

Summons to an Accused Person (S.19) Criminal Form No. 3 (Approved by the High Court Under Sec. 382 of Criminal Procedure Code)


THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
 IN THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF ARUSHA (AT ARUSHA)
 CRIMINAL CASE NO. 426 OF 2019
 THE REPUBLIC
 VERSUS
 GREAT NORTH SERVICE STATION..... ACCUSED PERSON

To:
 Robison Laseko
 Managing Director/owner
 Great North Service Station
 Kisongo Area,
 Arusha City

WHEREAS your attendance is necessary to answer to a charge on ENGAGING UNREGISTERED PERSON OR FIRM TO UNDERTAKE CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRARY TO SECTION 22 OF THE CONTRACTORS REGISTRATION ACT NO 17/1997 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 20(4) OF CONTRACTORS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 15/2008

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED IN THE name of the Republic to appear in this Court on the 13th day of 12 2019 at 08:00am Or so soon thereafter as the case can be heard.

Here in fail not.
 GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Court this 7th day of 11 2019


 RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
 ARUSHA

This summons has been issued on the Application of the Prosecution

Served Upon Me/us:
 Name.....
 Signature.....
 Qualification/Relationship.....
 Date.....


Summons to an accused Person (s. 91) Crime For No. 6 (Approved by the High Court under S. 352 of Cr. P.C)

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
 IN THE RESIDENT/DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF KIBAHA
 AT KIBAHA
 CRIMINAL CASE NO. 167 OF 2019
 THE REPUBLIC
 VERSUS
EZEKIEL MASSAWE
 TO: **EZEKIEL MASSAWE**
PLOT NO. 110, BLOCK H, MAKURUNGE
BAGAMOYO

WHEREAS your attendance is necessary to answer to a charge of Engaging unregistered person or firm to undertake construction works as 22(4) of the contractors registration Act NO 17/1997

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED in the name of the Republic to appear in this Court on the 23rd day of December 2019 at 8:30 a.m, or soon thereafter as the case can be heard.

GIVEN under my hand and the SEAL of the court this 26th day of November 2019


 RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
 RESIDENT/DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

This summons has been issued on the application of.....

To be signed by person on who summons is served.
 Received a duplicate of this summons.

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
 IN THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF MTWARA (AT MTWARA)
 CRIMINAL CASE NO. 70 OF 2019

To:
 Anafi Issa Mchemba
 Plot No. 140, Newala Town Council
 Mtwara Region

WHEREAS your attendance is necessary to answer to a charge on Engaging unregistered persons or firm to undertake construction works Contrary to Section 22(4) of the Contractors Registration Act No. 17/1997 as amended by Section 20 of Act No. 15 of 2008.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED IN THE name of the Republic to appear in this Court on the 12 day of FEB. 2020 Or so soon thereafter as the case can be heard.

Here in fail not.
 GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Court this 27th day of NOVEMBER 2019


 RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
 MTWARA

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
 IN THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF MTWARA (AT MTWARA)
 CRIMINAL CASE NO. 71 OF 2019


THE REPUBLIC
 VS
 SELEMAN BARAKA NANNAUKA

To:
 Seleman Baraka Nannauka
 Nagaga Village,
 Masasi District, Masasi Municipality
 Mtwara

WHEREAS your attendance is necessary to answer to a charge of Engaging unregistered person or firm contrary to Section 22(4) of the Contractors Registration Act, No. 17/1997 as amended by Act No. 15 / 2008.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND IN THE name of the Republic to appear in this Court on the 12 day of FEB. 2020 Or so soon thereafter as the case can be heard.

Here in fail not.
 GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Court this 27th day of November 2019


 RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
 MTWARA

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Focus on early release of terror convict in London stabbings

LONDON

USMAN Khan was convicted on terrorism charges but let out of prison early. He attended a "Learning Together" conference for ex-offenders, and used the event to launch a bloody attack, stabbing two people to death and wounding three others.

Police shot him dead after he flashed what seemed to be a suicide vest. Khan is gone, but the questions remain: Why was he let out early? Did authorities believe he no longer believed in radical Islam? Why didn't the conditions imposed on his release prevent the carnage?

Britons looked for answers Saturday as national politicians sought to pin the blame elsewhere for what was obviously a breakdown in the security system, which had kept London largely free of extremist violence for more than two years.

Police said Khan was convicted in 2012 of terrorism offenses and released in December 2018 "on license," which means he had to meet certain conditions or face recall to prison. Several British media outlets reported that he was wearing an electronic ankle bracelet that allowed police to track his movements at the time of the attack.

Authorities seemed quick to blame "the system" rather than any one component.

The Parole Board said it had played no role in Khan's early release. It said the convict "appears to have been released automatically on license (as required by law), without ever being referred to the board."

Neil Basu, the Metropolitan Police counterterrorism police, said Saturday afternoon that the conditions of Khan's release had been complied with. He didn't spell out what those conditions were or why they failed to prevent him from killing two people.

The automatic release program apparently means no agency was given the task of determining if Khan still believed in radical views he had embraced when he was first imprisoned for plotting to attack a number of sites and individuals in London.

It is not yet known whether he took part in any of the "de-radicalization" programs used by British authorities to try and reform known jihadists.

The former head of Britain's National Counter Terrorism Security Office, Chris Phillips, said it is unreasonable to ask police and security services to keep the country safe while at the same time letting people out of prison when they are still a threat.

"We're playing Russian roulette with people's lives, letting convicted, known, radicalized jihadi criminals walk about our streets," he said.

Khan had been convicted as part of an al-Qaeda linked group that was accused of plotting to target major sites including Parliament, the US Embassy and individuals including Prime Minister Boris Johnson, then the mayor of London, the dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London and two rabbis.

Khan admitted to a lesser charge of engaging in conduct for the preparation of acts of terrorism. He had been secretly taped plotting attacks and talking about martyrdom as a possibility.

Khan and his accomplices

had links to radical preacher Anjem Choudary, one of the highest-profile faces of radical Islam in Britain. A mobile phone seized at the time contained material related to a banned group that Choudary founded. The preacher was released from prison in 2018 but is under heavy surveillance and a curfew.

Several people who attended Choudary's rallies when he was under no controls have been convicted of attacks, including the two al-Qaeda-inspired killers who ran over British soldier Lee Rigby and stabbed him to death in 2013.

The two chief contenders in the Dec 12 election – Johnson and Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn – condemned the system Saturday.

Johnson, who visited the scene Saturday, said he had "long argued" that it was a "mistake to allow serious and violent criminals to come out of prison early." He said the criminal justice system "simply isn't working."

Johnson spoke Saturday with US President Donald Trump, who offered his condolences following the attack, according to White House spokesman Judd Deere.

Corbyn said it is not clear if the Probation Office was involved at all and questioned whether the Parole Board should have been given a role.

"We have to ensure that the public are safe," he said. "That means supervision of prisoners in prison but it also means supervision of ex-prisoners when they are released ahead of the completion of their sentence, to have tough supervision of them to make sure this kind of danger is not played out on the public in the future."

He stopped short of blaming Johnson, who was not in office when Khan was set free.

Police said 28-year-old Khan was attending a program that works to educate prisoners when he launched Friday's attack just yards from the site of a deadly 2017 van and knife rampage.

Basu, the top counterterrorism police officer, said the suspect appeared to be wearing a bomb vest but it turned out to be "a hoax explosive device." He said police believe Khan was acting alone.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, saying Khan was one of its fighters. The group's statement, however, didn't provide any evidence.

One of the victims was named in British media reports as Jack Merritt, a graduate of Cambridge University who was helping organize the conference where the attack began. His father David Merritt tweeted that his son had been killed and had a "beautiful spirit."

Basu said he could not name the victims until they had been formally identified by the coroner. He asked the public for help with video, photos and information about the attack.

We have to ensure that the public are safe," he said. "That means supervision of prisoners



EDF – PROGRAMME SUPPORT UNIT



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

European Development Fund - Programme Support Unit (EDF – PSU) is within the Ministry of Finance and Planning, established under the External Finance Division.

The European Development Fund (EDF) is the European Union's (EU) main instrument for providing development aid to African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and to Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs). The activities of the EDF cooperation are in the fields of economic development, social and human development as well as regional cooperation and integration.

The partnership between Tanzania and the EU is anchored in the Cotonou Partnership Agreement, which is the framework agreement for the EU's relations since 2000 with 79 countries from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP).

The Cotonou Partnership Agreement (CPA) between African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and the European Union (EU) stipulates that, "The Government of each ACP State shall appoint a National Authorising Officer to represent it in all operations financed from the resources from the multi-annual financial framework of cooperation under this Agreement managed by the Commission and the Bank. The National Authorising Officer shall appoint one or more deputy National Authorising Officers to replace him when he is unable to carry out his duties and shall inform the Commission of this appointment"

In Tanzania, the National Authorising Officer of the European Development Fund, is the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Finance and Planning.

In order to carry out his mandate as stipulated in the CPA, the Permanent Secretary established EDF – PSU which acts as a quality controller on all EDF Programmes in Tanzania and ensures timely and quality inputs to the EU Project Cycle Management. Also, the unit is the main interlocutor between the EU and Ministries and other entities that are implementing EU funded projects. Day-to-day activities of the unit are managed by the Deputy National Authorising Officer for EDF as the Head of the unit. Some of the functions of the unit include preparation of financing proposals, evaluation of tenders, authorising payments and monitoring and evaluations of projects and programmes.

The Unit is inviting applications from dynamic, energetic and proactive Tanzanians with required technical skills and experience to fill the following three (3) vacancies.

1. Finance Officer

1.1 Reports to: Head of Finance and Administration

1.2 Station: Dodoma

1.3 Contract Period: Three years with possibilities of renewal depending on performance and availability of funds

1.4 Summary of duties and responsibilities:

- Actively participate in identification and formulation of EU funded projects and programmes with focus on the financing aspects;
- Prepare and process timely and accurately payment orders and payment vouchers for projects and programmes;
- Prepare and process reconciliation statements for all bank accounts and petty cash;
- Prepare and process periodic project financial performance reports;
- Prepare for and attend audits/expenditure verifications of projects managed by the Unit;
- Monitoring tax compliance and exemption process;
- Assist in the tender/ Call for Proposals preparation and evaluation process as secretary or evaluator when needed;
- Assist Head of Finance and Administration to implement activities on administration and human resource management duties;
- Train and support counterparts, Programme Managers, Accountants (Imprest Administrators and Imprest Accounting Officers) on the application of EDF rules and procedures; and
- Other duties assigned by the Management.

1.5 Qualification and experience

- Applicants must have professional accounting qualification i.e CPA(T) or equivalent;
- Applicants must have university degree/advanced diploma in accountancy/finance/business administration;
- Master's degree in business administration or related field will be an added advantage; and
- Applicants must have at least five (5) years working experience in accounting/finance position out of which at least two (2) years working with donor funded projects in areas of accounts/finance.
- Experience in working with EU funded projects on accounting/finance/administration will be considered as an added advantage.

1.6 Key competencies

- Excellent IT skills, including the use of accounting applications. Knowledge in Microsoft Navision ERP and QuickBooks will be added advantage;

- Good analytical skills;
- Good written and verbal communications skills, in both English and Swahili;
- Speed and accuracy; and
- Comfortable in working independently with a multitude of different tasks and within strict deadlines in difficult circumstances.

2. Programme Officer – Infrastructure

2.1 Reports to: Head of Programmes

2.2 Station: Dodoma

2.3 Contract Period: Three years with possibilities of renewal depending on performance and availability of funds

2.4 Summary of duties and responsibilities:

- Provide policy and strategic advice to the Head of Programmes on infrastructure matters as stipulated in the Cotonou Partnership Agreement, national development and poverty reduction strategies and the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme or other relevant EU development financing instruments;
- Facilitate identification, preparation, implementation and appraisal of EU funded infrastructure projects;
- Ensure technical and financial monitoring and evaluation of ongoing projects, including the participation to stakeholders meetings and site meetings/visits;
- Ensure revision and follow up of formal communications, claims, payments and any other contractual requirements;
- Prepare and process tender documents for services, supplies and works contracts and prepare contracts and addenda for infrastructure projects;
- Monitor fulfilment of government undertakings as stipulated in respective in financing agreements for various infrastructure and infrastructural related projects, general budget/ sector supports with specific reference to Performance Assessment Framework;
- Train and support counterparts and Programme Managers on EDF and EU rules and procedures; and
- Undertake any responsibilities as assigned from time to time.
- Contribute to the programming/design of new EU-funded projects

2.5 Qualification and experience

- Applicants must have a bachelor degree in civil engineering or related fields;
- Master degree in Engineering, Project Management, Construction Management, Construction Law or related field is added advantage;
- Applicants must have at least five (5) years working experience in procurement and management of civil works project; at least 2 years in a supervision team of works contracts;
- Applicant have to be registered by Tanzania Engineers Registration Board; and
- Proven ability to interact competently with donor agencies on issues related to aid coordination. Knowledge and experience on EDF procedures is an added advantage.

2.6 Key competencies

- Demonstrated professional experience in the design, management and/or supervision of road construction/rehabilitation and maintenance works;
- Demonstrated professional experience in the preparation, examination and administration of tender dossiers for works, supplies and consultancy services including (paved and unpaved) roads, bridges and public buildings;
- A strong background in financial, technical and contractual management of large infrastructure (roads) programmes, Project Cycle Management and Conditions of Contract;
- In depth knowledge of Project Cycle Management, developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems based on performance indicators;
- A very good command of legal and professional skills, written and spoken English and Swahili are necessary; and
- Demonstrated practical experience and sound claim analysis and application of dispute resolution procedures including amicable settlement, conciliation and/or arbitration will be an added advantage.

3. Programme Officer – Energy

3.1 Reports to: Head of Programmes

3.2 Station: Dodoma

3.3 Contract Period: Three years with possibilities of renewal depending on performance and availability of funds

3.4 Summary of duties and responsibilities:

- Provide policy and strategic advice to the Head of Programmes on energy matters as stipulated in the

Cotonou Partnership Agreement and its successor, national development and poverty reduction strategies and plans under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme and other relevant EU development financing instruments;

- Facilitate identification, preparation and appraisal as well as implementation, monitoring and evaluation of EU funded energy programmes and projects;
- Prepare and process tender documents for services, supplies and works contracts, call for proposals and prepare contracts and addenda for energy projects;
- Monitor fulfilment of government undertakings as stipulated in respective in financing agreements for various energy as well as energy related projects, general budget/ sector supports with specific reference to Performance Assessment Framework;
- Developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems based on performance indicators;
- Train and support counterparts and programme managers on EDF and EU rules and procedures;
- Liaise and coordinate on the implementation of projects with Project Managers of MDAs, private sector and other beneficiaries on the EU energy funded projects; and
- Undertake any task assigned from time to time by management.

3.5 Qualification and experience

- Applicants must have Bachelor degree in electrical engineering, electro-mechanical engineering, energy economics, renewable energy, energy and power engineering or related field;
- Master's degree in either energy and environmental management, renewable energy, energy economics, Project Management or related field is an advantage;
- At least five (5) years of work experience in energy sector in Tanzania of which at least two (2) years is in management of energy projects; Professional experience in EU funded energy projects is an asset;
- Applicants must be registered by Tanzania Engineers Registration Board (ERB) or other regulatory Boards as professional engineer;
- Sound experience with Public and Private sector;
- Proven ability to interact competently with donor agencies on issues related to aid coordination; and
- Knowledge and experience on EDF procedures is an added advantage.

3.6 Key competencies

- In depth knowledge of Project Cycle Management;
- Excellent IT skills;
- Good analytical skills;
- Good public relations skills;
- Good written and verbal communication skills, in both English and Swahili;
- Comfortable to work independently, with tight deadlines and in difficult circumstances.

4. How to apply:

Applications must be directed to Email: recruitment@psu.go.tz. Applications by other means will not be accepted. Application letters, up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) and motivation letter (of not more than one page) must be in English and combined in as one document. Your CV must indicate current physical address, telephone contacts and three reputable referees with their reliable contacts including phone numbers and email addresses.

Also, attach compressed folder of scanned copies of Postgraduate/Degree/Advanced Diploma/Diploma/Form IV/Form VI National Examination Certificates and results transcripts (Form IV and form VI results slips, testimonials and all partial transcripts are not acceptable), Professional registration and training certificates from respective registration or regulatory bodies and birth certificates. Certificates from Foreign Universities and foreign examination bodies for Ordinary or Advanced level education must be accompanied by a verification document from Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) and National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA)/ National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) respectively.

An applicant employed in the Public Service should route his/her application letter through his/her respective employers.

Applicants with special needs/case (disability) are supposed to indicate that in their applications.

Please mention the job title/ vacancy name as the subject line when sending application.

Failure to do that your application will not be processed.

Application deadline is on 20th December 2019 at 1530 EAT.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.

Obstructive laws, policies hamper renewable energy potential in Tanzania

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

IN September 2015, during the United Nations Summit, member countries adopted the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with focus on ensuring that every country is working to make an end to poverty, eliminate inequalities and take control of climate change.

The adopted SDGs agenda which consist of 17 goals requires in the seventh goal that every UN member country is supposed to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy.

It explains that, energy is nearly the major challenge and opportunity the world faces today. Focusing on universal access to energy, increased energy efficiency and the increased use of renewable energy through new economic and job opportunities is crucial to creating more sustainable and inclusive communities and resilience to environmental issues.

Renewable energy which includes solar power, hydroelectric power, geothermal, wind, is vital as it contributes to socio-economic development, but also it is an alternative source of energy to others which produce carbon emission and contribute to climate change.

Tanzania has a potential for renewable energy which can be realized through private investment, public and private partnerships and supportive taxation and policy environment.

"It is however that, available policies in the country do not offer a clear support on alternative and clean energy, and also there is an overlap between available policies and guidelines in the energy sector; for stance encouraging investments on solar energy products but at the same time pooling out the tax exemption on the products," according to Tanzania civil society report on the SDGs.

This has led to the increase on the use of non-renewable energy including charcoal which is highly utilized for domestic purposes.

Charcoal consumption especially in urban areas has nearly doubled over the past ten years due to urbanization, high prices or scarcity of other alternatives particularly kerosene, electricity and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

Statistics from Energy Policy 2015 shows that, in 2010, energy consumption composed of residential was 72.5

percent, industry 14.4 percent, transport 5.8 percent, agriculture 4.2 percent and others 3.1 percent.

"It is projected that demand for charcoal, without supply and demand side interventions will double by 2030, from approximately 2.3 million tons of charcoal in 2012."

The Forum for climate change FORUM CC, an association of civil society organizations committed to work on climate change, has underscore the need for the government to shift to the use of renewable energy as alternative and the best source of energy suitable for economic and domestic purpose.

Project coordinator for renewable energy project in the forum Euphrasia Shayo told reporter recently in Dar es Salaam that the government is supposed to see the need of investing much in the utilization of renewable energy in order to reduce carbon emission from use of charcoal and fire wood.

"The problem is that the government has not put priority on renewable sources of energy like hydropower, solar, wind and geothermal," she said.

According to her lots of investment has been allocated in the utilization of non-renewable energy for commercial purpose despite the fact that they are not friendly with the environment, including coal for industrial use," she said.

Shayo cited the government budget tabled for the fiscal year 2016/17 which shows the state allocated 30 percent of the budget for production and utilization of non-renewable energy including coal, whilst, for renewable energy, the government allocated 5 percent only.

"More budget is needed to make infrastructures for utilization of renewable energy more effective in order to provide enough energy for domestic and industrial activities," she insisted.

"But also, policy makers and responsible authorities in the country are supposed to make reforms in the regulatory framework to have a clear statement on utilization of renewable energy."

Shayo explained that a lot of funds from donors have been channeled to develop non-renewable energy for economic purposes while little is set for renewable energy.

She made the remarks to reporter during the session which was prepared by Forum CC that brought to-



gether different Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) across the country to have one alliance that will work to persuade the government to see the necessity of shifting to the use of renewable source of energy instead of non-renewable.

The forum is implementing a two-year project seeking to influence the government to invest more in the generation and use of renewable energy because it is one of clean and safe source of energy to environment.

The initiative is implemented under the fund from Netherlands based organization called Hivos, together with Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA).

Renewable energy is one of best source of dealing with climate change as it produces little amount of carbon gas compared to non-renewable energy like coal and fossil fuels.

"We are advocating for the use of renewable energy in order to also help women in the society who are main user of the energy for domestic activities," she explained.

"It is with no doubt that, scaling-up renewable energy programme is amongst several

key interventions that Tanzania would have to promote in the years ahead as we strive to achieve energy security," said the then Minister for Energy and Minerals Prof Sospeter Muhongo.

The ultimate goal is to attain universal access to modern energy services; therefore, special attention should be given to increase power generation from renewable energy sources that are available in abundance.

"This will lead to more than 75 percent of Tanzania's residents, majority of who live in rural areas, to have access to electricity services by 2035. This approach is in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Energy for all initiative and its post 2015 global sustainable development agenda," the minister said.

The civil society organisations have jointly recommended in their report launched in Dar es Salaam that the government should minimise lengthy administrative process by establishing a one stop centre as well as building capacity and interest of financial institutions to understand renewable energy sector as one of the opportune sectors for investment.

But also enough amounts of resources are required in conducting feasibility studies and assessments for renewable energy projects. The government should design policy and legal framework incentives that attract foreign direct investment in the area.

Meanwhile, project coordinator Msololo Onditi said there is a need for policy makers and the government to put in place specific policy for renewable energy that will stipulate specifically the importance of using renewable energy and directs the government to make effective utilization of it for the sake of protecting environment from carbon emission.

The available laws and policies including National Energy Policy 2015, Rural Energy Agency Act 2001, EWURA regulation 2007 and Electricity Act have not put much emphasis on the utilisation of renewable energy for both economic and domestic benefit.

Onditi said that the government is supposed to strengthen Municipal Councils across the country to be able to develop their own energy from renewable sources available in their

area. "This should go hand in hand with provision of education to citizen on the importance of using renewable energy as best source of energy in order to reduce and completely eliminate the use of carbon based energy."

Investment in spotless and renewable energy sources such as hydro, solar, biomass, wind, and thermal power is an approach towards achieving universal access to cheap and affordable electricity by 2030.

"To achieve this and reduce global electricity consumption in industries and homes by 14 percent, there is the need for the adoption of cost-effective standards for a broad range of technologies," he explained.

Each developing country is encouraged to expand its infrastructure and upgrade technologies to offer clean energy as a basic goal that can inspire socio-economic and political growth and environmental enhancement. Furthermore, renewable energies are expected to increase direct and indirect employment opportunities from 10.3 million in 2017 to 24 million in 2030.

World's crisis-stricken oceans doomed to destruction without a global treaty

UNITED NATIONS

THE greatest single climate-induced threat facing the world's 44 small island developing states (SIDS) is rising sea waters which could obliterate some of the low-lying states, including Maldives, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Palau and Micronesia.

The Marshall Islands alone, says the UN, has seen more than a third of its population move abroad in the last 15-20 years. Many have moved for work, healthcare and education - but climate change is now threatening those who have chosen to stay.

At the Conference of Parties (COP25) on climate change in Madrid December 2, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres pointedly warned that rising sea levels were twice as deadly today as it was many moons ago: while oceans are rising, he said, they are also being poisoned.

"Oceans absorb more than a quarter of all CO2 in the atmosphere and generate more than half our oxygen. Absorbing more and more carbon dioxide acidifies the oceans and threatens all life within them", he added.

But bigger cities have not been spared either.

In an article titled "Warming Ocean Waters Have Fish on the Move", The New York Times reported December 2 that Iceland, whose economy has depended largely on commercial fishing, has discovered that warming waters associated with climate change are causing some fish to seek cooler waters elsewhere beyond the reach of Icelandic fishermen.

Pointing out the hazards of climate change, Guterres says ice caps are melting. And in Greenland alone, 179 billion tonnes of ice melted in July. Permafrost in the Arctic is thawing 70 years ahead of projections. And Ant-

arctica is melting three times as fast as a decade ago, he told delegates at COP25 which is scheduled to conclude December 13.

But there are two proposals before the UN, both aimed primarily at safeguarding the high seas: a Global Network of Ocean Sanctuaries and a Global Ocean Treaty.

Louisa Casson, an Oceans Campaigner at Greenpeace UK, told IPS that scientists and governments have coalesced around the concept of a global network of fully protected ocean sanctuaries, covering at least 30% of the world's ocean.

The creation of this network is not just realistic, but of fundamental importance to the health of our planet, she said.

A new report, "Greenpeace's 30x30: A Blueprint for Ocean Protection" authored in collaboration with the Universities of York and Oxford, sets out a scientifically robust and clear vision for a global network of ocean sanctuaries, totally off limits to human exploitation, which would give oceans and the wildlife that calls it home the space needed to recover and thrive.

To deliver this network, she said, governments at the United Nations must agree on a strong new Global Ocean Treaty in 2020.

"This treaty would help fix the currently broken system of ocean governance, which has allowed our ocean to be exploited to the brink of collapse."

Such a treaty, she said, would provide a clear legal duty and process for nations to protect and restore ocean health through a network of sanctuaries, and set out a robust institutional framework for creating and effectively managing the network through a Conference of the Parties.

A new treaty should also provide clear enforcement obligations for all governments, and monitoring and re-



Scientific expeditions in recent years have revealed that the high seas, 200 nautical miles from coastal shores, harbor an incredible array of species that provide essential services for life on Earth. File photo

view mechanisms to ensure the treaty is being properly implemented by all, said Casson.

The world's high seas, which extend beyond 200 nautical miles, are deemed "international waters" to be shared globally- but they remain largely ungoverned justifying the need for a new treaty.

The world's oceans have steadily undergone environmental destruction, including illegal fishing and overfishing, plastics pollutions, indiscriminate sea bed mining and degradation of marine eco systems.

Dr Palitha Kohona, a former co-chair of the 'U.N. Working Group on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction', told IPS the concept of ocean sanctuaries and protected areas has been on the table for some time.

He said it is high on the agenda of

Western NGOs and many European countries.

And there is a historic compromise in place between the Group of 77 developing countries (G77) and the European Union (EU) on the outlines of this concept and benefit sharing, he noted.

"Properly identified and policed, ocean sanctuaries and marine protected areas (MPAs) will help to protect the habitat of identified species and the breeding grounds of diverse marine life forms which took millions of years to evolve," he said.

It is hoped that agreement on these will at least help to arrest the decline in the number of marine species, said Dr Kohona a former Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations.

However, a longstanding demand for benefit sharing by developing countries also needs accommodation. A compromise can be achieved. There

are precedents which can be adapted, he said.

Biological diversity in the oceans could very well provide the impetus for the next wave of innovations in the pharmaceutical industry and the developing world is acutely conscious of being excluded from it benefits.

"We know that species extinction is occurring at an unprecedented pace, including in the seas and oceans. Global warming is contributing substantially to this phenomenon".

At the same time, species adaptation to changing weather and climate factors is threatening the livelihood of millions who depend on the oceans and seas for their living.

He said fish swim away from familiar habitats to areas where the temperature is more conducive to their existence.

Attempts to arrest global warming have received storms of verbal sup-

port but not much by way of practical action. Some in positions of power have even challenged the overwhelming scientific view in order to cultivate uniformed electoral support, he noted.

"At COP 25 in Madrid, we need to encourage thinking that would balance economic consolidation and advancement and the conservation of the environment for our children. Our future must not be left to whims of those who thrive in ignorance," he declared.

Casson pointed out there is wide agreement on the need for a new Global Ocean Treaty.

However, governments have been negotiating on a new treaty for years now, and as industrial vested interests step up their lobbying there is a serious risk of the treaty failing to change the status quo, leaving governments unable to deliver effective ocean protection.

She said governments that are truly supportive of proper marine protection must step up when the United Nations meets next year, and fight for the strongest Global Ocean Treaty possible.

"Without a robust new treaty, the ocean crisis will only worsen, which will have wide implications for our planet's health and for all of humanity," she warned.

Meanwhile, the United Nations has proclaimed a Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) to support efforts to reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health.

The marine realm, says the UN, is the largest component of the Earth's system that stabilizes climate and support life on Earth and human well-being.

The impact of multiple stressors on the ocean is projected to increase as the human population grows towards the expected 9 billion by 2050.

Joint African project a game-changer for young rice farmers in Morogoro

By Guardian Reporter

GODFREY Pascal is among young rice growers in Kilosa District benefiting from the Partnership for Sustainable Rice Systems Development in Sub-Saharan Africa project—aimed at realizing more efficient, sustainable and productive rice systems in Africa to increase food security and enhance sustainable development of the rice food chain among the smallholder farmers especially youth.

In Africa, the three-year project was executed in Tanzania, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Uganda.

With the use of technologies adopted in the project, Pascal harvests an average of 52 sacks of rice per acre while before introduction of the project he was harvesting between 8 and 20 sacks.

"To me, this is a miracle. I commend everyone who made this project possible to us as smallholder farmers," Pascal says with a broad smile.

After selling rice, he says: "I got 5.2m/-, the money I used to build a modern house (village standard). This is a very good step and I encourage youth to venture into agriculture."

He describes the project and System of Rice Intensification (SRI) as a game changer due to the fact that it triples rice production per acre, which in turn addresses food security and poverty.

Project coordinator for FAO, Diomedes Kalisa also admits that life has changed for better for rice growers in areas where the project was imple-



System of Rice Intensification (SRI) enables farmers to grow far more food more cost-effectively and sustainably, producing higher yields with less water, fertilizer, seeds, and labor.

mented said the project has supported 2600 rice farmers who are now practicing modern rice farming.

"The project also provided training to 150 youth," Kalisa said when speaking on Monday at the function to wrap up the project.

He said that in Tanzania the project was managed by the ministry and FAO whereas each of the participating

countries was provided with US\$500,000 from the funding country, Venezuela.

In Tanzania it was implemented in Mvomero, Kilosa and Kilombero districts. Representative of FAO to Tanzania, Fred Kafeero says: "The importance of rice in ensuring food security cannot be overstated. Rice is a staple crop in many countries including Tanzania. Many people, especially in growing cities on rice is a food security crop and also a source of income. In fact in this part of Africa, Tanzania is the second main rice producer after Madagascar."

"Here in Tanzania Rice production has increased its value to the country's economy where it remains as a main source of food, employment and income to many smallholder farmers' households," he says, adding that in Tanzania the

project contributed to the implementation of the National Strategy for Involvement of Youth in Agriculture of 2016.

He says: "FAO provided technical support to the Government of Tanzania for its development. The project addressed challenges causing low rice productivity in Tanzania through the adoption and upscaling of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) using proven approaches that FAO has tested in many countries."

According to him, the implementation witnessed major positive developments among farmers especially youth from production to market levels. Out of a small group of 150 youth who were trained on SRI in 2017, now more than 600 youth and 2000 adult farmers are scaling up the rice production method in project areas and beyond. The young farmers are now paid by willing farmers (beyond project area) to train them in these new production skills.

"Production and productivity in project areas has improved whereby the farmers in the project areas have more than doubled their rice production from an average of 20 bags of paddy to more than 40 per acre."

"Young farmers, through entrepreneurship skills training, have started different income generating activities besides rice farming including building houses for rent, hair dressing salons, motorcycle taxi business famously known as boda boda and livestock keeping, among many others."

"This has in turn improved the incomes and livelihoods of the youth

farmers and their families through construction of better houses, paying school fees for children and affording health insurance covers."

The project recently procured various gender responsive, time and labour-saving farm inputs to help reduce post-harvest losses and improve grain quality. This included installation of 4 complete sets of rice processing machines with ability to remove husks and stones; carry out grading and packing;

"I have no doubt we will hear more testimonies from some of the project's beneficiaries who are with us here today," he said.

Kafeero said the project has strengthened collaboration and co-ordination among youth and government institutions and supporting learning, knowledge management and sharing among rice value chains actors. "We commend the team work and commitment of the highest level by all partners; the Ministry of Agriculture; Morogoro Regional office; the Local government authorities and the farmers."

We recognize the excellent partnership that FAO has with the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela who provided the funding support all through."

"FAO remains committed to working with Tanzania and other partners in coordinating south-south cooperation to strengthen partnership and learning between countries on effective technologies and approaches to increase food security and nutrition to all."

Bushmeat may likely breed deadly bacteria

By Robab Katani

PEOPLE who eat wildebeests, warthogs and other wild African animals may be at risk for contracting potentially life-threatening diseases, according to an international team of researchers.

The team analyzed samples of bushmeat—meat derived from wildlife—in the Western Serengeti in Tanzania and identified several groups of bacteria, many of which contain the species that cause diseases such as anthrax, brucellosis and Q fever.

"Many people in Sub-Saharan Africa regularly consume bushmeat, up to two-to-five times per week, which means that millions of people could be exposing themselves to these dangerous pathogens," said Robab Katani, assistant research professor of global health, Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, Penn State.

"And the number is growing. Bushmeat consumption and trade has been increasing because of growing food insecurity, low cost compared to other meat products, and perceived medicinal value, among other things."

The problem is not confined to Africa either, she added.

"Bushmeat is smuggled illegally into the U.S. and Western Europe on a daily basis," she said.

"For example, Charles de Gaulle airport in France intercepts five tons per week. This practice puts even more

people at risk for contracting dangerous bacterial diseases."

To quantify the risk associated with eating and handling bushmeat, the researchers first needed identify the bacteria present in the meat. They obtained 56 fresh and processed bushmeat tissue samples from the predominant large herbivores— including buffalo, zebra and giraffe— of the Serengeti National Park and surrounding areas. They collected these samples within three ecologically distinct regions, called Bunda, Serengeti and Tarime, within the Serengeti ecosystem. Using a broad genetic sequencing technique, called 16S rRNA sequencing, they analyzed the microbiomes— all of the microorganisms— present in each sample.

The team found 27 different groups— called phyla— of bacteria in the samples, with Firmicutes, Proteobacteria, Cyanobacteria and Bacteroidetes being the most abundant. All of these groups contain both pathogenic species. Within those phyla the researchers detected DNA signatures of bacteria within the genera Bacillus, Brucella and Coxiella, which contain the species that cause anthrax, brucellosis and Q fever, respectively. The team's findings on the microbiome analysis of the samples appear today (Dec. 2) in Scientific Reports.

"Anthrax, brucellosis and Q fever can be deadly if left untreated," said Vivek Kapur, professor of microbiol-



Many people in sub-Saharan Africa regularly consume bushmeat, up to two-to-five times per week.

ogy and infectious diseases, Huck Distinguished Chair in Global Health and associate director of the Huck Institutes of Life Sciences, Penn State. "Antibiotics work, but most people don't have access to them. We've encountered many people who've tragically lost a family member to these other-

wise preventable diseases."

The researchers also found a particularly high prevalence of bacteria in the genus Clostridium, whose species cause diseases like botulism and tetanus. In fact, the microbiomes of wildebeest collected during the dry season comprised more than 78 per-

cent Clostridial species.

"Understanding which bacteria are present in bushmeat is necessary to establishing a plan to help curb outbreaks of these dangerous diseases," said Kapur. "Our data suggest the presence of certain disease-causing species, and our objective now is to

use species-level analyses to fine-tune our focus on specific pathogens and accurately assess and mitigate the associated risk of disease outbreaks. Ultimately, our goal is also to help build capabilities for rapid diagnosis and risk mitigation in the countries of origin to address these risks before they become a problem globally."

Govt will continue working with religious institutions in education, says Ndalichako

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Joyce Ndalichako said the government will continue to cooperate with private institutions including universities run by religious organizations for the development of the education sector.

Prof Ndalichako (pictured) said this here on Monday when inaugurating modern office buildings for lecturers of St Augustine University (SAUT) Mbeya Branch.

She said investment on the university in the infrastructure is beneficial and is one among things which the government stresses in putting



up friendly environment in giving education to Tanzanians.

She said the private sector is very important in development

and that is why the government is partnering with private institutions in implementing various projects including the important education sector.

She said the university has put up excellent environment for girl students as hostels built will assist those from faraway places who have to travel long distances.

The SAUT Director Mbeya Branch, Prof. Romuald Haule said the office building for lecturers cost 800.8m/- and hostel building for girls cost 1.531bn/-.

He said the hostel has capacity to accommodate 420 students at a time and has all basic services, hence students will not find it necessary to go outside during the

night.

He added: "The office building for lecturers has a capacity to accommodate 91 lecturers and has 33 office rooms, as now we have 75 lecturers all of them are accommodated in the building."

For his part the Catholic Bishop for Shinyanga Diocese Liberatus Sangu, called on the university leadership to ensure they allocate for renovation of the buildings instead of leaving the unattended.

The catholic Bishop for Mbeya Diocese Gervais Nyaisonga said the quality of the modern buildings instills great faith in people who have trusted them including those who donated funds, including the government.

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

THOUSANDS of traders who used to sell their merchandise on pedestrian pavements within Mwanza city are now looking for other premises to conduct their business after being flashed out by authorities.

The operation to remove the traders was conducted at the weekend by the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) with the aim of regaining the spaces which were literally raided by the hawkers.

Speaking to The Guardian here yesterday, TANROADS Manager for Mwanza Region Marwa Rubirya said that the agency will ensure that pavements along roads under its management are always free to be used by pedestrians.

The traders scattering their items on the pavements while others building kiosks on top of the drainage systems was a major nuisance in Mwanza city

Sanity resumes after the authorities remove traders from city pavements

as it forced pedestrians to endanger their lives by walking on the road.

Rubirya pointed out that government sets aside a lot of funds to construct the pavements for use by pedestrians to protect them against being knocked by automobiles and therefore save their lives. In that regard the provisions should be left to be used for the purpose they have been provided to make sure that things go in line with the plan for development of the nation, he said.

According to him, TANROADS educates the traders the detrimental effects on running business on the areas provided for pedestrians on highways from time to time with regard to road accidents.

Number of people is on the increase in Mwanza city centre therefore if areas for pedestrians are not left free for them to pass a lot of accidents are likely to occur every now and then, claiming lives of people as well as loss of their properties unnecessarily, he noted.

He stated that doing business on top of the drainage system and areas for pedestrians is also causing trouble to them when they want to implement works to improve the roads.

Under pressure, can COP25 deliver?

ROME

MASS public pressure backed by the weight of scientific reports is starting to bring governments to their senses as the annual UN climate summit kicks off in Madrid today.

But despite warnings that the planet is reaching critical tipping points, the two weeks of talks with nearly 30,000 participants and dozens of heads of government attending may still end in that familiar sense of disappointment and an opportunity missed.

The annual Conference of the Parties, this year being COP25, was to have been a highly arcane if crucial process of finding agreement on carbon markets, known in the jargon as Article 6 of the 'rulebook' to implement the 2015 Paris Agreement on stopping the planet from overheating.

Highly contentious, and in part pitting developing countries like Brazil, China and India against others, the Article 6 debate could not be resolved at last year's summit - COP24 in Katowice, Poland - nor at meetings in Bonn in June and hence was left for COP25 to try and fix. The other big elephant in the room - setting more ambitious national targets to reduce carbon emissions - was conveniently going to be left to be settled at next year's COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland.

But action is needed now, and senior officials representing nearly 200 countries have been put on notice that the climate emergency in all its forms is dominating the public sphere across the world. Just last week we saw student-led demonstrations and strikes

in many places that appropriately fell on Black Friday, delivering a broadside against rampant consumerism as well as government inaction.

"Striking is not a choice we relish; we do it because we see no other options," youth leaders Greta Thunberg of Sweden, Luisa Neubauer of Germany and Angela Valenzuela of Chile declared in a joint statement.

"We have watched a string of United Nations climate conferences unfold. Countless negotiations have produced much-hyped but ultimately empty commitments from the world's governments - the same governments that allow fossil fuel companies to drill for ever-more oil and gas, and burn away our futures for their profit."

UN Secretary General António Guterres has told COP25 that "the point of no return is no longer over the horizon".

"In the crucial 12 months ahead, it is essential that we secure more ambitious national commitments - particularly from the main emitters - to immediately start reducing greenhouse gas emissions at a pace consistent to reaching carbon neutrality by 2050. We simply have to stop digging and drilling and take advantage of the vast possibilities offered by renewable energy and nature-based solutions," Guterres said.

Just last month the UN Environment Programme's annual Emissions Gap Report warned that the Paris Agreement ambition of keeping average temperatures within 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial times was "on the brink of becoming impossible".

Global greenhouse gas emissions in



Climate change effects, such as extreme weather events, drive up environmental remediation costs. File photo

2030 would have to be under 25 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent to reach that target but, at current rates of growth, emissions are projected to reach more than double that level. Clearly drastic action is needed.

Reinforcing the sense of emergency, the World Meteorological Organization reported that atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases reached new record

highs in 2018. China is the world's largest emitter.

Spain stepped in to offer Madrid as a venue for COP25 after Chile withdrew as host because of mass anti-government unrest. However Chile is still leading the conference and together with Spain will be pushing countries to act quickly to raise the ambition of their carbon emission reduction targets. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez says the

goal is for "the largest number of countries" to commit to net zero emissions by 2050.

From 2020 to 2030, emissions must be cut 7.6% a year to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius goal, the UNEP says.

However the main negotiation process in Madrid is expected to focus on the unfinished business of the market-based mechanisms to create and manage new carbon markets under the Paris

Agreement. This would allow countries and industries to earn credits for above-target emission reductions that can then be traded. Big developing countries have already accumulated huge amounts of carbon credits under the previous but now largely discredited carbon credit scheme. It is a highly complex tangle of interests.

Carbon Brief, a UK-based climate website, says the Article 6 debate has the potential to "make or break" implementation of the Paris Agreement which comes into force next year.

"To its proponents, Article 6 offers a path to significantly raising climate ambition or lowering costs, while engaging the private sector and spreading finance, technology and expertise into new areas. To its critics, it risks fatally undermining the ambition of the Paris Agreement at a time when there is clear evidence of the need to go further and faster to avoid the worst effects of climate change," Carbon Brief explains.

While Article 6 is a highly technical area, the underlying issues are political, with some countries forming unofficial alliances to defend their own interests rather than the common good of the planet. But politicians have been put on notice that this time the world's public is watching closely. Horse-trading cannot be allowed to put our futures at risk.

IPS

UN: Green economy not to be feared, but embraced

MADRID

A GREEN economy is "not one to be feared but an opportunity to be embraced", UN Secretary-General António Guterres said on Monday, in a keynote speech to delegates at the opening of the COP25 UN climate conference in Madrid on Monday.

The tasks are many, timelines are tight, every item is important

Mr. Guterres outlined the work programme for what will be a busy two-week event covering multiple aspects of the climate crisis, including capacity-building, deforestation, indigenous peoples, cities, finance, technology, and gender. "The tasks are many", he said, "our timelines are tight, and every item is important".

"Do we really want to be remembered as the generation that buried its head in the sand, that fiddled while the planet burned?" António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

The conference must convey a firm determination to change course, demonstrate that the world is seriously committed to stopping the "war against nature", and has the political will to reach carbon neutrality by 2050, he continued.

COP25 marks the beginning of a 12 month process to review countries' "Nationally Determined Contributions" or NDCs (the commitments made under the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement), and ensure that they are ambitious enough to defeat the climate emergency.

Overcome divisions, put a price on carbon

Encouraging signs of progress, noted Mr. Guterres, came out of the UN's Climate Action Summit, held in September, which saw initiatives proposed by small island nations and least-developed countries, major cities and regional economies, as well as the private and financial sectors.

The stated intention of some 70 countries to submit enhanced NDCs in 2020 - with 65 countries and major economies committing to work for net zero emissions by 2050 - while governments and investors are backing away from fossil fuels, were also cited as positive signs.

The UN chief called for leaders to end division over climate change, and reach consensus on carbon pricing, a crucial tool for cutting greenhouse gas emissions. Doing so, he said, will "get markets up and running, mobilize

the private sector, and ensure that the rules are the same for everyone."

Is this the generation that 'fiddled while the planet burned'?

However, failing to decide on a price for carbon will, warned Mr. Guterres, risk fragmenting the carbon markets, sending a negative message that can undermine efforts to solve the climate crisis.

Throughout his speech, the Secretary-General was crystal clear about the urgent, existential level of the climate crisis. Failure to act, he said, will be the path of surrender: "Do we really want to be remembered as the generation that buried its head in the sand, that fiddled while the planet burned?"

The signs of potential disaster are unmissable, he declared. For example, the current concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere is comparable to that seen between 3 and 5 million years ago, when the temperature was between 2 and 3 degrees Celsius warmer than now and sea levels were 10 to 20 metres higher than today.

Other indicators include the fact that the last five years have been the hottest on record, and have seen extreme weather events and associated disasters, from hurricanes to drought to floods to wildfires. Ice caps are melting at a rapid rate, sea levels are rising, and oceans are acidifying, threatening all marine life.

Meanwhile, coal plants continue to be planned and built, and large, important parts of the global economy - from agriculture to transportation, from urban planning and construction to cement, steel and other carbon-intensive industries - are still run in ways that are unsustainable.

"There is no time and no reason to delay", concluded Mr. Guterres. "We have the tools, we have the science, we have the resources. Let us show we also have the political will that people demand from us. To do anything less will be a betrayal of our entire human family and all the generations to come".

Time for politicians to lead, not follow

Speaking at a roundtable with Heads of State and government attending COP25, Mr. Guterres urged them to lead, and not follow, at a time when public opinion over the environment is evolving very quickly, and cities, regions and the business community are taking action to tackle the climate crisis.



Former Titan II Missile in its silo, Sahuarita, Arizona. Photo: The Titan Missile Museum

The Secretary-General reminded them that at the recent G20 meeting of the world's leading economies in Osaka, a group of asset management companies, representing some \$34 trillion dollars had asked political leaders to enhance climate action, end subsidies to fossil fuels, and put a price on carbon.

The private sector, he added, is increasingly demonstrating

a strong commitment to move forward, and complaining that it's governments who are lagging behind: regulation is inadequate, fiscal systems are not favourable, subsidies are still going to fossil fuels, and companies face obstacles to climate action.

With a head of steam building for action, it is for political leaders to "to be able to take profit of this movement and to

lead, for us to be able to defeat climate change".

Climate crisis mostly affecting 'those least responsible for it' The Secretary-General also addressed a forum of "climate vulnerable" countries, where he pointed out the "great injustice" of climate change: its effects fall most on those least responsible for it.

He cited examples, including Mozambique and the Car-

ibbean, ravaged by storms that cause devastation, in terms of lives lost, communities uprooted, and economies crippled; and drought in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa.

Nevertheless, some of the most vulnerable nations are in the forefront of climate action, showing leadership at September's Climate Action Summit. Mr. Guterres expressed his hope that their example will be followed by the world's big emitters.

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COLLABORATION

NBC, TTCL forge partnership to allow customers to access cash receipt services digitally

By Guardian Reporter

NATIONAL Bank of Commerce customers can now easily transact through T-Pesa of Tanzania Telecommunications Company Limited, thanks to an agreement reached between the two parties.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, NBC's head of digital services, Deogratius Mosha said the deal will allow digital payment solutions to be accessed by more consumers in the market hence facilitating financial inclusion.

"The launching of this services means that T-Pesa customers can now move their money into an NBC account hence ensure safety and security while also allowing them to move money from the bank and pay third parties," Mosha said.

He said NBC is committed towards extending formal banking services

to the majority of the people most of whom own a mobile phone and may probably be TTCL subscribers based in rural areas of the country.

"In order to make sure that the public has access to formal banking services, NBC has introduced a number of digital products such as NBC Mobile, Internet banking and NBC application backed by over 2,000 NBC Wakalas located countrywide," he added.

The NBC head of digital services further noted that the partnership with T-Pesa simply serves to extend banking services among the wider population because many adults in the market currently own a mobile phone.

"This agreement allows T-Pesa customers access their NBC accounts through their mobile phones at the comfort of their premises anywhere in the country," he stressed.



National Bank of Commerce's head of digital services, Deogratius Mosha (L) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of the bank's partnership with T-Pesa. He is with T-Pesa's director of mobile financial services, Lulu Mkudde. Photo courtesy NBC.

Speaking at the same event, T-Pesa director of mobile financial services, Lulu Mkudde said the deal will benefit millions of TTCL customers who are being served countrywide by a network of over T-Pesa 20,000 agents.

Mkudde said the state owned TTCL which is T-Pesa's holding company continues to grow and conquer the

crowded market through digital payment solutions which has now been extended to NBC, one of the market's top five elite commercial banks.

"T-Pesa's growth has resulted into efficiency and rapid increase in electronic transactions which include online shopping, sending and receiving money but also payment

of utility bills, fees and many more," she noted.

Mkudde stated that T-Pesa's rapid growth is also creating jobs through agents but also adding value to economic growth as digital transactions have meant that individuals and businesses are easily paying and receiving cash.

"Because of easy access of digital transaction through mobile phones, the percentage of people with access to financial services has increased from 44 percent in 2009 to 76 percent currently," she noted while inviting consumers to join the NBC-T-Pesa platform for better digital transactions.

OPTIMISM

UAE investments into Africa will flourish - Standard Chartered exec

DUBAI

THE UAE government, state-controlled entities and major private sector enterprises will scale up investments into Africa next year as the continent prepares to roll out a pan-African trade treaty, the co-head of Africa and Middle East global banking business at Standard Chartered said.

The UAE's public and private firms, which have traditionally looked to invest more in Europe and Asia, are now focusing attention on Africa and the level of investment is expected to rise sharply in the next few years, Saif Malik told The National in Dubai.

Standard Chartered, he said, has seen increased capital flow into Africa and the lender expects further momentum in 2020, based on the discussion it is engaged in with clients in both Africa and the UAE.

"It wasn't an important market [for the UAE] for a while, but now, especially for me in my role in the last 12 months, the amount of interest that I'm seeing from our UAE clients [for African investment] is unbelievable," Mr Malik said. "I think it [investment] is going to be probably at some record level, especially, from what I'm hearing in terms of discussion that are happening at government-to-government level."

Mr Malik, who oversees the bank's business with large multinationals that come to African markets from Europe, the US, Japan and elsewhere, also deals with large African family groups and does advisory work with sovereigns.

He was recently in the UAE meeting government-related entities and major private sector firms and sees the UAE becoming a "player" in the African investment scene next year. He also expects state-owned enterprises to join the fray as well.

Africa, regarded as the world's last frontier of growth, has a population of about 1.3 billion and is home to major economies such as South Africa and Opec members Nigeria, Gabon, Algeria and Congo.

Africa's economy is forecast to accelerate to 4 per cent this year, and 4.1 per cent in 2020, slower than India and China, but faster than other emerging and developing countries, according to the African Development Bank. Africa offers investment opportunities across sectors as countries look to modernise their infrastructures. Energy, renewables, health care, education, agriculture, rail and roads, airports, trade and logistics zones are



Saif Malik, Standard Chartered's regional co-head, global banking, Africa and Middle East

some areas open to investment. Several African countries are also trying to improve their oil and gas infrastructure and broaden their industrial bases.

AfDB estimates the continent's infrastructure needs alone are between \$130 billion (Dh477.1bn) to \$170bn a year, with a financing gap of \$67.6bn to \$107.5bn.

UAE-to-Africa trade with sub-Saharan African countries was estimated at about \$22bn in 2018, making the UAE Africa's fifth-largest trading partner behind Europe (\$155bn), China (\$120bn), India (\$60bn) and the US (\$38bn), according to a Standard Chartered report. The UAE is also among the top 10 source countries for foreign direct investment in sub-Saharan Africa, according to a white paper released by Dubai Chamber and

Economist Intelligence Unit in November.

Improvements are being made to intra-Africa trade through agreements such as the East Africa Economic Community and Single African Air Transport Market but the most important is the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which will be the world's largest free trade area by number of countries once it's fully up and running.

After years of talks, the African Union has launched the operational phase of the treaty, whose goal is to establish a single market for goods and services across 54 countries, allow the free movement of business travellers and investment, and create a continental customs union to streamline trade and attract long-term investment.

Intra-Africa trade is estimated at \$159bn in

2018, according to Afrieximbank's African Trade Report reported released in June this year.

Mr Malik does not think AfCFTA will be ready by 2020, but said that UAE firms are setting the groundwork, building relations and getting to grips with a market that still presents some challenges. Interest is coming from large private enterprises, especially retail and consumer sector companies and commodities-led groups, he said.

"I think it is a mix of commodities and consumer side. Everyone wants to know [about Africa]. Everyone wants to see what they can do there," he noted.

EXPANSION

Airtel takes 4G network to Morogoro as it targets cross-country coverage

By Guardian Reporter

SUBSCRIBERS of Airtel Tanzania Limited's mobile services in Morogoro can now enjoy the luxury of accessing high speed broadband communication thanks to introduction fourth generation (4G) network coverage in the municipality yesterday.

Morogoro becomes the fourth region to have Airtel's 4G Lite network communications after recent similar launches in Coast, Dar es Salaam and Dodoma regions as the telco targets to cover the whole country in the next few months.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Airtel Tanzania's Director of Communications Beatrice Singano said the 4G Lite network expansion targets the whole country as the telco continues investing in bringing reliable, innovative, relevant and affordable products and services to its customers.

"Morogoro remains one of important regions to our business. In addition, the region plays a big role in contributing to the country's economy growth due to a number of industries that it hosts. By launch of the 4G network, we will definitely benefit residents of Morogoro," Singano said.

She further noted that the 4G network expansion is in line of 'Airtel mpya' phenomena which focuses on commitment to fulfill conditions reached by the company and Treasury earlier this year.

"One such condition is that Airtel pay Treasury 8bn/- being a dividend for a period between January and August this year," Singano added.

She pointed out that as the company continues to roll out its 4G network countrywide to improve quality of its services, it has also heavily invested in a single largest mobile money agents network through Airtel Money Branches.

"We have over 1,000 Airtel Money Branches across the country aimed at supporting financial inclusion by bringing Airtel services and products closer to our customers. Our plan is to continue to build a strong, reliable agent network with an array of services that can be accessed through our Airtel Money Branches in addition to traditional cash in and cash out," the Airtel Tanzania Corporate Director noted.



Airtel Tanzania's director of corporate affairs, Beatrice Singano. File photo.

VAT prices Kenya out of East African seed market

NAIROBI

LOCAL seed producers are unable to sell outside the country as they cannot compete favourably because of costly product resulting from a 16 percent value-added (VAT) tax levied on vegetable seed.

Seed Traders Association of Kenya said they could not sell seed in Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda and Burundi because of

the VAT. Chairman Kassim Owino said the VAT comes on top of high cost of production in Kenya, which is 20 percent more than in neighbouring states.

"We cannot compete outside Kenya because of the 16 percent VAT that we pay on vegetable seed. We would like the government to abolish this levy to enable seed makers to take advantage of the regional market," he said.

Mr Owino said it is only Kenya that charges the levy on production of seed. The official said Kenya has one of the best seeds in the region and should use this opportunity to increase sales by abolishing taxes that hamper competitiveness.

"Recently we saw VAT on pesticide abolished and we would like the same to be done on vegetable seeds," he said.

Last week, the lobby group complained

that multinationals, which sell seed to Kenya are withdrawing from the market after the government moved a plants agency out the port, leading to delays in clearance of the consignments.

The absence of the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service at the port, left inspection to Kenya Bureau of Standards, which lacks the capacity to deal with plant materials.

EXCELLENCE

Dutch institute names TBL Best Employer for the third year running

By Guardian Reporter

TOP Employer Institute, has named Tanzania Breweries Limited as the best employer following successful implementation of human resources principles observed and measures by the institute.

The award was presented to the company at a ceremony held in South Africa recently. It is the third year in a row that

local beer brewer has been awarded by Top Employer Institute, the company stated in a statement.

Responding to the success, TBL Group's managing director, Philip Redman said the award has come at a right time when the company is focusing on improving its products and services. "TBL is proud to receive this award for the third year in a row as it demonstrates our continuous

efforts in making our company an employer of choice both locally and internationally," Redman said.

He said TBL has been recognized for its exceptional employee conditions and the development of human resources practices which puts its people first. "The company helps enrich the world of work through outstanding dedication to human resource ex-

cellence and because of this, TBL has been recognized as an employer of choice," he added.

The annual international research undertaken by the TEI, recognizes leading employers around the world who provide excellent employee conditions, nurture and develop talent throughout different levels of the company. Apart from the TEI interna-

tional award, TBL has also won the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) -Employer of Year award in 2015 and 2016 and was a runner up in 2017, the brewer said in its statement.

In its statement to announce TBL's award, TEI said the beer brewer which has over 2,000 employees has shown excellence in nurturing new talent. "Our comprehensive independent re-

search revealed that Tanzania Breweries Limited provides exceptional employee conditions, nurtures and develops talent throughout all levels of the organisation and has demonstrated its leadership status in the HR environment, always striving to optimise its employment practices and to develop its employees," the Netherlands based institute stated.



TBL Group's managing director, Philip Redman (R), during a past interview

DECELERATION

Egypt's private sector contracts in November as new orders plummet

CAIRO

EGYPT'S non-oil private sector activity contracted in November to its lowest levels since September 2017 as new orders fell and firms voiced concerns on the local economy, according to a new survey of companies.

IHS Markit's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which measures the health of the non-oil sector, declined to 47.9 in November from 49.2 in October, remaining below the 50 mark that differentiates contraction and expansion, the report found on Tuesday.

"Businesses highlighted concerns over the domestic economy and new business declined for the fourth consecutive month," David Owen, economist at IHS Markit, said. "The downturn was extended to foreign orders, with firms noting weakness in key export markets."

Egypt signed a three-year, \$12 billion Extended Fund Facility in November 2016 to revive its economy through

tough reform measures. The government devalued its currency and cut subsidies at the end of 2016 to secure the loan agreement, followed by further spending cuts.

The reforms helped end a major dollar shortage, repaired overburdened finances and pulled the country out of an economic crisis, although Egyptians have felt pressured by the austerity measures.

A "continued market slowdown" led to a drop in output and new orders while employment fell for the first time since July, according to the IHS Markit survey.

Companies reduced their output for the fourth consecutive month in response to a drop in new orders.

New business fell at a faster rate in November, which companies attributed to the slowdown in the market.

Exporters also said sales dropped despite new contracts with firms in Saudi Arabia, Greece, Morocco and other countries.

Responding to the drop in

demand, companies also reduced their selling prices to stimulate sales. The drop in sale prices was the quickest rate in the index's history, the report said.

Employment fell in November for the first time in four months due to the lack of new business.

"On the positive side, inflationary pressures continued to ease, with the latest markup in input costs being the second-softest on record.

This allowed companies to raise input buying and also lower selling prices for the first time since May," Mr Owen said. "The drop in charges may see some demand restored in future months."

Egyptian companies' future sentiment decreased slightly last month, with some expectation of the slowdown in market conditions to linger, the report said.

However, the overall outlook remains positive with a "high proportion" of firms expecting future output to rise in over the next 12 months.

TRADE WAR

China hints US blacklist imminent as threats to talks on trade escalate

BEIJING

CHINESE state media said the government will soon publish a list of "unreliable entities" that could lead to sanctions against US companies, signalling that trade talks between the two nations are increasingly under threat from disputes over human rights in Hong Kong and Xinjiang.

The Communist Party-backed Global Times said in a tweet early Tuesday that the list was being sped up in response to a bill sponsored by Republican Senator Marco Rubio requiring measures against Chinese officials involved in alleged abuses of Uighur Muslims in the far west region of Xinjiang. Beijing has threatened to publish such a list of companies since May, after the US placed restrictions on Huawei Technologies.

A response from China on the Xinjiang issue that hits US companies would add another obstacle as the two countries struggle to finalise a phase-one deal to de-escalate the trade war. On Monday, US President Donald Trump said that legislation signed last week censuring China

over the protests in Hong Kong had already complicated the talks.

Global Times Editor-in-Chief Hu Xijin went further on Twitter, saying that US officials may face visa restrictions and US passport holders could be banned from entering the province.

"Based on what I know, since US Congress plans to pass Xinjiang-related bill, China is considering to impose visa restrictions on US officials and lawmakers who've had odious performance on Xinjiang issue; it might also ban all US diplomatic passport holders from entering Xinjiang," Hu Xijin (@HuXijin_GT) December 3, 2019.

China hasn't specified which companies would be affected by the blacklist, though courier firm FedEx has been under particular scrutiny this year. A re-escalation of trade tensions also places more focus on a December 15 deadline for Trump to add yet more tariffs on Chinese imports.

The US House of Representatives is expected to vote on Tuesday on the Xinjiang bill, which was passed by the Senate in September.



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INVESTMENT

Rwanda to digitise public service recruitment

KIGALI

THE Government of Rwanda is set to set up an integrated e-recruitment system through which job applications, written interviews and marking will be conducted, the Prime Minister has said.

Edouard Ngirente said that the project, which is expected to be completed in one year, is designed to curb irregularities in the process of recruiting public servants. He made the disclosure on Monday while presenting the Government's ICT agenda in line with facilitating a knowledge-based economy, to a joint session of both chambers of parliament.

"The project is being developed but we think it will take about 12 months for us to have reached a level at which people can apply for job online, do exam (s) and immediately see whether they have passed or failed," he said. He said his office was working with the Ministry of Public Service and Labour on the project.

"We are considering the required equipment, and how the system can work. It will help check complaints addressed to the National Public Service Commission," he said as he responded to a query from MP Chantal Mbakeshimama on the need for promoting transparency in the process to recruit public servants.

"Police issues driving permit exams digitally, it is a good service which the public rates as transparent. I would like to know how the same method can be implemented in public service recruitment such that a candidate leave the exam room knowing their marks," she said. "It think this approach can reduce suspicion or even the injustice identified in various reports that we get."

Ngirente said that the system will address malpractices that might result from the traditional method where a candidate does a written interview on a booklet, and marking is done physically. So far, only job applications are online whereby applicants do not have to take their documents to physical offices of the recruiting institutions.



Rwandan Prime Minister, Edouard Ngirente speaking at the forum.

In this fiscal year (2019/2020), the Ministry of Public Service and Labour allocated Rwf201.5 million towards developing and testing automated shortlisting and waiting list in e-recruitment system. The Premier said that a similar online system is being implemented by Rwanda National Police to issue driving permits in order to ease service delivery.

From May this year when the system started until October it has served 84,391 people, the Premier disclosed. "This technology has proved to prevent malpractices in the provision of the license. It has been operational in 18 districts, and it will soon be taken to the remaining districts," he said.

Meanwhile, Ngirente said that in order to reduce the

distance that citizens used to make, save time and cost while seeking various services, in 2015, the Government introduced Irempo - a Government's e-service portal, which currently provides 98 government services online. As of June 2019, mobile money subscribers had risen to more than 11.9 million from more than 639.6 million in 2011, Ngirente said.

In addition, as a result of the e-service portal, mobile payment increased from slightly over Rwf1,000 billion in 2015 to Rwf2,000 billion in 2018, according to the Prime Minister. According to Rwanda's ICT Sector Profile 2018, as of December 2018, the Rwandan population accessed the Internet at the rate of 52 per cent while mobile cellular phone subscription reached at 82.1 per cent.

ANTAGONISM

Retailers clash with KRA on tax system

NAIROBI

SUPERMARKET owners claim that the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has rejected billions of shillings in tax input claims over a new automatic value-added tax (VAT) computation system.

The taxman had claimed that inconsistencies between pur-

chase and sales invoices the traders submitted have seen them claim billions of shillings on input fraudulently since the claims are bulky, forcing the taxman to set up the Value Added Auto Assessments (VAA) that retailers are now terming as impractical.

The new system installed in

October last year was intended to help nab cases where a seller and buyer file inconsistent returns, curbing claims of inputs from fake invoices.

In a letter to the taxman, the Retailers Association of Kenya says the system is not suited to retailers, especially small ones

given the way they file their returns.

The companies say they send their VAT records in bulk after selling to individuals who later make separate claims, which means that records do not match.

"If you are a small business selling textbooks and an indi-

vidual comes and buys across the counter and they do not tell you they will claim or not and have not given or taken their PIN, when you file you give bulk VAT for the till they will obviously not match," said Retrak CEO Wambui Mbarire.

"VAA does blind matching

for the invoices' serial numbers, which will always result in mismatches between invoices booked by the seller and the buyer due to the nature of the financial system used on both sides."

The association called for a crisis meeting with the KRA last Friday, which has been pushed

to this week as they seek to iron out issues raised with the implementation of the system. The taxman has previously defended its use of the automated system to police remittances on grounds that the system had made it easy to flag tax cheats and bring them to book.

COMPETITION

Highly charged battle between Korean firms threatens US electric car market

SEOUL

IN 2018, South Korea's SK Innovation beat its larger, local rival LG Chem to a multibillion dollar deal to supply German carmaker Volkswagen with electric vehicle batteries in the United States.

in an emailed statement to Reuters.

GM spokesman Patrick Morrissey said the company was aware of the dispute and at this point it did not expect any impact on the production of its Chevy Bolt electric vehicle.

Volkswagen has said it is worried there won't be enough batteries for all the EVs it plans to launch in the next five years, partly because producers such as LGC and China's CATL don't have enough skilled workers for new plants in Europe to ramp up output quickly.

According to Korea's battery industry tracker SNE Research, the market for EV batteries – the most expensive and important component in the vehicles – is set to grow 23 per cent a year to reach \$167bn by 2025, making it bigger than the global memory chip market, which is expected to be worth \$150bn by then.



A logo at Korean firm, SK Innovation at its offices in Seoul

electric vehicle architecture – and that SKI only won the VW contract because it had misappropriated trade secrets. SKI has denied stealing trade secrets, saying its staff

signed agreements not to use information from former workplaces. "We value intellectual property," a spokesman for SKI said. If the US International Trade

Commission (ITC) rules in favour of LGC on June 5, when it is due to make a preliminary ruling, that could jeopardise SKI's plans to supply VW in the United States

with batteries from Georgia or a new factory in Hungary, according to court filings. In April, LGC asked the ITC to block SKI from bringing batteries and components into the United States, as well as manufacturing systems needed for US production which is scheduled to start in 2022.

The SKI spokesman said there had been no change to its schedule for the factory, which will have the capacity to make batteries for more than 200,000 EVs a year. He said SKI had received enquiries about the lawsuits from customers, including if they would have an impact on supplies, without elaborating.

LGC said a final ruling on the case would be made on October 5 next year but it asked the ITC earlier this month to make a so-called default judgment against SKI quickly. According to a memo obtained by Reuters on Wednesday, the Commission's investigative staff recommended a motion in favour of LGC as it is "the most appropriate sanction for [the] respondents' (SKI's) widespread spoliation of evidence."

At stake is the Korean firms' ability to supply electric vehicle makers in the United States with batteries just as the car producers are scrambling to lock in supplies with lucrative contracts ahead of an expected surge in demand, according to court filings by the two companies and several industry experts.

"Whoever loses the fight would suffer a fatal blow, unless the two reach a settlement. This will also be a setback for car makers," said Cho Jae-phil, a professor at Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology who worked previously at another Korean rival, Samsung SDI.

Ford spokeswoman Jennifer Flake said it was encouraging LGC and SKI to resolve their conflict without litigation and that it believed there was sufficient demand for multiple suppliers. "We are aware of the issue. As a normal course of action, we have business continuity plans in place to protect our interests," Flake said

ACCELERATION

Saudi Arabia's non-oil private sector economy grows on new orders

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THE non-oil private sector economy of Saudi Arabia further improved in November on the back of continued growth in work orders, according to a new report from IHS Markit.

On the price front, the latest data showed the third increase in charges for goods and services in the past four months. However, the rise in selling prices was marginal. Overall input prices continued to increase in November, but the rate of inflation eased for the second month running and was subdued by historical standards, the report said.

"Overall, the private sector economy is well-placed as we look forward to 2020, with the survey's forward looking gauge, the Future Output Index rising to a nine-month high on the pace of new product initiatives and more positive forecasts for underlying demand," added Mr Virdee.

Employment among non-oil private sector companies also rose in November, though the rate of job creation was marginal and subdued by historical standards.

Underpinning the positive PMI reading was a further increase in output. Although steep, the rate of expansion eased to the slowest in four months during November.

The report also found inflows of total new business increased at a faster pace in November with the rate of growth steep and the quickest since April 2015. This partly reflected a further pickup in new export orders, which increased at a sharper pace than in October.

The headline seasonally adjusted Saudi Arabia Purchasing Managers' Index – a gauge designed to give a snapshot of operating conditions in the non-oil private sector economy – rose to 58.3 in November, from 57.8 in October, the highest level in more than four years. "November's PMI data for Saudi Arabia revealed a stronger improvement in underlying economic conditions and, when coupled with the recent improvements in growth momentum, point to a faster rate of non-oil GDP expansion for the fourth quarter of 2019," said Amritpal Virdee, an economist at IHS Markit.

"A bright spot was a quickening of overall new order growth, which reached its fastest pace since April 2015. Stronger demand conditions helped outweigh continued weakness in job creation and slower output growth."

Confidence among non-oil private sector firms towards future output remained strong in November due to positive forecasts of underlying economic conditions and plans for improved products. The degree of optimism was the highest since April, the report



An illustration of growth of Saudi Arabia's non-oil private sector.



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Junior tennis player, Isando John, hits a return to an opponent in boys' singles' event of this year's BQ Open tournament, which took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

A new role for Steve Kerr: He gets to teach this season

By TIM REYNOLDS

STEVE Kerr is teaching. And learning. That is his silver lining from this season. After five consecutive years of being No. 1 in the Western Conference – and ending up as NBA champions in three of those seasons – the Warriors are at the bottom of the league. Everyone knows why: Kevin Durant left, Stephen Curry got hurt, Klay Thompson got hurt, D'Angelo Russell got hurt, Andre Iguodala got traded, Shaun Livingston retired, DeMarcus Cousins left ... it goes on and on.

"You can't have worse luck than they've had," Orlando coach Steve Clifford said.

But to Kerr's credit, the Warriors are desperate to make the best of their situation.

This will be a losing season for Kerr, his first in more than a quarter-century. He was a winner almost every year as a player, a winner in each of his three seasons as an executive in Phoenix, a huge winner in his first five seasons as coach. He won five titles as a player, three more as a coach. And next year – with Curry back, Thompson back, a top-five lottery pick likely, plus new faces that the Warriors will be able to add when some money frees up – he could be a title contender again.

What he's going through this year will make him ready for next year and beyond.

"I think I've learned how to be a better coach, honestly," Kerr said. "I haven't had to coach a situation like this and it's a good reminder that every circumstance is different, every year is different. The last five years, we've been a championship contender, so it meant that I had to manage the team through the season, prepare for the playoffs and try to get guys rest when we could. This is much more about teaching and developing young players."

Kerr lost 15 games in his first regular season with the Warriors, 15 more in his third season. The Warriors won the NBA title in each of those years. This season, they've already passed that 15-loss mark – with about 75% of the season left to play. Golden State wasn't planning to push the reset button this season but found itself with no choice.

"It's the way of life in pro sports, unless you're the Patriots," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Everybody else, you have to, at some point, recalibrate, retool and reinvent, get back at it –

which they will. Even right now, even though they've been decimated by injuries, the tenets and standards that they have had, you can see those habits being built."

Spoelstra and the Heat beat Golden State last week. After the game, Spoelstra – who knows a thing or two about seeing a perennial title contender head in a different direction, after Miami was forced to rebuild things once LeBron James left in 2014 and Chris Bosh's career came to a premature end a couple years later because of blood clots – pulled Kerr aside and offered some words of encouragement. "I've admired Steve just because he's been around winning teams basically his entire career as a player, as an executive and as a head coach," Spoelstra said. "It's extremely hard to do what they did, even with talent. It's really hard to accumulate that talent but then to get the talent to play together the way they did, it was exquisite basketball that changed the league in many ways."

The basketball isn't exquisite right now. But when the Warriors are truly back, Kerr will be even better prepared for whatever challenges they face.

"I'm lucky. I've got a great staff," Kerr said. "Mike Brown and Ron Adams have really helped me this year because they've both been through this before, coaching really young teams that have struggled. And I'm learning a lot myself. It's a good dynamic for my own career, to go through this and to feel it."

THE 150 CLUB

Entering Monday, there had been five instances of a team scoring 150 points in a non-overtime game this season – all of them coming in a five-week span.

That's as many as there had been in the previous 25 years combined.

Washington gave up two of those 150-pointers (150 vs. the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday, 159 vs. Houston on Oct. 30). Atlanta also has given up a pair of them (also 150 vs. the Clippers on Nov. 16, 158 vs. the Rockets on Nov. 30). Houston gave up the other – 158 to Washington in their game Oct. 30.

This is the first season since 1990-91 with at least five 150-point outbursts by a team in non-overtime contests. Before this season, the last time any team reached 150 in a non-OT game was March 16, 2010, when Phoenix beat Minnesota 152-114. **AP**



Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green, left, talks with head coach Steve Kerr during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Miami Heat, Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, in Miami. (AP Photo)

Winners and losers as spoils shared in Yanga versus KMC FC duel

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

YOUNG Africans (Yanga) extended their unbeaten run in the Vodacom Premier League to seven games after managing a 1-1 draw with KMC FC in Dar es Salaam on Monday.

On the other hand, KMC FC extended their winless run to four games.

KMC FC who were the better side in the clash were made to rue those missed opportunities as Yanga, the match's hosts, took the lead through Mrisho Ngassa before a last minute penalty from Abdul Hilary rescued a point for the visitors.

It was a well-fought point apiece at the National Stadium that pushes Yanga to eighth position in the table, having collected 17 points while KMC remains in the relegation zone, but who were the winners and losers?

Winner: Serge Alain

It is understandable to only rate only rate or value players if they produce 'end product' in the form of goals and assists. Now obviously those are the clearest and most obvious ways to judge the quality of players – but it is not the only way. Sometimes players can have great value and become beloved even without providing any end product.

Ivorian youngster, Serge Alain, for instance. Against Yanga he was dominant and fun to watch, yet he ended without either a goal or assist. Nevertheless, watching Serge single-handedly take on the entire Yanga defense was one of the highlights of the match. It was a genuine treat.

Loser: Ramadhan Kapera

Struggled to get into the game, giving Yanga's defenders a relatively easy afternoon. He did not even test keeper, Farouk Shikhalo, Kapera just skewed away his shots. It was a



Yanga midfielder Deus Kaseke (R) negotiates his way past KMC FC player when the two clubs met in the Vodacom Premier League match in Dar es Salaam on Monday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

below par display, a shadow of his decent display at Kagera Sugar last season.

Loser: Sadney Urikhob

Having fallen down the pecking order under interim coach, Boniface Mkwasa, the Namibian forward was restored to the first-team, starting his first Mainland Premier League game, with his last coming back when Mwinyi Zahera was in charge. Very much a passenger throughout his time on the pitch and many were even surprised he lasted that long in that much.

His performance justified Mkwasa's decision not to use him recently.

Winner: Ally Ramadhan

Ally Ramadhan is one of the most

promising left-backs in Tanzanian football, he has nailed a starting place in KMC despite his age. This season in particular he's developing into a dynamo.

Caused serious problems down Yanga's left with pace, dribbling and good crossing. Unfortunately not to record an assist due to good defending and poor finishing.

Winner: Kenny Ally

A no-nonsense performance in the middle of the pitch, calmly allowing KMC to pass through him on their way up the pitch.

It was one of his better performances for KMC this season and he would be proud to watch the replays on DVD.

Winner: Mrisho Ngassa

Immediately added freshness to Yanga's game after his introduction. He took his goal well which was his second of this campaign.

He was guilty of selfishness when he tried an over ambitious shot that went wide when the better decision was to pass to his teammates who were in better positions.

Winner: Hassan Kabunda

Relentless up and down the flank. Won a penalty with a pulsating run in the last minute and refused to be cowed by Yanga. He KMC's primary creative force in the final third.

He dragged Yanga's defenders all over the place to open up spaces for his team-mates, but a striker has to score and he missed two absolute sitters.

NBC, Union investigate 'America's Got Talent' racism report

LOS ANGELES

NBC and the guild that represents television performers said they are investigating Gabrielle Union's allegation that she was fired as a judge on "America's Got Talent" because she complained of racism and other on-set issues.

The Screen Actors Guild American Federation of Television and Radio Artists issued a statement Monday saying it is looking into the allegations.

"We take issues of workplace health and safety very seriously," The Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television said in a statement. "We immediately reached out to Ms. Union's representatives when these reports came to light ... While we have taken steps to investigate this matter, we have nothing to report now."

The statement said such investigations and their results are

usually kept confidential, unless the union member making the report wants it made public.

According to reports, Union, who is black, sought action to address an environment she said allowed racist jokes, comments and notes from producers along with other troubling behavior, including judge-producer Simon Cowell's smoking indoors.

NBC, production company Fremantle and Cowell's company Syco issued their own statement Sunday. "We remain committed to ensuring a respectful workplace for all employees and take very seriously any questions about workplace culture," the statement said. "We are working with Ms. Union through her representatives to hear more about her concerns, following which we will take whatever next steps may be appropriate."

In a previous statement, the three

companies said "America's Got Talent" has a strong record of inclusivity, and judge turnover is common.

On her twitter account Monday, Union, without specifying who she was addressing, retweeted instructions on how to give a proper apology, which included sincerely admitting wrongdoing, correcting the mistake loudly, and laying out steps to correct future behavior.

She added the comment, "This! This! AND THIISSSSSS!!!!!!"

She had previously thanked fans, friends and family for their support on her social media accounts, in similarly vague terms.

Her reported firing became a cause for celebrities on Twitter, including Union's husband, former NBA player Dwyane Wade.

Before landing the job on the talent showcase, Union was best known as an actress from films including "Bring

It On" and "Bad Boys II."

Union and another judge, Julianne Hough, were dropped from the show on Nov. 22 after one year, Variety reported.

The judging panel has changed since the show's 2006 debut, but most judges' tenures have lasted at least several years, including that of Sharon Osbourne, Mel B and Howard Stern.

On his SiriusXM radio show Monday, Stern, who left the show after four seasons in 2015, slammed Cowell, saying he "sets it up that the men stay, no matter how ugly they are, no matter how old they are, no matter how fat they are, no matter how talentless they are."

Stern said it is "obvious" that the show consistently replaces female judges with younger and more attractive women.

AP



This image released by NBC shows celebrity judges, from left, Howie Mandel, Gabrielle Union, Julianne Hough, Simon Cowell on the set of "America's Got Talent," in Los Angeles. Union is thanking supporters for defending her amid reports she was fired from "America's Got Talent" after complaining about racism and other on-set issues. Without directly addressing her status with NBC's talent show, the actress tweeted that the backing helped overcome feeling of being lost and alone. (AP)

SPORT

Messi wins sixth Ballon d'Or as
Rapinoe takes women's prize

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Some of Dar es Salaam athletes participate in training session at National Stadium in the city yesterday to prepare for this year's JICA race, penned for later this month at the venue. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Kilimanjaro holiday makers set for lifetime experience

By Guardian Reporter

THE festive season in Kilimanjaro this year is expected to be unique, as holiday makers will be treated to a lifetime experience, starting from December 21.

The event, known as 'Twenzetu Kilimanjaro Fest 2019', has been organized by Real PR Solutions.

A statement issued in Dar es Salaam yesterday by the event's organizers, and signed by the chairman of the organizing committee, Clement Mshana, said there will be a day-tour of touristic attractions in Kilimanjaro on December 21.

Such places include caves at the College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka, Materuni, Kilasia Waterfalls, Njoro Forest, Mkomazi National Park, Ngangu Pilgrimage Hill, Maua Forest and so many others.

On their return to Moshi Municipality after the day trip, the holiday makers will be treated by 'After Party' event, starting from 7pm.

The next day, organizers will host a number of activities which include fun race, dubbed Capital Mountain Run (5km, 10km and 5km (corporates), nyama choma, music and an assorted entertainments at the Moshi Cooperative University.

Also various prizes such as air tickets, paid-up accommodation in the finest hotels in the region would be won through instant raffle would be on full display for the participants.

The event is part of a wider campaign dubbed Domestic Tourism Promotion Initiative (DTPI) which aims at sensitizing the general public to visit various touristic attractions in a view of boosting the government revenue and also support businesses to grow.

Sponsors who have come forward so far include the Tanzania Forests Services Agency (TFS), CRJE (East Africa) Limited, HAL, Kilimanjaro Wonders Hotel, Nyumbani Hotels, Capital Plus International and Afrimax Strategic Partnerships.

Mshana said the campaign will then be rolled out to other regions next year, starting with Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Morogoro, Geita and Mwanza.

The event is supported by the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources, Tanzania Tourist Board, Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner's Office and other government agencies related in the tourism sector.

Over 8,000 people, mainly adults, are expected to participate in this event.

All of the race's finishers will be awarded medals, T-Shirts, giveaways from the sponsors, vouchers to buy at big discount from various shops and hotels in Kilimanjaro. A total 1,500 medals await the winners.



Tanzania team's Ibrahim Kassim (R), blocks Uganda's Peter Gava during the COPA Coca-Cola Africa Cup soccer tournament's quarterfinal clash held at M-PESA Foundation Academy in Thika, Kenya on Tuesday. Tanzania beat Uganda 6-2 to make it to the last four.

Tanzania qualifies for COPA Coca-Cola Africa games last four

By Guardian Correspondent, Thika, Kenya

TANZANIA'S U-16 COPA Coca-Cola soccer squad has stretched its impressive spell in this season's COPA Coca-Cola Africa games, which are taking place in Thika, Kenya, given the team has made it to the last four.

The Tanzania youngsters had in the opening match made short work of South Africa, cruising to 3-1 win.

In the second game, Tanzania conceded 2-0 loss to Zambia. Much as they suffered loss in the clash, the Tanzania team sailed through to the last eight stage.

In the last eight, played yesterday, Tanzania squad regrouped to post a 6-2 rout of Uganda and cruise to the last four.

The eventual winners' forward line, which is led by Paul Nyerere, tormented

the Ugandans.

Nyerere was Tanzania's hero in the game, netting a hat-trick in the clash.

Team mates, Frank Zephania and Kassim Ibrahim, scored a goal apiece.

Tanzania's squad opted for a defensive tactic, catching their opponents on counter-attacks, and the approach paid off.

Uganda had come out with 11-1 victory over Namibia in the first match.

Abel Mtweve, Tanzania team's coach, received a lot of plaudits from the spectators for opting for a better approach.

Tanzania team's head of delegation, Vitalis Shija, who as well serves as the Inter-Secondary Schools Games (UMIS-SETA) president, noted: "The boys have impressed me, I did not expect they will beat Uganda by such a margin, they have truly showcased fighting spirit and fol-

lowed their coach's instructions."

"The government is fully cooperating with them, motivating them and I hope they will tomorrow post a win over Kenya and ultimately sail through to the final."

The COPA Coca-Cola Africa games, the biggest youth sports event in the continent, involves 10 teams from across the continent, with Kenya hosting the games.

Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Ethiopia, Namibia, Angola, Botswana and Mozambique are also in the list of the competing squads in the games.

There were as well wins for the game's hosts Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe in the rest of the last eight duels.

Zambia cruised to 8-1 victory over Angola, whilst Zimbabwe clobbered Namibia 4-1. Kenya edged Botswana 1-0.

NSC slaps one-year ban on Kigamboni Marathon

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Sports Council (NSC) has slapped one-year ban on Kigamboni International Marathon for what has been termed as the race's organizers' failure to adhere to laws and regulations governing marathons in Tanzania.

Neema Msitha, NSC Acting Secretary General, disclosed to the press in Dar es Salaam yesterday the punishment started effectively the same day. She noted the race's organizers are as well required to see to it they hand over prizes, which had been set aside for winners, prior to December 12.

"There has recently been an increase in the number of marathons and other road races in the country. These races have offered significant contribution to promotion of athletics domestically and the country's economic growth," Neema noted.

"There are, however, a lot of challenges the hosting of the races has experienced, which include failure by some of the organizers to register their events."

Neema pointed out the races have as well been taking place without such necessary needs like traffic control, ambulances and water points, and failure by some of the organizers to hand over prizes to the races' winners.

She disclosed some of the races' organizers host the events without professional supervisors, a situation which contributes to cheating.

The challenges, she noted, have brought misunderstanding among the organizers, participants and athletics stakeholders.

"Following the presence of these challenges, the NSC will, effectively from January 1 in 2020, be issuing all permits for hosting marathons and other road races at the district, regional and national levels," Neema disclosed.

"The permits will be handed over to the races' organizers once the Athletics Tanzania (AT) has approved the events."

"The NSC will first have to be satisfied the races' organizers have met all procedures for hosting the races."

"The NSC directs districts and regional sports authorities to see to it there is no road race that will take place without having been issued permit by the council."

"As per the NSC statute, all road races' organizers should pay one percent of the participation fees to the council's sports development fund."

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