private foundations, individual donors and remittances from Tanzanians working in the US. Few other countries can provide such sourcing.

The presentation observed that FDI and trade flows underscore the shift to long term growth, which needs a closer look at the report to actually affirm what the substance looks like. At the start of the profile period, in 2012, the US renewed the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), offering nearly unlimited potential compared with what Tanzania usually exports. US companies hold \$1.3bn in FDI-related stocks locally, while government investment guarantees have enabled Tanzania to attract upwards of \$93m private sector investments since 2012. All this is a dynamic field with plenty of potential, above all others.

NEEC right in focusing on skills, tools even as special groups hope for funds

WHILE the legislature and in a visible manner various government agencies have of late been making efforts to sort out institutions or situations where people, chiefly women, take unaffordable loans and finish getting sequestered by lenders, one potential source of funds is drying up. The National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) says that it offers tools and skills to women, youth and special need groups in its uplift programme rather than issuing funds. A NEEC top executive availed this stance at the weekend before target groups.

Looking at positions outlined by the top executive, it appears the wish is to assist start up move up, by strengthening skills or making available a range of tools, depending on actual specifications. The programme, either by altering its position or by making its original intention public, is not meant to provide funds but empower businesspersons already involved in economic activities. A pundit could say that someone already 'involved' in economic activity is someone who has already succeeded, whereas 'empowerment' meant to actually bring it about.

Another area for querying is how far there is need for a programme that seeks to strengthen existing businesses to be more productive. The big hurdle in business is to start a project and make it stand up, which means a minimum positive balance sheet across a usable time frame say six months or one year. Once this has been attained the issue at that point is less empowerment but strengthening, and there is a plethora of sources. The problem is that at the public level the wish is to be able to conduct a business rather

than being able to run it, as even the skills, tools must be there in the first place for the business to actually start.

It is possible that NEEC is targeting to mainstream current empowerment initiatives like 'building a better tomorrow' which so far is being monitored by central government a bit closely. But as it becomes more commonplace it will decline in its standing to become fairly ordinary or routine needs, and thus NEEC could step in to fill in this or that skills gap for newcomers or providing tools when the need so arises. It is unclear how far this shift changes the focus from its original mission but institutional duplication could explain the issue, as BBT wasn't set up under that institution and it is easily the flagship project now.

The details appear to relate to taking over from initiators of BBT units once they 'graduate' from incubation, as it is possible no institutional set up is clearly available for the second stage of the BBT programme. From a commercial point of view that auxiliary stage is outside the bill as after 'graduation' they are supposed to register in the formal sector and start paying taxes. Yet authorities know that the government will not stand idle and trust to luck that the second part of the BBT run stands rather than fails. NEEC is explicit, intuitive, about it.

That casts wider the sort of groups NEEC is ready to look at, instead of funding its own start up groups as many would wish. Women and youth involved in farming, fishing and livestock keeping are the ones now targeted, in explaining that empowerment is tied to existing priority areas. Making this explicit implies that there is no dearth of existing groups that may routinely need to be assisted.

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President Ramaphosa vows to fight inequality after taking oath of office

PRETORIA

WEAKENED South African President Cyril Ramaphosa yesterday pledged that his new multi-party government would work to improve basic living conditions for all citizens as he was sworn in for a second term in office.

Ramaphosa's African National Congress will be sharing power with five other parties after it was humbled in a May 29 election, losing its parliamentary majority for the first time in 30 years of democracy.

The voters "have been unequivocal in expressing their disappointment and disapproval of our performance in some of the areas in which we have failed them," Ramaphosa said at his inauguration ceremony in the capital Pretoria.

He said the voters wanted everyone to have enough food, decent homes, clean water, affordable and uninterrupted electricity supply, well-maintained roads, good care for the sick and elderly, quality schools and other basic services.

"Today, I stand before you as your humble servant to say we have heard you," he said. "In this moment we must choose to move forward, to close the distances between South Africans and to build a more equal society."

The ANC remains the largest party after the election, followed by the pro-business Democratic Alliance, a critic of the ANC's record in office which has agreed to join the new government.

While investors have welcomed the inclusion of the DA, which wants to boost growth through structural reforms and prudent fiscal policies, analysts say sharp



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa is sworn into the National Assembly during the first sitting of the National Assembly following elections at the Cape Town International Convention Center (CTICC) in Cape Town, South Africa, June 14, 2024. REUTERS

ideological divisions between the parties could make the government unstable.

Just before the election, Ramaphosa signed into law a National Health Insurance bill that the DA says could collapse a creaking health system. It was unclear what would happen to that law under the new government.

The DA advocates scrapping the ANC's flagship Black economic empowerment programme, saying it hasn't worked - a highly contentious topic in a nation grappling with huge inequalities, some inherited from apartheid.

Ramaphosa has yet to announce the make-up of his new government, to be negotiated with members of the new alliance.

A former liberation movement, the ANC came to power under Nelson Mandela's leadership in the 1994 elections that marked the end of apartheid and had long been unbeatable, but it lost its shine after presiding over years of decline.

Wary of high levels of poverty and unemployment, rampant crime, rolling power cuts and corruption in party ranks, voters punished the ANC, which lost millions of votes on May 29 compared with the previous election in 2019.

"Our society remains deeply unequal and highly polarised," he said.

"We are divided between those who have jobs and those who do not work, between those who have

the means to build and enjoy a comfortable life and those who do not."

African heads of state and dignitaries from as far afield as Cuba, a historical friend of the ANC, gathered outside the Union Buildings in Pretoria, seat of the South African government, to bear witness to Ramaphosa's inauguration.

A ceremony full of military pomp and pageantry began with interfaith prayers by Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish and traditional African religious leaders, reflecting the country's diversity.

Military helicopters flew past in blazing sunshine, trailing South African flags, to cheers from the audience.

Sudan fighters recruit in CAR, say UN experts

UNITED NATIONS

SUDANESE paramilitary forces use Central African Republic as a "supply chain," including for recruitment of fighters, according to a report published on Friday by UN experts who are concerned about a "spillover effect."

Sudan descended into war in April 2023 when the generals in charge of the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) took up arms against each other in a fight for control, rejecting a plan to integrate.

"The spillover effect of the conflict in the Sudan has significantly

affected the situation in the Central African Republic," said the expert committee, formed by the UN Security Council to monitor sanctions on CAR.

They highlighted in particular the humanitarian situation, as the country sees an influx of millions of Sudanese refugees, as well as incursions by the two warring Sudanese parties - plus air raids by the Sudanese army in and around the Umm Dafog border post, where the RSF is present.

This "continues to constitute a security threat to civilians and an impediment to humanitarian activities in the area," the experts said.

They insist the paramilitaries are also using the Am Dafok area in CAR on the border "as a key logistical hub."

Because the RSF can "move between the two countries easily through a long-standing network," they have been able to recruit "from among armed groups in the Central African Republic."

"Opposition armed groups from the Central African Republic have been reported to have actively recruited for, and sent members of their own groups to fight in, the Sudan under RSF," the experts said. They noted in particular fighters in Sudan since as early as August 2023 from the Popular Front for

the Rebirth of Central Africa, a CAR rebel group.

The experts said they are aware that this armed group and others "are still able to cross between the Sudan and the Central African Republic at will and use Sudanese territory to launch attacks."

The experts thus called on CAR authorities to "counteract the surge in arms trafficking from neighbouring countries, particularly given the current conflict situation in the Sudan."

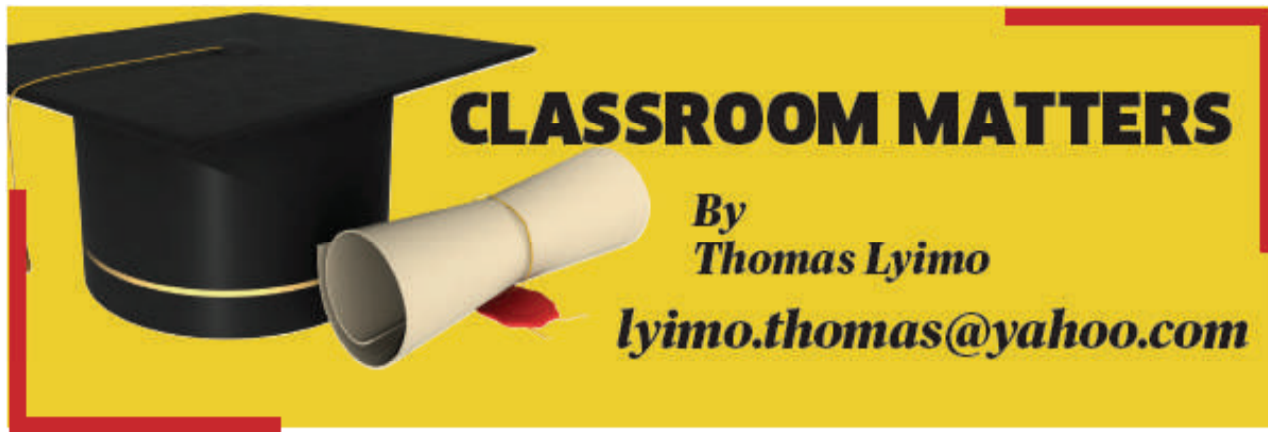
They also asked the leaders to combat "the infiltration of foreign fighters into the Central African Republic, which poses a significant long-term threat to the region."

Teachers need to properly organize their topics to ensure effective learning process

FOR a curriculum to be complete it must comprise several subjects which aim at enabling the learner to attain a certain level of competence. Subjects differ in the type of contents in terms of complexity. There are subjects with calculations and other literature while Mathematics is purely calculations.

Regarding the syllabus or a book there is an arrangement from the first to the last topic. Such arrangements do not bind teachers to follow as they can plan their teaching in a way that will increase chances for understanding by learners. This is because the measure for the good teacher is enabling learners to perform well in examinations. Therefore the teacher must be tactical in designing and implementing their teaching activities so that they can bring results.

What determines the complexity of lessons is the understanding of learners. Teachers may see a topic as a simple one because they have mastered it and taught it



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for many years but for learners who see the topic for the first time it may be hard for them to go about it. This calls for the teacher to demand feedback from learners. Feedback will help them to design and implement the teaching and learning activities in an appropriate manner.

For learners to understand some topics they need much time to revise or discuss together in groups. The teacher therefore needs to know the requirements of each topic so that they can properly plan their teaching. They need to know the con-

tents of topics, their complexity and the nature of their learners. In short the teacher needs to be a good researcher and quick in making decisions regarding new findings.

If a teacher is teaching bright pupils, an idea of complex and simple topics may be something not important. Topics become complex to someone when they cannot understand it immediately but if they understand it instantly it is not difficult. This is due to the fact that the learning capacity of individuals is different. Also the differential efforts that learners dedicate to their

studies determine the understanding of some concepts. It may be said that some concepts are hard but the fact may be the learners are not doing enough when it comes to learning.

Many thinkers have attributed success to hard work. This informs the teacher of the need to encourage learners to work hard to produce good results. The teaching and learning process requires efforts of both the teacher and learners.

As most learners are average in terms of understanding, arrangement of topics in a way that will enhance easy learn-

ing is important. Success which must leave an impact is that which touches the majority. For the teacher to be proud of their work, the majority of learners must benefit from their teaching. In selecting topics the teacher may consider the following.

Topics with calculations; for learners to be able to solve calculations they must be able to establish relationships between concepts or ideas in that particular calculation. For this ability to develop most learners need time to read the concepts and practice solving the problem involving calculation. Learners need a lot of exercises to be able to master contents involving calculations. When the teacher starts the beginning of the academic year with topics involving calculations, learners will have enough time to practice a lot of calculations before writing final examinations.

Topics with diagrams and maps; these topics are mostly found in geography, history and science. To master diagrams and maps, learners need to practice to be able to draw and

label them accordingly. For learners to be confident in answering questions involving diagrams and maps they must have made a lot of practice. Diagrams or maps may have many contents which must be shown well when someone is required to draw and label them. Therefore the teacher will help pupils to perform well in their final examinations if they will start with topics involving diagrams and maps.

Topics with difficult concepts; educational experts put it clear that learning is a process and progress. Concepts that are learnt in the current era were developed for years and therefore it is not a surprise for learners to demand to understand them. Concepts are born with a high level of thinking which also learners need to develop before they can understand them. Building critical thinking capability is a process and it is a right decision by the teacher to start with difficult concepts so that learners can have enough time for meditation and revision.

Teaching involves some techniques; covering contents and enabling learners to pass the examination are two different things. What leads to success for learners is making them understand the concepts properly. In making learners understand the concepts taught there must be some organization on how to teach the topics. Teaching is knowing how to start and finish certain topics.

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Appeal for justice as two-year-old girl with albinism is kidnaped, killed in Kagera region

IN a poignant plea for justice, Judith Richard, a grief-stricken mother from Mbale village in the Muleba District, Kagera Region, implores the police force to uncover vital information from detained suspects about the whereabouts of her missing two-year-old daughter, Asimwe Novath.

Asimwe, with albinism was forcefully taken from their residence by unidentified assailants while in the living room. The heart-wrenching abduction unfolded on the night of May 30, 2024, when Asimwe was abducted at 1:30 am.

Her mother-- Judith Richard (20), suspects that among individuals currently under police custody is someone complicit in the evil plot to abduct her child, an ordeal that transpired some weeks ago within the confines of their own home.

In her quest for justice, she expressed concerns to see the perpetrators punished

On Monday, Muleba District Administrative Secretary (DAS), Benjamin Mwakasyege, told the media that Asimwe's body was found dumped in a road trench with some of her body parts removed. The body was found in Ruhanga ward, Kamachumu Division, in Muleba District and was taken for postmortem.

Mwakasyege warned the residents from engaging in such unlawful and cruelty acts, insisting stringent legal measures will be taken against anyone proved to be involved in such acts.

Yusuph Daniel, is the Acting Kagera Regional Police Commander, he assured the public that justice will be done, adding they are working to unearth the truth behind the girl's abduction and killing.

Dr Abel Nyamahanga, Muleba District Commissioner echoed the sentiments of a grieving community as he reiterated the urgency of arranging the perpetrators.



The late Asimwe Novath (left) with her mother, Judith Richard (right). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

The saga surrounding Asimwe's death serves as a stark reminder of the ongoing challenges facing people with albinism in Tanzania. Despite concerted government efforts to curb violence against this vulnerable demographic, the recent spate of grave desecrations targeting albino body parts has reignited fears and sparked outrage within the albino community.

Together with other prominent leaders' call to action, Former President Jakaya Kikwete's pledge to eradicate violence against albinos underscores Tanzania's unwavering com-

mitment to upholding the rights and dignity of all its citizens.

As the nation grapples with the scourge of violence against vulnerable communities, the resolve to combat impunity and safeguard the most marginalized remains steadfast. In the wake of Asimwe's disappearance, Tanzania finds itself at a crossroads, confronting discrimination and violence that continues to haunt its most vulnerable citizens.

The plight of albinos in Tanzania is emblematic of a broader issue plaguing not

just the nation but the African continent at large. The targeted violence and discrimination against individuals with albinism have cast a long and dark shadow over communities, leaving behind a trail of shattered lives and broken dreams.

Mussa Kabimba, Secretary General, Tanzania Albinism Society (TAS), appeals to the government to come up with long term strategies to ensure total protection of people with albinism.

In Tanzania, the alarming frequency of albino killings has reached epidemic proportions,

with over seventy reported cases since the turn of the millennium. ADRA Tanzania, a humanitarian agency, reported that at least 75 people living with albinism in Tanzania has been killed between 2000 and 2015.

Similarly, in Mozambique, where albino killings have been on the rise, civil society organizations and human rights activists have mobilized to raise awareness and advocate for the protection of albino rights. Despite these efforts, albino communities across Africa continue to live in fear, marginalized, and

vulnerable to exploitation and violence.

In response to these challenges, advocacy groups such as Under the Same Sun (UTSS) have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and provide support to individuals with albinism.

However, systemic changes are needed to address the root causes of violence and discrimination against this marginalized community. Tanzanian authorities' intensified efforts to combat violence against people with albinism demand solidarity from the global community.

The G7 Summit and the need for a fairer world

By Fahrettin Altun

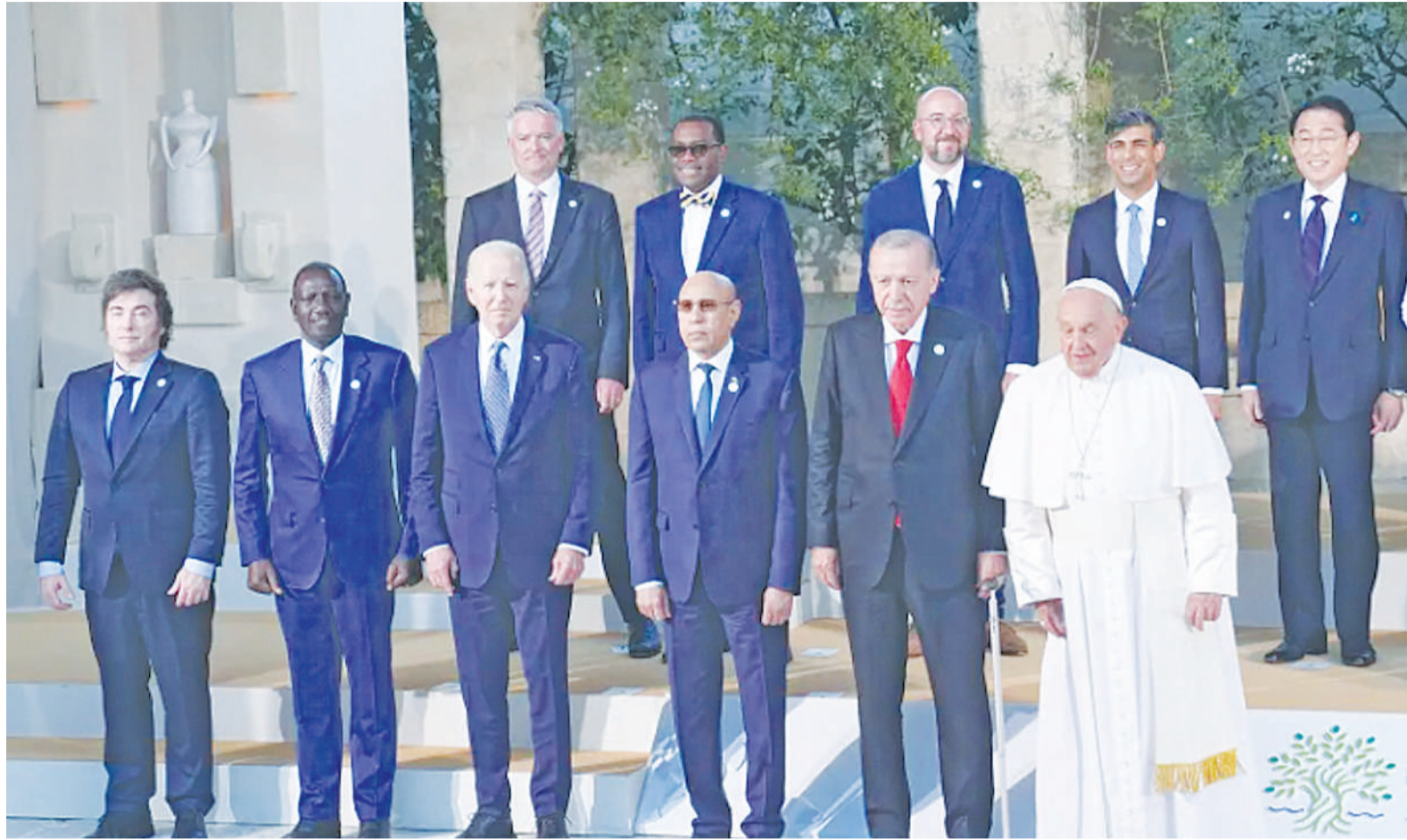
THE current international system that was put in place in the aftermath of the Second World War is struggling to address the many challenges and issues the world is facing today. Driven by the interests and desires of a specific set of states, it is fuelling conflict and hindering peace, stability and prosperity across the globe.

After the end of the Cold War in the 1990s, the world entered a tumultuous era in which the international community came face to face with a new set of challenges to peace and stability. Modern era necessitates collaboration at both regional and global levels, with a greater involvement of global actors in problem-solving. However, the Ukraine-Russia war, Israel's attacks on Palestine, and numerous other conflicts highlight the ineffectiveness of international actors in addressing regional issues and their lack of resolve to find solutions.

The global influence of international organisations is in decline. This is because these organisations have failed to recognise the nature of the multipolar modern world that began to emerge at the turn of the century. It is important to acknowledge that the international system cannot be shaped solely by a few superpowers and their political and ideological concerns. It is impossible to imagine a world system in which the interests and benefits of certain powers are prioritised at the expense of exploiting other countries and peoples.

International organisations and the countries that dominate them must recognise this reality and adapt their strategies accordingly. The global system that was put in place after the Second World War is on the verge of collapse, yet it seems impossible to create a system that aligns with the modern era.

It is crucial for leading international organisations, initiatives to promptly assume responsibility for constructing



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Pope Francis, US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Argentine President Javier Milei, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and European Council President Charles Michel take part in the family photo after attending the 50th G7 summit in Apulia, region of Italy on June 14, 2024.

a system that aligns with the requirements of the current era.

Being an international organisation, the G7 is a group of countries that share common values and principles and strive to promote freedom, democracy, and human rights on a global scale. Given the recent international crises and conflicts, it is necessary to reconsider and discuss the G7's performance in meeting its responsibilities and how its decisions have been received on international platforms.

The G7 does not have the authority to make binding decisions, however, in the

current landscape, when even the functions and operations of international organisations - which are supposedly capable of making binding decisions - are being scrutinised, the G7 cannot avoid these questions.

The theme of this year's summit, which will be attended by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of the Republic of Türkiye, as a special guest, has been set as "rules-based international system." The discussions at the three-day summit, will focus on the defence of the rules-based international system among other pressing issues of our time, from the Russia-Ukraine war

and the conflict in the Middle East, to food security and migration.

The theme of the summit is highly appropriate because these days certain states are blatantly violating the rules, norms and standards the current international order has supposedly been built upon and is guarding.

Despite this theme, it is crucial to underscore the unfortunate reality that certain states in today's world blatantly violate the norms that the international system has adopted and built upon. Israel has slaughtered tens of thousands of innocent people in Gaza in a matter of

months, eventually bombing even Rafah, the location it had previously designated as the only "safe zone".

Israel's actions in Gaza and other cities amount to a blatant war crime. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has consistently highlighted the need to put an end to Israel's reckless attacks for months now. As there is a growing global acceptance of the notion that Israel is shielded by the international system rather than being prevented. There is no denying that international actors, especially the G7, have failed to oppose Israel's actions, which disregard all laws, principles, and values

The international system failed to produce a binding call for a ceasefire for many months as Israel slaughtered thousands of women and children. It took repeated mass protests and a powerful uprising of young people at university campuses for the leaders of the G7 to make such a call. The global outcry and revolts against Israel's strikes serve as a stark reminder that those who support Israel will be remembered with deep shame.

These leaders have announced their full support for the ceasefire plan put forward by US President Joe Biden on May 31. However, it is unclear whether this appeal, and the support it has received from the G7, will be able to deter Israel from continuing its war on Palestine. The G7 and other international actors are expected, and required, to do more.

It is essential to restructure this system and devise methods to establish a new framework that prioritises the rights of the oppressed over the interests of the powerful.

The dysfunction and silence of the international actors in the crises and conflicts that have been taking place in recent years highlight the significance and relevance of our President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's statements, "The World is Bigger than Five" and "A Fairer World is Possible." He strongly values and supports Türkiye's endeavours for global peace. The leading role Türkiye played in the efforts to secure a ceasefire in the Russia-Ukraine war and to resolve the grain crisis that stemmed from that conflict speaks to this determination.

Türkiye remains committed to promoting regional and global peace, stability, and crisis resolution in the face of growing challenges of our times, from irregular migration and climate change to international terrorism, and disrupted supply chains.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

GRAPHIC DESIGN AND DIGITAL CONTENT OFFICER (1 POST)

CAMFED Overview

CAMFED (the Campaign for Female Education) is internationally recognised as a leader in education for girls, for its child protection policy and practise, and as a voice for girls' education and women's empowerment at the highest levels. Founded in 1993, CAMFED supports young women throughout their primary and secondary schools years, into economic training and further education, and onto leadership, as role models, activists, and philanthropists. CAMFED Tanzania is looking to recruit **Graphic Design and Digital Content Officer (1 post)**.

Job Title:	Graphic Design and Digital Content Officer
Reporting to:	Programme Manager-Advocacy, Policy, and Partnership
Start Date:	ASAP
Location:	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Job Description:

The Graphic Design and Digital Content Officer is responsible for supporting Advocacy, Policy, and Partnership team at CAMFED Tanzania in creating visual materials that communicate messages across various channels. Key responsibilities include developing visual content such as graphics, illustrations, and logos for digital projects, print projects. The Graphic Designer works closely with Information and Technology team to assist in the development of visual concepts and execute designs. Additionally, the role involves adapting existing designs to different formats and platforms, ensuring consistency and quality in all versions. He or she will assist in the production of advocacy materials, social media content, and corporate presentations, and is responsible for finalizing artwork for production.

Specific Accountabilities:

- Design and Layout: Creating designs and layouts for various materials such as brochures, reports, infographics, presentations, banners, social media cards, and digital banners.
- Video Production: Producing and editing videos for social media and websites according to provided scripts.
- Digital Presence: Shaping and driving forward the organization's web-based content and digital presence, ensuring the right tone of voice, brand look, feel, and messaging.
- Content Development: Proactively developing content and presenting it in an engaging way across existing and future digital channels.
- Content Management: Coordinating digital content projects, developing content plans, and repurposing content for different audiences and channels.
- Marketing Support: Assisting in the development of strategies to widen knowledge about the organization and supporting marketing events as required.
- Support In-Person Events: Take pictures and videos for CAMFED's Internal and External events.

Person specification

- Educational Background: A degree in graphic design, digital media, communications, or a related field.
- Minimum 3 years of experience managing integrated communications, digital marketing, and branding projects.
- Experience: Substantial experience with videography, photography, and graphic design, including editing content
- Technical Skills: Proficiency in design software (e.g., Adobe Creative Suite), video editing tools, and familiarity with social media platforms and their analytics tools
- Creativity: A good eye for design and the ability to create engaging digital content across various formats.
- Communication Skills: Strong written and verbal communication skills to effectively tell the organization's story and engage with audiences.
- Project Management: Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously and meet deadlines.
- Experience in an internationally focused non-profit organization and or multilateral organization is a plus.
- Experience with creating content for social media platforms (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.)
- Strong attention to detail in producing high-quality work and compelling documentation.
- Ability to interact with diverse audiences with cultural sensitivity, fostering a supportive environment in-person and in all forms of correspondence.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently, be a team player and proactively address program and team needs, solving problems as they arise and seeking guidance when appropriate.
- Possess excellent organizational skills and ability to multitask and problem solve under tight deadlines; be able to manage time, set priorities, and meet deadlines; and be enthusiastic and energetic.

Applications details:

- **Please note: All official communication pertaining to job applications and interviews will be exclusively conducted through CAMFED's official channels. These can be found on our website (<http://www.camfed.org>). CAMFED will never request applicants to pay a processing fee or to provide personal or financial information for recruitment purposes.**

- **CAMFED has a zero-tolerance approach to sexual exploitation, abuse, discrimination and harassment in all forms. All applicants will, therefore, be subject to a comprehensive verification process, which includes background and reference checks, as well as verification of qualifications.**

Please submit applications to recruitmentanzania@camfed.org including your most recent CV and Cover Letter using specific Title: Graphic Design and Digital Content Officer in the subject line. We will close this vacancy on **Wednesday 26th June 2024**.



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Tarehe: 19/06/2024

Clean energy investments crucial for Africa's sustainable economic growth: IEA

By Special Correspondent

AFRICA'S rising energy demand requires substantial investments in clean power projects, which is crucial for the continent's sustainable economic growth, an analysis revealed.

In its latest report, the International Energy Agency said that Africa's aspiration for greater economic and social development depends on access to an affordable, reliable, modern and sustainable supply of power.

According to IEA, meeting the growing energy demand from African countries requires more than doubling the current annual investments to over \$240 billion in the sector by 2030, of which three-quarters of the funds needs to be focused on clean technology.

The organization also called for

"swift action to tackle financial barriers so investment can reach the levels that are needed."

IEA highlighted that \$22 billion is required from 2023 to 2030 to connect all African homes and businesses to electricity, while \$4 billion per year is needed to provide clean cooking solutions.

"The lack of energy access in Africa is a great injustice, but increased spending on impactful projects could quickly turn the tide," said Fatih Birol, executive director of IEA.

Africa's energy concerns

According to the agency, Africa remains energy-poor despite holding significant resources.

The report highlighted that around 600 million Africans still lack access to electricity and more than 1 billion still cook their meals

over open fires and traditional stoves using wood, charcoal, kerosene, coal and animal waste.

The analysis suggested that the consequences of this lack of energy supply are dire in terms of health, education, climate, and economic and social development, with many of these impacts disproportionately affecting women and children in the continent.

"There are also affordability challenges to consider; only half of households without electricity access today would be able to afford basic energy services without additional financial support, and even fewer would be able to afford modern cooking solutions," said the report.

It added: "A lack of reliable and affordable energy restrains Africa's farmers from higher productivity; hinders industry, where energy

prices and affordability remain key determinants in competitiveness; and limits the ability of countries to attract and cultivate new sectors of their economies."

Moreover, although Africa accounts for around 20 percent of the world's population, it attracts less than 3 percent of energy spending.

The study highlighted that investments in the energy sector on the continent have been falling since its peak in 2014 and are currently down 34 percent.

"Increasing investment in domestic energy systems faces hurdles, notably a shortage of bankable projects and the high cost of capital, which can be two to three times higher for renewable projects in Africa than in advanced economies," said IEA.

Expansion of electricity holds

the key

According to the report, around half of the energy funding required in Africa by 2030 is needed in electricity, where policies play a key role in attracting more investment.

"Total electricity sector investment increases from just under \$30 billion in 2022 to more than \$120 billion in 2030 in the Sustainable Africa Scenario, with around 50 percent going toward renewable generation alone," added the report.

IEA further noted that Africa is home to the most cost-competitive green energy outlets in the world, with 60 percent of the best solar resources globally, and many countries on the continent have high-potential hydropower, geothermal, and wind resources.

The release noted that utility-scale renewable energy projects have found a foothold in African

markets, where around 80 percent of clean projects by volume have reached investment decisions in the last five years.

New industries to propel Africa's energy sector

The report projected that new industries, including those related to clean technologies, can support Africa's growing energy sector.

"Developing industry goes hand-in-hand with the expansion of Africa's energy system. By 2030, Africa is projected to build more floor area than exists in Japan and Korea today," said IEA.

It added: "Accordingly, demand for steel and cement is set to grow considerably from today's levels, alongside rising demand for irrigation pumps, cold chains, data centers and mining."



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About Us

The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) is a global community conservation organization that advances the vision and work of Dr. Jane Goodall by conserving chimpanzees and inspiring communities to conserve the natural world we all share, we improve the lives of people, animals, and the environment. We strongly believe everything is connected and everyone can make a difference.

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania (JGI-TZ) is a reputable and rapidly expanding non-governmental organization committed to wildlife research, conservation, socio-economic development, and environmental education. The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania (JGI-TZ) was founded in 2001 by Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE. The JGI Tanzania with its partners makes a difference through community centered conservation, chimpanzees research projects, youths' environmental education, the innovative use of science and technology, we work closely with local communities in Tanzania, inspiring hope through a collective power of individual action.

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania with funding from its donors is currently seeking to recruit a suitably qualified and competent Tanzanians to fill the following vacant positions:

Job Position:	National Roots & Shoots Coordinator
Program:	Roots & Shoots
Duty Station:	Dar es Salaam
Reporting Line:	Executive Director

Job Summary:

The National Roots & Shoots Coordinator will provide management and oversight to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Roots & Shoots Program in a professional manner by ensuring that Roots & Shoots responds to the needs of JGI Tanzania and the Roots & Shoots stakeholders such as National and International volunteers, teachers, members, government, and other partners. The coordinator is expected to demonstrate strong project management skills for the Roots & Shoots model in working in a multisector team, and leading roots & shoots clubs, overseeing the Pugu Nature Centre, environmental education projects and all other related Roots & Shoots project activities in Tanzania. The job holder is expected to raise public awareness, understanding and trust for environmental education, conservation education, outreach programmes, the Pugu Nature Centre, proposal developments, timely reporting and capacity development for staffs and volunteers. The coordinator will also be expected to work in close collaboration with key partners such as Government, Universities, Schools, the African Program of JGI-US, and other JGI Chapters across the world to implement of program goals. Below are the essential and specific job responsibilities:

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

- The key responsibilities will include, but not limited to:
 - o Represent Roots & Shoots program at meetings and other forums.
 - o Supervise and support Zonal Roots & Shoots Coordinators across the country in implementing their duties.
 - o Facilitates recruitment of Roots & Shoots National and International Volunteers
 - o Design and execute public awareness-raising campaigns and arrange for the commemoration of special days
 - o Facilitate delivery of conservation education and outreach programs and supervise the production of educational materials
 - o Support capacity building for R&S staff and volunteers
 - o Manage the JGI Nature Centre and other related Protected Forests
 - o Manage and coordinate all Roots & Shoots funding, project activities, work plans, budgets, campaigns, and reports
 - o Coordinate collaborations and maintain good relationships between Roots & Shoots and its key Stakeholders such as Government Ministries & Departments dealing with environments, animals and natural resources, Donors, UN Agencies, NGOs, and other key Partners
 - o Guide, review and compile reports, proposals and budgets related to Roots & Shoots Tanzania
 - o Design and publish education materials and guidelines for the promotion of Roots & Shoots in Tanzania
 - o Coordinate the management of Roots & Shoots database, memberships, registration, monitoring and evaluation systems
 - o Oversee all Roots & Shoots assets in Tanzania in collaboration with the designated JGI officer.
 - o Work closely with the government counterpart and other partners to establish R&S clubs and projects.
 - o Raise funds and mobilize other resources in support of Roots & Shoots activities and projects in Tanzania
 - o Represent Tanzania to the Roots & Shoots global committees and other Roots & Shoots networks
 - o Coordinate Roots & Shoots scholarship programs
 - o All other responsibilities as may be assigned by the Supervisor or delegate

Minimum Job Qualifications & Other Requirements:

- The minimum job qualifications and other requirements will include, but not be limited to:
 - At least BSc. in Education majoring in Biology, Project Management, Conservation Biology, Wildlife Management and similar studies. Masters in Natural Resources Management is an added advantage
 - A background in the teaching of conservation-related science subjects.
 - Strong skills in project management and working with multisectoral teams.
 - 5 to 7 years of work experience in the related field.
 - Experience in reporting, monitoring and evaluation, and managing awareness campaigns

- Previous experience in planning outreach activities and expedition programs.
- Ability to effectively manage a team of staff, volunteers and interns
- Knowledge and experience in conservation education and sustainable natural resources management are desirable.
- Previous membership or involvement in Roots and Shoots will be an added advantage
- Computer literate and ability to use data analysis programs, word, Xcel, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc
- Experience in working with various agencies, government departments, International Agencies and Partners

Job Position:	Office Manager
Project:	Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME)
Duty Station:	Tanga
Reporting Line:	Project Manager

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

- The key responsibilities will include, but not limited to:
 - Schedule various official appointments with Government Ministries, Donors, NGOs, and other Stakeholders.
 - Remind the Project Manager on the scheduled meetings, appointments, key dates, and other important issues.
 - Maintain filing systems - key office documents - policies, MoUs, Agreements
 - Draft various letters on JGI Tanzania standard correspondence procedures.
 - Process renewal of various permits and service contracts; perform flight and accommodation arrangements for JGI staff and visitors.
 - Handle incoming and outgoing telephones, mails, & invitations
 - Ensure smooth running of the activities like cleanliness, repairs, utilities, and other activities.
 - Attend to the various requests of office visitors and maintain visitor's registers.
 - Organize various office meetings/workshops.
 - Ensure availability of office supplies/stationeries, fuels & oils for generator and vehicles, vehicle insurance and office properties.
 - Ensure office bills and other invoices are paid as appropriate and timely i.e. travel & accommodation, diesel, water, telephone, electricity, security, air travel etc.
 - Ensure office properties are well kept and maintained: these includes vehicles, assets and all equipment. Also ensure all items are tagged with JGI Asset tags.
 - Supervise & perform stock taking of all office equipment's every end of the year.
 - Support on official banking issues, handle petty cash, make digital payments, and do retirements accordingly.
 - Support Dar office on any request that require close follow up from Tanga Office.
 - Implement the procurement process for COSME project under the supervision of the Procurement Manager and in compliance of the procurement policy of the JGI Tanzania. Facilitate acquisition, supply, delivery, storage, and disposal of goods & services, as well as logistics operations at optimum cost-effective levels in a thorough documented, compliant, and prompt manner.
 - Perform any other duties as may be required by the supervisor.

Minimum Job Qualifications & Other Requirements:

- The minimum job requirements and qualifications will include, but not be limited to:
 - o A holder of a bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, or a related field
 - o 3 to 6 years of work experience in an administrative/office management role
 - o Must have exceptional attention to detail, strong organizational and time management skills, and ability to prioritize, must be a self-starter and driven, problem-solving skills, and analytical abilities, high level of integrity and confidentiality.
 - o Reasonable experience in Logistical coordination and support, managing information, and workflow, Job knowledge/technical expertise, Planning, organizing, and multitasking.
 - o Must be computer savvy with proficiency in Microsoft office programs.
 - o Previous experience working with NGO implementing conservation related projects.
 - o Excellent Communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both verbal and written.

Application Procedure:

All applications should be submitted together with the most recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)/resume, copy of relevant academic certificates & transcripts, testimonials, three names of reputable referees, day-time telephone number or e-mail address, and should be send to the following e-mail address: recruitment@janegoodall.or.tz

Only the final shortlisted candidates will be interviewed and provided with the interview feedback.

Deadline: Thursday, 28th June, 2024 before 5pm in the evening.

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Tender No: REF/MCCCCL/PROCUMENT/2024/2025/S/03 AND 05

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S/No	Description	Bid Reference Number
1	Security Services	REF/MCCCCL/PROCUMENT/2024/2025/S/ 03
2	Service for Fire Protection System	REF/MCCCCL/PROCUMENT/2024/2025/S/05

Closing Date for Submission; All interested service providers are requested to submit their sealed quotations as per prescribed procedure to this office on or before **10:00Hrs of 27th June, 2024**

Tender Documents are available at the Management office of Rock City Mall 3rd Floor Wing "A" - Mwanza.

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Account Number : 0150335378100
Branch Name : ROCK CITY BRANCH

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The Technical Bid will be opened on **27th June, 2024 at 10:00Hrs** in the presence of authorized representative of bidders.

Annette Shoo
Company Manager,
MWANZA CITY COMMERCIAL COMPLEX CO. LIMITED (MCCCCL)



Thursday 20 June 2024

By Guardian Reporter

EU partners local banks to expand MSMEs financing

The European Union has said has partnered local commercial banks to expand credits to private sector in Tanzania, specifically Macro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

This was said recently after EU conducted a highly productive information session titled "Grow with the European Union Finance," aimed at empowering Tanzanian businesses to seize numerous financial opportunities offered by the EU and its Member States under the Global Gateway strategy.

Building on the successful dialogue with the private sector initiated during the Tanzania-EU Business Forum in February 2023, focused on addressing one of the main obstacles identified back then: access to finance for scaling up emerging business, trade, and investment opportunities.

The statement issued by EU yesterday said during the February forum, several financing deals were signed between European Development Banks and local Tanzanian banks including NMB, CRDB and KCB Bank to expanding credit offerings for Tanzanian MSMEs.

"Since then, the range of European financing windows dedicated to the private sector has been steadily increasing," said the statement.

The primary objective of this information session was to provide concrete guidance



MSMEs constitute more than three million enterprises and contribute more than 27 percent of the country's GDP

on the available financing instruments and the process of accessing these funds.

A significant highlight was the signing of a new financing tool grant contract worth 11.23bn/ (EUR 4 million) between the EU and the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT), aimed at promoting inclusive finance for

small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) operated by women and youth.

Over 100 representatives from the banking sector, SMEs, MSMEs, and various corporate enterprises participated, emphasizing the critical demand for local businesses to connect with EU-catalyzed financiers through the

Global Gateway financing tools.

Cedric Merel, Head of Cooperation for the EU Delegation to Tanzania, emphasized the EU's comprehensive support for the Tanzanian business environment. "A conducive business environment is essential for businesses to thrive, and finance is their lifeblood," Merel remarked.

"The European Union has provided a 360-degree approach to investments in Tanzania, from supporting the Blueprint regulatory reform agenda, enhancing Domestic Resources Mobilization, to strengthening Capital Markets and green and alternative finance as well as attracting international finance."

Edward Claessen, Head of the Regional Hub for East Africa at the European Investment Bank (EIB), reinforced this message by highlighting the EIB's significant support for private sector initiatives in Tanzania.

"Last year, Tanzania was the largest recipient of EIB support in Sub-Saharan Africa, with 758bn/ (EUR 270 million) in new investments to support businesses through partnerships with Tanzanian banks such as CRDB, NMB, and KCB-Tanzania," Claessen stated.

"Of what we have signed, EUR 166m has already been disbursed by the EIB to the banks and has been lent to over 10,000 final beneficiaries out of which over 3,000 are women-led enterprises and over 900 are blue economy enterprises and co-operatives in Zanzibar," he added.

The information session provided insights into the EU's Global Gateway strategy, which aims to address global challenges like climate change, health system improvements, and strengthening global supply chains. This strategy in-

cludes a variety of financial products, such as grants, loans, equity, and guarantees, designed to benefit businesses of all sizes.

A key part of this strategy is the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+), which encourages sustainable investments in partner countries by offering risk-sharing tools through partner Financial Development Institutions.

With up to 112.340trn/ (EUR 40 billion) in financial commitment, EFSD+ aims to mobilize up to 379.150trn/ (EUR 135 billion) in public and private financing worldwide to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Aside from the EFSD+, the EU also supports start-ups and early-stage SMEs through initiatives like the Funguo Innovation Programme, PesaTech Accelerator Program, and Serengeti Business Angels Network, which offer grants and investment opportunities.

Additionally, EIB, the EU's lending arm, provides credit lines to local banks, which then lend to SMEs, helping them grow and innovate.

Gasper Mdee, a representative from the Tanzanian Private Sector Foundation said financial opportunities offered by the EU are key in fostering a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in Tanzania.

"In partnership with the local private sector organisations, by focusing on focusing on inclusive growth, the EU ensures that diverse segments of the population, including underrepresented groups such as women and youth, have access to the resources they need to succeed. This support not only boosts individual businesses but also contributes to the overall economic development of the country," said Mdee.

Standard Bank commits \$5bn to EACOP project

By Grace Ashiru

South Africa's Standard Bank, the largest African lender by assets, will provide funding for the Uganda-Tanzania oil pipeline, according to a Bloomberg report.

The 1,445km pipeline, intended to connect Uganda's oil fields on the shores of Lake Albert to the Tanzanian port of Tanga.

"We have completed our internal governance process and the environmental and social due diligence, which was a lengthy undertaking," said Nonkululeko Nyembezi, the chair of Standard Bank, as quoted by Bloomberg.

Nyembezi informed

Bloomberg that the bank will make a decision in the upcoming months.

"We have all the lenders. There is complete commitment from the sponsors of the oil projects to see it through," Nyembezi stated.

Uganda, which is landlocked, discovered oil 17 years ago, but commercial production has been delayed due to the absence of an export pipeline through neighboring countries to the Indian Ocean. Both Uganda and Tanzania aim to complete the project by December 2025.

The construction of the EACOP Pipeline in combination with the Tilenga and Kingfisher projects will benefit the

economies of Uganda and Tanzania include tax revenues for the two Host Governments, job creation, national content, new infrastructure, logistics, skills and technology transfer and enhancement of the trade corridor between Uganda and Tanzania.

The capital investment of some \$4bn associated with the construction of the Pipeline represents one of the largest ever inward investments into Uganda and Tanzania.

EACOP is being constructed in parallel with two upstream development projects which are not part of EACOP development and investment, known as Tilenga and Kingfisher respectively.



Ongoing construction works of the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline

Each development will consist of a Central Processing Facility (CPF) to separate and treat the oil, water and gas produced by the wells.

Kingfisher will have 4 well pads and a CPF with a peak daily capacity of 42000 bbl/d. Tilenga has 31 wellpads and a 204000 bbl/d CPF.

Tilenga and Kingfisher CPFs will be connected by feeder

lines to the starting point of EACOP at Kabaale. Here the oil will be metered and then conjoined into a single stream.

The Ugandan Refinery project has a right of first call to 60,000 bbl/d, with the remainder of the oil being exported via EACOP.

The pipeline route via Tanzania was confirmed in April 2016 at a summit with the East

African Heads of State.

In the period 2016-2018 the EACOP route was studied and narrowed down to its final width of 30 metres, allowing to then initiate land surveys and the Environmental and Social Impact Assessments.

This EACOP will be designed, constructed, financed and operated through a dedi-

cated Pipeline Company with the same name.

Two Host Governments Agreements between EACOP and the Governments of Uganda and Tanzania, signed on 11th April 2021 and 20th May 2021 respectively.

These HGAs cover matters such as Land, HSE standards, fiscal regime, Authorisations, Decommissioning and recourse to dispute mechanisms. Where required, the HGAs are supported by legislation in both Uganda and Tanzania.

The EACOP Shareholders Agreement which became effective the 15th February 2022 between the four Shareholders setting out the governance of the EACOP Company. EACOP Co is a UK registered entity, fiscally resident in Uganda. It will pay its taxes and duties in Uganda and Tanzania.

The Marine Export Storage Terminal and the Load-Out Facility is located north of Tanga port over the Chongolean peninsula. The terminal consists of crude oil reception and storage, loading and metering facilities and a jetty extending into the Tanga bay to a water depth of 23 metres.

The shareholders in EACOP are Total-Energies 62 percent, UNOC and TPDC 15 percent each and CNOOC 8 percent.

By Farah Khaliq

Banks face headwinds amid global dirty money crackdown

Dirty money is said to go back more than 2,000 years, when business-hungry Chinese merchants laundered their profits through slippery assets and foreign "investments" to skirt bans on commercial trading.

The modus operandi hasn't changed much, but now governments are cracking down en masse on money laundering, terrorism financing and sanction breaches. Inevitably, banks will be in the firing line.

Globally, authorities confiscate "less than 1 per cent of illicit financial flows", estimates the Basel Institute.

Some 40 per cent of the world's "dirty money" flows through London, its overseas territories and Crown dependencies, admitted UK government minister Andrew Mitchell.

The Labour party, slated to win by a landslide at the UK general election on July 4, is staking its reputation on cleaning up the City of London.

In a recent speech, shadow foreign secretary David Lammy said: "There are men in suits behind every crime... Every time a money laundering scheme succeeds in British territory... there was an enabler behind it. An incorporation agent... a banker, a lawyer, an accountant..."

"Tackling corruption, at home and abroad, will be part of our mission. We will not be put off."

Big talk? Perhaps. But after 14 years of being in the shadow of the Conservatives, the Labour party is chomping at the bit to flex its muscles. And the reality is, reform to tackle dirty money is already under way.



The Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act, which came into force in October, impose new requirements on foreign entities concealing themselves behind complex structures like trusts.

The UK's newfound impetus to tackle dirty money echoes that of the EU. Last month, the EU approved a new anti-money-laundering watchdog, the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism, based in Frankfurt.

The centralised authority will pick up the baton from other agencies scattered haphazardly across the bloc, like the European Banking Authority in Paris and various member-state government groups.

Banks in the EU will need to deal with a new regulator with beefed-up powers, including the authority to undertake examinations, deliver instructions, conduct audits and inspections and issue fines.

Amla can name and shame firms it punishes; it can fine up to €10mn, or 10 per cent of an entity's annual turnover.

Keep an eye on what's happening in the US. A new lawsuit by two whistleblowers is making its way through the US courts; they claim to have discovered billions of dollars' worth of previously hidden transac-

tions between British bank Standard Chartered and Iran-linked entities, including sanctioned companies and terrorist organisations.

Penalties linked to sanctions violations and due diligence failures have cost Standard Chartered more than \$2bn since 2012, yet the bank isn't phased by the allegations. A press statement read: "We are confident the courts will reject these claims, as they have already done repeatedly."

Indeed, a previous lawsuit from the duo - who have been blowing the whistle in vain for well over a decade - was dismissed by a Manhattan federal court. That lawsuit claimed US authorities turned a blind eye to sanctions breaches.

Since then, however, the US has taken a harder line on sanctions against its adversaries following

Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In June, the US Treasury supercharged its sanctions programme against Russia; in effect, any foreign financial institution caught transacting with a sanctioned Russian entity will be deemed to be in cahoots with the warmonger's defence sector.

Banks would be wise to assume that the world's greatest superpower won't turn a blind eye to sloppy sanctions compliance, never mind other forms of financial crime. The US is so intent on rooting out dirty money, Treasury secretary Janet Yellen jetted to China in April to broker an alliance to help it fight financial crime.

Yellen said: "Just like military leaders need a hotline in a crisis, American and Chinese financial regulators must be able to communicate to prevent financial stresses from turning into crises. The United States cannot [fight money laundering] alone."

Geopolitical risks continue to loom over central bank FX reserves

By Gary Smith

Two surveys of central bank foreign exchange reserve managers have been published in recent weeks - both of which highlighted that geopolitical risks were now considered to be the primary investment challenge.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, war in Gaza and political tension between the US and China are just three episodes that have played a role.

A precautionary reaction will follow, according to the surveys. In such a scenario, we believe that central banks will allow and encourage their FX reserves to grow. The challenge will then be to manage those reserves in a transformed fixed income investing environment. The survey data suggest that core fixed income strategies will be the first to benefit.

A Central Banking Publications survey of 87 central banks identified geopolitical risk as the number one concern for the next 12 months, while a survey of 73 central banks in OMFIF's Global Public Investor report also revealed that 80 percent of

respondents expected geopolitical risk to be the most significant factor impacting their long-term investment strategy.

Unlike a concern about the future direction of US Federal Reserve policy, which would impact all central banks in a similar manner, adjusting for geopolitical challenges will not. Every central bank will have a different playbook driven by their own government, legacy international relations and alliances. For some nations, it may mean getting closer to the US and the dollar. For others, it may mean getting closer to China and the renminbi.

There may be implications for the choice of trading counterparty, external manager and security custodian as well as an impact on asset class and currency choice. However, every central bank will be aligned in one key aspect - they will all have a desire for a larger quantity of FX reserves.

Conserving reserves
One simple way to keep FX reserves high is to not deploy them. On the topic of deployment thresholds, the OMFIF survey found that approximately 65 percent of respondents would not spend



more than 15% of their total reserves for market intervention. The conservation of reserves is a key route by which growth can be fostered.

This corresponds with the feedback that there is a desire to conserve reserves to fight the next crisis. The required firepower to deal with the next unknown crisis would be substantial. As one central bank official told me recently: 'If it is a geopolitical crisis, double the number that you first thought of'. For many Asian nations, the bitter memories of the currency crises of

the late 1990s are seared on the institutional psyche. Self-insurance is best.

At the International Monetary Fund annual meetings in 2024, Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das was happy to explain the approximate doubling in FX reserves to around \$600bn that has occurred since 2016. The decision to allow reserves to grow during a period of capital inflows was 'to build buffers against possible future capital outflows'.

For a non-aligned nation such as India, self-insurance is

an attractive tool, particularly in a world where economic and geopolitical uncertainties have multiplied. The governor did not mention negative carry costs, but instead asserted that the current level of reserves 'gives confidence to domestic financial players'.

In recent years, it is rare to hear central banks mention carry costs. Historically, this cost was cited as a reason to not hold large FX reserves. However, FX reserves are a form of self-insurance and insurance has a cost.

How much is enough?

One Asian central bank spokesperson declared in the GPI report that, 'in the event of a crisis, there is no level of reserves that is adequate'. Traditional metrics such as import cover ratios are seen as too narrow and simplistic. Although the IMF published a multi-factor model in 2016 - the 'Assessing Reserve Adequacy' metric - this has been widely criticised by practitioners.

There is an absence of a credible measure of FX reserves adequacy. The consequence is that the default position is often to allow reserves to grow. Moreover, when neighbouring nations are achieving growth in FX reserves, emulation pressures soon mount. The history of previous crises (especially the 1997 Asian crisis) is that market pressure falls first on nations that have the weakest coverage ratio.

Bilateral swap lines are not a substitute for FX reserves. Perhaps the only swap line that will succeed in a period of stress is a swap line with the US. The granting of these lines by the Fed has been unambiguously influenced by geopolitics. Only friends of the US need apply.

In terms of currency choice, the two most likely currencies to be purchased over the next 12 months will be the dollar, followed by the euro. We suspect that this is an expression of hope that FX reserves will grow, rather than an asset allocation switch in favour of the two largest reserve currencies. In simple terms, an increase in FX reserves will be mapped on to the existing currency allocation. In most cases, the biggest position will be in dollars, followed eventually by a diversification into the euro, and then other currencies.

The final piece of the jigsaw relates to intended investments. Almost 90 percent of respondents in the GPI survey expected to increase or maintain exposure to government bonds, 80 percent to quasi government bonds and 55% to corporate bonds. This is unlikely to represent an intention to switch out of equities but should be regarded as simply a mapping of where inflows will be directed to. Global aggregate anybody?

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EU commissioner for financial services, Mairead McGuinness.

EU to delay Basel bank trading reforms

NEW YORK

The EU will defer the application of key provisions of post-crisis banking reforms by one year, arguing that expected US delays to Basel implementation would disadvantage lenders in Europe.

The move, championed by France, raises further doubts over the enforcement of the so-called Basel III package, an ambitious overhaul of bank regulation agreed in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis that the EU was planning to complete by 2025.

Following signs that US regulators would allow their timeline to slip for the so-called "Basel Endgame", the European Commission decided to defer the "fundamental review of the trading book" (FRTB) to January 2026.

"Essentially it's down to a level playing field. We have decided, given all of the evidence and delays elsewhere, to postpone the market risk rules," Mairead McGuinness, the EU commissioner for financial services, told the Financial Times.

The specific reforms, which were unveiled in 2016 as a measure to stop

gaming of the regime, would require investment banks to hold more capital against their wholesale trading books, with the aim of limiting market risk as they buy and sell securities from clients.

Confirming that the EU would delay the specific reforms by one year, McGuinness added: "I would hope that the US and other jurisdictions will adopt the standards faithfully and quickly."

Large Eurozone lenders have long sought a delay to the rules, arguing that implementing stricter capital requirements would put them at a disadvantage compared with American and British banks.

"If you can't offer to corporate clients the same products and conditions from day one, you will lose competitiveness in the trading business," said Gonzalo Gasos of the European Banking Federation.

French President Emmanuel Macron recently called on the EU to "revise the application" of Basel, saying the EU "cannot be the only economic area in the world that applies it".

A commission spokesperson said the rest of the

remaining Basel implementation package would apply from 2025 as scheduled.

The US has planned to implement its version of the Basel Endgame rules by July 2025 but US regulators' initial proposals were met with an aggressive lobbying effort by banks. Regulators received hundreds of comments in response to the initial proposal.

Jay Powell, chair of the Federal Reserve, which is part of the US efforts behind Basel Endgame, said earlier this year that "broad and material changes" were likely to be made to the final rule.

He has not excluded a re-proposal, rather than a more simple redrafting, of the rule. The Fed is working with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to address comments from the financial industry.

Federal agencies rarely opt for re-proposals, which delay the rulemaking process. But issuing final measures that are markedly different from initial proposals may open agencies up to criticism about the public being deprived of a comment

period to weigh in on the tweaked rules.

McGuinness also expressed deep frustration over the EU's failure to make progress on integrating its financial markets, complaining the latest proposal by the commission to harmonise the EU's 27 different insolvency laws was "significantly watered down" by the parliament and member states.

Speaking at an event in Frankfurt on Tuesday, she said a failure to do more - such as proposals to revive securitisation markets that package up bank loans and sell them to investors - would have an "enormous cost" as it would deprive Europe of the funding needed to tackle its main economic challenges, including the green transition and digitisation.

McGuinness, whose term as commissioner is due to end in October, urged governments to stop thinking about "what they could lose" nationally and to think more about "what they could gain" from Europe as a single market. "Preservation isn't growth" she said, adding that "nibbling at the edge of the problem will not work".

Cyber-security challenges in conservation protection

By Ibrahim Sultan

Cyber Security Consultant.



Businesses and the economy are currently very concerned about the conservation industry. Data and technology play a major role in conservation initiatives. The conservation field is under pressure to incorporate new technology to enhance performance and creativity in resource protection, human-wildlife conflict, and anti-poaching operations. In addition to safeguarding datasets, cybersecurity monitoring systems are used in conservation aid in the management of fuel, vehicles, personnel, protected area management, and wildlife conservation. As technology develops, it is crucial to make sure that cybersecurity safeguards are in place to safeguard sensitive ecological data and that technology is being used in ways that assist conservation efforts. While addressing conservation challenges, cyber security monitoring tools can be used to protect ecosystems, species and resources.

Because hackers and poachers are constantly looking for new weaknesses and advanced hacking techniques to exploit sensitive ecological data, cybersecurity safeguards in the conservation field need to be continuously improved. Cybersecurity in the conservation field encompasses more than just data asset protection.

The conservation organisations have the issue of integrating cybersecurity into their daily operations to guarantee the security of their sensitive ecological data and safeguard ecosystems. The best cybersecurity implementation techniques are necessary when using modern, advanced ICT facilities and solutions in the conservation sector. If not, con-

servation organisations run the risk of losing their good name, the trust of their clients, and economic loss.

It takes cooperation between many authorities to protect ecosystems and species. One of the biggest challenges with cybersecurity in this industry is that some cybersecurity solutions that are adopted in the conservation sector need permission from other authorities that do not understand how urgent it is to find a solution to protect ecosystems and sensitive ecological data. This means that in conservation, we are unable to find quick solution for cybersecurity issues that need approval from other authorities.

The current level of technological development among other instruments, poachers can use drones to scout around national parks and conservation areas, take pictures, record coordinates, and determine whether poaching or illicit wildlife farming is possible in that location. Drones can also be used to disperse poison in certain areas and inflict disease on wildlife. It's critical for safety to identify unlicensed drones in conservations area and national parks. Conservation organisations must ensure that drone detection systems with geofencing to restrict drone access and RF signal jamming for quick threat response are implemented by collaborate with authority involved in drone operations. These measures are crucial to protecting ecosystems and preserving the environment.

We must stop exploiting free technology, such as free radio frequencies, for tracking and communication in the conservation field. Poachers, for example, can visit national parks or conservation areas where we use free

wireless spectrum, pose as tourists, and listen in on our private conversations about our protection efforts. Using a gadget tuned to the same frequency, they can accomplish this. For conservation organisations to accomplish security goals, they must communicate with the authority who provides licensed radio frequency.

These aforementioned cases highlight the difficulties in implementing cybersecurity in the conservation sector.

Finally, the use of technological innovations by poachers to obtain sensitive ecological data and commit crimes related to illicit wildlife makes the significance of cybersecurity in protecting our conservation efforts clear.

Planning and policy frameworks for conservation must incorporate cybersecurity measures in order to handle possible risks and enhance resilience. To reduce the environmental impact of digital technology, conservation principles should be incorporated into cybersecurity regulations and standards. It is recommended that conservation organisations take the appropriate steps to address cybersecurity and maintain regular readiness to guarantee sufficient protection of their sensitive ecological data against anti-poaching activities. These provide forth the groundwork for protecting sensitive ecological data and ecosystems and explain how cybersecurity will be applied in the field of conservation.

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Gov't aligns measures for cleaner cooking energy access

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has pledged to fully observe the shift to clean cooking energy sources aligned to international agreements as it sets mutual means of implementing the National Clean Cooking Strategy 2024/34.

Judith Kapinga, Deputy Minister in the Energy Ministry declared the government's stance when opening a three-day National Clean Cooking Symposium 2024 taking place in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

She said the government is committed to using the \$10billion funded programme to scaling-up the uptake of clean cooking energy in the next ten years.

She was addressing the symposium which brings together manufacturers, importers and suppliers of different cooking energy appliances to discuss common ways of going by the strategy through its implementation plan.

Kapinga linked the government's commitment to the Paris Summit co-chaired by President Samia

Suluhu Hassan earlier last month that adopted the declaration which emphasizes increased financing, policies and partnership, in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 7, on universal clean cooking.

She said the strategy further targets at raising awareness, and fostering greater collaboration among the key stakeholders.

"While working to achieve the SDG goals, the government is working on ensuring affordable access in a timely manner to cleaner and modern cooking solutions, which can deliver benefits in terms of health, productivity, gender equality, forest preservation, biodiversity, and emissions reductions," she said.

Kapinga asserted that clean cooking sources have numerous significant benefits on people's health, on the environment, on climate change and especially on gender.

The ten-year strategy, she said, accommodates new technologies that facilitate its implementation. Changing the current narrative



Energy deputy minister Judith Kapinga

on energy sources is vital towards making the 80 percent of

Tanzanians shift to clean cooking energy sources.

"It takes into account the availability, accessibility, affordability and efficiency of alternative clean cooking energy sources from the ordinary charcoal, firewood and other fuels," said Kapinga.

Bryan Schreiner, UN Resident Coordinator to Tanzania said that clean cooking solutions are essential in achieving sustainable development goal (SDG7) which focuses on affordable clean cooking energy.

He said that the strategy will promote easier and fast realization of the SDG3 which emphasizes good health for all and SDG13 which obligates countries to observe dedicated actions towards mitigating climate change.

Schreiner said clean cooking is not a rocket science since the solutions are rather simple and the technology is relatively straightforward and not overly expensive.

"Clean cooking is not just a matter of convenience but the matter of life and dignity for millions of

people around the world," he said.

Peter Malika, Head UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) Tanzania was of the view that lean cooking is a business opportunity which also creates employment opportunities.

He said UNCDF is implementing a sustainable clean cooking solution initiative dubbed CookFund, the EU 80bn/- funded program that targets to reduce deforestation by increasing the production of sustainable fuel wood, in raw and areas.

He said another component of this program is to accelerate market rollout of clean cooking through CookFund working with the UNCDF.

"To date, the CookFund has supported more than 60 companies in the clean cooking value chain with 7.3bn/- to promote improve stoves or modern cooking fuels;

Supporting these companies helps establish a viable vibrant economy. And competitive markets and increases the availability and affordability of clean cooking technologies," he said.

Former CAG reveals why bidders quote more than market prices

By Guardian Reporter

The former Controller Auditor General (CAG) Ludovick Utouh (pictured) has revealed that delays of payments by the government causes more bidders and suppliers to quote more than the market prices during tendering processes.

He said many tenderers decide to quote higher than the market prices on their bids to retain "value for money", because the government does not pay goods and services on time.

Utouh who served as CAG from 2006 to 2014, said this yesterday in Dar es Salaam, when his currently leading WAJIBU-Institute of Public Accountability, was announcing the forthcoming International Transparency and Accountability (ITAC) to be held in early August this year.

"It doesn't matter even if there is a delay even five years, the government doesn't pay interests; but it pays the same amount. We know the value of the our currency two years ago is not the same as it is today, and the value of today will not equivalent to the value of next year. So all tenderers are quoting on high prices, because they are unsure whether they can be paid on time," he said.

He explained that; "If they have worked for you today, pay it immediately; but people perform their works today and are paid two or three years later...the good that is costing the current market price of 3,000/- can cost more than that when tendering, because of unsure of when they will be paid. And that is the main reason and will never end, because of the value for money," he said.

Speaking on the forthcoming transparency and accountability conference,



Moses Kimaro, programme manager, WAJIBU, said the main theme for this year's conference is targeting on fostering effective public procurement systems for sustainable development in Africa.

He said this year's conference, to be held in Arusha, is focusing on public procurement because it accounts for 70 percent of the public spending.

He said the reports by controller auditor generals of different countries show that through public procurement systems, there have been reports of corruption, kickbacks and embezzlement of public finances, which reduce the

ability of government to bring development to their people.

"In order to improve public procurement systems, it important to ensure that there is value for money in public tendering processes as well as accountability and transparency on public finance," he said.

He said the main solution to increasing accountability and transparency in public procurement is the use of technology driven procurement system.

Kimaro said various papers will be presented during the international gathering, which will be the fourth, which will be presented by

different local and foreign experts and specialists.

He called for stakeholders and public procurement officials from the government and procurement experts, civil society organization to attend this crucial meeting, which will attract at least 300 participants through physical and virtual attendances.

The meeting will also involve identifying key challenges in public procurement systems, knowledge transfer and policy recommendation on how to improve transparency and accountability in public financial management.

Bank, fintech partner to easy transferring of diaspora remittances

By Guardian Reporter

The challenge facing Tanzanian diaspora in sending money back home has now been resolved, after local fintech company partnered with a commercial bank to easily streamline international money transfer solutions.

The partnership will provide the Tanzanian diaspora with reliable, cost-effective, fast, and secure remittances transfer services.

Bonaventura Paul, the partnering bank's director of retail banking, highlighted the challenges faced by the African diaspora in sending money home.

"Despite numerous options for sending money to Africa, the continent remains the most expensive for diaspora's to transfer funds to," he noted.

He emphasized that the partnership with the fintech aligns with both organizations' shared vision of eliminating payment inefficiencies through advanced technology and innovative end-to-end solutions.

"There is a growing demand for seamless money transfer technologies. Our collaboration aims to make it easier and more affordable for the diaspora to send money home for business, investment, or other purposes," he said.

He said the bank has a long history of innovation in product design and delivery, utilizing state-of-the-art technologies to meet the highest standards of customer service.

"We strive to provide services that meet our customers' needs and expectations. Quality service not only gives us a competitive edge but also enables our customers to make more flexible financial decisions. Our dedicated diaspora banking services simplify remittance acceptance in Tanzania," added Paul.

Speaking during the event, the partnering fintech's Founder and Managing Director, Benjamin Fernandes says: "Our growth is driven by geographic expansion, product differentiation, and continuous infrastructure improvement. Our partnership with the local bank will offer cost-effective money transfer solutions, enabling immediate transfers to mobile money and bank accounts while ensuring reliable transactions for users."

"Leveraging the partnering bank's services, we aim to further empower the global Tanzanian diaspora financially. This partnership marks a significant milestone for us, enhancing the reliability and affordability of our services and positioning us to expand into new markets," he emphasized.

BANKING & FINANCE



Local fintech CEO & Founder Benjamin Fernandes

Transport firm to improve driver relations

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Dar es Salaam-based transport firm has launched a special centre with an aim to enhance its driver relations and address their expectations in terms of handling their concerns.

The engagement centre will be accessed on an appointment basis to ensure seamless and effective

management of driver issues.

Dimmy Kanyankole, the company's Country Manager said the centre enhances the provision of a range of benefits, including improved driver support, effective communication channels, training opportunities, community building, issue resolution, driver appreciation, and positive branding.

"Our driver partners are at the core of our business, thus, we are committed to ensuring that their needs are addressed and resolved in an effective and timely manner. The launch of this new centre is a testament that we are dedicated to enhancing our driver welfare and engagement, which will ultimately contribute to the success and growth of our business and

the ride-hailing industry at large."

He added: "We shall continue to collaboratively work with all our key stakeholders so as to continue offering affordable, safe and convenient ride-hailing services in Tanzania; and creating entrepreneurial opportunities that enable more people to earn a sustainable living."

WORLD

President Joe Biden offers path to citizenship to spouses of US citizens

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Tuesday announced a new effort to provide a path to citizenship to hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the US illegally who are married to US citizens, an election-year move that contrasts sharply with Republican rival Donald Trump's plan for mass deportations.

At a White House event, Biden criticized Trump for separating migrant families at the US-Mexico border and using incendiary language about immigrants in the US illegally, including comments that they were "poisoning the blood of our country".

"It's hard to believe it's being said, but he's actually saying these things out loud. And it's outrageous," Biden said. "I'm not interested in playing politics with the border or immigration. I'm interested in fixing it."

The new Biden program will be open to an estimated 500,000 spouses who have lived in the US for at least 10 years as of June 17, officials said on Tuesday. Some 50,000 children under age 21 with a US-citizen parent also will be eligible.

Biden, a Democrat seeking a second term in the Nov 5 presidential election, took office vowing to reverse many of Trump's restrictive immigration policies. But faced with record levels of migrant arrests at the US-Mexico border, Biden has toughened his approach.

Earlier this month, Biden barred most migrants crossing the US-Mexico border from requesting asylum, a policy that mirrored a similar Trump-era asylum ban and drew criticism from immigration advocates and some Democrats.

Biden's planned legalization program for spouses of US citizens could reinforce his campaign message that he supports a more humane immigration system and show how he differs from Trump, who has long had a hardline stance on both legal and illegal immigration.

"The Statue of Liberty is not some relic of American history," Biden said. "It still stands for who we are."

The program will almost certainly face legal challenges and a future president could attempt to end it. Texas Governor Greg Abbott, a Republican whose state has battled Biden in court over immigration policy, said in a statement that the new effort was "blatantly illegal" and "pandering for votes".

The US already provides a path to citizenship for immigrants who are married to Americans and entered the country legally on a visa. But in most cases, those who enter illegally must first leave the US for years before being allowed to return legally.

The new program will allow the spouses and their children to apply for permanent residence without traveling abroad, removing a potentially lengthy process and family separation. The administration aims to launch the program in coming months and it remains unclear how long it would take for spouses to obtain permanent residence.

If they are granted permanent residence, they could eventually apply for US citizenship. People who are considered public security threats or who have disqualifying criminal history would not be eligible.

The implementation will roll out in coming months and the majority of likely beneficiaries would be Mexicans, Biden officials said on a call with reporters.

Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador on Tuesday said the decision to regularize Mexican families' migratory status in the United States is "very good news", celebrating Biden's announcement during a press conference.

Biden's White House remarks were tied to the anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Former President Barack Obama and then-Vice President Biden launched the DACA program in 2012, another major legalization effort that currently grants deportation relief and work permits to



US President Joe Biden looks on during a bilateral meeting with Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg of NATO in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

528,000 people brought to the US as children.

The Biden administration also announced guidance to make it easier for DACA recipients to obtain skilled-work visas.

DACA enrollee Javier Quiroz Castro joined Biden at the White House and said the program allowed him to work legally as a nurse in Houston, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It allowed me to live and work and build a family in the only country I have ever known and loved," he said.

Mixed polls

Trump campaign spokesperson Karoline Leavitt called Biden's new program "amnesty" that would create "another invitation for illegal immigration." Trump has highlighted crimes committed by immigrants and has repeatedly pledged to deport millions of people if elected.

A little more than half of US voters back deporting all or most immigrants in the US illegally, Reuters/Ipsos polling shows.

At the same time, separate polling by the advocacy group Immigration Hub found, opens new tab 71 percent of voters in seven election battleground states backed allowing spouses in the US illegally for more than five years to remain.

Rebecca Shi, executive director of the American Business Immigration Coalition, said focus

groups conducted by her organization with independent and Republican voters found they supported legal status for spouses.

"It boosts turnout in terms of Latino and base voters, but it also has support with the middle and the right," she said on a call with reporters on Monday, adding that most people thought the spouses could already legalize.

Living in fear

One couple who could potentially benefit from the action was eagerly awaiting more details.

Megan, a social worker from the election battleground state of Wisconsin, met her husband, Juan, two decades ago when she worked with his cousin and uncle at a restaurant during her college summer break.

Juan's family, from the Mexican state of Michoacan, had come to the US for generations as seasonal workers, with his grandfather participating in a US program for farmworkers. Juan was in the country illegally, but she never thought it would be an issue.

"I assumed maybe you pay a fine or something," she said. "The punishment is just totally disproportionate."

They have two daughters now - ages 4 and 7 - and still have not found a way to fix Juan's status. Reuters is withholding their last names because of Megan's concern they could face backlash.

Agencies

Africa urged to embrace AI to drive development, empower continent's workforce

ADDIS ABABA

THE African continent has been urged to harness the opportunities presented by artificial intelligence (AI) to drive economic growth and empower its abundant workforce.

The call was made by the African Union Development Agency in a white paper titled "AI and the Future of Work in Africa," released on Tuesday.

It said generative AI presents a powerful tool for shaping a dignified future of work in Africa. It said by proactively addressing the challenges and harnessing the opportunities, Africa can leverage AI to drive economic growth, empower its youthful workforce, and become a leader in socially responsible AI development.

Africa's young population and vibrant technology ecosystem provide significant opportunities to position the continent as a leader in technological innovation and sustainable development.

The continental development agency further underscored the need to invest in digital infrastructure and human capital, including education initiatives. It stressed the crucial imperative of ensuring that AI development is inclusive and tailored to the continent's unique needs and challenges.

Noting that the impact of AI on the emerging future will be a consequence of many factors, including technological and policy decisions, the agency said getting to a better future will require carefully designed policies and regulations that foster the development of AI while keeping the negative effects in check.

The white paper, among other things, recommended that Africa needs a strong infrastructure and a skilled workforce to maximize the benefits of AI. It called for the essential need to introduce national and regional AI policies focused on inclusive education, worker protection, and stakeholder involvement.

The agency further called for human-centered design, noting that AI should complement human skills, not replace them. It added that training data and AI tools should be developed with African contexts in mind, underscoring that cooperation among stakeholders is key to responsible AI development that respects local knowledge and traditions.

Rwandan president accuses West of double standards on democracy ahead of elections

KIGALI

RWANDAN President Paul Kagame on Monday accused Western countries of adopting "double standards" on democracy, ahead of next month's general elections in the East African country.

Kagame (pictured), who has been president of Rwanda since 2000, was responding to a question about critics who accuse him of clinging to power.

"Democracy is about freedom of choice. If that is the case unless the definition has changed over time, I have never known of any place where democracy has succeeded when principles and ideals have been dictated from the outside," Kagame said, speaking in an interview on national television.

"They say you have been there too long, but that is none of their business ... Rwandans are the ones to make those choices. They have the freedom to do it. But you find that in most cases, the complaints are from outside.

These are double standards; it's even arrogance," he said. Kagame's comments came days after the country's National Electoral Commission cleared him and two other candidates to run in the presidential election next month.

Kagame is a candidate of the ruling Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF). His two challengers are Frank Habineza of the opposition Democratic Green Party of Rwanda, and Philippe Mpayimana, an independent candidate.

Kagame pointed out that the political context of every country matters in politics, adding that lines of thinking are going to be different from one place to another, wondering whether the democracy being practiced in Rwanda is the opposite of the description of democracy.

"Some of these countries have strict rules, and they don't want anybody to interfere in their politics, but they find it easy to get involved in other people's politics. What sense does it make?"

"If interfering in other people's affairs is wrong, what gives you the right to go and get involved in other people's affairs ... Some of them are leaders of their own countries in spite of their very low ratings. But that is democracy I'm told," he added. Rwandans will go to the polls to elect the president and members of parliament on July 15.

Xinhua



'India's growth will be led by governance, infrastructure and green energy'

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S cumulative infrastructure spending will exceed 2.5 trillion dollars by the year 2031, industrialist Gautam Adani highlighted yesterday stating that the platforms to create several trillion-dollar market spaces are already in place in the country.

At an event organised by CRISIL on 'Infrastructure the

catalyst for India's future', the founder chairman of the Adani Group said, "While every nation has its challenges, I can confidently state that India's real growth is yet to come. The platform to create several trillion-dollar market spaces is already in place. Our estimates show that by FY32-India is targeted to become a 10 trillion-dollar economy."

India is headed to realise its

goal of becoming a USD 10 trillion economy by the Financial Year 2031-32, Adani said

He said that India's energy sector will play an important role in infrastructure development and around one fourth of the total infrastructure spending in the coming years will be utilised in energy sector and energy transition.

"The cumulative spend on infrastructure will exceed 2.5

trillion dollars. About 25 per cent of this entire spending is expected to be on energy and energy transition" said Adani. He highlighted that the green electrons will emerge as the major drivers of India's economic growth.

Green electrons produce electricity from non-emitting sources largely wind and solar. They traverse wires to reach the end-user and may

be stored in batteries for future deployment. He said that Adani group will produce the cheapest green electrons in the world to sustain the growth of several sectors.

"The availability of green electron will be the primary driver of a nation's economic progress, and in my opinion the market for the green electron as of now has no growth limits. ANI

China to ease rules for foreign strategic investment in listed firms

BEIJING

THE Ministry of Commerce (MOC) is seeking to improve foreign investment rules by further easing restrictions on foreign investors' strategic investment in listed firms.

The MOC said in a statement on Tuesday that in order to further relax the restrictions on strategic investment by foreign investors in listed companies

and innovate regulatory methods, it will revise the administrative measures accordingly.

This forms part of the ministry's 2024 plan to refine a raft of administrative rules and measures. These include establishing administrative measures for the circulation of refined oil, revising administrative measures for the operation of catering businesses, and establishing administrative measures aimed at pro-

moting the high-quality development of China's foreign contracted projects, the MOC said.

According to the 2024 government work report, China seeks to strengthen services for foreign investors and make it a favored destination for foreign investment.

The country will also expand the Catalog of Encouraged Industries for Foreign Investment and encourage foreign-

funded enterprises in China to reinvest in the country, pledging national treatment for foreign-funded enterprises, according to the government work report.

MOC data showed that in the first quarter of this year, the number of newly established foreign-invested enterprises in China hit 12,000, up 20.7 percent year on year. During the same period, foreign direct investment remained at a high level, at 301.67 billion yuan (42.39 billion

Merchant vessel sinks in Red Sea after Yemen's Houthi attack

ADEN

A MERCHANT vessel struck by the Yemeni Houthi group days ago has sunk in the Red Sea, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), a facility of the British navy for handling international shipping emergencies, reported Tuesday.

The Greek-owned bulk carrier "Tutor" was hit twice on June 12 approximately 66 nautical miles southwest of the Yemeni port city of Hodeidah, the Yemeni government Coast Guard officials told Xinhua shortly after the strikes.

Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea claimed that the group targeted the ship with "an un-



Members of the Yemeni Coast Guard affiliated with the Houthi group patrol the sea as demonstrators march through the Red Sea port city of Hodeida in solidarity with the people of Gaza on January 4, 2024. AFP

manned boat, several drones, and ballistic missiles," causing severe damage and putting the vessel "at risk of sinking."

Sarea justified the attack by accusing the cargo ship's owner of violating a Houthi ban on entering Israeli ports.

The Coast Guard officials said an unmanned boat detonated at the stern, causing a big leak in the vessel's hull. An official added that the vessel made a distress call shortly after the first attack.

Despite search efforts, a missing member among the 21 multinational crew had not been located, the officials have said.

Following the incident, the UK-

MTO said in an update on June 15 that the crew of the vessel had been evacuated by military authorities, and the vessel had been abandoned, adrift on the water.

Since last November, the Houthis have been conducting military operations in the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandab Strait, targeting ships they claim are Israel-linked or bound for Israel.

The group, which controls much of northern Yemen and the crucial Hodeidah port, has launched attacks against commercial shipping using numerous booby-trapped boats, missiles, and drones.

The Houthi attacks took place

against the backdrop of the ongoing conflict between the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and the Israeli army in the Gaza Strip, which has been raging for more than eight months.

In response to the Houthi strikes, the United States and Britain initiated a military operation in January, conducting air and missile strikes against Houthi targets within Yemen to deter the group.

However, the Houthis, in retaliation, subsequently expanded the scope of their targeting to include U.S. and British commercial and military vessels.

African agriculture thrives with Chinese technology, market access

NAIROBI

AT the Nigerian Agricultural Technology Demonstration Center near Abuja, the capital of the West African country, Chinese agricultural experts have a daily routine of examining newly harvested rice.

As a result of years of dedicated work, experts from the Chinese company Green Agriculture West Africa Ltd. (GAWAL) have developed a high-yield rice seed tailored to local conditions, which outperforms native varieties by over 20 percent.

This seed, endorsed by Nigerian agricultural authorities, is now planted across two-thirds of the country's states. Lawal Musa, a farmer from Jigawa State, has been growing this rice for several years. "Rice is vital in Nigeria and every family consumes it.

With China's cooperation, Nigeria is on the path to achieving food self-sufficiency," he said, praising the rice for its high productivity and ability to withstand diseases and drought. GAWAL, a leading seed company in Nigeria, contributed to the government's seed supply program by distributing over 30,000 tons of seeds across more than 30 states.

Its effort has significantly boosted the country's rice production by more than 2 million tons. In recent years, agricultural cooperation between China and Africa has flourished under the frameworks of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and the Belt and Road Initiative.

From local fields to global e-commerce platforms, China's efforts have significantly boosted African agricultural productivity and modernization through technical assistance, industry chain development, and market access.

TRANSFERRING TECHNIQUES TO LOCAL FARMERS

Over the past decade, the Nigerian Agricultural Technology Demonstration Center has stood out among the 24 centers established by China across Africa.

These centers are pivotal in advancing agricultural technology, successfully transferring over 300 sophisticated agricultural techniques to local farmers.

The impact of these initiatives is substantial, boosting crop yields by 30 percent and positively affecting over 1 million smallholder farmers throughout Africa.

With concerted efforts, Chinese agricultural specialists have remarkably improved the yield and quality of staple crops such as rice, cassava and soybeans. Moreover, they have introduced an array of new fruit, vegetable, and bean varieties.

These contributions have not only enriched the diversity of African diets but also forged fresh pathways for the region's agricultural progress.

In Kigali, Rwanda, Leonidas Mushimiimana operates the region's largest mushroom cultivation workshop, producing up to 30,000 mushroom tubes monthly and 600 kilograms of fresh mushrooms weekly.

Juncao is a hybrid grass and an important multifunctional agricultural resource developed and used for mushroom farming in China.

After learning the Juncao cultivation technology, Mushimiimana established the workshop, employing dozens of people. He plans to expand his business to produce dried mushroom products for international markets, fostering communal prosperity. Juncao technology now benefits over 4,000 Rwandan farmers, creating more than 30,000 jobs along the agricultural value chain.



Media (R) from Rwanda learns about Juncao from a Chinese student in the national engineering research center of Juncao technology at Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University in Fuzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province, March 28, 2024. Xinhua

Eric Rokasse Kamo, former minister of agriculture and rural development of the Central African Republic, lauds the practicality of Juncao technology, highlighting its role in job creation and income enhancement for the African people.

ENHANCING VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

China-Africa agricultural cooperation extends beyond the fields, encompassing the entire industrial chain to enhance the processing capacity and added value of African agricultural products, thereby increasing farmers' incomes.

During Cote d'Ivoire's rubber harvesting season, trucks queue up outside the Mainland Group's rare rubber factory in Dabou. The newly harvested rubber will be processed into standard rubber at this Chinese factory before being shipped to China for further processing into rubber products.

Despite its favorable natural conditions as Africa's largest natural rubber producer, Cote d'Ivoire's lack of processing capacity limited its exports in the past. Yobouet Roland, a local cooperative member, noted that Chinese factories have doubled their production by providing new sales channels.

Brou Bonaventure, from the Ivorian Inter-professional Fund for Agricultural Research and Advice, said the Chinese factory has boosted local processing capacity and provided fair, stable shipping channels, facilitating farmers to expand their rubber production.

"The Chinese factory has increased the value of our rubber products. We are grateful to China!" Bonaventure exclaimed. Cassava, a crucial food crop in Africa, has also seen advancements.

Poor varieties and technical limitations hindered yield and processing previously. During a training session by the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS), agricultural officials from South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda, and the Republic of the Congo were amazed to learn cassava starch could be processed into products like cookies, yogurt, cakes and noodles.

In Nigeria, GAWAL and CATAS have jointly established a modern agricultural demonstration base in Abuja, featuring a small-scale cassava starch processing line and a 10-acre high-yield demonstration base.

Local training in cassava cultivation and processing has been held there. Wang Yun, GAWAL's general manager, said that the base

will continue training in cassava seedling cultivation, planting and processing to extend the entire cassava industry chain.

ACCESS TO BIGGER MARKETS

In early mornings, freshly harvested rose petals still adorned with dewdrops could be seen at Kenya's Tambuzi Limited. Within 48 hours, these flowers will reach the shelves of the Hunan Gaoqiao Grand Market in Changsha, China, ready for purchase by Chinese customers.

Kenya, a major global exporter of fresh flowers, used to face challenges in accessing new markets due to high tariffs and complex regulations.

However, China's "green channel" for African agricultural products has expedited inspection and quarantine processes and expanded tariff exemptions, benefiting Kenya's flower industry and other African agricultural products like avocado, citrus, pineapple and coffee.

Huang Zinan, chairwoman of Hunan Xiyue Culture Media Co., Ltd., said her company, which cooperates with seven Kenyan flower farms including Tambuzi, sells 100,000 flowers monthly across 14 Chinese cities and exports to Russia and Australia.

Huang noted the significant demand of the Chinese market for high-end and rare flower varieties. She envisioned developing derivative products such as essence oils and floral water to enhance the market competitiveness of Kenyan flowers, boosting local employment and increasing flower farmers' incomes.

As of June 2023, 16 agricultural products from 11 African countries have accessed China through the "green channel," with more African specialty commodities entering the Chinese market.

China's trade promotion measures have rapidly increased Africa's agricultural exports to China, making China Africa's second-largest agricultural export destination.

Platforms such as the China International Import Expo, the China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo, and the African Goods Online Shopping Festival have become crucial showcases for African agricultural products, enhancing their international visibility.

"Imagine a small coffee-growing village in Africa connecting directly with the global market. This village could finally break free from poverty," said Laila Lokosang, a senior technical advisor at the African Union.

Xinhua



Kim Jong-un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (L), meets Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) at the Pyongyang International Airport outside Pyongyang, the DPRK, on Wednesday. AP

Russia, DPRK sign treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership

SEOUL/MOSCOW

RUSSIA and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea signed a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement yesterday during Russian President Vladimir Putin's state visit, according to Russian media.

Earlier, Kim Jong-un, top leader of the DPRK, greeted Putin at the Pyongyang International Airport, the official Korean Central News Agency reported on Wednesday.

Kim shook hands with Putin and embraced him warmly, the report said.

The DPRK leader expressed his joy

and gladness to meet Putin again in Pyongyang some 270 days after their meeting at the Vostochny Spaceport in September last year, the KCNA reported.

The Russian president extended his deep gratitude to the DPRK leader for coming to the airport to greet him.

The two leaders had a friendly chat after arriving at the lodging quarters Kumsusan State Guest House, according to the report.

Putin's visit is of great importance in "reliably promoting the strategic and future-oriented development of the DPRK-Russia relations," the report said.

More than 200 arrested in Kenya protests over proposed tax hikes

NAIROBI

MORE than 200 protesters were arrested in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, on Tuesday, amid ongoing demonstrations against proposed tax hikes detailed in a finance bill slated for parliamentary debate, New York Times reported.

Protesters wearing black T-shirts and blowing whistles and vuvuzelas marched towards the Parliament, adding to an outpouring of online anger trumpeted through hashtags and videos on TikTok.

According to The New York Times, lawmakers have also been flooded with phone calls and text messages pressuring them to reject the bill.

Businesses in the central business district shut down their doors as police chased demonstrators and sirens echoed through the streets.

Amid the citywide protests, the government announced it would revoke some of the new taxes, including those on bread. Opposition lawmakers criticized this move as merely a "PR exercise."

The uproar over the revenue-raising legislation represents one of the most intense backlashes against President William Ruto's government. Ruto was elected in 2022 and campaigned on a platform of improving living standards for the poor, as per The New York Times.

The protests erupted just weeks after President Ruto returned from a state visit to the United States, where he signed several investment and development agreements with the Biden administration aimed at alleviating debt and fostering long-term growth.

The fury over the tax measures in Kenya speaks to the broader challenges facing African economies, where unemployment and increasing food and fuel

prices have made life increasingly difficult for many people, particularly the young.

"The frustration has been building and now it's blowing up," said Hanifa Adan, a community worker who is among the organizers of the protests.

"We are calling and texting our lawmakers to tell them that your loyalty lies with us voters and we say no to this bill," she said. Adan said in a post on social media that the police had arrested her just before the protests began on Tuesday.

The bill, which was first presented in Parliament last month, introduces new taxes and levies that would increase the price of goods such as bread, diapers and cars.

It increases import duties for goods and raises taxes on telephone and internet data as well as money transfer fees charged by banks and other financial services. It also raises taxes for companies and operators of digital businesses such as ride-hailing and food-delivery services.

On Tuesday, Ruto's parliamentary alliance, holding a majority in the national assembly, announced that certain measures have been dropped, including the tax on bread and the excise duty on vegetable oil.

"We have listened to you," Kimani Ichung'wah, the majority leader in Parliament, said in a news conference. "We have heard you."

However, the reversal of some of the measures did not assuage protesters in the streets of Nairobi. "Down, down finance bill," they chanted, and "The people united can never be defeated."

Opposition members of Parliament said they would not support the bill. The debate on the proposal starts Wednesday. ANI

Ukraine will never join NATO, says Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov

MOSCOW

UKRAINE will never join the North Atlantic Alliance, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said in an interview with TASS.

Commenting on statements by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg that the condition for Ukraine's entry into the military bloc will be its victory in the conflict with the Russian Federation, the deputy minister said: "This means this will never happen."

"I hope Mr. Stoltenberg understands this," he added.

"He knows better than I how the notorious decision of 2008 was prepared, when NATO leaders wrote at the highest level that Ukraine would become a member of NATO.



This became the trigger for much of the entire crisis that we are observing today. If NATO members are ready to falling into the same trap again and history teaches them nothing, then they will get hit again and their bruises will get worse," he stressed.

When asked if it means that Ukraine will never join NATO, Ryabkov reiterated: "I think that this is ruled out."

Hundreds die of extreme heat on haj pilgrimage, reports say

RIYADH/MINA

HUNDREDS of visitors have died during the annual haj pilgrimage to Mecca amid scorching heat, according to press reports and foreign ministries.

At least 550 people have died on haj, diplomats told French outlet Agence France Presse (AFP) on Tuesday. Three hundred and twenty-three of the dead were Egyptians, most of whom perished due to heat-related illness, AFP reported, citing two Arab diplomats.

Reuters was not able to immediately verify those numbers.

Stampedes, tent fires and other accidents have caused hundreds of deaths during haj to Saudi Arabia in the past 30 years. The pilgrimage began on Friday.

Saudi state TV said temperatures rose on Monday as high as 51.8 degrees Celsius (125.2 Fahrenheit) in the shade at the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

A 2024 study by the Journal of Travel and Medicine found that



Muslim pilgrims perform the farewell circumambulation or "tawaf", circling seven times around the Kaaba, Islam's holiest shrine, at the Grand Mosque in the holy city of Mecca on Tuesday. AFP

rising global temperatures may outpace strategies to deal with the heat. A 2019 study by Geophysical Research Letters said that as temperatures rise in arid Saudi Arabia due to climate change, pilgrims performing haj will face "extreme danger".

Thirty-five Tunisian citizens have died during the haj, Tunisian news agency Tunis Afrique Presse said on Tuesday.

Many of those deaths were due to extreme heat, family members said on social media, as other families continued to search for missing relatives in Saudi hospitals.

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Eleven Iranian have died and 24 were hospitalized during the pilgrimage, Iranian state news outlet IRINN said on Tuesday without giving the causes of death.

Three Senegalese citizens also died during haj, Agence de Presse Sénégalaise, said on Monday.

Simba wave goodbye to Shaban Chilunda

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA have parted ways with striker Shaban Chilunda after a tumultuous year with the club came to an end.

It came as no surprise when Simba announced yesterday afternoon that Chilunda would be exiting the club following the expiry of his contract.

"After one season with us, Shaban Chilunda will not be part of our squad for next season. We wish him all the best," the club said.

Chilunda came to the limelight in 2016/2017 when he was promoted to the Azam senior to fill the role of John Bocco who had crossed over to Simba.

Chilunda, a dynamic, skillful and fearless forward who dominated at youth level, transitioned seamlessly into senior football.

He had a good debut season scoring eight league goals despite injury costing him a major part of the campaign.

After leading Azam to their first CECAFA Kagame Cup triumph, emerging top scorer, he moved to



Striker Shaban Chilunda. Agencies

Spanish side Tenerife.

However, he struggled to establish himself at Tenerife and was quickly re-signed by Azam.

Almost immediately, his season was characterized by a number of injuries.

After it appeared his second spell was not working well, he moved to Morocco where MA Tétouan took his service but once again he failed to hit form.

In Morocco's Botola Pro League he scored two goals for

MA Tétouan before returning to Azam for a third spell.

When Chilunda left Morocco to rejoin Azam, it was seen as a final chance to resurrect his career.

However, much like his first and second spells, his third stint was characterized by many injuries that sidelined him, and even when he was fit, he found himself down the pecking order.

In January 2023, Azam terminated his contract by mutual agreement.

Six months later, Simba signed him for the 2023/24 campaign.

He struggled for playing time under both coaches Robertinho and Abdelhak Benchikha. He was loaned out to KMC in the mid-season transfer window.

Simba are set to part ways with a lot of their players ahead of next season.

Having already bid goodbyes to former captain Bocco and attacking midfielder Saido Ntibanzokiza, they are reportedly looking to release more players as part of their squad overhaul.



Coastal Union midfielder Ibrahim Ajibu. Agencies

Ajibu in contract talks with Coastal Union amidst interest from Premier League rivals

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

COASTAL Union's star player, Ibrahim Ajibu, has entered into fresh negotiations with the club following the expiration of his initial contract last season.

While discussions are ongoing with Coastal Union, Ajibu is also considering offers from other Premier League teams.

Ajibu played a pivotal role in Coastal Union's impressive performance in the Premier League last season, which saw the team secure a fourth-place finish. His contributions were instrumental in earning the team a spot in the CAF Confederation Cup for the upcoming season, marking a significant achievement for the club after a prolonged absence from the competition.

Coastal Union concluded the season with 43 points from 30 games, trailing behind Simba SC.

Ajibu's expertise and experience, having previously played for Simba, Young Africans, and Azam, make him a crucial asset for Coastal Union as they prepare for their continental campaign. Retaining Ajibu is deemed vital for Coastal Union's ambitions in the CAF Confederation Cup.

However, Coastal Union is not the only club vying for Ajibu's signature. Premier League teams Namungo, KMC, and Kagera Sugar have also expressed interest in acquiring the seasoned player.

A close associate of Ajibu revealed that he is carefully considering offers, looking for a team that matches his aspirations and provides a com-

PELLING proposition.

Ajibu, a former Simba standout, is renowned for his experience and skill, which have made him one of the most sought-after players in the league. His proficiency on the field is a significant factor driving the interest of multiple coaches and teams eager to bolster their squads with his talent.

In their bid to fortify the squad for the upcoming Premier League season and the CAF Confederation Cup, Coastal Union is looking to reappoint the experienced coach Juma Mgunda.

Mgunda is expected to collaborate with David Ouma, whose efforts were crucial in helping the club secure its place in the CAF championship. This strategic move aims to enhance the team's performance and ensure they are well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

Coastal Union is also rumored to be in pursuit of other seasoned players to strengthen their lineup. Notably, the club is looking to sign Saido Ntibanzokiza and Djuma Shabani, both of whom bring substantial experience and could significantly bolster the team's capabilities.

The ongoing negotiations with Ajibu underscore Coastal Union's commitment to retaining their key players and enhancing their squad depth. With the re-signing of Mgunda and potential new signings like Ntibanzokiza and Shabani, Coastal Union is clearly focused on building a robust team capable of making a mark in the CAF Confederation Cup.

Celtics have short to-do list as they look to become 1st repeat NBA champion since 2018

BOSTON

IT took more than a decade, savvy front office and draft moves, and some free agency luck for the Celtics to ultimately build the roster that brought an end to their 16-year championship drought.

But with NBA Finals MVP Jaylen Brown already locked up long-term and fellow All-Star Jayson Tatum set to join him in the \$300 million club this summer, Boston doesn't have nearly as much work to do this offseason to keep together a core that is set up to become the first team since the 2018 Golden State Warriors to repeat as champions.

In the euphoria of locking up the franchise's record-breaking 18th championship, Celtics majority owner Wyc Grousbeck gave president of basketball operations Brad Stevens a shout-out for finishing a process that began when Stevens was originally hired as Boston's coach in 2013.

"We all watched the team the

last few years. Great teams, but not quite there," Grousbeck said. "And Brad was brilliant. We knew we needed to make changes ... and he got it done."

Moving away from longtime executive Danny Ainge – the architect of Boston's 2008 championship Big 3 of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen – in favor of the 44-year-old Stevens was bold. Now, just three years after being pulled off the sideline, Stevens has made good on the belief that ownership had in him. He did it by taking the war chest of draft picks Ainge left him and borrowing from the aggressiveness his predecessor was known for to immediately go to work.

It started cooly with a February 2022 trade deadline acquisition of Derrick White, a young defensive-minded reserve with San Antonio.

Then, following the loss to the Warriors in the Finals, he steered the team through the suspension and ultimate departure of

coach Ime Udoka for having an inappropriate relationship with a woman in the organization.

Facing a franchise-altering moment, Stevens leaned on his gut, elevating back bench assistant Joe Mazzulla to the top job.

Then, after a conference finals loss to Miami last season, he did what was originally unthinkable by trading veteran leader Marcus Smart and reigning NBA Sixth Man of the Year Malcolm Brogdon in separate deals that brought in 7-footer Kristaps Porzingis and defensive stalwart Jrue Holiday.

The pair turned out to be the missing links for a team that, including the playoffs, finished 80-21 this season, placing it second in team history behind only the Celtics' 1985-86 championship team that finished 82-18.

It also marks the first time in seven seasons the team with the best record during the regular season went on to win the title.

Most importantly, Boston is set up to keep the current core

intact for the foreseeable future.

Brown is already locked up through 2029. Tatum is eligible to sign a five-year supermax extension this summer that will be worth a record \$315 million and run through 2031. White, who is set to be a free agent in 2025, can ink a four-year deal worth about \$125 million this offseason.

The remaining returning starters, Holiday and Porzingis, have already been extended through 2028 and 2026, respectively.

While some tough, luxury tax decisions could be looming in a few seasons, it's a team constructed to win now. Brown said it's left everyone poised to defend their title next season and beyond.

"I think we have an opportunity. I think we definitely have a window," he said. "We take it one day at a time. We definitely have to make sure we stay healthy. But, we'll enjoy the summer, enjoy the moment, and then we get right back to it next year."

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Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum, center, holds the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy as he celebrates with center Kristaps Porzingis, left, and Jaylen Brown, right, after the Celtics won the NBA championship with a Game 5 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday, June 17, 2024, in Boston. AP Photo

Some players could miss start of Champions League qualifying if their teams go far at Euro 2024

FRANKFURT, Germany

IF Slovakia, Romania and Switzerland continue their hot starts to the European Championship, some players might be unavailable when their clubs start Champions League qualifying next month.

Slovakia midfielder Juraj Kucka plays for Slovan Bratislava which was drawn Tuesday to play Struga from North Macedonia in the first qualifying round of the revamped Champions League that starts July 9.

The 37-year-old Kucka impressed in Slovakia's stunning 1-0 win over heavily favored Belgium on Monday, and his shot led to the decisive goal in the seventh minute.

Switzerland forward Kwadwo Duah also is facing double duty for club and country, for whom he scored his first goal Saturday in a 3-1 win over Hungary.

Duah scored 13 league goals to help Ludogorets win the Bulgarian league title. Ludogorets was drawn against Dinamo Batumi of Georgia. The captain of Georgia's national team, defender Guram Kashia, also plays for Slovan.

Romanian champion FCSB, a successor club to the 1986 European Cup winner Steaua Bucharest, has four players in the national team that looks set to advance to the knockout stage at Euro 2024 after beating Ukraine 3-0 on Monday.

FCSB will play Virtus of San Marino in its return to the competition after a seven-year absence.

The Euro 2024 round of 16 plays through July 2, just seven days before Champions League qualifying starts. After the 14 first-round pairings were drawn Tuesday, the draw for the second qualifying round will be made by UEFA on Wednesday. It includes Ferencváros, Malmo – which was a 1979 European Cup finalist – Sparta Prague, PAOK and Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Losers in the first qualifying round switch into the qualifying rounds of the third-tier Conference League.

There are four qualifying rounds for the revamped Champions League that starts in September with 36 teams instead of 32.

Each team will play eight games instead of six, in a new single standings league phase instead of traditional four-team groups, and games continue into January instead of ending in December. The top eight teams will go direct to the round of 16, and teams ranked Nos. 9-24 enter a playoff round in February.

AP

Africa Cup of Nations new dates threaten Premier League Christmas schedule

By Miguel Delaney

THE elite football calendar is set for more chaos, as plans for the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations to be held from late December 2025 to late January 2026 are currently being finalised, in part to accommodate Fifa's expanded Club World Cup.

Those dates would also require a rule change from the governing body with the 2026 World Cup to take place months later, as clubs only have an obligation to release players for one international finals tournament per year.

Those in the Premier League are already understood to be concerned about the congestion, especially as it would represent a clash with the Christmas schedule.

The current plans - not yet confirmed but currently being negotiated - come amid an escalating legal battle over the crammed football calendar. The eve of Euro 2024 saw Fifpro announce legal action against Fifa over unilateral decisions that affect the entire game.

The primary concern is the expansion of the Club World Cup, which is set to become a 32-team tournament to be held in USA in the summer of 2025.

Commonly seen as an attempt by Fifa to start staking a bigger claim to the more lucrative club game, it has been a huge driver of tension since president Gianni Infantino first began working on the idea six years ago.

The widespread feeling among other stakeholders is that there is just no space for it in what is in effect a non-stop rolling calendar, and it currently looks set to squeeze the African Cup of Nations to winter 2025-26.

Given Uefa's resistance to the new Club World Cup, it has been noted by those with knowledge of the plans that the new dates would fall between match-days six and seven of the newly expanded Champions League, seeking to maintain a delicate diplomacy.

There is still huge aggravation in other quarters, and English football could be among the most affected given how it clashes with the busy Christmas schedule. Of most intrigue, however, is how this might require a change to Fifa's rules on international call-ups.

THE INDEPENDENT

Cristiano Ronaldo becomes 1st player to play at six European Championships as Portugal starts with win

LEIPZIG, Germany

CRISTIANO Ronaldo became the first player to feature at six European Championship tournaments when he captained Portugal to a 2-1 win over the Czech Republic in their opening game on Tuesday.

The 39-year-old Ronaldo, who made his tournament debut at Euro 2004 where Portugal reached the final, already had the records for the most goals (14) at the tournament, while he extended his appearance record to 26 games. He helped Portugal win the title at Euro 2016.

He warmed up for this edition with two goals as Portugal defeated Ireland 3-0 in its final preparation games.

"Another chapter in our history begins today," Ronaldo wrote on X before the match. "I fondly remember my first day with the national team, a journey full of challenges and victories. Now I have the honor of being alongside a team of champions, full of talent and determination. With everyone's strength and support, we're turning dreams into reality. Together let's fight for another triumph. United, we're unstoppable."

He was stopped by Czech goalkeeper Jindrich Stanek on Tuesday. Stanek pulled off a string of saves to thwart the Portuguese – and Ronaldo in particular – who dominated the game with nearly three quarters of the ball possession.



Czech Republic's goalkeeper Jindrich Stanek (1) stops a shot by Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo during their Group F match at the Euro 2024 soccer tournament in Leipzig, Germany, Tuesday, June 18, 2024. AP Photo

Ronaldo was a threat throughout and earned praise from Czech coach Ivan Hasek after the match. "It's really incredible that at his age he is this dangerous and fruitful in every game. He really showed his qualities," Hasek said. "Hats off to him, he's one of the best of all time."

Ronaldo was the joint-top scorer at Euro 2020 with five goals – the same as Czech forward Patrik Schick, who also played Tuesday. Ronaldo previously scored against the Czech Republic at the 2008 and 2012 editions of the tournament.

Altogether, the five-time Ballon d'Or winner has 130 goals in 208 games for Portu-

gal since making his debut as an 18-year-old under Brazilian coach Luiz Felipe Scolari in August 2003.

Ronaldo just finished the club season setting a goal-scoring record 35 goals in the Saudi Pro League for runner-up Al-Nassr. He had an action-packed season, with four hat tricks and one red card. He was also suspended for an obscene gesture in February at Al-Shabab fans who were chanting longstanding rival Lionel Messi's name.

Ronaldo joined Al-Nassr in January 2023 after an acrimonious exit from Manchester United while he was at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. It was his second stint at the

English club after successful spells at Juventus and Real Madrid, where he won the Champions League four times. He also won it in 2008 in his first stint at United.

Meanwhile, Portugal defender Pepe became the oldest player to feature at a European Championship after helping his team to a 2-1 win over the Czech Republic in their opening game on Tuesday.

Pepe was 41 years and 113 days old, taking the record from the previous holder, Hungary goalkeeper Gábor Király. Király was 40 years and 86 days old when he played against Belgium in the round of 16 at Euro 2016.

It came just days after Spain's Lamine Yamal became the youngest player to feature at the tournament.

The Brazil-born Pepe was 24 when he made his Portugal debut under Brazilian coach Luiz Felipe Scolari in November 2007 when he was still a Real Madrid player. He has made 138 appearances for Portugal, scoring eight goals, getting 25 yellow cards. His one red card came in Portugal's opening game at the 2014 World Cup against Germany.

Pepe has played in 20 games at five European Championships, a record only bettered by international teammate Cristiano Ronaldo.

AP

Georgia makes wild start to international tournament soccer in feisty loss to Turkey

DORTMUND, Germany

A PRE-MATCH brawl. A multi-pass team goal of which peak Barcelona would be proud. A match widely regarded as an instant classic.

Georgia made quite the entrance to international tournament soccer on Tuesday.

The 3-1 loss to Turkey in the European Championship was a thrilling watch from start to finish, with the result failing to dampen the spirits of a national team and its boisterous fans who had been waiting for this day for more than 30 years.

"When you lose, it's never nice," Georgia's French coach Willy Sagnol said, "but I think for my team and I, the most important thing was something else. We have given a nice image of Georgian football."

That wasn't necessarily the case as fighting broke out between fans from both countries inside Dortmund's Westfalenstadion about 90 minutes before kickoff. Punches and objects were thrown as stewards struggled to separate the angry supporters before police officers in riot gear arrived.

After that, though, Georgia put on a show – initially of defiance after an intense start by Turkey and then of skill and heart as Sagnol's team fought its way back into a match played at frantic pace and an end-to-end basketball-style feel.

Ultimately, Georgia was undone by two ex-



Georgia fans hold scarves during the national anthems ahead of a Group F match against Turkey at the Euro 2024 soccer tournament in Dortmund, Germany, Tuesday, June 18, 2024. AP Photo

cellently taken goals – notably one by Real Madrid attacker Arda Guler that regained the lead for Turkey at 2-1 in the 65th and then a third late in stoppage time when Georgia's goalkeeper was stranded upfield.

But whatever happens in upcoming matches against the Czech Republic and Portugal, the South Caucasus country of 3.7 million people – which was declared independent of the Soviet Union in 1991 – will always have that 32nd-minute goal by Georges Mikautadze that featured dozens of passes. It would have been celebrated wildly back home, where Georgians could forget briefly about the protests and political turmoil they have been living through.

"I think we should always look at the bigger picture," Sagnol said. "This European

Championship is arriving after so many years of great development in Georgian football. The federation in the last 10 years has done so many good things so children can play ... this European Championship is a reward for that.

"I'm very proud to be

part of this very nice moment."

As a former Bayern Munich player, Sagnol hated saying it but playing the match in Westfalenstadion – the home of Bayern's big Bundesliga rival, Borussia Dortmund – made for the most spine-tingling and

memorable atmosphere.

Georgia's players initially struggled to cope with deafening jeers every time they touched the ball. But they grew into the game and, by the end, didn't look like the world's No. 75-ranked team.

"We were playing to-

day in one of most fantastic stadiums in the world – a stadium made for football and emotions," Sagnol said. "For a lot of my players, it was something new."

"The only thing I regret was when the Turkey fans booted our national anthem. It didn't give a good image of Turkey at that moment. But the match and the atmosphere did fit together."

Sagnol said his team would benefit from this exposure to elite soccer. The Czechs are next this weekend.

"Georgia is still in a very important stage of development," he said. "Competitions like this should help the players, the staff, the federation to be stronger in the future."

"I can tell you already, on Saturday I'm convinced we will produce the same kind of performance."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Italy and Spain meet for the fifth European Championship in a row and the record is tight

DUSSELDORF, Germany

DEFENDING champion Italy plays Spain today in one of the most anticipated games at Euro 2024. Spain leads Group B ahead of Italy on goal difference after both teams won their opening games.

Croatia and Albania are the other teams in the group. Kickoff is at 9 p.m. local (1900 GMT) in Gelsenkirchen. Here's what to know about the match:

*Match facts

– Italy survived a scare against Albania when Nedim Bajrami scored after 23 seconds - the fastest goal in Euros history. A 2-1 come from behind win avoided embarrassment for Luciano Spalletti's team.

– There were no such concerns for Spain after a dominant 3-0 win against World Cup semifinalist Croatia.

– Italy beat Spain on penalties in the semifinals of the last Euros after a 1-1 draw through extra time at Wembley Stadium. The team, then coached by Roberto Mancini, also needed penalties to beat England in the final.

– Build up to the last game in Gelsenkirchen - Serbia vs. England - had been overshadowed by concerns about fan violence. Eight people were temporarily detained following a brawl between fans. There has been less focus on potential security issues ahead of this game.

*Team news

– Spain defender Aymeric Laporte has resumed training with the squad following a muscular issue.

– Italian media has speculated about Spalletti making changes ahead of the Spain game and the potential for Gianluca Mancini and Bryan Cristante to be brought into his starting line up.

*By the numbers

– This is the fifth Euros in a row that Spain and Italy have met, with two wins each going into Thursday's match.

– With 46% of possession against Croatia, Spain failed to dominate the ball for the first time in 136 competitive games.

– Italy is going for a record-equalling third European Championship title. Spain and Germany have also won three titles. Italy could also become only the second team to win back-to-back Euros after Spain in 2008 and 2012.

– At 16 years, 338 days, Spain's Lamine Yamal became the youngest player to appear at a European Championship in his team's 3-0 win over Croatia.

*What they're saying

"Right now Spain, are better than us in terms of individual players. We will have to bring the Italian spirit into play; we will need to struggle together." - Italy midfielder Davide Frattesi.

"I remember a friendly against Portugal before the last Euro and there was a part of the fanbase who weren't happy and whistled us... Now we, the media and the fans all share a lot of pride and ambition in what we're doing. We're all rowing in the same direction." - Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon.

Young Africans to hold training camp in South Africa, face Kaizer Chiefs in friendly match



Young Africans head coach Miguel Gamondi with the Premier League and Federation Cup trophies won by the Jangwani Street-based side in the just-ended 2023/24 season. Photo: Courtesy of YASC

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YOUNG Africans are set to embark on a pre-season camp in South Africa as

they prepare for the upcoming 2024/2025 season. This marks a significant shift from their usual preparations in Kigamboni, highlighting their ambition and readiness for the challenges ahead.

Young Africans concluded last season with remarkable success, clinching the Premier League title for the third consecutive time and the 30th in the club's storied history.

They also triumphed in the Federation Cup, securing victory in a nail-biting penalty shootout against Azam FC, which ended 6-5 after a goalless draw in regulation time.

The Jangwani Street-based side also showcased their prowess on the continental stage, reaching the quarter-finals of the CAF Champions

League. Despite a valiant effort, they were edged out by South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns, falling 3-2 in a penalty shootout after two goalless legs.

This season, Young Africans' pre-season will be distinct, largely due to an invitation from South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs to play a friendly match in July. The match is a key component of their preparation, set to take place during the off-season period.

The decision to move the pre-season camp to South Africa stems from this invitation, alongside offers from various clubs in the region.

July last year, Chiefs

participated in Young Africans' Wananchi Day celebrations, followed by a pre-season match at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, where the hosts secured a 1-0 victory.

Ally Kamwe, Young Africans' information officer, expressed optimism about the upcoming preparations.

"This time we are coming differently from previous seasons. We expect to camp in South Africa, at the invitation of various clubs, and we have to go to Kenya for the opening of a stadium in Kisumu," Kamwe said.

He emphasized the importance of the South African camp in providing a serene environment

conducive to thorough preparation.

Young Africans' decision to change their usual pre-season venue underscores their strategic approach to the forthcoming season. The team will also travel to Kenya to participate in the inauguration of a new stadium in Kisumu, highlighting their commitment to engaging with regional football communities.

Kamwe further noted the advantages of the South African camp, particularly the opportunity to play friendly matches against highly competitive teams.

"We believe it will be a good pre-season because we will have friendly matches with great competition to prepare for the 2024/25 season," he said.

This approach is expected to provide Young Africans with rigorous tests and fine-tuning opportunities before the official competitions begin.

In recent years, Young Africans have preferred the Avic Town camp for their pre-season preparations. However, the shift to South Africa signals a broader strategy aimed at enhancing the team's readiness and exposure to different playing styles and conditions.

In preparation for the next season, Young Africans have decided to retain their head coach, Miguel Gamondi, who has extended his contract for another year. This move comes amidst speculation about his potential departure

following the club's successful season.

Gamondi's continued leadership is seen as a stabilizing factor, ensuring continuity and sustained performance.

The club is also actively involved in strengthening its squad. Several players are expected to depart, making way for new signings during the transfer window.

Among those likely to leave are Lomalisa Mutambala, Mahlatse Makudubela, Augustine Okrah, Abutwalib Mshery, and Kennedy Musonda.

These changes reflect Young Africans' ongoing efforts to build a competitive team capable of maintaining their dominance domestically and achieving greater success in continental competitions.

As Young Africans gear up for the new season, the pre-season camp in South Africa represents a critical phase in their preparation. The combination of high-level friendly matches and intensive training is anticipated to bolster the team's readiness, setting the stage for another successful campaign.

The club's forward-thinking approach, involving strategic pre-season planning and targeted player acquisitions, demonstrates their commitment to sustained excellence. Young Africans supporters and stakeholders will be eagerly watching as the team prepares to take on new challenges and uphold their legacy in Tanzanian and African football.

All set for 2024 TCA Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Correspondent

CARAVANS Cricket Club has officially launched this year's edition of the outfit's highly anticipated tournament, Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup, with an exciting inaugural function and captains meet held in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The tournament is considered the biggest in the country, bringing together the top 10 teams to find out the best among the rest.

Caravans Cricket Club has been conducting the side's Anniversary tournament since 2009, and this edition is the 16th showdown in succession.

Last weekend's event was well attended by the sponsors, franchises, and captains of all participating teams who were introduced to cricket stakeholders and had the opportunity to discuss the tournament's rules and regulations.

The 2024 TCA Caravans T20 Cup promises to be an action-packed event, featuring a T20 format per ICC guidelines and culminating in the grand finale.

The winner of the 10-team showdown will take home the coveted TCA Caravans T20 Cup trophy, which was on full display at the venue.



Captains of clubs that will battle it out in the 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans Cup tournament pose for a group picture during the opening ceremony of the tournament which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

The inaugural function also saw the unveiling of the tournament trophy which was designed to reflect the spirit and competitiveness of the event, by the title sponsor.

Nine franchises out of 10 contenders for this year's tournament were also unveiled at the function.

They are Alliance Caravans, Aurobindo AKSC, Delaware Upanga SC, Balakrishna Foundation Aces, Flashnet Strikers, Park Mobile Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, Econo Lodge Lions, and Azania

Bank Pak Stars.

The winner of the 2024 TCA Dar Division B League's final matchup, slated for this weekend, would be the 10th team completing the 2024 TCA Caravans T20 Cup contenders list.

The tournament's holders, Delaware Upanga SC, faced Flashnet Strikers in the opening match of the competition which took place at Leaders Club venue on Saturday.

Delaware Upanga SC won the toss and elected to bat first - scoring 133 runs in 19.2 overs and losing all wickets in the process.

Maker Mukesh was the standout performer for the batting outfit, scoring 36 runs off 20 balls. Darpan Jobanputra was the pick of the Flashnet Strikers bowlers having taken four wickets and only giving away 12 runs in his four-over quota.

In return, Flashnet Strikers could not chase the target falling short by 47 runs, being knocked over for 86 runs in 17.5 overs.

Captain Jatin Darji was the only bright spark for the batting outfit given the performer scored 37 runs off 30 balls.

As for the bowling side,

every bowler managed to secure at least one scalp each which was sufficient to restrict the batters.

For scoring 13 runs and taking two crucial wickets, Asuri Rajendra was adjudged the Ras Logistics Man of the Match.

The Medinova Moment of the Match was handed over to Darpan Jobanputra who led his team's bowling prowess with his four wickets.

With this win, confidence will be on the side of the holders who are slated to lock horns with Balakrishna Foundation Aces on Sunday, in what is widely viewed as the clash of the weekend.

The tournament is an annual T20 cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of this tournament. Other sponsors for the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Ras Logistics, Medinova Healthcare, Automark, Pepsi, Ashton Media, MFI-Vertiv, Jiuzhou, SmarDTV, Intek-Korea, ASAS, Colourflex, Delaware, Aurobindo, Balakrishna Foundation, Park Mobile, Harab Motors, Flashnet, Generics, Econo Lodge, Azania Bank, Horizon Teleports, TATA, The Works, MO Bajaj, and Sealcliff Hotel.

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