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By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli has awarded plots in Dodoma to all players with Tanzania's senior soccer team, Taifa Stars, for making it to the 2019 AFCON finals, to be held in Egypt from this June 21 to July 19.

Taifa Stars thrashed Uganda's Cranes 3-0 in the

last match of the 2019 AFCON Qualifiers' Group L at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday to qualify for the finals of the continental showpiece.

Magufuli pledged the awards at a function he held for the squad at the State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday, saying that he would also

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President John Magufuli, Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Information, Culture, Arts and Sports deputy minister Juliana Shonza (to the VP's right) with Tanzania Football Federation president Wallace Karia (2nd-L), Tanzanian professional boxer Hassan Mwakinyo (L) and Taifa Stars players at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The Head of State was hugely impressed by the landmark achievements the athletes made at the weekend, and hence the VIP reception he held for them yesterday. Photo: State House

## Cultivate 1000 acres of maize, minister orders Songwe Prison

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government has directed Songwe Prison in Mbeya Region to increase the size of its maize farm from the current 750 to 1,000 acres in order to support feeding inmates and reinforcing the country's food security.

Home Affairs Deputy Minister Hamad Masauni issued the directive yesterday when he visited the prison, located 30km from Mbeya city central business district (CBD).

Masauni described Songwe Prison as among the ten selected prisons countrywide which have been tasked by the government to produce food. Currently, the prison cultivates 750 acres of maize annually.

He said the government wants prisoners to be fed from food they produce themselves.

Songwe Prison Chief, Peter Anathory attributed failures to meet the target of 1,000 acres to lack of



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modern farming equipment such as tractors. He said with the tractors they can cultivate enough food to feed their prisoners and a portion of other inmates at different prisons.

He said plans are to apply irrigation to cultivate the remaining 250 acres from a nearby water source.

He said they opted to use tractors to enhance production because using prisoners alone doesn't permit them cultivate the current 750 acres.

Anathory informed the deputy minister that plans are afoot to cultivate a farm that was earlier used by the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute Uyoale (TARI Uyoale). He said the farm will be used to cultivate beans.

Last year, President John Magufuli criticized the prisoners services to work and provide for themselves.

"You have huge tracts of land in Mbeya, which is idle but every now and again you ask for budgetary

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## AFCON qualification a victory of the will, first and foremost

TANZANIA has qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations finals for the first time since 1980, a time when none of the current players making up the national side, Taifa Stars, was as yet born. It was a night of tremendous joy and unparalleled merry making in the city of Dar es Salaam and elsewhere in the country, a moment of fusion of spirit that is rarely seen in the sporting

environment in the country. It was a moment to say goodbye, despite plenty of sobering near-misses and failures, to the aged aphorism that our soccer sides are a training ground for starters to polish their act and move forward, those who never go past the first stages of a tournament, etc.

Elsewhere in East Africa it was Uganda who confirmed their soccer

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## Kagame laments dialogue of the deaf with Museveni

By Songwa wa Songwa, Kigali

RWANDAN President Paul Kagame yesterday lifted the lid on his country's shaky relations with neighbouring Uganda, saying things have not been well for the past two years.

Speaking at the first plenary session of the Africa CEOs Forum which kicked off here yesterday, Kagame said he has personally sought to resolve the issues at hand with his Ugandan counterpart Yoweri Museveni but in vain.

"We have also engaged many of our friends but nothing came out of it," he said.

But what is the bone of contention between these immediate neighbours and member states of the East African Community (EAC)?

According to Kagame, hundreds of Rwandans are being held in Uganda without being charged in court.

He said that the held Rwandan

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## Boeing 787 diverted to New Caledonia with smoke from cockpit, says official

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A United Airlines Boeing 787-900 jet was diverted to the French Pacific territory of New Caledonia yesterday after reports of smoke coming from the cockpit, a local official told AFP.

The US aircraft flying 256 passengers from Melbourne, Australia, to Los Angeles, touched down safely at La Tontouta airport in New Caledonia's capital Noumea.

"The passengers are disembarking calmly," said the official from the local Chamber of Commerce which runs the airport.

"It seems that there was some smoke coming out of the cockpit."

An Ethiopian Airlines crash that killed 157 people on March 10 led to the global grounding of Boeing



737 MAX 8 planes.

It followed a Lion Air crash in Indonesia last October that left 189 dead, which raised major concerns about the safety certification of the 737 MAX 8 model.

The Nouvelles-Caledoniennes (Caledonian News) website reported that oxygen masks automatically dropped down in the cabin of the United Airlines plane.

The local RRB radio station said no one was hurt and all the passengers would spend the night in Noumea, 2,700 kilometres (1,650 miles) northeast of Melbourne.

Ethiopian Airlines "believes in" Boeing despite the crash of a Boeing 737 MAX 8 plane that killed

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National Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai (R) has an audience with former president Alhaj Ali Hassan Mwinyi in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: National Assembly

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provide plots to players who formed the Taifa Stars squad that qualified for the 1980 AFCON finals - the last one for Tanzania to date.

The president presented a similar award to the country's professional boxer, Hassan Mwakinyo, who won an international non-title welterweight fight against Argentine national Sergio Gonzalez by knockout in Nairobi on Saturday. Mwakinyo's coach was similarly rewarded.

The president also presented a 5m/- cash prize to former Taifa Stars player Peter Tino, whose goal in the AFCON qualifiers encounter with Zambia in Lusaka helped Taifa Stars book a place in the 1980 finals.

He also presented 1bn/- to the national U-17 soccer team, Serengeti Boys, to help the team prepare for the AFCON U-17 championship which will be held in Tanzania next month.

The president congratulated Taifa Stars players as well as the team's technical bench for giving their all and eventually bringing domestic soccer followers' perennial disappointment to an end.

"I sincerely congratulate you, as you have ended Tanzanians' disappointment in style. We will make our presence felt in the AFCON finals if you will put the performance you showcased yesterday," he declared.

"You might be carried away by the results. I request you to avoid being carried away...we have barely started the battle."

He hailed the committee headed by Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Paul Makonda for drumming up support for the team, promising that the government will cooperate with all sports associations to see to it that Tanzania excels in sports.

"Sportsmen and women have won honours for the country. Tanzanians need and deserve good results...and are truly dismayed whenever we lose. Why have we failed to book a place in the AFCON finals for a whole 39 years?" he queried.

"Why is it that we, a nation of 55 million people, have been struggling to make a mark in prestigious tournaments the way Filbert Bayi and fellow athletes did?"

The president expressed reservations over the level and quality of security arrangements for international soccer matches such as the one that pitted Taifa Stars against Uganda Cranes in Sunday's AFCON qualifiers and the AFCON U-17 finals.

He also expressed surprise at the way gate collections were spent, particularly in relation to the state of soccer stadiums, the level of preparations for competitions and whether players benefit from the money accruing from the competitions or matches in which they participate.

Magufuli congratulated pugilist Mwakinyo, saying he had drawn inspiration from video clips showing the boxer's training sessions that included punching motor vehicle tyres.

He said the quality training sessions had helped the boxer put up scintillating performance and achieve outstanding success that had done Tanzania really proud, urging him to keep working hard and emerge victorious in future encounters.



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all 157 people on board and led to the model's grounding, the carrier's CEO said on Monday.

"Let me be clear: Ethiopian Airlines believes in Boeing. They have been a partner of ours for many years," Tewolde GebreMariam wrote in a statement.

Flight ET 302 crashed on March 10 just minutes into its flight to Nairobi.

It was the second disaster for the

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737 MAX 8 since the October crash of an Indonesian Lion Air Jet that killed all 189 passengers and crew. Aviation regulators responded by grounding the model around the world.

Meanwhile, Ethiopia's transport minister has said "clear similarities"

exist between the two crashes based on an analysis of black box data, without giving further details.

Tewolde called for the 737 MAX 8's grounding after the crash, but in the Monday statement struck a conciliatory tone towards the American plane

manufacturer whose models make up the majority of the Ethiopian fleet.

"Despite the tragedy, Boeing and Ethiopian Airlines will continue to be linked well into the future," he said.

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nationals are also not allowed to meet Rwandan consul officials in Uganda.

"If there is a problem, deal with it through legal means," he said.

As a panelist on the economic integration topic, Kagame remarked that the feud was also hurting trade between the two countries.

And Rwanda is on the receiving hand because it mostly uses the port of Mombasa in Kenya for its imports and exports through Uganda.

"There is a time our containers were held in Uganda for five months," he told the gathering.

The Rwandan Head of State also noted that a consignment of Rwandan milk bound for Kenya was also seized for five days in Uganda and part of it turned bad.

He however called on African countries that are yet to ratify the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) to do so, a topic that dominated the first day of the Africa CEOs Forum 2019.

Kagame said CFTA is the only sure way for Africa to realize its potential as world economic powerhouse.

Kagame said that with fragmented markets and countless non-tariff barriers across borders, Africa will remain just a market for other continents as opposed to becoming a force to reckon with that it is supposed to be.

Last year, 44 countries signed on to the CFTA here in Kigali where the Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons was also adopted.

"The Continental Free Trade Area is on the cusp of coming into force. I understand that only one more ratification is needed," the former African Union chairman declared.

However, he stated that even after signing, that is where the hard work begins.

"We only reached this point because Africa came together with strong unity of purpose that is rooted in the rising aspirations of our young people for a better future. That same spirit should drive us forward to success," he said.

But Kagame was cautious in his optimism, noting that whatever African countries try to do in terms of economic development, the result comes back to the politics surrounding it.

"If the politics is bad, everything else is bad. That is why open, responsive and accountable governance is so critical," he pointed out.

Philippe le Houverou, the CEO of the World Bank Group private sector arm - the International Finance Corporation (IFC) which co-organised the forum, said CFTA is the answer to Africa's business and job needs.

"Africa needs 1.7 million jobs per month and the public sector cannot meet that demand, so the answer is a robust private sector."

The CFTA gives birth to the world's largest free trade area since the World Trade Organization was formed in 1995. Altogether 19 presidents and a number of prime ministers and top state representatives were present at the CFTA signing in Kigali last year.

The trade agreement is aimed at paving the way for a liberalized market for goods, services and movement of persons across the continent.

The agreement cast in the mode of the European Union's version was signed during the 10th Ordinary Session of the African Union Heads of State summit here in Kigali.



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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa presses a button to inaugurate a Cassava Starch of Tanzania Corporation Ltd factory at Mbalala in Lindi Region at the weekend. Others include Agriculture deputy minister Omari Mgumba (R) and the French Ambassador to Tanzania, Frédéric Clavier (2nd-L). Photo: PMU

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support to buy food," he said.

The president, who did not hide his dissatisfaction with the administration of the prisons services, said he would not allow a situation where prisons officers lacked accommodation while inmates slept in the cells.

He directed the newly appointed Prisons Commissioner General

Phaustine Kasike to instil discipline in his junior officers, saying prisoners were given too much leeway and enjoyed some freedoms which are supposed to be out of reach for incarcerated individuals.

The president outlined a few issues he said were what he expected from the new Prisons commissioner general, including restricting some of the freedoms and instilling a work ethic in

prisoners.

He said prisoners had to work hard, including making bricks and farming so Prisons staff could have better housing and prisoners feed themselves.

"I do not expect prison staff to lack housing while prisoners have a good place to sleep," Magufuli said, noting that prisoners were free labour which, if well utilized, could easily end the problem of dilapidated housing for

staff and poor rations for inmates.

Magufuli was concerned that even with prisons having a large number of inmates, the department was still asking for budget allocations from the government.

Why should prison wardens and others in the service face a number of challenges despite the abundant free labour available in prisons, the president had demanded.





Pumpkins, those proverbially "humble" vegetables-cum-fruit said to be incredibly rich in vital antioxidants and vitamins, on sale along Msimbazi Street in Dar es Salaam's Kariakoo market area yesterday. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

## 'Involve stakeholders more in identifying, prioritising future EA research needs'

By Henry Mwangonde

A healthcare symposium held in Dar es Salaam yesterday has proposed the need for close links between researchers, health care leaders and policy makers for the East African nations if they are to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) even before 2030.

The symposium, under the theme, "Driving the Health Agenda for a Sustainable Future in Low and Middle-income Countries," brought together education, research and health care leaders across the East Africa region who sat to provide a clear understanding of the nature of academic health systems and their importance in advancing and accelerating healthcare improvements.

The forum which was organised by the Aga Khan University Medical College, East Africa and the Association of Academic Health Centres International was aimed at exploring opportunities to utilise the collaborative strengths of academics, health care providers and policy makers in supporting national health goals for the attainment of the (SDGs) in low and middle income countries.

In his remarks, the chief medical officer Prof Mohammed Bakari offered academic institutions access to the health databases to increase collaboration and partnership between governments and higher learning institutions for a more evidence based approach toward research and learning.

"It is vital to expand the existing relationships between the Ministries of Health and the academic institutions in towards evidence based strategic planning and programming of health related initiatives in the region," said Prof Bakari.

In his remarks, Prof. Robert Armstrong, Dean, Medical College for East Africa, Aga Khan University, challenged universities working in tertiary care facilities within which they train to take a central place in providing necessary leadership in facing the challenge of reversing the vicious cycle of adversity and ill-health.

"While commendable progress was witnessed under the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) period, a lot remains to be done for the achievement of the SDGs. Health care providers in low and middle income countries are expected to provide necessary data and affordable solutions to address health challenges through research and capacity building," said Prof. Armstrong.

The Symposium also addressed possible solutions by providing strategic avenues for development of critical discourse in the current global health agenda and ways in which the systems in East Africa could utilize these models to accelerate health system improvement.

"The symposium also focused on identifying existing national health systems models in East Africa, highlighted successful models internationally and explored strategies for improving the collaborative environment within the East African community," said Prof William Macharia, Associate Dean of Research, Aga Khan University.

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## USD 1 billion investments up for grabs at Africa CEO forum

By Songa wa Songa, Kigali

TANZANIAN companies are among 30 from across the continent competing for investments worth USD 1 billion up for grabs at the Africa CEO forum which kicked off here yesterday.

Through what organisers have dubbed 'investment deal rooms', the forum will, for the first time, offer a platform to connect potential investors with promising companies seeking growth capital.

Africa CEO Forum founder and CEO Amir Ben Yahmed said that through tailored meetings and

discussions, the platform also enables African governments to present their investment opportunities - in particular Public-Private Partnership projects - to showcase their ease of doing business reforms and also to develop business relationships with a large number of investors and business leaders.

"Delegations from across the continent will be presenting investment projects with a cumulative value of over USD 500 million in promising growth sectors," Yahmed said of the public sector.

As for the private sector 'dealrooms', he said the two-day event will enable

30 high-potential African companies to meet with investors who are interested in financing their growth.

"With an average annual turnover of USD 50 million, the 30 promising companies selected come from all regions of Africa and are looking for financing packages worth 25 to 100 million euros," the CEO added.

Financial services, real estate, tourism, health, manufacturing, energy, agriculture, ICT: nearly USD 700 million worth of promising projects in sectors of key importance for Africa's economic growth will be presented at these individual

meetings with carefully selected investors.

The investors include bankers, pension funds, private equity players and the most active international financial institutions on the continent.

Developed in collaboration with Asoko Insights, this new meeting format reflects the forum's mission to facilitate meetings and transactions between private decision-makers and investors who are active in Africa, Yahmed added.

The meeting has attracted 1,800 delegates from 70 countries including four heads of state and government.

## LITA set to establish hatchery plants

By Guardian Correspondent, Mpwapwa

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries Ministry through the Livestock Training Agency (LITA) is set to establish chicks hatchery and husbandry of farm animals at its eight colleges across the country to facilitate practical learning for the students.

LITA acting chief executive Dr Kejeri Gillah made the statement when addressing heads of the colleges during the worker's council meeting held in Mpwapwa, Dodoma Region.

Dr Gillah said the agency has set aside 150m/- which will be used to establish the chicks production facility. He said a number of development partners had showed willingness to support the endeavour which gears at enhancing practical teaching at the veterinary colleges.

He said that LITA plans to spend 4.5bn/- in the coming fiscal year to improve its services as well as research activities. He said the agency also plans to start offering dividends to the government (344m/-) every year as per President John Magufuli's directives.

Head of the Mpwapwa Livestock College, Moses Mlahagwa said they arrived at the decision of establishing hatcheries following the growing demands of chicks in the country.

"Once students are equipped with enough skills in the poultry industry, they will not wait for the government to employ them. We want our youth to be able to employ themselves after graduating", he noted.

Speaking on behalf of the Ministry's Permanent

Secretary, Human Resources Director, Zacharia Kyera, urged LITA officials to ensure they put aside about 15 per cent of its income every year for dividends to the government.

Kyera noted that they have completed preparation of LITA organisation structure, adding they will soon complete the appointment of qualified individuals to head the various departments.

The Ministry's senior researcher, Dr Angelo Mwilawa challenged LITA to enhance performance of the livestock training colleges.

The government through the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries decided to establish LITA by merging the six Livestock Training Institutes (LITIs) in order to expand and improve the scope and mandates of the institutes.

The Agency aims at

improving performance in provision of quality training, production, applied research and consultancy services in areas of animal health and production.

LITA provides knowledge and skills on livestock development to customers through trainings, production, and applied researches and consultancy services for sustainable development of the livestock sector.



### Call for Proposals from Consultants

#### Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector Project

With Financial Support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group in partnership with the Tanzanian Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA), and the Tanzania Traditional Energy and Development Organisation (TaTEDO) are implementing the project 'Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector'. The project goal is a pro-poor and climate resilient transformation of the economics and governance of charcoal and other forest product value chains. TFCG is seeking consultants for the following three assignments:

- 1. Development of a sustainability plan and gender strategy for the Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector project.**

The objectives of the consultancy are: to develop a project sustainability plan, including a clear exit strategy for the project; and to conduct a gender analysis of the sustainable charcoal and timber production models.

- 2. Communicating the impact of the TTCS project through case studies and photographs.**

The objectives of the consultancy are: to communicate the impact of the TTCS project on people's lives in the project villages through a series of compelling accounts of individuals' engagement with the project's interventions; and to provide a portfolio of high-quality photographs of project-related activities and landscapes.


- 3. Agricultural component evaluation and partnership development.**

The objectives of the consultancy are: to evaluate the impact of the TTCS training programme for farmers on climate-smart, small-scale agriculture, agroforestry and value addition; and to facilitate the development of a strategic, formalised partnership between TFCG and an NGO whose core business is capacity building for small-scale farmers.

**Details on how to apply and the terms of reference for each consultancy are available at: <http://www.tfcg.org/tenders.html>**

**The closing time for receipt of applications is 8th April at 10:00 local time in Tanzania.**

### TANZANIA FOOD AND DRUGS AUTHORITY



## INVITATION FOR TENDER

- This invitation for tender follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in the PPR Journal on **03rd July, 2018**.
- The Government of Tanzania has set aside funds for the operation of the Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA) during the financial year 2018/2019. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contracts for which this advertisement is issued.
- The TFDA now invites the sealed Tenders for the following:

No	Description	Tender No.	Procurement Method	Deadline
1	Supply and Installation of CCTV Cameras and BIO-SYSTEM Staff Attendance Register to TFDA Zone Offices	AE/004/2018-19/HQ/G/26	Competitive Quotation	02/04/2019
- Tendering will be conducted through the procedures specified in the Public Procurement Act 2011 (Goods, Works, Non Consultant Services and Disposal of Public Assets by Tender) Regulations, 2013, Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016.
- Tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the tendering document at the office of the Secretary, TFDA Tender Board, 1st floor, room no. 27, P.O. Box 77150, Off Mandela Road - Mabibo, Dar-es-Salaam, Tel. 0658 445 222/0685 701735/0777 700002, Fax 2450793 from 0900 – 1530 hours local time on Monday to Friday inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of the tendering document may be obtained at the above mentioned office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tanzanian Shillings Fifty Thousand Only (TZS. 50,000.00) or its equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. The method should be by Government electronic Payment Gateway (GePG).
- All tenders in one (1) original plus one (1) copy properly filled in and enclosed in plain sealed envelopes the outer cover clearly marked the name of respective tender, **not to be opened before 1400 hours local time on the date indicated in para 3"** must be delivered either by hand or be sent by registered post so as to reach the Secretary, through the address in para 5 above. Tenders sent by post must be registered.
- The Deadline for submission of tenders **shall be at 1400 hours local time on Tuesday 2nd April, 2019**. Tenders will be immediately opened in public on the same date and in the presence of tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the TFDA Conference Room.
- Tenders not received, not opened and not read out in Public at the Tender Opening Ceremony shall not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances. Telegraphic, telex, e-mail and late non-telegraphic telex, telefax, e- mail or portion of any tender shall not be accepted.

**ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL**  
**TANZANIA FOOD AND DRUGS AUTHORITY**





Speshoz Tanzania managing director Jeffrey Jessey (in specs) demonstrated to Mashujaa Women group chairperson Monica Azaria in Dar es Salaam yesterday on how to use a sewing machine donated by Ubungu mayor Boniface Jacob (in neck-tie) to women groups in the municipality. Photo: Halima Kambi

## Financial constraints likely to derail second phase of water sector programme - minister

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

FINANCIAL constraints are likely to derail the second phase of the Water Sector Development Programme (WSDP), Minister for Water, Prof Makame Mbarawa has warned.

Addressing the 12th Joint Water Sector Review (JWSR) meeting here, the minister said out of the planned \$ 3.3 billion, the government has so far mobilised an estimated amount of \$ 1.9 billion, adding that it is still soliciting other sources of financing for the programme.

"If the resources gap is not addressed, it will hinder the performance of the second phase of the programme," he said, adding that the untimely availability of funding to all components will continue to adversely affect the implementation progress.

He told the participants that there is an urgent need to seriously think and come up with the solutions to the problem during their discussions.

However, the minister noted that in spite of the financial resource constraints, there is a notable achievement across all the components of WSDP II such as improved provision of water supply and sanitation to communities.

He said in rural areas a total of 344 water supply and sanitation projects were completed to make a commutative of 1,595 while 500 projects are at different stages of implementation.

According to the minister, a total of 25,359,290 people equivalent to 64.8 per cent of the rural population are

served from 86,780 functional water points out 131,370 water points.

In urban areas, he said projects implemented by urban water utilities benefits a total of 11,563,595 people that translate water coverage of 85 percent in DAWASA serving areas, 80 per cent in regional headquarters and 64 percent in district headquarters, small towns and areas served by national water projects. In efforts to serve water resources, he said a total of 298 water sources have been identified for protection, 103 water sources are at various stages of demarcation and 18 water sources are gazetted.

Speaking at the meeting, the chairperson, Tanzania Water and Sanitation Network (TAWASANET), Eng Wilhelmina Malima observed that there is more to do in efforts to ensure access to adequate supplies to all Tanzanians.

"The population is growing very fast, exacerbating the effects of the lack of sanitation, adding that the demand for water in the productive sector is growing fast as our economy grows and will continue to do so, putting pressure on the natural resources as the population grows," she said.

**“If the resources gap is not addressed, it will hinder the performance of the second phase of the programme”**

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

## Bukoba municipality suspected of embezzlement of public resources

THE Parliamentary Standing Committee on Local Authorities Accounts has said 1.4bn/- has been embezzled by Bukoba municipality in Kagera Region following poor implementation of construction projects.

The committee was concerned that 90 per cent of the construction projects implemented by the Bukoba municipality in the 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years were below standards.

Committee chairman, Vedasto Ngombale Mwilu said the legislators have visited various projects because they were suspicious of its quality following reports from the Controller and Auditor General (CAG).

He directed authorities to ensure the completion of pending projects in between May and June 2019. The projects under construction include Rwazi secondary school and rehabilitation of the Regional Commissioner's office building which is expected to be completed in June 2019.

"These projects should be completed on time. The municipal's financial committee should submit the projects report and financial statements to the CAG and Bunge Committee on Local Authorities Accounts", said Ngombale

Mwilu directing the office of the CAG to conduct special audit of the municipal.

The committee also directed the Bukoba District Executive Director, Limbe Moris to take legal measures against the district officials who are allegedly involved in the embezzlement of public funds.

He said that authorities should also take action against the contractor who was tasked to implement the projects. He said there is no value for money because most of the buildings are below standards.

Ngombale Mwilu directed the DED

in collaboration with the Ministry for Regional Administration and Local Government Authority to appoint officers to fill the various vacant positions in the District Commissioner's office.

The committee revealed that the five kilometres road project at Kashai town which was funded by the World Bank has been dumped by the contractor-NCL Construction Limited from Dar es Salaam.

He said the contractor was supposed to complete the project in April 18, 2019.



### Consultancy Opportunity

Closing Date: Monday 8th April 2019, 2pm (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

Pact Inc. is an international non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC. Pact serves communities challenged by poverty and marginalization because we envision a world where everyone owns their future. To do this, we build systemic solutions in partnership with local organizations, businesses and government. Our goal is thriving, resilient communities where those we serve are heard, capable, and vibrant.

Pact Tanzania is looking for an individual or firm to monitor provision of Vocational scholarships and start up kit for selected out of schools OVC adolescent age 15-17 years in 9 targeted councils below

Council	Number of OVC who have received vocational scholarship to monitor	Number of start-up kits to monitor for OVC who have completed their courses
Mbeya CC	745	745
Kyela DC	385	385
Muleba DC	1,226	1,226
Kahama TC	551	551
Msalala DC	841	841
Ushetu DC	887	887
Shinyanga MC	415	415
Shinyanga DC	1,226	1,226
Temeke MC	700	700
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,976</b>	<b>6,976</b>

Period of this assignment: 6 months

The consultant will work with Pact on the scope of work outlined below. Pact will make the payment directly to vocational training centers as well as to the vendor who will be selected to procure and distribute the start-up kits.

Scope of Work

Specific scope of work includes but should not be limited to the following:

- Meet with the respective CSOs and conduct a verification of the list of names for OVC eligible to receive vocational scholarship by comparing to the list of eligible OVC provided by Pact M&E.
- Meet with selected vocational training centres to conduct a verification of the courses selected, the prices of the courses and the capacity of the training centre to accommodate the number of OVC available. Compare the information from the centres to the cost sheet summary and VETA invoices submitted by CSO to Pact Office.
- Conduct a verification of the OVC administered to start VETA by comparing to the number of OVC paid for. Submit the VETA registration list to Pact showing the number of OVC that reported to start their courses.
- Monitor the list of OVC to receive start up kits to match with the list of OVC that were paid for vocational scholarship and have completed their courses. Use the vocational completion list provided by Pact M&E for this verification.
- Conduct verification of the list of OVC that have received start up kits to match with the list of OVC completed vocational courses and approved to received start up kits.
- Ensure to submit the findings from every step of verification above to Pact Gender and Youth Integration Advisor before moving forward with

the next verification step.

- Interested candidates should request for the full Terms of Reference through email to [consultant@pactworld.org](mailto:consultant@pactworld.org) by 4th April 2019.

Interested, eligible candidate should deliver their proposal to:

The Tender Committee  
Pact Tanzania  
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria  
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es salaam, Tanzania  
Or email [consultant@pactworld.org](mailto:consultant@pactworld.org)

All proposals must be in Tanzanian Shillings and enclosed in a plain sealed envelope. The deadline is 2pm EAT Monday 8th April 2019.

Please note:

- Late or incomplete bids will not be accepted.
- The quote that complies with all the specifications/requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated in the TOR, shall be selected.
- Pact may cancel solicitation and not award.
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Preferred Qualifications

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Driver/ Logistic Assistant

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The closing date for applications will be Friday 5th April 2019.

Qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please note only the applications sent to through this link will be reviewed.

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Home-made rough brooms commonly used in outdoor cleanliness for sale in Dar es Salaam's Msasani suburb at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Miraj Msala

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR Food and Drugs Authority (ZFDA) has destroyed 106 tonnes of fish from China and 23 tonnes of milk from Dubai because they are unfit for human consumption.

The consignment of fish which was packed in four cargo containers were imported by Drive Shark Company while the other container of milk was brought by businessman, Yunus Hashim.

Speaking during the exercise at Kibekle village, ZFDA public relation officer Abdulmatin Yassin said the fish became mouldy due to lack of enough ice which is the key preservative element of the foodstuff.

He also mentioned lack of power at Zanzibar port as among the factors as the ice in the containers didn't manage to preserve the fish well.

"Usually when transporting fish consignment requires a lot of ice to make the product fresh, so there were some challenges during the importation process something which led to the foodstuff to rotting," he said.

According to him, the milk become rot after some of the boxes were torn while en route to the country.

For her part, ZFDA head of investigations department, Aisha Suleiman said that the fish had no toxic particles but only had

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rotten after lacking enough ice to preserve them.

She wanted the public to be careful when purchasing imported fish as some of them may have entered in the country through illegal ways.

She warned traders who are engaging in the illegal businesses to stop doing so as the government will not tolerate anyone who puts people's health at risk.

Few days ago, the government destroyed eight tonnes of toxic pork and meat that entered in the country illegally thus endangering lives of people.

Speaking during the exercise held in Njiro, Arusha Livestock Minister Luhaga Mpina (pictured) said that the meats were seized during "Nzagamba" codenamed

*"...We will not get tired arresting and dragging to court those found engaging in the illegal business"*

operation which also saw a large amount of expired milk being seized and destroyed.

According to Mpina, despite being rotten, the products had no imports permits or any standard signs something which poses threat to consumers' health.

Mpina charged that the government will never tolerate importation of expired meat and dairy products, which end up damaging domestic investments in the livestock industry. He warned the unscrupulous traders who are engaging in illegal importation of sub-standard and rotten food stuffs to stop doing so as the government was awake all the time and it could not spare anyone once caught.

"The government has continued strengthening surveillance in border areas to make sure that the whole chain engaging in this illegal is destroyed...We will not get tired arresting and dragging to court those found engaging in the illegal business," he said.

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

## DC commends Kwimba legislator

KWIMBA legislator Shanif Mansoor has been commended for the construction of 98kms new gravel road by using his own resources.

Speaking at a meeting of Mwanza regional road board recently, Kwimba District Commissioner (DC), Senyi Ngaga said that move by the MP had helped to improve transport services in the area as it was formerly in bad condition.

The DC underscored that because of the MP's contribution the road will be under the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and will be among other roads to be upgraded by the agency.

"Actually this move is good and the MP has to be congratulated because he

has shown the way that has significantly helped to solve transport chaos in the district", she noted.

Also she appealed to Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) to allocate funds for doing maintenance on Mabuki-Jojiro-Ngudu road that is currently in impassable.

That road is important for socio-economic activities of people in the district and therefore government should ensure that road is all the time passable to promote development projects in the area, she said.

She pointed out that development of any place depends on road

infrastructure and on the reverse socio-economic activities will collapse and negatively affect the entire system of lives of the people in the respective areas.

The DC stated that Ngudu township is also facing acute shortage because of dilapidated infrastructures and

therefore urged the government as well as interested individuals to come out and assist to solve the challenges facing the people in the district.

"If we get a tank with capacity to supply at least 3000 litres of water it will significantly help us to solve the problem of shortage of water in the area", she said.

She thanked the Member of Parliament for Kwimba for donating water equipment to the area that will help to end water woes in the area.



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- Able to work independently with minimum supervision
- Self motivated, flexible person and a good team player

- Experience** : Any experience in related field will be added advantage.
- Location** : Arusha & Kilimanjaro

#### 2. Salesman

**Qualification:**

- Applicant should be a holder of form IV/VI with Diploma in Sales and Marketing / Business Administration or any related field from recognized Institution.

**Key skills & Abilities:**

- Skills and knowledge of customer care and customer services.
- Ability to forecast sales/load to be taken for each day to the location assigned.
- Able to work independently with minimum supervision.
- Self motivated, flexible person and a good team player.
- Ability to seek out and develop new business and maximize all possible opportunities to increase Sales

- Experience** : Any experience in the same field will be added advantage
- Location** : Arusha & Kilimanjaro

**Mode of Application:**

All applications accompanied with cover letter, photocopies of certificates and CVs to be sent to undersigned address, reach him not later than 28/03/2019.

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**MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

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An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate.

**HOW TO APPLY**

- Interested candidates should submit:
- An application letter and detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV).
  - Contact details for three referees.
  - Copies of certificates.

Your application must be received by **April 08th, 2019** to the address below, with subject line **RECORDS**

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26/03/2019





A farmer herds goats in northern Tanzania. Experts say dangerous diseases can pass from livestock to humans.

## Hybrid flatworms pass from livestock to humans, research finds

By Sarah Newey

A parasitic disease which affects more than 200 million of the world's poorest people is transmitted between humans and their livestock through "hybrid" flatworms, a UK-funded project has found.

Schistosomiasis, a chronic disease caused by parasitic flatworms which leads to an intestine or urinary tract infection, is common in communities without access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

While efforts to control the disease have been partially successful, they have been limited by the flatworms' ability to rapidly adapt and evolve.

But in an announcement on Monday, scientists working in West Africa said that growing hotspots of the disease are driven by the emergence of highly infectious "hybrid" parasites, formed when species of schistosome from both

livestock and humans combine.

The research finding, which the World Health Organisation have incorporated into treatment guidelines, will have a significant impact on stemming the transmission and spread of the disease. "That this species of really nasty parasitic worm can survive in livestock as well as humans is really unexpected," said Prof Charlotte Watts, Chief Scientific Adviser at the Department for International Development (Dfid). "Before, we assumed [disease transmission] was always from a cycle between worms.

"This finding is really important in terms of public health and demonstrates the huge potential for science to really make a difference," she added.

The research is among a number of projects releasing findings on Monday as part of a UK government strategy to invest in zoonotic diseases, which can be passed from animals to humans.

Such illnesses, which can devastate livestock and could be the source of the next global pandemic, are estimated to have cost the world more than \$20 billion directly and \$200 billion indirectly between 2000 and 2010.

"A billion people around the world depend on farming and livestock as a source of income," said Penny Mordaunt, International Development Secretary. "By protecting cows and chickens from infections and tackling diseases that spread from animals to humans - like avian flu - UK aid is protecting them, supporting their livelihoods and reducing the risk of pandemics that could reach our shores."

In a project in Tanzania, scientists found that the insecticides farmers used to control ticks and flies on livestock also prevented the transmission of sleeping sickness, a deadly neglected disease spread by tsetse flies, from wildlife to humans.

Another team identified a link between growing brucellosis infections and the rise of farming sheep and goats, which are becoming more popular to farm as they are less vulnerable to changing climates than cattle.

"What I'm excited about is the range of really important diseases that these projects are tackling," said Prof Watts. "[Dfid] are fundamentally committed to trying to help the world's poorest people, and we know that agriculture is a really important area. "But what we also know is that animals, both wildlife and livestock, are an important source of new infections to humans. How we invest overseas has an impact on the UK as well as global health security."

Dfid also announced on Monday an additional £2.5 million for six projects in the Zoonoses and Emerging Livestock Systems (ZELS) scheme, taking the total invested by the UK to over £23 million.

## Adult villagers in Gairo given another chance to learn how to read, write

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ADULT villagers in Gairo District in Morogoro Region who missed the formal primary education have another chance to learn how to read and write, thanks to the Bible Society of Tanzania.

The society in collaboration with Bible Society in Finland has initiated a programme to enable the villagers, especially women, to learn to read and write in their own language in Kaguru.

Kaguru is a Bantu language of the Morogoro and Dodoma regions. It is closely related to Gogo language of Dodoma people and the Zaramo of Dar es Salaam and Coast regions original residents.

This week at least 97 people in ten villages within Gairo district graduated after six months of learning to read and write in Kaguru language. At the beginning of the course they could not read nor write but at the end of the course they managed.

Reading out a statement on behalf of fellow students, Buitisi Limi thanked the Bible Society for the efforts that have made them achieve the goal.

She said now they can easily read the bible and other literature in Kaguru language and Kiswahili. "We missed this opportunity at early stages in life due to various but we can now read and write through the support of the Bible Society of Tanzania" she said.

She said through the programme they can now read the bible and other publications, noting that the programme has helped expand their horizon.

Speaking at the meeting the Secretary General, Bible Society of Tanzania, Alfred Kimonge the programme undertaken through cooperation with Bible Society in Finland was to help women, especially those in the villages to read

and write.

He said women have shown great strength in fostering cooperation in any society and helped bring the desired changes, thus it was prudent to empower them to read the bible and other literatures.

Kimonge also observed that the church has a role to play in transforming the society, adding the programme is in line with the government's efforts to provide basic education to all Tanzanians.

The secretary general stated that Tanzania is among the five countries globally that benefit from the programme aimed at providing basic learning skills using the respective people's mother tongue.

"I am impressed by what I have seen here, now that you are able to write and read out your own statement, this is a clear indication the programme has opened opportunity for to read more" he said.

He said bible translation in Kaguru language will be out soon, thus they will be able to read the word of God by themselves in their own language.

Guest of honour at the event, Canon Isaac Mgego noted that it was great honour to have people learn in their native language, that they understand most.

He said through the programme, Kaguru tribe that was at the verge of extinction will now have its rightful honour once again. "Please public more books in Kaguru language to help maintain our heritage as well as helping young generation to learn the language" he said.

However, he cautioned that using mother tongue should be used to help foster development instead of causing discrimination and division among them.



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### Sources Sought Notice

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Tanzania seeks a local partner to implement the Local Institutions Leading Development (LILED) activity. The purpose of the activity is to strengthen performance management in the public sector. Grants and grant management assistance will be provided to Local Government Authorities (LGAs) and the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDEC).

This call is exclusively for local Tanzanian partners, defined as organizations which: • are incorporated or legally organized under the laws of, and have its principal place of business in Tanzania; • are at least 75% beneficially owned by individuals who are citizens or lawfully admitted residents of Tanzania; • have at least 75% of its staff (senior, mid-level, support) being citizens or lawfully admitted residents of Tanzania; and • if it has a Board of Directors, has at least 51% of the members of its Board who are citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of Tanzania.

Grant management entails soliciting, screening, and selecting grantees against published criteria, and managing the resulting grants. It also involves ensuring that the grantee has the necessary organizational capacity (i.e. systems, policies, practices) to implement the grant in accordance with best practices, and that the grantee is technically, financially, and administratively equipped to achieve the stated objectives of the grant. The LILED Recipient(s) will account for funds given to 50-150 LGAs each year and for funds provided to the MoHCDEC for performance-based financing of health facilities. As recipients of sub-grants, LGAs and the MoHCDEC will implement these sub-grants using GOT systems and in accordance with GOT policies and procedures.

To respond to this notice, submit a document not to exceed 5 pages (inclusive of annexes) that describes:

1. Your organization's experience in providing capacity building support to government entities engaged in health activities.
2. Your organization's experience with performance-based financing.
3. Your organization's experience in managing donor funded grants.

Email your document to [usaidtzo@usaid.gov](mailto:usaidtzo@usaid.gov) with subject "LILED - Sources Sought Notice" which should be received not later than Tuesday, April 02, 2019.

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### Job Opportunity – Executive Director

#### Background

Tanzania Media Foundation (TMF) works towards a strong, independent and diverse media sector in Tanzania. From July 2019 TMF will begin to implement a new strategic plan, Media that works! TMF's focus for the next five years will be on facilitating media transformation by promoting learning, creativity and innovation. It's media development approach is human-rights based and driven by a firm belief in and commitment to freedom of expression and the right to information.

#### Purpose of the role

The purpose of this role is to manage TMF's day to day activities on behalf of the TMF Board of Directors, in order to ensure the successful achievement of the organisation's strategic and operational objectives. The executive director reports to the Board of Directors and is responsible for the implementation of Board directives. He/she does so by taking a lead in key areas such as development and implementation of TMF's strategic plan, administration, financial and human resource management, resource mobilisation, partnership engagement and public, government and donor relations. He/she is responsible for supervising and providing strategic guidance to senior management.

**Employment category:** The successful applicant will be employed on a renewable contract basis subject to work performance and availability of financial resources.

**Starting date:** 1 July 2019

#### Educational/Professional Qualification:

Masters in management, business administration, international development, mass communication or other relevant field.

#### Key characteristics, skills, experience and competence

- Minimum of 10 years work experience in a relevant field
- In-depth knowledge of the media sector
- Thorough understanding and knowledge of development issues such as governance, gender, rural development and poverty
- Visionary with strong leadership and teambuilding skills as well as knowledge relevant to non-profit organisations
- Innovator and change champion with high levels of integrity
- Programme, financial, resource mobilisation and human resource management skills
- Diverse network and networking capabilities
- Experience in grant management and capacity building
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills in both English and Swahili

#### Mode of application

Interested candidates should apply through the address: [recruitment@tmf.or.tz](mailto:recruitment@tmf.or.tz). Your application should include cover letter explaining your suitability for the position and how your qualifications, education, skills, experience and competence fit the purpose of the job. Updated CV must be attached and must include at least three referees and their contact details. Detailed specific duties and responsibilities

Interested candidates are encouraged to read 'Executive Director vacancy announcement and detailed description of role and main duties' on <https://www.tmf.or.tz/newsroom.html> before applying.

**Application deadline:** Deadline for submitting an application is 12 April, 2019

**Note:** Qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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# HDIF and Costech host innovation week in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

THE Human Development Innovation Fund (HDIF) and Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (Costech) are running Innovation Week for the 5th time since 2015

The week, running from yesterday is supported by UK Aid. The opening ceremony was in line with the launch of HDIF's report titled 'Investing in Social Innovation and Technology in Tanzania' which looks back at the growth of the innovation ecosystem over the five years that HDIF has been running.

The report shares lessons on nurturing and financing innovative ideas, and how to build a vibrant innovation ecosystem in Tanzania.

HDIF team leader, David McGinty said the organization has learned a lot from running the largest innovation programme in the country which is supported by almost British Pounds 40 million from UK Aid. The funds are used to innovate ideas to pilot and

scale in education, health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

"We are excited to continue supporting innovation in Tanzania and sharing our recommendations through our 5-year report which will give all players in innovation some insights as they invest in, design or implement projects," he said.

McGinty said that HDIF has been working closely with the government through Costech and other partners to make sure that innovations that have been funded are scaled and sustained for the development of the country.

Giving examples of support that UK Aid is providing to partners including the government through HDIF, McGinty revealed that they recently committed a total of 1.3bn/- through Costech to support grassroots innovations and innovation hubs in the country.

The grant award went to innovators who successfully won the call for proposal advertised in 2018, he said.

Costech director general, Dr Amos Nungu said that HDIF awards which were presented by the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Joyce Ndalichako early March this year, will fund a total of 30 projects whereby 15 are dedicated to grassroots innovations and 15 are dedicated to supporting the growth of innovation hubs in the country.

This year's innovation week which carries as a theme 'Scaling and Sustaining Innovations for Human Development' has opened doors to various partners to support the event in different forms including monetary sponsorship.

Inaugural sponsors are the Digital Impact Alliance, Vodacom Foundation and DLab.

This is a deliberate move to make innovation week a self-sustaining event showcase by 2021 and HDIF and UK Aid are looking forward to the transition as effective from 2020 whereas another partner will be supported to organise and run the week.



Experiments have proved the environment benefits when more women are involved in land management decisions

## Women decision makers are good for the environment, study shows

By Brooks Hays

PLANET Earth needs more women decision makers. According to a new study, when women are involved in land-management decisions, groups are more likely to opt for conservation.

Previous studies have showed women tend to support conservation measures and show greater concern for the environment and inequality. However, women are less likely to hold positions of power and be included in decision-making groups.

The latest research, published in the journal Nature Climate Change, suggests women would be able to push for eco-friendly policies if they were involved in decision making.

"When policymakers think about what to do to increase conservation around the world, gender quotas don't even come up as a viable policy instrument," Krister Andersson, a political science professor and researcher at the University of Colorado, Boulder's Institute of Behavioral Science, said in a news release.

"This study suggests they should." For their study, researchers organized land management simulation games in Indonesia, Peru and Tanzania. Local forest users were assembled and tasked with determining how

many trees should be harvested from a shared forest.

"We wanted to know what would happen if you offered financial incentives for groups to conserve and made sure at least half the members were women," said Andersson.

Half of the groups featured gender quotas -- the groups had to be at least 50 percent women.

For the first test, participants were asked individually to decide how many trees to cut down. For each tree harvested, participants were given a small payment, five tokens. For the second test, participants were asked to decide as a group how many trees to harvest.

The groups were informed that they would receive 160 tokens by an outside organization if they decided to refrain from harvesting trees, and that an elected group leader would decide how to distribute the tokens.

"We found that the groups with the gender quota reduced their harvesting rate far more when the incentive was introduced and also distributed the payments for conserving more equally," said Nathan Cook, a postdoctoral research fellow at the Institute of Behavioral Science.

There was no difference between the group decisions when no financial

incentive for conservation was offered. But when a reward for saving trees was made available, groups in which at least half the participants were female decided to cut 51 percent fewer trees.

"It appears that it is not the gender quota by itself that is making a difference, but rather the combination with the conservation incentive," said Andersson.

"Maybe women have stronger environmental preferences but having a seat at the table and a payment for foregoing the immediate benefits of cutting down trees empowers them to act."

Whether a man or woman was elected group leader didn't matter. Women-majority groups with a male leader still conserved trees.

"The big takeaway here is that when it comes to environmental conservation, the presence of women matters," said Cook.

In places where economic growth threatens wild forest acreage, programs called Payments for Ecosystem Services, or PES, are becoming increasingly common. Government gender quotas are also becoming more common.

India, Argentina and Rwanda have all instituted gender quotas to boost the number of female representatives in their legislative bodies.

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Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) is Tanzania's leading gold producer with a single operation in Geita Region. The company is a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti, an international gold producer headquartered in South Africa, with operations in more than ten countries, in four continents. The mine is situated in the Lake Victoria Gold fields of North Western Tanzania, only about 85 km's from Mwanza City and 20 km's South East of the nearest point of Lake Victoria. The company has its head office in Geita, only 5 Km's west of the fast growing town of Geita, and also a supporting office in Dar es Salaam. Applications are invited from ambitious, energetic and performance driven individuals to fill in vacant position(s) mentioned below:.

<b>Position:</b>	Superintendent Electrical
<b>Job Number:</b>	GGM-2019-XIN-01
<b>Number of Positions:</b>	01.
<b>Works For:</b>	Senior Manager Infrastructure
<b>Qualifications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BSc Electrical Engineering Degree (preferred)</li> <li>National higher diploma – Electrical Engineering (minimum)</li> <li>A recognized trade certificate in Electrical</li> </ul>
<b>Experience:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eight (8) to ten (10) years' mining operational electrical engineering experience.</li> <li>Experience should include all aspects of underground mine engineering e.g. design, scheduling, drilling and blasting, structural geology, ventilation, dewatering/pumping, power systems, surveying, reserve and resource development and reporting, etc.</li> <li>Proven record of Contractor Mining</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose of the Role:</b>	To design, development and maintenance the electrical infrastructure and activities for the entire mine with specific focus on the Process Plant, Open Pit and Underground Mining departments to ensure optimized production. Infrastructure consists of the following areas: Process plant/ Water treatment/ Outside water sources / Mining Open Pit and Underground Operations/ Power Generation/ all other infrastructures like the mine village/ Geita Town Projects.
<b>Main or Key Accountabilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieves electrical engineering objectives by setting and reviewing annual plans and actions.</li> <li>Prepares an annual budget; schedule expenditures, analyzing and report on variances.</li> <li>Implements productivity, quality, and service standards (OEM) through audits, trend analyses, problem solving and preventative actions.</li> <li>Develops detail utilisation and maintenance schedules for electrical equipment inclusive but not limited of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 Kv transformers / RMU switchgear</li> <li>11 Kv switchgear and overhead lines</li> <li>11 KV mill slip-ring motors</li> <li>MV protection relays for mills</li> <li>Mill VDS units and LV soft starters &amp; VDS</li> <li>Diesel operated engines like Wartsila and Allen Diesels/Cummins</li> <li>IR and SIT on MV and LV switchgear</li> <li>Testing MV cables</li> <li>Underground equipment like Jumbo and drill rigs</li> </ul> </li> <li>Plans and oversees electrical projects by determining specifications, selecting contractors and establishing schedules, planning of shut-downs and installations and integrating requirements with existing and new infrastructure and verifying code requirements.</li> <li>Maintains electrical systems by establishing and enforcing preventive and on-going maintenance, and testing programs; scheduling repairs; coordinating shut-downs and installations.</li> <li>Maintains safe and healthy work environment by establishing, following, and enforcing standards and procedures; complying with codes and legal regulations.</li> <li>Ensures appropriate staffing by recruiting, selecting, training, coaching, counseling, and disciplining employees according to policies and procedures.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proficient in relevant software programs (i.e. Microsoft Office products, AutoCAD)</li> <li>PLC knowledge and fault finding</li> <li>Wonderware Orchestra knowledge</li> <li>Certificate in MV switching</li> <li>Training certificate in protection relays.</li> </ul> <p><b>Statutory requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If relevant - Certificate of Competency or equivalent.</li> </ul> <p><b>Workplace Competencies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure layout planning</li> <li>Project Management.</li> <li>Maintenance planning of electrical equipment.</li> <li>Installation and maintenance 11Kv switchgear and overhead lines.</li> <li>Installation and maintenance of 11Kv transformers/RMU switchgear.</li> <li>Installation and maintenance of 11Kv Mill slip-ring motors</li> <li>Installation and maintenance of MV protection relays for Mills</li> <li>Installation and maintenance of IR and SIT on MV and LV switchgear</li> <li>Testing MV cables</li> <li>Installation and maintenance of Mill VSD units and LV soft starters &amp; VSD</li> <li>Knowledge of Diesel operated engines [Wartsila and Allen Diesels/Cummins]</li> </ul>
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## AFCON qualification a victory of the will, first and foremost

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proceed in the region by clinching 13 points before the final match, implying that its last two matches, where it won one and lost the last encounter, were rather superfluous to its needs. Burundi also had a fantastic AFCON qualification night with a 1-1 draw with much fancied Gabon at its home ground in Bujumbura, the first qualification in the country's history. Saido Berahimo, a refugee cleared to play for Burundi by Africa body, CAF only last August, scored the all-important goal, clearing out Gabon, where Arsenal superstar Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang is seen as just another player.

In that sense Tanzania' win wasn't without parallels in the rest of the qualification run, but it had a special touch at the local level. It yielded fruit to the determination and sheer act of belief that it can be done, which was stressed by President John Magufuli when meeting with players and head coach of Taifa Stars at the State House late last year, after the side rekindled hopes with a 2-0 thumping of Cape Verde. Things looked lost when the side received a 3-0 drubbing in Cape Verde, and when it was overturn, belief could set in again. It dipped with a 10 loss in away match to Lesotho, same score as in a 2015 qualifying match at the same ground.

The veteran Nigerian international Emmanuel Amunike who had the unenviable task of taking Taifa Stars to the African Nations Cup finals set for Cameroon in June was on Sunday night toasted with champagne theatrics at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam as the Tanzania-Uganda encounter ended with a 3-0 win. Still that wasn't the main point but the broader outcome, that with a goalless draw between Cape Verde and Lesotho, Tanzania had eight points while the others had five and six points respectively, enabling Tanzania to reach its first finals 18 to 19 years since 1980 finals. It was still cliff hanging up to the last minute, despite the match result.

The performance that Taifa Stars with Amunike put up had parallels with Patrick Aumusse at Simba SC whose side lately also qualified for the quarter finals despite having the worst away results in its group with Al Ahly, JS Saoura and AS Vita. Tanzania

won its home match with Cape Verde, reversing a 0-3 loss to a 2-0 win which sort of explains Sunday's encounter, as Uganda won 1-0 against Cape Verde both at home and away encounters. In that case Uganda softened up somewhat because it had already qualified with 13 points, while Tanzania could only reach eight after its home victory against Uganda. Had either side won in Cape Verde we would be ousted.

This outcome means that 2019 is a good year for Tanzanian football, something that was perhaps on the radar, horizon, after our youngster side Serengeti Boys reached the final of the AFCON U-17 tournament, and have been close to reaching that point in the subsequent tourney. It is hard to say there is a contribution of previous U-17 players, as the U-21 and U-23 contests were usually closer to the senior national team than the youngsters' tournaments. Still many such players get places in foreign clubs and Taifa Stars managers and coaches here are starting to make call ups of such players, with the current squad having more foreign based players than earlier.

The fact that no winner was recorded in the Cape Verde -Lesotho match would suggest in cynical terms that no collaborative terms could be arranged in advance, for instance by the 80th minute when it was clear that Taifa Stars would win over Uganda. Despite flashes of brilliance, the Cranes were certainly not in a do or die battle as their qualification was already sealed, despite that it clearly was under pressure to defend the national team colours in a non-decisive encounter. Still had officials on either side 'talked business,' the team that was better placed could oil its way to qualification but these days things are tough: even walls hear, not just mobile phones.

That no deal could be arranged between Lesotho and Cape Verde, despite intense wish to qualify and the easy modality of doing that, shows that the war against corruption is making headway in Africa. No one is sure if their mobile phone conversation won't be tapped or monitored, and money sent to the mobile phone of the losing country won't be discovered and all is put on facebook, etc. Fear is professionalising African football.

## WFP an invaluable partner in Tanzania's development

THE World Food Programme (WFP) is the food-assistance branch of the United Nations and the world's largest humanitarian organisation addressing hunger and promoting food security. According to the WFP, it provides food assistance to an average of 91.4 million people in 83 countries each year. From its headquarters in Rome and from more than 80 country offices around the world, the WFP works to help people who cannot produce or obtain enough food for themselves and their families. It is a member of the United Nations Development Group and part of its executive committee.

WFP was first established in 1961 after the 1960 Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Conference, when George McGovern, director of the US Food for Peace Programmes, proposed establishing a multilateral food aid programme. The WFP was formally established in 1963 by the FAO and the United Nations General Assembly on a three-year experimental basis. In 1965, the programme was extended to a continuing basis.

The WFP strives to eradicate hunger and malnutrition, with the ultimate goal in mind of eliminating the need for food aid itself. The objectives that the WFP hopes to achieve are to among others

Save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies; support food security

and nutrition and (re)build livelihoods in fragile settings and following emergencies; reduce risk and enable people, communities and countries to meet their own food and nutrition needs; reduce under-nutrition and break the inter-generational cycle of hunger and zero hunger in 2030.

WFP food aid is also directed to fight micronutrient deficiencies, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, and combat disease, including HIV and AIDS. Food-for-work programmes help promote environmental and economic stability and agricultural production. The WFP operations are funded by voluntary donations from governments of the world, corporations and private donors.

The Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Food Programme for a 1.3bn/- grant to renovate 40 cargo wagons. WFP uses TRC services to transport shipments for use in refugee camps and similar cargoes destined for Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and South Sudan. The wagons will be part of TRC equipment used to transport WFP cargo at a concessional rate. The MoU states that WFP will release the money for the renovation, USD 600,000 while TRC will oversee the renovation work using its own experts and facilities.

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## Gambia: Open letter to the legal fraternity/sorority and the nation

By Special Correspondent

AS I leave the shores of the Gambia for the ACP -EU Parliamentary Assembly I am unsure what type of Gambia I will return to in a week from now. I hope by then Gambians would have decided on the Gambia we want. The Gambia we want is still being calibrated on the crucible of time. Those who are to decide are still staring at each other with bloodshot bulging eyes and gnashing teeth and daggers drawn aiming for the slaughter of the very institutions and values we all claim to hold dear.

People are being asked on which side they belong. However, in a loss-loss battle where winning means losing, is a battle that should not have been started in the first place.

Just yesterday a principal of a school who has taught children of all ethnolinguistic and religious groups from all regions of the country, looked at me with glassy eyes and narrated with a voice strained by agony how a fence around his orchard was pulled down exposing his fruit trees to the wilderness of uncertainty after making investment for decades in a garden whose ownership is now contested on the basis of ancestral inheritance but is yet to receive any notice that his fence is to be pulled down on the basis of a court order. If a new Gambia is in the making the legal fraternity could come to his aid to defend his right to property gratis.

Very recently, another group went on West Coast radio to lament that the state is set to demolish their community and that they had invited me to come to their village but I did not turn up. I asked myself the question, why I am being mentioned, out of a Million citizens, by people who never wrote a letter to me or visited me to request me to come to their village. All I could remember is a journalist informing me, on a given Friday evening of the desire of people of to talk to me about their predicament and I readily offered to receive them on Sunday if that was agreeable to them thinking that they would arrange to come to my office to brief me on the problems confronting them. Instead of coming someone preferred to crucify my integrity before the altar of West Coast Radio station. It did not take long for the state to respond to their concerns indicating that they have granted land

to a claimant so that he would forgo claim of land that is now a Christian grave yard and further assured them that the court cases would be fairly handled after over a year of counseling by Foroyaa for the state to rejuvenate the lands commission to handle land disputes and further settle Community land issues by undertaking to offer compensation to claimants on behalf of threatened communities.

It is my humble view that the legal fraternity and sorority are best suited to make headlines in taking the cases of such aggrieved persons up to the level of the ECOWAS Court. This is the type of solidarity the new Gambia is calling for to ensure that no tears are shed again.

In the same vein, recently, the Councilor of Sanjal ward conveyed to me that the people in the ward are asking whether the retirement of their Chief is backed by law. My answer is of course in the negative.

It is the members of the legal fraternity/sorority who should take such matters before the courts so that oaths of office would have meaning.

To administer a state on the basis of law without fear of favour affection or ill will is the only way to consolidate good governance, due process and the rule of law.

Section 58 of the Constitution provides for presidential appointment of a District Seyfo in consultation with the Minister responsible for local government.

Section 134 Subsection (1) of the Local Government Act adds that one qualifies to be appointed Seyfo if he or she (a) Is a citizen of The Gambia of not less than 30 years of age; and (b) is resident in the District to which he or she is to be appointed; and (c) is knowledgeable in the customs, traditions, culture and customary laws of his or her District.

There is no statutory retirement age for the office of Seyfo. Hence any letter sending a District Seyfo to retirement is speaking the language of executive order and not law. Such a trend requires redress.

My final concern is the heading in the standard "Lawyers in Support of President Take NAMS to Supreme Court".

The President is not an ordinary person and the National Assembly is not an ordinary institution. The Country is also in a state of transition. The legal fraternity and sorority have

a role in promoting Constitutional and legal reform. They have a role in ensuring that the new Gambia adheres to the tenets of democratic principles, good governance, due process and the rule of law. They have the role to Scrutinize the functions of the arms of the state which are supposed to be clearly defined as claimed in the preamble of the Constitution. They should test whether independence is "amply secured with adequate checks and balances to ensure that they all work harmoniously together toward our common good."

I do not know whether the members of the legal fraternity and sorority subscribe to the headline in the standard. The Executive and the National Assembly need to be accompanied in this time of transition so that they would be fit for purpose, otherwise national integrity and sustainable development would be the casualty.

The President is adequately covered and may not need legal protection from anyone.

Section 69 grants him Immunity from civil and criminal proceedings. It states:

"(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), no civil or criminal proceedings shall be instituted or continued against any person while holding or performing the functions of the office of President in respect of anything done or omitted to be done by him or her whether in an official or a private capacity."

However, if his or her actions under the law needs interpretation by the courts to determine its constitutionality or unconstitutionality subsection (2) applies as follows:

"(2) Nothing in subsection (1) applies to an action for a declaration under section 5 (enforcement of the Constitution), and any proceedings under that section against the President or a person performing the functions of that office shall be brought against him or her by his or her official title or style, and he or she shall appear, and be represented by, the Attorney-General."

In short, Section 72 Subsection (2) states that "The Attorney General shall be the principal legal adviser to the Government and shall have the right of audience in all courts in The Gambia."

I therefore do not understand where the Standard headline is leading the legal fraternity and sorority to. May be

they will help me to better understand their vision and mission and how it will further the common good.

It is important for those outside the National Assembly to know that the members of the executive and the National Assembly have equal freedom of speech and to engage in debate in the National Assembly. Section 113 of the Constitution states:

"There shall be freedom of speech and debate in the National Assembly and that freedom shall not be impeached or questioned in any court or place outside the National Assembly."

Section 77 Subsection (4) has empowered the executive to defend itself before the National Assembly. One does not need a rubber stamp National Assembly to defend the executive. It reads:

"The Vice-President and Ministers shall be collectively responsible to the National Assembly for any advice given to the President in Cabinet, and the Vice-President and each Minister shall be accountable to the President and the National Assembly for the administration of the departments and other business of Government committed to his or her charge."

What will serve the common good is for legislators to adhere to the provision of section 112 of the Constitution and avoid any fragmentation of the Assembly into partisan camps. It reads:

"The responsibilities of the members of the National Assembly shall include the following -

(b) all members shall regard themselves as servants of the people of The Gambia, desist from any conduct by which they seek improperly to enrich themselves or alienate themselves from the people, and shall discharge their duties and functions in the interest of the nation as a whole and in doing so shall be influenced by the dictates of conscience and the national interest."

The matter which has pushed the National Assembly into the Court system is the issue of Presidential nominations and revocation of nomination. This simple matter is made complex by legal polemics. How should this matter be viewed without interference with the independence and impartiality of the courts?

Four sections of the Constitution are the principal sections to be considered in this whole debate: They are sections 89, 90, 91 and 231.



# What they need: Money, resources, and a seat at the table - little more

NEW YORK

As a long-time advocate, I've been invited to speak at dozens of global conferences about the needs of girls and women in humanitarian emergencies.

And while I've had the opportunity to understand this issue in good depth throughout my career, there's still one glaring problem: I'm not, and have never been, a woman affected by a humanitarian emergency.

As a native New Yorker, I've never known what it's like to get my period in a war zone, where menstrual hygiene products are in short supply. As a new mother, I don't know what it's like to give birth in a refugee camp, where maternal health services are rarely available.

And as a women's rights activist, I don't personally know what it's like to advocate in places where even uttering words like "gender equality" can be a life sentence.

But I speak English, have an American passport, and know all the humanitarian acronyms by heart - so it's much easier to invite someone like me to into humanitarian decision-making circles in New York and Geneva than to wrestle with visas and language barriers and engage the women bravely advocating in Syria, Lebanon, and beyond.

If we really want to better understand and address the needs of girls and women in these complex environments, it shouldn't be this way.

That's why I was pleased to see so many more representatives from women-focused civil society organizations (CSOs) take the stage at events surrounding the UN Commission on the Status of Women this month.

Women like Olfat Mahmoud, a Palestinian nurse and refugee who stands at the podium at an event called "Does Humanitarian Aid Need a Feminist Facelift?" - hosted by Women Deliver - where she gave an opening speech. And Diana Abou Abbas, a Lebanese LGBTQIA+ activist who confidently

claimed a seat at the panel to share her own experiences.

They're not who you'd expect to hold the mics at CSW, but they are who we need to hear from most.

"I'm really blessed to be here to speak with people like you, and to remind you that we exist," said Olfat, who leads the Palestinian Women's Humanitarian Organization (PWHO) in her speech to international dignitaries, donors, and decision-makers in a tightly-packed room.

In truth, I can't help but feel that we are the lucky ones to hear from people like her. Women-focused CSOs like Olfat's are leading activities that many international organizations deem too difficult at times of conflict and disaster, like expanding access to sexual and reproductive services for refugee girls and women.

Too often, these services - like access to contraception, maternal care, and emergency obstetrics - are rarely provided in first-line humanitarian responses, if at all. Grassroots women leaders prove that providing these services is feasible and life-saving in even the most complex environments.

"I was a nurse...and always called by other NGOs to raise women's awareness on her children's health or family's health...but nothing about her [own health] as a woman. We started [PWHO] to fill the gap," Olfat describes.

At the meeting, Olfat shares PWHO's experience working with religious leaders to ensure access women's health programs in refugee camps where they work. Soon after, Diana describes her work with Marsa Sexual Health Center - the Beirut-based health clinic that provides safe and non-discriminatory sexual health services to the hardest-to-reach populations in Lebanon, including LGBTQIA+ people, adolescents, refugees, and others.

Both organizations have documented research and best practices to show what works in these difficult contexts - lessons that would be invaluable to international organizations that have

reached a standstill on these issues.

There is growing global recognition that hearing more from experts at women-focused CSOs like PWHO and Marsa Sexual Health Center is critically needed to make humanitarian responses more effective. For example, the Call to Action on Protection from Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Emergencies - a groundbreaking partnership which includes commitments from over eighty countries and NGOs to better address GBV - is working hard to enhance local leadership to help fuel more progress on this issue.


Partners are increasing looking to women-focused CSOs to develop roadmaps to help implement the Call to Action, including in Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where this work has already begun.

"Success requires investing in local organizations...and making this investment sustainable," Diana describes at CSW. Globally, only 3% of humanitarian aid went to local and national organizations in 2017 - and much less to those focused on girls and women.

A key takeaway from CSW was the need to scale up flexible and long-term investment in women-focused CSOs, who know the context, entry points, and opportunities to deliver humanitarian assistance most effectively.

Put simply: building a more feminist humanitarian system requires handing over the mic and power to women-focused CSOs in conference rooms, press rooms, and boardrooms. It suggests letting go of some of our own power as international advocates to let women lead and set the agenda - and trust that our collective action for girls and women in humanitarian emergencies will be stronger because of it. It means relinquishing our speaking roles at international convenings so that the MVPs on the ground have a seat at the table.

After all, as Olfat so rightly put it: "Women are the backbones of our communities. They are the future. If we want strong communities, we need strong women."



**Job Title: CAMFED Tanzania Programme Manager – Enterprise Development**

**Reporting to: Head of Programs**

**Location: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

**Summary**  
CAMFED Tanzania is an award-winning organization dedicated to tackling poverty and inequality through the education of girls and leadership of young women. A 'best-in-class' organization, CAMFED has a reputation for being innovative, resourceful and smart, and has achieved unprecedented results in improving education outcomes among disadvantaged young people.

**Job Purpose**  
To support the implementation of CAMFED Tanzania's programs and partnerships for young women's enterprise development, including women's post-school transitions, training, business start-up and growth.

**Specific Accountabilities**

- Work with Program Managers, Heads of Function and the international Enterprise Development team to support the development and roll-out of training programs and initiatives to support young women's enterprise. This includes CAMFED's Transition Guide Program, young women's access to business finance and quality training, mentoring, advice and linkages to support business start-up and growth.
- Oversee the design, roll out and operational management of enterprise products through grants and loans, build response and tactical mechanisms are in place to increase loans take up and repayments and ensure maximum use of CAMFED credit/capital limit with implementing partners.
- Provide technical input to the development of CAMA enterprise training materials
- Work with the Head of Programs to support the development and management of partnerships to enable young women's enterprise, for example with Community Development Committees, government bodies, finance providers, private sector, training partners and other NGOs.
- Support the development and review of work plans and budgets in full collaboration with other Managers to ensure synergy between all areas of the program, cost-effectiveness in delivery, and that we are on track with donor contracts.
- Stay up-to-date with Government policies and external research with regard to youth enterprise and share insights with the wider CAMFED team to ensure alignment.
- Ensure strong knowledge management and sharing with CAMFED Tanzania and CAMFED International so that program information, learning and insights can inform program improvements, reports, proposals and communications with the media and other stakeholders.

Contribute to reports and prepare presentations as required.

- Support the management of relationships with key national partners, including donor partners.

**Represent CAMFED with external stakeholders, as required.**


- Ensure that CAMA District Centers are kept-up-to-date with business resources and that young women are aware of training, funding and advisory services available to them.
- Facilitate CAMA-CAMA business collaboration, trade and marketing strategy; for example by connecting new CAMA entrepreneurs to more experienced mentors and supporting CAMA entrepreneurs in complementary sectors to work together

**Knowledge, Experience & Skills Required**

**Essential:**

- A relevant degree or professional qualification in Social development, Community development Business administration, Innovation and Entrepreneurship and any other relevant.
- Project management, including planning, working to deadlines, budgeting, collaborating, and risk management
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills, including qualitative data collection skills through interviews, site visits, etc.
- Strong research and analytical skills
- Very strong writing skills and the ability to match writing style to audience
- Experience of inter-agency/ inter-disciplinary work.
- Knowledge of Tanzania's education and gender landscape (including key stakeholders and familiarity with related initiatives)
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines
- Full working proficiency in both Swahili and English
- Ability to periodically travel domestically and internationally
- Excellent negotiating, networking and presentation skills
- Ability to work within a multi-cultural team with diverse experience including government

**Application Details**  
To apply for this position please send your CV and covering letter to [hr.tanzania@camfed.org](mailto:hr.tanzania@camfed.org) on or before **Tuesday 10th April, 2019 at 4.00 p.m.**



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- Deliver on Bank Collection and recovery Strategy wide formulation of short term and medium-term collection/recovery action plans across the credit life cycle.
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- To have an adequate and relevant collection strategy commensurate with the size and risk of the portfolio.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:**

- Management degree/Professional Qualification in Credit Management preferred.
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- Knowledge in Credit Management.
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# A story of zinc in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique

MAPUTO

If it was not for Cyclone Idai, people would not have known that zinc plates, the most common material used by Mozambicans for building their roofs, could reach so many different places in so many different shapes over one night.

After the cyclone had hit, zinc plates were twisted up, torn apart and blown away. They were in rolls, strips or fragments. They hung on the beams, lay in the rubble or hid in sludge. They were dumped by some and then picked up by others like treasure.

In the storm, the likes of which even the older generations of residents in the coastal city of Beira had never seen before, zinc dances. And when zinc plates dance, they kill.

"All those pieces moved so fast with the wind in the air that night, big or small, that people who could not get into shelters in time got cut," said a local Chinese businessman, who only gave his surname as Peng, adding that two bodies of victims killed by the flying zinc plates were

found in front of his friend's factory.

That was in the night of March 14, when the devastating tropical cyclone made landfall near Beira, the capital of Sofala province in central Mozambique. Roofs were blown off, trees were uprooted and poles fell down.

For the residents in the basin of the Buzi and Pungue rivers, even if the houses did withstand the raging storm, they weren't immune from the subsequent heavy rains and floods. People climbed on top of their houses, crying for help from their roofs.

According to the latest updates from the government, the official death toll caused by Idai has reached 446. Less than one week ago, the number was 84. Authorities said it was still difficult to obtain the death toll from isolated areas.

Juta Siteo, a victim from the flooded Buzi river basin, was among the first who got rescued and evacuated by airplane from one of those areas.

"Some of the people in Buzi lost their families. I am here by myself, my family is there. I don't know what happened to them and we are get-

ting news that people are dying," Siteo told Xinhua.

Siteo is now in charge of one of the three sections in a temporary shelter set up in Samora Moises Machel High School in Beira. There are more than 1,000 homeless people in Siteo's shelter, and meals are prepared with several big iron cauldrons in the courtyard.

Because of the intermittent heavy rains, which have been going on for days, care workers have improvised by using zinc plates as cauldron covers. When the rain starts to come, they cover the steaming cauldrons with two large zinc plates.

"Living conditions are dire. There is no water. People only have the clothes they are wearing and nothing else. Challenges are many, because we lack material for personal hygiene. Food is scarce, so is wood for preparing meals, and there are not sufficient blankets, mosquito nets," Siteo said.

Compared with those who have lost their families or houses due to the disaster, Joao Agulha, a villager living on the National Road Number 6 in Dondo, one of the areas worst hit

by Idai, considers himself lucky.

"My family had four houses. Two of them were built with blocks, and the other two were shacks which were totally destroyed by the wind," said Agulha, adding that the only challenge for him in rebuilding the shacks is the availability of roof material, since he has other material from the woods.

Agulha cannot afford an intact piece of brand-new zinc, which costs approximately 6 U.S. dollars per square meter in the local market, so he had to go out hunting for roof parts that were discarded by companies or warehouses in his neighborhood after the storm.

When Agulha returns with roof material, he will use a thick round trunk to smash the zinc plate over and over again until the warped plate becomes nice and flat. The whole process can last over one hour.

"It was nothing for me to finish the rebuilding in two or three weeks," said Agulha. In an ironic twist of fate, zinc, which has destroyed so many lives and homes in Mozambique, is now playing an important role in rebuilding them.

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## Ciao, Marco Polo

BEIJING

OVER seven centuries ago, the young Venetian merchant and explorer Marco Polo embarked on a trailblazing journey along the ancient Silk Road that led him through Central Asia to China.

The Oriental empire's abundant wealth recorded in his widely-circulated and eye-opening chronicles of his adventures had inspired Europeans of later generations to explore the riches of the East and ushered in the Age of Discovery.

Today, as China is seeking to reignite the vitality of the ancient trade routes through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) with partners worldwide, Italy has decided to follow in the footsteps of Marco Polo.

During Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Italy, the two countries on Saturday inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the BRI cooperation. Earlier, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said he is going to attend the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation slated for next month in Beijing.

Rome's official endorsement of the BRI has made it the first member of the Group of Seven, a bloc of wealthy Western powers, to join the China-proposed initiative, which seeks to connect the landmass of Asia, Europe and Africa through roads, railways and sea ports for the faster and easier flow of people, goods and capital in a bid to share the benefits of common development on a broader global scale.

Italy's joining the initiative is a natural progression of its increasingly stronger partnership with China. The country is also a natural partner for China in BRI cooperation.

In his signed article titled "East Meets West - A New Chapter of Sino-Italian Friendship" published Wednesday in the leading Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, Xi wrote that the two sides "may harness our historical and cultural bonds forged through the ancient Silk Road as well as our geographical locations to align connectivity cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative with Italy's plan to develop its northern ports and the InvestItalia program."

With key port cities like Venice, Genoa, Trieste and Palermo that look out at the blue waves of the Mediterranean, Italy enjoys a unique geographical edge as a key southern European gateway that can link the East and the West.

If these ports can reach their full handling capacity, Italy would have the chance to build for itself a competitive global trade hub that can be on par with Germany's Hamburg or the Netherlands' Rotterdam. The BRI can serve as a major vehicle for Rome to unlock its ports' potential for development in terms of expertise and funds.

The BRI also offers Italian businesses

broader access to Chinese markets. Last year, bilateral trade exceeded 50 billion U.S. dollars. The BRI partnership can help bring more Italian food, furniture and fashion designs to Chinese customers, and inject new impetus into its trade ties with other BRI countries.

More importantly, the substantial progress the BRI has achieved over the past years since its birth is yet another key factor that can explain Rome's decision to join the initiative. In the words of Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, the BRI is an "economic pie" that benefits the local people rather than a "debt trap." So far, more than 150 countries and international organizations have signed BRI deals with China, including some European countries like Greece and Hungary.

Prior to Rome's signing of the MoU, some major Western powers on both sides of the Atlantic rushed to raise a red flag on the BRI's alleged national security and financial risks, distort the initiative as China's self-serving geo-political tool, and accuse Beijing of trying to expand its spheres of influence into the heartland of the European continent. For them, the Cold War seems to be still raging on.

China's key motivation to roll out the initiative is not to scramble for control of what British political geographer Halford John Mackinder called the "World Island" which comprises Europe, Asia and Africa, but to promote shared growth and self-development.

That's because Beijing understands that in this age of expanding global interdependence, one can only gain when others enjoy stability and prosperity.

Therefore, all nations need to come together for common development. Protectionism and isolationism are not a way out.

The BRI may be young and is certainly not perfect, yet it deserves patience and tolerance to be taken as a brand new option that could help shrink the global development deficit and bring about a more sustainable and inclusive type of globalization.

Italy, a major global economic power, has its own rights and, of course, the ability to identify where its national interests lie. The BRI skeptics need to discard their obsolete zero-sum mentality, and move beyond ideological entrenchment.

Before 17-year-old Marco Polo embarked on the ancient Silk Road, he could never imagine his journey would ignite a spark that has energized hundreds of years of East-West exchanges.

Now a new spark has been lit. It is time for modern-day Marco Polos and their Chinese partners to write new chapters in the story of the Silk Road.

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People are escorted to safety by aid workers at the airport of the coastal city of Beira in central Mozambique recently after the area was hit by Cyclone Idai. AFP

## China's new round of reform opening up, unleashes potentials to world

BEIJING

AT the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) in China's southernmost province of Hainan last year, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that China will roll out broader and bolder reforms and further open up China's economy. Over the past year, China has kept its promises on further reform and opening-up with concrete deeds.

In a keynote speech delivered at the opening ceremony of the annual BFA conference last April, Xi pledged a new round of reform and opening up measures.

He promised that China will significantly broaden market access, create a more attractive investment environment, strengthen the protection of intellectual property rights, and take the initiative to expand im-

ports.

In the following months, China hosted a series of diplomatic and economic events including the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Qingdao summit, the Beijing summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, and the first China International Import Expo (CIIE).

The CIIE was attended by 172 countries, regions and international organizations and more than 3,600 enterprises. China's Ministry of Commerce said the second expo to be held later this year will feature larger exhibition area and be attended by more countries and enterprises.

Besides, during the just concluded "Two Sessions," a key annual event in China's political calendar, China adopted its first unified foreign investment law which will become effective on Jan. 1, 2020.

Beijing will introduce a series of regulations and documents in accordance with the foreign investment law to better protect the legitimate rights and interests of foreign investors, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang told a press conference after the conclusion of the legislative session.

Calling the new law a "sensible" set of policies, David Dollar, a senior fellow in the John L. Thornton China Center at the Brookings Institution, said it is "definitely a step forward" in the country's continued reform and opening up.

Dollar said opening up more sectors would allow the entry of high-quality imports and also increase competition so that Chinese companies could improve, which would ultimately benefit China's economic growth.

Selcuk Colakoglu, director of Turkish Center for Asia Pacific

Studies, said that the law "enhances the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR) of foreign investors and makes international companies to invest more in China confidently."

By holding the first CIIE and opening up more sectors to foreign investment, China has proved it will always honor what it has promised.

About 960,000 foreign-invested enterprises had been set up in China, with the accumulated FDI exceeding 2.1 trillion U.S. dollars by the end of 2018, according to China's Ministry of Commerce.

Colakoglu, also a professor of international relations, said the new law will allow foreign investors "enjoy treatment no less favorable than that afforded to Chinese investors at the stage of investment access."

According to the World Bank,

China ranked 46th globally for ease of doing business in 2018, up from 78 in 2017. Within this framework, Colakoglu noted that the foreign investment law will be "a landmark arrangement that will open China's door wider to the outside world."

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), proposed by Xi in 2013 to boost economic growth by improving the trade and infrastructure network connecting Asia with Europe, Africa and beyond, is another manifestation of China's resolve to further open up.

Over the past year, more friends have joined in the initiative, with an additional 50-plus countries and international organizations signing the cooperation documents, raising the total number of such documents to over 150.

During Xi's recent state visit to Italy, the European country signed with China a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on BRI cooperation, becoming the first Group of Seven nation to join the initiative.

"I believe the initiative has great potential in terms of economic development and international cooperation. It is a very interesting concept and a framework for a new type of multilateralism spurred by China," said Carola Ramon-Berjano, a member of Argentina's Council on International Relations.

For countries like Argentina that lacks the needed infrastructure to boost trade, the BRI is an attractive and relevant proposal, said Ramon-Berjano, stressing that it will help the country "achieve inclusive and sustainable development" in the long

run.

As China gradually advances the opening-up in various sectors in accordance with the timetable announced at the BFA last year, the world's second largest economy, with its GDP now exceeding 90 trillion yuan (about 13.4 trillion U.S. dollars), continues to contribute to global growth.

Though China faced a complicated and challenging environment rarely seen in many years with the economy under new downward pressure, the nation managed to accomplish main targets for economic and social development in 2018, Li said in his government work report.

"China is still in an important period of strategic opportunity for development and has ample resilience, enormous potential and great creativity to unleash," Li noted.

Xinhua



# Reshaping Africa's rural food systems by cutting food losses

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

CICILY Wanjira has a big smile when she shows off the plump mangoes dangling from 600 trees on her small rural farm 175 kilometers (109 miles) north of Kenya's capital Nairobi. But the smile quickly turns to a scowl when the topic turns to selling her fruit.

Like most farmers in this lush-green agricultural region, Wanjira sells her crops through local brokers, who buy directly from farmers and then transport the goods to major markets in Nairobi and outside the country. Brokers are widely disliked by growers, farmers says, because they are unreliable and pay a pittance for their crops. However, farmers have little choice but to sell to them: Lacking refrigeration to keep their perishable crops fresh, they sell to brokers or don't sell at all.

"The brokers are not good," Wanjira says, recalling how they rarely showed up last season when her mangoes were ripe. And when they did arrive, they paid only 5 to 6 Kenyan shillings per kilo, a far cry from the 60 shillings mangoes were fetching at Nairobi retail markets. Her year-end seasonal sales were disastrous: She only sold one-quarter of the mangoes she grew, the rest were left rotting behind her house. "I dug a hole and buried them," she says.

Wanjira's experience is too often the norm for millions of small rural farmers across Kenya and the rest of Africa. Nearly a third of the food farmers grow in sub-Saharan Africa is lost due to lack of refrigeration, poor market access and other related factors. Annual food losses for fruits and vegetables are an estimated 40 to 50%.

These losses have devastating ripples through rural communities. In addition to causing low farmer incomes, it is a major reason why hunger, malnourishment and broader economic poverty are endemic in rural Africa. Sub-Saharan Africa has the largest concentration of poor people in the world, most of them agriculture-dependent populations living in rural areas.

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, 95% of agricultural research investments in sub-Saharan Africa over the last 30 years have been directed to increasing productivity, with only five percent aimed at reducing food losses.

Children suffer the most from these losses. The lack of access to fruits, vegetables and other nutrient-rich food is causing growth-limiting "stunting" for millions of African children. In particularly poor countries like Ethiopia, 38% of children under 5 suffer from chronic malnutrition (stunting or low-height-for-age).

Yet, despite these sobering statistics, relatively little has been done to curb post-harvest food losses in Africa in recent decades. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, 95% of agricultural research investments in sub-Saharan Africa over the last 30 years have been directed to increasing productivity, with only 5% aimed at reducing food losses.

"For too long, food losses have been a blind

spot in the development agenda," says Toby Peters, an expert on food cooling technologies and Professor in the Cold Economy at the UK-based Birmingham Energy Institute.

But slowly, momentum is shifting. Advances in affordable off-grid cold storage technologies, combined with new initiatives to help rural farmers pool their resources, are creating ripe opportunities to reshape Africa's rural food systems and cut food losses. Academics, NGOs, governments and diverse businesses—ranging from corporate giants like Coca-Cola to startups like InspiraFarms and Twiga Foods—are all jumping in.

## Two-Step Effort

It is a two-step effort. The first step is helping rural farmers gain access to cooling technologies—many running on solar power. The second is helping farmers use scale—by pooling and cooling their crops—to gain critical leverage in deciding when and to whom they sell their goods.

"By bringing smallholder farmers together with cold storage, they can bring their goods together and then negotiate with the buyer," says Dr. Jane Ambuko, a senior lecturer at the University of Nairobi, who is spearheading several post-harvest food projects in East Africa. Having shared cooling also enables better processing practices, she says. "With a cold room, you can have 10 tons of product nicely-graded, sorted, packaged and ready to be collected [for buyers]."

One of Ambuko's projects is the Karurumo Horticultural Self-Help Group in Embu County, a consortium of three-dozen local farmers, including Cicily Wanjira. With US\$300,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation, the farmers have built a cluster of cold storage buildings that allow mangoes, bananas, tomatoes and other local crops to stay fresh. Two of the units, a brick-and-sand cooler and a charcoal cooler, are decidedly low tech and rely on evaporative cooling. When water evaporates from the wet charcoal and sand, it removes the heat from the stored produce. The units are attractive because they are low cost, use no energy and can be built with local materials.

The farmers are also using a third outdoor fruit drying unit, powered by a solar panel, that is making dried mangoes, tomatoes, and banana chips that can be sold at better prices.

Launched in 2018, the pilot project in Karurumo is all about increasing the value of the farmer's crops and getting higher prices when they're sold to buyers. Already, Ambuko says, a company has expressed interest in exporting the dried fruit products to the Middle East and Europe.

"Once we have the quality products, the prices [we get] will go up," says Aloys Mbogo, a retired farmer who is chairperson of the Karurumo Self-Help Group.



Cicily Wanjira

## Supply Chain Fixes

Ambuko isn't the only one trying to reinvent East Africa's rural food systems. Since 2014, Twiga Foods has built an extensive supply chain enabling 10,000 rural farmers in Kenya to sell their crops directly to retail outlets, kiosks, and market stalls across Nairobi, according to the company. More than 100 tons (91 metric tons) of fresh fruits and vegetables are being trucked from rural farms into Nairobi every day. The produce is then processed and packaged at a major warehouse in Nairobi before being distributed to 5,000 street vendors around the city. Because the crops are collected and moved to Nairobi in less than 10 hours, no cooling is needed in this part of the supply chain.

Twiga is also helping farmers with its extensive cold storage capabilities in Nairobi—much of it being provided by InspiraFarms.

InspiraFarms' 20 cold storage units at the Twiga facility have multiple benefits. They use 70% less energy than traditional refrigeration systems and have up to two days of thermal backup capacity if electricity goes down, which happens most every weekend in Nairobi. (Inspira also sells solar-powered cooling units that

can be used in regions with no electricity.) The units are also fitted with equipment to control the ripening process for all fruits and vegetables. Bananas, Twiga's biggest product, are typically ripened for six days before being distributed to city vendors. Only 1% of the bananas are lost, according to Twiga warehouse manager George Yara.

The overall result is a win-win for rural farmers and urban vendors alike. By cutting out the brokers and other middlemen, farmers get a higher premium by selling directly and regularly to Twiga, while the vendors pay less than they would if working through a broker.

Among the farmers benefitting is Alvan Muriithi, an Embu County grower who leases 3.5 acres (1.4 hectare) to grow pawpaws, bananas, tomatoes, and maize.

Since switching to Twiga just a few months ago, his profits have gone up. He recently sold 125 kilos (276 pounds) of pawpaws at 30 shillings per kilo, nearly double what he was getting from local brokers.

"They pay well, I'm assured of my payment and they don't have so many conditions," says Muriithi, who is now making enough money to send his two children to private school.

With tens of millions of smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan Africa alone, Twiga's and Inspira's efforts are still in the early stages—and financing for large-scale global expansion is a key challenge.

But both businesses are growing. Twiga is looking to expand to other major cities in Kenya and Tanzania. InspiraFarms recently delivered 10 solar-powered cold storage units to Rwanda that will benefit as many as 100,000 smallholder farmers. The project is backed by the Rwandan government and the World Bank.

Luke Davey, Inspira's East Africa Operations Manager, says the growth potential is huge, especially in regions with no electricity. He refers to the 10 cooling units installed last fall at six remote locations across Rwanda, none of which have electricity.

With first-ever refrigeration, rural farmers will have an opportunity to grow high-profit exports products, such as flowers. Postharvest food losses, as high as 50%, will also be reduced.

Cicily Wanjira, who buried most of her mangoes last season in Embu County, now has a reliable buyer willing to pay twice as much for her mangoes. "Eight to 15 shillings per kilo, that's good money," she says smiling.

## Kenya closes key road after an earth tremor leads to a fault line

NAIVASHA

KENYAN highway authority said Monday it has closed down a section of a busy highway to western region and neighboring countries after Sunday evening's earth tremor caused a fault line on a bridge along the section.

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) advised motorists to avoid the Mai Mahiu-Naivasha road amid fears that the bridge could collapse.

The highway authority called on heavy commercial vehicle operators to exercise caution and restraint, and to follow traffic flow directions that are being provided by the traffic police.

"Particularly, we advise all motorists to observe lane discipline and avoid overlapping, which can result in traffic flow disruptions," KeNHA said in a statement.

KeNHA said its engineers are on site monitoring any resultant damages to the road surface.

Disruption of the traffic flow was expected to impact on business in western Kenya as many trucks use the highway ferrying transit goods to Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and other parts of western Kenya.

A light earthquake of magnitude 4.8 on the Richter scale was experienced in south-eastern Kenya on Sunday evening, Kenya Meteorological Department said on Monday.



Bananas are collected from rural farmers before being transported to Nairobi, where they'll be ripened in cooling units before being sold across the city.





# Expropriation and capital's development – Part 3

## BOOK REVIEW

**Title:** Working class and the power of capital  
**Author:** Michael D. Yates  
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“CAPITALISM is a hegemonic social order. Capital seeks to dominate as many aspects of our lives as possible and to control every institution, from state to schools. Very little escapes its domination, including our thoughts. Its two essential underpinnings are exploitation of wage labor and the expropriation of nature, the non-market labor of women, and the bodies of black and other minority people. A complex set of structures supports these. Is it possible for capital's chief antagonist, the working class, to combat and defeat it?” With this question concludes “Some theoretical considerations”, 2nd chapter, of *Can the Working Class Change the World?* (Monthly Review Press, New York, October 2018), the book by Michael D. Yates.

The “chapter”, writes Professor Michael Yates, “lays out an analytical scaffolding that [shows] that working people are exploited and expropriated, making it impossible for them to achieve real freedom, autonomy, and unalienated lives in a capitalist society. Thus, there are grounds for them to rebel to accomplish these things.”

The 2nd chapter defines capitalism: “Capitalism is a social system built upon exploitation and expropriation. It is both an economy and a society, composed of multiple, connected elements.” Yates elaborates the elements of capitalism:

“its central economic feature is production for the market, as opposed to production for use”;

“the non-human means of production - land, machinery, tools, equipment, buildings, raw materials, and the like - are the private property of capitalists, [...] a small fraction of the population”; and

“most people must sell their labor power, their capacity to work, to the owners of the means of production”.

Capitalism gives birth to inequality of stratospheric magnitude. As evidence, the chapter cites a statistics: “The three wealthiest people in the United States - Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, and Warren Buffett - now own more wealth than the entire bottom half of the American population, a total of 160 million people or 63 million households.”

On capitalism, it adds:

“One of the characteristics of capitalism is the separation of the political and economic spheres. In the feudal mode of production, state and economy were controlled directly by the nobility. [...] With capitalism, however, at least in those organized as liberal democracies, political leaders are elected by those eligible to vote. For capital's ideologies, this is the definition of democracy and the reason why they claim that capitalism and democracy are congruent. The notion has been spread far and wide, and, to the extent that most people believe it, obscures the autocracy that reigns supreme in the workplace.”

This statement identifies a major issue used to confuse people: bourgeois democracy, actually bourgeoisocracy, which is autocracy of the bourgeoisie and the capital it controls, which is devoid of demo, in a broader sense, people. Bourgeois scholars create this confusion for commoners, while these scholars discuss the issues of democracy, people-power, participation, capitalists' resistance to people's politics and participation, and revolution and revolutionary measures by the working class.

We find the real character of bourgeois democracy in workplaces and production areas, which include factories, agriculture farms and forests, markets beginning from local level small markets to world markets of literally everything. Commerce and trade, institutions of all types including charitable and arts and cultural organizations, ideology and nature are also dictated by bourgeois democracy. The areas of management, propaganda, and education single-mindedly carry on interests of bourgeois democracy - an all-encompassing autocratic practice. Compromises capitalism enters into, and actions it takes with a façade of benevolence, are to ensure its supremacy.

Michael Yates, professor of economics and a labor educator for thirty years, writes in the 2nd chapter: “Expropriation has been critical to capital's development, and it interacts with and usually reinforces accumulation, although it can at times be a substitute for accumulation.”

After explaining capitalism, exploitation of wage labor, class struggle, the reserve army of labor, and expropriation, the chapter discusses the critical institutions of capitalism, which include the state, schooling, and media.

On the state, the author writes:

“Capitalism is a complex and opaque system, so, as is the case with the unpaid time of wage laborers and the many types of expropriation, the institutions that underpin and rationalize this mode of production require some effort to penetrate. The most important is the state. Capitalism was born inside state structures. [...] Governments from the beginning used their police power to protect private property and combat rebellions by peasants and workers. [Governments] enacted laws guaranteeing ownership of property, enforcing contracts, and many other matters important to capital. They have sanctioned slavery and the rankest kinds of discrimination against minority groups. They have denied women the right to vote.

“States have also developed means to steady markets in times of crisis, and they have enacted legislation that grants working people some concessions while strictly limiting or forbidding actions that could threaten the existence of capital. The first evolved

from the ideas of the British economist John Maynard Keynes. [...] The second arose in the face of political agitation emanating from the working class, forcing states to make concessions that placed some limits on the actions of capital, but not enough to threaten its power.”

After discussing the issue, Michael Yates suggests: “[T] here are spaces in the state machinery for mass actions to pressure governments to enact measures that improve the lives of working-class people.”

In this period of renewed onslaught by capital, mass actions for improving people's lives are no less important. Populist politicians, in reality bourgeois in their outlook, are also resorting to these measures to gain credibility and validity, which actually helps capital to carry on acts of plunder at society-wide level in many countries. On the other hand, an improvement in the lives of people creates a space for people to rest, to repair their barricades, to re-organize their battle against capitalism. Moreover, measures that improve working-class life take away some ground/initiative from so-called neoliberalism's assaults on people's lives. Thus, it is a two-way space; one for the people while the other helps the rulers.

However, Michael Yates doesn't miss the basic character of capitalism and its politics today as he writes in the chapter:

“These days, the weak democracy through which capital rules is fraying around the world. One sign of this is the weakening of the separation between polity and economy, replaced by the direct rule of capital. Business still has enormous leverage over the state through its financing and purchasing of government bonds and its campaign contributions. But now capitalists often rule more openly, as elected and appointed state officers and as financiers of what had formerly been public programs, both national and global.”

Bourgeois scholars marketing their democracy as the only and universal form of democracy don't talk about these aspects: separation between polity and economy, direct rule of capital, enormous leverage of business over the state through its financing and purchasing of government bonds and its campaign contributions, and now capitalists' more open rule as elected and appointed state officers and as financiers.

This direct rule is reflected in corruption at epidemic level, wide indiscipline, crude lies, brute repressive measures, erratic and reckless moves on the stage of geopolitics, decay in quality of political leadership/institutions, and the decadence of the modern bourgeoisie, making a mockery of any claim they have to moral standing. This trend is visible in many bourgeois democracies spanning from the First to the Fourth Worlds. This trend is also starkly visible

in factional fights within the bourgeois camp, and in its politics and institutions in some advanced bourgeois states. Even, its factional fights harm credibility of vital parts of its ruling machinery, which is a problem because credibility is required for imposing its rule.

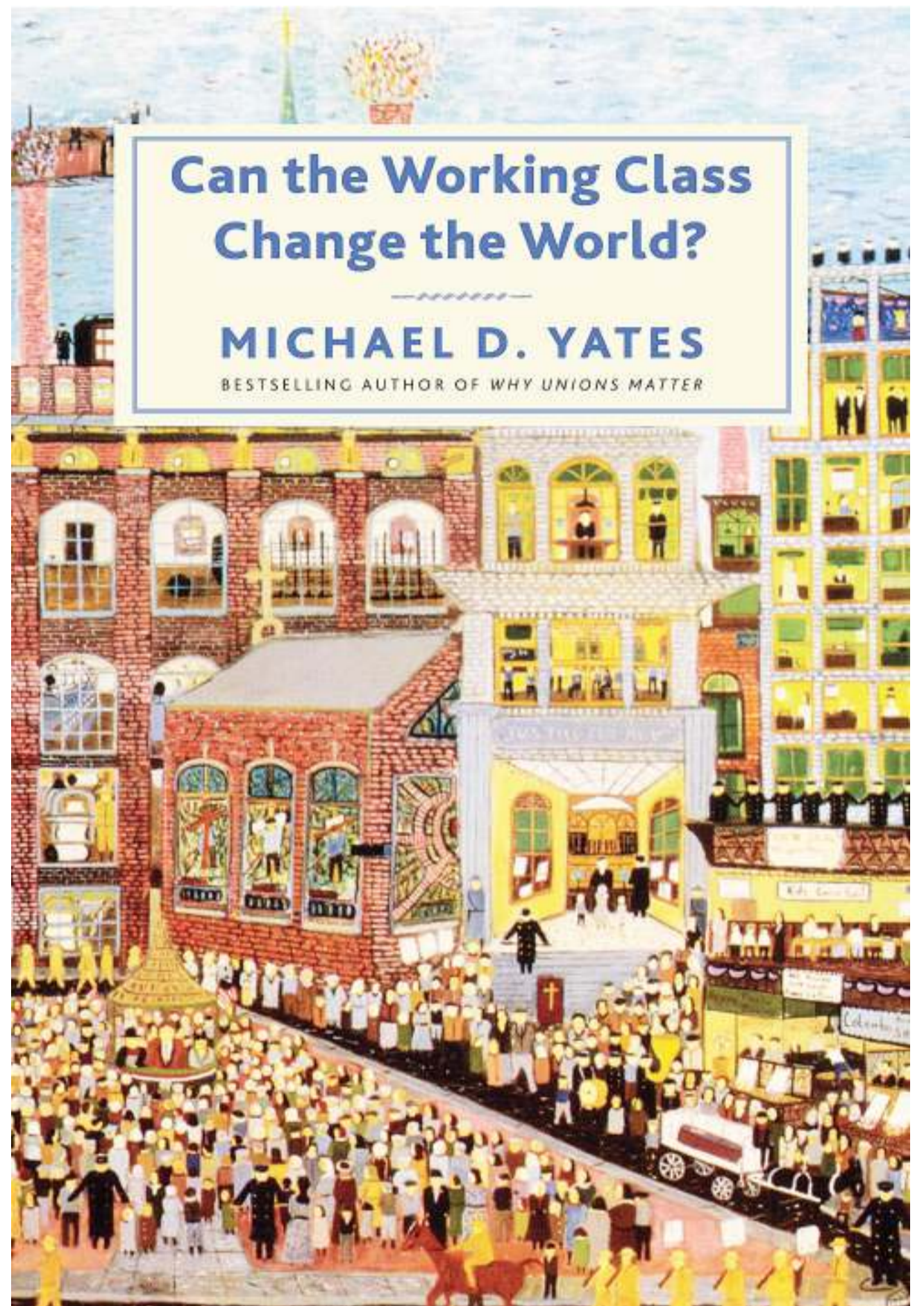
However, the bitter fact of today is many in the people's camp miss the basic character of bourgeois democracy. Lenin in “Theses and report on bourgeois democracy and the dictatorship of the proletariat” identifies one of the basic characteristics of the system: “The old, i.e., bourgeois, democracy and the parliamentary system were so organized that it has the mass of working people who were kept farthest away from a machinery of government.” (Collected Works, vol. 28, Progress Publishers, Moscow, erstwhile USSR, 1977)

While discussing media, Michael Yates focuses on the internet: “As media have migrated to the internet, critics of mainstream outlets have claimed that it has become possible for those with limited resources to provide a wider range of views, including deeper analyses of capitalism. There is truth in this, and there are many possibilities that weren't available before. However, those with the most wealth have had the greatest influence on what we get electronically. And talented journalists have had a difficult time earning a living on the World Wide Web.”

Instead of looking at the internet from a narrow angle, he brings in the issue of inequality - greater access and influence depend on “those having the most wealth”. The question of inequality is a vital issue to people, to the working class.

The question is so bold that the mainstream organizations, most of which serve imperialism, cannot escape it. These organizations now-a-days regularly focus on the issue - inequality - although the root of inequality - exploitation - is not identified. These issues - exploitation and inequality - should be discussed boldly and widely as ideologies and politics the exploiters market, from medieval to so-called post-modernist, but which, inside the system cannot adequately analyze these. These ideologies and politics escape analysis of their origins. Instead, capital's ideologies market racist, supremacist, divisive ideas, which are lies in relation to the interest of the working class, and lofty ideals to the exploiters.

“Capitalism's supporting institutions”, writes Michael Yates, “combine to make it appear that capitalism is what it is not. It is the realm of freedom, democracy, the best we can hope for. [...] If in our schools, from our media, from our governments, even from the pulpits of our churches, we hear repeatedly that we live in the best of all possible worlds, our minds are conditioned to believe this. An ideology predisposed to take the system as given and unchangeable creates a powerful barrier to radical change.” Thus he brings to notice one “powerful barrier to radical change”, which is very often missed by many while encountering capitalism.



The chapter exposes bourgeois-imperialist education and media as it says: “While education, in addition to its socializing function, is itself a site for considerable capital accumulation (textbooks, standardized tests, the selling of research patents by universities, for-profit colleges), mainstream media are capital-accumulating enterprises as well. As such, they depend on corporate advertising, and their goal is to turn a profit. They have a cozy relationship with the state, and the government is one of their primary sources of information. Seldom do the media either name or analyze critically the mode of production in which they operate. This is not to say that what they publish, or broadcast, never provides useful information. But if we look at television news, for example, endless commentary assaults viewers with the trivia of politics and celebrity culture.”

The chapter focuses on an aspect of capital missed by a group of feminists and environment activists: “Capital [...] always [tries] to co-opt attempts to limit, much less end, exploitation and expropriation. There are countless examples of this, from corrupt and employer-friendly labor unions to the subservient embrace of white

rule in the United States by Booker T. Washington. Some feminists simply want more women CEOs and members of Congress. And some environmentalists have been willing to make compromises with business that end up doing nothing to end environmental destruction. But these do not constrain the accumulation of capital or liberate all black people, all women, and all of nature from capital's rule.”

One of the basic aspects of capitalism is accumulation of capital, the function that destroys and demolishes lives and environment, stifles possibilities for humane development, hinders the path of women.

The interplay between expropriation and exploitation is also discussed in the chapter: “Nature is stolen by capital, so that labor can be further exploited. In addition, land, water, even air, are made into commodities that can be bought and sold, again creating new arenas for accumulation.” The exploited, the poor, the working class pay most for this area of accumulation while the exploiters endlessly enjoy their nice life.

The chapter cites example from India: “Capital's lust for export-crop lands and mineral wealth in India is so great

and the remarkable unity of interests between business and the state so tight, with startling instances of corruption and police and paramilitary violence, that large swaths of land have been confiscated and tens of millions of peasants displaced just in the past thirty years.”

India is not a single case of this unity of business and state. Rampant examples are in countries in the Global South. Today, this unity is so powerful that resistance to this appears nil. It's so wide and all encompassing that anyone may draw the following conclusion: This is the order of the day in this breed of capitalism, and capitalism of this variety cannot sustain without this corruption, a major deviation from its much-touted “free competition”, capitalism's holy hymn.

Nevertheless, Michael Yates doesn't miss another related point as he writes: “However, all crusades to make freedom, substantive equality, and real democracy reality are, by definition, radically anti-capitalist.”

The point is strengthened as Yates writes:

“Racism, patriarchy, and environmental catastrophe must be addressed directly. In other words, there can be no separation between exploitation and expropria-

tion. “If we embrace this perspective, many struggles take on a new light. If every effort to end exploitation is either implicitly or explicitly anti-capitalist, then so is every movement to end patriarchy, racism, and the rift between humans and nature. These are not just peripheral to capitalism; they are intrinsic to it. They cannot be eliminated within capitalism but only in a new, radically different society.”

On the subordinate capitalists in the Global South, Michael Yates identifies the related function: “Aiding and abetting global capital are a subordinate class of capitalists in the Global South, people and businesses that oversee the exploitation and expropriation of peasants and workers. This local capital is permitted to keep some of the spoils, just as white workers have been allowed to share in some of the profits generated by the super-exploitation of black and other nonwhite workers.”

To defeat capitalism, an understanding of the system, and identifying its tricks and “magic” is an essential prerequisite. The 2nd chapter of the book *Can the Working Class Change the World?* helps us to perceive capitalism as it really is.

*To be continued*





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# Chief Secretary: Banks must back govt's position on financial inclusion

By Smart Money Reporter

COMMERCIAL banks in the country have been urged to emulate CRDB Bank Plc in extending their services to the majority of the people who are rural based as part of implementation of financial inclusion strategy.

Chief Secretary, Engineer John Kijazi said in Dar es Salaam on Monday during a meeting with CRDB Bank's Board Chairman, Ally Laay and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela that financial inclusion will spur rapid growth of the economy.

Engineer Kijazi pointed out that commercial banks are the fundamental partners in complementing government's drive towards industrialization and financial inclusion hence requesting CRDB to stay the course.

"The government is keen on fostering the public-private partnership as well as the financial inclusion agenda and thus commercial banks are our essential partners in the area of capacity building, network and projects financing through credit facilities," the Chief Secretary noted.

"May I take this opportunity to applaud

CRDB Bank for taking a lead role in supporting and offering financial solutions to various governments' infrastructural projects. The government strongly encourages other banks to take an active role in spearheading these projects as they are of fundamental benefits to the country's economic growth," he

Kijazi also congratulated Nsekela on his appointment as CRDB Managing Director and CEO, stating that the government is confident in his leadership. "We have a lot of faith in you, the government as one of the largest shareholders of the bank, is expecting you to spearhead taking CRDB Bank into the next level," he noted.

On his part, CRDB's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela commended the government for continued support and vowed to continue strengthening business relations for mutual benefits. "We at CRDB have a motto that says 'tupo tayari,' which elucidates our readiness in embarking and providing financial solutions to all viable projects from both public and private sectors," Nsekela pledged.

"We recognize the significance of financing development projects as they contribute towards our economic growth through



Chief Secretary, John Kijazi (R) welcomes CRDB Bank Plc Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela (L) and Board Chairman, Ally Laay at State House in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: courtesy of CRDB.

trickledown effects" he added.

CRDB Bank which is the largest in the market in terms of net asset value and deposits, has played a key role financing major infrastructure projects through issuing of performance guarantees, bonds and working capital, among other products.

Nsekela also said that the bank has recently put major emphasis on retail and SMEs taking

into consideration that more than five million Tanzanians are self employed or own small business entities accounting for almost one third of country's economy.

"We are most interested in retail and SME banking because we see that as an engine for growth and employment," noted the CRDB chief.

Board Chairman, Ally Laay backed Nsekela's

observation saying the bank has confidence in the administration's industrialization drive and target to become middle income economy by 2025.

The Chairman also affirmed to the Chief Secretary that, CRDB Bank is on course to employ a number of initiatives to improve productivity and as a result increase returns to shareholders who include Treasury.

# Lindi-based cassava flour manufacturer targets eastern Africa, Asian markets

By Correspondent Grace Kambaulaya, Lindi

A NEW cassava flour manufacturing factory has opened in Lindi region with capacity of 6,000 metric tons per annum which will be sold locally, in eastern African region and Asia.

Cassava Starch of Tanzania Corporation (CSTC)'s Managing Director, Christophe Galléan said last week during the factory's inauguration by Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa that the high quality cassava flour will earn the country foreign currency while also providing nutrition to local consumers.

"We are proud of this new factory and what it represents to us at CSTC, the region and Tanzania as a whole. We strongly support the current administration's drive of an industrialized Tanzania, under the guidance of President John Magufuli," Galléan said.

He said CSTC started operating in the country in 2012 with number of cassava plantations backed by more than 400 employees of which 97 percent are locals. "We keep adding, training and providing responsibilities to many young professionals at all levels, in the management team, the factory, the plantation or the administrative operations," Galléan said.

He said his company has plans to expand the cassava processing factory in the near future to increase the workforce from the current 40 to 300 in both divisions of combined cassava flour part and starch section.

"Not only will the community benefit from employment but also from infrastructure and social services that have been developed in Lindi district by the company since its establishment. As an example, CSTC has invested in education by building a classroom and in infrastructure with



A CSTC employee inspects a cassava plantation in Lindi. File photo

a water reservoir, both in Lipome village," the Managing Director added.

The company will also benefit cassava farmers from surrounding villages who will be selling the commodity once the factory is fully established. CSTC plans then to initiate a small growers program.

Galléan also thanked the government for its continuous support to his company

promising to expand both the factory and plantations.

Speaking after inaugurating the factory, Prime Minister Majaliwa commended CSTC for establishing the first state-of-the-art cassava processing factory saying the government will continue working with the investor to expand his business.

"Presence of the factory in Lindi is signifi-

cant to the country, and puts the country on a good footing for its continued industrial and economic growth," Majaliwa said adding that he is pleased to see that level of investment going on in Lindi region.

CSTC has over 800 hectares on the Makonde Plateau for growing and producing high quality cassava tubers to be processed into high quality cassava flour.

# Cost of internet access down everywhere in the world last year

LAGOS

WITH internet users on the continent already paying the highest prices for mobile data relative to average monthly income, new data from the Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) shows the average price of a gigabyte (GB) of data (relative to income) has increased over the past year in Africa while dropping or staying same in other regions.

It's the first reversal in price trends seen since A4AI began measuring prices four years ago. A4AI's latest report measures

prices in 100 countries, up from 60 in the last report, and includes price points for several data packages.

Quartz Africa has previously reported, the high cost of internet access—sometimes as expensive as \$35 per gigabyte—puts affordable internet out of the reach of many Africans. Compounding the problem of high cost of access, internet speeds across Africa are also still far below the global minimum standard.

In many ways, the progress already made around innovation based on access to inter-

net on the continent, including financial inclusion and payments, serve as evidence of what's possible if there were fewer barriers to access. For instance, studies show small businesses that use the internet grow twice as fast as those that do not.

Globally, of the 100 countries measured in the report, only 30 have mobile broadband prices in the affordability threshold where IGB of mobile data is priced at no more than 2% of the average income.

But for the majority in sub-Saharan Africa, current prices are "well beyond what is con-

sidered affordable," the report notes. Indeed, in sixteen countries across Africa, purchasing IGB costs more than 10% of the monthly average income, latest rankings show.

But high costs are not the only barrier to internet access across the continent with internet shutdowns now happening more frequently in Africa than anywhere else. And a report from the Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA) shows African countries led by authoritarians are more susceptible to these shutdowns.

# New UN report commends Sub-Saharan Africa for closing youth unemployment gender-based gap

By Francis Kajubi

THE gender gap among unemployed young women and men in Sub Sahara Africa's formal sector is doing well compared to global youth unemployment status.

According to the World Youth Report 2019 dubbed 'Youth and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' released by United Nations Department of Economics and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the unemployment gap between young women and men in SSA has also been reduced compared to other regions.

UN DESA stated that globally, nearly 13.8 per cent of the world's young women are unemployed, compared with 12.4 per cent of young men.

"In contrast, the respective unemployment rates for young women in the Arab nations and North Africa are exceedingly high at 40 and 38.7 percent respectively and are significantly higher than the corresponding rates for young men at 21.4 and 26 per cent respectively" stated the report.

The report further clarified that Eastern Asia, South-Eastern Asia and Southern Asian are also doing much better in reducing the gender gap of youth unemployment in the formal sector. The UN DESA asserts that the differences in unemployment rates for young women and men can be attributed to labour market decisions made by women often shaped by social norms and restrictions.

"In some Arab states, where unemployment among young women is highest and where the difference between young women and men is most striking, opportunities deemed appropriate for women may be informed by conservative social norms," part of the report read.

The UN Agency report suggested that policymakers need to address these global and regional challenges including the patterns of exclusion and limiting of opportunities for young women by implementing and enforcing gender-relevant labour regulations that promote the inclusion of young women across industries and sectors.

On the other hand, regardless of reducing the gender unemployment gap, the report said that youth remain to be the poor working class around the globe.





Inside Lodhia Steel factory in Arusha. File photo.

## Arusha steel manufacturers make impassioned plea for shielding of local industries

By Smart Money Reporter, Arusha

OWNERS of industrial enterprises in Arusha have appealed to the government to remove tax exemption from imported goods in order to protect local industries.

Lodhia Group managing director, Sailesh Pandit said there is need for the government to amend some tax laws and impose more levies on imported goods.

Pandit gave an example of imported metal products that are currently paying 35 percent tax as a measure to protect the local industry from unfair competi-

tion.

He said despite such fiscal measures by the government, investors are discouraged to expand their factories because local products are taxed more than imported substitutes which consumers prefer in the local market.

The Lodhia Group Managing Director argued that local steel industries have capacity to meet needs of the domestic market but the problem is cheap imported goods which have flooded the market often smuggled without paying proper taxes.

"For example, my firm used to produce 100 tonnes per day but

after the market shakeup, production has now declined to 30 tonnes only," Pandit said.

He urged authorities to crack-down against substandard imports if President John Magufuli's vision of developing a semi-industrialised middle income economy is to materialise by 2025.

"The industrial economy is possible but only if the government can ease the environment of doing business for local investors," he argued saying local manufacturers are also facing challenges when it comes to export to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) market.

"For me I have already sup-

ported development of the industrial economy because my industries have employed 1,400 people and I pay tax amounting to 300m/- per year," Pandit noted.

Currently, the country's steel industries produce over 600,000 metric tons of steel against an annual demand of 800,000MT according to Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The deficit is covered by imports which come mainly from China, Thailand and India which local manufacturers have blamed for dumping their subsidised products.

## Bank official set to continue supporting education, health with 65m/- donation

By Smart Money Reporter

EDUCATION and health will continue being given priority when it comes to resource allocation by NMB Bank Plc.

The bank's Business Head Wholesale and Government, Filbert Mponzi said after donating desks, construction, medical and educational materials worth 65m/- to various public institutions in the country this month that NMB management is very passionate about supporting community work.

"As part of giving back part of our profit to communities, we support building capacity by focusing our efforts on areas that have a long term positive spiral effect towards development," Mponzi said.

"What the government is doing in the health and education sectors including improving

medical and educational services both in urban and rural areas as well as providing free education is very commendable," he added.

Since the beginning of this month, NMB has donated desks valued at 5m/- to Buswelu Secondary School in Ilemela district of Mwanza region, construction and medical equipment worth 10m/- to Kakola Secondary School and Karumwa Health Center in Nyanghwale district of Geita region, roofing materials valued at 10m/- to Lugala Primary School in Morogoro district and desks worth 10m/- to two schools in Kondo district of Dodoma region. The bank also donated to public institutions in Kigoma, Coast and Tabora regions.

Speaking after receiving the donation for Mulua Primary School in Kondo district, Eveta Ngawaia said NMB is a good example

of good corporate citizen. "Your generous support has helped to reduce shortage of desks and chairs for pupils who were previously sitting and learning from the floor," Ngawaia.

On his part, Doctor-in-Charge of Kaliua, Dr Aristides Raphael said the bank's support of five normal beds and one delivery bed plus 54 bed-sheets, will smoothen service provision to communities surrounding the hospital.

"We still have many challenges such as inadequate buildings, laboratories, no mortuary, children's wing plus other medical equipment to enable us provide health care services to Kaliua residents," Dr Raphael.

So far this year, the bank has donated over 400m/- worth of material goods to public institutions as part of its corporate social responsibility. The bank allocated 1bn/- for community investment this year.



Morogoro District Commissioner, Regina Chonjo (in kitenge suit) inspecting timber worth 10m/- donated by NMB to Lugala Primary School in the district last week. Photo: courtesy of NMB.



Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube.

## Zimbabwe finance minister says so far so good with new currency

DUBAI

JUST under a month ago, Zimbabwe launched a new pricing system that some - but not the government - are calling a currency.

It is part of a plan by Zimbabwe's new president, Emmerson Mnangagwa, as he seeks to open up the economy to international investment and remove the barriers to doing business after two decades of stagnation and hyperinflation.

"We should put a situation where anyone looking at country 'B' and looking at country 'A' and looking at Zimbabwe will say no, no I must go to Zimbabwe, things are better, things have changed, this is what we are going to do," he told The National during a visit to the UAE.

Asked how the new mechanism - officially called the RTGS dollar - fits into this plan, the president invited Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube, who was sitting nearby, to give a comprehensive answer. He described the move as the culmination of a months-long process to "resolve our currency's former issues."

"This is the kind of journey we need to go through to restore the full value of our currency and show investors that we are a normal economy," he said. "What it has done is a few things," Mr Ncube said. "It has restored full monetary policy as a tool to support and work along with fiscal policy - we can now set interest rates, we can now target reserve money, we can now use it as a tool for managing inflation rate exceptions."

For years, the Zimbabwe dollar was pegged to the US dollar at an exchange rate of 1 to 1. But when inflation peaked in 2009 at 231 million per cent, with prices doubling daily, the government threw out its cash with its famous 100 trillion dollar note in favour of the greenback.

But more US dollars were leaving

Zimbabwe than entering and long queues at banks were not uncommon. Attempts to return to some form of local currency were largely unsuccessful and met with distrust.

In the absence of a national currency and with US dollars in short supply, many in Zimbabwe began using numerous foreign currencies, debit cards and - increasingly - money stored on mobile apps.

But this led to prices appearing in numerous currencies, often at different rates depending on the payment method. The RTGS, an acronym for Real Time Gross Settlement, is an attempt to set a unified price for all methods of payment. But crucially, it is not a physical currency and exists solely on screens.

The RTGS dollar will have a floating exchange rate rather than being pegged. Mr Ncube said the benefit is that "above all we now have market-determined value for assets in Zimbabwe, we will also improve access to foreign currency because now you can get it at a market price." And three weeks in, the finance minister said it has been "so far so good."

Mr Ncube explained that now launched, the administration was staying out of the way to "make sure that we don't, as a government, distort the market." He said they have plans to set up a monetary policy committee to set interest rates and strengthen the reserve bank's role as the lender of last resort for the country's banks. In the long run, he explained, the government may even be able to issue a physical money equivalent to the currently electronic RTGS dollar.

"This is the kind of journey we need to go through to restore the full value of our currency and show investors that we are a normal economy and their value is protected," Mr Ncube said.

## SA's coffee chain is beating Starbucks at its own game

JOHANNESBURG

SEATTLE Coffee Company, one of South Africa's largest coffee houses, owes its existence to Starbucks, cofounder Peter Howie said. He said Seattle has successfully been able to take elements inspired by Starbucks and localise it for the South African market.

Seattle will this year open its 210th South African store, while Starbucks South Africa has suspended expansion plans after opening just 12 stores. "They [Starbucks] largely account for our success," Howie told Business Insider South Africa.

"The coffee industry worldwide owes a massive debt of gratitude to Starbucks for creating the platform that has launched a worldwide café culture." Husband and wife Scott and Ally Svenson launched Seattle in London in 1993 after they longed for the café culture in their hometown of Seattle, United States, where Starbucks was founded in 1971.

"The [first Seattle] was a hybrid of [Scott and Ally's] own ideas and the same elements that were responsible for the explosive success of Starbucks in Seattle and the greater USA," Howie said. Within three years they opened 19 stores, when Howie joined them as a novice barista.

He had the idea to take the concept to South Africa, where he partnered with a school friend, Barry Parker, who was rolling a Nando's expansion in Canada. Howie, then aged 23, was then approached by Fred Withers, managing director of Exclusive Books, to open Seattle stores across South Africa.

They opened their first store in Cavendish Square, Cape Town, eight months later. "Within days, based on the customer response, we knew we were onto something good," Howie said. "We were the first counter-service coffee shop in SA serving coffee in paper cups and offering a large array of components customers could add to their coffee."

Three months after their first store, Seattle was bought out by Starbucks in the United Kingdom. Howie and Parker acquired the Southern Africa naming rights. "We were the only Seattle left and that remains the case to this day."

From there, Seattle partnered with Caltex garages to open coffee kiosks, and later with the Fresh Stop garage stores owned by Food Lover's Market. "We're [currently] looking at forming alliances with [additional] businesses that, like ourselves, have an artisanal mindset," Howie said.

Howie attributes Seattle's success to pursuing a vision that has significance beyond just making money. He said when Starbucks arrived in South Africa in 2016, it was met with Seattle, which was a well-established business.



# Government to help ease morphine prices to back palliative care services



Government Chief Pharmacist, Daudi Msasi speaks at a past event. File photo.

By Smart Money Reporter, Arusha

**T**HE price of an essential narcotic drug for treatment of terminally ill patients will be significantly reduced countrywide next fiscal year because the government will allocate 200m/- subsidy.

The Government Chief Pharmacist, Daudi Msasi said last week the subsidy will be used for the procurement and importation of morphine powder. Morphine is a narcotic drug which is scientifically used in palliative care to relieve patients suffering from life threatening illnesses with severe pain.

Possession, use, trade, supply, importation, export and manufacturing of the drug are, nonetheless, restricted globally to avert abuse and illegal trafficking. The Ocean Road Cancer Institute has been selling the controlled drug to compounding units at 6,000/- a litre since 2017, an increase from 5,000/- per five litres in the past.

The compounding units are, in turn, compelled to hike the price of oral morphine they produce out of the powder to between 8,000/- and 10,000/- a litre to recover the cost of transport and administration.

A palliative care service provider from Matema Beach View Hospital situated in Kyela District, Mbeya Region, for instance, has to spend four days to fetch morphine powder from the ORCI in Dar es Salaam.

The hospital coughs up at least 500,000/- to meet the cost of transport and incidental allowances each time it sends its official to fetch the drug. Palliative care is an interdisciplinary approach to specialized medical and nursing care for people with life-threatening illnesses.

Ever since the service was introduced in Tanzania about two decades ago, it has mostly been available in health facilities belonging to the private sector, particularly those owned by religious institutions.

Msasi directed all stakeholders in the palliative care service countrywide to propose an affordable and uniform price per litre of morphine powder that will not compromise quality of the service rendered.

The government's Chief Pharmacist told palliative care stakeholders from across the country and neighbouring Uganda during a National Sensitisation Workshop for

Pharmacists held in Arusha last week.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church Tanzania (ELCT) had organised the workshop in collaboration with Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, the Elderly and Children. Scarcity and the rising price of the morphine powder was among major challenges which 68 facilities providing palliative care service in the country, are reportedly facing.

Many countries worldwide ignore palliative care and associate it with a number of myths, Dr Paul Mmbando, the Director of Health Department with the ELCT, observed. "Once a patient begins receiving palliative care service, many believe they are about to die," explained Dr Mmbando, as he pleaded with the government to consider incorporating the service in the health system countrywide.

With 28 regional hospitals, 184 city, municipal, town and district councils and 7,000 health centres, palliative care would spread countrywide if each council had introduced at least one service provision centre, Dr Mmbando said.

"Mos of us die even before we meet actual death; we have to control the pain arising from life-threatening illnesses," he said, explaining that most of the patients suffering from such illnesses often ask for premature deaths, owing to failure to access oral morphine.

Dr Fred Sebisubi, the Uganda government's Chief Pharmacist, said his country which has a population of over 40 million, has 96 palliative care facilities serving about 1.5 million patients. "Palliative care service covers

85 per cent of the country," Dr Subisubi said noting that such facilities are available in 96 out of 112 districts of the country.

Tanzania with a population of over 55 million people has much fewer facilities although it promulgated its National Palliative Care Policy in 2016 but implementation has been facing a myriad of challenges, Dr Sarah Maongezi, an Assistant Director with the Tanzania Health Ministry admitted.

Dr Maongezi explained that there is little awareness among health workers, the Director of palliative care service was heavily dependent on donors and that the service is not incorporated in the National Health Insurance Fund. "We've not done well in this area," she acknowledged.

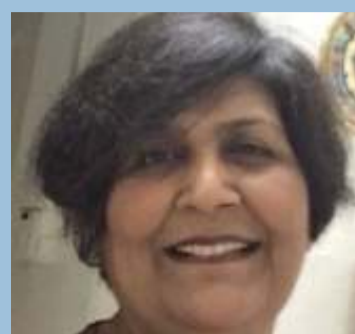
With about 55,000 new cancer cases a year and 4.5 percent HIV prevalence, patients ought to access oral morphine free of charge, she said. Average requirement for morphine powder in Tanzania stands at 588 tins of 100 grams each, equivalent to 59 kilograms, a year.

Owing to financial constraints and lack of local capacity to manufacture the narcotic, however, Medical Stores Department, the country's sole importer authorized by the Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority, has been ordering utmost 411 tins, equivalent to 42 kilograms, a year.

"Mind you, we're all palliative care candidates, take action," insisted Dr Maongezi, as she reminded the service providers to observe Tanzania's diverse cultures when handling patients from over 120 ethnic groups.

## Going Beyond Screening

### CORPORATE WELLNESS



By Bhakti Shah, MPH

**B**IOMETRIC Screenings are a fantastic tool for employers to utilize. Screenings are an easy way to get employees involved in your workplace wellness initiatives and learn more about their current health status. They provide helpful information for both employers and employees by collecting health data that can be translated into actionable goals.

It is an opportunity for employees to take more active role in their health and gain motivation to develop healthier habits. Biometric screening programs aim to:

- Bring about the prevention of disease
- Help the individuals adopting a healthy lifestyle and nutritional diet plans
- Improve the health standards of the workplace
- Reduce the increasing health risks
- Bring about stress reduction

Offering biometric screening is an essential step in creating a successful employee wellness program.

Results obtained from the screenings provide a baseline for employee health and the results can be used to track wellness progress, trends and changes over time.

Aggregate reports can be used to improve the health status of the workforce. The screening results can help assess the overall employee population health risks at your company.

These specific health risks can be addressed with new wellness challenges, goals and educational opportunities.

Tangible information such as Body Mass Index, blood pressure, Blood Glucose and other fitness measures give us the facts and figures to help prioritize, strategize and optimize. Being informed can help transformation to a healthier lifestyle.

The results give a clear indicator - by analyzing the results and deter-

mining the main health risks of the employee population, we are able to determine the main health risks of the employee population and plan targeted strategies and interventions.

To achieve the best outcomes for your employee biometric screenings, employers should take the time to really understand the data and determine the best approach for encouraging sustainable behavior change among employees. Drawing on the results gained from screening, employers should ask themselves some key questions such as:

- What risk factors am I trying to target?
- What does the latest research suggest?
- What are the expectations of leadership?
- What do employees want?
- What resources are available (money, time etc.)?

After answering these questions, employers should find workshops, wellness challenges, speakers, fitness instructors that can help employees get going in the right direction. Without a follow-up plan in place, your employees might lose traction after collecting their screening results.

Workplace wellness programs result in improved resilience of the employees. This makes them more efficient, resulting in higher productivity. The benefits of biometric screening and targeted wellness programs are:

- Greater productivity
- Stress Reduction
- Job satisfaction
- Low absenteeism
- High resilience
- Healthy relationship with your employees
- Efficient workforce
- Lower turnover

**Reply back to bhakti@impactafya.com or call +255 754 694 643 with your feedback. We welcome your suggestions for corporate wellness tips you'd like to see covered in our future columns.**

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# Africa lags behind in global ICT goods trade - UNCTAD

GENEVA

AFRICA lags behind in the international trade of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) goods earning just a small percentage from the lucrative sector.

The continent's share of the USD 2.1 trillion in 2017 remained negligible despite the demand for electronic components used in Internet-of-Things (IoT) devices driving the value of trade in

international ICT goods in 2017.

According to figures released by UNCTAD, trade in ICT goods grew slightly faster than merchandise trade representing 13.4 per cent of the total in 2017. The global market however shrunk from the 16.1 per cent high during the dot-com boom in 2000 but it remained the highest in two years.

By comparison, in 2017 machinery and transport equipment accounted for 37 per cent and food for 8 per cent of

merchandise imports.

"This is the first time that global ICT goods imports have rebounded since 2014, showing a good 6 per cent annual growth and bringing a reprieve to the past two years of decline," Shamika Sirimanne (pictured), Director of the Technology and Logistics Division at UNCTAD, said.

Among ICT products, trade in electronic components continued to expand with an annual growth rate of 8 per cent - just below



that of computers and consumer electronics (9 per cent) - and it shows long-term, steady growth.

"The expansion of electronic components, which are the basic building blocks of electronic circuits and semiconductors, reflects the fact that more and more products and activities are going digital worldwide.

Much of this trend can be associated with the advent of the IoT, which has witnessed unprecedented growth since

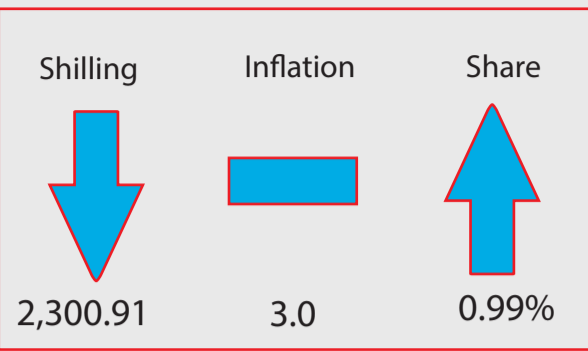
2015. This trend may be further accentuated in the coming years," Sirimanne said.

While China is by far the largest exporter of ICT goods, the Republic of Korea boasted the highest growth rate among the top 10 exporters in 2017.

Exports also grew significantly for all the other top ten exporters, except for the United States. The market share of the top 10 exporters was about 86 per cent in 2017.

Meanwhile, the United States is the top importer followed closely by China and Hong Kong. Mexico was the only economy among the top 10 where ICT goods imports did not grow in 2017. The share of intra-industry trade remains high in this sector, with interdependence between the big Asian, North American and European players, and the top importers typically also feature among the top exporters of ICT goods.





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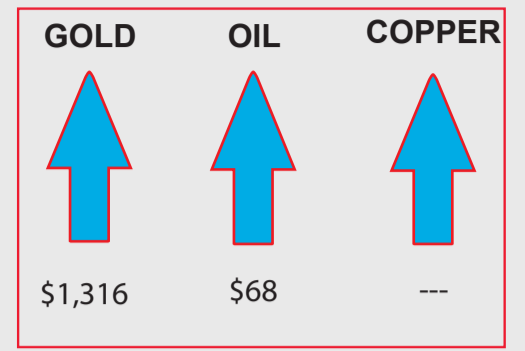
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DSEI	2,091.88 +20.47

**AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG**

Maize	52200.00	Finger Millet	141100.00
Rice	184166.67	Wheat	128666.67
Sorghum	78761.90	Beans	175208.33
Bulrush Millet	80333.33	Round potatoes	73583.33

**Exchange Rates (DSE)**

Currency	Buying	Selling
EUR	2,591.28	2,617.65
USD	2,268.07	2,290.76
KES	22.38	22.56
GBP	2,947.82	2,977.52



**Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange**

Date: Mar 22, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
ACA	6,050	6,200	-2.42
CRDB	125	125	+0.00
DCB	340	340	+0.00
DSE	1,300	1,300	+0.00
EABL	4,660	4,640	+0.43
JHL	9,500	9,250	+2.70
KA	115	115	+0.00
KCB	1,090	1,020	+6.86
MBP	490	490	+0.00
MCB	500	500	+0.00
MKCB	800	800	+0.00
MUCOB	400	400	+0.00
NICO	160	160	+0.00
NMB	2,340	2,340	+0.00
NMG	1,430	1,340	+6.72
PAL	400	400	+0.00
SWALA	490	490	+0.00
SWIS	2,000	2,000	+0.00
TBL	11,400	11,400	+0.00
TCC	17,000	17,000	+0.00
TCCL	600	600	+0.00
TICL	385	385	+0.00
TOL	660	660	+0.00
TPCC	2,020	2,020	+0.00
TTP	120	120	+0.00
USL	10	10	+0.00
VODA	800	800	+0.00
YETU	600	600	+0.00

**DSE MARKET SUMMARY**

TSI	3,481.37	+0.00
DSEI	2,091.88	+20.47

**TRADING STATS**

Market Cap (bln)	20,163.37
Equity Turnover	28,506,450.00
Total Volume	149,190
Total Deals	29

**TOP MOVERS**

CRDB	125	141,250
NICO	160	5,800
DSE	1,300	1,140

**GAINERS & LOSERS**

Company	Price	Change
ACA	6,050	-2.42%
EABL	4,660	+0.43%
KCB	1,090	+6.86%
NMG	1,430	+6.72%
JHL	9,500	+2.70%

**Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)**

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
22/Mar/2019	3.20	2,315.00	2,298.65	2,300.91
21/Mar/2019	2.25	2,318.50	2,298.70	2,300.92
20/Mar/2019	3.50	2,316.00	2,298.75	2,300.89
19/Mar/2019	4.00	2,315.00	2,298.80	2,300.87
18/Mar/2019	3.67	2,315.00	2,298.90	2,300.34
15/Mar/2019	4.50	2,310.00	2,298.90	2,300.09
14/Mar/2019	4.30	2,310.00	2,298.92	2,300.09

**Inter-bank Local Money Markets**

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
22/Mar/2019	30,000	5.30	5.00	5.10
21/Mar/2019	66,450	6.50	5.00	5.37
20/Mar/2019	66,450	6.50	5.00	5.68
19/Mar/2019	15,650	6.50	4.00	5.70
15/Mar/2019	41,250	6.50	4.50	5.49

**Tanzania Shilling On Average bases**

The USDTZS decreased 4.0000 or 0.17% to 2,336.0000 on Thursday March 21 from 2,340.0000 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2360 in March of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

**Gold gains as U.S. economic concerns spur safe-haven buying**

\* SPDR Gold holdings rose about 1 pct last week

\* Speculators raise net long positions in gold

**LONDON, March 25 (Reuters)** - Gold rose on Monday as investors flocked towards safe-haven assets on concerns over a possible recession in the United States that dented the dollar and added to an increasingly bleak picture on global growth.

Spot gold gained 0.3 percent to \$1,316.58 an ounce at 1115 GMT. The metal last week posted its third consecutive weekly gain with a rise of about 1 percent.

U.S. gold futures were up 0.3 percent at \$1,316.70.

Equity markets, meanwhile, hit a 12-day low after global economic worries were exacerbated by an inversion in the U.S. bond yield curve on Friday, stoking fears of a possible recession in the world's largest economy and boosting demand for assets such as gold and the yen while denting the dollar.

"The (gold) market has continued to rise in response to the continued worries that we have seen creeping in the market about recessionary risks," said Saxo Bank analyst Ole Hansen.

"But at this stage, it is not a sprint, it is a grind," Hansen added, reasoning that gold's moves higher lack conviction despite weakness in equities, bond yields and the dollar.

U.S. manufacturing activity cooled unexpectedly in March while businesses across the euro zone performed much worse than expected, fanning economic growth concerns.

Lower bond yields reduce the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding gold and weigh on the dollar, making bullion cheaper for non-U.S. investors.

Gold has gained more than 13 percent since touching more than 1-1/2 year lows last August, mainly driven by a dovish U.S. Federal Reserve and global growth concerns.

Investors were also keeping a close eye on developments surrounding Brexit, with British Prime Minister Theresa May under pressure to give a date for leaving office as the price to bring rebel lawmakers in her party behind her twice-defeated European Union divorce treaty.

"Speculative financial investors are also likely to continue betting on rising gold prices having already stepped up their net long positions ... this further paves the way for gold as it continues on its upswing," Commerzbank analysts said.

Speculators raised their net long position by 15,971 contracts to 57,746 in COMEX gold in the week to March 19, data showed on Friday.

Holdings in the world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, SPDR Gold Trust, rose about 1 percent in the previous week.

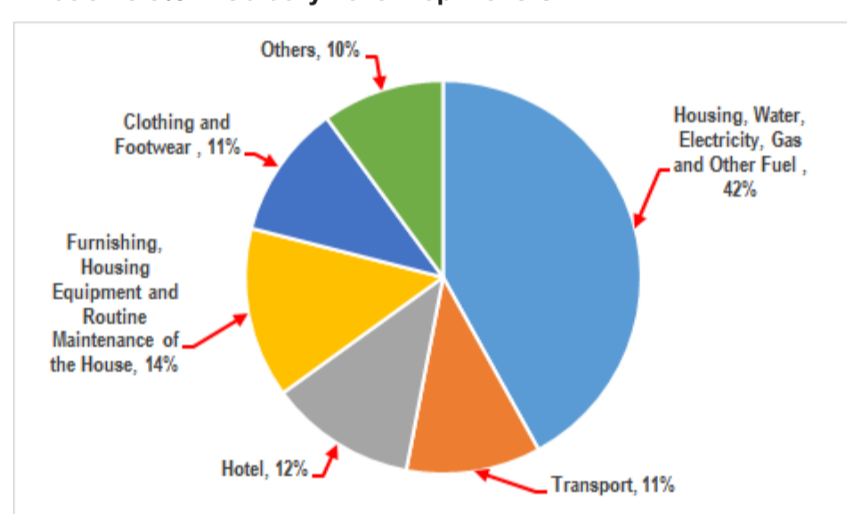
Among other precious metals, palladium slipped 1.5 percent to \$1,540.17 an ounce, silver gained 0.6 percent to \$15.50 and platinum was up 0.7 percent at \$850.

**All Share Index :25 March 2019**

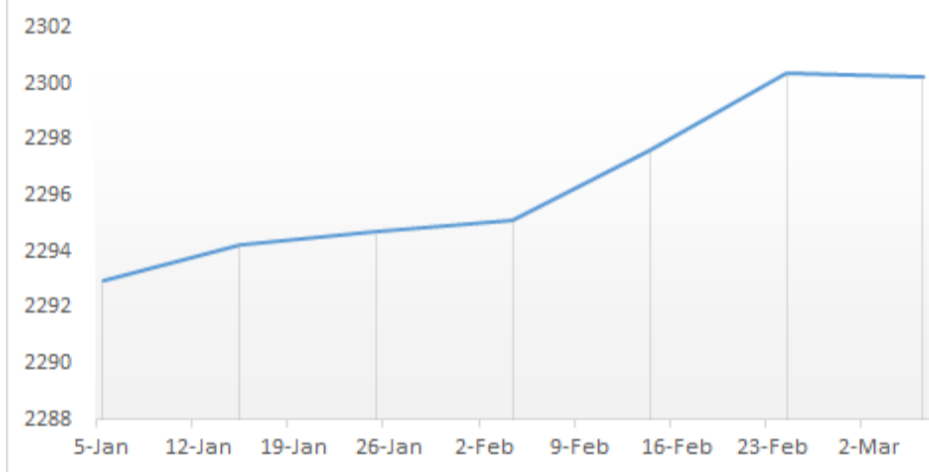
Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	31,074	64.96	-0.21%	-0.16%	-4.31%	-25.04%
JALSH-All Share	55,379	728.00	-1.30%	-2.45%	-1.54%	-1.42%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	49,090	702.41	-1.41%	-2.58%	-1.75%	-0.96%
Egypt EGX 30	14,672	110.80	-0.75%	-1.60%	-1.44%	-14.22%
Casablanca CFG 25	10,993	27.68	0.25%	0.05%	-2.85%	-16.07%
Nairobi 20	2,887	31.54	1.10%	-0.31%	-2.36%	-24.95%
NSE All Share	160	0.97	-0.60%	1.22%	3.21%	-16.74%
DSEI	2,092	20.47	0.99%	1.69%	-2.47%	-11.25%
TUN	6,946	63.22	0.92%	1.69%	-3.03%	-1.45%
GGSECI	2,402	4.42	0.18%	-0.61%	-2.32%	-27.04%
NSX Overall	1,297	2.58	-0.20%	-3.21%	-5.66%	-6.96%
SEMDEX	2,171	0.61	-0.03%	-0.85%	-1.35%	-5.09%
Gaborone	7,879	1.59	0.02%	0.01%	0.07%	-8.65%
Zimbabwe Index	404.89	15.04	-3.58%	-9.21%	-20.24%	39.32%

DSEI increased 20 points or 0.99% to 2092 on Friday March 22 from 2071 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.

**Inflation 3.0% - February 2019: Top Movers**



**Fluctuation of a Shilling**



**Oil prices hit by worries of sharp economic slowdown**

**LONDON 25 (Reuters)** - Oil prices slipped on Monday, with concerns of a sharp economic slowdown overshadowing support from tighter supply due to OPEC's production cuts and U.S. sanctions on Iran and Venezuela.

Brent crude oil futures were down 36 cents, or 0.54 percent, at \$66.67 per barrel at 1200 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures were at \$58.75 per barrel, down 29 cents, or 0.49 percent.

Both crude oil price benchmarks closed down last week after briefly hitting their highest since November 2018.

"Oil remains in a tug-of-war between fundamentals and a fickle sentiment in the global financial markets," said Vandana Hari of consultancy Vanda Insights.

Concerns about a potential U.S. recession emerged on Friday after cautious remarks by the U.S. Federal Reserve caused 10-year treasury yields to slip below the three-month rate for the first time since 2007.

Historically, an inverted yield curve - where long-term rates fall below short-term ones - has signaled an upcoming recession, and world stocks hit a 12-day trough on Monday.

Bullish sentiment helped drive benchmarks to last week's highs, but that move could now leave them vulnerable to a correction.

"Speculators increased their net long in ICE Brent by 15,934 lots over the last reporting week, to leave them with a net long of 308,606 lots ... the largest position since late Octo-

ber," ING said in a note.

"A large gross long is a key downside risk for the market, especially with growing concerns over the economy."

Adding to concerns of a widespread global downturn, manufacturing output data from Germany, Europe's biggest economy, shrank for the third straight month, though an improved index on business climate there provided some cheer.

"Estimates for growth and earnings have been revised down materially across all major regions," said U.S. bank Morgan Stanley.

But BNP Paribas strategist Harry Tchilinguirian told the Reuters Global Oil Forum: "Oil supply fundamentals remain price-constructive with OPEC+ collectively making good progress on pledged supply cuts while involuntary supply losses in Iran remain sizeable and those in Venezuela continue to mount."

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-affiliated allies such as Russia, together referred to as OPEC+, have pledged to withhold around 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd) of oil supply this year to prop up markets, with OPEC's de-facto leader, Saudi Arabia, seen to be pushing for a crude price of over \$70 per barrel.

Commerzbank noted declines in U.S. crude stocks and expenditure by U.S. shale firms were also providing support.

"Oil market-specific reports, which point to tighter supply, are preventing prices from falling any more sharply."

**Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Mar 2019**

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,098	2,131	2,096
Arusha	2,191	2,195	2,286
Pwani	2,102	2,135	2,101
Dodoma	2,157	2,189	2,155
Geita	2,263	2,296	2,262
Iringa	2,162	2,195	2,161
Kagera (Bukoba)	2,313	2,346	2,312
Katavi (Mpanda)	2,306	2,339	2,304
Kigoma	2,329	2,362	2,328
Moshi	2,181	2,185	2,276
Lindi	2,141	2,236	2,155
Manyara	2,225	2,229	2,320
Mara	2,276	2,309	2,275
Mbeya	2,205	2,238	2,204
Morogoro	2,123	2,156	2,121
Mtwara	2,127	2,222	2,169
Mwanza	2,248	2,281	2,247
Njombe	2,190	2,223	2,189
Rukwa (S'wanga)	2,271	2,304	2,269
Ruvuma (Songea)	2,213	2,308	2,220
Shinyanga	2,227	2,260	2,225
Singida	2,188	2,221	2,187
Songwe (Vwawa)	2,214	2,247	2,213
Tabora	2,252	2,285	2,251

**Foreign Exchange- Mar 25**

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.13225	0.00095	0.08 %
GBPUSD	1.32327	0.00237	0.18 %
AUDUSD	0.71066	0.00246	0.35 %
NZDUSD	0.69000	0.0025	0.36 %
USDJPY	110.02	0.11	0.10 %
USDCNY	6.71614	0.00586	-0.09 %
USDCHF	0.99258	0.00092	-0.09 %
USDCAD	1.34296	0.00036	0.03 %
USDMXN	19.0869	0.0014	0.01 %
USDINR	68.8500	0.3100	-0.45 %
USDBRL	3.9066	0.1145	3.02 %
USDRUB	64.2741	0.3219	-0.50 %
US Dollar	96.46	0.19	-0.19 %
BTCUSD	3,970.91	12	-0.29 %

**Exchange Rates for 25 / March /2019**

Currency in 100 Units	Spot Buying	Spot Selling
<b>EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES</b>		
Kenya SHS	2,264.54	2,282.65
Uganda SHS	58.03	62.19
Rwandan Franc	252.53	255.28
Burundi Franc	218.12	219.76
<b>OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES</b>		
USD	227,812.87	230,091.00
Pound STG	299,573.93	302,661.70
EURO	257,314.64	259,979.82
Canadian \$	169,895.50	171,543.28
Switz. Franc	228,957.66	231,154.31
Japanese YEN	2,066.71	2,086.80
Swedish Kronor	24,581.65	24,816.75
Norweg. Kronor	26,694.11	26,951.58
Danish Kronor	34,489.41	34,829.03
Australian \$	161,633.23	163,272.57
Indian RPS	3,302.71	3,335.50
Pakistan RPS	1,551.41	1,631.85
Zambian Kwacha	18,794.56	19,094.69
Malawian Kwacha	290.86	311.53
Mozambique-MET	3,621.83	3,652.24
Zimbabwe \$	42.63	43.49
SDR	317,933.37	321,112.70
Gold (T/O)	298,348,634.21	301,398,846.95
S. African Rand	15,822.32	15,975.88
UAE Dirham	62,025.34	62,643.89
Singapore \$	168,637.85	170,299.02
Hong Kong \$	29,033.69	29,322.91
Saud Arabian Rial	60,746.86	61,352.69
Kuwait Dinar	750,965.42	758,100.23
Botswana Pula	21,186.60	21,582.54
Chinese Yuan	33,939.11	34,266.76
Malaysia Ringgit	56,083.92	56,575.12
South Korea Won	200.80	202.45
Newzealand	156,575.79	158,233.58

**World Commodities (\$) 25 March 2019**

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Brent Oil	58.7675	-0.27%	-0.53%	5.90%	-10.34%
Silver	66.8884	-0.25%	-0.97%	2.57%	-4.61%
Natural gas	2.7223	-1.31%	-4.44%	-4.81%	4.02%
Gasoline	1.9101	-0.96%	1.29%	20.22%	-5.14%
Heating oil	1.9641	-0			



# WORLD

## Mueller report deals White House trump card, Russian senator says

MOSCOW

THE report by US Special Counsel Robert Mueller concluding that the Trump campaign did not collude with Russia to influence the 2016 election gives the US presidential administration a chance to start its ties from scratch with Moscow, Russian Senator Konstantin Kosachev said.

"Certainly, a lot can be rectified if there is goodwill. I do not rule out any initiatives on Russia in the near future because the outcome of the Mueller report has now dealt Trump's team a full hand of trump cards," Kosachev, who heads the Russian Federation Council

(the upper house of parliament) Foreign Affairs Committee, wrote on his Facebook page.

According to the senator, within the Trump administration there are such hawks as US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and National Security Adviser John Bolton, whose position had served as a proof that "Russia would be given a tough response."

"In any case, there is a chance to start a lot in our relations from scratch, but that's a question of whether Trump will take this risk. Certainly, we are ready.

And I suggest beginning from the most pressing things: the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) and New



US Special Counsel Robert Mueller

START (Strategic Arms Reduction) Treaties," Kosachev proposed.

The lawmaker noted that Trump's opponents would have to swallow the fact that the White House occupant is there to stay. "His chances for re-election starting from yesterday seem to be much stronger.

The opponents of the incumbent president wanted the best, but you know the rest. Essentially, not a single politician has managed to build a bright future based on lies," he stressed.

The US president will now have much more room for maneuvering and he could use it, according to Kosachev. However, the US Congress

had translated all its anti-Russian decisions into laws.

"This is not just a precaution. I believe those who had accused Trump of collusion with Moscow knew very well that this was a lie, but they needed to buy time to pass this bulk of laws against Russia and tie the White House's hands. And they did it," Kosachev stressed.

Why answer a lie?

The long-awaited Mueller's report showed what Russia had known from the very outset: there was no collusion between Trump or any member of his team with the Kremlin, the senator said.

Meanwhile, Russia has nothing to celebrate about because all the allegations against it are still in place. "So this is a holiday only for America and only for the pro-Trump faction of the establishment."

In its turn, Moscow should react to the fact that high-ranking politicians had been lying about collusion for two years, and given the circumstances, the US leader was forced to introduce harsher measures against Russia, the senator says.

"These two years were not just lost for Russian-US relations, for them they were simply crushing. Will anyone be held liable for this damage, will anyone apologize? Will anyone correct something?" the senator questioned.

Kosachev recalled the infamous deception that had been peddled that Saddam Hussein "possessed" weapons of mass destruction: "Did they offer an apology, did they pay any compensation?"

They said so: yes, we lied, but Saddam is still a bad guy and that's why we used force for a good reason."

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## African CEOs meet to discuss major topics, challenges for Africa's private sector

KIGALI



ABOUT 1,500 participants, including Africa's top CEOs, international investors, experts and high-level policy makers, are meeting in Rwandan capital city Kigali from yesterday to discuss major topics and key challenges for Africa's private sector.

The topics included intra-African trade and investment, better protection of Africa's interests and industries, mobilization of the private sector around cross-border infrastructure and logistical projects, public-private workshops and case studies.

It is very timely for the participants to discuss how to make the most out of the African Continental Free Trade Area agreement, among other important issues, said Rwandan President Paul Kagame at the opening ceremony, as the free trade area needs only one more country's ratification for entering into force.

The full involvement of the African business community is critical to keeping implementation of the "historic agreement" on track, said Kagame.

Africa needs 1.7 million new jobs every month and the continent needs to develop a thriving private sector enabled by free trade opportunities, according to Philippe Le Houerou, CEO of International Finance Corporation.

Economic integration is an economic opportunity and a vital necessity, which can not happen without the private sector, said Amir Ben Yahmed (pictured), President of the forum.

Country leaders include Ethiopian President Sahle-Work Zewde, Togolese President Faure Gnassingbe, according to the forum's programme.

Xinhua

## Kremlin mum on former Ukrainian security officer's statements

MOSCOW

KREMLIN Spokesman Dmitry Peskov refrained from comments on the statements made by former employee of the Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) Vasily Prozorov, who said about his work for Russian intelligence services.

"As far as I understand, these are some new statements, so I have nothing to say here," the Kremlin spokesman said. Peskov highlighted that he has no information on this account.

Earlier in the day former employee of the

Ukrainian Security Service Vasily Prozorov made a number of statements at a news conference in Moscow.

In particular, he said that after the "Maidan" events in 2014 he started transferring to Russia information about the anti-terrorist operation and also reported about a secret prison at Mariupol Airport.

The remarks

The Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) set up secret prisons in the Donbass areas where Kiev is conducting a military opera-

tion, former SBU officer Vasily Prozorov said at a press conference on Monday, adding that one of such prisons was located at Mariupol's airport.

"The issue of secret prisons set up in areas where the anti-terrorist operation is taking place cannot be left out," he said. "I cannot claim to have information about all of them but I know for sure that one prison is located at Mariupol's airport," the former SBU officer added.

According to Prozorov, the prison is referred to as a library and its prisoners are

called books. "There is public eating place on the second floor of the airport's left wing, and two nonoperational refrigerator rooms, one of which is five by three meters in size and the other one three by two meters," he said. "They are made of steel and have hermetic doors. Detained people were kept there without any official permission," he emphasized.

Prozorov also pointed out that people could be taken to that prison for any reason at all, for instance, for having photos of Novorossia's flag on their cell phones.

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## Xi meets Macron on maintaining sound China-France ties

NICE, France

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Sunday stressed the importance of maintaining a sound China-France relationship to both countries' long-term development and its potential impact on the world.

Xi, who is paying a state visit to France, made the remarks when meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron in the southern French city of Nice.

Recalling the history of friendly exchanges between China and France, Xi noted that France is the first major Western country to establish official diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China (PRC).

France, he added, also is the first country to form a strategic partnership and conduct strategic dialogue with China and the first to carry out civilian nuclear-energy cooperation with China.

He pointed to the special significance of his visit, which came at a special year that marks both the 70th anniversary of the founding of the PRC and the 55th anniversary of the establishment of China-France diplomatic relations.

Xi spoke of the things that remain unchanged in the face of profound changes in the international situa-



Chinese President Xi Jinping (2nd L) and his wife Peng Liyuan (1st L) pose for a group photo with French President Emmanuel Macron (2nd R) and his wife Brigitte Macron in the southern French city of Nice on Sunday. Xi met with Macron in Nice on Sunday. (Xinhua)

tion and bilateral relations.

He said the importance China attaches to its relations with France has not changed. China has always regarded France as a priority partner of cooperation, and the two peoples keep a special friendship, he added.

This is a valuable asset that we must inherit and carry forward to keep China-France relations at the forefront of the times," Xi said.

Xi went on to say that the common pursuit for peace, development, fairness and justice has not changed.

He said both China and France uphold the basic norms governing international relations underpinned by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter while practicing multilateralism and opposing protectionism and unilateralism in international affairs.

Both countries are committed to building an open world economy and working together to meet the common challenges facing humanity, Xi said, adding that China and France have cooperated successfully on many occasions in the field of climate change, playing a positive leading role in the world.

The mutually beneficial and win-win nature of China-France cooperation has not changed, Xi said. "The history of China-France cooperation shows that bilateral ties are not a zero-sum game."

The strong complementarity between the two economies will remain for a long time," Xi said, adding that China's sustained development and further opening-up will create a host of new opportunities as well as broader space for bilateral cooperation.

Xi called on the two countries to constantly explore new fields of cooperation, nurture new growth areas for cooperation, and speed up the implementation of the Belt and Road and third-party cooperation projects that have been agreed upon.

China stands ready to strengthen strategic communication and coordination with France on major issues including the UN affairs, the reform of the World Trade Organi-

zation and climate change," Xi said, adding that China always supports European integration and hopes France can play a more active role in leading and promoting China-Europe relations.

Hailing his successful visit to China last year, Macron said that the two countries have been implementing the important consensus reached by him and Xi over the past year, strengthening cooperation on economy, trade, technology and culture.

France pays high attention to the Belt and Road Initiative, regards China as an important strategic cooperation partner, and appreciates China's important role in and contribution to climate change and other international affairs, Macron said.

The French president pledged to further strengthen strategic communication and collaboration with China, and bring into full play the leading role of the France-China comprehensive strategic partnership, so as to jointly safeguard multilateralism and promote world peace and prosperity.

France is the last leg of Xi's three-nation Europe tour that has taken him to Italy and Monaco.

Xinhua

## ...holds talks with Prince Albert II on strengthening China-Monaco ties

MONACO

Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with Prince Albert II, head of state of the Principality of Monaco, here Sunday on strengthening China-Monaco relations.

Xi was paying a state visit to Monaco, the first by a Chinese president to the European country.

Noting the affinity between the

two peoples, Xi said that since China and Monaco established diplomatic relations more than 20 years ago, the two sides have always treated each other as equals with sincerity and friendship.

Xi said China-Monaco relations are developing steadily, with bilateral practical cooperation keeping pace with the times and taking the

lead in China-Europe cooperation in the fields of environmental protection, telecommunications and mobile payment.

Xi said China and Monaco have set a fine example of friendly exchanges between countries that are different in size and have different historical and cultural backgrounds and social systems.

The Chinese president said the exchange of visits between him and Prince Albert II in about half a year demonstrated the high level of China-Monaco ties.

He called on the two sides to firmly grasp the correct direction of bilateral relations, constantly consolidate traditional friendship and political mutual trust, and strength-

en communication, coordination and mutual support in the United Nations and on international affairs.

Both sides should adhere to openness and cooperation and pursue more win-win results, Xi said, adding that China welcomes Monaco to actively participate in the joint development of the Belt and Road.

Xinhua

## International community provides aid as death toll continues to rise in cyclone-hit Mozambique

NAIROBI/BEIJING

THE death toll from Cyclone Idai in heavily hit central Mozambique has risen to 446 on Sunday while humanitarian relief from the international community is flowing into the African country.

"Yesterday we had 417 dead bodies, and today the toll rose to 446 deaths," Minister of Land, Environment and Rural Development Celso Correia on Sunday told reporters from the emergency operations center at Beira in the coastal

province of Sofala, where the cyclone caused landslides. It is difficult to obtain data from isolated areas, he added, while the affected people, including the displaced and the marooned, are estimated at more than 531,460.

More than 109,630 people have been provided with temporary shelters. Road traffic has been restored in some areas, including on the No. 6 national road on Saturday to facilitate the access of aid, the minister said.

"The overarching priority in the com-

ing weeks is to stem the outbreak of diseases such as cholera, malaria and other diseases," the minister further said.

At the request of Mozambique's government, China has dispatched a 65-member team to provide search and rescue support as well as medical and epidemic prevention assistance.

The tropical Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi in mid-March, causing floods and landslides. Search and rescue operations are continuing in the countries while humani-

tarian relief aid from countries and organizations are flowing into the affected areas.

In Zimbabwe, the death toll rose to 259 by Friday night and is feared to continue to rise with hundreds more injured and some 217 missing.

Zimbabwe had its eastern and southern areas mainly affected by the cyclone, and in the worst hit Manicaland Province, there were villages almost completely swept away. United Nations figures on Friday showed at least 16,000

families have been displaced in the country. "There are fears the cyclone will return within days," Energy Mutodi, deputy minister of information, tweeted Saturday.

In landlocked Malawi, one death was reported from the cyclone that affected some 68,000 people.

Henrietta Fore, executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), on Saturday said, "We are in a race against time to help and protect children in the disaster-ravaged areas of

Mozambique."

At the end of her visit to Beira, she said, "Aid agencies are barely beginning to see the scale of the damage."

The United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Friday the destruction caused by Cyclone Idai appears to be worsening, citing continued heavy rains and floods. UN refugee agency UNHCR's spokesperson Babar Baloch said the death toll in Mozambique "is expected to exceed 1,000."

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Tanzania's national U-17 football team, Serengeti Boys, take part in training session in Arusha to shape up for the 2019 AFCON U-17 Championship to be held in Dar es Salaam next month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

## Thank heavens for sports!

By Lloyd Elipoke

FIRST off, I would like to sheepishly admit that the idea for this commentary was born during a period of time when I was joyously in my element and all was perfectly right with the world.

My recollections of that special feeling of contentment still linger vividly in my mind.

The afore-said blessed mood that I was in on that day was the result of having just devoured my favorite, tastiest meal, which I then enjoyably washed down with a cold glass of the beverage which I most enjoy.

However, jokes aside, though, my musings on that particular occasion swiftly went from supposedly philosophical deliberations upon high affairs to the role of sports in the world in this, the modern age.

Indeed, it is commonly acknowledged that the human family faces an almost unprecedented range of deadly dangers, which, to put it mildly, are potent enough to vastly change life on this earth as we know it for the worse.

These threats include the widely feared rise of Artificial Intelligence (A.I), the

ominously advancing pace of climate change, the scourge that is human trafficking and of course that ugly beast, corruption, which has proven especially mighty to slay.

At this particular juncture, one might ask a totally understandable question: what on earth have all of these things got to do with sports anyway?

Elementary, my dear Watson, as that legendary sleuth of crime fiction, one Sherlock Holmes would say.

Indeed, despite being more commercialized today than it was in the past, the realm of sports has thankfully never lost that infectious sense of a fiesta, and that feel-good factor which is almost perpetual for all true sports fans.

So, in our world where negative news headlines seem to abound these days, let us thank the heavens above that something in our spirits seems to respond with utter joy to the various sports in the world today.

And, perhaps more crucially, let us toast to the fact that sports help us all to lighten the burdens weighing on our shoulders, even if just for a little while.

## India a class act with soft underbelly - Manjrekar

MUMBAI

INDIA are a class outfit but they will go into this year's World Cup with a soft underbelly having failed to settle on a number four, former batsman Sanjay Manjrekar told Reuters in an interview.

With the experienced partnership of Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan locked in as openers and captain Virat Kohli coming in at first drop, the twice champions have a top order the rival of any in the game.

Selectors continue to fret over who bats after the second wicket falls, however, with a series of candidates having fluffed their auditions.

Ajinkya Rahane, Manish Pandey, Lokesh Rahul and Dinesh Karthik have all been trialled for the number four spot and been found wanting.

Ambati Rayudu emerged as the most likely choice to fill the berth but scores of 13, 18 and two in the first three matches of the recent home series against world champions Australia damaged his cause.

The hosts ended up losing the series 3-2 and Manjrekar felt India were back to square one with no more ODIs scheduled before the May 30-July 14 World Cup in England and Wales, where India will be looking to add to their 1983 and 2011 triumphs.

"There was only one little gap that needed to be filled which is number four and getting some exciting options at four, five, six," Manjrekar said.

"They tried quite a few people and I don't begrudge them that. I don't think that was wrong. It's just disappointing that the players have not used the opportunity to cement their places.

"Like, Ambati Rayudu had a great opportunity. He got a 90 in New Zealand and I thought that's done. But then he fails in the next few innings and then a good ball will suddenly get him out and you sort of lose faith in him as the number four." Vijay Shankar's rise as a handy, nerveless all-rounder was one definite gain from the Australia series.

With India's first choice pace-bowling all-rounder Hardik Pandya injured, Shankar proved he could float in the batting order and hold his nerve in the death overs with ball in hand.

Manjrekar, who played 37 tests and 74 ODIs for

India before turning his hand to media punditry, said that Shankar was his pick to fill the number four spot.

"Your number four has got to have a little bit of class because in England it's perfectly possible that you are 20-2 so you got to have somebody who will just weather the storm and then take India close to 300 runs," he said.

"That perfect number four India still haven't found and I don't think they will find it now.

"So when India goes into the World Cup, it's a class team with genuine class in bowling and batting but with a soft underbelly which will be their middle order.

"Vijay Shankar is my current number four – not the ideal number four but from the candidates that we have, he is my number four."

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Manjrekar, speaking on the sidelines of the launch of ESPNcricinfo's Superstats which uses data science to analyse cricket, said he expected the usual suspects to be challenging for the World Cup. Five-times world champions Australia arrived in India as clear underdogs for the recent short format tour, having endured a wretched couple of years in ODIs during which they lost six series in a row.

That form slump was exacerbated by the ball-tampering scandal that robbed them of Steve Smith and David Warner for 12 months.

Without their two best batsmen as well as frontline pace duo Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood, they still managed to win a five-match series from 2-0 down for the first time.

"I am delighted that Australia is coming into their own," Manjrekar said.

"Because you don't want a World Cup where there are one or two teams clear leaders and others are really struggling.

"And don't forget they know what it takes to be champions. So if they have one or two good games, they will be thinking about only the title, nothing else."

Manjrekar did not have the same optimism about the chances of hosts England, who top the ODI world rankings but have yet to win the World Cup.

"I want to see England on a global sort of platform, when the entire world is watching," he added.

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Director Jordan Peele (L) and cast members Lupita Nyong'o, Evan Alex, Shahadi Wright Joseph, and Winston Duke attend the "Us" premiere at The Museum of Modern Art in New York City, New York, U.S., March 19, 2019. REUTERS

## Box Office: Jordan Peele's 'Us' stuns with \$70 million opening weekend

LOS ANGELES

TALK about scary good.

Universal's "Us," the second directorial effort from Jordan Peele, pulled off a stunning debut, generating \$70 million from 3,741 North American locations.

That haul is enough to land it the second-best opening weekend of the year behind just Disney's "Captain Marvel" (\$153 million). The psychological thriller about a family confronted by a band of doppelgangers nearly doubled projections, which estimated a three-day total in the \$38 million to \$45 million range.

"Us" now has the largest weekend for original horror movie, surpassing "A Quiet Place," as well as the biggest launch for an original R-rated film behind "Ted." It also shattered the benchmark set by Peele's directorial debut "Get Out," which launched with \$33 million in 2017.

Overseas, "Us" launched with \$16.7 million from 47 international territories for a global start of \$86.95 million.

"Put simply, Jordan Peele is a genius," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic distribution. "He's managed to tap into something that the domestic box office can't get enough of. People can't wait to see what he does next."

Universal and Peele's Monkeypaw Productions produced "Us" for \$20 million. Since its debut at the South by Southwest Film Festival, "Us" has built up word of mouth. It has a 94 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, rare praise for the horror genre and a testament to Peele's ability to deliver

scars that also encourage audiences to think. It stars Lupita Nyong'o and Winston Duke as a couple forced to fend off blood-thirsty clones while vacationing with their kids.

Though the domestic box office has been struggling to match 2018's record pace, it's been a good year for Universal so far. The studio now boasts the second, third, and fourth-best opening weekends of 2019 with "Us," "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" (\$55 million), and "Glass" (\$40 million), respectively.

With the better-than-expected debut of "Us," ticket sales at domestic box office are pacing over 15% ahead of the same frame in 2018, when "Pacific Rim Uprising" was the No. 1 film in North America. As a whole, revenues are still behind 17 percent compared to last year, according to Comscore. That margin is shrinking, however, thanks to the success of "Captain Marvel" and now "Us."

While "Us" catered to moviegoers looking for a good fright, "Captain Marvel" was doing some terrifying business of its own during the superhero blockbuster's third weekend of release. The female-fronted tentpole added another \$35 million, taking its domestic tally past \$320 million.

Since no studios dared to release a movie in anticipation of "Us," a number of holdovers rounded out domestic box office charts. Paramount Pictures' animated adventure "Wonder Park" landed in third place, earning \$9 million for a North American bounty of \$29 million.

"Five Feet Apart," a romantic drama about two teens who fall in love while undergoing treatment for cystic fibrosis, secured the fourth slot with \$8.5 million. The film has earned \$26 million to date.

Coming in at No. 5 is Universal and DreamWorks' "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World." The conclusion to the "Dragon" trilogy pocketed \$6.5 million in its fifth weekend in theaters, bringing its domestic total to \$145 million.

Among specialty releases, Bleecker Street's "Hotel Mumbai" pulled in \$89,492 when it bowed in four theaters in New York and Los Angeles, translating to \$21,623 per venue. The R-rated terrorist thriller – starring Dev Patel and Armie Hammer – follows the victims and survivors of the 2008 attacks at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in India. The movie was pulled from theaters in New Zealand following the Christchurch shooting.

REUTERS

## Dubai denies there were plans for R. Kelly concert



R. Kelly

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

DUBAI's government on Sunday forcefully denied a claim by R&B singer R. Kelly that the artist had planned concerts in the sheikhdom after he had sought permission from an Illinois judge to travel here despite facing sexual-abuse charges.

In a rare statement, the government's Dubai Media Office also denied claims by his lawyer in court that Kelly had plans to meet the sheikhdom's ruling Al Maktoum family.

"Authorities in Dubai have not received any request for a performance by singer R. Kelly nor are there any venues that have been booked," the statement said.

It added Kelly "has not been invited by the Dubai royal family for a performance."

In an email to The Associated Press, Kelly's lawyer Steven A. Greenberg responded saying: "Mr. Kelly had a signed contract with a legitimate promoter, and any information that was included in the motion to travel was from that contract. We did not say he was invited by the royal family, but the contract did provide that he would make himself available to meet with them."

Kelly was charged on Feb. 22 with 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse for allegedly assaulting three girls and one adult woman, coming after the release of a documentary "Surviving R. Kelly." He has denied ever abusing anyone.

In a court filing last week, Greenberg had said the singer needed to raise money as "he has struggled of late to pay his child support and other child related expenses."

"Before he was arrested Mr. Kelly had signed a contract to perform between 3-5 shows in Dubai, UAE, in April 2019," the court filing read. "He requests permission to travel to Dubai for the shows. While there he is supposed to meet with the royal family."

The filing did not elaborate on where Kelly was allegedly supposed to perform. There was no immediately publicized event for which Kelly was known to be a performer, nor did anyone in the entertainment industry hear about one.

However, Dubai's luxury nightclubs often host hip hop and other artists

for days at a time to perform and be seen among the millionaires of this skyscraper-studded city that is home to the world's tallest building. Rich families also pay for celebrities at their parties.

The UAE's seven emirates are overseen by hereditary rulers who hold absolute power. Dubai's ruler is Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, 69. His 36-year-old son, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, serves as Dubai's crown prince and is next in line to be ruler.

Dubai, home to the world's largest manmade archipelago the Palm Jumeirah and an indoor ski slope in its desert climes, has long drawn celebrities craving both luxury and seclusion. Will Smith is a repeated visitor. Lindsay Lohan lives off and on in the sheikhdom. David Beckham, Shah Rukh Khan and others are believed to own property in Dubai.

Yet it also has drawn world leaders seeking to escape their own countries. Pakistani Gen. Pervez Musharraf, facing criminal charges back home, fled to Dubai in 2016. Former Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra came to Dubai to avoid a criminal conviction in 2017, following in the footsteps of her brother, the ousted former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

The U.S. does not have an extradition treaty with the UAE. However, the U.S. stations some 5,000 troops in the country and Dubai's Jebel Ali port is the biggest port of call for the U.S. Navy outside of America.

AP



# Schulz grabs late winner as Germany stun Netherlands

AMSTERDAM

GERMANY defender Nico Schulz scored a late winner as their new-look side snatched a 3-2 win away to the Netherlands in their opening Euro 2020 Group C qualifier on Sunday, an absorbing clash that swung in fortunes from one side to the other.

Germany had seemed well set for victory after a superb first half produced goals for Leroy Sane and Serge Gnabry to give coach Joachim Loew an unexpected fillip as he seeks to restore the flagging fortunes of the 2014 world champions.

But some of the frailties of the last 12 months returned as they let their grip on the game slip, with Memphis Depay laying on a goal for Matthijs de Ligt and then scoring the equaliser himself in another influential display from the in-form forward.

Wing-back Schulz produced the decisive moment of the match though when he netted in the final minute after a fine build-up down the left to re-establish Germany's advantage and claim a crucial victory to get their qualifying campaign underway.

Northern Ireland head the group after goals from Jonny Evans and Josh Magennis gave them a 2-1 win over Belarus on Sunday and a perfect start of six points from two games.

Germany and the Netherlands have three points each, though the latter have now played two matches.

After Netherlands goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen had denied Gnabry at close range, the visitors hit the front as Schulz provided a low cross from the left from which Sane took a touch and scored with a powerful shot.

A rampant Germany doubled their advantage after 34 minutes as Gnabry twisted his way around Netherlands defender Virgil van Dijk before curling a 25-metre shot into the corner of the net, the fifth international goal in six caps for the former Arsenal forward.

The Dutch pulled one back within three minutes of the half-time break though as Depay provided an inviting cross for teenage defender De Ligt to head home his first international goal.

Depay, fresh from two goals and two assists on Thursday against Belarus, levelled the score just past the hour-mark with a low finish into the bottom corner as the visitors failed to clear the loose ball in the box.

It was the second time since November that the Netherlands had come from two goals down to equalise against Germany, and for Depay it was his 11th goal in his last 15 internationals.

But the visitors had the final say as Marco Reus's pass found an unmarked Schulz in the box and he was able to settle the contest with a low finish that gave Cillessen no chance.

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# South Africa book last Afcon spot with Tau double

JOHANNESBURG

(SOUTH Africa booked the last place at the African Cup of Nations finals with a 2-1 away win over Libya thanks to Percy Tau's double on Sunday to complete the lineup for the 24-team finals being hosted in Egypt in June.

The diminutive 24-year-old striker, on loan at second-tier Union SG in Belgium from English Premier League club Brighton & Hove Albion, scored with two powerful second half strikes to ensure the country finished second behind Nigeria in Group E.

Earlier on Sunday, Benin, the DR Congo, Tanzania and Zimbabwe also ensured qualification.

Benin beat neighbours Togo 2-1 in Group D to bring an end to the international career of former Arsenal, Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur striker Emmanuel Adebayor.

Tanzania secured a convincing 3-0 home victory over neighbours Uganda, who had already qualified.

Tanzania finished second in Group L ahead of the small kingdom of Lesotho, who needed victory away in the Cape Verde Islands to qualify for the first time but were held 0-0.

Zimbabwe finished top of Group G with their 2-0 home win over Congo-Brazzaville, while DR Congo were second in the section after edging Liberia 1-0 in Kinshasa.

Khama Billiat and Knowledge Musona scored first-half goals for the Zimbabweans while Cedric Bakambu was the Congolese hero.

South Africa, who had missed out on the last finals in Gabon two years ago,



needed only a draw against Libya, who were forced to host the game on neutral territory in neighbouring Tunisia because of a FIFA ban on them hosting matches at home.

Libya would have qualified at South Africa's expense with a win and they dominated a goalless first half with Manchester-born Ahmed Benali at the centre of their attacks.

But Tau broke the deadlock after 50 minutes with a snap shot before Libya

equalised with a Benali penalty in the 65th, but the visitors restored their lead three minutes later when Tau fired in a shot from the left to ensure his country progressed.

Sunday's five qualifiers joined Burundi, Cameroon, Guinea-Bissau and Namibia, who sealed their finals berths in Saturday's action.

On Friday, Angola striker Wilson Eduardo scored on his debut as they beat Botswana 1-0 to qualify.

Finalists: Egypt (hosts), Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, DR Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zimbabwe.

The draw for the finals will take place at Sphinx and the Pyramids, near Cairo, on April 12.

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# Hazard marks milestone with early goal to help Belgium win

NICOSIA

EDEN Hazard marked his 100th cap with an early goal to set Belgium on their way to a comfortable 2-0 away win over Cyprus in their Euro 2020 qualifier on Sunday.

Michy Batshuayi got the other goal for the top team in the FIFA rankings, who began their campaign last Thursday with a 3-1 home success over Russia and now have six points from their opening two games in Group I.

Hazard opened the scoring after 10 minutes with a curling shot after Batshuayi had set him up. It was his 30th international goal as the 28-year-old Chelsea star became the third Belgian to reach the 100-cap mark after Jan Vertonghen and Axel Witsel.

Batshuayi doubled the score eight minutes later, running on to a pass over the top of the home defence from Thorgan Hazard, knocking it past the onrushing goalkeeper Urko Pardo and sliding the ball into the empty net from a tight angle.

Belgium, without injured regulars Kevin de Bruyne, Romelu Lukaku and Witsel, cruised through the rest of the contest to stretch to 12 games their unbeaten record against the Cypriots, who had beaten San Marino 5-0 at home on Thursday in their opening qualifier.

Earlier on Thursday, Denis Cheryshev scored twice as Russia won 4-0 away in Kazakhstan for their first points of the campaign.

His first-half pair of goals were followed by two more early in the second half in Arana, from Artem Dzyuba and an own goal by Kazakh defender Abzal Beysebekov.

Meanwhile, Hungary midfielder Mate Patkai scored his first international goal to secure a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over World Cup runners-up Croatia in a Euro 2020 Group E qualifier on Sunday in Budapest.

The result in a pulsating match

threw the group wide open after Wales beat Slovakia 1-0 in Cardiff earlier on Sunday.

Slovakia, Wales, Hungary and Croatia have three points each while Azerbaijan have none, although like the Welsh the Azeris have only played one game while the rest have played two.

The Croatians, who laboured to a 2-1 home win over Azerbaijan on Thursday, appeared set for plain sailing when Ante Rebic gave them a sixth-minute lead from close range after Andrej Kramaric poked a low cross into his path.

But Hungary, roared on by a fervent home crowd in the Groupama Arena, levelled in the 34th through striker Adam Szalai who took a clever Balazs Dzsudzsaks pass into his stride and powered his shot past keeper Lovre Kalinic from a tight angle.

Captain Dzsudzsak, who celebrated a milestone 100th international appearance with a fine display, was at the heart of Hungary's spirited performance which was rewarded by Patkai's 76th-minute winner after Croatia failed to clear a corner.

Croatia substitute Marin Leovac failed to head away the inswinging set piece and Patkai steered the ball past Kalinic from two metres to delight the home faithful while silencing a large contingent of vocal away fans.

Hungary, who lost 2-0 away to Slovakia in their opener, nearly scored again several minutes later as Croatia cleared the ball of the line three times in a frantic goalmouth scramble and failed to threaten at the other end in the closing stages.

Earlier, Wales midfielder Daniel James netted a fifth-minute winner against Slovakia with his first international goal on his competitive debut for the Welsh, who visit Croatia in their next qualifier on June 8 when Hungary travel to Azerbaijan.

REUTERS

# Maradona hails 'Tata's' Mexico, slams Argentina

SAN JOSE

DIEGO Maradona believes Mexico is on the right path under his former team-mate Gerardo "Tata" Martino and once again slammed the direction of the Argentina national team.

Dorados de Sinaloa coach Maradona played with Martino at Newell's Old Boys and was impressed with El Tri's 3-1 victory over Chile on Friday.

"I saw Tata's team and it was compact, Tata-style," said Maradona in a news conference after Dorados' 1-0 win over FC Juarez on Saturday. "I had no doubt that if they allow Tata to work he will bring a lot of satisfaction to Mexico."

Maradona praised Martino's leader-

ship, but stressed his fellow Argentine will need time to get to know and work with Mexico's players.

"He's put together [the team] quickly and I think it went well," said Maradona. "It's not easy to score three goals against Chile."

The 1986 World Cup winning captain gave a strong hint that he'd like Martino to still be in charge of the Argentina national team, slamming the organization of the current side and suggesting he didn't watch the 3-1 loss to Venezuela on Friday.

"I don't watch horror movies," stated Maradona. "Which idiot thought Argentina was going to defeat Venezuela?"

(AGENCIES)

# New chapter for Tottenham as stadium hosts first game

LONDON

WHEN teenager Rayan Clarke rolled a pass off the centre spot at Tottenham Hotspur's gleaming new stadium on Sunday it kicked off a new chapter for the storied north London club.

It also marked the end of a long exile for Tottenham's fans, 30,000 of whom watched their under-18s take on Southampton in the first match at the 62,062-seat arena.

The official homecoming after 680 days lodging at Wembley is on April 3 against Crystal Palace in the Premier League.

But Sunday marked a significant day for fans walking down a sunny High Road, which leads to the stadium, for the first of two test events.

Once inside the reaction was a unanimous "wow!" as the majority got a first glimpse of the futuristic ground built at a cost of around one billion pounds (\$1.32 billion) on top of the old White Hart Lane ground that had been home since 1899.

"Out of this world," said supporter of 50 years Jim Munroe, sitting alongside his son in the West Stand. "The design is absolutely superb. You've got to compliment the chairman (Daniel Levy) on the attention to detail."

"This makes Arsenal's ground look silly."

With a handy sense of occasion London-born J'Neil Bennett christened the stadium by curling in his side's opener in the 3-1 win. Harry Kane would have been proud of it.

Maurizio Pochettino, son of manager Mauricio, appeared as a second-half substitute while his dad, who has established Tottenham in the top four in England and steered them to the Champions League quarter-finals addressed fans at halftime.

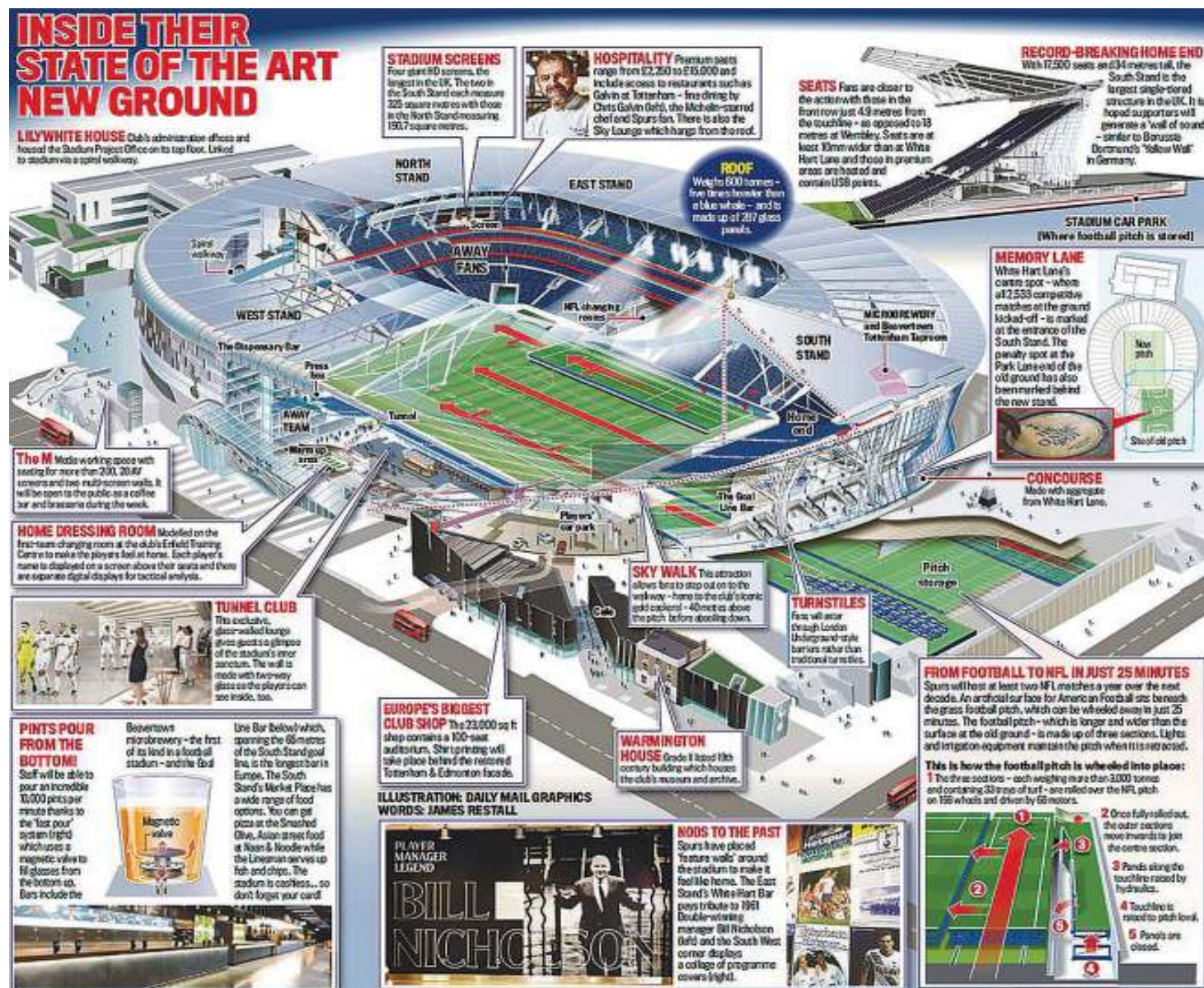
"The old ground was magic, but this is going to be unbelievable," he said. "I remember the feeling when we played our last game there, it was emotional and we were crying, today the feeling is the same."

HISTORIC DAY Pochettino acknowledged the vision of Levy who, in his programme notes, described the day as an historic one for the club he has run for 18 years.

Tottenham's 2,533rd and last competitive match at the old White Hart Lane ground, where the 36,000 capacity limited their ability to compete financially with city rivals Arsenal and Chelsea, was a 2-1 win over Manchester United in May 2017.

The move back home was supposed to be at the start of this season but the vast project, including housing, a school, a hotel, a museum, a microbrewery and a supermarket-sized club shop, was hit by a series of delays.

First impressions suggest the wait was worthwhile, even if there were



gripes about the "self-flushing toilets."

Intrinsic to Levy's vision was retaining the atmosphere that is often sacrificed when modern stadia replace Victorian-era grounds. With steeply-raked seats even fans high up are close to the action while the front seats are as close as five metres away.

Pride of place is the 17,500-seat single-tier Park Lane stand which has the feel of Borussia Dortmund's 'Yellow Wall'.

A replica of the club's famous golden cockerel sits on the top of the South Stand – complete with a dent apparently caused by former Tottenham favourite Paul Gascoigne.

In the concourses spread over nine floors fans find plenty of reminders of the club's glory days, including the Lane Centre Spot, a plaque indicating the location of the old centre circle.

A range of feature walls depict club greats like 1961 double-winning manager Bill Nicholson.

Among the 65 catering outlets spread around the stadium is the Goal Line Bar, at 65 metres the longest in Europe. "Let's just hope we have plenty to celebrate in it," said one fan as he clicked some souvenir snaps. (\$1 = 0.7568 pounds)

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## Gwiji by David Chikoko





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South Africa book last Afcon

spot with Tau double

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National Sports Council Acting Secretary General, Alex Nkenyenge

## Special Olympics team win accolades

By Guardian Reporter

NATIONAL Sports Council (NSC) has showered praises on Tanzania's Special Olympics team for putting impressive performance in the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, which took place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The games, which were played from March 14-21, brought together athletes with intellectual disabilities in the tradition of the Special Olympics movement, with 7500 athletes from 190 countries participating in.

Acting Secretary General of NSC, Alex Nkenyenge, a patron of sports associations in the country, noted that athletes that represented Tanzania in the event, put scintillating showing.

He said: "I would like to thank the country's Special Olympics association, which fielded athletes in the Special Olympics World Summer Games, we sent 15 athletes. They represented us well."

"They took part in two sports disciplines, athletics and volleyball. The country put impressive displays in the two sports and impressed the president of the Special Olympics."

Nkenyenge disclosed the Special Olympics squad comprised athletes from different parts of the country.

The NSC official said the squad's athletes included refugees from Kagera and Kigoma camps, noting the latter excelled and collected 12 medals in the Abu Dhabi games.

"The squad collected three medals from athletics and the remaining came from volleyball. In athletics, they one silver medal won and two bronze medals, NSC is pleased by this news" Nkenyenge disclosed.

"We are pleased to see every player, who gets opportunity to represent the country at the international level, makes the most of the opportunity... we motivate sports associations' officials to select players that deserve the opportunity to compete in the events."

Nkenyenge further disclosed NSC committee that coordinates election for Tanzania Darts Association will issue advice on procedures, which should be taken to finalize the exercise.

The sports' stakeholders have, for some time, been dragging their feet over taking forms for contesting for leadership in the association.

He said the national darts body has branches all over the country and he does not believe there is no darts enthusiast keen on taking form and vie for leadership in the association.

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## Kenyans flock Tanzania to witness first Scoda Fabia motor rally car

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE highly anticipated motor rally vehicle, which should be the first to cruise Tanzania terrains during a motor rally slated for next weekend in Kilimanjaro, is causing major interest across East Africa.

Reports has it that, people, especially drivers from neighbouring countries are already coming to Tanzania to witness the launch of the special rally vehicle whose arrival, and ultimate launch, remains under tight secret until the unveiling of the machine next Saturday.

Apparently for the first time ever, a Scoda Fabia rally car is going to be used in the country's motor rallying sporting activities and the standout vehicle will soon make debut at an event to be held in Hai District of Kilimanjaro at the end of this week.

Imported here by the Hari Singh Rally Team of Kilimanjaro, the Evolve's Scoda Fabia Proto will for the first time cruise the country during the forthcoming 150 kilometres race of the Vaisakhi Rally 2019 to cover the landscape of Siha District, in Kilimanjaro region.

Speaking by phone from Moshi, the Information Officer with the Kilimanjaro Motor Sports Club (KMSC) Somjo Athuman, the one and only Scoda rally vehicle will be driven by Gurjit Singh in the event, which is going to attract more than 20 vehicles on March 31.

Gurjit Singh who is going to drive the new and maiden Scoda, happens to be the defending champion of the Vaisakh Rally, having won the race in the last year 2018 event, then driving a Subaru GVB 2015.

This time the incumbent Singh will this time try his luck in the new Scoda.

Competing against the Scoda Fabia car, will be other vehicles that already native and used to the Tanzanian terrains, including the likes of Mitsubishi Evolution, Subaru, Ford Fiesta Proto, and Range Rovers.

Rally Participants include Raj Deere, Ajminder Singh Dhani, Mandeep Singh Dhani, Rajpal Singh Dhani, Manmohan Aggarwal, Gurpal Sandhu, Ahmed Huwel, Zaneal Somji, Randeep Birdi, Dharma Pandya, Said Khasim and Jamil Khan, as well as one Mbatta, with others to be announced later.

The drivers will be coming from among other regions, Tanga, Arusha, Morogoro, Iringa, Dar es Salaam and hosts, Kilimanjaro. The vehicle inspection will be conducted at the Sikh Temple grounds in Moshi next Saturday.

Last year's first runner-up in the Vaisakhi Rally 2018 was Ahmed Huwel, who is also the National Rally Champion and he returns again to Kilimanjaro to race against Singh. Huwel will be driving a Ford Fiesta Proto.



President John Pombe Magufuli shakes hands with senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, when he hosted a luncheon for the squad at the State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Magufuli congratulated the side for sealing qualification for the AFCON finals, which will take place in Egypt from June 21-July 19. PHOTO: STATE HOUSE

## Shein lauds Taifa Stars

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR'S President, Ali Mohamed Shein, has heaped praises on the senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, for cruising to victory over Uganda in the 2019 AFCON Qualifiers' match at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Stars trounced Uganda 3-0 in a thrilling Group L duel of the qualifiers to book a place in the 2019 AFCON finals, which will take place in Egypt from June 21-July 19.

Shein hailed Stars for sealing qualification for the continental showpiece for the second time after having done for the first time ever 38 years ago.

In his congratulatory message Shein lauded Stars for the win and noted Zanzibar people and the rest of Tanzanians have been pleased by the win will keep on improving the country's profile at the international level.

He said Zanzibar people and the rest of Tanzanians will keep on supporting Taifa

Stars thanks to the squad's commitment to bringing win.

Shein hailed all people for cheering the side in the encounter, as well as seeing to it the squad come out with an emphatic win.

He moreover congratulated the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), Taifa Stars head coach, Emmanuel Amunike, and other officials that played part in bringing the win, which pleased all Tanzanians.

Taifa Stars made it to the first and only time in the AFCON finals in Nigeria 1980.

The Sunday's win saw Taifa Stars record eight points and earn a place in the AFCON finals. Uganda ended as the group leaders with 13 points and booked a ticket to the finals. In Group L other match, Cape Verde were held to a barren draw by Lesotho at the former's venue in Praia.

Cape Verde, thus, collected five points to finish at the bottom of the Group L. Lesotho posted six points and the two teams missed out on the AFCON finals.

Stars opted for a high tempo right from

the start of the Sunday game and were urged on over 60,000 fans that flocked to the National Stadium, as well as the ones from Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar that were outside the venue.

Meanwhile, the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CE-CAFA) has congratulated Uganda, Kenya, Burundi and Tanzania for qualifying for the 2019 AFCON finals to be held in Egypt.

For the first time, the region will have a strong representation at the flagship event.

Nicholas Musonye, the body's secretary general, pointed out that pride of place goes to the four teams for their hard-work and commitment in securing their positions.

He said: "It is a dream of any African country to play at AFCON."

"As a region we are proud to have four teams at the event and we are confident that the four countries will rise to the occasion during the tournament proper in Egypt. We hope our governments will support their preparations."

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