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Bulgarian investors planning four new Kempinski hotels

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTORS from Bulgaria are set to put up four five-star hotels within Tanzania's top tourist hotspots at a combined cost of \$72m (over 160bn/-).

Dr Damas Ndumbaro (pictured), the minister for Natural Resources and Tourism made this affirmation yesterday after a meeting with those investors in Dar es Salaam, saying that the investors will construct four hotels in the prime national parks of Serengeti, Manyara, Tarangire and Ngorongoro.

They will construct hotels under the Kempinski brand, a global chain of luxury hotels based in Geneva, Switzerland.

"Our meeting was very fruitful, we expect to begin construction next January," he said, recalling that an exercise to grade and classify hotels in 2017 found the city of Dar es Salaam with three five star accommodation facilities.

The process was done by team of assessors, using set criteria for



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standardization of tourism facilities developed under the auspices of the East African Community (EAC).

The classification and grading of accommodation establishments included essential tools used by assessors such as the business license, fire safety certificate and an assessment sheet as the main tool to gather information of the establishment's particulars for allocating appropriate grading scores along with assessors' remarks.

The tourism sector has been hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic with government agencies that collect revenue from natural resources missing their target by 85 per cent in the 2020/21 financial year.

The Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) and the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) were given a combined target of collecting a total of 584,626,710,590/- but managed only 15 per cent of it.

The agencies missed over 495bn/- due to the disruptions, officials noted.

UN meet: Samia stresses women's uplift initiative

● Set to address UN General Assembly today



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience with World Bank Group President David Robert Malpass in New York on Tuesday on the sidelines of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly. They discussed, among other issues, the bank's support to Tanzania in its efforts to mitigate the impacts of Covid-19. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Salmia Suluhu Hassan has been holding talks with heads of key international organizations including the World Bank and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, which she is expected to address today.

World Bank President David Malpass pledged continued support to the president's efforts in various sectors during his meeting with President Samia, with the president also holding talks with WTO director general Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.

The latter is also a key administrator of the Global Vaccine Alliance (GAVI) whom the president consulted on issues to trade facilitation and availability of vaccines, fisheries administration and agriculture, the presidential entourage said in a statement.

In an earlier address focusing on climate change and ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic, the president said that since coming into office she has been appointing women executives to key positions to dispel the notion that those positions can't be held by women.

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Operators want release of forex seized in 2018

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

OWNERS of bureaux de change in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions whose money and office equipment were seized in a central bank and police operation in 2018 want their assets back.

They told reporters here yesterday that the 2018 operation saw their money and assets being taken away and no procedures have been put in place for restoring those assets since then.

Valerian Maleko, who operated Chelsea Bureau de Change Ltd, said he conducted the business for years and all this changed



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with that operation. His condition was affected as the entire capital was taken away, he stated.

"We plead to our beloved President Samia Suluhu Hassan to intervene in our issue so that justice is done," he appealed.

Operators were conducting the business diligently and paid all the required taxes, and were being inspected by BoT officials on a quarterly basis, in which case they were not violating any BoT regulations as has often been claimed.

No trader who was doing this business

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Mobile vaccination set to push uptake

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has introduced mobile vaccination centres to boost Covid-19 jabs uptake which has been low since the rollout began late July.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima (pictured), the minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, said here yesterday that the move follows insufficient public response



by the public to go to vaccination at the centres scattered across the country.

Initially there were 550 such centres, then raised to 1,500 vaccination centres countrywide, but now there are more than 6,000 but workers there are not as busy as they are supposed to be due to low response levels.

To counter this apathy, vaccination vans will now take the jabs to communities so that no one comes up with excuses such time spent to reach vaccination centres, she stated, handing out vehicles to be used in the exercise.

The mobile centres will be stationed or accessing health and environment activities where the public will be reminded of the importance of taking the

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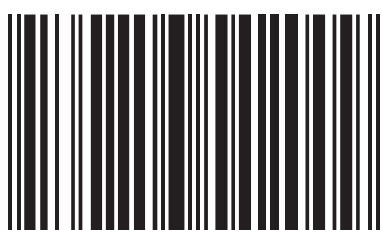
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'Mtwara Port's upgrades to save transport costs for Malawi imports'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

MALAWIAN Deputy High Commissioner to Tanzania, Deborah Mitawa has said her country will seize opportunities from improvements of infrastructures at the Port of Mtwara to enhance trade through water transport to reduce costs borne by Malawi traders.

She said if Malawian traders will greatly benefit by using the Port of Mtwara, thereby saving the high cost if they use any other port for their imports.

Mitawa made the remarks here on Tuesday during her visit to identify existing opportunities for Malawian traders offered by the port.

"We have identified many opportunities that can be seized by Malawian traders including the unloading of their vehicles, I must assure you that the government will seize fully the opportunities and will work together with you to alleviate costs to Malawian importers," said the envoy.

Karim Mataka, Deputy Managing Director of Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) said the distance between Mtwara and Malawi via Lake Nyasa will benefit many Malawian traders.

For landlocked countries of Southern Africa, improvements made to the Port of Mtwara is a saviour for them as they will reduce transport costs for their imports.

He said Malawi imports offloaded at the port of Mtwara could be moved to the shores of Lake Nyasa thereby saving great distance if they were offloaded at any other ports.



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President Samia Suluhu Hassan and World Trade Organisation director general Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (L) exchange greetings in New York on Tuesday on the sidelines of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly. Photo: State House

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first one to hold that position in our country's history," she said.

She said that she has also recently formed a team of experts to look at how best the country can achieve gender equality, with the team expected to come up with a number of proposals to uplift women, especially in relation to the fight against poverty.

Areas that the team is going through include amendments to oppressive laws, policies and strategies to assist women in accessing opportunities in various fields including employment, education, and other economic uplifting activities such as land tenure, access to credit and leadership positions.

The World Bank promised to continue extending support to Tanzania to enable the country implement its development projects, meanwhile as President Samia thanked the Bretton Woods institution for its lending to uplift social services and recently, mitigating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The global financial institution promised to lend a hand in Covid-19 vaccine procurement, uptake and deployment of such facilities through the International Development Association (IDA), its soft loans window.

Bank president Malpass praised Tanzania's efforts to improve the business environment and facilitate private sector-led growth through regulatory reforms.

A World Bank statement said that Malpass raised the importance of electricity access, affordable housing and the digital infrastructure through regional solutions to improve efficiency and create more competitive markets.

He emphasised debt transparency and careful selection of investment programs and their financing sources, it added.



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jobs.

"Vaccines have been brought closer to residential areas, for instance there are areas ministry officials passed where the response by men to go for vaccination was bigger than for women. Upon inquiry as to the reason it was so, some people said women were faced by many domestic chores to attend to," the minister explained.

"There should not be a person complaining that the government has not lived up to its responsibilities, or that one did not go for vaccination due to lack of bus fare. This service is provided for most of the day as any other social services, hence play your part by being vaccinated," she urged.

A number of women have been claiming that when they finish their daily activities and go to vaccination centres they find them already closed, hence the government has decided to bring the service closer to them, she stated.

Mobile vaccination units are meant to reach our people as the government wants to protect

people from the disease. Hence there shouldn't be anyone who falls sick from the disease and then starts blaming the government, she emphasised.

Administering vaccines on mobile units will go in tandem with educating the public to make the right decisions on the matter, she stated.

Gerson Msigwa, the chief government spokesman, told reporters a fortnight ago that in the second week of September only 345,000 individuals had turned out to be vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Covid-19 vaccines donated by the United States government in July.

This meant that the government still had about 700,000 out of the 1.2 million doses donated; where upon the government widened the breadth of the target population to include those below 50 years.

Earlier the rollout focused on frontline health workers and people aged above 50 years and those with special medical conditions exposing them to debilitating effects or fatality in case of infection with the coronavirus.



Karatu district commissioner Abass Kayanda has an audience with residents of Malekchand village in Karatu Juu ward yesterday in connection with a dispute over an irrigation scheme meant to serve Laghangarer and Malekchand villages. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

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was psychologically and physically sound following the crackdown, with many of them contracting blood pressure and other heart diseases, he said, thanking God for still being alive despite all what had befallen himself and his colleagues.

"President Samia is a leader who listens and defends people's

rights and knows the basics of accountability, with vision and decries humiliation being subjected to the people," he said.

"We hence respectfully request her to see how we can get our money back to enable us continue with our businesses," the forex trader implored.

Melance Kisoka, former owner of

Goliondoi Bureau de Change Ltd, in the city who chairs the forex traders' lobby said their complaints have started being heard as talks have been initiated with the Treasury, the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and other administrators on the issue.

The talks were progressing well and were following legal

channels, as opposed to informal consultations initially, he stated, elaborating that the traders had issued five recommendations to the government agencies on the matter.

These include returning both local and foreign currencies that were taken by the government, lifting of punishing taxes imposed on them, releasing all assets impounded and

restoring their trading licences to enable them continue with their businesses, he explained.

He thanked the government for implementing one recommendation out of the five- that is, restoring their trading licences.

He referred to remarks by the deputy minister for Finance and Planning, Hamad Yusuf Masauni

saying the government has returned their business equipment, noting however that the key issue in the forex trade is the money that was taken away.

"It is true that we have received back our equipment, but this is not a big issue in the bureau de change business. The basic issue is the money taken away," he added.



Financial consultant Wesley Nsomba pictured in Mwanza city yesterday making a presentation on financial decisions and working capital to Tanzanian contractors. This was at a three-day seminar coordinated by the Contractors Registration Board. Photo a Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

UK lauds Tanzania's plans towards net zero carbon emission reduction date

By Francis Kajubi

UK government has commended Tanzania's initiatives towards net zero carbon emission reduction promising to work hand in hand with the government in attaining the mission by 2050.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam at a special gala organised by the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania themed 'The role of the private sector in driving the climate change agenda' David Concar, the British High Commissioner to Tanzania said that climate financing is vital especially for developing countries like Tanzania by working together with development partners and the private sector.

The CEOs organised the gala at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) to be held next November in Glasgow, Scotland.

Concar said more than 100 global government leaders will gather to discuss how to work together to address the rising problem of climate change. The meeting of world leaders will focus on achieving the goal of sourcing enough funds especially for developing countries to fund climate change related programmes.

The other goal is to ensure the role of industrialised countries in reducing carbon emissions which developed countries have an obligation of taking the lead in this initiative.

"The emission reduction targets have not been met yet. The Britain emission reduction targets are effective with commitment of reducing the emissions to achieve net zero by 2050. That is the most ambitious target for any country on earth. We also urge more action from the G7 which is the mode of most industrialized countries and more action for the G20," said Concar.

Sanjay Rughani, Chief Executive Officer at Standard Chartered Bank and CEO Chairman, said that at local level the issue of carbon emission has much to do with processing and manufacturing industries owners on environment conservation.

"We, as members of the CEO Roundtable from large companies that make a total of 160 companies see the climate change issue as a matter of concern that we have a vital role to play. I would like to encourage my fellow members that businesses must perform better but should consider environmental conservation issues for people's life and health through climate change resilience.

The CEO Roundtable is willing to champion the course of carbon emission reduction. It is very important for our daily operations strategy to collaborate with not only the government but also individuals in achieving a common goal of keeping the environment safe for climate change resilience," said Rughani.



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Chongolo warns people standing against construction of Makambako drugs plant

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

CCM Secretary General, Daniel Chongolo has warned people opposing the establishment of medicines and medical devices factory at Idofi Village in Makambako District in Njombe Region.

Chongolo issued the warning here on Tuesday during his visit to Idofi village to inspect the ongoing construction of the factory costing 12bn/-.

"I would like to inform you that, come rain, come sun no one will put his hand here, the factory will be built and if they want more funds,

come to me and I will be ready to act as a bridge to the president," he said.

He praised the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children for its efforts to establish four drugs and gloves factories in order to save the country more than 33bn/- per year to import the items. "This will also end the practice of blotching the drugs; we import drugs with only two weeks before expiry date as we now can make high quality drugs of up to two years before expiry date.

"We have visited this project and we are satisfied because of its positive results in the implementation of the

2929/25 CCM Manifesto, we must congratulate our president for investing money in such important long term investment," he said.

For her part, Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children minister said the government has spent 12bn/- instead of 18bn/- originally anticipated for the drugs project.

She said the government, through its Medical Stores Department vows to lower the cost of medicines and medical devices to serve people in low-income bracket.

"This factory will bring revolution

in the sector by increasing the country's production capacity of drugs by up to 86 percent to enable dispensaries, health centres and hospitals to obtain the drugs on time," said Dr Gwajima.

Earlier, Kondo Urban Member of Parliament, Maj Gen Gabriel Mhizze said the factory projection upon completion will make ease the procurement of drugs.

Earlier, Makambako Member of Parliament, Deo Sanga called on the government to speed up the payment of compensation to Idofi villagers whose lands were taken for the drugs project.

By Guardian Correspondent,

Kondoa

KONDOA Town Council in Dodoma Region has been required to address the land conflict pitting King'anga Prison and residents in the town.

The remarks were made here on Tuesday by Dr Angeline Mabula, Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development when she met with councilors and Land sector officials during the first stage of her five-day visit to Dodoma Region.

He said the issue of land conflict should be addressed by the relative local council and if deliberate efforts were not taken, the conflict will never end.

She said if the warring sides in the ongoing land conflict sat down

Council instructed to address prison-residents land conflict

together, it would have ended as the resident had already agreed to relinquish part of their land to the prison.

To speed up for its solution, the deputy minister instructed the Dodoma region assistant Lands Commissioner, Thadei Kabonge to send survey experts to the disputed area to identify boundaries so that the situation could be resolved.

She also directed Kondoa Town Council to make sure it provides land to about 200 residents at Bicha area as the council had

already taken funds for the exercise but nothing so far had been done.

"The council should find ways to finalise this issue within the first week of October," Dr Mabula said.

Earlier, Kondoa Urban Member of Parliament Ally Makoa told Dr Mabula that the main challenges in his constituency is the conflict between residents and the Prisons Department, the conflict in regard to the forest reserve area and the one on Bicha land plots.



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1	THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON PLOT NUMBER 125/1, ON FARM NUMBER 125. THE PLOT SIZE IS 714 SQUARE METRES.	TITLE DEED NUMBER 26229.	MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2021, FROM 10:00 A.M, KIBORILONI AREA, MOSHI MUNICIPALITY.

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By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

Iringa investor given a month to resolve workers' challenges

IRINGA regional commissioner Queen Sendiga has given 30 days to Yi Sen International Investment Co Ltd, a sawmill in Mufindi District to work on challenges it faces including improvement of workers benefits.

Other challenges facing the sawmill include nonpayment for work beyond official times and not registering the workers to both the national social Security Fund (NSSF) and Workers Compensation Fund (WCF).

RC Sendiga gave the directives early this week after visiting the sawmill at which she was told that one worker recently died while on duty and had not been registered with NSSF or WCF.

Sendiga said: "Within one month, the District Commissioner should make sure that when I come I find in writing how these challenges were dealt with." In case the factory fails to abide by the instructions she said: "The ensuing step will be

communicated with authorities issuing investment and trading permits to close the factory."

She also prohibited the company from buying logs via auctions saying the practice swindles producers of the raw materials and was hazardous to government revenue collection.

For his part, Mufindi District Commissioner, Saad Mtambule pledged to work on the RC's instructions.

"What we saw here should be dealt with at great speed, as apart from so many challenges involving workers and the factory's operations, its environment is not friendly," he said. Among others, the factory produces marine boards used in various construction activities.

The factory administrative officer, Loveness Myovella confessed the existence of the challenges and

pledged to find permanent solutions thereof for the wide interests of the workers and the factory.

One of the workers at the factory identified only by one name, Siwonike said: "Despite working here for a long time, we have not been registered with NSSF and WCF while officials from these funds have been coming from time to time, no steps have been taken so far."

Siwonike said they fear that their fellow worker who recently died while on duty was not registered with the two funds.

Kiteve, another worker said their state of poverty pushed them to work in the difficult environment that is dangerous for their health due to sawdust and supported the RC directive that the sawmill should be closed down until these issues are addressed.



Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdulla (C, with microphone) orders district commissioners based in the Isles' Urban West Region to improve sewage systems. He was on a routine inspection tour of various areas yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE THE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT INVOLVES DELIVERING THE DETAILED ENGINEERING SOLUTION FOR A CAF PLANT AND PREPARE A BACKFILL TECHNICAL MANUAL FOR THE CAF PLANT AND CAF BACKFILLING IMPLEMENTATION TO GGML TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring diesel fuel and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01290	THE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT INVOLVES DELIVERING THE DETAILED ENGINEERING SOLUTION FOR A CAF PLANT AND PREPARE A BACKFILL TECHNICAL MANUAL FOR THE CAF PLANT AND CAF BACKFILLING IMPLEMENTATION.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01290)	
The contractor must be able to optimize the cemented aggregate backfill at Geita Gold mine and continuously offer technical support	5%
The contractor must have vast expertise in mine backfill design and past experience in similar projects in Africa and across the world. Design and deliver complete backfill system	30%
Provide services including laboratory testing, backfill mix design and binder optimization, feasibility studies, engineering, commissioning and start-up as well as on-site training and contracted backfill placement.	
The contractor must be able to work with our equipment's to develop the feed materials and recipes, build the mobile process for backfill production and placement and implement the quality control	
The contractor must be able to set the standard for backfill service by performing their own in-house test work, understand the science behind the solution and able to implement robust designs that have been proven in the field.	
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
The scope of this work comprises	
1. Prepare Backfill Manual that presents the system description, backfill methodology including backfill strength selection, backfill recipe selection and the backfilling process and quality control procedures for the cemented aggregate fill plant.	
2. Prepare CAF Mix design spreadsheet and offer technical support on site, train QA/QC team	
3. Continuously support QA/QC Team on Compressive strength test unit, providing operating and Maintenance manual	
4. Define CAF system description which will comprises of Waste Rock crushing circuit and batch plant with weigh hopper and mixer	
5. Design and manage laboratory test programs for the design and optimization of backfill recipes and binder analysis, etc.	

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01290) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 04TH October 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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1. About HJFMRI Tanzania Program

HJF Medical Research International, Inc. Tanzania (HJFMRI-T) in close collaboration with the Tanzania Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC); and the President's Office of the Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) supports PEPFAR-funded HIV prevention and treatment activities in the Southern Highlands. HJFMRI-T is a local non-profit that has supported these efforts since 2004 for the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR).

HJFMRI-T has been actively involved in HIV and AIDS programming, providing resources, personnel, and services to the Southern Highlands Zone. The program has expanded to becoming a hub for anti-retroviral treatment in the zone; to community support through decentralized services, with the overall objective of implementing research, clinical HIV, prevention, care, and treatment services. HJFMRI-T currently focuses specifically on four regions in the Southern Highlands zone, namely Mbeya, Rukwa, Katavi, Songwe, and Ruvuma region for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) intervention. The program also supports TPDF in implementing comprehensive HIV prevention care and treatment programs in 21 sites throughout the country.

2. Purpose of this call for EOI

Community Partners are the cornerstone of effective, equitable and sustainable programs. They mobilize communities to demand services, they also deliver services, support health systems, and reach those most vulnerable to HIV in hard-to-reach areas where facilities cannot. They work effectively with marginalized populations, provide supportive services, or extend the reach of health services into the community. The community partner that will be engaged in the implementation of the program is expected to provide the following services; Promote HIV and AIDS prevention education, community based STI and TB Screening, consistent condom distribution, HIV testing and counseling, linking newly identified HIV positive clients to Care and treatment, following-up clients that have interruption in treatment, providing psychosocial support for PLHIV, Identifying PWID/PWUD, managing Drop-in Centers (DIC), Supporting a MAT Clinic safe space, DREAMS program activities, referring and lining GBV survivors to health services and legal support. HJFMRI-T seeks to partner with a community-based organization for managing a community-based HIV services, in the two councils of Mbeya region, (Mbeya CC and Kyela DC). By working closely with HJFMRI-T the contracted partner will be responsible for supporting and documenting implementation of community-based HIV/AIDS intervention in district council assigned for.

3. Scope of work:

The HJFMRI-Tanzania intends to engage a community partner to conduct the provision of comprehensive and support HIV and AIDS services at the community level and enhance active and successful linkages to health facilities. The successful partner will implement activities in one of the district councils of either Mbeya CC or Kyela DC in Mbeya region. In this regard, the key program components shall include sexual violence prevention, community-based HIV and AIDS services (CBHS)/home based care (HBC), DREAMS and HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC) in either Mbeya CC or Kyela DC.

4. Prospective CSOs:

This EOI is addressed to all organizations which are community based and working on HIV field which are legally registered in Tanzania.

5. Qualification criteria

- Be a locally registered national Civil Society Organization for a minimum period of three years as on date of submission of their application to HJFMRI and should provide an attested copy of Registration,
- Have implemented comprehensive community-based HIV Prevention, care and support services for more than a year in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.
- Have a demonstrated track record of developing and delivering successful comprehensive community programs that are appropriately linked to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender Elderly and Children activities and strategies in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.
 - An organization that has been blacklisted or placed under funding restriction by any Government or Donor Agencies in the past will not be considered.
 - The CSOs should preferably have office premises in the district or region where HJFMRI operates iv. Provide a copy of certificate of registration of Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), physical address, phone, fax numbers, CSO contact persons preferably the Executive Director and the Board Chairperson and email address.

6. EOI Application Submission

The interested organizations will be selected in accordance with the US Federal Acquisition and PEPFAR requirements. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued only to organizations that will meet the above criteria. Interested organizations should submit their letter of interest and supporting documentation as indicated in section 5 to email bids@wrp-t.org. The deadline for submitting the EOI should be later than 30th September 2021.

By Guardian Reporter

Insurance firm strengthens its position in market in Tanzania with rebranding

METROPOLITAN Tanzania Life Assurance Company Limited with effect from June this year has been rebranded to Metro Tanzania Life Assurance (Metro Life) as part of its efforts to consolidate its position in the Tanzanian market.

This was important step in its strategic positioning and value proposition to help its clients receive total customer experience across the country.

Metropolitan has been operating in Tanzania since 2006. Metropolitan Tanzania was part of the Momentum Metropolitan Holdings (MMH), which is one of the largest insurers in Africa and listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. The local shareholders of Metropolitan Tanzania made an anonymous decision and took over the company in June 2021.

Metro Tanzania Life Assurance Company Limited has built an operating model and structure that supports its strategic focus on client-centricity, empowerment, and accountability. The operating model and structure underpin Metro Life defined purpose to enhance the lifetime financial wellness of people, their communities and their families.

The company offers a full range of life insurance solutions in Tanzania through a range of products that includes Group Life Assurance, Group Credit Life Assurance and Group Funeral schemes popularly branded as "Bima za Vikundi"

through its strategic partnership with NMB Bank.

Also, Metro Life offers Credit Life Insurance cover which is a form of life insurance specifically designed for financial institutions such as banks, MFI, SACCOS and Vicoba, which grant credit or loans facilities to its clients. It provides a cost-effective way to ensure that outstanding debt is settled should a client die or become disabled during the period that he or she accessed credit or loan facilities from the institution.

The company provides life assurance cover for death, permanent disability cover and

funeral cover for outstanding loans, secured and unsecured loans, mortgage loans, personal loans, vehicle loans, overdraft facilities, credit card facilities and micro-finance loans

The Group Funeral Benefit popularly branded as "Bima ya Vikundi" provides a simple and inexpensive means of providing for the funeral expenses of a family

member. It thus ensures that the family is not financially burdened by the funeral expenses incurred when there is a death in the family.

Metro Life in collaboration with NMB Bank introduced this product to cater for formal and informal groups such as WhatsApp groups, Village Community Banks (Vicoba), clan or family groups. When a member of the group

dies, the insurance product covers the funeral costs. The benefit is extended to family members of a policyholder, including the spouse, children, in-laws, and parents.

This group insurance cover has become a great relief to many Tanzanians in reducing the burden of making contributions in case of death of a member, wife, child, parents or in-laws.

The benefit is paid out quickly within 24 hours. Since the launch of the product many clients have been compensated by the company and more groups are set to be reached through the widest bank's branch network.



Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (back to camera) addresses members of the Parliamentary Committee on Aids, Tuberculosis Drugs and Non-Communicable Diseases, Walter Reed Programme-Tanzania officials and health sector representatives in Mbeya municipality yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Exim Bank says it is now offering stress-free Bancassurance services

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania commenced offering Bancassurance services christened, "Bima Tu, Malipo Tuachie" through its partners as part of its efforts to tap into Tanzania's insurance sector.

The bank through the scheme offers a wide range of product spanning from General Insurance, Health Insurance, Travel Insurance and Life Assurance all under one roof.

Speaking during the launch of the product, the Exim Head of Branch Network Agnes Kaganda said the service is now available at all the bank's branches adding that the bank had already partnered with 10 insurance companies licensed by Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA).

The banks include UAP Insurance, ICEA Lion General Insurance, First Assurance, Jubilee Insurance, GA Insurance, Britam Insurance, Alliance Life Assurance, Strategis Insurance, Alliance Insurance and Heritage Insurance.

Kaganda noted that the aim of the bank was to provide its esteemed customers with stress-free insurance products that are truly convenient with a number of value additions to client's insurance programme including easy access for claims reporting, consultation, follow-up and settlement.

"We work closely with insurance providers to offer tailor-made solutions to specific segments, and specific customer needs. We provide advisory services on risk management and reduce the overall cost impact for managing risk," she added.


The Exim Acting Head of Bancassurance Melchizedek Muro said the product comes with even more other benefits that include ease of renewal where customers will be provided with renewal notification digitally and assistance in renewal process and easy access for claims reporting, consultation, follow-up and settlement. Customer looking for an easy claims process.

"Exim Bancassurance offers distribution model that

allows clients to get their insurance products along with an amalgamation of other financial services under one roof, such as insurance premium financing (IPF). Insurance used to be the missing piece of the puzzle, which Bancassurance now completes," Muro said.


The insurance solution is available to both existing and non-customers of the bank.

Insurance products offered include general, life and health such as motor fire & allied perils insurance, burglary, machinery breakdown, electronic equipment defined events, money, marine cargo, goods in transit, contractor's all risks, personal accident, health insurance, international health cover and life insurance.



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Madrasa Early Childhood Programme – Zanzibar

Terms of Reference Organisational Capacity Building of SHIJUWAZA

Background	<p>The Madrasa Early Childhood Programme -Zanzibar (MECP-Z) is an affiliate of The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF). For 29 years MECP-Z has been implementing Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes in Zanzibar and in 2014 started to deliver its programming in southern mainland Tanzania.</p> <p>With financial support from Norwegian Association for Disabled (NAD), MECP-Z in collaboration with Department of Disability Affairs (DDA) and Zanzibar Federation of Disabled people Organizations -SHIJUWAZA- (Shirikisho la Jumuiya za Watu Wenye Ulemavu) is implementing a Community Based Inclusive Development Programme in Zanzibar. One of the main deliverables of the project is to strengthen the organisational capacity of SHIJUWAZA to improve their effectiveness in supporting their members. SHIJUWAZA is a non- governmental organization legally registered under the Society's Act in Zanzibar. The federation has 11 member organisations (Disabled Peoples Organisations (DPOs)).</p> <p>In May 2021 MECP-Z conducted an organizational capacity assessment (OCA) of SHIJUWAZA which identified strengths and weaknesses, including several areas with great potential for improvement.</p> <p>MECP-Z is seeking to engage a consultant to further refine the capacity assessment and build the organizational capacity of SHIJUWAZA.</p>
Consultancy Scope and objectives	<p>The consultant will work under the supervision of the CBID Programme Coordinator to ensure efficient delivery of the following objectives, divided in two phases:</p> <p>Phase 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Objective 1: Conduct a thorough capacity needs assessment in the areas of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership and good governance Financial management and resource mobilization Internal communication strategies Objective 2: Based on the capacity needs assessment, develop a capacity building plan for the above areas of work <p>Phase 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Objective 3: Implement the capacity building plan Objective 4: In the process, identify formal gaps (policies and guidelines) in the same areas, and support the organization to fill these gaps, ideally as an integrated part of the capacity building plan
Expected Deliverables	<p>The selected consultant will be required to submit the following deliverables:</p> <p>Phase 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Objective 1: Report on capacity needs assessment, including gaps in organizational policies and guidelines (see Objective 4) Objective 2: Capacity building plan, based on capacity needs assessment, including plan to fill formal gaps (see Objective 4). This plan should include a proposed budget for phase 2. <p>Phase 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Objective 3: Monthly capacity building report Objective 4: Formal documents developed, with organization taking the lead
Proposed timeline	<p>This assignment has two phases, and therefore also two contracts. The initial contract will be for phase 1, because the content is possible to predict and plan. The second contract will be for phase 2, when the parties have agreed on a capacity building plan. The timeline for the second phase will be determined by the results of the needs assessment and the capacity building plan.</p> <p>We expect the work to begin in September 2021.</p>
Methodology	<p>The consultant will develop a methodology for how to implement phase 1 as part of the proposal. MECP-Z emphasize mentorship and collaboration, participatory and inclusive processes, building trust and ownership, and sustainable results.</p>
Qualifications and Competencies	<p>The applicants should have the following, qualifications, experience, and competences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Bachelor's degree from a recognized institution in management, human resource, leadership and organizational psychology or any other relevant field. Minimum 5 years' experience in organizational development consultancy Has documented experience in consultancy work of similar nature Excellent report writing skills Excellent communication skills with ability to express ideas clearly, logically, and effectively orally. Wide knowledge, skills and experience in lobbying and advocacy. Vast knowledge, skills and experience in resource mobilization. Distinctive knowledge, skills and experience in project write up Extensive knowledge, skills and experience in organization networking. Excellent facilitation skills, ability to build relationships and motivate others Good command of key computer tools Fluent in Kiswahili and English (written and verbal)
Application Process and Deadline	<p>Application: Please respond to the request of this consultancy with the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CV not exceeding 3 pages (for an individual consultant), or an organizational profile and CVs of the team involved in this work (for an Institution) and a cover letter Submit a proposal, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed methodology for how to implement phase 1, including a detailed budget specifying the number of days for each stage as well as other costs, based on the information outlined in this ToR. Initial ideas for how to implement phase 2 (no budget needed until phase 1 is completed) <p>All applications should be sent to: recruit.mecpz@akdn.org (Email MUST be Organisational Capacity Building of SHIJUWAZA)</p> <p>Submission Deadline: 08th October, 2021</p> <p>Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Applications without all relevant documents will not be considered.</p>

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

SONGWE Regional Commissioner, Omary Mgumba has directed District Executive Directors in collaboration with Land officers to quickly make urban plans that abide by environmental preservation, open children's playgrounds and allocate areas for small factories to add value to various crops produced in abundance in the region.

Mgumba issued the directives on Monday this week as he spoke to Land Department officials and other regional officials.

He said Songwe Region was not well planned, the situation that caused residents to encroach in forests reserves, open spaces for children

Songwe RC stresses need for appropriate urban planning

and fertile areas for farming.

He also called upon them to start formalizing land and urban planning in accordance to councils' needs while abiding by environmental considerations.

"Areas should also be set aside according to factories, farming and livestock keeping needs," he stressed.

Songwe Region Assistant Land Commissioner Suma Mwakasitu said so far only Tunduma Town Council has already surveyed and planned its town.

He said in addition to the region

being a new one, they have planned to ensure all local councils in the region survey their land and set aside areas for other essential activities.

"We have in place a grand plan to make sure Songwe Region is well planned by working together with District Executive Directors from all districts," he added.

For her part a Vwawa resident Sophia Mwashuiya said lack of urban planning especially in Vwawa Town make it difficult for authorities to respond to various disasters, including fire outbreaks.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro (2nd-L) listens to Lachezar Todorov (2nd-R), Executive Director of Bulgaria's Tour Guide Association, who led a delegation of Bulgarian financiers intending to invest in the hospitality industry in Serengeti, Manyara and Tarangire national parks as well as the Ngorongoro Conversation Area. This was on the sidelines of a meeting held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is Natural Resources and Tourism ministry permanent secretary Dr Allan Kijazi. Photo: Correspondent Lusungu Helela

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

OFFICIALS of the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) have discovered illegal means used by some traders of selling banned products in local markets, particularly cosmetics, insisting to take stern measures against the culprits.

They discovered the illegal means during inspection exercise in markets at Kasulu, Kibondo and Kankonko districts in Kigoma region to ensure that only goods that meet required standards are sold in the markets.

Speaking during the exercise over the weekend in Kigoma, the Food Security Officer from TBS, Elisha Meshack, said that inspection was carried out at retail and wholesale shops, distributors, supermarkets and other areas where also public education was delivered.

He said at the moment they have discovered some unfaithful traders who hide the banned products particularly cosmetics in their handbags or in the garbage bins, once the customer wants to buy the product he/she is given secretly.

Meshack said that TBS would not hesitate to take stern measures

'Unscrupulous traders hiding banned products in handbags and waste bins'

against those found engaging in selling banned products, since it is illegal.

He said since they have discovered such tactics, the organization will make sure all disloyal traders who engage in the malpractice are dealt with accordingly.

"We will not allow the sale of banned products particularly cosmetics to prevail in local market," he warned.

He said such inspection is part of the organization's strategy to manage its responsibility to ensure the quality of products and protect the health, safety of Tanzanians and consumers.

"We conduct inspections and provide education to the sellers and distributors of various goods, mostly food and cosmetics, to ensure that citizens get quality and safe goods," he said.

Speaking, some residents applauded the standards watchdog for conducting inspection and providing a public sensitization

campaign. They said that the act by some to hide banned products was a clear message that they are aware it is illegal.

"We are happy with the work done by TBS officials, since users of cosmetics products now understand all the banned products in the Tanzanian market," says Joyce Edward, from Kibondo.

She said the inspection will be a solution to traders especially for those who have been selling expired food and toxic cosmetics.

Another resident identified as Naftary Elisha said: "I thank TBS officials for coming to our area since doing so would help most of us to avoid buying banned or expired products because we are aware after sensitization campaign, the exercise should be sustainable."

TBS continues with inspection exercises in various markets countrywide, along with registration of food and cosmetics premises to ensure health and safety of consumers is protected.

By Guardian Reporter

Premier hails mining firm for creating 5,000 job opportunities for Tanzanians

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has commended Geita Gold Mining Company (GGML) for providing more than 5,000 jobs to Tanzanians with more than 83 percent of the company's leadership being Tanzanians.

Majaliwa made the remarks yesterday in Geita Region while launching the fourth exhibition of mining technologies in the region.

He said despite GGML partnering with the government and providing adequate employment to many Tanzanians, there were some Tanzanians who stole minerals a trend that should be prohibited.

As a result, he has instructed mining officials in Geita Region to deal with all unscrupulous workers.

In addition, he called on Tanzanians to seize opportunities in areas where various minerals were discovered to get rid of poverty.

He said Tanzania is a country rich in minerals other than gold, which is mined in many areas.

"In Ulanga we have discovered more than 235 million tonnes of graphite, in Kyerwa we have enough tin ores, more than four billion tonnes will be mined over 70

years while tin ore has risen in value.

"I told them they are angry, Bukoba should plan... the money is in, Tanzania is still rich. I urge young people to take advantage of the opportunities available in mining areas," he said.

Speaking at the exhibition, GGML Vice President, Simon Shayo said apart from repaying government revenue and community investment, the company has provided employment to more than 5,000 Tanzanians including those working under contractors.

He said so far about 98 percent of GGML employees and 83 percent of management are Tanzanians.

"We are also pleased to see that our presence in Geita region and Tanzania in general has been very productive for development.

Our goal is to continue to be a reliable development partner for Tanzania and its people throughout the years we will be here, including being part of the future of building an industrial economy and achieving the 2025 vision where the mining sector aims to contribute

at least 10% to the gross national income (GDP)."

However, he said as the main sponsors of the exhibition since its inception four years ago, they are also pleased to see that this year the sponsorship of more than 100 million shillings has been very productive and successful.

"We are also pleased to see this area where we are, we have partnered with Geita City Council to invest 800 million shillings in developing the Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) which has 200 acres, and will be an investment hub and trade in Geita Region.

Shayo said GGML is relieved by the significant co-operation they are receiving from the government in practicing the new mining law which has given them a good guide to paying taxes, royalties and the proper use of corporate social responsibility funds.

"I also commend the Sixth Phase Government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the way it continues to promote the investment climate in the country.

Govt planning to form special dept in local councils to deal with 'machinga' problems

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government is planning to establish a special department that will deal with issues of trade and investment in all local councils in the country.

In addition, it will introduce a special desk to address issues of small traders 'machingas' following President Samia Suluhu Hassan's recent directives to relocate them.

Umyy Mwalimu, Minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) revealed this here on Tuesday at the launching of a programme to relocate the small traders to 652 stalls built at the Chief Kingalu main market in Morogoro Municipality built at a cost of 81.7m/-.

She said her office has been inspired by President Samia's directives in making sure small traders are relocated all over the country and expressed her appreciation to Morogoro Municipality for spearheading the exercise that, she said should be emulated by other local councils.

She said already they have started

making changes by reviving the urban and rural development department aimed at making sure urban planning officers perform their responsibilities suitably.

She called upon regional officials to make sure they solve challenges facing small traders by encouraging them to register their businesses in order to access various opportunities offered by the government.

She also said each local council should set aside special areas for small traders that should be developed.

"I call upon all local councils countrywide to supervise the allocation and development of special areas for small traders and we assure President Samia that we will supervise this," Umyy added.

She also said that according to data from the National Bureau of statistics (NBS) there are about 31 million small traders in the country out of 60 million Tanzanians, the data, she added showed how big the whole 'machinga' plight is.

She also called on the councils to provide small interest loans to assist small traders with capitals.

She further warned of stern legal measures against the small traders who have been renting to others stalls allocated to them.

The minister also advised the small traders to pick a day dedicated to them to be called "Machinga Day" to be used to air their problems, complaints and other grievances to the government for solutions thereon.

For his part, the Industry and Trade Minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo advised fellow ministers from African countries to visit Morogoro Region to learn how to address challenges facing small traders.

Morogoro Municipal Council Executive Director Ally Machela said the municipality plans to construct 800 stalls for the small traders, and added that in the past they faced a huge challenge from the small traders who were scattered across the municipality including in unauthorized areas.

Speaking at the event, the chairman of the machininga association for Morogoro Region Faustine Francis praised regional and district authorities for building stalls for them.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CAUSTIC SODA 1000KG BAGS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring a caustic soda 1000kg bags and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01303	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CAUSTIC SODA 1000KG BAGS TO GGML

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01303)	
60%	
Proof of registration with GCLA (Government Chief Laboratory Authority) to import, transport and store Caustic Soda.	15%
Material Safety Data Sheet for caustic soda (Technical Data)	15%
Details of the approach to be adopted to ensure that caustic soda supply to Geita Gold Mine will not be disrupted.	15%
Details of transportation and logistics chain for the supply of caustic soda to Geita Gold Mine	15%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01303) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at Tenders@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 8TH October 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Deogratius Ndejemi, Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), pictured yesterday addressing public servants in Moshi District on the importance of accountability. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

Stanbic Bank Tanzania donates 100 desks to Dodoma secondary school

STANBIC Bank Tanzania has donated 100 desks worth 12m/- to Mbabala Secondary school and planted 100 fruit trees, in Dodoma, at a handover ceremony held at the capital city. The event was graced by Dodoma District Commissioner, Jabir Shekimweri.

The donation is part of the bank's ongoing national wide campaign 'STANBIC MADAWATI INITIATIVE' that aims to donate 1000 desks across different schools in Tanzania.

Speaking during the ceremony, DC Shekimweri said the 100 desks will greatly improve access to learning facilities as well as the learning condition for students at Mbabala and called upon other well-wishers to come forward and join the effort to offset the remaining shortage of

desks in the region and the country.

"As we all know, education is an instrumental vehicle of development. We sincerely want to thank Stanbic Bank for supporting us in our effort to improve access to learning facilities and offset the existing shortage of desks in schools here. We believe these 100 desks will go a long way in enabling hundreds of children with a conducive environment needed for effective learning," Shekimweri said.

The bank's Head of Consumer and High Networth clients, Omari Mtiga said the donation is in line with the bank's recently launched campaign Stanbic Madawati initiative that

aims to improve the learning environment for students across Tanzania and contribute towards fostering economic development through inclusive and quality education.

He further said that the 100 fruit trees planted will help nourish the students and also provide shade for them; this makes the initiative multifaceted and sustainable.

"We are excited to be part of the drivers of inclusive and sustainable development, through this donation. Stanbic Bank is playing a key role in shaping the future leaders, doctors, engineers and other experts of this country," added Mtiga.

Seek leadership positions, young women told

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

YOUNG women in the country have been urged to strongly participate in politics and seek leadership positions as all women have the right to participate in the promotion of the national economy.

The call was made here by different stakeholders during the closing of four-days political and leadership empowerment training for some 30 young women leaders from different institutions in ten regions across the country.

Dubbed 'Women Political Participation Academy', the training aimed to enlighten women on their roles in leadership and political participation. It was organized by the Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA) in collaboration with the Crisis Resolving Centre (CRC), Young and Alive Initiative (YAI) and the African Women's Development and Communications Network (FEMNET).

Special Seats MP, Shalley Raymond (CCM) observed that equitable participation of women in politics and government is essential to

building and sustaining democracy.

"In the modern world, women's empowerment is not merely a goal, but a cornerstone of democratic growth," she said, calling on the young leaders to make good use of knowledge gained and seek elective positions in the coming general elections.

The lawmaker observed that women raise issues that others overlook, devote energy to projects that others ignore, reach out to constituencies that others neglect, and help societies move forward together.

University of Dodoma (UDOM) lecturer, Dr Godfrey Sause, in his presentation, noted that liberal democracy provide room for women to lead at all levels of leaderships.

He said women leaders or those aspiring for leadership should participate in both civic and political engagements but focus on balancing political participation and power.

Dr Sause urged women in the country to participate in politics and leadership, saying it is very easy to violate women rights when they are

not there.

However, he noted that they demonstrate ability as women leaders, not trying to lead like men but women striving to bring better results. At the same time, he said women collective engagement should be beyond political party lines.

He suggested that there should be a continuous improvement on gender impartiality within the political parties for a sustainable political empowerment among women.

"Women should learn to stand by themselves and contest for the political posts they wish to contest for," he said.

However, he observed that it is also crucial for the political parties to include women in their policy formulation to enable them to contribute on indispensable aspects for their empowerment.

On her part, Fausta Mahenge from the National Electoral Commission (NEC) said women in the country have been strongly participating in politics since they have been seeking presidential elections.

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What's best way to protect rhinos, other endangered wildlife species?

THE world was at midweek - September 22 - marking World Rhino Day and, going by the media globally, it was a real and visible celebration not only in diplomatic corridors and at gatherings by but also on a truly popular level.

Although that was evidently still limited to conservation activists, it is hard to think of a species that has more enthusiasts for its survival than the rhino, previously matched to an extent by the giant panda.

The United Nations views World Rhino Day as an occasion for stepping up public awareness on all five rhino species and the work being done to save them.

This comes to ten years since the day was celebrated internationally, with the International Rhino Foundation extolling the way rhinos make a difference to all those around the world who care about them.

The theme emphasized this year was Join us on Team Rhino as we 'keep the five alive'. Nations where the bulky and relatively inoffensive species is found make strenuous efforts, this in the knowledge that rhinos are hugely vulnerable.

One feature of marking the Day is the annual State of the Rhino address by caregivers grouped around this foundation, a gesture meant in part to help young people spread awareness about rhinos.

This year's address looked at population estimates and trends as well as key challenges relating to the conservation of the five surviving

rhino species in Africa and Asia.

Individual members of black and white rhino are tracked all over in that when a rhino dies or is born anywhere in the world, it is a landmark event.

What is ironic about World Rhino Day in relation to the day preceding it, which was devoted to global peace, is that when young people learn to care for endangered animal species they start learning something about cherishing life as a whole.

But it is surprising noting how far people around the world, whether in government or in ordinary life, are far from actually valuing life.

Conservation efforts hinge on the need to avoid profits by finishing off the rhino and other wildlife species. So young people ought to be mobilised for conservation causes so as to help them grow the culture of showing devotion to those equally 'endangered' in life and thus stave off direct threats.

The democratic culture that World Peace Day cultivates is allied with conservation in that both zero in on the importance of life as a critical endowment that ought to be jealously protected.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has just touched on this theme in her address to the New York climate talks preparatory conference - ahead of the UN General Assembly annual meet. It's as inspiring as soothing seeing that we have reached a moment where we candidly talk of human society as being in peril as well.

Singlehanded, Burundi just cannot weather the fierce storms hitting it

ONE of Tanzania's most friendly neighbours, Burundi, has found itself near catastrophe - with climate change, economic slump and violence sapping the energy of its people and taxing the public authorities with finding largely elusive solutions.

For Tanzanian administrators, that is a double whammy as they have to figure out how to contain the situation from spreading into another cycle of violence engulfing neighbouring states and slackening the ability of refugees to return home.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) is busy re-assessing the situation, this as earlier optimism fades.

One cause for further worry is the way Burundi was recently rocked by a surge in violence within close to the commercial capital, Bujumbura, amid reports that five people had died and 50 had sustained injuries in bomb blasts.

Two grenade explosions hit a bus parking lot in downtown Bujumbura on Monday night, while a third struck a market elsewhere and a fourth exploded near a parked bus in the suburbs. On Sunday the political capital, Gitega, saw a grenade explosion as well.

In the final analysis, though, the all-important issue to consider is how far the public authorities can figure out a 'new deal' of an economic sort that will relieve people of the sort of desperation seen not only in Burundi but virtually across Africa.

This is telling on the image of Africa as a whole and those Africans in the Diaspora, much like the latest images of weeping Haitians trying to cross a river border with Mexico to enter the US.

As they were being sent back to the river, with a scenario complete

with images of those heart-broken people often taking infants with them being shown on prime time television, they extracted a sentiment of horror on the part of US President Joe Biden.

Biden then set out to raise the ceiling for migrants allowed for this year, at least to mitigate some of the suffering.

The issue is that if we in Africa or the Caribbean start applying workable solutions we may put right quite a few things, instead of wholly depending upon images of horror and despair enabling a few of those braving the seas to land safely.

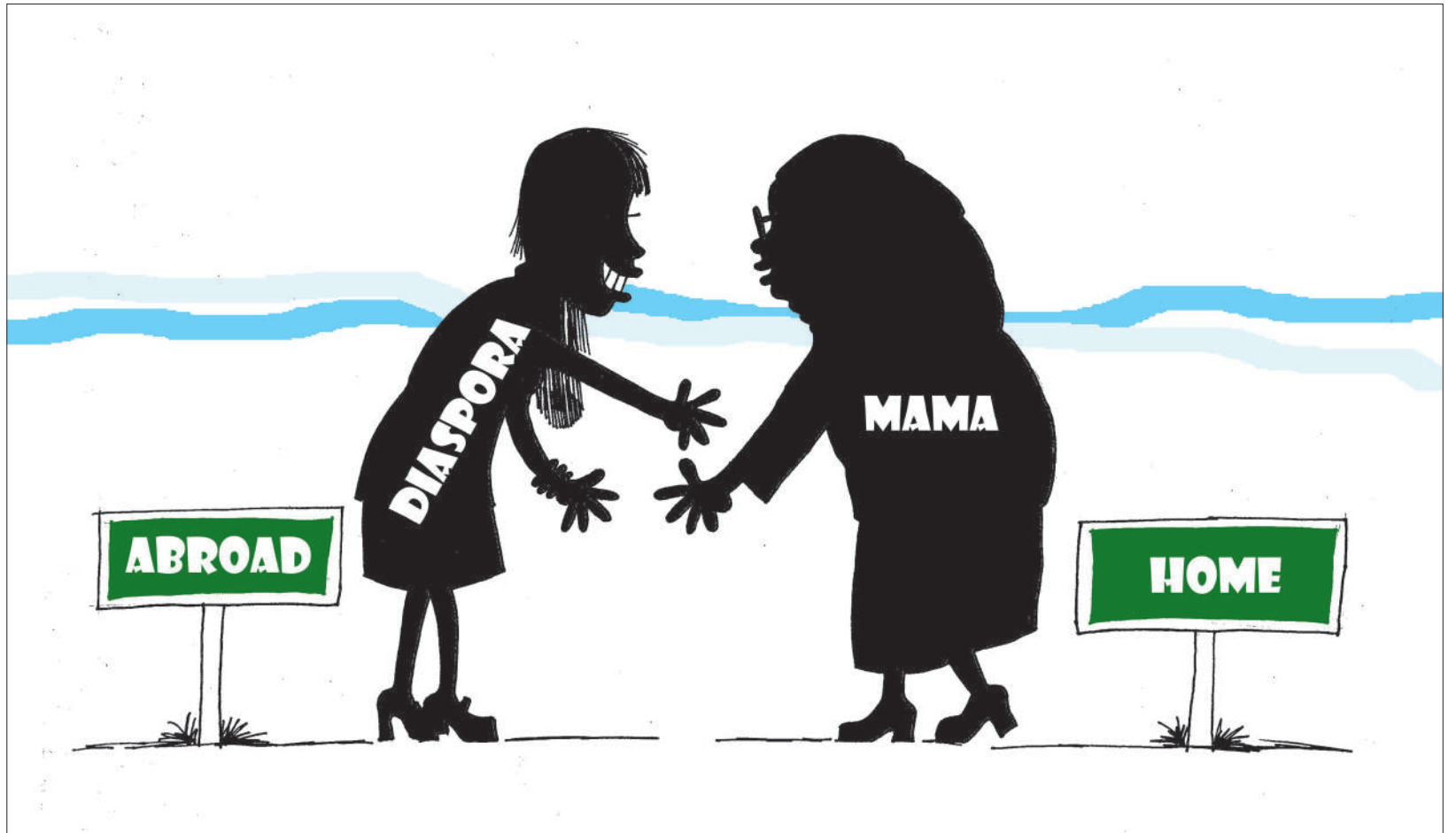
Back home, Burundi and Tanzania are the latest countries to ratify the African Continental Free Area (AfCFTA), in June and September respectively, which promises to bring about genuine benefits to the two countries' economies.

However, going by the prevailing situation, one finds that Burundi needs a sort of Marshall Plan which the current authorities will find hard it hard to bring as long-cherished traditions of public ownership of utilities disallow thinking of radical plans.

Trying to fix the situation by taxes or development aid amid violence or unexplained disappearances will definitely not help much.

Some 90 per cent of Burundians live in rural areas, and land pressure is so intense enough that flooding of Lake Tanganyika rendered 100,000 homeless - and it isn't easy to see how they will be resettled. These facts combine to paint a profoundly distressing picture of a country in untold peril from which it simply cannot extricate itself singlehanded. Hence, the urgent need for the international community to help out.

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Global demand for cashews is booming: Ghana can take advantage to create jobs

By James Bofo and Kristen Lyons

KEY cashewnut-producing countries in Africa are rolling out strategies to increase the production and processing of raw cashewnuts.

The global cashewnut industry has grown rapidly over the last decade, driven by increasing consumption around the world. And the market for raw cashewnuts is forecast to continue growing at an annual rate of 4.27 per cent between 2020 and 2025. It is expected to reach almost US\$7 billion by 2025.

The growing demand for cashewnuts around the world, particularly in developed and emerging economies, is driven by a number of factors.

These include recognition of the health and nutritional benefits of the nuts and the growth in plant-based diets.

Cashewnuts are also considered a substitute for dairy products and represent a popular savoury snack. They are also a substitute for the ever-popular peanut butter.

African countries are at the forefront in responding to this growing demand. They have increased production.

Demonstrating this, the African continent now accounts for over 50 per cent of raw cashewnuts. About 90 per cent of all Africa's production is exported, mainly to Vietnam and India. These two countries account for 98 per cent of the world's raw cashew nut imports.

Vietnam and India deshell and process cashewnuts before re-exporting them to the US, Europe, the Middle East, China and Australia, where they are in turn roasted, salted and packaged prior to consumption.

The low rates of cashewnut processing in Africa's cashewnut-producing nations is driven by a number of factors. Among these are limited infrastructure as well as shortage of local processors, most using equipment and facilities far from adequately efficient.

But a number of African governments have recently put in place policies and measures to address these shortfalls. There are still gaps, though, with research needed to understand better the structural challenges that constrain local processors.

Ghana is among Africa's major producers of cashewnuts. The country currently produces around 85,000 tonnes of the crop each year, which accounts for about one per cent of the world's total production. Of this, over 90 per cent is exported to India and Vietnam by Asian



exporters and processors.

Cashew production in Ghana dates back to the 1960s, with production for export markets having expanded significantly in the last decade.

Our research focused on Ghana's Brong Ahafo Region - now Bono East, Bono and the Ahafo regions. Here we sought to better understand the dynamics and issues associated with the country's development of the cashewnut subsector, including the particular challenges facing local processors.

Local processors face many challenges

Ghana has 14 cashewnut-processing plants, with a total annual capacity of 65,000 tonnes of raw cashewnuts. While ten of these plants are active, they process less than one-tenth of total annual cashewnut production. The remaining processing plants have either ceased operation or have shut down.

There are a number of challenges that hinder local processing of cashewnuts in Ghana. Key among these are a lack of capital with which to maintain operations as well as the inability of local processors to access raw cashewnuts from farmers - the latter of which is exacerbated by poor transport infrastructure.

Although local processors are able to access loan and credit facilities from commercial banks, high interest rates leave this an unviable option, especially for small domestic operators.

Shortfalls in capital also limit the ability of local processors to purchase raw cashewnuts from farmers. These processors also face intense competition from foreign processors and exporters - most notably from Asia - who drive up cashewnut prices.

While Asian processors and exporters can afford high farm-gate prices thanks to their access to preferential interest rates in their home countries, local processors are unable to compete, leaving them simply unable to purchase raw cashewnuts.

Cashewnut farmers also demonstrate a preference for selling their nuts to Asian processors and exporters who pay them immediately in cash. Local processors, in contrast, often purchase cashewnuts on credit.

These conditions leave Ghana off the field, thereby missing out on the significant opportunities for jobs and revenue generation through the booming global cashewnut industry.

Recent estimates indicate that this loss stands at about US\$100 million each year. The loss is primarily tied to the country's inability to process - and thereby add value to - its raw cashewnuts.

Ghana should learn from other countries

Governments in key cashewnut-producing countries across Africa are increasingly rolling out strategies to increase both the production and processing of raw cashewnuts.

For example, in Cote d'Ivoire, the largest exporter of raw cashewnuts in the world, an export tax of FCFA 30 per kg of raw cashewnuts has recently been introduced.

Revenue from this tax is then used to subsidise and support local processors. This has incentivised local processing, making the country, Ghana's neighbour, the largest cashewnut processor in Africa, with a capacity of 70,000 tonnes annually.

Similarly, Mozambique and Tanzania have adopted a range of measures to protect and incentivise local cashewnut processors. These

include granting local processors preferential access to raw cashewnuts and well as imposing export duties on raw cashewnuts.

Kenya has meanwhile since 2009 introduced a ban on the export of raw cashewnuts, a strategy which increased local processing from 30 per cent in 2009 to 80 per cent in 2012.

The Ghana Export Promotion Authority is currently working with the Cashew Industry Association of Ghana on ways to increase local processing. This collaboration may benefit by drawing from the experiences of other African countries, including drawing up and implementing a national cashew processing strategy.

Importantly, local processors must be protected against Asian competitors who come to Ghana to buy cashewnuts during the harvesting season. They also need tax incentives, affordable credit facilities and modern technology to thrive.

With appropriate support, Ghana may be able to take advantage of the growing demand and consumption of cashewnuts in the developed and emerging economies, with outcomes that will generate jobs and revenue.

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Nurturing a new generation of food leaders

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Food security experts have raised an alarm that with as many as 811 million people the world over or 10 percent of the global population going hungry, the world is off-track to ending hunger and malnutrition.

More so, after a decade of steadily declining, the number of malnourished people grew by 161 million from 2019 to 2020 alone, a spike attributed to complex global challenges such as COVID-19, climate change and conflict, according to the United Nations.

Against this backdrop, the European Institute for Innovation and Sustainability (EIS) launched a three-month, challenge-based and solutions-oriented food sustainability certificate course in May 2021 to actively help countries fix their food systems.

"Our aim is to provide a comprehensive base for a deeper understanding of the complex dynamics of food, giving course participants the tools and insights to perform better at work, shift careers, and become even more conscious and responsible consumers," says Sveva Ciapparoni, the Food and Sustainability course coordinator.

With a special focus on G20 countries, as they are most representative of the world's population and economy, the EIS food sustainability programme uses the Food and Sustainability Index (FSI) to help learners understand the dynamics behind food systems and their inherent power to promote or derail the attainment of UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Developed by the Economist Intelligence Unit with the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition Foundation, the food index collects data from 67 countries worldwide to showcase best practices and highlight key areas for improvement towards the production and consumption of sufficient, sustainable and healthy food.

The EIS programme breaks away from traditional food courses solely



A European Institute for Innovation and Sustainability (EIS) programme focuses on production, distribution and consumption issues of food systems. Credit: Joyce Chimbi

centred around gastronomy, culinary management and hospitality to focus on production, distribution and consumption issues at the very heart of the SDGs.

Marcela Villarreal, the Director of Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), indicates that the "course directly addresses several SDGs. These include fighting hunger (SDG 2), promoting the health of both people and planet (SDGs 3, 13, 15), and encouraging conscious and responsible consumption (SDG 12)."

"The food system approach adopted by the course through specific challenges is particularly conducive to understanding the SDG agenda and proposing solid and interconnected solutions," Villarreal, also one of the foremost experts from the Food and Sustainability course's fac-

ulty, says.

As such, participants, who were part of the May 2021 cohort of learners, had an opportunity to intersect the three critical pillars of any food system, including sustainable agriculture, nutritional challenges and food loss and waste, with the three areas where food experts say solutions to the broken food systems lie: innovation, education and policy.

Also unique to the course, the programme is taught through a Challenge Based Learning approach that "allows for the practical application of the concepts learned throughout the modules."

"How to feed 10 billion healthy foods, preserving the health of people and planet is the ambitious challenge tackled by the participants," says Villarreal.

Participant Anant Saraf

confirmed that being taken through online tuition combined with practical workshops enabled them to analyse food systems, understand the complexities of the food systems, and identify the most pressing problems facing specific food systems to provide solutions.

Importantly, Ciapparoni says that the course is an opportunity to interact with topics increasingly crucial to food production, distribution, and consumption in line with the SDGs and the UN's first-ever food systems summit that kicks off on September 23, 2021.

Held within the UN General Assembly week in New York, the virtual UN Food Systems Summit will set the stage for global food systems transformation.

To do so, the UN will engage citizens from all over

the world, including youth, researchers, food producers, indigenous people, civil society, and the private sector, in a discourse to transform how the world produces and consumes food.

As with the EIS food sustainability course, the UN Food Systems Summit is a golden opportunity to empower people to understand and use the power of food systems to recover from COVID-19 and get back on track to end world hunger and malnutrition.

Ciapparoni indicates that course participants were aware that they would be contributing to the Summit.

The course challenge aligns with the UN Food Systems Summit agenda as it was developed in consultation with Martin Frick, deputy to the UN Secretary-General Special Envoy for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021, he added.

Therefore, at the heart of the EIS course was an urgent need to build a generation of food leaders that can effectively transform food systems for food security, improved nutrition, and affordable healthy diets for all.

Towards this objective, Villarreal says that course participants were "divided into teams based on their backgrounds, diversity being the main criteria and that each team got assigned a G20 country to be analysed, with a specific focus on its food system."

"After identifying the country's key challenges, each team proposed possible solutions to improve their assigned country's food system. The underlying idea is that, by proposing ways in which single countries can improve the sustainability of their food

systems, participants will be able to suggest how to promote food sustainability globally - and thus address the course's main challenge," Villarreal adds.

Team South Africa, for instance, discussed the country's rapid urbanisation and unfolding food production and security challenges in light of climate change and complex social, economic, and environmental challenges.

As for Saudi Arabia, the team concluded that the food system faces numerous challenges, as highlighted in the food and sustainability index of 2021 that ranked Saudi Arabia last compared to other G20 countries.

Saudi Arabia has the highest reliance on food imports among the G20 countries. The team aimed to identify how the country could overcome the food production challenges caused by its dry and hot climate.

Team India had the task of identifying how the country, ranked 13th among the world's extremely water-stressed countries due to inefficient irrigation systems, groundwater depletion, and high production of water-consuming crops, can overcome these challenges.

With regard to the USA, the team analysed how the country, which has the highest food waste per capita globally, can address this problem.

Team Russia sought to fix the country's faulty food production systems, processing, and transportation.

Team South Korea's challenge was found in the globalisation of the country's food system has increased consumption of highly processed foods leading to a food crisis.

Participants navigated through these challenges under the guidance of food and sustainability experts, including Villarreal. By providing solutions to fix broken food systems in specific countries, the EIS course will have contributed towards practical solutions on how to feed 10 billion people by 2050 healthy food without harming the planet.

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If women farmers were politicians, the world would be fed, says Danielle

BULAWAYO

Women, key contributors to agricultural production, are missing at the decision table, with alarming consequences, says Food Tank President Danielle Nierenberg in an exclusive interview with IPS.

Giving women a seat at the policymaking table could accelerate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and keep the world fed and nourished. This necessitates a transformation of the currently lopsided global food system, she says.

Nierenberg, a top researcher and advocate on food systems and agriculture, acknowledges that women are the most affected during environmental or health crises. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted global food production, affecting women farmers and food producers who were already excluded from full participation in agricultural development.

"We still have a long way to go in making sure that policies are not gender blind and include the needs of women at the forefront when mass disasters occur," Nierenberg told IPS, adding that policymakers need to understand the needs of farmers and fisherfolk involved in food systems.

"I think it is time we need more people who are involved with agriculture to run for political office because they understand its challenges," she said. "If we had more farmers in governments around the world, imagine what that would look like. If we had women farmers running municipalities, towns and even countries, that is where change would really happen."

According to the United Na-



tions Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), women contribute more than 50 percent of food produced globally and make up over 40 percent of the agricultural labour force. But while women keep families fed and nourished, they are disadvantaged in accessing critical resources for food production compared to men. They lack access to land, inputs, extension, banking and financial services.

"Until we end the discrimination of women around the globe, I doubt these things will change even though women are in the largest part of the world's food producers," said Nierenberg, who co-founded and now heads the global food systems think tank, Food Tank.

Arguing that COVID-19 and the climate crisis were not going to be the last global shocks to affect the world, Nierenberg said women and girls had been impacted disproportionately; hence the need to act now and change the food system. Women have ex-

perienced the loss of jobs and income, reduced food production and nutrition and more girls are now out of school.

"It is not enough for me to speak for women around the globe. Women who are actually doing the work need to speak for themselves; they need to be included in these conversations," Nierenberg said.

"What happens is that in conferences, there are a lot of white men in suits talking on behalf of the rest of the world. But we need the rest of the world, and women included, to be in the room."

A food system is a complex network of all activities involving the growing, processing, distribution and consumption of food. It also includes the governance, ecological sustainability and health impact of food.

Noting that the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted invisible issues, like the interconnectedness of our food systems, she said it was urgent to invest in regional and localized food systems

that included women and youth. Food Tank and the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition (BCFN) work collaboratively to investigate and set the agenda for concrete solutions for resetting the food system.

Divine Ntiokam, Food Systems Champion and Founder and Managing Director, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN), agrees. While youth are ready to engage in promoting a just and inclusive transformation of rural areas, it was unfortunate they were rarely involved in decision-making, she said. They are excluded from the household level to larger political institutions and companies and need better prospects of financial security to remain in the farming sector.

"Young men and women need to be given special attention in formulating legislation to purchase land and receive proper land rights," Ntiokam told IPS.

"International donors and governments need to invest in youth, particularly young women and girls, for their meaningful participation along with the food systems value network," he said.

"Youth need to have a 'seat at the table', as they have at the Summit, in terms of decision-making on where governments and international donors invest their resources to make agriculture and food a viable, productive and profitable career."

Researchers say current food systems are unfair, unhealthy, and inequitable, underscoring the urgency to transform the global food system. According to the FAO, more than 800 million people went to bed hungry in 2020, and scores of others are malnourished.

For food systems to be just, there is an urgency to close the

gender resource gap, says Jemimah Njuki, Director for Africa at ICPRI and Custodian for the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Lever of the UN Food Systems Summit.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will, on September 23, 2021 host the UN Food Systems Summit during the UN General Assembly High-Level Week. The Summit is billed as a platform to push for solid support in changing the world food systems to help the world recover from the COVID-19 pandemic while spurring the achievement of the SDG by 2030.

The Summit, the UN says will "culminate in an inclusive global process, offering a catalytic moment for public mobilization and actionable commitments by heads of state and government and other constituency leaders to take the food system agenda forward".

"They (food systems) must also transform in ways that are just and equitable, and that meaningfully engage and benefit women and girls," Njuki told IPS. She added that harmful social and gender norms creating barriers for women and girls by defining what women and girls can or cannot eat, what they can or cannot own, where they can go or not go should be removed.

"This transformation has to be driven from all levels and all sectors in our food systems: global to local, public to private, large scale producers to smallholder farmers and individual consumers," Njuki said.

Leaders should enact policies that directly address injustices - such as ensuring women's access to credit, markets, and land rights, Njuki said, noting that individual women and men need to confront social norms and legal prejudices and demand changes.

Njuki believes that current food systems have contributed to wide disparities among rich and poor.

"These negative outcomes are intimately linked with many of the biggest challenges facing humanity right now - justice and equality, climate change, human rights - and these challenges cannot be addressed without transforming how our food systems work," Njuki told IPS.

"We are at a pivotal moment on the last decade before the deadline for the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This must be the decade of action for food systems to end hunger."



Food Tank president Danielle Nierenberg.

Muslim women in India's workforce: Where are they?

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Muslims are the largest minority community in India, and yet, they are highly underrepresented both in public and private institutions. According to a study conducted by the Economic Times Intelligence Group in 2015, Muslims constituted approximately 2.7 percent of mid to senior executives in the private sector. As of April 2018, only 1.33 percent of officers in the central government, holding the rank of joint secretary and above, were found to be Muslims.

The lack of women leaders is even starker, and Indian Muslim women are practically invisible in the country's workforce. There are approximately 70 million educated Muslim women in the country. Given that India's female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) is falling, bringing educated Muslim women into the workforce could, according to one study, account for approximately USD 770 billion of the country's GDP. Unfortunately, Indian Muslim women face the double disadvantage of being female and Muslim.

Any conversation around Indian Muslim women in India needs to take into account the larger, external ecosystem as well as certain internal factors. External factors include systemic issues, such as the slew of legislations passed by the government, that are leading to further marginalisation of the community as a whole.

Internal to the Muslim community are factors that are in the immediate environment of its women. These include lack of education, social norms, and more, that keep women out of the public space and away from leadership roles in the workforce. Additionally, narratives around Muslims in India tend to focus on poverty, illiteracy, and conviction rates.

And, reportage on Muslim women in India is inextricably linked to either the triple talaq law or Kashmir. This further enforces certain stereotypes and prejudices that act as roadblocks for the community and leads to discrimination.

Muslim women have always been caught between political considerations and personal marginalisation. Internal factors, too, require systemic changes and are limited until external factors are corrected. However, certain shifts in existing structures can help create space for young Indian Muslim women.

What will it take to change this?

1. Increasing enrollment in educational institutions

A report from the National Statistical Office reveals the extremely poor literacy rate among Muslims and the severity of their academic marginalisation in India. It points out



A platform or support network to champion women with entrepreneurial ambitions and facilitate the exchange of ideas, information, and capital needs to be set up. Credit: Unsplash

that Muslims have the highest proportion of youth (ages 3-35 years) who have never enrolled in formal education.

The report also states that the Gross Attendance Ratio (people attending a level of education as a proportion of the population of the group) of Muslims is the lowest—100 percent in primary education—among various social and religious groups in India, and drops to a mere 14 percent in above-higher secondary courses. One step in the right direction would be to expand the scope of the Right to Education Act of 2009—which ensures compulsory primary education—to include secondary and higher education as well.

While the overall literacy rates for Muslims are abysmal, the report reveals a visible gap between male and female percentages as well. According to the report, the male literacy rate in India is 81 percent whereas the female literacy rate is 69 percent. An unpublished study draws parallels between Muslim and Hindu women, stating that women from both communities tend to have lower

levels of enrollment as compared to men in Indian society because of various economic and cultural factors.

However, Muslim women also face discrimination in schooling because of their religious affiliation and are less likely to enrol in school compared to Muslim men. Policy changes for the community to encourage Muslims, especially women, to continue their studies and eventually seek employment, therefore, require rigorous and sustained efforts.

2. Ensuring equal opportunities in a professional space

Levelling the playing field for women professionals is key. It becomes essential, therefore, for organisations to follow the Equal Opportunities policy. The Indian Constitution mandates the prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, or place of birth, and mandates equal opportunity in matters of public employment. In India, companies like Nestlé India and DELL, have committed themselves to create a

work environment free of discrimination and harassment for their employees.

3. Building a support network of like-minded women

A platform or an informal, inclusive support network to champion women with entrepreneurial ambitions and facilitate the exchange of ideas, information, capital, and counsel needs to be set up. This should include local women-only networking programmes at a village, panchayat, and city-level to spur entrepreneurial engagement and participation. In addition to this, private and public partnerships that are government-led should help provide direct access to technical and business counselling.

4. Celebrating female entrepreneurs

Celebrating women role models through cross-media campaigns by national and state governments can help eliminate stereotypes, build community,

and celebrate the successes of Indian Muslim women. This can also be translated to the private sector through a sectoral campaign that brings female professionals and entrepreneurs into the mainstream. This would help young Indian Muslim women identify potential mentors and empower them to continue on their journey, from education to employment.

In order to implement this broad framework, women leaders in the public and private sectors will need to come together to change the current situation. Recognising the need to create a formal network for Indian Muslim women is what led us to establish Led By Foundation—a leadership incubator for Indian Muslim women, to help them be gainfully and meaningfully employed, while also providing them with an ecosystem of support and recognition.

Through our work, we've interacted with numerous women who have the ambition, aptitude and aspiration to succeed. However, they lack the avenues—platforms to learn, share and encourage, access—the network, agency, and role models who have paved the path to success.

While we understand that the journey to changing this status quo may be slow and arduous, it is certainly not impossible. In our end state, racial equity—equal representation, economic, social, and political empowerment—will be achieved, and Muslim women will have multiple seats in boardrooms, in mid-level executive positions, in educational institutions, and more.

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION
OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LARKIN
FRAME AND LIFTER BAGS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of Procuring Larkin frame and lifter bags and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01299	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LARKIN FRAME AND LIFTER BAGS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM AT GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
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Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
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Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
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Lifter bags needs to have the following: -	
(a) Air control set	10%
(b) Pressure reducer	5%
(C) Control unit	5%
(d) Lifting hose	5%
(E) Shut-off hose	5%
(f) Heavy lifting bag set with Max HLB 96	10%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA FOR LARKIN FRAME	
Larkin Frame needs to have the following: -	
(a) Full size 2.5metres	10%
(b) Constructed of high tenacity aluminium alloy	5%
(c) Safe workload of 400kilogram	5%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01299)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the **GGML** Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 8TH October 2021** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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‘Don’t call it ethnic, Ituri conflict is a mystery’

ROME

It is a metallic sound, harmless. It lasts just over a second, but it can become as sharp as a machete blade or as devastating as the burst from an assault rifle. It is a beep, just the beep of a phone notification. A woman is on the ground, her belly open, her intestines exposed and her severed head resting on her arm. A pagne of colorful fabric still girds her hips. Where? Why? Then, a video. Do you hear those voices? It happened there, in that village. It was them who did it, it was them.

Forwarded many times, the message overwhelms anyone who has enough courage to look at it. However, here, in Ituri, in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, looking at horror is not a choice. Even so, with just a beep, terror spreads. It grows at each sharing, like water swelling along muddy roads. An instant and it is everywhere, ready to be turned into hatred.

In the villages, as in Bunia, the provincial capital, everyone seems to know who those “them” are. Yet no “them” is ever equal to another in a war that is stubbornly narrated, at home and abroad, as the eternal struggle between Cain and Abel, between the Lendu and the Hema, a war between farmers and herders.

It is said to have started again with the death of a Catholic priest in December 2017—a mystery for many, like the mystery hiding the reasons and hands behind a conflict that is blood from an open wound. Ituri has forgotten peace. It remembers only fragile truces.

“We fled because our brothers made war on us,” says François. “The bandits, whom we always consider our brothers, always our brothers, came to us,” says Jean de Dieu. “We shared meals, and the same market,” Emmanuel recalls. They fled, joining the over 1.7 million internally displaced people in this province of just over 65,000 square kilometers in the Great Lakes region.

Michael Barongo Kiza doesn’t use the word Lendu. Sitting with his hands on his legs and wearing a large golden watch, which shines against his brown trousers, he lives in the IDP camp of Kigonze, on the outskirts of Bunia: “The problem is the CODECO who kill people. When I was the chief of Fataki, almost twenty-seven people were killed at the minor seminary, including a priest from Jeiba.”

The Ituri war is one of armed groups, a guerrilla war. Irregular fighters, rebels, sometimes hidden in the forest, increasingly confused among their people. The CODECO, Cooperative for the Development of the Congo, is an association of militias founded in the 1970s and described as a sect where animist rituals and Christianity fade into each other. To the CODECO is ascribed most of the violence in the North, in the territories of Djugu and Mahagi. The majority of its militiamen belong to the Lendu ethnic group.

The ADF, the Allied Democratic Forces, an Islamist formation that is threatening North Kivu, began operating in the South, in Irumu. However, Irumu is the territory of the FPIC, the Patriotic force and integrationist of Congo. It is a group related to another tribe, the Bira,

and its organization is still obscure. Its main target is the Hema community, which would constitute the majority of the fighters of Zaïre—a militia to which a limited number of attacks have been attributed. However, the geography of the conflict is much more complex: Mai Mai in the Mambasa area, factions, self-defense groups, dissidents of the FRPI (the Front for Patriotic Resistance in Ituri, which, in February 2020, concluded a peace agreement with the government), and many others. What they share is the strategy: targeting civilians.

That’s who “them” is—the perpetrators. That’s the easy narrative of violence generated from ethnic hatred. Yet, in the ISP camp of Bunia, Jean de Dieu Amani Paye looks out of his earthen house. He just knows that had to flee, suddenly. He farmed the land and taught at a school in a rural center, but he can’t say why it happened. “We lived well,” he says. “Someone you were with yesterday is now burning your house. It wasn’t easy. Searching for the cause was difficult for us. What prompted them to do so? We would like to ask them this question so that they can answer and we are reassured.”

Jean de Dieu’s question leads to a look into the eyes of a “many-headed monster,” as this war of multiple roots could be defined, according to Rehema Musanzi, executive director of the Center for Conflict Resolution in Bunia. “If you go within the communities, communities will tell you different things depending on what has affected them most,” he explains. However, the roots lie in the wounds inflicted by an uninterrupted chain of conflicts.

Before the Congo became a possession of Leopold II, King of Belgium, in 1885, the tribes who migrated in Ituri had a history of clashes over land and resources that time had taught them to manage. It was the white colonizer, with his racist system, who laid the foundations for the hatred that would fuel future violence. It was said that there were superior and inferior races—races that would receive power and races for menial jobs; friends and enemies of Belgium. An “encyclopedia of the black races” crystallized the discrimination.

In 1998, the Second Congo War—the bloodiest contemporary war since the



Second World War, with its more than five million deaths and the involvement of eight African countries—brought tension between ethnic groups to the boiling point. The following year, and up to 2003, it would have been a massacre. Then, there were new waves of acute violence until 2007. The victims of those conflicts are only estimates.

Even in the village of Sombuso, people died, and Emmanuel Kajole does not know why. “We lived very well with them. They suddenly came to attack us without us knowing what was the problem. ... They kill us for no reason,” he says, sitting on a low stool, his hat on his head even though his shelter in the IDP camp of Kigonze is only half-lit.

A draped sheet separates the slightly raised mat from the corner, where the coal burns to cook the food. Emmanuel had a large house in Sombuso, with a living room and three bedrooms. He was a tailor and carpenter, but also the head of a small Hema community, traditionally herders. Seventy-six people raised goats, cows, and other animals, with someone fishing or trading. It was up to the elderly to ensure harmony between the generations. “Our ancestors ate sorghum and corn with meat. If you have a guest, you have to welcome him with meat, so kill

an animal and offer him Malofu, a tea,” he says. “Life was too good before this war because the best meat in the region came from us,” he adds.

Traditionally farmers, instead, the Lendus. Today, however, shared lifestyles and intermarriages have caused one culture to fade into another to the point that, even more than in the past, what unites is now greater than what divides. Communities that in the North speak the same Central-Eastern Sudanese language, that have trod the same land for centuries, traded products, and lived with the same frugality that makes this region a place where everything is taken care of as if it were the most precious. A house, a field, or a road.

Joshua Marcus Mbitso has no doubts: “The world today talks of inter-ethnic conflict and that is what we have always rejected.” Joshua is the president of Lendu youth; he lives in Bunia, and the militiamen who perpetrate what the United Nations believes could be crimes against humanity belong mainly to his ethnic group, to his people. “We live together,” explains Joshua. “The Hema and Lendu chiefsdom are side by side, they are like leopard skin: a Lendu entity, then a Hema entity, and so on.”

Joshua talks about how it is easy to gen-

erate a fire. He tells of a young Lendu on his way to the market, stopped by the Congolese army at one of those “barriers” that can cost a headshot to those who do not pay. The soldier asks for 200 francs, but the young man has a 500 note—barely twenty cents of euro—and wants his 300 back. “There were young Hema at the barrier because it was in a Hema village. When the young Lendu claimed his 300 francs, he was mistreated by the soldier and the young Hema. They beat him ... Do you understand what’s the problem?” he asks. Nobody was punished, Joshua says.

“(The war) began with individual problems. Some young people from our community and neighboring communities—I am talking about the Hema community—have had issues (with each other),” he explains. A trigger, like the death of Father Florent, a Lendu priest who died in circumstances never clarified, according to the Lendu community. The suspicion that he was murdered by a Hema member would have ignited violence. A war built on a chain of retaliation and the actions of armed groups with vague claims: “self-defense,” integration into the army, defense of the nation from “bal-kanization,” the protection of minerals.

“We didn’t know they were planning a war. We lived with them in goodness. In just three days, we have seen changes: No one went to the fields or to the market.” François Mwanza Lwanga talks while his son, still a child, looks at him intently, with his legs curled up. His wife sits silently beside the empty dishes in the small house at the IDP camp where they have found shelter. The space is so small that clothes are hanging from the ceiling and every object can only be neatly stacked. François explains that in 1999, the same thing happened and so, when killings began, they fled. Seventeen died in his village. The ethnicity of the authors: again, Lendu. Yet, he, like Jean, Michael, Emmanuel, and Joshua, refuses to call it an ethnic war, even though the victims are for the most part Hema, to the point that the word “genocide” has been invoked.

“It is an international media campaign (aiming at saying that) in Ituripeople are being killed for ethnic reasons,” says David Mambo Kiza, a lawyer who defends the victims, almost all of Hema, but also Mbisa and Nyali. There is no war between rival groups, only a runaway community, killed by a militia that is a “well-organized mafia, a mafia of criminals.”

The Lendu, unlike the Hema, are not targets of such widespread violence, but they live a different form of suffering in a land where their name is the one given to the slaughters. Christian Ngabo Micho is a young Lendu and lives in a small town in the Djugu area, in the region from which the Hema flee while they remain, sometimes forced to move in search of help in other villages of their community. “It is very difficult to find community members in large sites for internally displaced persons ... NGOs and humanitarian workers also find it difficult to understand that the Lendus are suffering ... This is why they are confused, they fail to understand that (our) community is also a victim of this war ... We are really suffering and the world should know,” he says.

Militias that bring death and devastation to the villages would not be an expression of the communities to which their members belong, as happened in the previous conflicts. However, they find shelter or impose silence in those communities. “The armed groups in some cases live within these communities even when the communities attempt to distance themselves from the armed groups,” explains Rehema. They are still their children, husbands, and youth, but first of all, they are armed. “Even communities and chief of villages, in Djugu in particular, have been targeted by some of these armed groups whenever they tried to advocate against the use of force to retaliate against the other community. In many cases communities are against them, but they have very small bargaining power to convince them otherwise,” he adds. “Often (the militias) say: ‘We are fighting (for our community) ... This is why we are taking arms. But do they have a mandate from the community to do it? No,’” says Josiah Obat, head of the Monusco of Bunia, the UN peacekeepers who have been in Ituri since the early 2000s.



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NMB Bank assures tourism sector of technical, financial support for recovery from COVID-19

By The Banker Reporter

STAKEHOLDERS in the tourism industry who are slowly recovering from the onslaught of the coronavirus outbreak have been assured to get both technical and financial support from NMB Bank Plc.

NMB's Head of Business Alex Mgeni said mid this week while addressing tourism stakeholders at Tanzania Tourism Summit held in Arusha that the bank recognises the devastation which the Covid-19 has done to the country's tourism industry.

"Our bank understands the challenges that you have been going through because movement of people was restricted. We have reports of revenue and job losses for hotels located in tourism hubs and other areas, we are ready to assist your recovery," Mgeni said.

He pointed out that the tourism summit which was sponsored by the bank was part of the bank's efforts to bring together stakeholders and share knowledge and experience on how to address the challenge.

Mgeni said NMB is well equipped both technically and financially to assist the country's largest foreign currency earning industry get back to its feet. "NMB is ready



NMB Bank Plc's head of business banking, Alex Mgeni (L), has a word with organizers of Tanzania Tourism Summit, Tom Kunkler and Dominic Shoo, on the success of the exhibition and the bank's commitment to support the annual event held in Arusha mid this week. Right is NMB northern zone manager Dismas Prosper. Photo courtesy of NMB

to intervene and ensure that the tourism industry gets back to business in full throttle," he assured.

The NMB Head of Business Banking revealed that each client can get up to 5bn/- loan to invest

in the revival of nearly collapsed businesses for the purposes of improving services as the tourism season beacons.

Seconding Mgeni's assurances, NMB's Northern

Zone Manager, Dismas Prosper said the bank considers the tourism industry as one of its priority investment areas because it earns the country a lot of foreign currency.

"Northern regions of Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Tanga depend largely on tourism for survival hence our doors are open for any kind of support that you may need," Dismas said saying the market largest bank by physical branches has resources to back such recovery plans. He said tourism not only supports businesses and individuals who work in the industry but also beefs up state coffers through foreign currency earnings.

In remarks at the summit, Tanzania Tourism Summit's Managing Director, Tom Kunkler commended NMB Bank for being a trusted partner to the tourism industry saying sponsorship of the fair helps bring together stakeholders to showcase their merchandise. "We hope that NMB's leadership will continue supporting this summit in future," Kunkler said.

Shelter Afrique repays debt fully, targets regional bonds

NAIROBI

Pan-African housing financier Shelter Afrique has completed the repayment of the balance of Sh20.5 billion (\$186 million) owed to eight lenders three years ahead of schedule, paving the way for the firm to roll out its planned issuance of Sh137.8 billion (\$1.25 billion) worth of new bonds from African capital markets.

The loans, together with accrued interest, were owed to six development finance institutions (DFIs) and two commercial banks and had been restructured in 2018 to a new five-year tenor to run from June 2019 to June 2024. The lender was at the time struggling with losses amid high financing costs, which negatively affected its ability to raise new capital and fund new projects.

"Despite the debt restructuring agreement giving us a window to make full loan repayment by June 2024, we successfully repaid all the loans by June 2021," said Shelter Afrique chief executive Andrew Chimphondah.

"This now affords us the ability to underwrite new business and debt without constraints and legacy matters...based on our current equity capital base of \$155 million (Sh17 billion) and a debt-equity ratio of zero percent we can instantly raise new debt of up to \$465 million (Sh51 billion)." The debt settlement now means that the firm can go ahead and roll out its bond issuance plan, which was first announced earlier this year.

It will be seeking Sh55.1 billion (\$500 million) from East Africa and a similar amount from Nigeria, with the remaining \$250 million (Sh27.6 billion) coming from its francophone markets. The East African tranche is likely to be issued in the Kenyan capital market, which has the necessary depth for issuance of such magnitude—and where the firm has floated bonds before.

Akiba Commercial Bank determined to serve 100k daily through Akiba Wakala

By Francis Kajubi

IN a bid to foster financial including and improving banking services to the marginalised, Akiba Commercial Bank Plc is targeting to serve 100,000 people in the next three months.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam earlier this week, ACB's Head of Marketing and Communications, Dora Saria said Akiba Wakala has made major achievements since the bank was acquired by National Bank of Malawi.

She said Akiba Wakala's success story comes at a time when the banking industry is highly competitive hence innovative solutions are being given priority. "We are confident of reaching more than 100,000 consumers through Akiba Wakala because so far the uptake of the service has been incredible since its introduction a month ago," Saria told a meeting of agents convened by the bank.

"We have been receiving numerous requests of establishing Akiba Wakala shops at different locations in the country where the service is not yet provided," she added saying with few physical branches in the market, agency banking remains an effective vehicle.

She asserted that in strengthening its services, the bank is in the process of opening a new business chapter by building a robust digital service delivery system with resources from its strategic investor, NBM.

"The bank has found a strategic investor in National Bank of Malawi and we are confident that this partnership will help expand our business scope considering that NBM is one of the largest banks in the southern African region," she bragged.

Speaking at the event, Mabula Shambi from Mbweni suburb in Dar es Salaam said that he has been using Akiba Wakala because its service offers easy access to services even after bank branches are closed. "I can easily deposit and withdraw money through the low-cost service without any problem," Shambi said.

Seconding him, Fratern Tesha from Kinondoni said the service is readily available in his neighbourhood hence convenient to access. "I can say that the bank has moved closer to me which makes it easier to transact," Tesha said adding that it also offers an opportunity to transact after normal working hours.



Akiba Commercial Bank's head of marketing and communications, Dora Saria unveils an Akiba Wakala placard in Dar es Salaam recently. File photo

Shell investors get surprise US\$7bn payout on shale deal

LONDON

Royal Dutch Shell Plc shareholders will get an unexpected \$7 billion payout after the company promised to give them three quarters of the proceeds from the sale of Permian shale oil fields to ConocoPhillips.

The cash pledge comes less than two months after Shell raised its dividend by almost 40% and started \$2 billion of share buybacks. It's more evidence that the energy giant is working hard to regain the faith of investors after making a historic cut to its payout last year in the depths of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"For investors elsewhere, a divestment immediately allocated into a buyback to the tune of \$7 billion, with balance sheet strengthening on top, is rare," analysts from Bernstein Research said in a note. It "proves without any doubt that Shell are focused on winning shareholders back." Shell's Class B shares jumped 4.3% to 1,492 pence by 11:19 a.m. in London.

Of the \$9.5 billion Shell will receive from

Monday's sale of the Permian, \$2.5 billion will go toward debt reduction. For the remainder, "the base case is for that to go as share buybacks," Wael Sawan, Shell's upstream director, said in an interview after the deal was announced on Monday.

The final decision will be made by the company's board, likely in the fourth quarter when the transaction formally closes, he said. The \$7 billion payout will be in addition to the company's prior pledge to distribute 20% to 30% of cash flow from operations to investors, Shell said in a statement.

The world's top oil producers and US shale explorers have increasingly focused on shareholder returns over growth, following years of expansion. Oil prices near the highest level in three years have provided them with abundant cash to do that.

"Being able to transact with a healthy, robust oil price compared to where it has been in the last few years, and in a market

that is hotly consolidating at the moment, is a prudent opportunity for us to grab," Sawan said. The deal gives Shell the equivalent of more than a decade's worth of cash flow from the Permian assets, he said.

The deal will give ConocoPhillips additional daily production in 2022 of about 200 000 barrels of oil equivalent, it said Monday in a statement. That will make the Houston-based company one of the Permian's biggest producers.

In Shell's hands however, the Permian operations were "sub-scale," Sawan said. "To truly unlock the full value of an asset like this you need the scale." Shell's retreat from the Permian comes as the Anglo-Dutch giant reconfigures its strategy in favour of less carbon-intensive fuels while targeting net-zero emissions. Shell was ordered by a Dutch court in May to slash emissions harder and faster than planned after losing a case against an arm of Friends of the Earth.

Permian Boost Shell stock rises after \$9b deal

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Shell's stock performance graph.

PBZ applauds govt's investment in the electronic payment system

By The Banker Reporter

INVESTMENT in an electronic payment system by Zanzibar government has boosted revenue while improving efficiency as people can now pay taxes, bills and fees online at their convenience.

People's Bank of Zanzibar Managing Director, Dr Muhsin Salum Masoud said this week during the launch of a partnership between Zanzibar Government's Electronic Payment Gateway QR Code and Tigo Pesa that more people are using the online system because of convenience.

"Zanzibar citizens can easily now pay their government bills from their Tigo Pesa wallets to Zanzibar Government's Electronic Payment Gateway QR code," Dr Masoud said adding that the government's decision to invest in innovation is paying off significantly.

He said the decision to invest in GePG by introducing a state of art online payment system has eased the process of paying bills and making payments for various government services and products by the public.

"It has also resulted in benefits



People's Bank of Zanzibar managing director Dr Muhsin Salum Masoud.

such as proper record keeping, timely reporting, reducing leakages and fraud as well as increasing revenues to state coffers," Dr Masoud noted saying the innovation has also eased the system of people getting documentation.

"Citizens can obtain bills physically from

public institutions or electronically through various online portals but also pay for them at their convenience time and place using Tigo Pesa and PBZ accounts," the PBZ chief executive stated.

Speaking at the event, Tigo Pesa Chief Officer,

Angelica Pesha commended PBZ for forging the partnership which will improve service delivery and payment mechanism. "Supporting the Zanzibar government plans to speed up financial inclusion has always been one of our strategic objectives," Pesha said.

She revealed that with more than nine million customers transacting on Tigo Pesa platform daily, the partnership with PBZ means that consumers have more options to make if they need quick, easy and secure payments to ministries, government agencies and other public utilities.

"In order to make the payments via the Tigo Pesa application and QR code, Tigo customers only need to download and open the application, scan the relevant QR code and enter their secret PIN number to complete the transaction," Pesha explained.

She further noted that after completing the transaction, Tigo Pesa customers will receive an electronic SMS receipt confirming the transaction. "The e-receipt is acceptable as proof of the payment and eases traceability of the transactions because it is easy to save, retrieve and trace as opposed to physical receipts that could easily get lost or damaged," the Chief Officer for Tigo Pesa noted.

Maize imports down 26 per cent on restricted Tanzania, Uganda shipments

NAIROBI

Maize imports to Kenya declined 26 percent in the seven months to July as restrictions on produce coming in from Tanzania and Uganda in the first quarter of the year impacted volumes. Ministry of Agriculture says the volume declined to 2.24 million bags in the review period from 3.04 million bags in the first seven months of last year.

Kenya had in April banned imports of maize from Uganda and Tanzania on concerns of the high levels of aflatoxin, which the authorities said exceeded the required 10 parts per billion as required under the country's jurisdiction. However, the Tanzanian stalemate was resolved in May when President Samia Suluhu visited Nairobi for a bilateral meeting.

The deal saw the imports jump more than six times between May and July from a low of 16,000 bags in April on the back of trade negotiation between the two leaders that saw the ban lifted. "The total maize imports from January to July stands at 2.24 million bags compared to a total of 3.07 million bags imported at the same period in 2020," said the ministry.

Imports from Tanzania have been increasing since May when the ban was lifted and the volumes grew to 565,000 bags from 298,000 in June. In July, the imports went up to 882,000 bags. The rise in imports has helped in checking the high price of flour, which has now declined to less than Sh100 for a two-kilo packet.

A two-kilo packet of Jogoo brand is now retailing at Sh99 down from Sh109. Soko is selling at Sh96 down from Sh104 with Mama going at Sh96. The decline is in response to the falling price of maize, which accounts for 80 percent of the total cost involved in the milling of flour.

NEWSINDEPTH

Diminishing returns throw Patrice Motsepe's ARC out of Metrofibre

JOHANNESBURG

Four years after picking up a stake in Metrofibre, African Rainbow Capital (ARC) is exiting the business, citing lower returns expected by the investment firm. ARC, which released its full-year results on Tuesday, says it has reached an agreement to dispose of its entire investment in Metrofibre, worth over R200 million, pending regulatory approval.

The investment holding company, founded by business mogul Dr Patrice Motsepe, picked up a stake in Metrofibre in 2016, when the fibre land grab was ballooning. Metrofibre is a South African-owned and -managed open access fibre network and broadband fibre provider, based in Gauteng.

Founded in 2010, the company owns and manages SA's first globally-compliant Carrier Ethernet 2.0 open access fibre network. Apart from providing Layer 2 services to over 60 internet service providers and international telcos, Metrofibre supplies voice and data connectivity products in the enterprise space.

In ARC's year-end results, the business reported a satisfactory financial year, despite some challenges with its infrastructure rollout brought on by COVID-19, the investment group told shareholders on Tuesday. Nonetheless, Ainsley Moos, ARC executive for corporate and stakeholder relations, tells ITWeb the company is offloading its



Patrice Motsepe, African Rainbow Capital's founder.

8.7% interest in Metrofibre, valued at R268 million.

"Our view is that we regard Metrofibre as a good business, but now that it is a mature business, we see it as more of an infrastructure play going forward. It would require more capital but is likely to deliver a return lower than our internal hurdle rate," he says. ARC, whose telecommunications portfolio also includes data-only network Rain, says going forward, it will not pursue

any fresh investments in the fibre sector.

However, the company says Rain remains solid and rewarding, as the business continues to exceed rollout and performance targets. In the year ended June, ARC says Rain's goals in the 4G and 5G markets were exceeded, while 5G coverage has expanded six-fold since launch in September 2019.

The company says the key focus remains to improve customer service, as the

business case did not expect such rapid customer growth. "The business has been experiencing an unprecedented surge in demand for its products and services," says ARC.

"The company's share in the value of the investment in Rain increased from R3 111 million at 30 June 2020, to R3 314 million at 30 June 2021, as a result of R56 million additional investment and a fair value gain of R147 million over the year."

The data-only network "will fully participate in the upcoming spectrum auction", says ARC, adding that "a modest capital raise is in process" to accelerate 5G network rollout and fund participation in the spectrum auction.

Despite the readiness of Rain and other sector players to participate in the spectrum auction, the process has stalled as bickering between the regulator and other telcos over spectrum continues. Last week, the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa failed to reach an out of court agreement in the ongoing spectrum impasse.

The deadlock will further delay auctioning of the much-needed spectrum, which is expected to reduce the cost of data. Analysts have also voiced their concerns over the prolonged fight for spectrum.

Ofentse Dazela, director for pricing research at Africa Analysis, says the continuous bickering between the regulator and telcos is a "real blow" to the telecoms industry. "The current situation paints a different picture that says we are heading to a chaotic future, likely to be characterised by poor network quality, increasing data prices and long litigation battles among the warring factions."

Rwanda makes 25 Saccos automated during pilot phase

KIGALI

As the government looks to automate Savings and credit cooperatives across the country, 25 have so far commenced using the core digital banking system, according to officials.

The automation which began in January 2020, has been cited as the solution to major challenges affecting the sector which had seen losses of an estimated Rwf 10 billion as of 2018. The losses have been a result of the manual system which has seen an increase of fraud and embezzlement of members' funds.

The process commenced in January and was initially scheduled to take 12 months, but it took longer than expected as one of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, details have emerged that the concerned institutions expect to have the exercise completed by August 2022, as the pilot phase has been completed.

PayPal comes up with all-in-one personalised app in financial use

GENEVA

PayPal has rolled out the new PayPal app. It is an all-in-one, personalized app that offers customers the best place to manage their financial lives.

The new PayPal app has some offerings with new features that include PayPal Savings, a new high yield savings account provided by Synchrony Bank, alongside new in-app shopping tools that will enable customers to earn rewards redeemable for cash back or PayPal shopping credit and uncover deals with hundreds of merchants.

In addition, the new app allows PayPal customers to manage their payment bills in one place. Also, it has the new Direct Deposit feature that lets customers get paid up to two days earlier through PayPal's bank partners.

The New PayPal app also allows customers

to earn rewards and manage gift cards, send and receive money to friends, family, and businesses, pay with QR codes for purchases and redeem rewards in-store, access and manage credit, Buy Now, Pay Later services, buy, hold and sell crypto, as well as support causes and charities they care about.

It also has a personalized dashboard of a customer's PayPal account, a wallet tab to manage payment instruments and Direct Deposit, a finance tab that includes access to high yield savings and crypto capabilities, and a payments hub that includes send and receive money features, international remittances, charitable and non-profit giving, bill pay, and a two-way messaging feature to send notes of acknowledgment after peer-to-peer transactions.

Dan Schulman, president and CEO of PayPal said, "We're excited to introduce the first version of the new PayPal app, a one-stop destina-

tion for our customers to take charge of their everyday financial lives, with new features like access to high yield savings, in-app shopping tools for customers to find deals and earn cash back rewards, early access Direct Deposit, and bill pay.

"Our new app offers customers a simplified, secure and personalized experience that builds on our platform of trust and security and removes the complexity of having to manage multiple financial or shopping apps, remember different passwords, and track loyalty rewards."

In the coming quarters, PayPal plans to add new features and enhancements to the app, including investment capabilities and more ways to pay with the app online and in-store, including the ability to pay with QR codes in an offline environment and enhanced PayPal-branded capabilities that offer new ways to shop and save in-store.



Dan Schulman president and CEO of PayPal.

Banks seeking an end to tax imposed on defaulted loans

By Francis Kajubi

BANKERS are crying foul because of contradicting Income Tax Act and the central bank's regulations on loans and advances impairment charges, interest in suspense and writing-off loans, a loophole that has left paying billions of taxes on defaulted loans attributed to impairment charges or loan provision requirements.

In separate interviews with The Banker recently, bankers have appealed to the government to harmonize provisions of the Income Tax Act Cap 332 R.E.2019 so that it aligns with the BoT's Banking and Financial Institutions (Management of Risk Assets) Regulations of 2014, particularly on interest in suspense tax accounting and on writing-off loans.

The bankers argued that the conflict in regulations is proving to be a challenge because, on one hand, banks need to absorb losses on defaulted loans but writing off these loans creates impairments as per the central bank's regulations.

Further, they are forced to pay tax on written off loans and impairments thus further hurting the profitability and capital of the banks. This is ultimately impacting on capital of the banking sector which also is an impediment on credit growth for economic growth.

Unfortunately, the legal system is quite cumbersome, and recovery of loans is quite delayed and after years of pursuing legal cases, the banks recoveries are insignificant whilst they are forced to incur losses upfront and pay tax on the same.

Explaining how the 'impairment charges or loan provision requirements' have posed contradictions henceforth taxes on banks, Issa Hamisi who is Deputy Chief Finance Officer at Exim Bank Tanzania Limited said, "Let's for example assume that the commercial bank has registered annual revenue of 100m/- whereby its operating



Bank of Tanzania governor Prof. Florens Luoga speaks at a past event.

costs stand at 40m/- which means that the bank's profit before tax (PBT) stands at 60m/- of which 30 percent is taxed by Tanzania Revenue Authority as corporate tax. The 30 percent of 60m/- is 18m/-. Therefore, the net profit of the bank is 42m/-."

He said BoT regulations require commercial banks to cede away loans impairment charges on loan portfolio as impairment or loan provision to align with International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) and Management of Risk Assets Regulations 2014, which the banks are mandatorily required to charge these impairment charges on loan to its profit before tax.

The charging of loans impairment by banks is a mandatory requirement to align with IFRS and BoT norms and banks have no choice hence the base for banks demanding the charges being recognized by TRA through the Income Tax Act of 2019 as allowable deductions for tax purposes as well. TRA is however not allowing these charges through its Income Tax Act as allowable deduction and hence collect 30 percent corporate taxes from their tax assessment to banks.

"Let's further assume that the commercial bank has ceded an annual loan portfolio of 500m/-. The one percent impairment or loan provision will be 5m/-. If the 5m/- is added to the previous 40m/- the total charges including operating cost will total to 45m/-. By subtracting 45m/- from the 100m/- annual revenue, profit be-

fore tax drops to 55m/-," the Exim Bank Deputy CFO added.

Considering the loan impairment charges to the profit before tax, the 30 percent corporate tax of 55m/- could have been 16.5mn/- which leaves the bank with a net profit of 38.5m/- down from the previous 42m/-. However, TRA ignore the impairment charges and collect 30 percent tax on the 60m/- which keep the tax payable at 18m/- instead of 16.5m/-, he explained.

Write-off loans have a process according to the central bank's regulations which according to Regulation 13, BoT states that when a borrower fails to repay the loan from day one to 90 days, it is qualitatively considered as an especially mentioned borrower hence subjected to the special watch list.

The regulation states that if a loan goes beyond 90 days without being serviced then it is subjected to the non-performing loan category which has three stages to go through: the number of days past due 91 to 180 is classified as sub-standard, 181 to 360 days is classified as doubtful and 361 days and more, the loan is considered as a loss.

"At the loss stage, the bank is required by BoT to take aggressive recovery measures for four consecutive quarters that means 360 days. Adding with the first 360 days it is summed up to almost 720 days and if the client's loan is still not paid and the days go beyond 720 days then the bank is required to write-off the loan.

It is very clear that beyond 720 days or when the loan is outstanding beyond 360 days and further remains outstanding subsequently for the four consecutive quarters, The Income Tax Act stipulates that the bank should keep on making follow-ups to the borrower to repay the defaulted loan instead of writing it off. It however doesn't identify the time limit of doing so," he noted.

Backing Hamis' arguments, NMB Bank Plc's Chief Finance Officer, Juma Kimori said that the contradictions between the TRA and BoT

laws necessitate urgent harmonization. "We are calling for harmonization of the TRA and BoT regulations so that we don't pay taxes that are however an outcome of defaulted loans," Kimori said.

He said the central bank has made it clear in its regulations on the process of writing off loans but TRA's regulations are not precise on when to write-off bad loans. "This is a long-time problem that we have been struggling to reach a mutual agreement without success," Kimori lamented.

Regulation 35 (1) of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Management of Risk Assets) Regulations 2014, impose sanctions to commercial banks that will not write-off non-performing loans after a period of 720 days.

The regulation reads: "Without prejudice to the penalties and actions prescribed by the Act, the Bank may impose on any bank or financial institution any of the following sanctions for non-compliance: A penalty of the amount to be determined by the Bank; Prohibition from declaring or paying dividends; Suspension of the privilege to issue letters of credit or guarantees; Suspension of access to the credit facilities of the Bank; and Suspension of lending and investment operations, among others. "What are those reasonable steps demanded by TRA that are supposed to be taken by banks apart from those stipulated in the central bank's regulations?" queried Kimori.

Responding to issues raised by the bankers, TRA Commissioner General, Alphayo Kidata recently acknowledged existence of the contradiction saying his administration is working with the central bank and other state agencies to address it. "I am aware of that challenge, and I am calling upon bankers to be patient as we look into a mutual way of going about it," Kidata said. He added, "We intend to consult both parties involved in the matter which are the central bank and banks. It is a long-time challenge but I promise to start working on it soon."

Digital-first strategies help South Africa banks deliver strong results

JOHANNESBURG

Ramping up their digital strategies helped South Africa's big-four capture deliver resilient results in the first half of 2021, as underlying business momentum and risk profiles showed significant improvement compared to the same period last year.

According to PwC's Major Banks Analysis 2021 for the period ended 30 June, FirstRand, Nedbank, Standard Bank and Absa experienced a tough first half of 2020, catalysed by the unprecedented challenges triggered by the pandemic.

Against this challenging backdrop, the major banks delivered resilient results in the first half of 2021, performing better than expected. This was due to their refined focus on operational and financial resilience, and developing new banks models around innovation and digital banking, underpinned by tailored customer experience and new skills development programmes.

The report notes the banks' combined profit of R40.6 billion showed an increase of 177% against 1H20. When the major banks released results this time last year, it was in the context of a laboured economy with sustained weakness in growth and persistent structural challenges throughout the last decade, notes the report.

"Now armed with recent lessons learnt and emerging customer and workforce trends, management teams have focused attention towards reimagining overall banking strategies. The past year has seen banks developing fit-for-purpose products through platform-based digital channels, with the aim of fostering better customer relationships," according to the report.

"Banks have also developed new skills for their workforce, while new employees - like digital scientists, behavioural analysts and artificial intelligence experts - are more in demand." The move to digital services is predicated on the need to be more relevant and achieve a better share of the customer wallet, notes the report.

Opening up

Last year, SA's big-four banks told ITWeb they were intensifying their digital roadmap to build marketplace banking experiences fit for the 21st century. The marketplace model allows banks to continuously evolve to integrate non-financial products from third-party service providers, such as business management services, health-related products, or e-hailing functionality, aimed at providing a one-stop shop "platform-as-a-marketplace" service, accessed through their banking interface.

Apart from expediting their digital strategies, another factor that contributed to the banks' increased earnings this year, according to PwC, was implementing property optimisation strategies as they re-think corporate and branch real estate, resulting in savings on property costs.

Overall, expenses increased moderately due to staff cost increases, bonuses and amortisation/depreciation charges. Costs remained tightly managed below Consumer Price Index growth for the period, benefiting from a stable inflation environment, and lower travel and entertainment costs.

A client-focused digital banking strategy is now expected as a minimum, and the central challenge for banking in an increasingly competitive environment is increasing relevance to customers, while dealing with regulatory requirements and privacy concerns, notes PwC.

"While investments in IT architecture, digital platforms, data and automation continued, the major banks highlighted ambitions to capture learnings from the COVID-19 crisis and transform how they deliver products and services.

"Various operating models have begun to emerge - ranging from providing end-to-end services alongside underlying financial transactions, to creating ecosystems by connecting customers with partners, fintechs and other providers through open architecture, and outsourcing some aspects of the delivery model to strategic delivery partners," according to the report.

More countries eyeing central bank digital currencies as consumer preferences change

LONDON

The number of countries developing central bank digital currencies has dramatically increased when consumers pivoted to digital payments during the coronavirus pandemic, according to Moody's Investors Service.

However, central banks must balance CBDCs' potential to solve specific problems against their disruptive effect on existing financial market infrastructure, particularly banks, the ratings agency said in a report on Tuesday.

"Benefits from the adoption of CBDCs would vary across jurisdictions, and CBDCs can be geared towards addressing specific idiosyncrasies," Farooq Khan and Melina Skouridou, vice presidents at Moody's, said.

"A CBDC could provide a systemically safe, state-sponsored payment alternative to existing payment rails. In emerging markets, increasing financial inclusion thereby reducing informality, as well as lowering costs of existing inefficient payment systems are additional compelling arguments for developing and launching CBDCs." Central banks across the world are looking into the development of digital currencies amid the growing popularity of cryptocurrencies as an asset class among retail and institutional investors.

The rapid development of CBDCs could help boost financial inclusion and stability, but they pose a threat to banks and could weaken their ability to lend, according to Fitch Ratings. They would also help to speed up cashless payments and could "bring



Bitcoin remains the world's leading digital currency.

underbanked communities into the financial system" in many emerging markets, the credit ratings agency said in a report in May.

China was one of the first major economies to develop plans for a CBDC in 2014 and has already begun limited trials through mobile apps. Other major economies are following suit. The Bank of Japan began a year-long series of experiments for a digital yen in April and the UK Treasury and Bank of England set up a joint task force to develop a CBDC, nicknamed the "Britcoin." The Bahamas introduced the "Sand Dollar" CBDC in October last year.

In June, US Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell said that he has not made up his mind on the pros and cons of a CBDC, but would want authorisation from

Congress before taking action to create one. G7 finance ministers and central bank governors have also pledged to work together on CBDCs to develop an understanding "on their wider public policy implications."

The Eastern Caribbean became the first currency union central bank to issue digital cash in April. The so-called DCash is being initially rolled out in four of the eight member countries of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union, according to Bitt, the Barbados-based company which led its development. The pilot includes Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Saint Lucia.

In February, the Central Bank of the UAE said it was participating in a central bank digital currency project with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Bank of

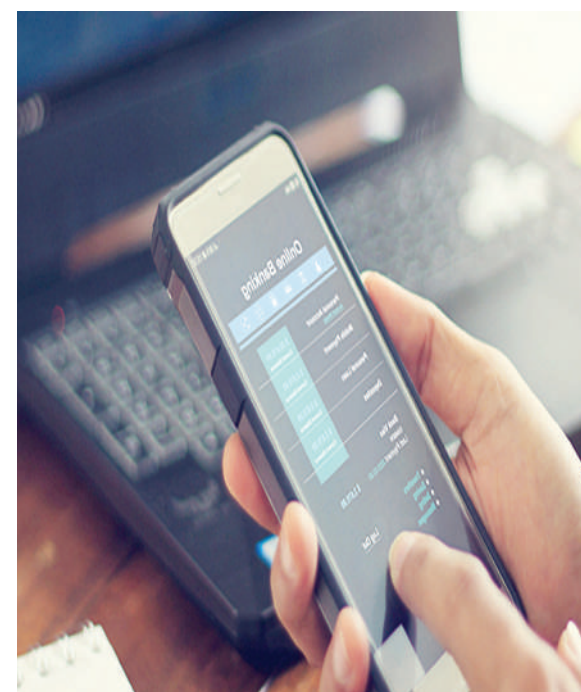
Thailand and the People's Bank of China to investigate the use of CBDCs in cross-border payments.

The advancement of CBDCs has also been driven by the rise of stable-coins - digital assets that are linked to the US dollar or other currencies - and the acceleration of digitalisation, while financial inclusion, security costs of cash, reducing informality and improving payment efficiency in emerging markets are other catalysts, according to Moody's. As consumers increasingly prefer faster, easier and cheaper digital payments, central banks favour the least-disruptive choices as they design their digital currencies, the ratings agency said.

"The preferred choice for the CBDC model is the two-tier retail CBDC, in which banks and other financial intermediaries will maintain client-facing roles, while end-users see little change in terms of interacting with their current financial institution," Moody's said. Benefits from the adoption of CBDCs would vary across jurisdictions, and CBDCs can be geared toward addressing specific idiosyncrasies

Although CBDCs are not meant to compete directly with bank deposits, they would provide a risk-free alternative, attracting retail deposits, which are the predominant funding source of banks, Moody's said. This would create heightened disintermediation risks for banks, higher funding costs and fee income loss, it added.

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Mobile phone banking is a popular digital platform for most South African banks.

WORLD

UN chief: World facing 'dead end' over climate, COVID-19

By Bloomberg

UNITED Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned the world is hurtling toward ecological destruction, sounding a bleak opening tone to the annual UN General Assembly meeting in New York.

Speaking a day after convening world leaders to ratchet up climate commitments, Guterres said Tuesday that the "climate alarm bells" are "ringing at fever pitch." Calling current global efforts insufficient, he forecast a "hellscape of temperature rises" if emissions aren't cut more than currently planned.

"We are weeks away from the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow, but seem-

ingly light-years away from reaching our targets," Guterres told world leaders at the hybrid event where leaders including US President Joe Biden and Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro are speaking in person but others will appear by video. "We must get serious. And we must act fast."

There were also hints of optimism on the climate front. Speaking on the sidelines of an event on the subject at the UN on Monday, US climate envoy John Kerry expressed confidence that world leaders will meet a target of raising \$100 billion in climate aid to developing nations before the UK hosts two weeks of climate talks – known as COP26 – in Glasgow, Scotland, begin-



United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres addresses the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly, on Tuesday at United Nations headquarters in New York. AP

Vaccine inequity

Guterres also decried the global vaccine inequity that has left rich countries with surplus doses and considering booster shots even as developing nations have barely started vaccinating their populations.

"Perhaps one image tells the tale of our times," he said. "The picture we have seen from some parts of the world of COVID-19 vaccines in the garbage, expired and unused. It is an

obscurity."

Reviewing the mistrust and lack of unity he says have undermined global efforts to address covid and climate, Guterres said, "Instead of the path of solidarity, we are on a dead end to destruction." While millions go hungry, Guterres said, they see "billionaires joyriding to space."

The UNGA continues into next week. Biden will host a virtual summit on Wednesday that will focus on concrete measures to bring the pandemic to an end.

Xi calls for bolstering confidence, jointly addressing global challenges at UNGA

BEIJING

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping proposed a Global Development Initiative, calling for bolstering confidence and jointly addressing global threats and challenges to build a better world for all.

Xi made the remarks at the general debate of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) via video on Sept 21, as the world faces the combined impacts of changes unseen in a century and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beating COVID-19

Right now, COVID-19 is still raging in the world, with the number of new cases rising every day globally. "We must beat COVID-19 and win this decisive fight crucial to the future of humanity," Xi said, voicing confidence that "we humanity will surely overcome it and prevail" despite the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic may appear overwhelming.

He called for putting people and their lives first, taking a science-based approach in origins tracing, enhancing coordinated global COVID-19 response and minimizing the risk of cross-border virus transmission.

Noting that vaccination is a powerful weapon against COVID-19, Xi said the pressing priority is to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of vaccines globally.

He reiterated the pledge that China will strive to provide a total of 2 billion doses of vaccines to the world by the end of this year. "In addition to donating \$100 million to COVAX, China will donate 100 million doses of vaccines to other developing countries in the course of this year."

The role of China is even

more critical at a time when some countries have adopted a selfish strategy of vaccine nationalism and even put restrictions on export of COVID-19 vaccines and other medical supplies, said Nadeem Irfan Bukhari, a professor from University of the Punjab, Pakistan.

Global development initiative

"Development holds the key to people's well-being," Xi said, adding that countries need to work together to steer global development toward a new stage of balanced, coordinated and inclusive growth.

He made a six-pronged Global Development Initiative, including staying committed to development as a priority, staying committed to a people-centered approach, staying committed to benefits for all, staying committed to innovation-driven development, staying committed to harmony between man and nature and staying committed to results-oriented actions.

"We need to increase input in development, advance on a priority basis cooperation on poverty alleviation, food security, COVID-19 response and vaccines, development financing, climate change and green development, industrialization, digital economy and connectivity, among other areas, and accelerate implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, so as to build a global community of development with a shared future," he said.

To support developing countries in responding to COVID-19 and promoting economic and social recovery, China has pledged an additional \$3 billion of international assistance in the next three years.



President Xi Jinping addresses the general debate of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly via video, in Beijing on Tuesday. (Photo/Xinhua)

China will not build new coal-fired power projects abroad, he said, pledging that the country will step up support for other developing countries in developing green and low-carbon energy.

"This is another remarkable step taken by China on its own initiative to cope with the global climate change, as Xi earlier announced China's pledge to strive to peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060," said Ruan Zongze, executive vice-president of the China Institute of International Studies.

Rejecting forming small circles

"We need to advocate peace, development, equity, justice, democracy and freedom, which are the common values of humanity, and reject the practice of forming small circles or zero-sum games," Xi said.

Democracy is not a special right reserved to an individual country, but a right for the

people of all countries to enjoy, President Xi stressed.

Practicing true multilateralism

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the lawful seat of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations. Xi said China will solemnly commemorate this historic event and advance cooperation with the UN to a new level and make new and greater contributions to promoting the noble cause of the UN.

"The UN should hold high the banner of true multilateralism and serve as the central platform for countries to jointly safeguard universal security, share development achievements and chart the course for the future of the world," Xi stressed.

Ruan said that some countries claimed to safeguard "the rules-based international order" under the banner of multilateralism, yet what they actually did was framing their own rules as international rules and imposing them on other countries.

President Xi called on the UN to increase the representation and say of developing countries in international affairs, and take the lead in advancing democracy and rule of law in international relations.

"It should set common agenda (in the areas of security, development and human rights), highlight pressing issues and focus on real actions, and see to it that commitments made by all parties to multilateralism are truly delivered," he added.

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Russian and UN senior diplomats talk about Afghan issue at General Assembly session

MOSCOW

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin and UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo addressed regional conflicts, in particular, the recent developments in Afghanistan on the sidelines of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly.

"[The sides] exchanged views on a wide range of issues on the UN agenda, focusing on regional topics before the UN Security Council, including the situation in Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and the Palestinian-Israeli issue settlement," the Russian foreign ministry said yesterday.

The diplomats also touched upon the interaction between Russia and the UN Secretariat's Department for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.

Furthermore, Vershinin met with UN Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix. The sides addressed the cooperation between the UN, Russia and the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO).

"We talked through the prospects for the development of UN peacekeeping as well as Russia and the CSTO's participation in UN Peacekeeping," the Russian foreign ministry stated. "Also, a number of regional topics have been discussed including the situation in Libya, the Central African Republic and Mali."

According to the foreign ministry, the Russian senior diplomat also held talks with UN Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support Atul Khare, focusing on cooperation in the field of material and technical support of UN peacekeeping operations.

"[The sides touched upon] the interaction between Russia and the UN Secretariat in terms of material, technical and logistical support of UN peacekeeping operations, <...> as well as cooperation as part of the medical evacuation of the UN Secretariat staff to Russia, including for countering COVID-19," the ministry mentioned.

The meetings took place on September 21 in New York.

The UN General Assembly's 76th session opened on September 14 in New York. On September 21, the assembly's High Level Week began, with the leaders of many countries, heads of government and ministers arriving in New York.

It is expected that Russia's top diplomat Sergey Lavrov will deliver his speech on September 25. Earlier, Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that Lavrov would hold about 25 meetings with foreign colleagues, in particular, with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

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Haiti sees first African swine fever outbreak in 37 years

CHICAGO

HAITI has recorded its first outbreak of the fatal pig virus African swine fever in 37 years, the World Organisation for Animal Health said, fueling concerns about the disease's spread in the Americas.

An operation in Anse-à-Pitre, near Haiti's border with the Dominican Republic, suffered an outbreak that began on Aug 26, the organisation known as OIE said in a report on Monday.

The detection is "unfortunate" but not surprising due to recent cases in the Dominican Republic, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) said on Tuesday. The agency is consulting with animal health officials in both countries.

Outbreaks on Hispaniola raise worries that African swine fever could spread to the United States, which has never had the disease, and temporarily cripple US pork exports. Governments often block imports of pork from countries where the disease has been found to prevent transmission.

The United States already prohibits Haitian and Dominican pork due to another pig disease there, according to the USDA.

Still, US Customs and Border Protection is increasing inspections for illegal pork on flights from Hispaniola and making sure airplane garbage is properly disposed of, the USDA said.

The USDA in July reported the Dominican Republic had the Americas' first cases of African swine fever in nearly 40 years.

Last week, the USDA confirmed Haiti's outbreak through testing at a laboratory on Plum Island in New York, the OIE said. Haiti is conducting surveillance for the disease and imposed a quarantine to control the outbreak, the OIE said.

African swine fever is harmless to humans but often fatal to pigs. It originated in Africa before spreading to Europe and Asia and has killed hundreds of millions of pigs.

In Haiti, the outbreak is the latest challenge for residents and the government following an earthquake and the president's assassination.

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Biden promises 'relentless diplomacy' in UN debut amid rift with allies

UNITED NATIONS

U.S. President Joe Biden said in a speech at the United Nations on Tuesday that the United States is opening a new chapter of diplomacy after ending the two-decade Afghan war.

"We've ended 20 years of conflict in Afghanistan, and as we close this era of relentless war, we're opening a new era of relentless diplomacy," Biden said in his first address to the UN General Assembly.

The U.S. military completed its

chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan in late August under Biden's order, ending the longest war in American history.

The president pointed out the U.S. military power "must be our tool of last resort, not our first," and should not be used as an answer for every global problem.

"Many of our greatest concerns cannot be solved or even addressed through the force of arms. Bombs and bullets cannot defend against COVID-19 or its future variants," he added. "To fight this pandemic, we need a collec-

tive act of science and political will."

Biden said the United States will "compete vigorously" with other major powers while emphasizing it is not "seeking a new Cold War or a world divided into rigid blocs."

"The United States is ready to work with any nation that steps up and pursues peaceful resolution to shared challenges, even if we have intense disagreements in other areas," he continued. "Because we'll all suffer the consequences of our failure if we do not

come together to address the urgent threats like COVID-19 and climate change or enduring threats like nuclear proliferation."

Biden said that Washington will remain to engage with Tehran diplomatically and seek a mutual return to the Iran nuclear deal. The United States seeks "serious and sustained diplomacy" to pursue the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

He also reaffirmed both U.S. security commitment to Israel and a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Biden's debut at the UN General Assembly came after controversial foreign policy decisions without sufficient consultations with allies, including the chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan and a diplomatic rift with France over a submarine deal with Australia.

Under a new security partnership unveiled last Wednesday between Australia, Britain and the United States, known as AUKUS, Australia will build nuclear-powered submarines with U.S. and British technology. Australia then announced it would scrap

the deal with France signed in 2016 to purchase 12 conventional diesel-electric submarines.

Outraged by the abrupt move without notice, France recalled its ambassadors to the United States and Australia for consultations on Friday.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said Monday in New York that the trilateral move between the United States, Britain and Australia represents a "crisis of trust" between allies that requires explanations.

Xinhua

Russia regrets Turkey's refusal to recognise Duma election results in Crimea – Kremlin

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin regrets Turkey's refusal to recognize the results of the recent Russian legislative elections in Crimea and hopes the republic will change its stance on the peninsula, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Tuesday.

"We don't accept such statements [about non-recognition of the elections in Crimea] and we openly say this to our Turkish colleagues," Peskov said.

"The issue of Crimea is an issue on which our positions are dramatically different. We express regrets in connection with this stance, but we hope that political will will be shown over time and Turkey will change this position, simply acknowledging the truth and the real state of things," he added.

Peskov also stressed that Turkey is Russia's partner and the "presence of significant issues on which there are disagreements, is not and should not be an obstacle for the development of the whole range of bilateral relations and cooperation on a number of regional issues".

"Cooperation must be continued,



it is first of all in the interests of the Russian side, as well as in the interests of the Turkish side". "As for the points of differences, we will continue to work on these points with the Turkish side, explaining our position and expecting that we will manage to bring our positions closer sooner or later," he summed up.

Earlier, a statement from Turkish Foreign Ministry's Spokesperson Tanju Bilgich was posted on the ministry's website, saying that the results of the elections to the State Duma on September 17-19 "have no legal validity for Turkey."

Moscow will pay close attention to Ankara's statement, Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Tuesday on the Soloviev Live YouTube channel.

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Many Africans wary of COVID-19 vaccination amid ongoing misinformation - AU

ADDIS ABABA

ONGOING misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines is contributing to many people across Africa to be skeptical of getting COVID-19 vaccine jabs, the African Union (AU) has said.

The statement was made by William Carew, head of the Secretariat of AU's Economic Social and Cultural Council, as he urged the African populace to get vaccinated if herd immunity is to be achieved. Only some 3.6 percent of Africa's population are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 so far.

"There has been a lot of misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccines that had contributed to many people being wary of getting vaccinated," an AU statement issued Tuesday quoted Carew as saying.

Carew made the remarks during COVID-19 vaccines capacity building and sensitization meeting, which was held recently as part of the Council's continental sensitization campaign aimed at promoting the accessibility and use of the COVID-19 vaccines in order to build herd immunity in Africa.

He called on Africans to implement public health experts' assertion that vac-



William Carew, head of the Secretariat of AU's Economic Social and Cultural Council

ination remains the only realistic path to finally halting the spread of the virus given its ease of transmissibility and ability to mutate.

"I want to urge you all to take this opportunity to get the right information about the vaccines and help us to educate the communities that you operate in," Carew told representatives of African Civil Society Organizations attending the

meeting.

Last week, the World Health Organization (WHO) said that as the COVAX facility is forced to slash planned COVID-19 vaccine deliveries to Africa by around 150 million this year, the continent faces almost 500 million doses short of the global year-end target of fully vaccinating 40 percent of its popu-

lation.

With the cutback, COVAX is now expected to deliver 470 million doses to Africa this year, which will be enough to vaccinate just 17 percent of the population, far below the 40 percent target.

An additional 470 million doses are needed to reach the end-year target even if all planned shipments via COVAX, a multilateral initiative aimed at guaranteeing global access to life-saving COVID-19 vaccines, and the AU are delivered, according to the WHO.

As of Tuesday noon, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Africa reached 8,166,634 while the death toll from the pandemic stood at 206,740, according to the latest figures from the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

Xinhua

African leaders pledge to tackle human-elephant conflicts

NAIROBI

KENYA'S first lady, Margaret Kenyatta, on Tuesday joined former African presidents and conservation lobbyists to pledge action on human-elephant conflicts amid threat to survival of the iconic giant mammal.

Speaking at a webinar convened by the Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI), Kenyatta (pictured) said that African governments should adopt innovative measures to minimize clashes between communities and large herbivores."

A pan African dialogue to stem human elephant conflicts is urgently required to boost the survival of the majestic species," said Kenyatta.

"We must allocate more resources to community-led conservation and adopt technologies to report human elephant conflicts on a real time basis in order to create a sustainable future for the species," she added.

The first lady said that sharing of best practices and investing in deterrence measures like installing electric fences could help reduce incidents of human elephant conflicts in Africa.

She said that African elephants, the population of which is estimated at 400,000, continue to grapple with threats like poaching, climatic stresses, habitat loss and competition for space with humans.

Hailemariam Desalegn, former Prime Minister of Ethiopia noted that



promoting coexistence between communities and elephants should inform future efforts to conserve the iconic land mammal that is part of Africa's heritage.

According to Desalegn, protecting migratory corridors and natural habitats for elephants are key to minimize violent encounters with local communities leading to death or destruction of property.

He noted that human wildlife conflicts have escalated in the Horn of African region amid climate change induced droughts that lead to competition for water and pasture. Desalegn said that enhanced protection of African elephants and their natural habitat will boost tourism revenue, sustain rural livelihoods and strengthen climate resilience in the continent. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, former president of Botswana said that human elephant conflicts have been identified across 21 African elephant range states adding that durable solution hinges on demarcating migratory corridors, enhanced surveillance and community driven conservation.

Xinhua

Livestream marketing, upgraded logistics drive sales of bananas in S. China's Nanning

LIVESTREAM marketing and logistics reform, as results of China's ever-expanding e-commerce platforms and express delivery network, have significantly boosted the banana business in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region.

As one of the main banana producers in China, Nanning used to encounter poor sales of bananas due to cyclical supply-demand imbalance and extreme weather events.

Fortunately, livestream marketing is employed by more and more banana farmers, which has effectively increased the popularity and sales of bananas on the Internet.

"As you can see, I'm standing right in front of a banana plantation. The Lady Finger banana produced in our Jinling township has a distinctive taste. It's sweet, with a hint of sour flavor," said Lin Zongjian, a banana grower in Xiaolin village, Jinling township, Xixiangtang district of Nanning city, on a livestream platform. While he was advertising the fruit, a dozen of banana farmers were busy packaging in a nearby small bungalow. Just a day ago, Lin received over 6,000 orders of bananas during a livestream show, which meant these bananas had to be packed and shipped within a day.

The featured products, direct shipping from the place of origin, and immersive marketing all make Lin's livestreams shows quite attractive for the viewers.

"I receive more than 5,000 orders almost every day during the harvest season of bananas, sometimes more than 10,000 orders," Lin told People's Daily.

"It takes perseverance to succeed in promoting products via livestreaming. I had few viewers at first, but my follower base



Bananas produced in Nanning city, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region. File photo

gradually expanded as I kept hosting the shows and posting more videos. Now I have more than 100,000 followers," said Lin, who became the first livestreamer in Jinling township in 2019. The man spends six hours a day livestreaming, which is a task he sets for himself.

Today, driven by rocketing market demand, Lin has set up four warehouses near orchards to collect bananas from growers and hired nearly 30 workers, who often need to work extra hours to package and ship products to buyers across the country.

"Some banana growers host livestream shows just like I do, and there are also many other banana farmers who cooperate with e-commerce companies and invite professional hosts to help them sell their bananas," said Lin.

"As long as there's demand, we don't need to worry about the sales. There are several banana purchasing sites in our village. They pay us on the spot. My family has planted 92 mu (about 6.13 hectares) of Lady Finger bananas, and our annual output per mu is 2,000 kg. That's a lot of money a year," said a local female

banana grower.

Lin believes the gradually lowering express delivery cost is a major reason for rural e-commerce entrepreneurs, including himself, to have achieved success. In recent years, express delivery service providers have intensified efforts to expand their service networks in rural areas. As express delivery outlets have been set up in various remote areas and the charges for express delivery services have been gradually reduced, agricultural products have gained better distribution channels.

An increasing number of Chinese express delivery companies have started providing services in Jinling township, including China Post, Yuantong Express, and Best Express, according to Lin. He said China Post and Yuantong Express have established service stations in the township.

Nowadays, vehicles of express delivery companies are often seen running on the streets of Jinling township, taking local bananas on trips to every corner of the country.

"I tried to sell bananas via e-commerce platforms before, but it was rather difficult, as the or-

ders were not coming in everyday. Besides, the delivery charge was almost as much as the price of the products, and it was too much for me," Lin recalled.

"It's totally different now. Since I learned to promote products on livestreaming platforms and other social media platforms, I have attracted more and more customers and eventually increased the number of orders. My business has grown very fast," Lin said.

As long as their business reaches a certain size, e-commerce platforms and merchants will be eligible to cooperate with warehousing enterprises and express delivery service providers, which enables them to collect products in bulk at plantations, according to Lin.

Under such mode, products can be directly shipped to consumers from plantations with the least possible transfer, thus significantly shortening the distribution channel and enabling products to be delivered to buyers across the country within three days, Lin added.

Since the beginning of this year, more than eight million parcels of Lady Finger bananas have been shipped from Nanning via courier companies, and the figure is expected to hit 10 million by the end of this year, according to statistics from the Postal Administration of Guangxi.

"As more and more people are joining the livestreaming and video sector, I believe the cake of the Nanning banana business will grow bigger and bigger," Lin told People's Daily.

The man has so far opened multiple corporate accounts on livestreaming platforms to train new livestream hosts, and is also trying to advertise other agricultural products through livestream marketing. **People's Daily**

Iran's Raisi says his country does not trust US gov't promises

UNITED NATIONS

IRANIAN President Ebrahim Raisi said on Tuesday that his country does not trust the promises made by the US government, while noting that he seeks effective interaction with all the countries of the world.

"We don't trust the promises made by the US government," Raisi (pictured) said at the General Debate of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly, which kicked off Tuesday at the UN headquarters in New

York.

All parties must stay true to the nuclear deal and the UN Resolution in practice, he added.

"Today, the whole world including the Americans themselves have admitted that the project of countering the Iranian people, which manifested itself in the form of violating the JCPOA (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, referring to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal) and was followed by the 'maximum pressure' and arbitrary withdrawal



from an internationally recognized agreement, has totally failed," said Raisi.

Noting that the policy of "maximum oppression" is still on, the Iranian president said that "we want nothing more than what is rightfully ours. We demand the implementation of international rules."

"All parties must stay true to the nuclear deal and the UN Resolution in practice," he added.

Raisi said 15 reports released by the International Atomic Energy

Agency have attested to the adherence of Iran to its commitments.

"However, the US has not yet discharged its obligation, which is lifting sanctions. It has encroached upon the agreement, withdrawn from it and levied even more sanctions on my people," he said.

"The United States mistakenly believed it would render us desperate and devastated, but our perseverance has yielded results and will always do, for the smart and dynamic resistance of

the Islamic Republic of Iran comes from our strategic rationality."

While decisively defending all its rights and the interests of its people, Iran is keen to have large-scale political and economic cooperation and convergence with the rest of the world, said Raisi.

"I seek effective interaction with all the countries of the world especially with our neighbors and shake their hands warmly," he added.

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Tanzania's Yanga midfielder, Yannick Bangala (L), dribbles past Nigeria's Rivers United FC player when the sides faced off in this season's CAF Champions League preliminary round's return leg, which took place in Port Harcourt on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Peace of the brave: City rivals' International Peace Day calm

By Correspondent John Kimbute

AS Dar es Salaam residents and the rest of the world marked World Peace Day on Tuesday, an eerie calm reigned over the city, two days after both sides, Simba SC and Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, suffered identical defeats in vastly different encounters.

It was a sort of peace of the brave where the local champions, Simba SC, whose prowess in the CAF Champions League last season made it possible for Mainland Premier League and Federation Cup runners-up, Yanga, to feature in the premier continental club tourney.

But as they had expressed no appreciation for their street-end rivals for being able to participate, they drew a pedigree foe, quit the race.

With a sufficient number of 'ifs', it is easy to see how Yanga could have progressed to the next round if at least they were drawn with one of the neighbouring country champions or smaller champion clubs in the wider vicinity.

But picking up Rivers United FC was a sort of bad luck as it is champion in a country that is fairly well known for its football standards for decades, if one recalls Enugu Rangers, Ibadan Shooting Stars, Kano Pillars Contractors, and in the past decade, Enyimba FC.



Simba SC's midfielder, Luis Miquissone (3rd L), dribbles past Yanga's midfielder, Feisal Salum when the teams met in a past Mainland Premier League clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

The latter was a household name here but it appears to have faded somewhat, such that Plateau United was champion last year, and now Rivers United FC.

Identical results for the archrivals' outings enabled a remarkably quiet start of the week as offices and street corners were bereft of their otherwise animated comparisons likely to have showered over everyone had at least one of them achieved a good result.

All the same, it is Yanga who was saved from disgrace by the fact that Simba SC lost their apex friendly encounter, in like manner as Yanga also lost their friendly the previous week when Zanaco FC came around for 'day of the people' celebrations.

There was no real loss of face as it was friendly, and that was the same thing for Simba SC in this outing.

In that sense it would have been rather pointless for Yanga to cele-

brate a marginal discomfiture on the part of their rivals, had they won their key away match and Simba SC lost in the friendly.

Mocking the local champions would have been a fitting mode of celebration had they obtained positive results, which from the balance of things was unlikely - blocking of players for registration and COVID-19 pretenses - but also structural issues like inadequate training program, or a technical bench unused to the timelines.

The fact that Simba SC lost the friendly saved Yanga plenty of headaches, what to say before the dominant rivals.

From that moment onwards the city crowds and pundits are back on familiar territory, where Simba SC is of course involved in the continental championship and despite losing two gifted players to better-paying rivals to the north, it is a dependable side.

The usual city rivals'

environment will be back in full galore, where the dominated Jangwani Street rivals will be a morale booster for visiting sides if at some point the continental federation lifts its largely unwarranted crowd exclusion.

While the UEFA circuit has almost everywhere ended lockouts, CAF has just discovered their urgency.

What is uncertain is how far there is a chance that this year's scenario, brief as it has been, is repeated next year, that is, we have identical results where Simba SC is a champ and has done well in the CAF Champions League, such that Tanzania has two places for each of the continental tourneys.

This year the Jangwani Street side looked forward to reappearing on international soccer, and their registration (apart from the still unconvincing technical bench) looked well poised to deliver.

But the nuts were loose here and there

- and in addition, had cultivated bad luck for themselves after 'insulting the croc before crossing the river.'

There is an expression made famous by a 19th-century writer that says 'Hic Rhodus, hic salta!' as Yanga had insisted to all and sundry that it did not need to be carried on the back by Simba SC to feature in the continental tourney.

In that context, they were given a stern test, which Simba SC succeeded to overcome last year in that Rivers United FC is comparable to Plateau United in their Nigerian league level, not superstars.

As Rivers United or Plateau United pundits would probably put it, one is assured of a win over a champion team from Nigeria if the side is anywhere near the continent's top ten, to which Enyimba FC, TP Mazembe, Horoya AC, and a few others have belonged for close to a decade.

Others come and go, with continental pundits waiting to see if Simba will seal its stamp as a big side in this year's run as well, which it looks promising to be able to do.

As for Yanga, it has failed to demonstrate that it is knocking on the gates of big African teams, as that means you clear out the likes of Plateau United or Rivers United FC more or less for the asking.

Tackling the likes of Al Ahly comes later even with the fact that Simba SC ended halfway from flipping Kaizer Chiefs.

New signings to watch out in 2021/22 season

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ANY league in the world would suffer from losing three of its biggest superstars in the space of a single transfer window, so it is understandable when some fear that Tanzania's prominent soccer sides, Simba SC and Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, would somehow struggle following the departures of their key foreign players, Clatous Chama, Luis Miquissone, and Tuisila Kisinda.

Big shoes must be filled, but the transfer market has delivered some absolute gems.

Whether they are new arrivals to the Tanzanian Premier League, or players making the switch from one local club to another, there's been some extremely exciting action in the window.

Sixteen clubs will battle it out, with title to be won, the continental club competitions' tickets to be secured and relegation to be avoided, and here are some of the best transfers in Tanzania Premier League to look out for as the season kicks off early next week with three games on the first day of action.

Pape Sakho

Simba SC fans were sorry to see Miquissone sold to Egypt's Al Ahly but in 24-year-old left-winger Sakho they have a player who potentially could make an even bigger impact.

He was signed by Simba SC from Senegal's Teungueth after impressing in the CAF Champions League group stage where he scored one goal and assisted two.

The Senegalese could prove to be an astute piece of business, giving head coach, Didier Gomes Da Rosa, a different midfield option. He had a great pre-season with the club.

Djuma Shaban

After impressing in the CAF Champions League group stage with DR Congo AS Vita last season, the clamour for the signing of right-back Djuma Shaban meant that he was one of the most chased players by Tanzanian top clubs. Yanga won that race in July.

Djuma is one of the most dangerous attacking players from a defensive starting position across Africa.

His skill set will be a welcome addition to Mohamed Nabi's side in the 2021/22 season as they look to mount a

credible title challenge.

Idris Mbombo

After playing in Egypt for one season with El Gouna, Idris Mbombo has taken the next step in his career and signed at Azam FC to spearhead their attack for the 2021/22 season.

The 26-year-old Congolese forward will be a key player in 2021/22 as Azam FC looks to improve on third place.

Although his career has gone downhill a bit, he will be looking for a fresh start. His reunion with the coach, George Lwandamina, will be a crucial part.

Heritier Makambo

For the first time in over a decade, Yanga failed to produce a scorer with 10+ goals last season - they'll be hoping the acquisition of Heritier Makambo will change that for the 2021/22 season.

Makambo is a man with plenty to prove after two frustrating seasons with Horoya AC in Guinea, and back in the comfort of fans who adore him, the Congolese forward is ready to fire Yanga to reclaim their lost glory.

Yannick Bangala

Yanga has needed a defensive midfielder to partner Congolese, Mukoko Tonombe, for some time and have not only snapped up an experienced one but, at the age of 28, there is still room for Yannick Bangala to grow.

Former Morocco's AS FAR Rabat star, Bangala, is exactly what the Jangwani Street-based Yanga side needs to start controlling games in the midfield again, and he can bring the energy and spark back.

A talented versatile Congolese international who can also be deployed as a center-back.

Sadio Kanoute

The Malian box-to-box midfielder has been signed by Simba SC from a Libyan club and has already shown Simba SC fans a glimpse of what to expect.

He was the standout performer for Simba SC against DR Congo football big guns, TP Mazembe, on Sunday.

Against TP Mazembe, he effectively performed the dual role of a defensive midfielder and an attacking midfielder, retrieving the ball for the team while also driving forward with it.

On that note, he is guaranteed to start in midfield alongside Taddeo Lwanga.

Dar boxer to take part in ABU Super Lightweight title fight

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN professional boxer, Salim Jengo, will step into the ring on October 13 to fight for the African Boxing Union (ABU) Super Lightweight championship against Malawian, Hannock Phiri.

The 12-round contest will be staged at Millenium Tower 2, Mtana Hall in Dar es Salaam, according to Swahiliflix firm's Director of Marketing, Amos Chibaya.

Chibaya said currently the ABU Lightweight belt has no holder and they settled for Jengo to fight for the championship.

He said Phiri has not lost a fight in three contests he has so far featured while Jengo has fought 20 and lost only four.

He said on the day of the fight there will be undercards, whereby local boxer, Shaaban Jongo, will fight again US professional boxer, Shawn Miller, in a Cruiserweight bout scheduled

for eight rounds.

"We expect to be more fierce and exciting because all are fighters to be reckoned with," Chibaya noted.

He said Swahiliflix, in collaboration with Win-Win Sports promotion, is proud to announce its entrance into the Tanzanian boxing scene.

Chibaya stated his firm would like to acknowledge the commitment to supporting Tanzania's boxers in their career. Other partners are Urban Soul, Global Boxing Stars, and Onomo Hotel.

He said they will also provide advice, and identifying opportunities to build boxing careers that resonate across Africa. Chibaya said looking to position themselves as a high-level promotion in what is already a very big pool of promoters.

"We will be looking to provide our boxers with a platform on Swahiliflix where they can grow not just their name for boxing but also grow their brands for

sponsorship and marketing opportunities. We want to create limitless opportunities for our boxers," Chibaya disclosed.

"We aim to become a top-level promotion in identifying and promoting athletes so that their journey does not just end up on the national stage."

"We want to go international via the Swahiliflix app currently on the Google Play Store as well as Apple TV, through pay per view."

"It is the goal of ours to lead the way in diversifying the game and advocating with teams and marketplace buyers to start nurturing talent from underrepresented groups, with the promotion of all boxers is central to this goal."

"This first event that we are to hold, is to showcase Tanzania's ever-growing of professional boxing scene, as well as local talent, developed."

"Promoting it to move into as many countries markets around the world by ensuring

a great night of fights that are entertaining and will push our fighters' names outside the local market," he said. For his part,

Jengo said he has prepared well for the fight, which I expect to emerge victoriously.

"I'm in preparations for the fight and I expect to maintain my winning streak getting prepared. There is little time left, which I use to correct myself and improve my skills," Jengo revealed.

Also in the undercard, Kenyan top boxer, Ryton Okwiri, will fight Ugandan, John Serunjogi, while Tanzanian pugilist, Joseph Sinkala, will fight compatriot, Hamisi Maya, in the Welterweight bout and Alex Kachelewa will exchange blows against Shadrack Ignas in a Welterweight bout.

There were also fight involving Congo Brazaville's Heavyweight boxer, Adi Ndembo, fighting against the boxer to be unveiled later.

Azam FC seeks to stun Pyramids FC in CAF Confederation Cup

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Azam FC head coach, George Lwandamina, has admitted that the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup's second preliminary round fixtures against Egypt outfit, Pyramids FC, promise to be difficult but better preparations will help his side emerge victoriously.

Azam FC will face the wealthy Egyptian outfit after the former knocked Somalia's Horseed FC out of the showdown's first preliminary round.

Horseed FC went down 4-1 on aggregate to Azam FC, with both home and away matches being played at the Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam.

Lwandamina said correcting the mistakes that were made by his players in the preliminary round fixtures against Horseed FC is what he is currently doing in his side's practice sessions.

According to the coach, he is not focusing on Pyramids FC's quality. Azam FC will host Pyramids FC in the first leg slated for October 15-17 in Dar es Salaam, the second leg is slated for October 22-24 in Egypt.

"I agree our opponents have a good team with a good record against Tanzanian teams, but Azam FC is also not a weak team and that is why we have reached this stage, the main thing I'm doing is prepare my team to ensure we get a victory

at home and away to progress to the next stage," the coach disclosed.

The coach said he knew in advance that he would meet Pyramids FC, so he started tracking them down to know their strengths and weaknesses, so for him, better preparations will pay off for Azam FC.

Azam FC is a third Tanzanian outfit set to confront Pyramids FC in the continental showdown.

Tanzania's other clubs, Yanga and Namungo FC had faced the Egyptian outfit in the past editions of the continental tournament.

Pyramids FC knocked Yanga out of the 2019/20 CAF Confederation Cup's play-

offs, beating the latter 2-1 in the first leg which took place in Mwanza.

The return leg, which was played in Cairo, saw Pyramids FC hand Yanga 3-0 defeat.

Yanga had landed the opportunity to compete in the playoffs after the outfit was eliminated by Zanaco FC of Zambia in the round of 32 of 2019/20 CAF Champions League.

Meanwhile, Biashara United FC head coach, Patrick Odhiambo, disclosed his squad has moved to a difficult stage in the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup.

Biashara United FC has made it to the second preliminary round of the showdown, bundling Djibouti's Dikhil FC out

with a 3-0 aggregate victory in the first preliminary round.

Odhiambo was optimistic the Mara-based club can do well if it gets better preparations for their next fixtures.

Biashara United edged Dikhil FC 1-0 when they faced off the first leg played in Djibouti. Biashara United later cruised to a 2-0 victory against the Djibouti side via a brace by midfielder, Ramadhani Chombo.

Odhiambo said there is a big difference between Dikhil FC and Libya's Al Ahly Tripoli, an outfit that will take on Biashara United in the second preliminary round.

Ancelotti on Madrid style: 'Winning comes first'

MADRID

REAL Madrid boss Carlo Ancelotti said "winning comes first" rather than playing with an entertaining style after his team grabbed late winners against Inter Milan and Valencia last week to maintain their impressive start to the season.

An 89th minute strike from Rodrygo gave Madrid a 1-0 victory over Inter at San Siro in their Champions League opener last Wednesday, while an 88th-minute Karim Benzema goal secured all three points when they faced Valencia at Mestalla in LaLiga on Sunday.

"Winning comes first. But you have more chances of winning if you play well," Ancelotti said in a news conference on Tuesday. "Then you have to consider: what does it mean to play well? The team that doesn't have the ball plays too. Playing well means defending well. The key word for me in football is balance, doing well with and without the ball.

"We can improve in the consistency of our play, and the defensive aspect.

"We've played six games, five of them away... We've played away in places like Seville, Valencia, Milan. This team has balls."

Madrid, who host Real Mallorca at the Bernabeu on Wednesday, are top of LaLiga with 13 points after five games, but the team's overall performances have not always been convincing.

When asked to define his style, Ancelotti said: "It's a very complicated question, I'd need time to explain it. A coach has to take into account the history and tradition of each club, evaluate the characteristics of the players, and then choose a style that takes into account those two things."

Ancelotti said he was unsurprised by media reports that Marco Asensio, who is yet to start a game this season, is unhappy with his lack of playing time.

"It could be that Asensio isn't happy, that's quite normal," Ancelotti said. "It would be abnormal for a player who doesn't play to be happy.

"If Asensio isn't happy, good. If Isco isn't happy, good. If [Luka] Jovic isn't happy, good... All the players who aren't playing are training well. That's more problems for me.

"Asensio, like Isco, like Jovic, will get minutes. Jovic played 10 minutes against Valencia and was important. Isco changed the dynamic of the match when he came on. That's what we need. I don't like players who don't play and are happy."

Ancelotti suggested he would make changes to the team that faces Mallorca but said it would be hard to rest the in-form Vinicius Junior, who has scored five goals in five league games this season.

"When a player is in form it's difficult, if there's no big problem of tiredness," he said. "At 20 years old, you can play two games in a row."

(Agencies)

Barcelona looking to replace Koeman - sources

BARCELONA

BARCELONA coach Ronald Koeman is expected to remain in charge for Thursday's trip to Cadiz, but the club are exploring options to replace him, sources told ESPN.

Koeman's position was further weakened by Monday's 1-1 draw at Camp Nou against Granada in LaLiga, which followed last week's 3-0 defeat to Bayern Munich in the Champions League.

Sources explain that president Joan Laporta held an hour-long emergency meeting with his board of directors after the Granada game as the doubts regarding Koeman's suitability continue.

However, the lack of alternatives available is preventing Laporta from making a rash decision before Barca travel to Cadiz, where they lost in the league last season. The president doesn't want an interim option, someone to come in for a few months or until the end of the season; he would like to appoint someone capable of building a long-term project at the club.

Jordi Cruyff, who returned to Barca in an advisory capacity this summer, has championed Belgium boss Roberto Martinez, while former midfielder Xavi Hernandez, coaching Al-Sadd in Qatar, is another option. Sources said another candidate is someone who has a history with the club.

Barca vice president Eduard Romeu said last week that money would not be a problem in terms of paying off Koeman, as had previously been suggested due to the club's financial problems, with gross debt standing at around €1.35 billion.

Barca remain unbeaten in LaLiga this season, with eight points from their four games following the draw with Granada.

Sources explain, though, that performances as much as results have increased the pressure on Koeman, who ended Monday's game with a makeshift front two of Luuk de Jong and defender Gerard Pique.

Barca made 54 crosses in the match, their highest tally in a LaLiga game since they made 55 against Malaga in 2016 and their second highest since the 2005-06 season.

"There wasn't space to play inside," Koeman reasoned after the game. "There was more space out wide and we had to fight for the second ball in the box. It's true we changed our style, but it's what the game required.

(Agencies)

Arteta's Arsenal struggles aren't unique: Why top assistants often struggle as managers

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

MIKEL Arteta is almost two years into his job as Arsenal manager, and he is by no means the first "next big thing" to discover that life on the touchline is not quite as straightforward as it seems when you're an ambitious assistant coach waiting for the chance to become the one who calls the shots.

Arteta goes into Sunday's North London derby against Tottenham at the Emirates with the Gunners having emerged from their worst start to a season in 128 years of league competition, but the storm clouds are still lingering.

Successive 1-0 wins against Norwich and Burnley have eased the sense of alarm after three straight defeats against Brentford, Manchester City and Chelsea, but for Arteta, his billing as one of the brightest young talents following three years as Pep Guardiola's assistant at City has certainly taken a battering during his 92 games as manager at the Emirates. (His 93rd will be Wednesday's Carabao Cup game against AFC Wimbledon.)

"All of the credit I had built up as assistant to Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester United evaporated after one game as a manager," former Middlesbrough and England manager Steve McClaren told ESPN. "We lost 4-0 at home to Arsenal, and everything went out of the window. Once you're a manager, everything changes."

McClaren, who was Ferguson's No.2 during United's Treble-winning season in 1998-99, is a rarity among assistant managers for successfully making the transition from coach to manager. The 60-year-old, now working alongside Wayne Rooney as technical director at Derby County, guided Middlesbrough to the EFL Cup in 2004, won an Eredivisie title in the Netherlands with FC Twente and managed the England national team, but even now, he's regarded as a failure by many simply because of the impossible standards set by Ferguson at United.

Many others since McClaren have found life as a manager too tough after leaving their role as trusted assistants to more celebrated managers. Paul Clement, who worked alongside Carlo Ancelotti at Real Madrid and Paris Saint-Germain, was sacked by Derby after just eight months in his first managerial role and has since lasted less than a year in charge of Swansea, Reading and Cercle Brugge.

Brian Kidd, McClaren's highly rated predecessor at United, was sacked after 11 months in charge of Blackburn Rovers after they were relegated from the Premier League. Ferguson has since said he feared that Kidd's personality was not suited



Mikel Arteta

to the hard decisions of management, saying in his autobiography, "Managing My Life," that "I would have had serious reservations about Brian ever taking charge of United. I suspect that the constant demand for hard, often unpopular, decisions would have put an intolerable strain on his temperament."

Carlos Queiroz is another who discovered that club management was a different scenario to assisting a legendary coach, with the Portuguese being sacked after just 10 months in charge of Real Madrid after quitting his role as Ferguson's number two at Old Trafford.

There are many more. Rui Faria and Aitor Karanka -- both prominent assistants to Jose Mourinho -- failed to succeed as managers, while Ray Harford lasted just a year in charge of Blackburn after replacing his boss, Kenny Dalglish, in the wake of the club's Premier League title success in 1995.

Bob Paisley proved an exception, leading Liverpool to unprecedented success after stepping up to replace Bill Shankly in 1974, but the modern era has proven to be much more difficult for assistants to navigate the path to becoming managers and many, from day one, are simply not cut out for the job.

"The leadership role is the reason why so many number twos fail to succeed as managers," Patrick Manhire, the Head of Executive Search at Sportsology, told ESPN. "Too many are unable to go from being a functional expert [coach] to having the responsibility of leading and empowering talented staff to fulfil their role.

"When we advise a team on hiring a Head Coach, General Manager or Sporting Director, there are four key themes which are crucial for any successful appointment.

"One: Are they coachable and prepared to take ideas from staff or ownership?

"Two: Are they self-reflective and open to change in terms of their approach?

"Three: Are they open-minded to feedback and prepared to get uncomfortable in order to progress?

"Four: Do they know what they are and what they are not? Basically, are they able to give staff, experts in their field, the autonomy to deliver?"

"And within all of that, they have to be able to forge relationships that enable them to manage relationships with the owner, the media, the stars of the team and the staff. Managing up, as well as down, is crucial."

Sources at City have told ESPN that Arteta was regarded as a significant loss when he left his role alongside Guardiola to replace Unai Emery at Arsenal in Dec. 2019. The former Arsenal midfielder was popular with the players, trusted by Guardiola and, according to one source, "a proper number two who would have his say."

There was even a widely held view, although not publicly confirmed by the City hierarchy, that Arteta was regarded as Guardiola's heir apparent as manager at the Etihad.

But those who have trod the path from coach to manager in the past insist it's always a shock to the system to take the top job.

"On my first day as a manager at Derby, I sat at my desk, realised how many decisions I had

to make and thought to myself, 'Wow, what the f--- have I done?!' Phil Brown, the former Bolton assistant manager, told ESPN. "I had been an assistant for almost 10 years at Blackpool and Bolton and had an invaluable education into management working under Colin Todd and Sam Allardyce, but there really is nothing that can prepare you for the unique challenges of being the manager.

"As a coach [assistant], it's pretty simple, really: you just coach. But as manager, you have to quickly realise that everything lands at your door and you have to make a decision on players, team selection, deal with the owners and also handle having to speak to different people in different departments about recruitment, why you need this player, why you need to get another player out. And when you lose, the fans only blame the manager.

"When I took charge of Hull City, I was given some priceless advice from Sir Alex Ferguson. He said if you get 7 out of 10 decisions right, you'll be OK. You can't get them all right, but sometimes a new manager needs to hear that. He also said to pick my battles. There are fights and challenges around every corner as a manager, but you have to let some of them go."

Arteta has seemingly been locked in one battle or another ever since arriving at the Emirates. The 39-year-old has en-

dured vocal criticism from supporters, had to deal with changes in senior management above him and has also struggled to offload unwanted players and replace them with the necessary quality due to financial restrictions exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Then there are the results, the ultimate barometer of any manager's job security. An FA Cup triumph in 2020 now seems a long time ago with Arsenal lying below mid-table in the Premier League after failing to qualify for Europe last season for the first time this century.

Sources have told ESPN that Arsenal are committed to Arteta and prepared to back him over the long-term, despite the negativity and noise generated by bad results, and McClaren insists that patience is crucial for him to survive.

"I lost my first four games at Middlesbrough," McClaren said. "We conceded 11 and scored once. The team was pointless and I was clueless, according to the headlines, but one thing all managers need is the time to impose their methods and build a squad of players capable of delivering.

"It took me three years to move on all the players I didn't want and replace them with top professionals such as Gareth Southgate, Ugo Ehiogu and Mark Schwarzer. The reality is that, to get the right

culture in place, you need players and staff who buy into it. You can see that Mikel is trying to do that at Arsenal, and all I hear within the game is that the owners are totally behind him and prepared to back him through what will undoubtedly be a tough period. But they will reap the benefits at the other end.

"He has a good backroom staff and, it seems, good owners. Both are absolutely crucial. When I was at Middlesbrough, the owner, Steve Gibson, called me and my coaches into the boardroom after a bad home defeat in which fans were throwing the season tickets onto the pitch. I prepared my staff for the worst, but when we arrived, Steve had placed five pints of lager on the bar and said, 'Have a drink guys, enjoy your weekend and get back to it on Monday.'"

The kind of patience and understanding displayed by Gibson -- renowned as one of football's most sensible owners -- is a rarity in the modern game, but sporting trends are highlighting the importance of stability in senior roles.

Chelsea, as ever, have proved themselves to be an exception to that rule, with managerial upheaval doing little to halt the production line of silverware at Stamford Bridge -- Tuchel is the 12th permanent manager since 2008, with the club winning four Premier League titles, two Champions League crowns and two Europa Leagues, among others -- but overall, patience equates to stability and success.

"Over the past 10 years in U.S. sports, you see that success, however it is measured, takes time," Manhire said.

"In MLS, the average is 2.6 years after change to senior management, including the GM, while it is 3.6 years in the NBA. In the NFL, it is 3.7 years. Constant change is like drinking through a fire-hose and it rarely leads to a successful outcome. But you also have to pick the right candidate for everything to work."

As for Arteta, he is still fighting to impose his methods and accelerate the evolution of his team in order for it to be good enough to deliver what he expects. It's just a question of time, and whether it is on his side or ultimately proves to be against him.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Azam FC eyes impressive league start

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DESPITE qualifying for the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup's second preliminary round against Pyramids FC of Egypt, Azam FC's technical bench has put the game on hold and turned its focus on the Mainland Tanzania Premier League for the 2021/21 season, which will officially start next week.

Azam FC cruised into the second preliminary round of the second tier of the continental club competitions, knocking Horseed FC of Somalia out with a 4-1 aggregate victory.

The Dar es Salaam outfit will now face Egypt's Pyramid FC in the second preliminary round, with the first leg match slated for October 15-17 this year at Azam Complex.

The rematch will take place in Cairo, Egypt between October 22-24 this year.

Azam FC assistant coach, Vivier Bahati, pointed out after finishing the first preliminary round of the continental competition, their minds and strengths are now in three league games before they face Pyramids FC.

He said they are currently looking at the league matches starting with their league kickoff against Coastal Union a game that will be played on September 27 this year.

After that, they will go to Kilimanjaro to play Polisi Tanzania and then return to Dar es Salaam to play against league contenders, Yanga.

"We need to do well this league season, fight to get all nine points and, after those matches, we will be stronger and start thinking about our international game against Pyramids FC," Bahati noted.

"League matches will help us to be stronger and better to meet the standards of our rivals Pyramids FC, a team with a lot of experience in this international tournament and touted as the big spenders with quality players and we need to do well to achieve our goals," the coach disclosed.

He added that their main goal this season is to make sure they do better in the Premier League, which is dominated by multi-team registration, and they will also be determined to reap points in every match as well as do well in CAF Confederation Cup by advancing to the group stage.

"You will not be able to get to that point if there is no plan to win the previous matches by starting. We must work on the mistakes we have made in previous matches," Bahati stated.

Azam FC lastly won the Premier League was in 2013/14 season, which is their only league title, and have been struggling to reach that milestone for several seasons now with no success, but with this season's signings, Azam FC is expected to turn into a force to be reckoned with.

Last season Azam FC finished third in Mainland Premier League standings, preceded by second-placed Yanga and Simba SC, which lifted the silverware for the fourth consecutive time.

Yanga leads 2020/21 Premier League matches' attendance charts



Yanga fans cheer during the 'Wananchi Day', the culmination of a week of social activities held by the club, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on August 29 this year. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga, was the highest-attended club in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League during the 2020/21 season despite finishing second, according to recent figures.

Despite seeing improvements following a massive clearance and new signings in August last year, Yanga's season fizzled out, in the end, to extend their league title drought to four years.

The club went through three coaches. They began the season with former Zambia's Zesco United coach, Zlatko

Krmpotic, who was fired after only five games.

The Serbian was succeeded by Burundian, Cedric Kaze, who lasted until the end of February this year.

They finished the campaign with a Tunisian coach in charge, Mohamed Nabi.

Although the club struggled on the pitch, they were well-supported by

the fans at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and Uhuru Stadium throughout the campaign.

According to figures from Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB), Yanga welcomed an average of 8,334 supporters to each of their 17 league matches last season.

The Green and Yellow squad had a cumulative fans attendance of 141,681

ahead of age-old rivals, Simba SC, which came second with a 3,163 fans gap.

Yanga also grossed 986,826/- from gate collections in league games- higher than any other team in the top flight.

Dodoma Jiji FC recorded the third-highest average attendances at the outfit's Jamhuri Stadium (27,455).

Namungo FC witnessed

the lowest crowds with an accumulative crowd of 10758 watching their home matches.

The Mainland Tanzania Premier League had a cumulative fans attendance of 576540 for the entire 2020/21 season.

The 2020/21 season came to a close on July 18, with Simba SC being crowned champions for the fourth consecutive time.

The entire league grossed 3.5bn/- in gate collection.

Mainland Tanzania Premier League attendances during the 2020-21 season:

1. Yanga- (141,681),
2. Simba SC-(138,518),
3. Dodoma Jiji FC-(27,455),
4. JKT Tanzania-(25,062),
5. Mwadui FC-(22,232),
6. Coastal Union-(22,023),
7. Mbeya City FC-(20,298),
8. Polisi Tanzania-(20,201),
9. Ihefu SC-(19,903),
10. Ruvu Shooting-(18,930).

- The last eight include:
11. Prisons-(18,360),
 12. Kagera Sugar-(17,307),
 13. Gwambina FC-(16,536),
 14. Mtibwa Sugar-(16,240),
 15. KMC FC-(15,703),
 16. Biashara United-(13,868),
 17. Azam FC-(11,465),
 18. Namungo FC-(10,758).

Horizon Annadil Burhani cricketers now garner first win in DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

HORIZON Annadil Burhani cricket outfit has posted its first win in 2021 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament, commanding a 19-run win over Balakrishna Strikers in a clash, which took place last Sunday.

After their recent close affair against tournament hosts, Alliance Caravans, Horizon Annadil Burhani was set out to play against Balakrishna Strikers, which was also looking for redemption after losing the side's previous two matches.

Horizon Annadil Burhani and Balakrishna Strikers sit in the bottom two spots in Group A and were hoping to register their first win of the tournament.

Balakrishna Strikers won the crucial toss and elected to field first, limiting Horizon Annadil Burhani to 102 runs in 20 overs losing eight wickets.

Their bowlers seemed unplayable and knocked over Horizon Annadil Burhani's batsmen one after the other.

Quresh Karimjee played a brilliant knock of 44 runs in 48 deliveries and the target was set at 103 runs which seemed easily achievable for such a team like Balakrishna Strikers' stature.

Balakrishna Strikers were assisted greatly by Ramesh Aluri's exceptional bowling performance, taking four wickets



Horizon Annadil Burhani cricket side's Murtaza Kaderbhai (R) receives the Colourflex Man of the Match award from Alliance Insurance's Managing Director, KVA Krishnan, once the side confronted Balakrishna Strikers in a 2021 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament tie, which took place early this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

and only giving away five runs in four overs.

Needing 103 runs to come out victorious, Balakrishna Strikers' opener, Issa Kikasi (20 runs in 28 balls), looked set to lead the team to glory.

However, his wicket cost the team dearly as the batsmen that followed could not manage to stabilize the team and they were knocked over for just 83 runs in 19.2 overs.

Balakrishna Strikers' batting

efforts collapsed quickly under the pressure exerted by Horizon Annadil Burhani's bowling unit.

Murtaza Kaderbhai and Firoz Dahodwala took three wickets apiece in their outfit's bowling onslaught, with the former receiving the Colourflex Man of the Match award for his efforts in destabilizing the opposition.

Horizon Annadil Burhani has been one of the most resilient teams in this year's Petrofuel

DC Caravans T20 Cup.

Qualifying from Division B and playing against the teams in the top tier of Tanzania cricket in the showdown, is no small feat for the club.

Horizon Annadil Burhani cricketers have constantly improved themselves, causing a few scares along the way.

As the dust settles, Balakrishna Strikers will be looking for answers as to how such a strong team on paper has not man-

aged to register a single win yet.

They will be looking forward to their last match of the group stage against hosts, Alliance Caravans, for consolation.

The DC Caravans T20 Cup has been held annually since 2015. Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the co-sponsors.

This year's tournament features the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model, with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers and hosts, Alliance Caravans.

Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga are the other contenders.

Other sponsors of the tournament include NGK Gathani, Jihusu, Flashnet, RAS Logistics, Mlimani City, AOne Bottlers, Kishen Enterprises, Samaki Samaki, Delta Africa, DeepHeat, and GI Security.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

