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Samia directs AG to draft overhauls over partnerships, procurement laws

By Getrude Mbago

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed the Attorney General (AG) to initiate reviews of the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Act and the Public Procurement Act as these laws thwart efforts to keep investors in the country.

After witnessing the signing of an agreement for the construction of the fourth lot of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Tabora to Isaka (165km) priced at \$900.1m (2.09trn/-), the president said the two legislations erect walls on investors seeking to put up investment projects due to delays by government officials in making decisions, part of a wider web of unnecessary bureaucracy.

The Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) director general Masanja Kadogosa signed the accord with the director of Yapi Merkez of Turkey at the State House in Dar es Salaam, while another agreement was signed between TRC and Korea Railways for capacity building of local experts

for smooth and sustainable supervision of SGR operations.

Lack of rapid decisions on investment projects was among major issues scaring numerous potential investors, she stated, insisting that this situation should not be entertained, also directing the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to exercise greater creativity to propel rapid clearing of goods.

"I am not satisfied with operations at the port," she said, pointing out that the port was not doing well in the area of ICT. "There is bureaucracy here and I want this to change, our ports need to operate efficiently so as to attract more customers and increase revenues," she emphasized.

If well operated, the Dar es Salaam port can generate half of the country's total budgetary funds, the president underlined.

In a competitive world fuelled by development of technology and innovation, Tanzania needs to

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Ministry chasing electronic tag fix for 10m animals before August 31

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TEN million livestock will be marked with electronic ear tags across the country by the end of next month.

Prof Hezron Nonga, the director of veterinary services in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, said yesterday that the target is to fix such tags on at least 70 percent of the animal population by late August, to comply with provisions of the Livestock Identification, Registration and

Traceability Act of 2010.

Guidelines for the exercise were issued by the ministry last October, with the overall design being to make the targeted animals easy to identify in terms of their specificity and location.

Wider objectives include controlling animal diseases and livestock theft, enhancing food safety assurance and regulating the movement of livestock. This will also entail improving livestock products and animal genetic resources, promote

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NSSF assets now standing at 6trn/-

■ Paying retirees rose by 10 pc last fiscal year

By Guardian Reporter

ASSETS being held by the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) are estimated at 6trn/-, on the basis of unaudited financial reports

for the year ending June 30th 2022.

Masha Mshomba, the director general, made this observation at the fund's pavilion for the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) along Kilwa Road in Dar

es Salaam, where the chief guest was Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

"The fund's value has been increasing rapidly due to good response from contributors. Employers have been properly remitting employees' contributions for the past two years," he said, noting that as of now, NSSF's monthly collections surpass 110bn/-, collecting 1.3trn/- during the financial year ending late last month.

"Last year's collections far surpassed the previous years, as in the financial year ending June 30th, 2021, the fund collected 1.1trn/-," he said, attributing the higher collections to improved use of information and

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'716.3bn/- Kigongo - Busisi Bridge near halfway point'

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

CONSTRUCTION of the Kigongo-Busisi Bridge (3,200m) linking Mwanza city with neighbouring countries of Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda is close to halfway point.

Pascal Ambrose, the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TanRoads) regional manager, said here yesterday that the contractor is working day and night to ensure the project is completed on schedule, by February 2024.

Construction has reached 47.3 per cent and upon completion it will be a catalyst for reducing poverty, by its catalytic effect on economic activities," he said, noting that the bridge will replace ferries as the principal

means of crossing Lake Victoria.

The bridge will accommodate greater traffic volumes and improve the safety of users, he said, elaborating that construction has a bridge and road components, where bridge works covers the construction of an 'extra-dosed' bridge for 520m, while the total length will be upwards of 3,000m.

Experts say extra dosage involves combining the usual boxed in features and suspension mechanisms to cross a long stretch of the lake. The road construction consists of widening 1.66 km existing road to double lane on each side, along with an additional 1.16km road stretch on the Kigongo side and 0.5km on the Busisi side, the manager noted.

The approach roads are prolonged from existing surfaced roads to the new bridge, which will ensure that the road is passable throughout the year with ease. The air quality will also be improved with a reduced traffic volume using the ferry, reduced travel time and overall improvement of public transport, he stated.

The government-financed project is being developed by the China Civil Engineering Construction Group (CCECG) and China

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Public Service Social Security Fund director general Hosea Kashimba (R) pictured yesterday having a chat with a member of the Fund at the joint PSSSF/NSSF (National Social Security Fund) pavilion at the ongoing 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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cope with the changes so as to benefit from various economic opportunities, she stated.

Construction of the first phase of the SGR from Dar es Salaam to Mwanza cost a total of 16.7trn/-, with the railway expected to ease transport of goods and passengers from Dar es Salaam through Coast region, Morogoro, Dodoma, Singida, Tabora, Simiyu, Shinyanga and Mwanza. It will also connect Tanzania with Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and implicitly South Sudan, and later other African countries, she elaborated.

"Our aim is to make Dar es Salaam a major commercial hub in Africa and making Mwanza a business hub for the Lake Victoria zone," she said, noting that Tabora was also a growing commercial hub.

The government was implementing several strategic projects and initiatives to achieve development goals, as once SGR operations begin, it will take 2.5 hours to move from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma and eight hours to reach Mwanza, enabling people to conduct business smoothly, as travel costs will also be reduced by 40 per cent.

The government will continue looking at the best ways to obtain concessional loans to finance strategic projects, she said, while Works and

Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa said that negotiations for the fourth lot of the SGR project took four months, as the government was seeking to ensure it obtains the right value for the money expended.

The TRC director signed two agreements, one for the Tabora-Isaka SGR line and another for training for operating the railway, meanwhile as the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro portion had been fully completed, and the Morogoro to Makutupora section is expected to be finished by February next year.

The government has procured 1,430 cargo wagons from China, 17 new train heads and 59 passenger wagons from South Korea. They will start to enter the country by end of this year, he said.

The Tabora-Isaka railway portion will take three and a half years to build, which includes an operational trial period, he added.



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access to markets and address related concerns, he said.

Buyers can verify the status of animals to verify recommended vaccination cycles through information contained in the electronic gadget fixed on the ears, he stated, elaborating that targeted animals are

35m cattle, 25m goats, 10m sheep and over 4000 donkeys.

"Our target is ensuring that all animals are fixed with electronic ear tags for easy traceability and control of cattle or other thefts," he reassured.

A private sector company has been contracted to distribute and fix electronic ear tags under the supervision of local government authorities, while the government had also released indicative prices for livestock across the country, he stated.

Dr Anneth Kitambi, a senior official with the ministry, said at present just

three percent of cattle numbers across the country had been so registered, urging municipal, town and district councils to ensure that livestock keepers are sufficiently sensitized on the issue.

Concerted efforts are needed to reach out to the herders before the allotted time runs out, she emphasized, specifying that Tanzania's cattle population stands at 30.5m, put at roughly 1.4 per cent of the global cattle population and eleven percent of Africa's cattle population.

Once completed, the tag fixing will boost the sale of livestock as the buyers will be in a better position to assess the health status of such animals in open markets, she said.

This aspect is more pronounced for animals lined up for export to neighbouring countries and beyond, as they must be certified by the buyers to be safe from diseases, the official added.

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communications technology (ICT).

On paying benefits to retirees, the fund disbursed 594bn/- over the past financial year and expects to pay out 658bn/- in fiscal 2022/23, an increase of 10 per cent, he said, similarly noting that the fund was supporting the government with various taxes, totalling whereas in the past five years totaled 400bn/-.

In its corporate social responsibility (CSR) actions, it has earmarked a number of sectors like health, education and road building to assist various needy communities, he stated.

Participating in an international exhibition was an opportunity for NSSF to meet with stakeholders and some of its members, using the platform to inform the public on social security matters. "We also use the exhibition to educate members on the new formula of calculating retirees' pension benefits," he specified.

Retirees will be paid using the new formula as directed by the government starting from July 1, where

NSSF will issue a lump sum payment of 33 per cent, from the previous 25 per cent. The changes in pension calculation and disbursement have been well received by NSSF members, he declared.

NSSF is one of the country's largest public institutions, investing in major development projects, thus using the international exhibition to advertise its investments in real estate, encouraged people to rent or purchase its houses in Kigamboni, Mtoni Kijichi, Tuangoma, Dungu and Mwongozo area.

The houses are good and the response is impressive, he said, highlighting that NSSF has also injected money into the construction of Mzizima building in Dar es Salaam. It is slated for renting out to people putting up hotel facilities, with a similar project planned for Mwanza, he said.

Participating in this exhibition brings NSSF closer to potential investors for its investment projects especially buildings. It also enables the fund to look for international buyers, he added.



Canada's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Pamela O'Donnell (2nd-L) toasts with Barrick employees at a Canada Day event held at her residence in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. The Day (July 1) commemorates the anniversary of the Constitution Act, which consolidated three territories into the single nation of Canada, way back in 1867. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ACCRA

LEADERS of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has lifted economic and financial sanctions imposed on Mali, after its military rulers proposed a 24-month transition to democracy and published a new electoral law.

The bloc imposed stiff sanctions on Mali in January after the junta said it would not organise democratic

West African leaders lift financial, economic sanctions against Mali

elections the following month as initially planned.

ECOWAS Commission President Jean Claude Kassi Brou told a news conference that the sanctions will be lifted immediately. Borders with Mali will reopen and regional diplomats will

return to Bamako.

"However, the heads of state decided to maintain individual sanctions, and the suspension of Mali from ECOWAS, until the return to constitutional rule," Kassi Brou said.

The individual sanctions targeted

members of the ruling junta and the transitional council.

Mali has defaulted on over \$300 million of its debt due to the sanctions, which cut it off from the regional financial market and the regional central bank.



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, cuts the ribbon yesterday to inaugurate India's pavilion at the on-going 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair, where 27 Indian firms are taking by displaying a wide range of goods and services of interest. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Railway Corporation (CRC).

The 180-tonne capacity bridge can take up to 1,600 vehicles at a time, a development that rapidly enables Mwanza to become a regional commercial hub for the Lake Victoria Basin.

The contractor implementing the project has been paid 223bn/-, while the consulting engineer has received

3bn/- in work expenses, with the government similarly paying out 3bn/- in compensation to 165 people who had to vacate land bordering the project area, he said.

The project has provided 776 jobs mostly to Tanzanians as only 56 jobs were handed to expatriates, meanwhile as the project helps train local engineers on advanced road building, with 12 engineers pursuing practical

training at the site, he specified.

Three engineers out of the 12 are TanRoads employees and nine belong to the Engineers Registration Board (ERB), the regulatory institution.

Several companies are engaged in the project as sub-contractors, namely C-Labs (T) Ltd, Grinda Builders and Supplies Ltd, Hamis A. Kazika Co. Ltd, plus C&C Engineering and Planners Ltd as well as Pro Consults (T) Ltd.

Regional Commissioner Robert Gabriel said mega infrastructure projects in the region will transform the city to an efficient trading hub in the Great Lakes Region. When the projects are completed, the government expects to attract the business community in each neighbouring country to heighten their regional activities from the lakeside city, including South Sudan and Ethiopia, he added.



National Social Security Fund (NSSF) director general Masha Mshomba (R), national informal sectors scheme manager Rehema Chuma (C) and Temeke regional manager Feruzi Mtika exchange ideas yesterday at the joint NSSF/PSSSF (Public Service Social Security Fund) pavilion at the on-going 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Minister Kijaji challenges Tanzanian manufacturers, processors to use locally produced raw materials

By Francis Kajubi

THE Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment Dr Ashatu Kijaji has challenged manufacturers and processors to use locally produced raw materials in their operations so that the country becomes competitive in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) market.

She posed the challenge yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair during the 15th anniversary ceremony of the GF Trucks and Equipment Limited, a vehicle assembling company based in Kibaha district in Pwani region.

Dr Kijaji revealed that 80 percent of equipment and raw materials used by manufacturers are not originated in Tanzania and therefore fades competitiveness at the continental market.

"Among other protocols that manufacturers are required to observe in their operations is the use of locally originated materials. They are required to use 80 percent of the raw materials from the countries where production is done to benefit from the AfCFTA market," said Dr Kijaji.

She affirmed that Tanzania is determined at exploring potential opportunities that come with the AfCFTA by creating a conducive environment to investors.

She further insisted on the quality of goods and services offered at the local market as the same products are likely to compete at the AfCFTA.

"I would like to challenge GF Trucks to use locally produced equipment in assembling the vehicles at its facility. The government has been spending over 500bn/- a year in exchanging the local currency to foreign in procurement of equipment, machineries and technologies that if offered at home the money could be

saved," said Dr Kijaji.

Addressing the audience on the progress realized by the company so far, GF Trucks and Equipment Limited Managing Director, Imran Karmal said that since its inception in 2020 it has invested US\$2.5million (6bn/-).

"At our assembling facility had so far employed 180 workers and offered jobs to about 100 temporary workers. The company since last December is working on an expansion of another facility with an investment of 5bn/-," said Karmal.

At the anniversary ceremony, the company launched a new FAU Tipper of a CA 3256 model. The vehicle is the 600th assembled model of the tracks that have been produced by the company since the first model put on market in 2020.

"Not less than 70 assembled vehicles are sold by the company on a monthly basis. We hope that the factory expansion will double production. The expansion has been influenced by the growing demand from mining companies especially in the coal and gold sectors," asserted Karmal.



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By Guardian Reporter

Plasduce Mbossa is named TPA's new director general

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday appointed Plasduce Mkelu Mbossa the new Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) Director General, replacing Eric Hamissi whose appointment has been revoked.

A press statement from the Director of Presidential Communications, Zuhura Yunus stated that before the new appointment Mbossa was TPA's deputy director general. His appointment starts with immediate effect.

President Samia appointed Hamissi the new TPA boss in April last year tasking him to control embezzlement of funds at the port. She gave him a six month period to improve performance and control embezzlement in the authority.

Before being promoted to the new post, Hamis served as Managing Director of the Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL) based in Mwanza Region.

"Go there (TPA) and work without favoritism. I know currently two camps exist among workers of the authority, but I have chosen you because you don't belong to any of those camps, go and stand in-between," she told him.

Earlier yesterday, when she witnessed the signing of an agreement for the construction of the fourth lot of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)

connecting Tabora to Isaka (165km) worth US\$900million (2.09 trillion), President Samia hinted on lack of instant decisions on investment projects as among major issues that have been scaring a number of investors in the country.

The Head of State directed the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to increase efforts and creativity to facilitate easy and fast issuance of services.

"I am not satisfied with the operations at our port, we are not doing well in the area of ICT, there

is bureaucracy here and I want this to change, our ports need to operate efficiently to attract more customers and increase revenues," she remarked.

According to President Samia, if well supervised and operated, the Dar es Salaam port will be able to finance half of the country's total budget.

Samia said under the competitive World which is fuelled by development of technology and innovation, Tanzania needs to cope with the changes so as to benefit from various economic opportunities.

Innovators now to utilise limited communication resources - TCRA

By Guardian Reporter

INNOVATORS in Information Communications Technology (ICT) in the country will now be able to use scarce communication resources including frequencies, short forms for numbers, .co.tz domain name in order to complete their innovations after Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) struck a cooperation agreement in exchange of these resources with the Commission of Science and Technology (COSTECH) who will be handed the resources on behalf of innovators.

TCRA Director General Dr Jabiri Bakari revealed this at TCRA pavilion in the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair at Mwalimu Nyerere Fair Grounds in Dar es Salaam.

"TCRA has mobilised itself to make sure we facilitate innovators and students with good ideas in advancing the digital economy and added that the cooperation among the two institutions aims to widen the scope on innovation.

"We have number resources, frequencies and .co.tz domain name which according to past procedures these could be obtained by paying for a licence fee, but now, you as a startup innovator these are obtained free of any charges," he said.

To ensure the plan attains success, TCRA has also agreed with the ICT Commission to empower innovators, especially the

youth so as to make sure they cooperate in the strengthening the digital economy.

In so doing TCRA has provided the Commission with an office to enable it implement its goals including improvement to the environment and infrastructures to assist innovators.

He said as for now TCRA concentrates in empowering the youth from primary school level where the Authority has facilitated for the establishment of digital clubs to strengthen the youth generation who live

with ICT in deeds.

Earlier, Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Amos Makalla, accompanied by Temeke District Commissioner Jokate Mwendelo visited the TCRA pavilion and praised the good work being done by TCRA in supervising communications services in the country.

At its pavilion, TCRA has put up a desk that serves people by receiving complaints and issuing various statements regarding the use of communications services.

BISMILLAH RAHMAN RAHIM



The family of the late Dr. Omar Ali Juma invites you for prayers in memory of **THE LATE DR. OMAR ALI JUMA** which will be held on Thursday 7th July, 2022 at Ngazija Mosque , at 4.00 p.m.

Your presence will be highly appreciated. All relatives and friends are invited.

May God rest his Soul in Eternal Peace. Amen

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The Alliance is part of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food-secure future.

Background
The Alliance of Bioversity International and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (Alliance Bioversity International - CIAT) and International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) are implementing a project with a two-years grant funded by IFAD - South-South Cooperation (SSC). The project aims to support the recovery of priority food crop value chains from the effects of COVID 19 to strengthen community resilience, markets, and trade development in Tanzania. The project will operate in the Central Corridor and part of the Lake Zone to provide technical input and support to the IFAD-funded Agriculture and Fisheries Development Programme (AFDP). The implementing partners in collaboration with other stakeholders of the project shall carry out activities in targeted regions along the Central Corridor and part of the Lake Zone.

The Alliance of Bioversity International -CIAT is one of the 15 Institutes of the CGIAR global research partnerships with headquarters in Rome, Italy. Alliance Bioversity International - CIAT through Pan-African Bean Research Network (Alliance CIAT/PABRA) delivers research-based solutions that address global crises of malnutrition, climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation. Alliance - CIAT/PABRA has extensive experience in supporting efforts to link agriculture, nutrition, markets, and gender in 31 African countries in collaboration with National Research Institutions. In Tanzania, the Alliance office is based in Arusha with operations across the country and mostly focusing on common beans.

The Alliance of Bioversity International - CIAT is seeking to recruit a qualified person to fill the vacancy of the Senior Research Assistant to support project activities for The Alliance-led IFAD-SSC component. This position requires a dedicated candidate who will work as a field officer to undertake fieldwork that will capacitate and support efficiency in production, making linkages between smallholder farmers with domestic and export markets in the cassava, bean, and sunflower value chains with a gender lens.

POSITION SUMMARY
The overall project's goal is to restore and increase the productivity and profitability of key food and oilseed crops that will enhance market access for rural women and young farmers in Tanzania, mitigate the negative impact of COVID-19, and enhance resilience. Specifically, the recruited candidate for the Senior Research Assistant position will implement field activities to boost the resilience of smallholder farmers through the enhancement of the productivity of cassava, sunflower, and beans in semi-arid and drought-prone areas.

Scope of Work
The Senior Research Assistant will support gender and youth-sensitive demand and market characterization study for target crops in the targeted regions, promote the use of innovative technologies in production and postharvest handling that are gender-sensitive, and support in building capacity to off-takers including but not limited to suppliers of required technologies, and linkage to grain producers. He or She will also Promote good agronomic practices (GAP) including Digital technologies, training of farmers on-farm produce processing, and establishment of marketing networks.

Duties and responsibilities

- Support in management and oversight of the production, and marketing activities.
- Participate in the development and testing of sustainable market linkages and business models that enhance market access of smallholder farmers in collaboration with market value chain actors and other stakeholders
- Support in designing, implementing, and monitoring of on-farm demonstration plots
- Assist in coordinating with the district staff to provide extensive knowledge to farmers
- Assist in organizing and conducting training for farmers and community extension staff
- Support in data collection, entry, analysis, and synthesis.
- Contribute to result communication to value chain key actors

Terms of employment:
This is a nationally recruited position based in Arusha, Tanzania. The contract will be for two years period, subject to a probation period of three (3) months and is renewable depending on performance and availability of resources. The Alliance offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits; we believe that the diversity of our staff contributes to excellence. The Alliance is an equal opportunity employer, and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality.

Application
Applicants are invited to visit <https://www.bioversityinternational.org/jobs/> to get full details of the position and to submit their applications. Applications MUST include reference number Ref: 102526-Senior Research Assistants the position applied for. Application and CV should be saved as one document using the candidate's last name, first name for ease of sorting.

Note: The Alliance does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing or training). The Alliance also does not concern itself with information on applicants' bank accounts.

Applications closing date: 15th July 2022
Please note that email applications will not be considered.
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.
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\$360m to facelift key infrastructure across 45 cities in Tanzania

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzanian Cities Transforming Infrastructure and Competitiveness (TACTIC) project has rolled out \$360million to support implementation of a major project for the facelift of diverse key infrastructures within different 45 cities in Tanzania.

Being its first phase, the envisaged project which set for implementation under three tiers focuses to improve numerous infrastructure within the beneficiary cities, including roads, markets, commuter bus terminals as well as storm water drainage systems among others.

The 45 cities in question include Dodoma, Arusha, Kigoma, Tabora, Mwanza, Ilemela, Geita, Kahama, Morogoro, Songea, Sumbawanga, Mbeya, Tanga, Moshi, Kibaha, Korogwe, Singida, Babati, Iringa, Njombe, Shinyanga, Bariadi and Musoma.

Others are Bukoba, Mpanda, Lindi, Mtwara, Kasulu, Mnyamba, Masasi, Tunduma, Makambako, Handeni, Bagamoyo, Tarime, Bunda, Chato, Mbulu, Mbinga, Nzega, Kondoa, Newala, Ifakara, Mafinga and Vwawa.

TACTIC's Dodoma Regional Coordinator, Eng Kileo Nicodemus expressed that as per the project's first tier, at least twelve cities are expected to benefit accordingly, saying the initiative is projected to gobble up to USD 228m.

He named the cities set to benefit under the robust project's first tier as Dodoma, Arusha, Kigoma, Tabora, Mwanza, Ilemela, Geita, Kahama, Morogoro, Songea, Sumbawanga and Mbeya.

"Implementation of the project within the 12 cities has been drafted to take off from December this year, currently, different consultant companies from within and outside the country are continuing with effective designing over the projects," Eng Nicodemus informed.

He added that, the project for the improvement of the infrastructures varies from cities to cities basing on priorities of each city.

"Authorities within the beneficiary cities were required to select vital infrastructure facets to be improved, however, as per the project, selection of the beneficiary cities was based on population as well as development pace," he stated.

So far, he informed that the project has selected at least three designing consultant companies, saying the companies are currently undertaking

thorough studies and designing of the different projects within the twelve cities.

"Each company is obliged for the designing of varied projects in different four cities and it is our hope that the picked sides will finalize their tasks within the framed and required standards," he added.

After completion of the whole processes for the designing of the projects, according to him, the project -TACTIC, will on September this year advertise tenders to get professional contractors for the general work for the construction of the projects.

"According to the drafted schedule construction of the projects within all twelve cities under the first tier has been set to effectively kick off from December this year," he expressed.

Eng Kileo detailed that WB has decided to inject the country with the lucrative funds to support improvement of key infrastructures within the mentioned cities after being satisfied with the good manner, as well as value for money, demonstrated by the country during implementation of different prior WB's project within the country.

He disclosed the prior project that was implemented under WB funds as the Urban Local Government Strengthening Program (ULGSP), Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project as well as the Tanzania Strategic Cities Project (TSCP) which was executed during 2011-2020, through funds from the World Bank (IDA Credit) and a grant from the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark.

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PBWB urges public to protect water sources against drought

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

PANGANI Basin Water Board (PBWB) has pleaded with water stakeholders and the community in general to think of ways to preserve water as a precautionary measure against water shortage due to persistent drought in some areas of northern regions.

PBWB has also called upon local councils in Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara and Tanga regions to have a joint plan for water use.

The advice was given here yesterday by the PBWB Director, Segule Segule when addressing Moshi residents.

"Right now PBWB marks Pangani Water Basin Day by attaining 31 years of the board's establishment.

"This year there is a real threat of water scarcity, rains have been little, hence it is essential for stakeholders and the public with high water consumption to preserve the basic commodity by digging dams," he said.

Segule said statistics show that when the country attained its independence the population was only about 10.2 million and individual water consumption was 7,862 cubic litres which dropped to 2,300 cubic metres in 2020.

He added that the population has greatly increased in the Pangani Water basin compared to the water available per person, which is 1,430 cubic metres for 4 million people in the basin area.

In addition, Segule called on the community to fully involve themselves in the protection of water sources through environmental preservation that will solve challenges regarding water shortages in some regions.

"I call upon all institutions in Kilimanjaro Region to emulate various other institutions that have come up to protect and supervise water resources in Arusha and Tanga regions to make the preservation sustainable for the security of water resources, including the preservation of snow on Mt Kilimanjaro, said Moshi District Commissioner, Abbas Kayanda.

He said already PBWB had begun protection of water sources including the demarcation of the areas against human activities in them and planting of trees.

"The basin has identified 929 water sources out of which 40 have been permanently demarcated, with the erection of 340 signboards including those warning against the destruction of water sources as well as building 62,000 trees," Kayanda said.

He also said the government supports all efforts done by PBWB for the protection of the basin's water sources and called on the community to do the same.

Meanwhile, PBWB chairman, Ruth Koya said they plan to make sure they minimize disputes among water users through policies and guidelines governing the water sector.



GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd board chairman Mahboub Karmali (R) gifts Industry, Trade and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji a souvenir at the grounds of the on-going 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Looking on is the firm's factory director, Imran Karmali. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

PM Majaliwa issues over 2bn/- to finance development projects in Nanganga ward

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said that the government has issued over 2bn/- to finance the implementation of various development projects in Nanganga ward, Ruangwa District, in Lindi Region.

The premier said this yesterday when addressing citizens in the ward during his ongoing official tour to inspect various development projects implemented in the ward. The projects include those of water, education,

health and many others.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has dished out over 2bn/- for the construction of a mega water project at Nanganga as well as implementation of many other projects in the health and education sector, so we should utilize the irrigation farming opportunity," he said.

The premier said a total of 447m/- has been issued for the construction of the Nanganga water project, 31m/- for water supply in Mbecha village and 470m/- for the construction of

Mchenganyumba secondary school.

He directed the Ruangwa district leadership to supervise its plan to build a vegetable market in Nanganga ward so as to enable farmers to have a secure place to conduct business of the produce.

Similarly, the Prime Minister urged students to focus on their studies as the government was financing expenses of their education by facilitating a fee-free education as well as improvement of infrastructures to make them friendly.

Some of the projects that he inspected include the Nangumbu health centre, Mtakuja village dispensary but also visited the Wandawale primary school as well as greeting residents at Chimbila village urging them to continue working hard to contribute to the country's development.

Earlier, Nanganga ward councilor Kambona commended the government for its commitment in improving services and people's lives through implementation of various development projects.



Rotary Club of Masaki president Akshay Vithan (L) presents birthing kits to Sharifa Ally (2nd-R) at Dar es Salaam's Kigamboni health centre at the weekend. The club has donated a total of 350 such items thus far at Chanika and Kigamboni in Dar es Salaam as well as in Bukoba, Kagera Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

Victoria Kwakwa appointed WB's Vice President for Eastern, Southern Africa

THE World Bank has appointed Victoria Kwakwa as the new World Bank Vice President for Eastern and Southern Africa, effective today.

According to a statement issued yesterday, Kwakwa, an economist and development expert with over 30 years of experience, will lead an active regional programme including a financing portfolio of over 300 projects totaling more than \$50 billion and extensive policy research and advice.

Under Kwakwa's leadership, the World Bank will continue to provide vital support to countries as they face a series of complex, multifaceted challenges including the fall-out from the COVID-19 crisis, increasing climate

shocks, food- and energy-fueled inflation, and rising debt levels. She will focus on support to economic recovery and transformation, private sector job creation, human capital development, climate resilience, agricultural productivity and food security, as well as access to critical infrastructure. The World Bank will also target efforts to reduce the drivers of fragility and conflict, improve gender equality and increase regional integration.

Kwakwa brings a wealth of development experience to the

position, having worked on countries in Africa, and East Asia. In her most recent role as the World Bank's Vice President for Corporate Strategic Initiatives, she worked closely with the World Bank Managing Director of Operations to enhance the Bank's operational efficiency and impact. She also served as the Vice President for East Asia Pacific from April 2016 to September 2021, where she led the bank's engagement with 23 diverse clients on a wide range of development issues.

With a track record of putting people at the center of her work, Kwakwa is dedicated to bringing innovative approaches and financing to development to contribute to achieving a stable, integrated, and resilient region with dynamic economies and prosperous societies in which all citizens, notably women, children and youth enjoy equality of opportunity.

Kwakwa succeeds Hafez Ghanem, who retired from the World Bank on June 30, 2022.

WIPAHS suspends drilling of 19 water wells in Tunduru

By Correspondent James Kandoya

WORLD Islamic Propagation and Humanitarians Service (WIPAHS) has suspended drilling of 19 water bore wells worth over 65m/- in Tunduru District, Mtwara Region for lack of cooperation from the district authorities.

WIPAHS CEO Jabir Rajani said over the weekend that the organisation had reached the decision after some of their staff was put into police custody alleged not to be good Samaritans.

He said the decision made by the district authority was unfair for organizations like WIPAHS that had been collaborating strongly with the government for over 30 years.

Rajani said the organization had up to date drilled over 3000 water wells, build hospitals and schools.

He said the decision to drill water wells in the district followed a request from the ward's executive officers including Mkotamo ward, showing the shortage of resources.

Rajani said initially the plan was to drill 30 water wells to the residents of Tunduru, but due to the incident they ended up drilling 11 water wells worth 38.5m/-

The CEO added that despite all procedures and correspondences, the institute drilled only 11 water bore wells and its staff ended in police custody.

"I kindly inform the public that, the organization announces to stop drilling remaining water wells and instead channel the services to other districts," he said.

African Union establishes one health coordination group on zoonotic diseases

By Special Correspondent

TO coordinate, support, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of the African Union One Health Strategy for Zoonotic Disease Prevention and Control across the Member States, the African Union Intergency Group on One Health has been established.

The Intergency was established during a meeting on One Health that took place from 13-14 June 2022 at AU-IBAR in Nairobi, Kenya. The Intergency comprises several AU offices that have been mandated to deal with various aspects of human/animal health interventions, namely: The Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC); The African Union InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR); The Scientific, Technical and Research Commission (STRC); The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Blue Economy (DARBE); The Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs, and Social Development (HHS); the InterAfrican Phytosanitary Council (AU-IAPSC); and the Citizens and Diaspora Organisations (CIDO).

The interagency will specifically be tasked with achieving several objectives; namely: the development of the AU One Health Strategy for zoonotic diseases; the development of a consensual road map for the implementation of One Health Strategy for zoonotic diseases in Africa; undertake an inventory of Zoonotic Disease Prevention and Control related activities; coordinate, monitor, and evaluate implementation activities of the AU One Health Strategy Zoonotic Diseases; compile an inventory of Zoonotic Disease Prevention and Control associated activities being undertaken by different AU institutions, document the roles of the institutions in the control and prevention of Zoonotic diseases, and to coordinate implement, monitoring and evaluation of the AU One Health Strategy Zoonotic Diseases activities.

The Intergency comprises senior representatives and experts from the following African Union organs: AUC chairperson's office or Deputy Chairperson Office; Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre (AU-PANVAC); Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR); Africa

He said WIPAHS was a humanitarian organisation and not profit oriented and therefore it will shift its services to other districts.

According to him, the organisation initially planned to drill 30 water wells to cut off the shortage of water in schools, mosques and other institutes.

Namasakata Ward Councilor Rashid Usanjo confirmed the incident adding that WIPAHS staffs came purposely to drill water wells and not otherwise.

He said on May 31st, this year, the district authority invited them for a joint meeting with WIPAHS staff where the arrest order of the supervisor and some staffs was given out.

However after correspondence with district authorities,, they were released from police custody on June 04.

WIPAHS is Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), started its activities in early 1985/86.

For the past 23 years, WIPAHS has improved the living conditions of the indigenous community of Tanzania, which has been suffering from poverty, diseases and illiteracy.

WIPAHS' impact can be seen by its vast number of projects which promote rural development through supporting and promoting community education to people irrespective of their ethnic linguistic, provincial or religious background.

The vision of WIPAHS is to transform individuals into an egalitarian and literate society through supporting and promoting community education to people irrespective of their ethnic linguistic, provincial or religious background.



Population and Housing Census commissioner Anne Makinda elaborates on the importance and relevance of census as she addresses a meeting at an Old Shinyanga auction, appealing to the public to take full part in the national census slated for this August 23. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

Morocco's architectural heritage under threat

RABAT

TRADITIONAL fortified villages in southern Morocco are under threat.

The main issue is the lack of restoration that threatens this cultural and architectural heritage.

"Those buildings are made with fragile materials, so they don't resist that much, so when it's raining it's cracking and comes down that's why

we have to keep it in good condition. So the most important thing is to encourage more people to go back to live in those places and maybe make another local development and more economical things like push people to not go to the cities", explained Mohammed Oulkachire, researcher in the Kasbahs and Ksars of Ouarzazate.

Although most villages (Ksars) and

fortifications (kasbahs) require urgent attention, some have been restored and are now attracting tourists and new inhabitants.

This is the case of Kasbah Amridil that has become a tourist attraction.

"Twenty years of renovations were done for this Kasbah. It happened after seeing this Kasbah almost ruined so thanks to the family owners of this Kasbah and

also tourists who always visit it, this Kasbah also helped the renovation of another Kasbah. All of this was possible because the Kasbah used to be on the 50 Dh (\$5) note, it's famous", said Nasser Mohammed Mekki, manager of Kasbah Amridil. Many of these buildings were first built during the reign of the Almoravids, an Islamic Berber dynasty, in the 11th century AD.



Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS) CEO Matthew Clift (3rd-L) pictured shortly after presenting 20 computer sets and a printer/projector to Nachingwea district commissioner Hashim Komba (5th-R). The event was also attended by Dar es Salaam regional administrative secretary Hassan Rugwa, Nachingwea District Council chairman Adinani Mpyagila, Nachingwea district executive director Chionda Kawawa, TICTS chief human resources and administration officer Ladislaus Prosper and TICTS head of commercial and corporate affairs Donald Talawa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Multiple crises threatening stability and development in Sahel

GENEVA

THE World Food Programme has warned that conflict, climate change, COVID-19, and skyrocketing prices of food, fuel, and fertilizer are further threatening stability and development prospects in Africa's Sahel region.

WFP warns a wave of hunger and suffering is sweeping across part of the Sahel, driving people to the brink of desperation and upending years of development gains.

The agency reports 12.7 million people are acutely hungry, including 1.4 million on the verge of starvation. It says 6 million children are acutely malnourished, making them vulnerable to disease and even death if

they do not receive treatment for their condition.

Alexandre Le Cuziat is WFP senior emergency preparedness and response adviser for West Africa. Speaking from Dakar in Senegal, he warns the number of people suffering from acute hunger and the number of malnourished children is likely to rise during the current lean season when food stocks are at their lowest.

"What we see is that acute hunger is driven primarily by conflict that will continue to trigger massive population displacements and the violence is often preventing people from accessing markets, fields, or humanitarian assistance. The region also bears the consequences of a climatic shock with

very, very poor rains in 2021, one of the worst in the last 40 years," he said.

Le Cuziat says the conflict in Ukraine has driven up food and energy prices. He adds it also has led to shortages of fertilizer needed for the planting season, which is now over.

He notes less than half of the region's fertilizer needs have been met. This, he says, could result in a 20% drop in agricultural production in the region this year, further increasing the levels of hunger.

He says needs in the region are at record highs at a time when resources to respond to emergencies are dwindling. He says a lack of money is forcing WFP to reduce the number of people receiving assistance and

to cut rations for the remaining beneficiaries.

"Even before the conflict in Ukraine drove up the global prices of food, fuel, and fertilizer, we were forced to cut rations by up to 50% in all of the Sahelian countries, as well as Nigeria, CAR. And our emergency nutrition programs are also underfunded, which combined to the cuts I was mentioning on our operations is going to put a lot of stress on what little resources the poorest families have left," he said.

Le Cuziat says WFP requires \$329 million in the next six months for its life saving operation and to prevent the Sahel from becoming, what he calls, an all-out humanitarian catastrophe.

South Korea embarking on special project to improve country's education system

By Beatrice Philemon

SOUTH Korean government has embarked on a special programme aimed to equip senior managers in the country's education sector with essential skills to enable them develop right policies and decisions to improve the education system.

KOICA country director, Kyuchol Eo said to start with, a total of 20 senior managers from the ministry of Education, Science and Technology, President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and other officials from public schools have attended the two-week training physically in Dar es Salaam and others online.

Implemented by the Education Development Cooperation Network (EDCN) Plan Education of South Korea, and supported by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the training programme commenced officially on June 22 to July 5.

He said the training has been designed to develop capacity building for government officials by providing an online seminar by Korean Education and Research Information Service (KERIS), Korean Educational Development Institute and Busan National Science Museum (SCIPORT).

He said, between 1991 and 2021, KOREA has invited more than 2,000 Tanzania government officials to South Korea to pursue long and short courses to enhance their capacity and strengthen the partnership between the two countries.

Senior education officer from the ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Lawrence Sanga lauded KOICA for coming up with the training that will help Tanzania to change and improve its education system to flourish similarly to South Korea.

Under the programme, managers are trained on how to prepare various strategies that will be used to solve education challenges in Tanzania, make follow up on implementation of the education curriculum at different levels, use of statistics in policy preparation/formulation and different education plans.

"They are equipped with skills on the establishment of a big data-based Statistical System for educational information, content development strategy, and policy measures to activate school sports, development and management of vocational, STEM Curriculum and methodology and the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) on students.

He said the knowledge and skills gained from KOICA will help him to provide advice especially in policy areas, the uses of ICT at all levels of the education system in accordance with the environment we have including plans and strategy preparation process.

"We are very impressed to see how South Korea has managed to

provide high quality education for everyone, they said education is the first priority for everyone regardless of socioeconomic status, no matter how much money a student's family has, each person has the right to have a skilled teacher," he said.

He called on the Korean government to continue to provide more training to them, especially in strengthening the use of research to develop the education sector and ICT as well at all levels.

"We still need help on how to establish a big data-based statistical system for educational information that in- turn will guide Tanzania to come up with the best plans and strategy for the education system as well as prepare good policy," he noted.

Assistant director (secondary education) President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) Hadija Mcheka hailed KOICA saying that the skills gained will help to improve sports education in schools as well as science subjects.

She called on the South Korean government to help them access computers for ICT subjects and sports equipment to be used in schools.

According to her, currently Tanzania has more than 10 million primary schools and 2 million secondary schools.

In a bid to develop student's talents, Tanzania has selected 10 schools for sport talents development.

She further called on KOICA to help them in teaching science subjects by training science teachers to use new technology for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

"For example the issue of sport education in schools, during the training we have learned how South Korea has managed to create employment for students through the sports sector and the health benefits it has for them," she elaborated.

South Korea has been able to set up a special school for sport education that promotes talents and other issues relating to sports.

In addition, she said the country was investing much in STEM education so as to prepare a quality STEM workforce.



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Zanzibar Health minister Nassor Ahmed Mazrui (R) receiving a gift from Akiba Commercial Bank official Anthony Kunambi yesterday during a visit to the bank's pavilion at the on-going 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. The minister commended the bank for extending "quality services and deserving support" to members of the business community in the country. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

'Ocean resources preservation is foundation of blue economy'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Director of Ocean Preservation Department in Zanzibar, Dr Makame Omar Makame has said ocean preservation is the main foundation of the blue economy for the country's development through the fishing sector, tourism and harvesting of other ocean products.

Dr Makame made the remarks here at the weekend at the meeting for

submitting feedback to government stakeholders in regard to the establishment and implementation of ocean protection activities.

He called on various stakeholders to supervise ocean protection in the entire tourism value chain from the ocean's environment and its resources.

"If we destroy ocean reserve areas we can cause the plummeting of youth employment opportunities, that in turn can spur the country's downturn,"

he said.

Dr Makame further said his department plans to install fake corals in order to restore scarce marine lives so as to increase the number of attractions for tourists.

Meanwhile, the Department's Head Conservator, Mohamed Choum called on various stakeholders including defence and security organs to maintain joint cooperation regarding inclusive marine protection by

mounting frequent patrols to tame illegal fishing activities.

He also called on fishermen to be at the forefront in supervising ocean's reserve areas by controlling those bent on the destruction of marine resources.

In the same vein, tourist guides asked the department to establish a special committee for the protection of the environment due to great destruction of the same now ongoing.



Macon Dunnagan (foreground), Tanzania's Goodwill ambassador for Tourism in the US, travelling in a bus with 12 other American nationals who are climbing Mount Kilimanjaro as part of a special expedition meant to raise US\$20,000 for supporting needy widows, children and families in Siha District, Kilimanjaro Region. This is his 48th Mount Kilimanjaro climb. Photo by Correspondent James Lanka

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

JENISTA Mhagama, Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) has said that the government, through Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) is constructing a maternity ward at Kibena Hospital in Njombe District that is expected to improve maternal services as well as services to inborn babies.

Jenista made the remarks during her inspection of the ward's construction work in Njombe.

"The building we inspected today will also provide services to stillborn babies," he said.

Jenista who is in Njombe Region to inspect TASAF projects said Njombe

Tasaf building maternity ward at Kibena Hospital - Mhagama

has 54 projects in all districts of the region and added that the projects aim to solve challenges facing the people in the education, health and road infrastructure sectors.

"Njombe and Makambako districts were facing challenges in regard to shortage of classrooms in primary schools and there were areas that had satellite schools that forced students to walk long distances to schools, but the government has solved many of these

challenges through TASAF projects," she said.

Meanwhile, Njombe District Commissioner, Kissa Kasongwa said the maternity building that will also be used for stillborn babies will solve challenges that face residents in his district.

Njombe District Council Director, Sharifa Nabalang'anya said her residents are happy to find solutions to challenges that had been facing

them in health, education and infrastructures sectors and that since March this year the district received 495m/- for building three dispensaries whose work will be completed at the end of August this year.

On behalf of TYASAG managing director, John Steven the director of TASAF projects said he has accompanied the minister to inspect TASAF projects financed by OPEC the sponsorship that runs to 2025.

Constitution belongs to all Tanzanians not just politicians, says Shaka

By Guardian Reporter

CCM Publicity and Ideology Secretary Shaka Hamdu Shaka yesterday said the idea to search for a new constitution belongs to all Tanzanians and not politicians as it is perceived hence the need for a strategy to engage the citizenry.

Speaking during an interview with a local radio, Shaka said the party has never ignored people's views and calls for a new constitution adding that CCM believes foundations for leadership are built on an inclusive system.

"The aim is open, the constitution belongs to the people therefore what is needed is the involvement of the people in the process so that when the document comes it is agreed by majority," he said.

He added that what President Samia Suluhu Hassan is doing in sectors of economics, politics and the public

resulted from plans and the party's manifesto.

He said one of the profits resulting from the president's efforts were inviting investors into the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Plant in Lindi and Mtwara to cost about 70trn/-.

"The completion of the project is breakthrough to Tanzanians; the president has done a tremendous job in economic diplomacy and international affairs," he said.

He said CCM recognizes the challenges that are there especially on employment saying the challenge was a global issue adding that the government was ready to address them.

"Let me assure the youth that this year's budget has touched on the youth and special groups, we want to achieve our target of creating 8 million jobs via development projects as well as via the private sector," he said.

Amref, AstraZeneca launch mobile clinics in bolstering Covid-19 vaccination effort in remote parts of Kenya

By Special Correspondent

AMREF Health Africa and AstraZeneca in collaboration with the Kenya's Ministry of Health are launching a fleet of Mobile Vaccination Clinics (MVCs) in an effort to protect last-mile communities from the pandemic. The ten movable clinics will bring COVID-19 vaccines and other health services to hard-to-reach communities across Kenya.

The initiative will help increase vaccine access and uptake in Kenya. As of 17 June 2022, 31.4% of the adult population in Kenya is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, while Africa's average vaccination rate is 17.7% lagging behind other world regions. Each mobile clinic aims to vaccinate 70-100 people per day reaching up to 1,000 people per day once all 10 mobile clinics are fully operational.

The mobile clinics will help to bridge the COVID-19 vaccine gap by providing vaccine education, COVID-19 screening, safe and accessible vaccination, and post-immunisation care. Operated in partnership with the County Health Departments, and adhering to health and infection prevention control standards, the custom-built clinics are fitted with solar-powered fridges and backup power supply. Timely data capture and reporting is facilitated through onsite web-enabled computers. Amref Flying Doctors (AFD) will replenish the mobile clinics in hard-to-reach areas to ensure their effective deployment.

Dr Githinji Gitahi, Group CEO Amref Health Africa, said: "It is evident that health emergencies are here to stay, and thinking out of the box through innovations in health may be our only chance at timely response if, and when emergencies occur. Addressing other health determinants such as non-communicable diseases that influence

how health emergencies affect us is critical to avert the negative impact that health emergencies such as COVID-19 have on communities.

The movable clinics are, therefore, a great addition to the toolkit that will ensure equity in access to last-mile communities with much-needed vaccination and essential health services. Together with our partners, the Ministry of Health in Kenya, AstraZeneca, and other stakeholders in the private and public sectors, we remain committed to sustaining the momentum towards vaccinating 70% of the eligible population through this innovative solution. Ultimately, the clinics will add to the health system infrastructure, further improving our preparedness for health emergencies in the country."

Dr Pelin Incesu, Area Vice President, AstraZeneca for the Middle East and Africa said, "We are thrilled to launch this innovative partnership with the Ministry of Health and Amref Health Africa to ensure that no Kenyan is left behind in our efforts to protect lives from COVID-19 and other life-threatening diseases. This is part of AstraZeneca's ongoing commitment to a patient-centric response to the pandemic. To date, over three billion doses of our COVID-19 vaccine have been delivered across the globe, helping to save an estimated 3.6 million lives."

As Kenya integrates vaccination services into primary health care, the clinics will integrate health promotion to raise awareness of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and provide NCD health service continuity, specifically targeting people living with diabetes and hypertension. When not conducting community outreach, the clinics will support existing public health infrastructure by serving as fixed clinics, thereby reducing the burden on local health facilities.



Fishermen from Kastamu in Mkinga District, Tanga Region, head back home to the market yesterday with their lean but pleasurable catch. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

Wildlife trophy hunter gunned down in execution-style murder next to car

JOHANESBURG

A wildlife trophy hunter has been killed in an "execution-style" murder in South Africa.

Riaan Naude, who uploaded images of himself to social media posing with the carcasses of endangered species like lions, elephants and giraffes he had killed, was shot to death.

Police said the 55-year-old was found dead next to his vehicle in the South African province of Limpopo, which is known for its wildlife reserves including part of the country's Kruger National Park. South African Police Service spokesperson Lieutenant Colonel Mamphaswa Seabi said: "The man was lying with his face up and there was blood on his head and face."

Officers found a pair of hunting rifles, clothes, water, whiskey and pyjamas in Naude's vehicle.

Naude ran the Pro Hunt Africa firm, which describes itself on its website as a "hunting and Eco Safari outfit" in northernmost South Africa.

The Heritage Protection Group, a not-for-profit group against rhino poaching, claims Naude stopped

his vehicle on the side of the road after it overheated around 5km from Mokopane.

It said a man "shot him in cold blood at close range" after a second vehicle pulled up next to him. Two suspects were said to have exited the car and stole a gun from Naude before getting back into their vehicle and drove in the direction of Marken.

Africa Creative Market gets ready to provide access to finance, network for talent

By Ifeoma Okeke-Korieocha

TALENTS in Africa's creative sector will stand a chance to access finance, network and training through the novel Africa Creative Market (ACM).

Implemented by Ascend Studio Foundation - an organisation with a mandate to empower women and youths in Africa, ACM is a creative market event that brings major stakeholders in the African and international creative industries together to explore and exchange innovative ideas for Africa's creative economy and provide training for African creative.

ACM also gives opportunities for stakeholders to share future-proof business models, provide access to trade finance, increase creative export and standards and promote data-led understanding of creative trade.

The 2022 ACM will host the Women in Film & Television International (WIFTI) summit and several capacity-building programs for creative in Film, music, dance, and fashion.

Speaking at a press conference to announce the initiative, Inya Lawal, CEO, of Ascend Studios Foundation and founder of ACM said they will be working with partners who will be heading the film, music, fashion and dance sectors and also curating them.

Lawal disclosed that ACM will be focused on film, music, fashion and dance with Paramount Africa heading music, kaffyinc heading dance, WIFTI will head film and YD limited will handle fashion.

"We are focusing on capacity building, access to mentors for the people we are training and most importantly, access to networks because everyone would be coming from different parts of the world. It is a unique event. It is not like the ones we have had.

"But our major focus is that action

must follow the conversations we are having because what we see usually is people talking about the problems and solutions but there are no active steps towards solutions," she said.

So explained that ACM is bringing a 360 approach with capacity building and a platform where the creative bodies will find the funding bodies and funding bodies find the creative.

"We have people with sustainable structures from different parts of the world who can teach us how they have been able to build their own industries to the level which they are. The goal is to make sure that the creative economy is growing and we do it in a way that we have sustainable solutions to the problems we have.

"The Ooni of Ife is our grand patron on this programme. We also have supporters like the Swedish Embassy and we also have the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation championing one of our capacity building programmes called Thrive under the Women in Film and TV International Summit," she added.

Also speaking at the event, Bade Akintunde-Johnson, country manager, Paramount Africa said ACM seeks to strengthen the foundation of the Creative sector.

Akintunde-Johnson stressed that ACM will be focusing on access to funding, access to international markets and access to structures.

"ACM is bridging the gap by training more people, impacting knowledge and teaching people the tricks of the trade. The opportunity for network is also there. We need more Fire Boys, more Genevieves and we want to take our fabrics all over the world," he said.

Tomisin Olawale, the Special Personal Assistant to the Ooni of Ife said the Ooni of Ife was proud to partner with the initiative, adding that one thing that is very paramount for Nigeria is the need to start telling our stories.



Tushabe Bebwa (R), regional secretary of the Tanzania Union of Industries and Commercial Workers (TUICO) for Kinondoni in Dar es Salaam, presents a certificate in the city at the weekend to Joel Mapunda, one of the eight Best Workers for 2022 from the Ubungo-based Tanzania Steel Pipe. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

CAR launches project for its own cryptocurrency and crypto-hub

BANGUI

THE Central African Republic (CAR) officially launched on Sunday the construction of its own cryptocurrency, the Sango, and the future "first African crypto-hub" with "zero taxation."

Two months after making his country the second in the world after El Salvador to adopt bitcoin as an official currency - alongside the CFA franc - and legalize the use of cryptocurrencies, President Faustin Archange Touadéra made the announcement at an "online event" to launch "a new digital system powered by Blockchain technology."

No concrete details were given on the modalities and timetable for the

creation of this "Sango Coin" and a "Crypto Island," a platform allowing this virtual currency to become "the catalyst for the tokenization of the vast natural resources" of the Central African Republic.

This "Sango initiative", named after the official language alongside French, comes in the midst of the global cryptocurrency crisis, where the price of bitcoin is in free fall and many crypto platforms are facing bankruptcy.

Regretting that Africa, "where 57 percent of the population is unbanked," suffers from a glaring lack of "infrastructure" making "financial services almost inaccessible to many inhabitants," Touadéra asserted "to have found the solution": "the

smartphone," to trade and invest in cryptocurrencies.

"The smartphone is the alternative to traditional banking, cash and financial bureaucracy," said the president of the second least developed country in the World according to the UN, where only 14.3 percent of the more than 5 million inhabitants have access to electricity in 2022, and even less to the internet, of which 7 percent live below the international poverty line (less than 1.90 US dollars per day) and more than half need humanitarian assistance, according to the World Bank.

"The Central African Republic is sitting on a mountain of untapped wealth," including gold, diamonds, rare metals, and "Sango Coin will be direct

access to our resources for the world" to attract investors and "jump-start the engines of the economy," enthused the head of state.

At the end of April, the adoption of bitcoin as a reference currency had caused perplexity and disapproval from an international community already blaming the power of Mr Touadéra for having delivered his country to Russia and to the "mercenaries" of the sulphurous Wagner, accused of "looting" its resources in exchange for military support against the rebels.

The Central African Republic has been bloodied since 2013 by a very deadly civil war, which has however decreased in intensity since 2018.

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Unions involved in pension formula, and the conclusion was quite positive

At a time that parliamentarians were preparing to leave their constituencies and plenty of other concerns, a seminar for members of Parliament was organized on the new pension regulations, led by Prof. Joyce Ndalichako, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disability). It was opened by Deputy Speaker Mussa Hassan Zungu and its key moment was providing an authoritative forum for the Trade Union Congress (TUCA) to lay to rest a widespread insinuation that trade unions were sidelined in drawing up the regulations. The charge is false.

The clarification that the process of reviewing the pension formula and coming up with a new basis was truly tripartite, the congress leadership pointed out that besides being protected by the law, social security funds similarly come under regulations set by the International Labour Organization (ILO). These rules put trade union leaders on the frontline of the matter, as they seek to actively demand that the funds be protected and be assured of continuity. Abandoning the 50 per cent lump sum payment was tied chiefly to stability; the sort of investments that social security funds make are slowly repaid, often taking decades.

To be sure there were other dangers on the horizon for the social security funds, whose 2018 format was said to be implementing a directive dating back to 2014, and as if there was a

rule there, four years later the rule is amended to a more comfortable level. Reasons leading to the 2014 rule or the real management environment was different from 2018, as in 2014 recurrent expenditure in the government was too high to meet its repayment schedules to social security funds, assuming it privileges the stock market or Bank of Tanzania bondholders, etc. In 2018 the key wish was to lend big sums of money to large state enterprises.

The compromise reached in the course of negotiations from mid last year to the preceding months to this year's Budget similarly reflected obtaining conditions. Shifting the capital to Dodoma and earlier drastic reduction in budgetary recurrent expenditure diminished the rental income projections in real estate units of key social security funds, diminishing their ability to pay retirees. Even if the government was catching up with its dues unlike the earlier period, funds' internal income was at a low ebb; stability was at issue.

In that sense the trade unions knew that their leadership was conducting negotiations on a tight rope, and at the leadership hinted, the ILO rules were paramount in their deliberations, that it was an institutional issue rather than taking an opinion sample among workers, or retirees, to get the answer. Instead of blame throwing as how it all arrived to such a situation, it was better to seek practicable common ground. Also, diminishing retirement starting funds and ensuring a better hold on cash flow later isn't quite a bad idea.

Time's ripe for DITF to have a more international flavour

The formal opening of the this year's edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair showed a hidden aspect of the fair that was enlightening on what is taking place in business circles right now. Its main focus was a daylong seminar or workshop where regional economic integration and African trade liberalization officials had pride of place, which was the right thing to do as the free market constituency is a bit narrow in local economic thinking. It is a sort of painful adaptation reviewed at each stage, etc.

The major topic for the day's experts' gathering was the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) that has just begun taking off starting January 2022 after a sufficient number of countries ratified it. It isn't all plain sailing as in specific areas interest groups are building up trade walls of sorts, especially of the tariff sort, such that in the East African Community (EAC) customs union protocol, the highest external tariff until AfCFTA was adopted stood at 25 per cent. From that moment to mid-June, hectic lobbying continued behind the scenes, resulting in raising the CET to 35 per cent for a range of imports.

Still, as CET is applied by annual pre-Budget consultations between the responsible ministers, it is likely the issue was accommodated within the Budget setting by limiting the number of imports where this scaling up was being applied. For a country that wishes to invite more foreign investments, reciprocity in terms of trade is essential, as high external tariffs invite similar action outside,

with EAC member states rapidly getting out of 'highly indebted poor countries' category for which preferential trade terms were being taken for granted in the past. Trade hawks outside would rather roll back existing preferential terms.

It needs a lot of effort to bring policy makers here to understand reciprocity, as most of the time since independence we have tended to see ties with developed countries basically in hostile terms - accusations that the government nearly always concludes bad contracts with foreign companies, etc. Alternatively we have a dependency narrative when it comes to other things, like 'donor countries' or as 'development partners' when we are thinking of the free flow of project funds. Aid is diminishing as ratio of the Budget.

While the flow of foreign investments has been rising by leaps and bounds, it is uncertain that attitude change has also been taking place by leaps and bounds. When President Samia Suluhu Hassan visited the Sultanate of Oman lately, in addition to having enlivened a major investment gathering on 'Tanzania Day' at the United Arab Emirates exhibition in Dubai earlier, did this effort reflect changed attitudes in Tanzania concerning this part of the world? It isn't possible to conduct smooth trade and investments in a climate of suspicion, as political bidders will exploit such suspicions to sow doubt, undo the confidence in the overall policy being followed. Listening to trade experts pleading for integration is absolutely vital.



Droughts in pastoral areas of Ethiopia: The missing link between problem and solution?

By Masresha Toye

ETHIOPIA'S pastoral regions are suffering from yet another episode of drought, the fourth in the previous five years. Drought is not a new occurrence in these locations; rather, the severity and frequency of droughts are growing, and they are becoming increasingly unpredictable. Drought has claimed the lives of millions of animals in the last ten years solely. More than a million animals are currently estimated to be affected by Ethiopia's prolonged drought catastrophe in pastoral areas. Close to 400,000 sheep have been lost in the first months of this year alone in Borana, Ethiopia's third-largest pastoral zone after Somalia and Afar. Economically, socially, environmentally, and politically, it's a disaster.

Simultaneously, a number of state and non-state entities are working to mitigate the effects of the drought on the country's pastoral and agro-pastoral populations. Such efforts, as well as the issues they encounter, have been around for decades. So, who is to blame for such a disaster: the drought or the actors (politicians, humanitarian groups, researchers, etc.)? The solution is not straightforward because the nature of the problem is recognized from an organizational rather than a grassroots (pastoralist) perspective. But why, like many other countries, does Ethiopia fail to recognize drought and the issues faced by pastoralists in general? The following is an attempt to highlight some of the gaps.

Pastoralism 101: The Fundamentals
Pastoralism is ingrained in those pastoralists' economic, social, institutional, environmental, and political outlooks, not just as a source of livelihood. Ethiopia has the largest cattle population in Africa, according to statistics. However, pastoralists possess almost two out of every five cattle, nearly seventy percent of goats, and all camels in the dryland system (also referred to as Arid and Semi-Arid Lands-ASALs). Make no mistake: livestock accounts for about 40% of agricultural GDP, which is the country's economic backbone. Pastoralists and agro-pastoralists own a similar percentage of Ethiopia's land (40%).

Livestock is a source of food (milk, meat, and dairy products), income (sale of livestock and its products), wealth, and socio-cultural status (sharing responsibilities and exercising cultural matters and rituals) at the household level. Furthermore, livestock and the natural environments in which they operate are closely linked to socio-political, institutional, and environmental interactions. A councilor in Borana's traditional

administration, Gada, whom I met in July (2021), told me, "Without livestock and the environment they exist; our cultural identity is superficial." A similar relationship exists in Somali between the presence of a Boku (village head) or an Ugaz (clan chief) and the presence of pastoralism.

Pastoralism, however, is not a rosy system in Ethiopia, or anywhere else for that matter. It is confronted with several challenges and changes. Some of the shifts and challenges include increased natural and environmental shocks, land tenure changes, rangeland fragmentation, dwindling indigenous and communal rules and practices, conflicts, demography and livestock numbers, trade and market-related policies and politics, infrastructure expansion and connectivity, and the heavy presence of foreign and external actors. Pastoralism is a risky endeavor.

Drought as a glue to the complex problem

Drought is a scarcity of water and pasture. Due to the failure of seasonal rain, pastures become scarce. This, in turn, causes drought and, as a result, livestock mortality. Livestock mortality leads to food insecurity and further poverty traps in the long run. These are chains of causes and results. This appears to be linear, yet this is not the case. The current humanitarian response stems from a simplification of the drought's multifaceted nature. I'm not implying that this assistance is ineffective. Instead, any type of development effort should include the drought's institutional and structural challenges.

To begin with, in a pastoral system, a seasonal rain failure does not always imply drought. This is because pastoralists have pasture resources and reserves for the wet and dry seasons. Mobility is crucial in this situation. Simply put, mobility (also known as movement or migration) refers to the act of withdrawing money from a bank during a cash need. Similarly, water resources are managed in the same way. Water-wells are closed and saved for the dry season when plenty of water is on the surface. Surprisingly, such water sources are not concentrated in one location. As a result, pastoralists relocate when a need arises.

On the other hand, mobility does not happen at random; rather, it is influenced by a variety of circumstances. Understanding the herd's characteristics, such as size, type, and condition, as well as resource (pasture and water) requirements. Pastoralists define criteria such as the availability of resources in the destination areas and potential conflicts of interest with other pastoral communities. So, why has drought-hit pastoralists in the last few years severe

than in the past?

Droughts, flooding, and diseases are becoming more common as a result of climate change (a swarm of locusts). This isn't the whole tale. Some structural and institutional issues exist. Although wet season grazing grounds are significant, livestock mortality is primarily linked to the availability of pasture during the dry season. Pastoralists have been disenfranchised in Ethiopia since the 1960s due to large-scale development programs. Nearly 40% of valuable dry-season grazing pastures in Afar have been converted to state-run or commercial plantations. Expropriation of land is still going on. Sugar plantations have taken more than half of the land Karayu pastoralists own. Pastoralists in both locations lost significant access to Awash, the only supply of fresh water. Thousands of hectares of community land were enclosed in Borana and parts of Somali as a result of the African Development Bank and African Development Fund's rangeland rehabilitation project in the 1960s and 70s. Pastoralists were forced to provide breeding stock on a quota system and at predetermined prices because of the vitality of these areas in terms of providing dry season grazing. These lands are presently either privately owned or, in some circumstances, owned by the regional government.

While benefits were realized to pastoralists, several infrastructure developments ignore seasonal mobility and access to pastoral resources. As a result, they obstruct pastoralists' mobility and access to resources. Pastoralists suffer from the loss of critical pastures as a result of unplanned urban or kebele center establishments/expansion. Not all interventions are necessarily bad or adversely affect pastoralists; particularly, schools and health facilities have contributed to the wellbeing of the pastoral community. However, several of such investments disregard the key features of pastoralism. To understand some of such disparities, I distributed digital cameras to pastoralists so that they could take pictures on such issues. Below is a picture taken by a pastoralist in Borana to demonstrate that the recent planned airport construction by PM Abiy would evacuate close to 200 agro-pastoral households. The regional and federal governments believe "there is enough land for pastoralists, that no need to compensate affected households", explains Malich, who took the picture. They will be relocated to other areas, which would affect their livelihood and destabilize their socio-institutional establishments. Nonetheless, the land is like a "medicine" for pastoralists to

plant crops and use crop residues for their livestock.

Policies encourage riverbank farming, resulting in the privatization and commodification of communal resources. Irrigation and water development projects are being built without regard for access (who accesses and how) to vital pastoral resources. Rather, they lead to resource expropriation by the wealthy and those with close ties to local politicians. Finally, land policies and rules have long ignored communal ownership; they are designed from the perspective of sedentarised (farming community) landholdings. Within the pastoral system, there are many additional variables to consider (endogenous). Increased human and livestock populations; weakened local institutions; rangeland fragmentation; and so on.

When a drought strikes, the system that used to respond by diversifying the risk by implementing local strategies collapses. Dry-season reserves are no longer accessible. Mobility is restricted. Agriculture is being developed on prime wetlands. The wealthy either privatize or commodify the remaining resources. Rain failure causes all other issues, and the system is extremely sensitive to shock absorption. As a result, drought causes havoc throughout the system.

Accept the fact, embrace the drought, and think differently

Drought is at the heart of the problem for pastoralists and the natural, social, and economic environments in which they work. However, as previously stated, it is linked to a variety of issues and is not solely an environmental incident. Pastoralists in the past have shown that they recognize the nature of the drought and respond differently before, during, and after it occurs (collectively and individually). As a result, both state and non-state actors should embrace it, and efforts should align with pastoralists' logic and perspectives rather than the other way around. The ongoing humanitarian efforts provide relief for pastoralists who have faced problems and challenges for decades. We must act and think in new ways.

Let's start with the facts: pastoralism in Ethiopia will continue despite numerous challenges and the devastating effects of drought. For the simple reason that it is a more viable and better option in the dryland system than other forms of economic activity/production for the foreseeable future. This does not imply that it has remained static and will continue to do so; rather, it has evolved. This necessitates an understanding of the various issues and paths that pastoralism and pastoralists take.

By Greg Mills

Russia-Ukraine crisis - end of the beginning or the end of the end?

SOME see Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin's move on Ukraine as signalling a return of history, the end of the beginning of a new Cold War, a redrawing of clear spheres of interest between East and West, between two political world views and systems. One is committed to liberal democracy and the expansion, however imperfectly and sporadically, of open systems of government and economic interaction, the other to authoritarianism and an economy built on oligopolistic access and preferences.

But what if this is not the case? What if Putin's move is essentially the last roll of the dice for this "old" Cold War, that a combination of globalised communications and technology is today an unstoppable force for the universalisation of values and the opening of opportunities beyond national boundaries?

We have been here before.

Francis Fukuyama's 1992 *The End of History and the Last Man* predicts the global triumph of political and economic liberalism. The book expanded on his essay "The End of History?" published in 1989 just months before the fall of the Berlin Wall that November, in which he wrote: "What we may be witnessing is not just the end of the Cold War, or the passing of a particular period of post-war history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalisation of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government."

Critics contended that Fukuyama was wrong in that subsequent events prove that history has turned out differently, and that he was incorrect too in celebrating American-style democracy as the ultimate form of government. But Fukuyama, who served in the US State Department's policy planning section before reverting to academia, has written that it was more the model of the European



Gdansk, Poland, the home of Walesa the dockyard worker, and much else. (Photo: Richard Harper)

Union and its version of transnational power than America's "continuing belief in God, national sovereignty, and their military" that he had in mind for his thesis.

Others criticised *The End of History* because it failed to note the rise of ethnic and religious loyalties which would replace ideological divisions as a source of disorder. And the failure to mention the brutal Chinese crackdown on Tiananmen Square which challenged his core narrative was a notable omission. Harvard academic Samuel Huntington's 1993 essay (and 1996 book of the same title), "The Clash of Civilizations", argued, for instance, that the conflict between ideologies was to be replaced by a more prosaic and enduring conflict between civilisations, especially Islam. The events of 9/11 gave prominence to this critique, that history had, in the words of one critic, "returned from vacation".

But Fukuyama is not alone.

Lech Walesa is one of the last of the pantheon of leaders who oversaw the disintegration of the Soviet Union. More than that, the Polish electrician-turned-unionist-turned-president perhaps more than any other Eastern bloc leader catalysed the collapse of a system which, while many saw as rotten, few offered a route out of its crushing combination of totalitarian politics and command economics.

"We were fighting for something different. I was fighting for a new era, for one of information and globalisation" he says from his Foundation's headquarters at the European Solidarity Centre in Gdansk. "In Europe we had to construct bigger structures than national states."

He compares the European process of enlargement to Putin's ambitions in Ukraine. "Russia is trying to enlarge its empire to include

Ukraine. We did it through inclusion; they are trying to do it through conquest." Walesa, 78, notes that "Russia, a big country with a catastrophic political system like China, has to be changed unless it changes us to be like them."

"We are now fighting with the causes of Russia's invasion, which is a terrible political system. If Putin was leader for just two terms as he should be, the world would never have these problems."

Walesa says that the problems are also of the West's making in that "I wanted to go into NATO with Ukraine and Belarus. But Madeleine Albright convinced me not to do so. But," he adds, "we should have done so and will do so."

To dissolve the Warsaw Pact, we had to act decisively and with courage, in a tough way. This is not how the world is talking to Putin."

How should the outside world - at least those who favour international law, democracy and human rights - react right now?

The answer lies in part in what the West does and what it doesn't do.

For one, it will depend on whether sanctions can be maintained, not only for the challenges of income and technology access that this poses to the Russian war machine, but for the domestic effect.

It is unlikely that the Russian population will be too chuffed when they can't get their German or Korean washing machine or BMW repaired and have to resort to washing in a bucket and a trundle in the family Lada.

There will come a point when the aspirations of the people can't be met. The history of the USSR is a salient lesson in this respect.

Providing Ukraine with political support is one thing, but it will also require enough military means and economic resources so that the rules of supply and demand take their course, dispatching Putin and his ilk finally to the past. Walesa sees it this way.

"What we are having right now is the progression of civilisation, where Russia and China are dragging behind. It's only a question of how many bruises are made and blood spilled until the world realises that we are in a new era, of intellect, digitisation and globalisation."

If this is correct, then we are seeing the very end of the Cold War.

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Global community urged to recognise Taliban govt, release assets

Hong Kong

THE international community should engage with Afghanistan positively as the country's grand assembly called for the recognition of the Taliban government and the release of the nation's frozen assets, experts said.

At the three-day grand assembly, representatives from various sectors of Afghan society stressed their demand that the international society and regional community give the Taliban government official recognition, by "engaging with the Taliban on a more robust basis", said Amina Khan, director of the Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad.

"August will mark one year of Taliban's presence in power as the political dispensation in Afghanistan..." Khan said. "And they felt that they've delivered on certain terms, such as improving security in the country."

The much-awaited assembly, locally known as Loya Jirga, opened in Afghanistan's capital Kabul on Thursday and lasted for three days. Thousands of representatives discussed a variety of issues ranging from stabilizing security to strengthening national unity. It was the first such meeting since the Taliban's takeover 11 months ago.

An 11-point resolution issued at the end of the meeting called for the establishment of Islamic system in Afghanistan which is "the outcome of more than four decades of sacrifices and suffering of our people has ensured justice, peace and security in the country, and deserved support and we not only support but also defend it as our religion and national obligation."

The assembly said it supported the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's decision that "Afghan soil won't be used against any country and Afghanistan also won't allow

anyone to interfere in its internal affairs". At the Jirga, Supreme leader of the Taliban-run administration Haibatullah Akhundzada emphasized implementing Sharia or Islamic laws, ensuring justice, investment and safeguarding Afghanistan's freedom.

On Friday, the leader of the caretaker administration said Afghans had expelled the occupying forces from their country to establish an Islamic system and now "we have Islamic system and this is the responsibility of religious scholars to implement Islamic laws."

Cleric Mujib-ul Rahman Ansari said the resolution urged the international community to give official recognition to the Taliban, the Afghanistan media outlet RFE/RL's Radio Azadi reported.

The resolution called on the world, Afghanistan's neighboring countries, the United Nations, global organizations, "specifically on the Islamic countries and agencies to recognize the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan as a legitimate government," according to a report of Ariana News, a news network in Afghanistan.

According to RFE/RL's Radio Azadi, the declaration also called for positive interactions, the lifting of all sanctions on Afghanistan, and unfreezing "the assets of the Afghan people, and support our nation."

Meanwhile, the assembly also made the plea for the outside world to provide economic assistance, including unfreezing the \$9.5 billion assets frozen by the US, and lift the restrictions on bank transfers to Afghanistan, Amina Khan noted.

"The de facto government of Afghanistan is within its rights to seek international recognition and return of frozen assets", said Salman Bashir, a former Pakistani ambassador to China, adding that the international community needs to do all it can to assist Afghanistan returned to normalcy.



In this file photo taken on Aug 9, 2020 and released by the Press Office of President of Afghanistan, people attend on the last day of the Loya Jirga, at the Loya Jirga Hall in Kabul. File photo

He added that the Taliban also have to "give solemn assurances to abide by established rules of interstate conduct and international law and conventions including on human rights".

About 3,500 religious scholars were invited from across the war-

torn country to attend the three-day gathering, reported the Afghanistan state-run Bakhtar news agency. The caretaker government's chief spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, told the state-run Mili Television that the Jirga allowed even representatives of Iran and

Pakistan-based Afghan refugees to attend. Some 70 personalities representing Afghan refugees in Pakistan and about 30 others from refugees living in Iran participated in the Jirga. Participants of the jirga also discussed a series of issues, including reopening schools for girls

from grade 7th to grade 12th, the type of government, the national flag, and the national anthem.

"These gatherings are crucial for Afghanistan if they are done honestly and the wishes of the people are respected," Lawanng Arman, a resident of Khost, told the news

website of Khaama Press.

According to the Afghan TV news network, TOLO News, the final resolution of the grand assembly did not bring up the issue of reopening schools for girls, but it urged the government to attend to "religious and modern education".

Dar residents push for intervention to curtail prices of commodities

By Correspondent Gaudensia Mngumi

DAR ES SALAAM dwellers have called for government intervention on the increasing prices of food and non-food commodities in the country's commercial capital.

A week-long survey in Dar es Salaam market outlets has shown that maize flour has gone to 1,500/- per kilo, compared to 500/- last year, while cooking oil per liter goes up to 8,000/- from 4,000/- last year.

In shops, a bar of soap is sold 4000/- from 2000/- last year while transport fares in some parts of the city has increased to 1,000/-.

Juma Mhando, a trader at Mabibo market attributed the hike in prices to shortage of rains in most parts of the country which resulted in shortage of food.

"This year, we received little rain as compared to last year. In many up-country regions where they produce maize, rice and other agro-produces received little rain, which resulted in poor harvests" he said.

He said increasing fuel prices was also one of the issues leading to a

hike in transportation costs.

Citing some examples, Samuel Kikoti of Buguruni Market said that the price of sardines from Lake Tanganyika and Lake Victoria are at the high price due to transportation costs.

"We're forced to deeper in our pockets, just to buy a few things. Life is so difficult I don't know what we going to do," says Asnat Mwanajaa, a Dar es Salaam resident.

She called on the government authorities to chip in and come up with sustainable to curtail the price increase on essential commodities.

A mother of three (Asnat) says that despite the government efforts to bail out the increasing fuel price by releasing 100bn/-, the situation has not normalized.

Experts have it that the skyrocketing of food prices have been triggered by climate change, fertiliser prices and Ukraine-Russia war.

They said that most farmers in the southern grain-growing areas did grow maize and other crops due to little rains and high prices of fertiliser.

On April this year, the Tanzania



Meteorological Authority (TMA) stated that the prolonged dry spells were triggered by the occurrence of several tropical cyclones in the Mozambican channel that occurred further south of the position that could have enhanced rainfall in the country.

"Likewise the sudden changes in sea surface temperatures emerged over the East African coast and Eastern part of the Indian Ocean," said TMA

Director General Dr Agness Kijazi.

In February TMA announced that the country was to receive normal to above normal rains in the Masika season which is specific to areas that receive rains twice a year, beginning later this month until May. But the situation has changed.

According to TMA sudden changes in sea surface temperatures rarely occur due to the tendency of oceans to conserve heat for long periods of time.

However due to impacts of climate this has happened.

Dr Kijazi added that the occurrence of tropical cyclones and changes in sea temperatures has contributed into holding the Intra-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) over the southern part of the country whereby it usually commence its movement to northern parts of the country in early March hence disrupting rains.

HARARE

FARMERS at Artherstone Irrigation Scheme in Insiza have established a mill where they are producing maize meal and selling it to surrounding communities.

The farmers are also producing lucerne fodder which they intend to process in the same West Nicholson mill but of a different type and sell to cattle farmers across the country.

Artherstone irrigation scheme is one of the large scale producers of fodder in Matabeleland South. The irrigation scheme which had been lying idle for about a decade was recently revived after local farmers partnered with farmers based in Cape Town.

The investor came in with re-

Zimbabwe farmers in value addition drive

sources and equipment. The scheme has 50 hectares of land under irrigation.

The farmers are operating under the trade name CapeZim.

One of the farmers operating at the scheme Zenzo Jele said they started milling maize in May. He said at the moment they were producing 10kg bags of maize meal.

Four people had been employed to operate the mill.

"As farmers operating at Artherstone irrigation scheme we have expanded our operations and we are now milling mealie meal that we are producing at the irrigation scheme. We started milling in May

at our milling plant at West Nicholson business centre. Our partner CapeZim assisted us with milling machines. For mealie meal we have two machines," he said.

Jele added: "We also have three machines at the plant which we will soon use to process lucerne. We are processing 10kg bags of mealie meal per day which we are selling to community members and also business people in the area. We will soon be introducing 20kg and 50kg bags as well."

They were relieved that the irrigation scheme was now functional and they hoped to increase the area under irrigation.

"We have 800 hectares of irrigable land at the scheme and all along we have been failing to fully use the land because of resource constraints. We were farming on a small portion of land mainly for our families to eat and not for business purposes. Our operations have now gained momentum and we want to ensure that we irrigate as much land as possible," said Mr Jele.

Plans were underway to introduce more crops as the farmers and investor expanded the hectareage at the farm.

Another farmer operating at the irrigation scheme, Malachi Nkomo, said he was excited about the op-

portunities which have been presented by the partnership with CapeZim.

Nkomo expressed gratitude to the Government for affording indigenous people an opportunity to become productive through programmes such as land reform.

The irrigation scheme, which is mainly focusing on fodder production, has 25 hectares under lucerne.

Fodder production has been identified as one of the major ways to boost the national herd as it will help ensure that farmers have access to highly nutritive stock feed at affordable costs. Lucerne is a resilient perennial legume that is grown

for grazing and hay forage in many countries around the world. It is high in protein which makes it ideal for stock feed. It is planted once in seven years and during the course of the time farmers will be just harvesting it.

President Mnangagwa launched the Presidential Livestock Scheme as part of efforts to grow the livestock sub-sector. Under the scheme farmers are receiving legume seeds, fertilisers and forage sorghum among other inputs.

The scheme falls under the Livestock Growth Plan, which is part of the Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation Strategy that is expected to turn agriculture into an US\$8.2 billion industry by 2025 and contributes towards the achievement of Vision 2030.

AfDB gets US backing on plans to feed Africa

ABUJA

THE United States has announced support for the African Development Bank's (AfDB) initiative to significantly increase food production in Africa to avert the looming food crisis caused by the Russia-Ukraine war.

At a summit of G7 leaders, US President Joseph Biden and fellow G7 leaders announced a contribution of \$4.5 billion to address global food security, with the United States meeting 50 per cent of that commitment.

The Biden administration announced that it will invest \$760 million of its contribution to combat the effects of high food, fuel, and war-driven fertiliser prices in those countries that need this support most.

The United States will also support the African Development Bank's Africa Disaster Risk Financing programme, which helps African governments respond to severe food insecurity caused by extreme weather events like drought by facilitating access to disaster risk products such as drought or flooding insurance.

The programme was launched by the AfDB in 2018 to boost countries' resilience to climate shocks and it operates in almost a dozen African countries.

The Bank Group's \$1.5 billion African Emergency Food Production Facility, approved by its

Board of Directors in May, will provide 20 million smallholder farmers with climate-smart, certified wheat, maize, soy and other staple crop seeds, as well as more affordable fertiliser and extension services.

This will allow Africa to rapidly-produce over the next four farming seasons an additional 38 million tons of food worth \$12 billion.

The President of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi Adesina, said: "I am delighted about the significant announcement and contributions made by President Joe Biden and fellow G7 leaders, to tangibly support the work of the African Development Bank and to address global food security."

"The U.S. government's multi-pronged response to global food security challenges, which entails support for some of the African Development Bank's own innovative programmes, is a tremendous boost to our efforts and other institutions who are working hard to support African countries at this particular time of need."

"We warmly and wholeheartedly embrace the support by the United States and other G7 member nations".

In May, the United States chaired a Global Food Security Call to Action ministerial meeting where it launched the Roadmap for Global Food Security, 94 countries endorsed the roadmap, which affirms a commitment to act with urgency, at



President of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi Adesina

scale, and in concert, to respond to the urgent food security and nutrition needs of millions of people in vulnerable situations around the world.

Adesina was among key speakers at that meeting, where he announced that the African Development Bank would provide \$1.3 billion of its own resources to the African Emergency Food Production Facility's \$1.5 billion budget.

The AfDB said that Africa relies heavily on cereal exports from Russia and Ukraine, and due to the war, the continent faces a shortage of at least 30 million metric tons of food, especially wheat, maize, and soybeans im-

ported from both countries.

However, it noted that the Bank's African Emergency Food Production programme will see a total of 38 million tons of food produced.

This will include 11 million tons of wheat, 18 million tons of maize, six million tons of rice and 2.5 million tons of soybeans.

The Facility, the AfDB stressed, will build on the Bank's remarkable success of its Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) platform.

Launched in 2019, TAAT delivered heat-tolerant wheat seed varieties to 1.8 million farmers in seven countries,

and also increased wheat production by 2.7 million tonnes, with a value of \$840 million.

The African Development Bank said it will provide more affordable fertiliser to smallholder farmers over the next four farming seasons, by using its convening influence with major fertiliser manufacturers, loan guarantees, provisions for "smart subsidies" to farmers embracing digital technologies, and other financial instruments.

The Facility also aims to secure African government commitments toward policy reform that creates a more welcoming investment and business environment across the continent's food value chain.

The Belt and Road Initiative seen in a global perspective

By Danilo Türk

IN 2017, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed his vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind at the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC). This has put all international initiatives of China, including the Belt and Road Initiative into a global perspective.

Today, four and a half years later and a couple of months before the 20th National Congress of the CPC, it is necessary to discuss the experience gained and further steps to be taken in the realization of both - the vision of shared future for the mankind and of the Belt and Road Initiative.

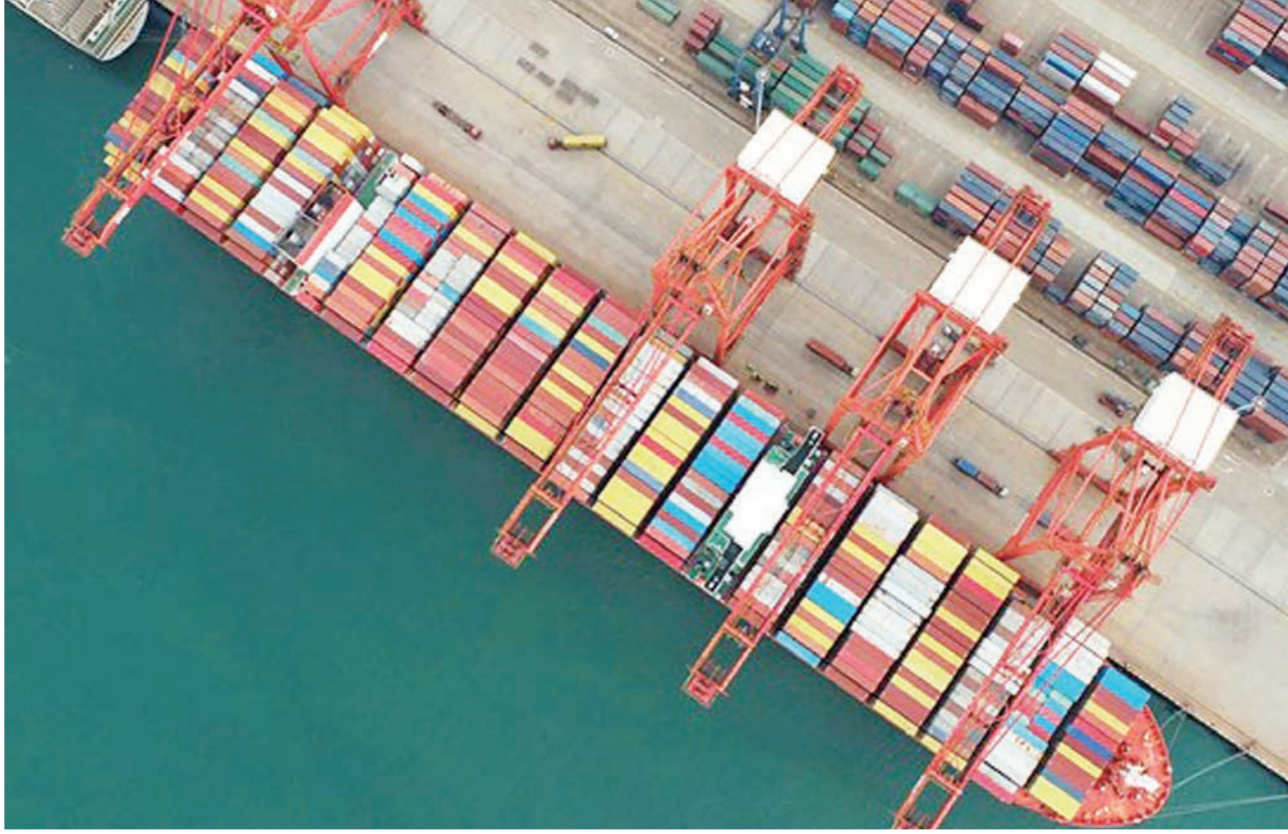
There are two reasons that make this need pertinent: First, the period of a unipolar world of the post-cold war era is irreversibly over. A new multipolar world is emerging amid tensions and turbulence. In addition, a conceptual framework of the future global system, a "world of shared future" is necessary.

Second, a careful look at the existing patterns of international cooperation may reveal that the needed building blocks, upon which a vision of a shared future should be developed further, already exist. The Belt and Road Initiative is one of the key building blocks.

Let us take a look at the global system first. The Ukraine crisis has revealed both the weakness and importance of the global system. The problem of Ukraine was on the agenda of the UN Security Council since

2014. In 2015 the Council endorsed the second Minsk Agreement that provided a framework for peaceful settlement of the situation in Eastern Ukraine. However, The Security Council failed to act to ensure the implementation of that agreement. Instead, an ad hoc regional mechanism - the "Normandy Format" involving the regional powers and Ukraine - was accepted as the main framework for negotiations. However, this mechanism was also an obstacle to a more active engagement of the UN Security Council. The "Normandy Format" has failed and made the UN Security Council to fail too.

The lesson that should be learned from this experience is that the UN should not be sidelined in dealing with the issues of peace and security. This is an important lesson that many, but not all international actors have overlooked. The GSI, another China-proposed initiative announced by Xi at the Boao Forum for Asia in April this year showed precisely that security issues must be considered and resolved within the framework of globally accepted principles, such as those under the UN Charter.



On May 22, 2022, a large container ship is loading containers at the terminal of Lianyungang Port, east China's Jiangsu province. As the most convenient seaport in Central Asia, the port has promoted cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). File photo

There are spaces for innovation if we take the example of its progress in Africa. Almost all the African countries, more than 50 so far, have engaged in the BRI cooperation. The cooperations include a whole range of economic activities, such as infrastructural development, new telecommunications, additional manufacturing industries and banking. There is much potential for all areas of economic cooperation in the future.

The development priorities of African countries will be decisive. It is encouraging that African countries are strengthening their cooperation through the African Union and new arrangements such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Moreover, African countries are already cooperating with a variety of partners. European Union, traditionally a major partner of Africa, has well-established ties with Africa. New forms of cooperation will be increasingly relevant in the future. It would be natural for the Chinese and European approaches to converge, based on the priorities and the development needs of the African countries.

The evolving realities of international cooperation - both global and region-specific - will define the realization of the vision of shared future of the world. No individual country can succeed unilaterally. Unilateralism was short lived. The alternatives of cooperation and partnership already exist, and they are being tested in practice that is constantly opening new opportunities. China's vision of shared future for mankind provides strong incentives as well as valuable practical experience. They must be used for the benefit of all.

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The initiative highlights the importance of the UN, the only truly global and universal organization. The founding principles of the UN, the universality of its membership, its programs, funds and agencies and, importantly, its unique global convening power, are indispensable.

The UN should be stressed in order to effectively address the problems of our era. The state of the planet today provides ample needs and opportunities for global cooperation. Overcoming the Pandemic of COVID-19 is a priority for all. At the same time the world is facing a triple planetary crisis of global warming, declining biodiversity and pollution. These problems can be resolved only by global action and the UN is the indispensable forum for such action.

The second reason for an in-depth international discussion about China's vision of shared future for mankind is found in the existing successful models of international cooperation and the new opportunities they provide.

The BRI is an important example. Its progress made so far already offers significant experiences as well as opportunities for the future. So far, its implementation has shown the importance of demand-driven projects and infrastructure improvement that enable stronger trade flows.

In addition, it has shown that the future of BRI could expand the infrastructure to other areas, such as health, green and digital silk roads.

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Aerial photo shows the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) International Conference Centre in Qionghai city, south China's Hainan province, April 12, 2022. File photo

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Pinda calls for promotion, marketing of local paintings internationally

By Beatrice Philemon

FORMER Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda has said painting works by Tanzanian artists can help youth transform their lives and raise a good income.

He said the artists' works need to be properly supervised as they also promote nature and the country's tourism potential.

Pinda made the call over the weekend at the "Rhythms of India" exhibition of paintings that was organized by artist from India, Narendar Reddy with the support from the High Commission of India.

Narendar is in the country for four days to exhibit his paintings and share ideas with Tanzanian artists that in turn will enable them to secure international markets. The exhibition started on July 2nd to July 6th this year.

He invited Tanzanians to visit the High Commission of India to see 30 paintings comprising beauty of nature and depiction of personalities.

There are also paintings works done by Tanzanian artists that are developed at a joint workshop organized by the Indian High Commission aiming at promoting the India-Tanzania friendship.

Pinda said: "I am pleased to see Tanzanian artists involved in this exhibition. Tanzanian artists have high quality paintings that promote our culture, nature and our tourism potentials."

He called on the ministry responsible for arts and culture to see how it can help Tanzanian artists to get chances to further sharpen their



Former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda points at a painting by Buddha, ahjo shaped 'indian thought, accompanied by visiting Indian artist Narendar Reddy and India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

skills in India.

Rhythms of India are a beautiful reproduction of India through well depicted paintings

from Narendar Reddy and this exhibition gives a glimpse of different facets of India and his paintings introduce rich art forms of the modern era

with traditional subjects.

An artist from India, Narendar Reddy said: "I am happy to work with Tanzanian

artists, they are creative and did very good paintings that can be sold at higher prices," he said.

He said before the exhibition, he met with Tanzanian artists for four days at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) where they shared ideas related to painting works.

He said art is born not made, lauding artists for their good paintings.

India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan, said that Narendar has made paintings that capture nature with his imagination and treats art not just as a creative work but as science.

He said Narendar trained in art at the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) in Hyderabad and he did research in art in Aichi in Japan, exposed to the work of the great masters during his trips abroad.

An artist from Tanzania, Agnes Mpata lauded the High Commissioner for organizing the event that gave her a chance to market her paintings and share ideas with Indian artists.

"Tanzanian artists have a lot of works but they are yet to properly market them internationally," he said.

He called upon the Indian High Commissioner to continue organizing more workshops that will help them to learn from their counterparts and exchange ideas.

UDSM, UDOM students stand out in Huawei Global ICT Competition

By Guardian Reporter

THREE Tanzanian teams from the University of Dodoma and the University of Dar es Salaam won second and third prizes, respectively, in Huawei's 6th Global ICT Competition which drew to a close on June 25. That is a second win for Tanzania for two consecutive years.

Currently, Huawei has partnered with 18 top universities in Tanzania to set up ICT colleges, planning to train more than 1000 teachers and students each year. Currently, about 5,000 students have been trained.

Commenting on the achievement the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education Prof. James Mdoe commended students' efforts and Huawei initiatives in the talent cultivation of Tanzanian students.

"I congratulate the students for winning the Huawei ICT Competition, as a government we are proud of these students for such a great achievement. The winning proves the academic excellence of our universities on a global scale. I hope the Huawei ICT Competition continues to search for and train more ICT talents in Tanzania. I would like to thank Huawei for its dedication and efforts in building the local talent ecosystem" he stressed.

The sub-Saharan African teams performed well among 130 global finalists, winning 18 awards (2 Grand Prizes, 4 First Prizes, 4 Second Prizes, and 8 Third Prizes), becoming the region with the most award-winning teams.



Two teams from Nigeria won the grand prize, a second win for Nigeria in the global championships. The other two Nigerian teams won the first prize and the second prize respectively. Teams from Uganda and Kenya won the first prize, teams from Tanzania and Ghana won the second prize, and teams from Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Tanzania, Kenya, and Ghana won the third prize.

The ICT Competition is an important part of "LEAP", a talent ecosystem development

program launched by Huawei in sub-Saharan Africa. This program aims to cultivate more than 100,000 ICT talents for the region within three years. Through organizing digital skills training, and encouraging students to participate in relevant skills competitions, LEAP is committed to improving the digital skills of young people in the region and promoting employment competitiveness. It helps meet the huge demand for digital talent in business and society.

The Competition attracted 150,000 students from 85 countries. After a year of selection processes, 130 teams reached the global finals. The scale of the competition was the largest ever. The competition projects included cloud, network, and digital innovative solutions, which encourages students to combine their ICT knowledge with their practice and propose innovative solutions to address the problems facing social development.

CRDB Bank Plc launches mobile bank branch for Chunya District

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

CRDB Bank has established special mobile bank branch for Chunya District that will serve tobacco farmers in Kipembawe Division to simplify banking services to them.

CRDB Bank Manager for Southern Highlands Zone, Jenipher Tondi introduced the mobile bank branch to residents of Kipembawe Ward at a public meeting that also introduced the new tobacco buying firm at Tingatinga Ward.

Jenipher said apart from serving farmers, the mobile bank branch will also serve ordinary people including public employees.

She added that they decided to bring the service to the district because a big percentage of farmers in the district including tobacco farmers' primary cooperatives are long time CRDB bank customers.

She said earlier, they used to serve these customers through agents at Lupa Tingatinga area who sometimes had small amount of cash.

"This mobile bank branch will be providing all banking services including opening of accounts, deposits and withdrawals of money and will be shifting from one area to another according to the needs," she added.

She said CRDB Bank has also strengthened services provided by its agents in the area to ensure many farmers benefit from its services.

For his part, Mbeya Regional commissioner Juma Homera praised the bank for taking its services close to the people of rural areas, especially those at Kipembawe who for a long time had to travel long distances to get the services.

He said before the establishment of the mobile bank branch, farmers had to travel to Makongolosi or Chunya Town, more than 200km, the trips that posed security dangers.

He also praised the bank for providing loans to tobacco farmers for farming activities stressing that tobacco farming needs great financial assistance

"This mobile bank branch will be moving from here at Lupa to Kambikatoto, Bitimanyanga and other areas according to needs, hence I would like to tell Chunya District residents to make sure you use the services provided for the security of your money," RC Homera said.

Vice Chairman of Chunya District Council, Ramadhan Shumbi called on farmers to stop travelling with huge amount of cash, telling them to either keep it at home or deposit in banks, its rightful places.

He also called on other banks to emulate CRDB Bank by sending their services close to the people.

Come up with common market, Mene tells African nations

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICAN nations will not thrive to get trade liberation if its countries will not unite and have a common market in which each nation will trade and export goods without restrictions.

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Trade Area (AfCFTA) secretary general Wamkele Mene made the call yesterday during the official launch of the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

He said strong efforts are still needed to bring commercial transformation in the countries so as to enable them to produce

quality products but also compete freely in the global market.

"African countries need to agree and have a common market. It is not Tanzania, Kenya or any country which will succeed to get freedom if they will not sit down and agree to have the common market for the benefits of all," he said.

The secretary said that the majority of the countries on the continent have been facing challenges even during outbreak of diseases and war due to lack of commercial independence.

He cited the example that even after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic as well as

the Russia-Ukraine war, the economies of many African countries stagnated as they depend much, including key products from the two countries.

"We need to know that no one from overseas will come and bring liberation in this area of economy, we need to

unite, stand firm, cooperate and fight by ourselves for the bright future of our continent," he added.

Minister for Industries and Trade, Ashatu Kijaji assured the secretary general that Tanzania will continue strengthening efforts to ensure that it utilizes the presence of the market well

by producing and selling quality products.

"Our leader (Mene) has visited many of our pavilions and has hailed us for promoting and supervising production of quality products. He has also advised us to increase value so as to compete well in the AfCFTA market," she said.

TCB told to establish special training for entrepreneurs



By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

THE government in Kagera Region has called on Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) to have in place a special programme for entrepreneurship training to traders to enable Tanzanians benefit economically through loans it provides.

Speaking on behalf of Kagera Regional Commissioner Maj Gen Charles Ibuge at the official launching of TCB Bukoba Branch at the weekend, Bukoba District Commissioner Moses Machali said some

people fail to benefit by the bank's services due to lack of education on how they can raise themselves up economically.

"Due to the current market trends and the state of the economy and the urge of many residents of Bukoba to make economic strides, this is a good opportunity for them and the bank to organise entrepreneurship training for them to benefit from the bank's presence in their town," said Machali.

He advised TCB to see the importance of reducing interest on loans in order to provide opportunities to many people to repay the loans without fear of bankruptcy.

TCB Chief Executive Officer, Sabasaba Moshingi said 720bn/- has been provided to various people countrywide this year to develop their businesses.

"Out of the 270bn/- loaned, 9,3bn/- has been loaned to Kagera Region residents, we thank you very much as you have been good at repaying loans," said Moshingi.

Remegius Patrick, one among businessmen who attended the event advised various banks in the country, including TCB to establish a branch at Mutukula area bordering Uganda due its fast growing therefore needing better banking services.

Lenovo appoints new general manager for south Africa wing

By Zintle Nkohla

Global technology company Lenovo has announced the appointment of Yugen Naidoo, who will take the role of GM for its South African division.

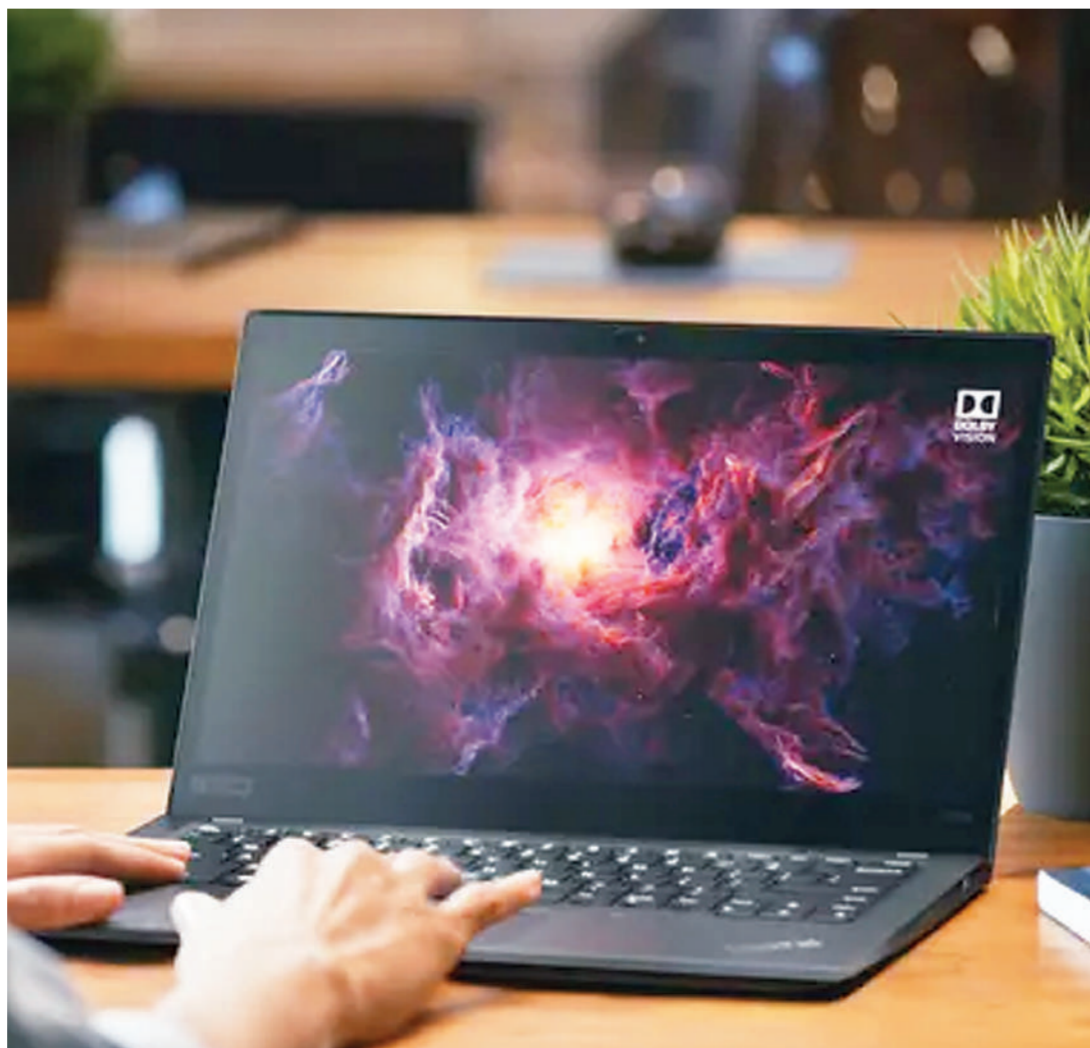
Naidoo succeeds Thibault Dousson, who now leads the Lenovo SSG (Services and Solutions Group) for the Middle East, Turkey, and Africa region.

Having joined Lenovo in 2016 as a Consumer Segment Leader, Naidoo worked his way into other enriching roles.

In 2021 he became a Consumer and SMB lead, and a year later, took the position of the Lenovo Channel Leader. A strong customer-centric and channel-first approach, coupled with leadership skills are some of the reasons why he excels in a highly competitive market.

As a result, Naidoo's expertise and 16-year experience in the IT industry has proven to be exceptional. During his tenure, he delivered significant record-breaking growth in the consumer segment, while maintaining the number 1 position market share position according to figures reported by IDC. This is among a series of his other accomplishments, which have seen the success of the SMB channel business.

"I've had a fulfilling journey at Lenovo. Each role has been integral to my professional and personal development. I look forward to my new role and will ensure that the brand continues to grow in all areas. My core focus will be to accelerate



digital transformation in my region and become a trusted partner of choice to consumers.

Above all my ultimate goal will be to deliver truly smarter technology and solutions to all embodying our brand vision as well as supporting the communities we operate in"

says Naidoo. Yugen's major responsibility will be to support the intelligent transformation of Lenovo's Intelligent Devices Group's key customers and partners while driving Lenovo's brand ethos of delivering "Smarter Technology for All".

"As the Country Manager, Yugen will build on the strong cultural foundation laid by Thibault Dousson and continue to strengthen our business in the SADC countries," says Shashank Sharma, Executive Director and GM for Lenovo Middle East, Turkey, and Africa.

TBS invites public to visit its pavilion at 46th DITF

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Bureau of Standards (TBS) has called on the general public to visit its pavilion at the ongoing 46th International Trade Fair (DITF) at Dare es Salaam Mwalimu Nyerere Fair Grounds.

The call was given in Dar es Salaam yesterday by the Bureau's Public Relations Officer, Neema Mtemvu as she briefed reporters on the huge response of people visiting its pavilion.

She said at this year's Fair TBS has come up differently, as many services are provided at the fair including listening to public complaints that are given elaboration.

Some of the services provided at the TBS pavilion include the procedures for registration of cosmetic products and hotels and restaurants, products standards and many other services.

"Fair participants and the general public who for one reason or the other fail to call at our offices, they will get all of our services here," she stressed.

Neema said TBS continues to verify the quality of products produced by small entrepreneur for free, all what they need is to have SIDO's identification.

She added that once goods produced by entrepreneurs receive quality standard certificate, can be sold to the EAC markets without having to be verified again by the country in question due to the existing protocol signed by EAC member states.

Speaking to this paper, Anarose Itembe, a visitor at the TBS pavilion expressed her pleasure by TBS services provided at the fair and added that from now on she will embark on a process to verify the quality of her products with the Bureau.

"I assure TBS that when I go back to my home area in Kibondo I will be a good will ambassador to fellow entrepreneurs and impress upon them to visit TBS offices for quality verification of the products they make in order to capture markets in Burundi and DRC Congo," she said.



Dare es Salaam's Mwalimu Nyerere Fair Grounds

NGO tasks African leaders on policies and youth motivation

By Apata Oyeniran

PASTOR Henry Akasili, Executive Director of 'A Smarter You Academy', a non-profit organisation, has called on African leaders to implement policies that would create an enabling environment for initiatives capable of motivating the youths.

Akasili made the call in an interview on the sidelines of the launch of the academy on Saturday in Lagos.

The academy is powered by Africa Youth Initiative, also an international non-profit organisation.

Akasili, who said the youths are an embodiment of great innovations and ideas and are all rearing to go, identified lack of motivation and good policies as a major hindrance.

"When you talk about young people, you look at people with innovation and skills. Their energy, if well harnessed, could accelerate the much-needed nation-building as well as change the narrative about Africa as a continent.

"Today, we could see them involve in cyber crimes much-needed nation-building they have sharp minds and this can be corrected.

"I can assure you that if they are guided right and an enabling environment put in place, they will channel these skills to things that will be of great benefits to all.

"A major responsibility of all heads of governments in Africa in advancing the course of re-education of the African youths is to ensure that the right policies are put in place to create that enabling environment for initiatives such as this 'A Smarter You Academy' to thrive.

"Such policies will ensure that regulatory bodies do not prevent or stifle the activities of initiatives such as this one," he said.

The Technical Director of the academy, Mr. Ugo Dibia, noted that the academy is the solution to the multifaceted challenges facing the continent.

He said that the challenges facing Africa were not entirely a result of bad leadership but rather the educational system.

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From Gabriel Jesus to Edu - how Sao Paulo became Arsenal's talent factory

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Azam FC's newly signed midfielder, Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' (C), is pictured with the outfit's leaders, club's owner Yusuf Bakhresa (L), and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Abdulkarim Amin, during the signing of a contract between the midfielder and the outfit in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Azam FC wins race to sign hot property Suleiman from Coastal Union

By Correspondent Michael Mwebbe

AZAM FC has won the race to sign one of Tanzania football's hottest properties, midfielder Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' from Coastal Union.

The 2013/14 Mainland Premier League champions officially confirmed the signing of the midfielder, with the player signing a contract that runs until 2025.

"We are pleased to announce that we have entered into a three-year contract with the attacking midfielder, Abdul 'Sopu', from Coastal Union," Azam FC wrote on the club's official social media accounts on Monday afternoon.

Sopu finished a two-season spell at Coastal Union on a high recently, helping the club make it to its first Azam Sports Federation Cup final in over a decade by scoring nine goals including a perfect hat-trick against this season's showpiece winners Young Africans 'Yanga' in Arusha on Saturday.

The Federation Cup top scorer was also instrumental in Coastal Union's late revival in the league finishing the campaign with seven goals.

After a strong personal campaign with Coastal Union, Sopu was also wanted by Yanga and Simba SC who were reportedly leading the race to land his signature until the very last minute.

Azam FC was reported to have hijacked the deal with a better offer for Coastal Union. The player had a running contract with Coastal Union.

'Sopu' is now part of the Ice Cream Makers squad and has become Azam FC's fifth signing, following the Ivorian duo of Kipre Junior and Tape Edinho, Nigerian midfielder Isah Ndala, and Cleopha Mkwandala from Dodoma Jiji FC.

Azam FC which is looking to bridge the gap with Yanga and Simba next season has also announced the exit of several players.

Last week it was confirmed midfielder Frank Domayo will not be a part of the squad going forward.

Domayo, who joined Azam FC back in 2014 from Yanga, has been struggling for game time, with the 29-year-old midfielder even finding it hard to make a match-day squad.

Ugandan goalkeeper Mathias Kigonya has also been shown the exit door.

Azam FC disclosed in a statement: "We have reached a bilateral agreement to part ways with our former goalkeeper, Mathias Kigonya."

The statement noted: "We thank him for his contribution to our club since joining us in January 2021, from Forest Rangers of Zambia."

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Golf stakeholders urged to back Corporate Masters tournament

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S golf stakeholders and well-wishers have been urged to put their weight behind the reformed Corporate Masters' Golf Tournament slated for next month at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) course.

The 18-hole annual golf tournament is organized by the Dar es Salaam-based TAMU Tanzania and is set to enjoy a bumper entry when it tees off on August 6 at the DGC course.

One of the event's organizers, Kelly, revealed in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the preparations for the showdown have already started and they are now in top gear.

The official pointed out: "Corporate Masters is a platform for brands to get awareness, visibility, leads, and conversions, it is all about creating value for the brands who partner with us."

Kelly said that this time around the tournament will be different from the last year's showdown as it will involve golfers from corporate firms.

"We have made slight changes from previous tournaments, we want to bring together corporate golfers in the country," he said.

He said that this time the finals will only involve 10 men's teams.

"We are planning to have Longest Drive qualifying round at the same course on July 6 this year, on which will identify 10 best men's players who will proceed to the finals," he said.

He noted the competition will only involve male golfers as there is a limited number of women in the corporate platform who are playing golf. The official appealed to ladies to embrace the game of golf.

Kelly revealed apart from the individual competition there will be an inter-companies competition that has CRDB Bank turning up as the showdown defending champion and is expected to come up and defend the title the team won last year.

This will be the third edition of the Corporate Masters after the successful first edition held at Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF)'s Lugalo Golf Club in December 2020 and DGC on August 7 last year.

"It is a tournament which is designed to harmonize friendship and present a networking platform for corporate fraternity through golf," Kelly noted.

He disclosed they have decided to introduce the event to bring corporate firms together as they are yet to utilize the game from a networking point of view.

Kelly said the door is open to sponsors to confirm early to brighten the tournament.

Kelly stated: "We appeal to companies, institutions, and well-wishers to come forward and support the event."

All set for Yanga polls on Saturday



Yanga's Election Committee Chairman Malangwe Mchungahela.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebbe

YOUNG Africans 'Yanga' branch members' representatives will on Saturday converge at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre in Dar es Salaam to elect new officials to lead their club for four years.

According to Malangwe Ally Mchungahela, who is chairing the electoral committee mandated to oversee the polls, representatives from branches that held elections before July 5, 2022, will be eligible to participate in the exercise on Saturday.

Mchungahela disclosed in a statement: "The club elections will be held on July 9, 2022, at the Julius Nyerere International Conference Center."

The official revealed: "Candidates are required to campaign for five days, after this press conference today, I will have officially launched the campaign period."

"We extended the branch elections periods to be held until today, so I am announcing that the last branch election should be held today and all branches are supposed to submit the list of representatives to the club headquarters."

"A branch that won't submit its list of leaders will not be allowed to participate in the election."

Hersi Said Ally is bound to romp into the

president's office unopposed given he is the only one who has expressed interest in the position after the current Chairman Mshindo Msolla withdrew his bid.

The current vice-chairman, Fredrick Mwakalebela, is also not contesting for re-election.

Msolla stated: "I picked up the nomination form but after seeing the incumbent has the potential to continue what we set up I saw fit to withdraw my bid."

"I will continue to support him and travel around the country with my colleagues to promote the unity of our club," Msolla disclosed.

Msolla added: "I will personally continue with the two agendas after retirement on Sunday, first I will promote the nationwide unity, and, secondly, I will continue to encourage our fans to continue with the membership registration exercise."

Two contestants have offered to vie for the post of vice-president.

Arafat Haji will flex muscles with Suma Mwaitenda after the former that had planned to opt-out of seeking re-election, having served his term as a committee member, made a u-turn.

Haji said he had accepted members' pleas to vie once again, Suma is the only female candidate going for the top seat in the election.

The executive committee membership race is the most competitive one having initially attracted 27 candidates who are vying for the available five posts.

However, so far 21 candidates have been cleared for the final election.

They are Said Kambi, Gerard Kihinga, Saad Khimji, Semi Yusuf, Seif Gulamali, Munir Selemani, Wilbard Kilenzi, Salim Rupia, Sylvester Haule, Leevan Muro, Omary Kimosa, and Sindilo Lyimo.

Others are Edgar Chibura, Philip Haule, Alexander Ngai, Dominic Albinus, Benjamin Mwakasonda, Rodgers Gumbo, Yanga Makaga, and Mustapha Himba.

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