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Samia warns staff leaking government documents

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has warned personal secretaries and archivists from engaging in corrupt acts and leaking secret government documents, saying those found culpable will be severely punished.

Opening the Tanzania Personal Secretaries Association (TAPSEA) annual general meeting (AGM). The president expressed concern that at times, some dishonest personal secretaries and archivists are tempted with money thus leaking secret government documents.

"You find the documents in social networks. Where do these people get them? You must stop

such conduct as it damages the government's image. It is annoying to see documents signed by the permanent secretary circulating in social media. These are government documents; they wouldn't be anywhere if not you leaking them," she told the gathering.

Personal secretaries must ensure that government secrets are properly kept as the security of documents is in their hands, she said. "Our safety is in your hands, betrayals will be punished accordingly because such conducts is unacceptable," she declared

"Let us unite and work together to achieve the targeted goals," she urged, telling personal

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives a gift from Tanzania Association of Special Secretaries chairperson Zuhura Songambe Maganga (L) at the association's annual general meeting held in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House



German firms exploring Dar as regional tech hub

By Correspondent James Kandoya

SEVEN German laboratory technology companies are in the country to explore investment opportunities view - a view to making Tanzania a technology hub in sub-Saharan Africa

German Ambassador Regine Hess (pictured) affirmed this yesterday in a two days conference in Dar es Salaam on German laboratory technology for Tanzania, organised by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK)

Companies are showcasing their laboratory technologies, services and solutions to the local private sector and public institutions, with the envoy remarking that Tanzania is already an important market for Germany laboratory technology.

There is further potential, so the companies seek to explore the market, improve existing business outlays or for some of them, enter the promising market, she stated, highlighting German-Tanzania ties in that sphere, and the importance of laboratory technology for the country's development.

At present, Germany was already the leading supplier of laboratory technology to Tanzania as its technology is known to be innovative, highly robust, precise and reliable.

Dr Fadi Younis, a representative of the Analytik Jena GmH, one among the visiting companies, said that Tanzania was vital for German companies as a

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US joins govt efforts to take Covid-19 jabs cover to 70pc

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government yesterday launched the Global Vaccine Access (Global Vax) initiative, a programme supported by the United States, to facilitate the vaccination of 70 percent of eligible Tanzanians by end of September.

Health Minister Umyu Mwalimu said at the launching ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday that this initiative will help to enhance public resilience in the face of the unending pandemic.

Since the pandemic was declared in March 2020 the government has worked to improve infrastructure in lower level health facilities and strengthen services in border areas.

The \$25m (58bn/-) new initiative is a new



The US government is the largest vaccine donor to Tanzania and has already donated nearly five million vaccines to date

chapter in the fight against Covid-19 aiming at increasing vaccine access and uptake countrywide, expected to rapidly accelerate vaccination rates.

The intent is to support the government to reach its goal of vaccinating 70 percent of eligible people up from 15 percent at present, with a component on mobilizing hard-to-reach rural populations, strengthening health care workers' ability to support vaccination efforts while monitoring vaccine safety, data and other analytics.

Global VAX is a US government effort to help Tanzania and other 11 priority countries in Sub Saharan Africa meet the global goal to vaccinate

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Ministry to expand varsities' health, agro-tech capacities

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE government is set to build new university campuses for agriculture, health and technology studies with hostels and laboratories in the 2022/23 financial year, the National Assembly was told yesterday.

Omari Kipanga (pictured), the deputy minister for Education, Science and Technology made this observation in unveiling the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) programme to address the shortage of infrastructure in higher learning institutions teaching those key courses.

The five-year programme (2021/2026) is based on a World Bank soft loan totaling \$425m, starting



in September last year following successful conclusion of talks on funding with the global lender.

New campuses will be built for the Butiama-based Mwalimu Julius Nyerere University of Agriculture and Technology, to create capacity of admitting 5,620 students, he said, responding to Dr Paulina Nahato (Special Seats), demanding the ministry's initiatives in the next fiscal year to address students' accommodation shortage in higher learning institutions.

Kipanga said the ministry shall build a new University of Dar es Salaam campus in Lindi Region with capacity for 360 students, a new campus at Mloganzila for the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, accommodating 11,000 students.

A new Mizengo Pinda campus for the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) will be built in Katavi region to accommodate 2,500 higher

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staff to keep their bosses' secrets well. "You have been trusted to be placed in such offices. Whatever comes in for your boss should be kept as a secret," urging secretaries to "learn to wait for things to happen before you congratulate or say sorry to anyone," as leaking information will not make you a good and trusted secretary.

She stated that when addressing delegates of a similar conference in 2017, she warned personal secretaries and archivists to avoid leaking government documents or sharing information with other people.

Successes of heads of departments and directors are influenced by appropriate conduct of their personal assistants, as often bosses are failed by dishonest personal secretaries and archivists, she reiterated.

"When you work diligently it helps your bosses to also perform their duties properly. Your failure is our failure," she said, insisting that a personal secretary must be professional and honest.

"When you lack integrity you are no longer a trusted one. You have been given that name for the special work you do," she stated.

"Integrity is to self-respect and respecting the part of the job you are in and respecting the roles of colleagues. But integrity is also about doing your job on time" she stated, pointing out the government has set aside funds for training, meeting attendance and educational improvement.

The president said leaders must allocate budgets, instructing Jenista

Mhagama, the Minister of State in the President's Office, (Public Service Management and Good Governance), to work on the promotions and payment of personal secretaries.

The minister must ensure that personal secretaries are promoted as it is for other cadres and if there are arrears they must be settled, she said, similarly directing the leadership at the Tabora Secretarial College to work on producing disciplined personal secretaries, serving public officials with acumen.

"It's time the college dwells on how to produce disciplined graduates from our colleges, who can be employed anywhere in this country," she stated.

Zanzibar Chief Secretary Zena Ahmed Said urged employers to provide opportunities for personal secretaries to attend scheduled meetings, while minister Mhagama said the revised structure of the public service cadre particularly for personal secretaries will be implemented in the 2022/23 financial year.

Innocent Bashungwa, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), instructed directors in local government authorities and ministerial departments to allow personal secretaries to participate in TAPSEA meetings.

TAPSEA chairperson Zuhura Maganga lauded President Samia for increasing salaries as well as pointing out problems faced by personal secretaries, including employers not setting out training budgets for the secretary cadre.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (2nd-R) attends the ongoing United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm yesterday. Photo: VPO

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70 percent of the world population against Covid-19 in the course of this year.

US Ambassador Dr Donald Wright said Global VAX resources will boost Tanzania's Covid-19 vaccination efforts, as the US will work in collaboration with the government, COVAX, and other bilateral and multilateral donors.

"The initiative builds on President

US joins govt efforts to take Covid-19 jabs cover to 70pc

Joe Biden's commitment to donate more than 1.2bn vaccine doses around the world by the end of 2022," he said, noting that the US also works to intensify efforts to get shots in arms.

The US government is the largest vaccine donor to Tanzania and has already donated nearly five million vaccines to date, he stated.

The Global VAX will support a

diverse array of activities tailored in consultation with the government, to ensure that the vaccine doses arriving in-country are delivered to people quickly, safely and equitably, he added.

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stable, fast growing state with a healthy economy.

"Tanzania needs technology and therefore, it is the right place to invest in laboratory technology," he said, affirming that the company chose Tanzania as a hub from which the firms will extend to the rest of the Sub-Saharan region.

Dr Ashatu Kijaji, the minister for Investment, Industry and Trade invited the German business community to invest in laboratory equipment and chemicals for the wider East African community market, underlining that reliable technology was indispensable in agro-processing, mining, road building, oil and gas, along with pharmaceuticals and health care.

In a competitive environment, the world is witnessing an increase in demand for consumer protective systems, with German laboratory technology being part of this initiative, she said, emphasizing the government's encouragement of collaborative discussion to spearhead access to reliable technology nationwide.

Credible accredited laboratories

will enable Tanzania meet criteria for international accreditation that is necessary for the international market, without which the country's firms cannot penetrate internal and regional markets.

Dr Christian Zankiewicz from the Sub-Saharan Africa desk of the embassy said that Germany views Africa including Tanzania as a zone of opportunities. The trade volume between the two countries grew by 10 percent in 2018, he said, pointing out that at present Tanzania and Kenya offer great potentials for Germany bioanalytical and laboratory technology.

German products and solutions, especially in the field of specialized equipment and applications, are highly regarded and in demand, he said, noting that EAC partner states Kenya and Tanzania "are among the strongest and most dynamic economies in sub-Saharan Africa."

In recent years, both countries have recorded steady economic growth, which ranges far above the global and the African in average, the analyst added.



Health minister Umyy Mwalimu (2nd-R), Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Amos Makalla (R), World Health Organisation Country (Tanzania) representative Zabulon Yoti (L) and US Embassy representative Anathy Yagam jointly press a knob to launch the US government's plan of access to the Global Vax Vaccine in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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targets renovating 19 higher learning institutions by building 34 student hostels to accommodate 9,042 students, build 130 conference halls accommodating a total of 27,254 learners at a time.

A total of 7,850 laboratories will be constructed in different universities and colleges, with construction of 23 scientific conference halls and 10 incubation centers specifically targeted, he added.

Generally, the HEET program

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) in the Southern Highlands Zone has instructed owners of all entertainment facilities and other areas with large assemblies of people including markets to allocate special areas for smokers aimed at protecting public health and inconveniences experienced by non-smokers.

TMDA also plans to investigate to identify types of alcohol or narcotics that are claimed to be mixed with 'shisha' following claims that many people who indulge in the stuff get highly intoxicated and quickly.

TMDA tasks owners of entertainment venues to allocate rooms for smokers

This was discussed yesterday by TMDA manager for Southern Highlands Zone, Anitha Mshingati in a special interview with this paper in regard to their strategy to educate the public on the use of cigarettes and tobacco.

She said the strategies for this year include educating the public on the adverse effects of tobacco in the human body as well as stressing on courteous use of cigarettes not to bother nonsmokers.

"When we marked World Cigarettes

Day on May 31 this year, we had a chance for joint discussions and have plans to save people's lives because cigarette smoking is among main causes for non-communicable diseases including various types of cancers," said Mshingati.

She added that the exercise to educate the public on the hazardous effects of smoking will begin July this year by visiting all entertainment halls in the Southern Highlands regions, as well as calling for the halls owners to

allocate special rooms for smokers. She said after the education TMDA will begin making inspections to ensure the instructions had been implemented, and added that steps will be taken for all those who will not implement the directives.

Some residents of Mbeya City, including Agripina Butusyo hailed TMDA for coming up with the instructions saying it will save nonsmokers from cigarette fumes in entertainment halls.



Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega (R) has a word with NMB Bank Plc officers earlier this week when he visited the bank's pavilion during the closure of the Tanzania Dairy Board exhibitions held in Katavi Region. He praised the bank for expressing readiness to issue soft-term loans to farmers and pastoralists. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

France plans to use academic tourism to enhance diplomatic links with Tanzania

By Henry Mwangonde

FRENCH government has expressed intention to use academic tourism to cement diplomatic relations and promote knowledge and technology transfer with Tanzania.

Ambassador of France to Tanzania, Nabil Hajlaoui made the remarks when he hosted the second event of France-Alumni to celebrate and honor the ties with the Alumni.

The envoy said the country receives about half a million students from around the globe to study in France every year saying this was the best way of diplomacy because in the process the students exchange culture, knowledge and knowhow.

"France foresees to invest about \$4.2 billion in Tanzania in the coming years so we bank on a skilled labour force and this is the way to go," he said.

The ceremony was followed by a testimony from each of the three Tanzanian students who have been awarded scholarship for 2022-2023 academic years by the French government.

This cocktail will gather French companies based in Tanzania, students who received the French government Scholarship in the past years, and students who will go to France to further their studies from September 2022.

The goal of this event is to pursue the actions launched in 2019 to strengthen France Alumni network in Tanzania, build relationships and partnerships with students in Tanzania who have had the opportunity to study or follow a special programme in France.

In Tanzania France-Alumni was officially launched in 2019 in order to gather a Francophile community in the

country. France-Alumni network aims at creating an engaged and supportive alumni network, to share information about work and collaboration opportunities after studies in France, as well as to inform Tanzanians about cultural and linguistic events.

France-Alumni is a global network with more than 340 000 subscribers in the world. France Alumni is a worldwide network of former students and professionals who have studied, lived and often worked in France in the past years.

The participants can register on a digital platform www.francealumni.fr, a platform generated and hosted by Campus France (www.campusfrance.org), the French operator in charge of the promotion of studies in France around the world.

The Alumni now boasts more than 400 registered members on the Tanzanian France alumni website and are calling for many others to join.

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By Guardian Reporter

EATV and Radio campaign get set to contribute 5,000 sanitary pads

KIGAMBONI district commissioner, Fatma Almasi Nyangasa has said that in commemorating World Menstrual Hygiene Day today, the community is supposed to recognise that it has the responsibility to work on challenges facing girls.

The DC made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam when launching the 'Namthamini Nasimama Naye' campaign at Kibugumo and Kidete Secondary Schools run by East African Television (EATV) and Radio aimed at contributing sanitary pads to reach 5,000 students countrywide.

She said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been on the front line in making sure challenges facing girls are dealt with hence Tanzanians have to support her.

She hailed all stakeholders who

support these efforts including EATV and Radio by organising the campaign that aims to help girls to continue with their studies without hindrances.

For his part, EATV and radio representative, Millicent Laswai, speaking on behalf of the managing director Regina Mengi, said the campaign began in 2017 after receiving reports that between 50 and 60 students discontinue with their studies every year due to lack of sanitary pads.

She said the campaign has helped to break the taboo in regard to menstrual hygiene by reaching 15 regions including Arusha, Kagera, Dar

es Salaam, Lindi, Coast, Tabora, Tanga and Singida.

She appealed to the government to remove tax on sanitary pads because their needs are huge especially for students who aim to realise their life dreams.

She added that EATV and Radio are working together with other stakeholders in the campaign, including the Oyster Bay Rotary Club, CRDB Bank, Amref Tanzania, RSK, HC pads and Kilimanjaro Water.

For his part, the representative from CRDB Bank, Isaya Lyimo said they have been assisting stakeholders in the

education sector by providing teaching tools, classrooms and sanitary pads.

He said they are collaborating with other stakeholders in providing 3m/- in support of the campaign.

AMREF Tanzania representative Witness Katana said they have provided sanitary pads to 18 local councils via the campaign as well as contributing 5m/-.

Meanwhile, TNGP representative Hellen Urrio said they are stakeholders in menstrual hygiene and they empower women in the community to identify various challenges facing women including menstrual hygiene.



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MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT, INDUSTRY AND TRADE
BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSING AGENCY



NOTICE TO PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SERVICE ON BEHALF OF COMPANIES INCORPORATED OUTSIDE TANZANIA
(Made under section 441(2) and (3) of the Companies Act, Cap. 212)

Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) is in the process of updating company information and records into the Online Registration System (ORS). To accomplish this exercise, the Registrar of Companies has decided to invoke the powers granted to him under section 441 of the Companies Act, Cap. 212, by striking off the name of the companies incorporated outside Tanzania which have failed to submit Financial Statements in accordance with section 438 of the Companies Act, Cap. 212. Such companies shall be deemed not to maintain a place of business in Tanzania.

A Ninety (90) days' notice from the date of publication of this Notice is hereby given by the Registrar of Companies to persons authorized to accept service on behalf of companies incorporated outside Tanzania listed in the BRELA website to prove that they still maintain a place of business in Tanzania. Failure to comply to this Notice, the Registrar shall strike the name of the company off the Register in accordance with section 441(3) of the Companies Act, Cap. 212.

Proposed list of Companies incorporated outside Tanzania to be struck off is accessible through www.brela.go.tz.

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NOTICE TO OWNERS OF REGISTERED COMPANIES
(Made under section 400(1) of the Companies Act, Cap. 212)


Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) is in the process of updating company information and records into the Online Registration System (ORS). To accomplish this exercise, the Registrar of Companies has decided to invoke the powers granted to him under section 400 of the Companies Act, Cap. 212 by striking off defunct companies from the Register of Companies. Companies that have failed to file Annual Returns in accordance with section 128 of the Companies Act, Cap. 212 shall be deemed to be defunct companies.

A thirty (30) days' notice from the date of publication of this Notice is hereby given by the Registrar of Companies to all companies listed in the BRELA website to prove that they are still carrying on business or in operation. Failure to comply to this Notice, the Registrar shall strike the name of the company off the Register in accordance with section 400(3) of the Companies Act, cap. 212.

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Dividend Declaration Notice

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of TZS 29.8 per share in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2021 has been proposed by the Board of Directors. Pursuant to this declaration, shareholders are advised to observe the following:

Dividend Declaration Date:	26th May 2022
Trading of shares cum Dividend:	26th May 2022 to 14th June 2022
Trading of shares Ex Dividend:	15th June 2022 onwards
Closure of the Members Register:	17th June 2022
(Books Closure Date)	
Dividend Payment Date:	5th July 2022

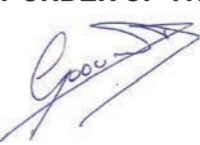
Shareholders are requested to submit and update their payment details at the Share Registry Office to enable the timely payment of their dividends.

The contact details of the Shares Registry Office are as follows:

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES
NORTH WEST GRID - 400KV NYAKANAZI - KIGOMA TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Loan No. 2000200002754
Project ID No.: P-TZ-FA0-013
Issued on: 3rd June, 2022

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ESMP
AUDITING UNDER 400KV NYAKANAZI - KIGOMA TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

REFERENCE NO. PA/001/2021-22/HQ/C/04

- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) has applied for financing from the African Development Bank and intends to apply part of the agreed amount of this loan for payments under the Contract on Consultancy Services for ESMP Auditing under 400kV Nyakanazi - Kigoma Transmission Line Project.
- The Consultancy Services aim to support the Client on Consultancy Services for ESMP Auditing under 400kV Nyakanazi - Kigoma Transmission Line Project to comply with Bank's requirements for the projects being undertaken packaged as Component A, Component B and Component C who will work for Project Implementation Unit (PIU), which has been established to support the implementation of this particular project.
- TANESCO now invites eligible Individual Consultants to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Individual Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - At least a Master's degree in Environmental and Social Development related disciplines with working experience on health and safety issues;
 - Must be registered with National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to undertake Environmental Audit studies in the country;
 - A minimum of Eight (8) years of relevant professional experience in environmental, social, health and safety auditing. Experience in the broad areas of environmental and social assessment, health and safety assessment and in environmental, social, health and safety management and monitoring, is an advantage;
 - Experience in developing and managing the implementation of ESIA's, ESMP's, HS RAP's in AfDB and other DFI financed projects; and
 - Experience in the project host country would be an added advantage.

- The evaluation criteria for eligible individual consultant will be as tabulated below and the minimum pass mark will be **75 points**.

Evaluation Criteria	Points	Description and Points		
General Experience A minimum of Eight (8) years of relevant professional experience in environmental, social, health and safety auditing. Experience in the broad areas of environmental social, health and safety assessments and in environmental, social, health and safety management and monitoring	50	The number of years in general experience		
		X>12	12≥X>10	10≥X>8
		100%	90%	80%
		The number of projects in specific experience		
Specific Experience Experience in environmental, social, health and safety auditing, experience in environmental, social, health and safety assessments and in environmental, social, health and safety management and monitoring in High Voltage Transmission Line and Substation Projects	30	X>4	4≥X>2	2≥X>1
		100%	90%	80%
		The number of financed projects by AfDB and other DFI		
		X>4	4≥X>2	2≥X>1
Experience in developing and managing the implementation of ESIA's, ESMP's, RAP's in AfDB and other DFI financed projects	15	100%	90%	80%
		Experience in the project host country at least one project would be an added advantage		
Experience in the project host country at least one project would be an added advantage	5	Host country	Africa	Outside Africa
		100%	80%	70%

Criteria will be evaluated subject to compliance of qualification experience for a consultant of at least a Master's degree in Environmental and Social Development related disciplines with working experience on health and safety issues and Must be registered with National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to undertake Environmental Audit studies in the country.

- The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment is available on the TANESCO website <https://www.tanESCO.co.tz/index.php/procurement/current-tenders>.
- The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants" May 2008 Edition revised July 2012, which is available on the Bank's website. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consultant does not imply any obligation on the part of the client to include it in the shortlist.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 Hours up to 1600 Hours East African Time on Monday to Friday inclusive, except on public holidays:

Secretary - Tender Board
Street Address: Umeme Park Building, Ubungo,
Third Floor, Room No. 305,
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ZIP Code: P. O. Box 9024,
Country: Tanzania.
Telephone Tel: 255 (22) 2451145/2452172; + (255) 782 376147
Email: sec.tenderboard@tanESCO.co.tz; pmuprojects@tanESCO.co.tz.
- Qualified and interested candidates who meet the required **qualification and experience** are invited to submit updated CV and cover letter explaining their motivation and why they are suited for the assignment to TANESCO PIU before **2nd June, 2022 at 10:30 Hours East African Time**.
- Interested Individual Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by submitting **consultant's profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills**.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below on or before **2nd June, 2022 at 10:30 Hours East African Time**. Electronic submission will not be permitted. Late Expressions of interest will be rejected. Expressions of interest will be publicly opened in the presence of the Applicants' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend:

Secretary - Tender Board
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Third Floor, Room No. 305,
City: Dar es Salaam,
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'Think up policies on the use of organic fertilisers'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

FARMERS and producers of organic fertiliser in Mbeya and Songwe regions have appealed to the government to formulate policies that will mobilise for ecological farming that will encourage the use of the organic fertiliser for crops production and environmental protection.

The call was made on Wednesday this week by farmers and stakeholders involved in crops production at a meeting that discussed on how ecological farming can benefit farmers' crops yields and increase soil nutrients.

Tujolege Mwakisunga, a rice farmer from Ndozo village in Kyela District said the government should form better systems for ecological farming that will benefit farmers saying

experience from last farming season showed that crops harvests increased by the use of organic fertilisers.

Mwakisunga said price hike in farming inputs has brought up innovators in organic fertiliser production by using animal manure hence he added; it was the right time to support their efforts to increase crops production.

He said ecological farming through demonstration farms they established brought big hopes as organic fertiliser yields huge harvests of crops compared to industrial fertilisers, hence a policy should be formulated to mobilise its use.

Mababu Ward Agriculture Officer, Benjamin Mwajumba said ecological farming has been beneficial to farmers due to the rising prices of industrial fertilisers.

An expert on the crops value chain from Advancing Agricultural Agenda for Smallholder Producers (ANSAP) Owen Nelson said research made in the farming sector discovered the existence of benefits in ecological farming using organic fertiliser.

"The issue is for farmers to abide by professional advice in production and also the government should see the importance of having policies for improving agriculture to be recognized within and outside the country to enable access to international markets," he said.

Representative from Mbeya Regional agricultural Office, Adam Mhagama said the main challenge is that extension officers have been educating farmers on the use of industrial fertilisers instead of organic fertilisers that are cheap to them.



Tanzania Tourist Board official William Halule pictured yesterday briefing students of Tanga Region's Mwapachu Secondary School who visited the TTB pavilion at the trade and tourism exhibition in progress in Tanga city. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

UCSAF to connect 1,235 wards to mobile communication network

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

A TOTAL of 1,235 wards countrywide are expected to be connected to communication services from Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) by November this year aimed at making sure reliable mobile communication is available in rural areas.

UCSAF Manager for Southern Highlands Zone, Eng Richard Sotery disclosed this here on Wednesday to media outlets and reporters, saying the efforts aim to have reliable mobile communication services at all times.

Sotery said the government, through the fund, provides subsidies to mobile

phone providers to take mobile phone, radio and television services to the people, especially those not normally reached easily.

"In the circumstances, we have entered into agreement with service providers to reach 1,235 wards countrywide to be connected by November this year and that 936 wards have already been connected to communication towers, while work on the rest was continuing," he said.

In regard to border areas that have difficulty in accessing mobile and radio communication including Kyela District, Sotery said efforts were underway to ensure they install robust infrastructure to stop communication

interference from neighbouring countries.

He said training for empowering media people will assist in sending messages to the people about UCSAF activities.

Meanwhile, Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera appealed to reporters to inform the public on UCSAF activities to enable them get the correct information in regard to the ongoing implementation of various communication projects.

He also called on UCSAF to organise another training session to iron out reporters on the better way to write story headlines to attract readers in the online TVs whose number were now fast increasing.

By Guardian Correspondent, Namtumbo

NAMTUMBO District Commissioner in Ruvuma Region, Dr Julius Ningu has called on district's residents to identify all those who were engaged in misleading others on the Population and Housing Census, saying steps will be taken against them.

Addressing members of the district Census Committee, Dr Ningu called upon them to make sure they closely follow up and identify people who mislead others about the census slated for August 23 this year.

The DC also told census committee members there are reports that in the 2012 Census there were people whose main preoccupation was to mislead others, but in regard to this year's census exercise, he stressed for them not to allow the repetition of that.

Zuberi Lihuwi, the Secretary of

Identify people 'misleading' others on census, orders DC

Namtumbo Member of Parliament Lihuwi claimed that personally he did not believe in population figures for the district from the 2012 census were authentic because many residents were not enumerated.

Glory Lwomile, Namtumbo District Magistrate also assured the DC that groups of people discouraging others not to be counted come from outside the district.

She said in the 2012 Census she had a hard time after the court remanded some people who were not residents of the district after they were found to be telling others not to get counted.

Namtumbo district census coordinator, Kun Ntini told committee members that preparations for the exercise were in full swing and that so far the work done includes the forming of census committees at district, ward, and village levels and publishing of job opportunities for the exercise.

He said the number of short term job applicants has reached 2,277, including 1,741 census clerks.



Agnes Kaganda, Exim Bank Tanzania's head of branch network, makes remarks at a dinner the bank hosted earlier this week for its clients in Shinyanga municipality. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TARI satisfied with fruit seedlings planting at girls' school in Arusha

By Guardian Correspondent, Tengeru

THE Tengeru centre of the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Tengeru) Manager, Dr Shimwela Mpoki, has expressed satisfaction with regard to the development of fruits seedling block at Arusha Girls High School in Arusha city.

Speaking at the school during his visit Tuesday, Dr Mpoki said the visit is the result of the agreement between TARI and the office of Arusha Urban Member of Parliament, Mrisho Gambo regarding the distribution of 30,000 seedlings to various schools in the city aimed at improving schools' environment and as nutrition to students.

During the visit, experts from TARI-Tengeru had the opportunity to give professional advice to the school's leadership, including increasing the speed for digging holes and placing of fertiliser for the seedlings.

Out of the 30,000 seedlings, Arusha Girls High School received 1,415 seedlings for various fruits, while the exercise for distributing the seedlings to other schools in the city was still continuing.

Also, the school's assistant headmistress thanked TARI for its efforts to assist the community and pledged for more cooperation in the proper upkeep of the trees.

Meanwhile, Dr Mpoki used the occasion to hand over to the school

various vegetable seeds including spinach and tomatoes aimed at increasing nutrition to students' diet.

He said provision of seedlings and seeds at the school is part of TARI plan to make sure the technology they researched on reach those targeted for the general benefit of farming.

He added that TARI-Tengeru is set to provide training to the school on how to plant the vegetable seeds in accordance with regulations regarding better farming practices.

TARI contributes in the attainment of Agricultural Sector Development Programme and the Malabo Protocol in poverty and hunger alleviation through farming and environmental protection.



Head of Strategy

Our client CRDB Bank Plc, is the leading bank in Tanzania with Tzs 1.0 Trillion Total Capital and Tzs 7.2 Trillion Total assets in the country. With a wide network of 223 branches, 581 ATMs, 17,031 Agents, 2,525 Merchants and 21 Mobile Branches the Bank offers comprehensive Corporate, Retail, Business, Treasury, Premier, and wholesale microfinance services. CRDB's history of strong leadership and culture of innovation led it to receive "B1 stable outlook" by Moody's - the highest rating to have been acquired by banks or financial institutions in sub-Saharan Africa.

CRDB is in the third year of its transformation journey, which focuses on becoming a leader in futuristic digital banking, improving customer experience and reducing cost-to-income ratio. The Bank is therefore looking for an experienced and effective leader, with strong business acumen and exemplary ethics to join the Transformation Department as a Head of Strategy reporting to the Director of Business Transformation under the CEO's office. The Head of Strategy will be responsible for leading the strategy management office and overseeing all strategy formulation and execution activities of the group. He/She will be responsible for obtaining and evaluating information about the industry and market trends, competitive threats, and possible business opportunities. He/She must be aware of potential changes in the market that may affect any areas of the group's operations. In addition, he/she must learn and understand the internal culture and capabilities of the bank to be able to deliver appropriately.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

The specific responsibilities of the Head of Strategy at CRDB include:

Leadership/Supervisory Role:

- Provide leadership to strategy management teams and develops strategic and transformational moves across the business.
- Lead the development and implementation of the business's strategic objectives in sensitive and high-value business development activities.
- Facilitate cross-functional team collaborations and support executive leadership and stakeholders in developing business strategies, inclusive of long-term goals and objectives.
- Supports top business leaders across the bank in solving high priority operational issues by driving the communication and development of suitable strategies and goals.

Strategy Definition/Planning/Performance Management:

- Leads the design of strategy across various high-value business projects within the business.
- Drives the strategic planning process and acts as a trusted advisor to the executive leadership and relevant stakeholders during strategy formulation, development, and execution.
- Lead development of yearly strategies and goals of the parent and subsidiaries, establish measurement criteria to monitor the performance of established strategies consistently, identify deficiencies, and avail actionable solutions.
- Collaborate with executives, senior management, and stakeholders across the group to ensure that the strategies are aligned to advance the overall business strategy.
- Collaborate with Program Office and Transformation Office to drive the business's key strategic initiatives on various banks' projects and transformation agendas.
- Perform strategic studies to spearhead the adoption of strategic and emerging technologies to drive digital adoption and innovation across the group.

Analytics:

- Defines the business's analytical and financial analytical frameworks to conduct analyses and resolve critical business issues.

- Periodically, performs thorough evaluations of business opportunities through analysis of potential business, competitive analysis, financial analysis, market analysis, performance analysis, and technology platforms, and presents the best way forward.
- Provide the senior management and other stakeholders with key insights and feedback on various analyses in the form of reports to facilitate informed decision-making.

Communication:

- Develop communication frameworks to position the bank and share the bank's progress with various stakeholders - internally and externally.
- Engage with various external and internal stakeholders' dialogues to share experiences and gather strategic information that helps the bank shape its direction.
- Skills, both in verbal and written form, are a fundamental requirement for the role. Additionally, the Head of Strategy will also need to have equally good listening skills.

Person Specifications

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Industrial Management Finance, Economics, Technology, or any other related field from accredited institution.
- Must have at least 10 years of work experience or 5 years in a strategy management position in a fast-paced and dynamic environment.
- The candidate shall have had consulting experience with top management and a demonstrated ability to work in a cross-functional and matrix business environment.
- The candidate should demonstrate vast experience in leading teams through various projects across the business.
- The candidate should demonstrate experience in addressing sensitive business issues by performing analyses and implementing appropriate strategic measures to address the issues.
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If you believe you clearly meet the relevant criteria for this role, please submit your application, copies of your academic and professional certificates, testimonials and your detailed curriculum vitae, including among other details your current position, current and expected remuneration. To apply, kindly log onto our e-recruitment platform via <https://apply.workable.com/deloitte-eastafrika/>. Applications deadline is **17th June 2022**. Email or hard copy applications will not be accepted. All applications **MUST** be submitted through the e-recruitment portal to be considered.

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Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation - Tanzania (Baylor Tanzania) is a Local Non- Government Organization (NGO), funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support the Ministries of Health and Community Development, Gender and special groups to improve provision of pediatric and adolescent HIV treatment and care. We are dedicated to supporting the provision of high-quality, comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and treatment to exposed and infected children, adolescents and their families in the Lake and Southern Highlands Zones of Tanzania through service delivery, health systems strengthening training and research. Baylor - Tanzania is looking for highly motivated, well-qualified individual to join its growing program team in the following vacant positions:

Post: Pediatrician

Location: 1 post -Mwanza,

Position Summary: To provide clinical care and supervision of clinical staff in the provision of comprehensive family-centered pediatric HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, malaria, and general childhood diseases and conditions to patients at the Mwanza Centre of Excellence(COE)and supported health facilities in the Lake Zone.

Support education of medical and health trainees in general and HIV/AIDS specific pediatric medicine, facilitating clinical rotations and attachments of trainees at the COE, attending on pediatric wards, attending morning report, journal club and other educational activities

Duties and Responsibilities

- Attending to patients at Mwanza COE and support outreach teams.
- Providing education to medical and health trainees regarding pediatric HIV and general childhood conditions and diseases
- Providing technical assistance to health care providers in pediatric HIV/AIDS prevention, diagnosis, care, treatment and complications both within the COE as well as in supported outreach health facilities.
- Participate actively in proposal writing and scientific publications
- Provide leadership to Junior staff as required
- Writing quarterly, semiannual and annual reports
- Other specific tasks as assigned.

Qualifications / Skills

- Masters of Medicine in Pediatrics or the equivalent from a recognized and accredited medical school
- Registered by the Tanganyika Medical Council as a Medical Specialist Excellence in general pediatric medical care
- Familiarity with general HIV care and treatment
- Familiarity with word processing and spreadsheet computer programs
- Knowledge of proposal and manuscript writing are added advantages

Mode of Application

If you are qualified and wish to join Baylor - Tanzania, apply in confidence by submitting an application letter, a detailed CV, relevant copies of your certificates, and the names and contact information for three referees.

Application should reach Baylor - Tanzania not later than **16th June 2020**

Addressed to:

Executive Director
Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation - Tanzania
P.O. Box 5208 Mwanza, Tanzania

E-mail your application letter, CV and copies of certificates to hr@baylor-tanzania.or.tz
ONLY electronic applications will be accepted

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TNBC executive committee all ready for meeting in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBERS of the Executive Committee of Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) are convening in Dar es Salaam today under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Ambassador Hussein Kattanga.

TNBC Executive Secretary Dr Godwill Wanga said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that among the issues, the committee would receive reports on implementation of the resolutions of 12th TNBC Meeting.

"The Executive Committee Meeting is very important since it is being held before the 13th TNBC set for next week. The meeting will be led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan who is also the chairperson of the council," Dr Wanga said.

According to the Executive Secretary, preparations for the meeting were ready and that members for the committee include permanent secretaries from different ministries and Chairperson of Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) and its board members.

Dr Wanga said the Executive

Committee members would have also time to review the minutes of 42th Special Meeting of the Committee held on June 17, 2021. They will also review the draft book for the 13th TNBC Meeting and approve the council administrative documents.

"Members will also have splendid opportunity of receiving implementation reports on Actions Plan of Blue Print, Documents on Systems of Revenues and Public Expenditure, assessment on tourism sector and Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)," he said.

Since its establishment over two decades ago, TNBC as a conveyor belt between public and private sectors has played a pivotal role in bringing the two key sectors together for consultative meetings which yielded better results for socio-economic growth and development.

Through dialogues under TNBC umbrella, Tanzanians have seen the growth and development of private sector which is viewed as an engine of growth. The trust between the sectors has also been grown.



Stanbic Bank Tanzania CEO Kevin Wingfield (2nd-L) and Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera seated on two of the 200 desks worth 20m/- the bank presented earlier this week to the region's Lejico, Lufiyo and Mshewe secondary schools. It was in ongoing implementation of the bank's Stanbic Madawati Initiative, which is meant to support government schools nationwide with desks. The ceremony was followed by a tree-planting, whose objective is to restore the ecosystem. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Government urged to ban imports of recycled plastic products containing high levels of toxic chemicals

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE government has been advised to ban importation of recycled plastic products as they contain high levels of hazardous toxic chemicals.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Agenda Principal Programme Officer, Silvani Mnganya underscored the need for the government to strictly control importation of toxic chemicals (dioxins) that are hazardous to the people and environment regardless of being produced unintentionally.

E-Waste and ELVs plastic contain high levels of toxic flame retardants, hence the need to ban them from entering the recycling chain and the loophole allowing export of non-functional electronic under the Basel convention need to be closed.

Stricter standards for the definition of hazardous wastes must be established under the Country, the base and Stockholm Convention, he noted.

He added that a new report released by Arnika and IPEN that tested plastic products purchased from eleven African and Arab countries showed that 61 products contained levels of brominated flame retardants (BFRs) above the protective limits called Low

Pops Content Level (LPCLs) proposed by African countries for defining hazardous waste under the Basel Convention.

"Among the recycled plastic products that tested positive for the highest concentration of BFRs, brominated dioxins and other highly chemicals were a cup for pencil (office supplies), hair clip, Rubik's cube toy and others purchased in the country," he noted.

He further noted that stricter low pop content level should be applied to waste to stop the flow of e-waste and ELVs plastic into new products made of recycled plastic, nations globally should call for stricter limits for POPs in waste both the Basel and Stockholm Conventions which will help prevent the use of recycled plastics containing BFRs and dioxin.

He said that BFRs should be listed as a class under the Stockholm Convention because adding these chemicals as individual substances could continue to put human health at risk for decades as lots of brominated dioxins were found in various environmental samples.

"Their level in food and consumer products are worrying and showing they require global regulations similar to chlorinated dioxins already listed in the convention," he said.

TMDA in a new drive to create awareness on how to control use of tobacco

By Correspondent George Sembony, Tanga

THE Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) has conducted a campaign to create awareness on the effects of the use of tobacco products including cigarettes by organizing exhibition at Mwashako grounds in Tanga region.

The ongoing exhibition is meant to inform the general public and those who visited its pavilion of the effects of tobacco smoking.

Speaking at the colorful event, TMDA senior information and customer care officer, Roberta Feruzi said the idea was part of the commemoration of the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) on every May 3. This year the general public and health practitioners focus on the many ways in which tobacco threatens the environment we live in.

The World Health Organization (WHO) released new information on the extent to which tobacco damages both the environment and human health, calling for steps to make the

industry more accountable for the destruction it is causing.

It is estimated that every year the tobacco industry costs the world more than 8 million human lives, 600 million trees, 200 000 hectares of land, 22 billion tonnes of water and 84 million tonnes of Carbon Dioxide.

The majority of tobacco is grown in low-and-middle-income countries, where water and farmland are often desperately needed to produce food for the region. Instead, they are being used to grow deadly tobacco plants, while more and more land is being cleared of forests.

TMDA official said that the country has to protect these children from influences that throw into smoking or any other use of tobacco.

"The under 18 groups are highly at risk of suffering from diseases that are caused by the use of tobacco," she said.

She said for the TMDA which has been given the responsibility of monitoring the production and distribution tobacco products, this is a very important campaign and day

Govt pledges to build health centre in Kwihancha ward in FY 2021/2022

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has assured Tarime residents of the construction of health centre at Kwihancha ward in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Festo Dugange told the Parliament yesterday that at least 100m/- has been budgeted for the out patients' department (OPD).

He made the statement in response to a question asked by the Tarime Rural MP, Mwita Waitara (CCM) who had wanted to know when the government would construct a health centre in

Kwihancha ward.

"When shall the government construct health centre in Kwihancha ward and improve provision of health services at Nyamwaga hospital?" he asked.

In response, the deputy minister said 100m/- has been allocated for construction of the OPD and will be disbursed before 30th June, 2022. He added that some 400m/- is set aside for the health facility in 2022/2023.

On the Nyamwaga hospital, he said the government has continued improving services, having set aside 500m/- for renovation and building of various infrastructures.

He added that construction of

two ward buildings for men and women have been completed and constructions of laboratory, children ward, and pharmacy are at final stages.

At the same time, he noted that maternity and surgery services are currently offered at the hospital.

Early this year, the government dished out 58.25bn/- to facilitate construction of 207 new health centres in the divisions and strategic wards, which do not have the facilities.

The move aimed at improving and bringing closer to the people quality health services in the country.

Dr Nduvane said the statement in the House yesterday, saying that the government's zeal was to see its people

accessing quality and affordable health services.

He was responding to a question by Seif Gulamali (Manonga-CCM), who wanted to know when the government would fulfill its promise to construct a health centre at Ziba ward in Igunga District, Tabora region.

According to him, the government is well committed to ensure that health services are improved and it will continue investing in improving services for the country's development.

The deputy minister said the government has sent 250m/- to Igunga district council for the construction of a health centre at Ziba Ward.



Manyara regional commissioner Charles Makongoro Nyerere distributes soft drinks to children on Majengo in Babati town yesterday while inspecting progress in the installation of residential post code addresses. Photo: Correspondent Jaliwason Jasson

SWIL project reaches 3,222 Pemba residents

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

COMMUNITY mobilisers have reached 3,222 people in Pemba through various meetings from January to April, this year by encouraging them to abandon misconceptions and support women's efforts to participate in politics and hold leadership positions.

The meetings is part of the three-year project, titled 2020/2023 'Strengthen Women-In-Leadership (SWIL),' which is being executed by the Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), Pemba Gender Advocacy and Environmental Organisation (PEGAO) and Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA- Zanzibar), with support from the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Dar es Salaam. The project is expected to reach at least 6,000 women by 2023 by addressing barriers to women's leadership.

Addressing journalists here yesterday, Hafidh Abdi Said, PEGAO director said that in those meetings that involved 1,971 women and 1,251 men in the Island, they have identified a number of challenges including inability of many women to read and write.

"These women have been denied accessing basic social services such as water, electricity and rural roads," he said, noting: "This has led many women to lack the capacity and foundations to secure their basic rights."

Said cited other barriers to women's efforts to achieve their goals of leadership as the presence of sexual and financial corruption, whereby women lack solid economic foundations, leadership skills and citizenship education. Also, ignorance of electoral laws, entrepreneurship education as well as lack of access to markets for the products they produce.

According to him, community mobilisers also identified poor community awareness in Micheweni District, whereby majority of people are unable to know key procedures to get residence IDs and birth certificates.

In addressing the challenge, PEGAO boss said that community mobilisers in collaboration with officials from the Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency (BPRA) offices in the respective districts took steps to educate the community on the procedures for obtaining IDs and birth certificates.

"This has led many women to lack the capacity and foundations to secure their basic rights."



Zanzibar's Lands and Human Settlements Development minister, Rahma Kassim Ali, pictured in the Zanzibar House of Representatives yesterday responding to a legislator's question on the ministry's Budget estimates. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Three NGOs in pledge to support education sector

By Guardian Correspondent, Arumeru

THREE non-governmental organisations (NGOs) - Brinda Jaykat Shah Foundation, Made with Hope and Ndoto in Action have pledged to continue working together with the government to solve challenges faced by Tanzanians in the education sector. Speaking here yesterday at the function to hand over 11 refurbished classrooms for Marurani Primary School in Arusha District, Made with Hope Board Chairperson from the UK, Alexander Margolin said they decided to refurbish the classrooms after they had inspected the implementation of projects

sponsored by Ndoto in Action.

He further said apart from refurbishment to the school's infrastructure, they have similarly done so to Mshikamano Primary School.

In addition, he said they also repaired 65 desks and installed rain water tanks all costing 78m/-.

"Our aim is to help the community, especially children to get education in friendly environments, and in doing so we shall continue to collaborate with the government," said Margolin.

Meanwhile, the Director of Ndoto in Action, Hussein Hassan said his organisation praises the collaboration accorded by the government and

supports its development efforts to strengthen the education sector.

"We recognize challenges in regard to aged infrastructure in many schools, hence we are always ready to work together with the government to improve them," he added.

Also, the chairman of Arusha District Council, Selemu Msumi, thanked the Ngo for refurbishing schools' infrastructure in the district and called upon teachers and students to take care of them.

The Headteacher of Marurani Primary school confirmed the rise in the education standard at the school following the refurbishment of the infrastructure.



Job Title: Regional Project Coordinator

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[[Regional Project Coordinator (m/f) – Pemba Islands,]]

Background

Enabel is operating in Tanzania as a public limited company under public law with a social purpose in accordance with article 7 (iii) of the General Agreement between The United Republic of Tanzania and The Kingdom of Belgium on Development Co-operation signed on 16th of October 2002, and the introduction Letter from the Embassy of Kingdom of Belgium N° 2018/023 signed on 25th January 2018 on the transformation from BTC into Enabel.

The project on beekeeping, funded by the European Union, has a duration of 4 years with an inception phase of 6 months.

The project is taking place under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme for Tanzania (2014-2020) in which Sustainable Agriculture is a focal sector with the specific objective to "enhance management of natural resources, including forests, and ecosystem services for sustainable agriculture development and climate change adaptation". The European Union Action Document for Beekeeping Value Chain Support contributes to that objective and also to the Planet and Prosperity pillars.

The overall objective of the project is enhancing the beekeeping industry for inclusive growth, poverty reduction and food security in Tanzania.

The specific objective is to ensure that high quality honey is produced in an environmentally sustainable manner leads to increased market penetration.

The programme will focus on 3 main outputs:

- Institutional capacity and enabling environment for beekeeping value chain actors is strengthened, while enhancing women's empowerment.
- Capacities of beekeeping value chain actors improved and management of bee reserves and apiaries enhanced.
- Market links and Trade of bee products strengthened

Job description

Your tasks and responsibilities as a regional Project Coordinator:

- You coordinate and facilitate the partnership between the implementing agencies, the EU, the partner countries where the project activities are implemented together with key stakeholder groups (private sector, civil society and governments);
- You manage the operational and financial planning, monitoring of the achievement of the results, and collecting and providing timely monitoring and evaluation reporting;
- You coordinate the activities executed by the agencies and ensure optimal implementation in line with the decisions made by the project management unit and the suggestions for strategic orientations and synergies made by the steering committee and ensure the envisioned impact of the project is achieved;

- You ensure the quality of the technical outputs and permanent quality improvement;
- You lead the team to leverage the talents and motivation of each staff and ensure result-oriented project management;
- You contribute to capacity development of partner organisations (to be specified in accordance with project);
- You advise on the basis of your technical expertise, in order to achieve performance in accordance with national and international norms and standards;
- You organise knowledge building and knowledge management in order to create an inclusive, informed climate of trust within the project.

The Regional Project Coordinator reports to the Project Manager

Your profile

Required qualifications and experience

- Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics/Natural Resource Management or related field;
- Minimum 3 years of relevant experience in project management of international development programmes in field of Sustainable Forest Management or Natural Resources Management
- Experience in European funded projects or programmes is an asset;
- Must be a Tanzanian Nationality

Required skills and knowledge

- Good knowledge of digital for development, as well as in preparing technical or strategy documents in this area of expertise;
- Pro-active results-oriented project management;
- Broad and in-depth understanding of the diverse aspects of development cooperation and sustainable development;
- Good knowledge of pro-active multi-actor partnership building and knowledge management;
- Excellent knowledge of project management, of European funding rules and experience in European funded projects or programmes;
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SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

IFB Number	: PA/001/2021-2022/HQ/W/25
Employer	: Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO)
Project	: P-TZ-FA0-013 - North West Grid (400kV Nyakanazi - Kigoma Transmission Line)
Contract title	: Integration of Existing Kigoma-Kasulu 33kV Distribution Networks to the Main Grid, LV Lines including MV/LV Distribution Transformers in Kigoma Region (Lot 1 and Lot 2)
Country	: TANZANIA
Loan No. / Grant No.	: 2000200002754
Procurement Method	: Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)
OCBI/LCB No	: PA/001/2021-2022/HQ/W/25
Issued on	: 3 rd June, 2022

1. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania (GoT) has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) "hereinafter called the Bank" towards the cost of the North West Grid 400kV Nyakanazi-Kigoma Transmission Line and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the Contract for Integration of Existing Kigoma-Kasulu 33kV Distribution Networks to the Main Grid, LV Lines including MV/LV Distribution Transformers in Kigoma Region (Lot 1 and Lot 2).

2. The Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Integration of Existing Kigoma - Kasulu 33kV Distribution Networks to the Main Grid, LV Lines including MV/LV Distribution Transformers in Kigoma Region (Lot 1 and Lot 2).

Lot 1: Extending the MV (33 kV) and LV (0.4 kV) in Kigoma Region;

Lot 2: Modifying and Connecting Kigoma and Kasulu Existing Stations;

Construction period will be Eighteen (18) Months. Location of Construction is Kigoma and Kasulu and Margin of preference is NOT applicable.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents during office hours from 0900 to 1600 hours on Monday to Friday inclusive, except on public holidays at the address given below: -

Secretary - Tender Board

Street Address: Umeme Park Building, Ubungo,

Third Floor, Room No. 305,

City: Dar es Salaam,

ZIP Code: P. O. Box 9024,

Country: Tanzania.

Telephone Tel: 255 (22) 2451145/2452172; + (255) 782 376147

Email: sec.tenderboard@tanESCO.co.tz; pmuprojects@tanESCO.co.tz.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), OCBI procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations, October 2015 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

5. The Bidding document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **USD 150.00 (United States Dollar One Hundred Fifty Only) or equivalent amount in Tanzania Shillings (TZS)**. The method of payment will be through National Microfinance Bank (NMB) upon receipt of reference number from TANESCO for local interested bidders. The document will be sent through e-mail of the applicant after certification of payment of subscription fee.

For foreign interested bidders, payment shall be made through the following accounts: -

S/n	Currency	Bank	Account	SWIFT Code
1	EURO	CRDB Bank	19J1043011100	CORUTZ
2	USD	CRDB Bank	02J1043011100	CORUTZ
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Government can subsidise tree planters, look for other markers

BUDGET estimates for the Energy ministry for financial year 2022/2023 show that 500bn/- or thereabouts is needed for repairs to electricity transmission and supply systems countrywide.

With this, two sets of needs come up. One is machinery like transformers which need to be replaced or have their capacity boosted.

The other relates to power connection poles, which are replaced by the thousand each year owing to attacks by termites and corrosion by organic impacts underground.

The ministry has stood strongly against this situation for a long time, with some stakeholders far from impressed as energetic measures were fronted to end the problem by replacement with concrete poles.

A few weeks ago, Energy minister January Makamba was seeking to assure tree planters in the country's southern regions that they still had a market in the state-run power utility, TANESCO, whether or not the government was convinced with arguments that the logs could be treated or were strong enough to be used 'safely' on a sustainable basis.

But in the final analysis, logs will remain logs, and no one expects that the toughest hardwoods will be available for TANESCO to use in making electricity connections.

All other woods, however well treated, just cannot stand the heat and organic war and tear underground - while termites can use a tiny opening to destroy a whole log.

On that account, it may call for more energy than issuing ministerial directives on what sort of logs can be supplied for use by TANESCO.

This is because public generally and the government and power consumers

in particular all wish to be assured that the problem of ever falling supply poles putting life at risk and disrupting power over long hours is ended quickly.

It isn't a matter of being rather good-natured to brush off, ignore or sidestep this objective and pursuit of public assurances in that regard because a strong constituency of tree planters wants the TANESCO market and not anywhere else.

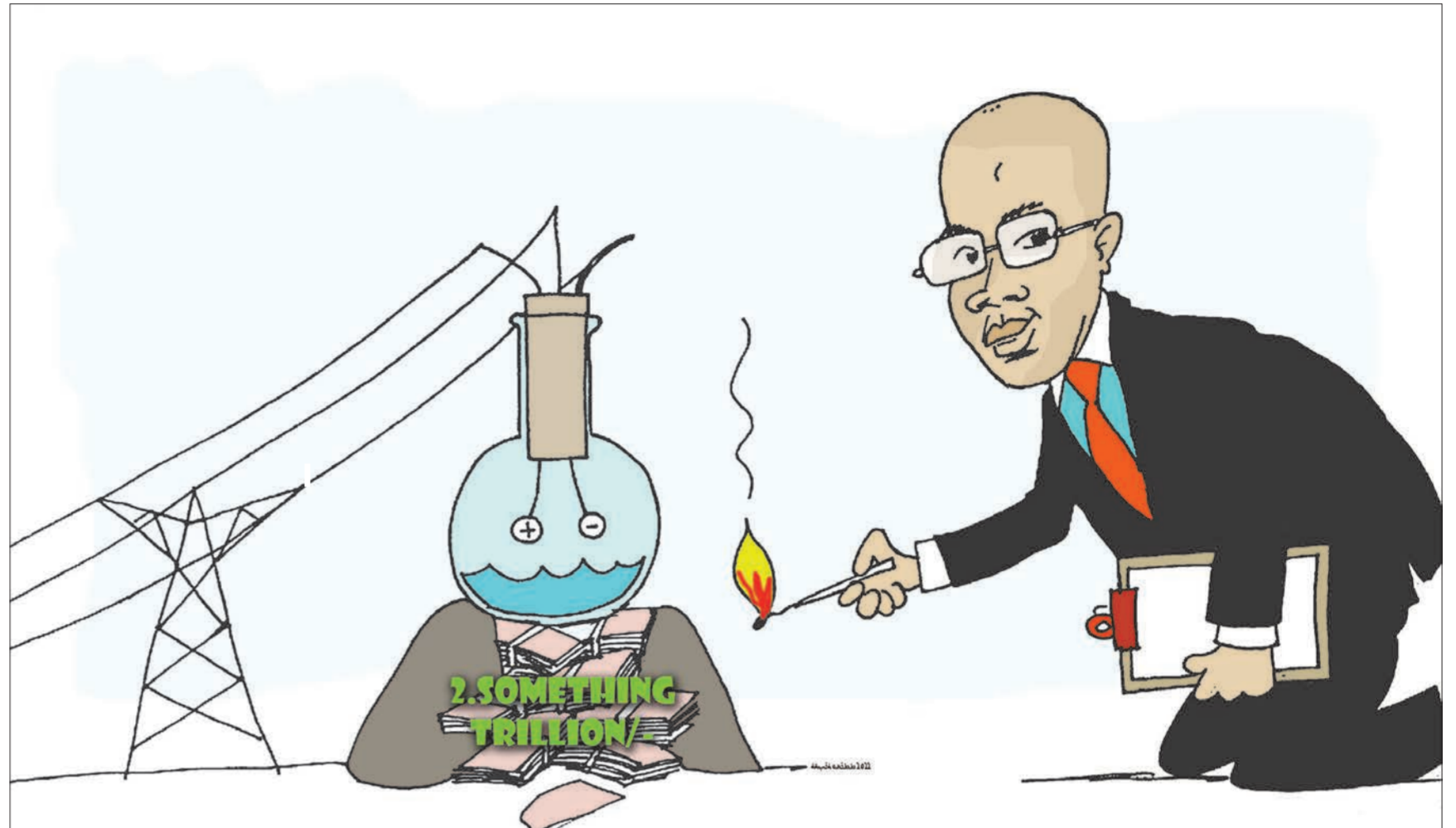
If there is a contract for such production, an end can be put to it, with TANESCO purchasing all the trees falling under such contract and selling them to other buyers - even at a loss.

The bottom line would be: No prolongation of supplying logs for supply poles ought to continue. While the matter for TANESCO might be the steep costs they would incur or suffer each year for replacing old poles that are inches away from giving way, the problem for the public is much wider, as falling electricity poles is no laughing matter.

This issue is similar to failing to shift to disposable hospital injection syringes merely because there is a factory making the old steel syringes which so many of us feel ought to have a market, or because plastic syringes have this word 'plastic' and this is bad.

Concrete poles are better technology at least in that they serve the need once and for all, with termites incapable of chewing them up and TANESCO thus being spared the burden of replacing them.

Also, no one needs to fear when it rains that the poles or cables may fall on a car or person - or close a road to traffic for hours until that disruption is cleared. So, considering all these facts and all this evidence, why not join the chorus wishing this particular use of wood farewell?



Fact-checking, a crucial skill in news media, emerges as a business strategy

By WAN-IFRA Correspondent

THIS is a case study drawn from a collection of inspiring initiatives on ensuring media visibility, written by Larry Kilman for UNESCO.

Previously, there was the term 'fake news' and as social media made it easy to spread manipulated content and outright lies, many traditional news media outlets were already employing the fact-checking skills that expose propaganda, falsehoods and even honest errors.

Fact-checking is in the DNA of professional standards and some media companies, like Agência Lupa in Brazil, have built an entire business on it.

Accordingly, they are providing fact-checking services for numerous clients, and also teaching citizens to better scrutinise their news.

Others are making fact-checking a regular feature as a response to audience desires - fact-checking columns and stories are increasingly popular and the need is growing.

To share practices and uphold standards, fact-checkers are coming together in organisations like the International Fact-Checking Network.

This, among other services, certifies fact-checking organisations and provides guidance to ensure the fact-checkers provide honest accounts and aren't themselves manipulated by those who weaponise information.

Often, these initiatives start small. Agência Lupa, for instance, began after its founder, Cristina Tardaguila, wrote a fact-checking blog for O Globo during Brazil's 2014 presidential election, when she was associate director of politics at the newspaper.

However, the fact-checking blog ran for only about three months, and ended with the election. As 2014 preceded the explosion in "fake news", it was never seen as a permanent fixture.

Tardaguila, however, couldn't let it go. "I fell in love with fact-checking right away," she said.

So much so she resigned from the newspaper to create Agência Lupa, which was conceived as a news agency to provide fact-checking services and stories to paying subscribers, mostly media companies around Brazil.

"That was the trigger point to launch Lupa," she said, adding: "I was bitten by this mosquito and I wasn't going back."

She said that the business model emerged from her experience with the blog. Firstly, and most importantly, fact-checking had impact: presidential candidates "changed content on their websites or in their TV programmes because of O Globo's fact-checks".



Secondly, O Globo managed to resell the blog, to be republished by small media around the country. "So many small newspapers, many small radios, were gathering that information and republishing it, and O Globo was actually making money out of that content," Tardaguila explained.

Fact-checking also engaged audiences. "The social media team members were completely in love with fact-checking," Tardaguila noted.

She elaborated: "People would retweet and comment. They were super super happy with it. And because of the previous reasons, we got huge page views. So, with those ideas in mind, after the election, I thought, I can't go back."

With start-up funds provided by a former employer, the documentarian and magazine publisher João Moreira Salles, Agência Lupa was launched in November 2015 with a team of four people.

"We started fact-checking and testing the business model," Tardaguila said, adding: "We became the first news wire service in Brazil to provide fact-checked content to media outlets that were interested in republishing our kind of content, and didn't have the capacity to have an in-house unit. That's how Lupa started."

Soon after the inauguration, the issue of political polarisation in society in Brazil and in many other countries exploded, as did the related scourge of mis- and disinformation.

"We didn't call it fake news," Tardaguila said, adding: "We were calling it falsehoods, we were calling it lies. This was going to be big. Polarisation was growing. The business model grew, because it had to."

In fact, according to Tardaguila, the problem outgrew the business model. Though it was conceived as a news wire service, fact-checking alone did not

Tardaguila has some advice for those wishing to develop similar fact-checking services, including that they ought to be careful with their clients and strive for impartiality.

"We are not willing to work with the far left, far right, we are not willing to let our content be used," she explained.

She elaborated: "We were having some clients that would just pick the falsehoods about one person, and not the other one, because they were supporting that person. We dropped those."

"You have to try to be non-partisan, even if it means losing money. These things might sound easy but they are not. You have to be ready for them and plan for them."

Tardaguila underscores the need to follow the code of principles established by the International Fact-Checking Network, which calls for transparency in funding, methodology and sources.

The IFCN promotes basic standards, tracks the impact of fact-checking, monitors trends, formats and policies, provides training, publishes a newsletter, and more.

She also underlines the importance of developing a corrections policy and make it prominent, saying: "Fact-checkers cannot make mistakes, and you have to be ready to correct yourself as soon as possible."

Tardaguila also said journalists who do not have business and management skills should develop them and align with people who do before embarking on such a project.

"I learned this myself," she said, adding: "When I opened Lupa I had been a reporter and editor, and I didn't have any skills in managing. I had to take an MBA."

She elaborated: "I didn't know what a return of investment was. I didn't know what break-even was, I didn't know how to price. How much does a fact-check article cost?"

"I had to learn these things. If you don't have these kinds of skills, you have to look for people who can help you."

"Don't start without a really good business plan and someone by your side to help with commercial, marketing, administration, finance, human resources. All of these things came up as I was rolling with it, and it almost drove me crazy."

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Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression - for whom the bell tolls

ACTIVISTS around the world on June 4 each year mark International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

It is not a day to lament the consequences of the scourge of war that is prevalent around the world almost all the time.

Rather, it is primarily to remember the most hapless victims of war - innocent children - mainly by protecting their rights.

It is noteworthy that, tragically, it is children - the most vulnerable members of society - who are the ones most affected by the consequences of armed conflict.

The six most common war-time violations are recruitment and use of children in war, killing, sexual violence, abduction, attacks on schools and hospitals, and denial of humanitarian access.

The Day affirms the UN's commitment to protecting the rights of children, this guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the most rapidly and widely ratified international human rights treaty in history.

A UN chronicler says the Day was established on 19 August 19, 1982 in the wake of atrocities of the Lebanese civil war, but it was then expanded to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.

Aggression moved from sufferings arising chiefly from military campaigns to aggression in general. In other words, the spirit of commemorating this Day was initially war-time maiming and killing of children.

The UN resolution is an indication of situations where the international community feels intensely that it needs to do something about a major anomaly in global affairs.

In this particular case, that meant the gross abuse of children's rights first in the theatre of war and then elsewhere.

It was an illustration of UN resolutions which are unlikely to be backed up by any action, not just because the resolution isn't binding in a legal sense on member states - as only UN Security Council resolutions are supposed to be binding, or be acted upon by third parties if they so choose. UN General Assembly resolutions are at most moral and advisory, for hearts and minds.

Different countries face different sets of challenges concerning observance of the rights of children. These come largely in two categories: impunity on children's rights arising from situations of intermittent warfare, and impunity arising from domestic slavery often masquerading as customs.

Under-age marriages elicit violence on girl children wishing to go school rather than being wedded off, a pernicious aspect of aggression on children until it was covered under wider UN programmes.

In that aid funds are tied to visible implementation of such programmes, there were visible changes here globally.

Experience in that direction shows that education is singularly the most important tool of emancipating children from outmoded traditions.

First, schooling takes away the children from elders with all sorts of designs on how children may use their time and expunges their presence from adolescence, as it will now be tied to entry into secondary schools and not into rituals relating to puberty and early marriages.

An old ally of the non-schooling of girl children was the monthly cycles but of late efforts are directed there too from all quarters. This is a development well worth celebrating - and WHY NOT?

TICK tock, tick tock. That's the sound of a clock. It's said that it ticks faster for women. Whether we like to admit it or not, as women, many of us do look at our age and start worrying.

At what age should I have children? At what age should I get married? At what age should I be financially stable? At what age should I leave my parents' home? At what age?

As young women, we are exposed to social pressure everywhere around us, having a steady financial plan, raising children, meeting The One someday amongst others. Everyone around you is talking about how much you have to hurry and get everything done by the time you are thirty.

Thirty? Really? So if I began college at twenty, finish at twenty-three or four, I now have six years to get myself together? Wow! This is absurd if not bullish.

But how much easier would life be if society did not put such pressure? And what does it exactly mean to get yourself together?

For some it's an amazing career, for others it's family. But for those of us who want both, why does society want us to choose? Women who go to work are labeled as not so great mothers or wife materials, and those who wait until they are more established are labeled as the ones who won't keep a man.

You see? The expectation is that you'll find your dream partner in college, land your dream job, and live your life happily ever after. But as the majority of women can tell you, that isn't the case. Most of women aren't even working in their fields of study after college.

You want to move up, gain more responsibilities, and really make a name for yourself in your organization. Employee evaluations and promotions are coming up, and you really want to make sure you stand out. You may not have time to date as much as you would like. In your

Time versus social expectations: It's a truly tricky balancing act for women



support, but this is a new day and age. More women are the breadwinners too. Nevertheless, it's still possible to achieve both.

Growing up, my mum would often joke, "you go to college to get two degrees: your bachelor's and your Mrs." And although we laughed, there was an edge of truth to what she said, which was typically followed by "because you need someone that can support you."

I would cringe at the statement and stay quiet for a while reminiscing on past scenarios that explained why a woman wasn't supposed to even have the thought of studying to a higher learning institution lest she look as not so appealing, not so of a future mother or "the know it all" kind of woman.

As outdated as this "a woman needs a man" mantra might seem, it actually isn't relevant in the society today. The "secure the bag" cliché on the woman is still very suitable.

Whether we blame the growing higher education rates and career goals for a woman or even the trend of "finding yourself" before walking down the aisle, the truth is this, the old model of relationships is becoming out of fashion.

Nevertheless, in the past, our African culture and the society at large had it that a woman was the receiver and the man the sole provider of the family unlike in the current times where both could be the sole providers of the family.

Women are juggling college classes, careers, friends, various development projects and so much more and sadly a lot of women may be too busy to find love or might not like the idea of settling down with a mate who's not aligned to the path they want to follow in life or career.

Cultural and societal expectations would in some time pressure you to start the search for "the one" but it's best to do it when you are mentally ready and because forever is a lot of work, seek to sail through it with the right one, with the one who brings in the peace, wipes away the chaos, whom your soul loves and who loves his mother too (see this is just too important, ladies.)

Don't let society tell you otherwise. Do what makes you happy, and if you so decide, both of you can have a family, a clear outlined career path before anything else. Anything is possible and I believe no one wants to live a life of regrets.

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

TANZANIA is racing to become Eastern Africa's rice hub by meeting in totality the regional need for the key food crop.

The 4th largest producer of rice in Africa and the second-largest in Eastern and Southern Africa has put in place adequate plans and measures to increase rice production annually, set to reach a tipping point in 2030, with the ability to feed the region and beyond.

Anna Mwangamilo, Director of Mechanization Division in the Ministry of Agriculture says Tanzania has adopted a transformative technology-driven agricultural system model for rice which includes mass adoption of improved seeds usage and irrigation.

Speaking in a recent interview, Mwangamilo noted that the provision of substantial market opportunities for smallholder farmers in the last three years has led to assured national self-sufficiency and a sizable surplus for export, making rice one of the most significant cash crops in Tanzania.

"In 2021, the rice produced increased to over three million metric tonnes. Implementation of the 2019-2030 National Rice Development Strategy Phase II (NRDS-II) will propel Tanzania to be the regional hub for rice and associated products on or before the close of the decade," she said.

Implementation of the strategy by the government and the private sector has enhanced rice production and trade competitiveness. The strategy seeks to increase production to 8.8 million tonnes by 2030.

Development partners, including Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and others, have also played a role in catalyzing business-driven increased productivity.

Mwangamilo appreciated AGRA and United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s support to African Rice Initiative in East Africa (CARI-EA), noting that it has set a good precedent for improving rice value chain and making it more profitable for farmers and other players.

The crop alongside maize is strategic cereal, as per the second Agri-

mind, it's okay because you know what you are working towards. To others, however, that's abnormal.

I've been asked on numerous occasions, when I plan on getting married or having children. Those who ask do not care where my life is headed right now, might be engaged in

study, establishing a business or among many other options.

A majority would go like "a bachelor's degree is enough, Time to go settle down now".

"Oh something must be wrong with her," they say. Why does something have to be wrong with some-

one who is working hard to better their lives? The negativity women face from not falling in line with traditional gender roles is ridiculous, to say the least.

We have different priorities, right? Generations before us expected women to stay at home and rely on the man for financial

Tanzania races to become Eastern Africa's leading rice producer



System of Rice Intensification (SRI) which uses younger seedlings singly spaced and typically hand weeded with special tools is credited with boosting rice production in Tanzania. File Photo

cultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP II), which guides AGRA investments in Tanzania.

AGRA in an initiative named Competitive African Rice Initiative in East Africa (CARI-EA) from April 2019 to April 2022 financed by USAID contributed to increasing production and expanding market access for about 150,000 smallholder rice farmers in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

"In 2021, Tanzania consolidated its position as the leading producer and exporter of rice in East Africa. It means our rice has become more competitive in terms of quality and price than the imports from countries in Asia, which were threatening the incomes of smallholder farmers," said Vianey Rweyendela, AGRA Tanzania Country Manager.

While the rest of the EAC states import significant rice, Tanzania predominantly produces enough for domestic consumption and significant surplus for export, with minimal rice imports for aroma due to consumer preference. Ministry of Agriculture data show that Tanzania mainland exported 441,908 metric tonnes of rice in 2021 valued 476.8bn/- and 189,277 metric tonnes of maize worth 72.4bn/-.

The commercialisation of smallholder farmers in Mbeya, Morogoro, Iringa, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Coast regions can produce adequate rice to feed Africa with existing potential opportunities.

"Tanzania has a huge rice export potential. All the conditions are ripe, and it's a question of catalyzing greater commerciali-

sation uptake where Africa would not need to buy rice from outside the continent. The results of the CARI-EA initiative show that Tanzania can greatly increase rice exports while fully meeting the domestic needs," Rweyendela said.

The CARI-EA initiative, implemented by Kilimo Trust, has shown that concerted efforts in the rice sub-sector can increase the competitiveness of locally produced rice. Tanzania has a comparative ecological advantage in rice production and demonstrated a pathway to serve neighboring countries to reduce the net importation of rice.

In the initiative, stakeholders in the private, public and civil society involved in the rice value chain pooled together 12 rice business consortia serving about 150,000 smallholder farmers with a work package on private-led extension, market facilitation, post-harvest waste reduction, access to finance, with deliberate intervention on women and youth for inclusivity. The programme is concentrated in seven regions of Mainland Tanzania (Simiyu, Shinyanga, Morogoro, Mbeya, Iringa, Rukwa and Katavi) and Zanzibar (Unguja and Pemba).

AGRA project coordinator Japhet Laizer said farmers in twelve rice consortia were capacitated with business development services that led to increased production and market access.

"The initiative enabled about 82,000 farmers to access loans to improve their rice production activities. Over 310,000 metric tonnes of paddy were sold through structured markets, and over 20,000 metric tonnes of quality agro-inputs-seed and fertilizers were accessed from a monitored private-matching fund," he said.

He added that out of AGRA's investment, at least USD 2,000,000 was leveraged from the public and private sectors.

Laizer said the project supported access to simple improved technologies to enhance rice production. "Simple equipment such as motorized paddy cutter, push weeders, moisture meters, solar pump for borehole, improved seed (SARO 5, Komboka, Arize Gold), pallets, aflatoxin measurement devices, weigh scale, among other items, were procured to enhance quality, productivity and resilience to farming household," he said.

He added that the creation of consortia,

and access to business development services, inputs, and markets, led to increased productivity, commercialisation, profitability, and resilience for smallholder rice producers, some adopted irrigation farming. Due to the programme's market facilitation, most rice millers expanded access to competitive regional markets.

One of the consortia, the Sumbawanga Rice Enterprise Project (SURE), led by One Goal Company Limited, managed to reach out to 9,000 smallholder farmers while creating significant employment to youth and women groups with activities along the value chain. Kishapu Rice Marketing Consortium in Kishapu District in 3 years managed to bring together about 12,000 smallholder farmers, who increased production by over 70 percent, from 2019 to 2021/2. The processing capacity increased to 40 metric tonnes per day.

Busega District and the surrounding areas had the Busega Rice Marketing and Trade (BRM - Busega) consortium. Busega Mazao Limited led it.

The firm's managing director Deogratius Kumalija said that the CARI EA project in 2020 enabled them to increase processing from 3 metric tonnes to 30 per day.

"To process at full capacity of 84 metric tonnes per day, we need more small-scale rice farmers to join hands," he said.

A farmer and chairman of 'Kila Siku Kazi' at Sanga village in Busega James Chongela said that the consortia encouraged farmers to produce more because of the assured markets.

"Adoption of improved seed varieties and greater fertilizer uptake boosted production from the average of 4 bags per acre to 35 bags," he said.

Kishapu Rice Marketing Consortium in Kishapu District, Shinyanga region, increased rice exports to Kenya and Uganda.

"CARI EA enabled us to work closely with the Kishapu District Council and organize about 12,000 smallholder farmers to supply rice to us," said Mabela Masolwa, Managing Director, Kishapu Food Processors.

Zanzibar Rice Value Chain Enterprise Development (ZENJIRICE) coordinator, Yussuf Faki Yussuf said the project benefited over 15,000 smallholder rice farmers.

"CARI EA enabled a concerted business development education outreach, including usage of improved seeds and markets. We did not make the best harvests in Zanzibar, but the project has helped us lay a foundation for significant improvements. Climate change has been an enormous problem, but irrigation infrastructure has been set up, which assures us of increased production in the coming seasons," he said.

Rivers have no borders: The motto of their defenders in Peru

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“Water is part of our culture, it is intrinsic to the Amazon,” said José Manuyama, a member of a river defense committee in his native Requena, a town located in the department of Loreto, the largest in Peru, covering 28 percent of the national territory.

Despite the large size of this Amazon rainforest department or province located in the northeast of the country, data from 2020 indicated that it barely exceeded one million inhabitants, including some 220,000 indigenous people, in a country with a total population of 32.7 million.

A teacher by profession and a member of the Kukama indigenous people, one of the 51 officially recognized in Peru’s Amazon rainforest region, Manuyama reminisced about his childhood near a small river in a conversation with IPS during the Second Interregional Meeting of Defenders of Rivers and Territories, held in Lima on May 25.

“We would wait for the high water season and the floods, because that was our world. When the water comes, it’s used for bathing, for fishing, it’s a whole world adapted to water,” he said.

And he added: “We also waited for the floods to pass, which left us enormous areas of land where the forest would grow and where my mother would plant her cucumbers, her corn. Seeing the river, the transparent water, that beautiful, fertile world: that’s where I grew up.”

Today, approaching the age of 50, Manuyama is also an activist in defense of nature and rivers in the face of continuous aggressions from extractive economic activities that threaten the different forms of life in his home region.

Manuyama is a member of a collective in defense of the Nanay River that runs through the department of Loreto. It is one of the tributaries of the Amazon River that originates in the Andes highlands in southern Peru and which is considered the longest and the biggest in terms of volume in the world, running through eight South American countries.

“We started out as the Water Defense Committee in 2012 when the Nanay watershed was threatened by oil activity,” he said. “Together with other collectives and organizations we managed to block that initiative, but since 2018 there has been a second extractive industry wave, with mining that is damaging the basin and seems to be the latest brutal calamity in the Amazon.”

Their struggle was weakened during the pandemic, when the



Community organizing is a lynchpin in the lives of environmental defenders in Peru, as in the case of Mirtha Villanueva, pictured here with other activists from the Cajamarca region also involved in the defense of rivers and Mother Earth. CREDIT: Courtesy of Mirtha Villanueva

“millionaire polluting illegal mining industry” - as he describes it - remained active. Their complaints have gone unheeded by the authorities despite the harmful impacts of the pollution, such as on people’s food, which depends to a large extent on the fish they catch.

However, he is hopeful about the new national network of defenders of rivers and territories, an effort that emerged in 2019 and that on May 25 organized its second national meeting in Lima, with the participation of 60 representatives from the Amazon, Andes and Pacific coast regions of the country.

“It is important because we strengthen ourselves in a common objective of defending territories and rights, confronting the various predatory extractive waves that exist in this dominant social economic system that uses different factors in a chain to achieve its purpose. The battle is not equal, but this is how resistance works,” Manuyama said.

Like the watersheds of a river

Ricardo Jiménez, director of the non-governmental Peru Solidarity Forum, an institution that works with the network of organizations for the protection and defense of rivers, said it emerged as a response to the demand of various sectors in the face of depredation and expanding illegal mining and logging activities detrimental to water sources.

The convergence process began in 2019, he recalled, with the participation, among others, of the Amazonian Wampis and Awajún indigenous peoples, “women defenders of life and the Pachamama” of the northeastern Andes highlands

department of Cajamarca, and “rondas campesinas” (rural social organizations) in various regions of the country.

The first important milestone of the initiative occurred in 2021, when they held their first national meeting, in which a National Promotional Committee of Defenders of Rivers and Territories was formed.

They approved an agenda that they sent to the then minister of culture, Gisela Ortiz, who remained in office for only four months and was unable to meet the request to form the Multisectoral Roundtable for dialogue to address issues such as environmental remediation of legal and illegal extractive activities.

The proposed roundtable also mentioned the development of criteria for the protection of the headwaters of river basins, and the protection of river defenders from

the criminalization of their protests and initiatives.

At this second national meeting, the Promotional Committee updated its agenda and created synergies with the National River Protection Network, made up of non-governmental organizations.

It also joined the river action initiative of the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (Fospa), whose tenth edition will be held Jul. 28-31 in Belem do Pará, in Brazil’s Amazon region, and whose national chapter met on May 27.

Three days of activity were organized in the Peruvian capital by the defenders of the rivers and their riverside communities, who on May 26 participated in a march of indigenous peoples, organized by the Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Rainforest.

“There is a coming together of the social collectives at the national

level and also with their peers at the Pan-Amazonian level; we have a shared path with particularities but which coincides,” Jiménez told IPS.

Rivers have no borders

Mirtha Villanueva is an activist who defends life and Pachamama (Mother Earth, in the Quechua indigenous language) in Cajamarca, a northeastern department of Peru, where more than a decade ago the slogan “water yes, gold no!” was coined as part of the struggles of the local population in defense of their lakes and wetlands against the Conga mining project of the U.S.-owned Yanacocha gold mine.

The project was suspended, but only temporarily, after years of social protests against the open-pit gold mine, which in 2012 caused several deaths and led to the declaration of a state of emergency in the region for several months, in one of the most critical episodes in the communities’ struggle against the impact of extractivism on their environment and their lives.

A large part of Villanueva’s 66 years has been dedicated to the defense of nature’s assets, of rivers, to guarantee decent lives for people, in a struggle that she knows is extremely unequal in the face of the economic power of the mining companies.

“We, the defenders of the rivers, have to grow in strength and I hope that at the Fospa Peru meeting we will approve a plan of action agreed with our brothers and sisters in Ecuador, Bolivia and Brazil, because our rivers are also connected, they have no borders,” she told IPS during an interview at the meeting in Lima.

“We need to strengthen ourselves from the local to the international level to have an impact with our actions. We receive 60 percent of

our rainfall from the Amazon forest. How can we not take care of the Amazon?” she said.

The work she carries out with the environmental committees is titanic. She recalled the image of poor rural families protesting the change in the rivers and how it has caused rashes on their children’s skin.

And when they went to the mine to complain, they were told: “When I came, your river was already like this. Why do you want to blame me? Prove it.”

“In this situation, the farmer remains silent, which is why it is important to work in the communities to promote oversight and monitoring of ecosystems and resources. We work with macroinvertebrates, beings present in the rivers that are indicators of clean or polluted waters, gradually training the population,” she explained.

This is an urgent task. She gave as an example the case of the district of Bambamarca, in Loreto, which has the highest number of mining environmental liabilities in the country: 1118. “Only one river is still alive, the Yaucán River,” Villanueva lamented.

She also mentioned the Condebamba valley, “with the second highest level of diversity in Peru,” and 40 percent of whose farmland is being irrigated by water from the Chimín river polluted by the mines.

“In Cajamarca we have 11 committees monitoring the state of the rivers, we all suffer reprisals, but we cannot stop doing what we do because people’s health and lives are at stake,” both present and future, she said.

José Manuyama, a member of the Kukama indigenous people and a teacher committed to the protection of nature, stands in front of the Momón River, a tributary of the Nanay River, which environmental activists have been defending from extractive activities that threaten its very existence in the department of Loreto, in Peru’s Amazon jungle region. CREDIT: Courtesy of José Manuyama



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By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

LEAD Foundation for expansion of its environmental restoration initiatives

THE Dodoma-based Leadership, Environment and Action for Development (LEAD) Foundation is now focusing on extending its initiatives to other semi-arid regions of Tanzania.

This idea came after the foundation registered an outstanding role of imparting of 180,000 households within 400 villages in Dodoma region, with practical nature-based reforestation and other environmental restoration methods.

The 10-year-old NGO is interested in fostering best principles and practices of servant leadership, sustainable environmental conservation and transformative community development.

It has successfully managed to expand its footholds in three more regions of Singida, Arusha and Manyara.

LEAD Foundation director of programmes, Njamasi Chiwanga said that the robust foundation was basing its activities under the three top facets.

"Our top activities are normally based on the three major agro-ecological technologies, including the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) popularly known in Swahili as 'Kisiki Hai', Rainwater Harvesting as well as Agro-forestry," Chiwanga said, noting: "Our is on combating desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) has restored more than 10 million indigenous trees within the past five years using the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration 'Kisiki Hai' technique."

On rainwater harvesting technology, he said that the organization has successfully managed to train and mobilize its beneficiaries to construct the Fanyajuu/FanyaChini trenches at a tune of more than 2,000/-.



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One of the 'Kisiki Hai' project areas in Luhundwa village, in Mpwapwa District, Dodoma Region.



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"The Fanyajuu/FanyaChini is a Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) technique which consists of digging trenches and putting earthen ridges facing upslope and/or down slope. The trenches prevent the rain that falls outside the farm from flowing into or through the farm, protecting the fertile soil from erosion. It is a vibrant nature-based solution mostly suitable in

dry lands for preventing soil erosion and ensuring moisture remains on the farm for a longer period," he expressed.

The foundation has also trained its beneficiaries on how to best construct the half-moon bunds, saying more than 22,000 bunds have so far been constructed on grazing lands in Kongwa and Monduli districts.

According to Chiwanga,

the half-moon bunds method is another innovative type of Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) technique that traps water and nutrients and concentrates them in an area that resembles a half-moon/semi-circle to allow natural vegetation to grow while preventing soil erosion at the same time.

"We prefer to use nature-based solutions because they can easily be replicated

among farmers, they are cost-effective, but also, the technologies are sustainable," he observed.

He also noted that the ecologically-excellent NGO was running its activities in close partnership and cooperation with the Government of Tanzania particularly the local government leaders,

who have been involved closely from the selection, and training of champion

farmers and overseeing their day to day project activities. LEAD exploits a robust Training of Trainers (ToT) program in reaching and activating large number of farmers and pastoralists in the villages.

"In order to attain our targeted goals, we normally cooperate with the local leaders, including the Village Chairpersons, the Village Executive Officers (VEO)

and Agricultural Extension Officers to select and effectively train some devoted farmers on the said agronomic practices, and after qualifying, the farmers (the champion farmers) help to impart the methods to their fellow farmers in their respective areas," he stated.

With the use of the champion farmers, among others, he said the program has so far managed to grow more than 20,000 Gliricidia Sepi-

um trees in different areas, detailing that apart from restoring soil fertility in farms, the drought-resistant and environmentally friendly trees are useful in providing firewood and animal feed to the villagers.

The NGO has recently emerged among the top 100 locally-led tree restoration organizations in Africa, and scooped a chance to implement a fresh reputable African Union (AU) program under the AFR100 Initiative (the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative which aims to restore more than 100 million hectares of forests in Africa by 2030).

On the NGO's 2030 vision, Njamasi said the target is to reach out to at least 1,000 new villages and to restore more than 500,000 hectares of degraded land in collaboration with the communities, the government, partners, donors and other stakeholders.

He also said among other future plans is to grow a total of 100,000 new Gliricidia Sepium trees in Chamwino district under the Restoration of Semi-Arid Lands in Tanzania (RESET) project which is part of the AFR100 funded project within the coming three years.

"I will be short of gratitude if I will not salute the time-heart support that we have always been receiving from different stakeholders and partners that we're working with, and truly, our excellence to many extents banks on them," he said.

Partners and supporters in that initiative include the Dutch INGO - Justdiggit, Erbacher Foundation, Awaken Trees, the International Crops Research Institute of the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), One Tree Planted (AFR100 Initiative), TRIAS East Africa, Ecosia, Helvetas and of course the Government of Tanzania through its various sectorial departments.

NIT ex-student shares his success story as firm's general manager

THE National Institute of Transport (NIT) former student Ajuaye Msele is currently having an impressive career in transport and logistics. Msele who is now a Simba Supply Chain Solution (SSCS) general manager, spoke to Our Correspondent on how he clinched to that top post. Here is the excerpt.

Question: What did you study at NIT and any comment for the programme you took?

Answer: I did an MBA in Transport and Logistics Management. It was a joint programme between NIT and Open University of Tanzania (OUT). The NIT was in the area of Logistics courses and OUT dealt with Business courses

Question: When did you discover



Ajuaye Msele

you wanted to be a professional in transport and logistics?

Answer: I started working in the logistic sector as an intern in year 2000. Since then, I got a motivation to develop myself to be professional in the industry.

Q: Explain abilities that are required for being successful in

your role?

A: In logistics you need to be able to understand the total supply chain. The dynamics in the sector is so high, thus one needs to be able to act upon any changes in the sector. One needs to be able to foresee the direction and trend of Global Supply chain so as to align with the organizational activities and plan

Q: What would you recommend to other professionals in the logistics sector who are currently considering graduating from NIT?

A: There is more opportunity studying logistics. In every aspect of life there is transport/logistics aspect on it. The prospective graduates need to know that they can utilize

the knowledge gained from school to generate their own pass. Joining together would enable them to create selves employment and run their lives.

Q: How logistics and transport education prepared your career?

A: To act professional need to gain right and reliable knowledge.

Working in the transport and logistics sector, need someone to be equipped with relevant and reliable skills. It is not hundred percent from school but a basic shall be established from learning institution like NIT. In this regard, I can admit that the knowledge gained from NIT helped a lot to manage my day to day activity in my career and am proud of it.

Q: Who supported you to become who you are today?

A: Many supported me. First is Almighty Allah. We human being put effort but needs to get endorsement from Allah to reach a success. To mention one person who is my role model I can easily mention Hon. Athumani Janguo who worked with Tanzania Railways Corporation and Tanzania Ports Authority (former THA) as a DG with a lot of success. He mentored me and I consider as a hero to make me who I am.

Q: What are your long-range objectives?

A: A strong logistics firm that will give the young stars opportunity to work train and imitate

Q: If I were to ask your colleagues to describe you, what would they say?

A: Personable, firm on issues, compassionate

Q: If you had to live your life again what would you change?

A: Serving my parents better. I am feeling like I could start taking care of them while I was in Primary school.

Climate change in South East Asia: Where are we and what are we bound for?

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

It is increasingly clear that human health and wellbeing are being threatened everywhere because of global warming and environmental damage. Extreme weather events, sea level rise, increasing scarcity of fresh water, drought and high temperatures, combined with loss of biodiversity and other aspects of ecological degradation such as soil erosion and coral bleaching are all features of anthropogenic self-harm and an increasingly inhospitable planet for human society.

The 2015 Paris Agreement established a target of limiting global warming to no more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial temperatures. We are now at 1.1°C of warming. A special report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) paints a grim picture of what we would face should we reach 1.5°C of warming.

Crucially, failing to limit global warming to 1.5°C could result in the planet being pushed over a number of tipping points that would see accelerated and irreversible warming, with a variety of cascading effects (e.g. loss of the polar ice caps and massive dieback of the Amazonian rainforest) that would see billions of people



Dead trees form an eerie tableau on the shores of Maubara Lake in Timor-Leste. Credit: UN Photo/Martine Perret

facing an existential crisis.

Such concerns are not alarmist or exaggerated. The most recent set of Assessment Reports by the IPCC, released over the past few months, presents clear evidence that we are in trouble. Among other things, it projects that average global surface temperatures will most likely reach 1.5°C above pre-industrial averages before 2040.

The theme of World Environment Day this year - "Only One Earth" - correctly points

out that all of humanity shares a common dependency upon a single planet. Perhaps nothing is more emblematic of the need for global solidarity and international cooperation than the planetary crisis we face. However, there are also regional differences in terms of both the impacts that will be experienced and the contributions that can be made to averting the crisis.

So, what can be said about

South East Asia?

For one, in line with global warming trends and the continued rise in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the region has seen its annual mean temperature increase at a rate of 0.14°C to 0.20°C per decade since the 1960s. It is hotter than it used to be and the region can expect further increases in temperature. South East Asia is also expected to see an increased frequency of heatwaves.

The high humidity of the region will compound the high temperatures and increase the incidence of heat stroke and heat-related deaths. According to one study, heat-related mortality has already gone up by 61% in Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines since the 1990s.

Higher temperatures and heat stress at 3°C warming are expected to reduce agriculture labour capacity by up to 50% and reduce agricultural productivity and food production. According to one study, this will lead to a 5% increase in crop prices from increased labour cost and production loss.

Rates of malnutrition will likely rise in the region, especially as crop production in other parts of the world come under stress. An example is the drought caused by 2015-2016 El-Niño in South East Asia, Eastern and Southern Africa which resulted in 20.5 million people facing acute food insecurity in 2016 and 5.9 million children became underweight. Rising levels of CO2 in the atmosphere will also reduce the nutritional quality of certain crops and increase the likelihood of greater micronutrient deficiency.

The higher levels of energy and moisture in the atmosphere, produced by global warming, will translate into changing rainfall patterns. Increased annual average rainfall has already

been observed in parts of Malaysia, Vietnam and southern Philippines.

Paradoxically, some parts of the region would observe a reduction in the number of wet days. According to the IPCC, the Philippines had observed fewer tropical cyclones, but they were more intense and destructive.

Changes to the hydrologic cycle will also impact on the availability of freshwater and undermine water security in the region. This will in turn lead to associated health problems due to lower levels of sanitation and hygiene.

In the Mekong River basin, due to both climate change and unsustainable levels of water consumption, it is projected that groundwater storage will reduce by up to 160 million cubic meters and that this will be accompanied by delta erosion and sea level rise, affecting coastal cities such as Bangkok and Ho Chi Minh City.

Three quarters of the cities in the South East Asia will experience more frequent floodings, potentially affecting tens of millions of people every year by 2030. In 2019, South East and East Asia had already recorded the internal displacement of 9.6 million people from cyclones, floods, and typhoons, representing almost 30% of all global displacements in that year.

Climate change and extreme weather events will also increase mental illness. Children, youth, women and elderly are particularly at risk of developing anxiety and depression, as well as post-traumatic disorder associated with extreme weather events and the loss of homes and other assets.

A recent nationwide survey by UNICEF Malaysia in 2020 found that 92% of young persons are already worried about the climate crisis (ecoanxiety).

These forecasts highlight the importance of GHG reductions and the preservation of vital ecosystems services. Unfortunately, progress on this front remains inadequate across the region. Between 2010 and 2019, the region saw an annual average increase of 1.8% in carbon intensity, and of 5.1% in CO2 emissions from 2015 to 2019 in the energy sector.

South East Asia also recorded the fastest per capita

growth in transport emissions (4.6% per year) in the world, and saw its forest cover decrease by a whopping 13% between 1990 and 2015, with mangrove forest loss growing by 0.39% per annum between 2000 and 2012.

One ray of hope, according to the IPCC, is that South East Asia has the potential to rapidly reduce as much as 43% of GHG emissions by 2050 from reduced energy demand and increased energy efficiency in the building sector, and that further GHG reductions would be possible with more investment and research on decarbonization.

This is critical. If the world is to have a decent chance of limiting global warming to 1.5°C, we need to achieve net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 at the very least. Presently however, policy makers and politicians are either not taking the problem seriously enough or feel unable to break out of our dependency on fossil fuels as indicated by an ASEAN report that shows a gap between current country commitments and the necessary GHG reductions.

Similarly, the radical change required to the way we treat and use the land currently appears to be beyond the capabilities of society.

The last United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow last year that brought together 120 world leaders saw some welcome commitments from governments. For example, Indonesia, as one of the world largest carbon emitters through deforestation and land use change, made a commitment to the Glasgow Leaders Declaration on Forests and Land Use.

A number of countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam) signed the Global Methane Pledge to cut 30% methane by 2030, and a portion of ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam) fully or partially signed the Global Coal to Clean Power Transition Statement. These pledges and commitments must still be translated into action. But even if they are, more rapid and radical change is needed.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include: 1. Student of History, 2. country discovered by Yermik in 1581, 3. Jaramogi Oginga's son, etc. Solutions include: ICE, NOD, URN, OYO, CAM, EAR, FLUE, FARS, DOSE, CHINA, ERASE, SPEAR, TRUMP, ASANA, DNASE, OLIVE, EBOLA, DENGUE, MALAWI, DOCTOR, NURSES, FEVERED, EPISODE, IMPAIRED, COVID 19, VOMITIOUS, MODERATOR, CORONA VIRUS.

RADIO One RAJIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

Table with 7 columns: MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY. Each column lists time slots and program names such as HALI YA HEWA, KUMEPAMBAZUKA I, AMKA NA BBC, NIPASHE, MATANGAZO, BARABARANI, UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI, HABARI NYEPESI, BIASHARA, BRAND TALK, YALIYOMO YAMO, DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS, DJ SHOW, DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS, HOJA YA LEO, DIRA YA DUNIA BBC, SPOTI LEO, RADIO ONE DOCTOR, DAKIKA 45, NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS), AFRO TIZI, MUZIKI, MCHANGANYIKO.

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JOHARI ROTANA REOPENING, THE ROYAL TOUR AND PROSPECT OF TOURISM

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S tourism sector is slowly recovering from the impact of Covid-19 pandemic which was first reported in March 2019.

After two years of operating in difficult environment, including shortages of visitors, investors in tourist hotels are now seeing the light ahead, as the sector has started to pay off.

Investors in hotels see The Royal Tour documentary launched in different markets including United States of America, targeting to boost tourists arrivals, being an ignition key to future increase of tourism activities in Tanzania. As Africa's leading destination, through the Royal Tour marketing strategy, Tanzania is poised to attract more tourists, attract more investors in tourism sector, while creating jobs to stimulate economic growth.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), food and accommodation activity to the economy, which includes tourism, grew double digit last year compared with contraction of 13 percent in 2020 and 2.6 percent in 2019, during the epic of Covid-19.

This 1.5trn/- activity includes the provision of short-stay accommodation for visitors and other travelers and the provision of complete meals and drinks fit

for immediate consumption.

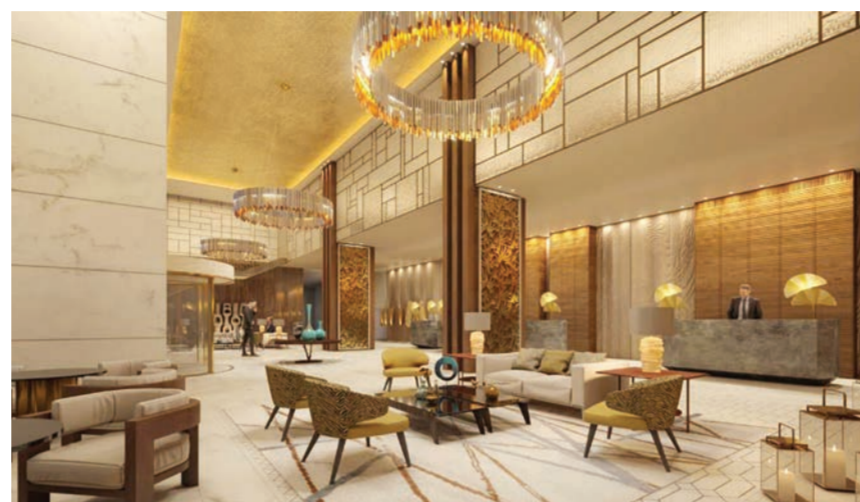
On Quarterly basis, accommodation and food services recorded a growth rate of 11.3 percent in the fourth quarter in 2021 compared to a negative growth of 14.9 percent recorded in the corresponding quarter in 2020.

The growth was attributed to a significant increase in tourist arrivals. Tourist arrivals increased to 298,296 in the fourth quarter in 2021 from 190,528 recorded in similar period in 2020, according to NBS.

With the development, number of hotels which ceased operations have now back into businesses, with expectation of current recovery and expected outcomes of The Royal Tour, demands for food and accommodation is expected to increase substantially.

Johari Rotana, a five star hotel in Dar es Salaam announced on Thursday that it has reopened its doors after a two-year closure following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, with new hope after the international tourist arrivals in Tanzania have gradually been increasing thus positively influencing the hospitality sector.

Speaking during the opening the General Manager of Johari Rotana, Joerg Potreck said that the opening could not have been at a better time with Tanzania named "Africa's Leading Destination" in 2021 and the increasing arrival of



Johari Rotana property in Dar es Salaam, which is expected to reopen this week after two years closure. PHOTO/FILE

tourists in the country.

"It's an exciting time for us all and my team and we are all geared up to welcome our guests back to Johari Rotana," he said.

He added: We are confident that our spacious rooms and suites, wide selection of food and beverage venues, advanced meeting and conference facilities and recreation facilities will appeal to our guests and provide a competitive advantage in the market," added Potreck.

Conveniently located in the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation Square complex in Dar es Salaam's Central Business District (CBD), the spectacular property offers 253 keys including 193 large hotel rooms.

The hotel reopens a few days after the Acting Director of Economic Statistics

from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), announced an increase in the number of tourist arrivals in the country in the first quarter of 2022.

According to him there was an increase of 33.6 percent of tourist arrivals equivalent to 367,632 who visited various tourist attractions compared to 275,097 tourists in 2021.

Rotana, one of the leading hotel management companies in the region with hotels across the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Turkey, started its operations in November 2019. The new five-star property marked the company's entrance to the East African market.

Providing fantastic views of Dar es Salaam Harbour and the city, the rooms, suites, and apartments are spread across

15 floors starting from the 13th floor of the 65,000 sqm mixed-use project.

Offering diverse dining experiences, Johari Rotana features four stylish dining venues, including the lobby lounge Kibo, an all-day dining restaurant Zafarani, an upscale Chinese restaurant Noble House and the informal Hamilton's Gastropub.

The new hotel also boasts the largest meeting and conference facility in Tanzania, a 900sqm ballroom with a 6.5-meter ceiling height that can also be divided into three smaller venues.

The property also features six additional meeting rooms with captivating views of the waterfront a dedicated business centre, Class-A offices, and an indoor parking facility, making it an ideal choice for both business and leisure guests.

Guests staying at Johari Rotana will also have access to a wide selection of wellness and sports facilities, including an outdoor pool, fully-equipped gym with a boxing ring, sauna, steam and treatment rooms.

Guy Hutchinson, acting CEO, Rotana, said during the opening in 2019 that: "our first property in East Africa, heralds a new hospitality experience in the region. We are confident that our spacious rooms and suites, wide selection of food and beverage venues, advanced meeting and conference facilities."

Muheza town commodities markets facilities have no toilets, water supply, traders say

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Muheza

TRADERS doing their businesses at the vegetables and fruits market in Muheza township have appealed to the district authority to build public toilet and water supply facilities at the market, as currently are walking a long way to access the services.

The traders raised the concern before Muheza district commissioner, Halima Bulembo who recently visited the market place.

The market is one of four in Muheza township which have no toilets or water supply, which is threatening the health of traders and the quality of goods sold at the market as well as create disturbances to traders when it comes into need for water or toilet.

One of the vegetable sellers Mwanaisha Jembe told the district commissioner that lack of public toilet at the market has caused them to spend a lot of money to access the service from private providers, who charges 200/- per entrance.

Joseph Obadiah, a trader said, "The market is lacking not only toilet but also water supply infrastructures, which can help us to wash our produce, especially vegetables."

They also asked Muheza township council to check the possibility of reducing of 500/- levies charging petty traders who are starting their business during the afternoon, saying were spending less time, but paying as if they do businesses the whole day.

"We as petty traders are forced to pay 500/- market levy, the same as those who are doing their activities since morning, sometime we don't sell anything," said Thabitina Hamidu, a petty trader.

Responding to the matter, DC Bulembo assured traders that their concerns will be directed to responsible district authority department for actions.

"I have listened to your concerns and I promise to work on it as soon as possible," she said.

When contacted, the Muheza District Executive Director, Nasib Mbagi said the problems will be solved as he was waiting for the directives from the district commissioner.

Other markets which have no toilets services are Majani Mapana market and cereal and wood products market popularly known Soko la Nafaka.

Equity Bank's Kahama branch makes lives better for customers

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

The opening of Equity bank Tanzania new branch here has given a lease of life to customers, cementing financial inclusion, in a time when many banks are focusing on electronic banking.

Speaking during the opening of the branch on Wednesday, the head of customer services Dr Betty Kwoko Mzimba said the physical presence of the bank in Kahama was necessary because the bank will be closer to its customers.

"Quality customer service is our main focus in offering our services and we assure them that the new branch will provide services in accordance with their expectation," she said.

Dr Mzimba who was representing the bank managing director said without quality services, the growth

of customers will not be realized.

"For the financial institution, it is important to understand that there are some people who have trusted us to keep their money, so they must be respected and recognized because they are sweating for it," she said.

Dr Mzimba said Equity bank believe that quality services to customer is an important tool for making a business to success.

"In any business, when a customer is served well, he/she build a trust of coming again, but if he/she is served below expectation, there is no hope of coming back," she said.

The head of customer services noted that the opening of the branch will also help to stimulates money circulation through increase lending to different sectors of the economy, which will generally stimulates economic

growth and job creation.

"Most of small businesses are going out of businesses because they lack supports from institutions that are supposed to support them and they consider them as they are not deserve for such push," she said.

Equity Bank Limited - Tanzania opened its doors for the first time on 9th February 2012 with two branches; Quality Centre Dar es Salaam and Arusha.

As the global economy continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, Equity Group announced last month that has eased its defensive strategy that had been deployed during the economic uncertainty and returned to its growth strategy.

The defensive strategy involved internally generated cash being retained, while forgoing



Equity Bank Tanzania head of customer services department Dr Betty Kwoko Mzimba (L), with Kahama district administrative secretary Timothy Ndanda (centre) and Equity Bank's Kahama branch manager Beatus Tesha open a curtain to official opening of new branch in Kahama.

dividend payouts for two consecutive years to build capital buffers.

This yielded an increase in shareholder funds to Kshs.176.2 billion as at 31st December 2021 up from Kshs.111.8 billion as at 31st December 2019.

Cost of risk peaked at 6.1% for the year ended 31st December 2020 from the normalized cycle of 1.5% to increase NPL coverage to 98.2%.

The Group's liquidity ratio increased to 63.4% as at 31st December 2021 up from 52.1% at 31st December 2019 as the Group preserved cash.

The loan/deposit ratio declined to 61.3% as at 31st December 2021 from a high of 75.9% as at 31st December 2019 with investment in cash equivalents and Government securities growing to Kshs.636.9 billion or 48.8% of the entire balance sheet up from Kshs.258.6 billion or 38.4% of balance sheet as at 31st December 2019.

The defensive strategy adopted and pursued by the Group for the 2 years of the COVID-19 pandemic positioned it well for its optimum quality and efficient growth strategy in the post COVID-19 economy.

For the year to 31st March 2022 the Group's total assets and balance sheet grew by 19% from Kshs.1,066.4 billion to Kshs.1,269.5 billion compared to the corresponding period in the previous year while cash and cash equivalents declined by 31% from Kshs. 241 billion down to Kshs.166.4 billion as the Group resumed aggressive lending.

Net loans grew 28% to Kshs.623.6 billion up from Kshs.487.7 billion while investments in Government securities grew by 50% to Kshs.389.4 billion up from Kshs.258.9 billion.

ARM Tanzania assets sale raises Sh2 billion surplus



NAIROBI

THE sale of ARM Cement's assets in Tanzania raised funds that paid all the claims of creditors in that market and left a surplus of Sh2.3 billion that was transferred to Kenya.

Locally, the funds were used in paying liabilities such as amounts owed to banks and investors in the firm's commercial paper.

The firm's Tanzanian subsidiary, Maweni Limestone Ltd, was sold by the administrators PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to Chinese firm Huaxin Cement for Sh11.9 billion.

The amount was more than enough to settle all the claims totalling Sh8.7 billion due to Maweni's creditors including

Sh538 million which was due to the Tanzanian tax authority.

"Over \$20 million (Sh2.3 billion) was transferred to Kenya and added to the Kenya proceeds to pay creditors," the administrators told Business Daily.

The Kenyan assets were sold to National Cement Company, owned by billionaire businessman Narendra Raval for Sh5 billion.

Despite the surplus cash from Maweni, Kenyan creditors suffered substantial losses in the liquidation of the cement manufacturer.

Lenders and unsecured creditors lost Sh11.5 billion in the process while shareholders were completely wiped out.

Unsecured creditors, who laid an aggregate claim of Sh9 billion on the firm, took the biggest haircut after only recovering 6.2 percent of this amount. Secured lenders - mainly banks such as Absa Bank Kenya and UBA Bank Kenya - were paid Sh4.98 billion out of their claims totalling Sh8.03 billion.

Preferential creditors, which have priority in being paid in bankruptcies, were compensated in full at Sh326.6 million.

The cement firm's debacle demonstrates the risks of sitting at the bottom of the payment waterfall where a creditor is only compensated after claims from others higher up in the hierarchy have been settled.

The biggest unsecured lenders

included holders of ARM's commercial paper and bonds worth Sh1.82 billion, private lender Aerous at Sh1.55 billion and Stanbic Bank at Sh920.1 million. The cement maker's former employees were also owed salary arrears worth Sh30 million.

ARM's financial difficulties saw it placed in administration in August 2018 after failing to service bank loans as losses piled up and ate into its capital, with the principal shareholders including the Paurana family and UK's sovereign wealth fund CDC Group failing to inject new capital to ease the problem.

It had racked up Sh14 billion in debt and had negative equity of Sh2.4 billion at the time.

INVESTOR REOPENS MOROGORO TOBACCO FACTORY AFTER ACQUISITION

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

THE recently acquired Morogoro based Tanzania Tobacco Processing Company which was closed for nearly three years is now set for reopening, thanks to the local investor Amy Holdings, which bought the assets of the previous owners.

Speaking in Tabora at the launch of tobacco season, Amy Holdings Managing Director Ahmed Mansoor Huwel said the factory will be reopened in July or August depending on the completion of the tobacco procurement process currently underway country-wide.

Tabora Regional Commissioner Dr. Batilda Buriani officiated at the function held at the company's premises at Miemba area congratulating the company for coming to rescue tobacco farmers in the country.

"When we bought this company our plans were to start operations next season, but the government pleaded with us to hit the ground running and rescue the farmers whose stockpiles of the crop was lacking market, hence our decision to start buying the crop to be followed by the reopening of the factory," he said.

He said the company intends to purchase a minimum of 10 million kilograms of the crop this season, but in future the plan is to increase crop vol-



Tabora regional commissioner Dr Batilda Buriani (2-L) launches tobacco buying season for a new tobacco buying company Amy Holdings. Looking on are Amy Holdings Managing director Ahmed Huwel (2-R), Deputy Managing director Richard Sinamtwa (R) and Acting TTB chairman Hassan Wakasuvi (L).

umes to several folds upwards.

Huwel said his company in collaboration with government authorities including Tanzania Tobacco Board (TTB) and Tobacco Research Institute of Tanzania (Torita) plans to launch soil test-

ing drive in all tobacco growing regions.

"This exercise will greatly help to identify soil profiles and the subsequent nutrient requirements in tobacco fields as opposed to the current business as

usual in which all tobacco farmers use the same number and type of fertilizers namely NPK and UREA, which has been in the agronomy guidelines for the past ten years," he noted.

He added that his company will

also work closely with TTB as well as various tobacco cooperatives to ensure that farmers convert the energy inefficiency tobacco curing barns which consume excessive amount fuel woods and embrace modern barns which are environmental friendly.

"We will do this in order to be able to help farmers produce a compliant tobacco crop and not the crop which is an enemy of the environment and which international buyers are hesitant to buy," he said.

Amy Holdings and Mkwawa Leaf will jointly employ 900 permanent and pensionable employees countrywide as well as between 3000 to 5000 seasonal casuals who usually serve in the company's warehouses and the Morogoro based factory.

Three years ago Tanzania Leaf Tobacco Company (TLTC) together with its sister company TTPL closed shop in Tanzania, sending untold shock waves to at least 600 employees and their families as well as tobacco many farmers who depended on the company.

The closure also affected more than 5000 casuals as well as thousands of stakeholders involved in the tobacco value chain.

Former minister Nantaba deep in bitter land feud with neighbours

KAMPALA

CHAOS erupted in Ndeeba village, Kayunga Town Council in Kayunga District after residents and former state minister for ICT, Ida Nantaba, were engaged in a bitter brawl over land.

The irate residents accused their neighbour, Ms Nantaba, of razing their property and crops as well as grabbing pieces of their land during the process of grading her land in preparation to construct a perimeter fence on it.

Ms Nantaba the Kayunga District woman MP, a born of the area is constructing a house for her aging mother Ms Rachael Naluwoza.

According to Mr Frank Kanamwangi, the Asoni village chairman, Ms Nantaba hired a grader to level her two-acre piece of land but in the process, crops and other property that included a toilet belonging to her neighbor, Mr Isa Matovu was razed down.

Mr Matovu was left stranded on where his family members and himself would answer nature's call from.

However, Ms Nantaba claimed she had given him money earlier as compensation for him to remove the toilet, something Mr Matovu denied.

Crops such as coffee, bananas, beans, cassava, jack fruit trees and others were razed down by the grader, something that infuriated residents.

"As the grader was razing down crops and other properties, I went and reported the matter to Kayunga police station, which prompted officers to stop the grader from going ahead with the work," Mr Kanamwangi explained.

He said that, however, instead of apologizing for the destruction done on their property, Ms Nantaba instead accused her neighbours of fighting her all the time.

"I was grading my land. Those crops that were destroyed by the grader are not a big issue. You are just fighting me," Ms Nantaba told residents.

Ms Nantaba's remarks angered the area LCI chairman and residents, who responded by accusing the former minister of hoodwinking residents for long that she was against land grabbing.

"You have become popular on claims of fighting land grabbers but you have been just deceiving us," Ms Sarah Nawagi told Ms Nantaba.

This resulted into a bitter verbal exchange between Ms Nantaba and residents.

Ms Nantaba and Mr Kanamwangi nearly exchanged fists, prompting the former to call her Special Forces Command (SFC) guards, who arrived and restrained Ms Nantaba from fighting.



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Policy, legal reforms in seed sub-sector will improve food availability at LGA levels

By Geoffrey Kirenga

TANZANIA is currently undergoing a significant food systems transformation. To ensure all the changes occurring, the livelihood for smallholder farmers continues to improve; accessibility of improved seeds is one of the essential factors. Seeds are the key to improving agricultural productivity, food security, and poverty reduction.

Tanzania has come a long way in formulating policy and reforms for the greater good in the seed sub-sector. Since independence, the goal of all the initiatives has been to ensure the availability of quality seeds. The food sufficiency the nation has enjoyed for over a decade could not have been possible without reliable access to quality and affordable seeds.

In the last decade and a half, Tanzania has introduced various policy and legal reforms in the seed sub-sector to ensure the availability of improved seeds to farmers at affordable prices. There have been remarkable achievements. However, some challenges remain.

Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) has been a dependable partner working with the government, the private sector, and non-state actors to make Tanzania's seed sub-sector self-sustainable for the good of smallholder farmers, who are the majority in our nation. Working with government-owned research institutions such as Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), AGRA has played a crucial role in developing home-grown breeder seeds (over 30 varieties), pivotal in sustainable food security.

The Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania



(SAGCOT) and partners have been privileged for years to partner with AGRA in the quest to contribute towards inclusive agriculture transformation in Tanzania. One of our collaborations in the seed sector is supporting the local government authorities (LGAs) to put in place improved policies and regulations governing the seed sector.

The three-year project sought to strengthen several critical elements of the country's seed system, which limits the supply of quality improved seeds to Tanzania's smallholder farmers. The implementation of the project has played a part in accelerating the development of robust and sustainable seed systems. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) financed the initiative, titled Tanzania Seed Policy Project.

The project sought to address inadequate harmonisation of reforms and improper enforcement of the bylaws at LGA levels. It makes the gap between poli-

cy reform and implementation an uphill task. For instance, the government abolished the tax charged on seeds on transit in July 2017. The reform was supposed to eliminate charging of crop cess on moving from one LGA to another. Moreover, in 2017, the government waived 108 levies, taxes, and fees in the agriculture sector in a bid to lessen the burden of taxes imposed on agricultural produce, including seeds.

The government carried out this reform to enable farmers to access seeds at affordable prices. However, the reforms were not implemented fully, leaving the seed agribusinesses impacted by taxes and fees, especially at the sub-national levels. The implementation of the policy project involved policy dialogues to discuss the regulatory challenges within the seed sector. Different actors including high governmental officials from agricultural sector lead ministries, and stakeholders in the seed sub-sector institutions.

They include Tanzania Official

Seed Certification (TOSCD), TARI, Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA), SUA, Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) and Tanzania Seed Trade Association (TASTA), participated. The dialogues at national level were followed by dialogues at LGA levels which were attended by representatives from local government authorities, seed companies, seed traders, and seed stakeholders and created awareness about existing seed policies and regulations. Awareness was vital for the purpose of enhancing implementation and compliance.

We have now seen early outcomes from this initiative which include the establishment of twenty (20) seed multi-stakeholder platforms in LGAs from potential seed production regions. The platforms bring in actors in the seed value chain to discuss challenges that hinder investment in the seed sector and champion policy issues that need attention from the government.

It is also worth recognising a record performance in the development of thirteen (13) standards to regulate non-true seeds (especially fruit crop seedlings) which were approved recently by the Minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe. The standards will allow production and maintenance of seed quality and ensure farmers get positive returns on their farming investments.

In implementing advocacy projects AGRA works using the public-private partnership approach. We had a wide composition of stakeholders that included government institutions, private sector companies, and non-state actors, and in particular SAGCOT. All the stakeholders are vital in providing project sustainability.

The Seed Multi-Stakeholder Platforms will continue to func-

tion keeping a tab on seed trading at sub-national and national levels beyond project lifetime. The structure left on the ground through this initiative will facilitate continued engagement with policy and decision-makers to develop new opportunities and continue improving the business environment for agrobusinesses in Tanzania.

AGRA made a strategic choice to support Tanzania's agricultural transformation agenda by using and leveraging assets and know-how in technologies, partnerships, markets, agri-finance, and delivery models that if scaled could lead to a competitive and inclusive agricultural transformation. SAGCOT has been working with AGRA and the government of Tanzania and the private sector to mobilize private sector partners and de-risk their investment in agriculture systems that are required for a vibrant agriculture transformation.

On the other hand, working with other stakeholders in partnering with working with the government to create a sustainable enabling business environment often requires a substantial amount of time to be realized. Often, the lifetime of AGRA initiatives is short of the duration needed to realize the intended benefits. Most of the achievements we have realized in Tanzania have benefited significantly from working with SAGCOT because of the continuation provided though this organisation.

Feasibility study of Namibia's largest green hydrogen project all ready

WINDEHOEK

THE preferred bidder for a gigawatt-scale green hydrogen-to-ammonia project near the coastal town of Lüderitz, in Namibia, is aiming to conclude an implementation agreement with government by August, opening the way for a full-scale feasibility study to enable the implementation of the \$10-billion project.

Following a competitive bidding process, the Namibian government announced the selection of Hyphen Hydrogen Energy as

the preferred bidder for the country's first green hydrogen project in November 2021.

In an update provided at the recent World Economic Forum, in Davos, Switzerland, Hyphen's Marco Raffinetti said the implementation agreement would signal the formal contract award and would trigger the feasibility-study phase.

A joint venture between Nicholas Holdings of the UK and ENERTRAG of Germany, Hyphen aims to develop the project in two seamless phases, beginning with the \$4.4-billion first phase to produce 125 000

t/y of green hydrogen, to be further processed into 700 000 t/y of green ammonia for export to Europe.

Speaking at the Namibian pavilion, Raffinetti indicated that, following pre-environmental assessment phase studies and community engagements, Hyphen was gearing up for the feasibility study and was aiming to achieve financial close by the third quarter of 2024.

"That would then enable us to start mobilisation to commence construction in early 2025; targeting a two-year build and first gas

at the end of 2026 and immediately rolling on to the second phase without demobilising the construction team."

Raffinetti said rapid implementation was being supported by the greenfield approach that had been adopted by Namibia, which viewed the project as the start of a large-scale green hydrogen export industry.

The approach was premised on a common user infrastructure commercial and technical design to facilitate further green hydrogen projects in the earmarked zone, which is located in the Tsau//Khaeb National Park.

Tsau//Khaeb has a total area of 25 000 km² and 4 000 km² was awarded in the first auction. The area has solar resources of up to 2 800 full-load hours yearly and average wind speeds of 10 m/s, equivalent to off-shore wind speeds in Europe.

ENERTRAG's Dr Tobias Bischof-Niemz said the approach being adopted by government provided for "rapid scalability" beyond the Hyphen development and had the potential to lay the foundations for yearly production of three-million tons of hydrogen from Tsau//Khaeb.

CONSTRUCTION

DUBAI'S 56 PER CENT PROPERTY SURGE COLLIDES WITH GHOSTS OF 2009 CRASH

DUBAI

THE emirate saw the world's biggest climb in prime property prices in 2021, but several stalled projects still linger over its skyline.

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On Dubai's luxury Palm Jumeirah island, a 10-bedroom mansion sold for a record \$76 million in April. Demand for villas is soaring and a futuristic building is being constructed nearby with a 90-meter-high infinity pool and a giant tank of jellyfish.

Yet, right opposite, stand the concrete skeletons of four unfinished buildings from a stalled 20-year-old project called the Dubai Pearl – a reminder of how quickly booms can go bust.

Last year, Dubai saw the biggest increase in high-end property prices globally, partly because the government's nimble response to the coronavirus pulled in money

from around the world. Prime real-estate prices rose 56% in 2021, according to Knight Frank. That topped every other major city and far exceeded increases of 1.3% in London, 3.6% in New York and 19% in San Francisco.

In the midst of Dubai's resurgence, relics from the property crash that nearly bankrupted the emirate in 2009 still dot its glitzy skyline. Yet the frenzy for real-estate investments in this city has been running so high that mammoth unfinished projects like the Pearl have come into the spotlight once more – even though they are reminders of past excesses.

The Pearl is on a plot of land situated inside a freezone run by business park operator Tecom Group, which is on the verge of listing on the stock market. Tecom is still owed money from a years-ago sale of the Pearl land, according to documents seen by Bloomberg News and people familiar with the matter. Bloomberg News could not independently verify who currently owns the project, which went through a number of developers in its two-decade saga, or the land on which it was meant to be built.

Bankers said the Tecom IPO will be a key test of whether



Dubai has truly made a resurgence from the 2009 crash, when an era of outlandish construction and soaring prices abruptly ended and left many individuals and money managers unable to recoup their money.

Real-estate investors in Dubai have also been hit by several delistings of companies in the past two years, including that of the malls business of the city's largest developer.

Some investors have questioned Tecom managers about the company's links and the status of the stalled Pearl project during discussions about the planned IPO, people familiar with the matter said. Tecom's management said they hold no interest in the development, people familiar with the matter said.

In an emailed response to questions, the Real Estate Regulatory Agency, an arm of the Dubai Land Department, said that it is "currently in talks with the master developer for the Dubai Pearl

project to finalise everything and kick-off the project again." A spokesman for the government agency said it was conducting the talks with Tecom's parent Dubai Holding but declined to provide further details, saying that they would be announced soon. A representative for Tecom and Dubai Holding declined to comment.

The city has other relics of previous property cycles. Near the Pearl, there are at least two other abandoned construction sites. More prominently, construction on a tower that would have exceeded the world's currently highest skyscraper, the Burj Khalifa, also came to a halt in Dubai a few years ago.

The revival of interest in the city has more people turning their sights on at least some of these properties. One Toronto-based entrepreneur says the Pearl site could be a perfect location for developing a giant resort which recreates the moon – shadowy craters

included. There has been at least one bid in recent years from an overseas fund although the status of the bid is unclear, according to the group of Dubai Pearl investors and documents. Damac Properties, a local developer looked at the site but balked at the various legacy issues, according to a company spokesman.

"Unbuilt sites around Dubai are a reminder of the hubris of 2007 and 2008, just as you would find in cities globally. In Dubai's case, however, the irony is that some of these vacant plots now find themselves standing at the heart of completed and highly sought after communities," said Faisal Durrani, partner and head of Middle East Research at Knight Frank. "The value of such sites has grown in the last decade, shining an even brighter spotlight on the opportunity waiting to be unleashed in a city quickly running out of premium plots."

The Pearl was launched as an \$820 million project in 2002 by a regional company called the Omnix Group. However, after a slow start it was taken over by an Abu Dhabi family group which relaunched an even more ambitious version of the development in 2007. The site was meant to have several hotels including an MGM-branded resort, luxury apartments and even an opera.

But as global credit dried up during the financial crisis, the Abu Dhabi developer was unable to bankroll the completion of the project, having spent a large chunk of the investors' money on marketing.

Kusile Unit 4 goes into commercial operation, two more units to go

JOHANNESBURG

ESKOM has announced that Kusile Unit 4, in eMalaheni, Mpumalanga, has entered into commercial operation, adding some 800 MW of much-needed generation capacity to South Africa's load-shedding-prone electricity system.

The unit is the fourth of six units to enter commercial operation at the much-delayed 4 800-MW project, where design defects have also negatively affected the performance of the units that have been connected previously.

In addition, the Kusile units are the first to incorporate wet flue gas desulphurisation technology (WFGD), which Eskom has confirmed to be a major source of regular unit trips.

Eskom estimates a cost to completion at Kusile of R145-billion, excluding WFGD.

The utility has indicated that, based on its experience at Kusile, it would cost between R35-billion and R42-billion to add the atmospheric emission abatement technology to the Medupi power station, in Limpopo.

Kusile Unit 4 was connected to the national grid for the first time on December 23 last year and was formally handed over to the generation division on May 31, following five months of testing and optimisation.

Group executive for capital projects Bheki Nxumalo described the development as a milestone and reported that the project team was working to complete the rest of the units without any further delays.

Nxumalo said Kusile units 5 and 6 continued to progress according to plan.

The Eskom board recently approved target dates for the completion of the remaining Kusile units, with Unit 5 officially scheduled to enter into commercial operation in December 2023 and Unit 6 in May 2024.

COO Jan Oberholzer stated previously that Eskom had every intention of "beating those dates".

To do so, however, would require more rapid progress on securing coal for the plant, as well as ensuring that the ash-handling facilities were in place.



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NAIROBI

SAFARICOM Investment Co-operative (SIC) has started building 450 units of low-cost houses in Ruaka, Kiambu County as part of its mixed-use development project dubbed Miran Residence.

The housing project sits on a 3-acre property at the Western end of the Nairobi Bypass and targets low and middle-income earners.

The apartment whose construction will cost Sh750 million comprises studio apartments selling at Sh2.75 million and studio lofts at Sh3.9 million.

It also has one-bedroom units selling at Sh4.45 million and two-bedroom apartments selling at Sh5.9 million.

"The Miran Residence is an ideal investment for people looking to invest in a family home or looking to put up an investment like homestays," said Safaricom Investment

Safaricom Investment Co-op starts building low-cost houses in Ruaka

Co-operative CEO Sarah Wahogo.

The development includes a fully equipped gym, a kids' play area and a jogging track promoting the ever-growing desire for an all-around lifestyle.

Its construction which has already started will end in June 2024. The contraction is called MC Builders.

The launch of this housing project is quite timely as it plugs into the government's Big 4 agenda on Affordable Housing.

The Miran Residence is the fifth housing project by Safaricom Investment Co-operative Society.

The other housing projects include Ruaka Ridge in Ruaka, BlueBells Apartments in Syokimau, Kantafu Serene Homes in Kantafu and Rongai Villas in Rongai.



UK house price growth slows as property market shows signs of cooling

LONDON

THE average house price in the UK recorded a double digit jump to £269,914 in May but the cost of living crisis is likely to cool down the housing market, mortgage lender Nationwide said.

May saw "a slight slowing" in the rate of annual house price growth. Prices were 11.2 percent higher than a year ago, down from 12.1 percent in April.

But they rose by 0.9% month-on-month in May after a 0.4% rise in April, marking a 10th consecutive month of gains. It means properties, on average, have grown nearly £2,300 more expensive in just one month.

Robert Gardner, Nationwide's chief economist, said the housing market has shown a surprising amount of momentum in the face of rising inflation and interest rates.

But a slowdown is looming, he said, as consumer confidence is hit by the cost of living squeeze.

"Demand is being supported by strong labour market conditions, where the unemployment rate has fallen towards 50-year lows, and with the number of job vacancies at a record high.

"At the same time, the stock of homes on

the market has remained low, keeping upward pressure on house prices."

Gardner added that the hot property market is expected to cool down as the year goes on, with onlookers saying the cost of living crisis will inevitably weigh on rising house prices.

"Household finances are likely to remain under pressure with inflation set to reach double digits in the coming quarters if global energy prices remain high," he said. "Measures of consumer confidence have already fallen towards record lows.

"Moreover, the Bank of England is widely expected to raise interest rates further, which will also exert a cooling impact on the market if this feeds through to mortgage rates."

The Bank of England reported that the number of mortgages approved by UK lenders had dropped to its lowest since June 2020 which could be a sign the housing market is cooling.

Less than 66,000 mortgages were approved in April, down from 69,531 in March and 73,220 back in January.

Nicky Stevenson, managing director at national estate agent group Fine & Country, reported that the housing market is being

hit by the cost of living crisis.

"Annual price gains are finally beginning to decelerate as challenges in the broader economy start to filter through to the housing market," she said.

"Many households are struggling amid the deepening cost of living crisis and it was only a matter of time before we saw a knock-on effect in price growth."

Alice Haine, personal finance analyst at Bestinvest, said: "Throw in the cost of living squeeze – with inflation at 9% in April and expectations it will hit 10% later in the year – and it's only natural to speculate that less people may choose to hop onto the property ladder going forward as budgets get placed under severe pressure and consumer confidence dips.

"Whether that leads to a market crash, or more of a gradual slowdown, is uncertain for now, but affordability will be the issue going forward."

Sarah Coles, senior personal finance analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown, said: "We're not expecting a blight to strike the market, because right now, demand is still outstripping supply, which is likely to keep prices from falling.



WORLD

WHO: Outbreaks of endemic diseases becoming more frequent

LONDON/MILAN

OUTBREAKS of endemic diseases such as monkeypox and lassa fever are becoming more persistent and frequent, the World Health Organization's emergency director, Mike Ryan, warned on Wednesday.

As the climate change contributes to rapidly changing weather conditions like drought, animals and human are changing their food-seeking behaviour. As a result, diseases that typically circulate in animals are increasingly jumping into humans, he said.

"Unfortunately, that ability to amplify that disease and move it on within our communities is increasing - so both disease emergence and disease amplification factors have increased."

Cases of monkeypox continue to rise outside Africa, mostly in Europe, and scientists are trying to pin down the reasons behind the spread.

The World Health Organization said it had so far received reports of more than 550 confirmed cases of the viral disease from 30 countries outside of Africa.

Over 20 countries where monkeypox is not endemic have reported outbreaks of the viral disease, with more than 300 confirmed or suspected infec-

tions mostly in Europe.

In England, monkeypox appears to be spreading from person to person, the UK Health Security Agency said on Wednesday.

The usually mild viral disease, which is endemic in west and central Africa, is understood to spread through close contact. Until early May, cases rarely cropped up outside Africa and were typically linked to travel to there.

"The current outbreak is the first time that the virus has been passed from person to person in England where travel links to an endemic country have not been identified," the agency said.

According to the UKHSA, the majority of cases in the United Kingdom - 132 - are in London, while 111 cases are known to be in gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men (GBMSM). Only two cases are in women.

Recent foreign travel to a number of different countries in Europe within 21 days of symptom onset has been reported by 34 confirmed cases, or about 18 percent of the 190 cases of the disease that have been confirmed by the United Kingdom as of May 31.

So far, the UKHSA has identified links to gay bars, saunas and the use of dating apps in Britain and abroad.



This 1997 image provided by the CDC during an investigation into an outbreak of monkeypox, which took place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, depicts the dorsal surfaces of the hands of a monkeypox case patient, who was displaying the appearance of the characteristic rash during its recuperative stage. AP

"Investigations continue but currently no single factor or exposure that links the cases has been identified," the agency cautioned.

Monkeypox can affect anyone, but many of the most recent diagnoses are the GBMSM community - many of whom live in, or have links to London, said Kevin Fenton, London's regional director for public health.

"As with any new disease outbreak, the risk of stigma and uncertainty is great," he said.

The UKHSA is working with groups including the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV and the dating App Grindr to communicate with sexual health services and the GBMSM community. It is also encouraging the LGBT Consortium and Pride event organisers to help with messaging in the coming weeks.

Monkeypox typically causes flu-like symptoms and pus-filled skin lesions

that usually resolve on their own within weeks, but can kill a small fraction of those infected.

UK health authorities are offering Bavarian Nordic's vaccine, Imvanex, to contacts of confirmed or suspected cases.

Meanwhile, in Italy, the cases have risen to 20 and are set to increase further in the coming days, the country's deputy health minister said on Wednesday.

"We have 20 cases in Italy, 19 are all people who have traveled where there has been a chain of contagion and perhaps - this has not yet been confirmed - only one case occurred as a second contagion," Pierpaolo Sileri told Rai Radio 1.

"There is an incubation period of a couple of weeks, it is clear that we will have more in the coming days," he added.

Agencies

Provocations by US, NZ should stop, Beijing says



THE United States and New Zealand are hyping up China's cooperation with Pacific Island countries with an ulterior motive to smear and attack China, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian on Wednesday, expressing strong opposition to a recent joint statement issued by the two countries.

Speaking at a regular news briefing in Beijing, Zhao (pictured) said it is hypocritical of the US, which runs military bases across the world, to express so-called concern over the normal security cooperation between other countries.

"It reflects its deep-seated hegemonic mindset," Zhao said, adding that the US is "the real threat to security" as it is putting together military blocs in the region, provoking an arms race, and bringing nuclear proliferation risks to South Asia.

Zhao said leaders of the Pacific Island countries have commended China's support for their countries' economic development, improvements to livelihoods and efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic during State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi's ongoing visit to the South Pacific.

"They are looking forward to the prospect of the China-Pacific Island countries cooperation," Zhao said.

Zhao also pushed back on the joint statement's deliberate hyping up of the South China Sea issue and its unwarranted remarks on China's internal affairs including Taiwan, the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and Hong Kong.

The freedom of navigation in the South China Sea was not and will not be a problem, he said, noting that China firmly safeguards its territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests.

China always believes that in the development of bilateral relations, countries should make sure that it is conducive to world peace and stability, and does not undermine the interests of any third party.

"The US side should abandon its Cold War mentality and ideological bias, stop interfering in China's internal affairs and stop smearing China," Zhao said, adding that China also hopes New Zealand will follow independent foreign policy and contribute to regional peace and stability.

Lyu Xiang, a researcher on US studies with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said: "Actually, the Asia-Pacific region has been the most stable region in the world since the Cold War and China has played a major role in this regard."

"However, Washington is attempting to disrupt regional stability out of its mistaken understanding of China."

Kremlin says Putin, Zelensky could meet only to finalise 'certain document'

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Vladimir Zelensky could meet only to finalize "a certain document", yet the two sides suspended work on it long ago, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Wednesday.

"No one could ever exclude such a meeting a priori, but arrangements for it should be made. Putin and Zelensky could meet only to finalize a certain document, yet work on it was suspended rather long ago and has never been resumed," Peskov (pictured) said.

In response to a question about whether Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's visit to Turkey on June 8 would be related to a potential meeting in Istanbul between Moscow, Kiev and the United Nations, Peskov said that these would be "single-context" events.

"Therefore, there is an indirect connection between the events, indeed," he said. "Yet there is still no clear-cut vision with regard to a meeting (between Russian, Ukrainian and UN delegations - TASS)," the presidential spokesman said.

Nor is there an indication for Putin's potential visit to Turkey, Peskov added. "There is an invitation, and the timing will be agreed via diplomatic channels," he said, failing to give the exact date.

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US lifts Cuba flight restrictions imposed under Trump

WASHINGTON

THE administration of President Joe Biden on Wednesday revoked a series of restrictions on flights to Cuba imposed by his predecessor, including ending a prohibition on US airline flights to Cuban airports other than Havana.

The US Transportation Department issued the order at the request of Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who said the action was "in support of the Cuban people, and in the foreign policy interests of the United States."

The White House last month had signaled the planned move as part of a broader revision of policy toward Cuba. The flight restrictions have been lifted effective immediately.

The Trump administration had issued a series of aviation restric-

tions in 2019 and 2020 in a bid to increase US economic pressure on the Cuban government.

They included barring US carriers from flying to eight international airports in Cuba outside of Havana including those in Camaguey, Cayo Coco, Cayo Largo, Cienfuegos, Manzanillo, Matanzas and Santiago de Cuba.

Under president Donald Trump, USDOT imposed a cap on charter flights to Cuba at 3,600 per year and later suspended private charter flights to Cuba. The department also barred charter flights to any Cuban airports except Havana.

Then secretary of state Mike Pompeo said Cuba "uses tourism and travel funds to finance its abuses and interference in Venezuela. Dictators cannot be allowed to benefit from US travel."

USDOT under Trump did al-



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken

low authorized public charters to and from Havana and other authorized charter flights "for emergency medical purposes, search and rescue, and other travel deemed to be in the inter-

est of the United States."

With US airlines facing full flights and some facing employee shortages it is not clear how many new flights to Cuba might be added.

As a result of the order, USDOT dismissed as moot pending applications for emergency exemptions and for the allocation of Havana public charter flights.

Agencies

Pandemic hinders efforts to achieve universal energy access by 2030

UNITED NATIONS

THE COVID-19 pandemic has slowed the progress towards universal access to electricity and clean cooking fuels and technology, according to a UN-sponsored report published on Wednesday.

Globally, 733 million people lack access to electricity, and 2.4 billion still cook using fuels that are harmful to their health and the environment.

The findings are from the 2022 edition of Tracking SDG 7: The Energy Progress Report, which monitors global efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 7) of ensuring

affordable modern energy supply for everyone by 2030.

The study was produced by UN entities and partners, known as the SDG 7 custodian agencies, who urge governments and policymakers to step up action.

The impacts of COVID-19, such as lockdowns and supply chain disruptions, have affected progress towards SDG 7.

Those countries that are most vulnerable have been hit hardest. In Asia and Africa, almost 90 million people who previously had access to electricity cannot afford to pay for their basic energy needs.

Africans remain the least electrified in the world, with 568 mil-

lion without access to electricity. The percentage of people without electricity in Sub-Saharan Africa rose from 71 percent in 2018 to 77 percent in 2020, while most other regions declined.

Moreover, the progress in access to clean cooking fuels and technologies, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa, wasn't enough to keep pace with population growth.

The report discovered that renewable energy was the only energy source that grew during the pandemic despite continued disruptions in economic activity and supply chains.

Despite this, countries most in need of electricity have been left

behind - a situation exacerbated by the fact that international financial flows declined for the second consecutive year. SDG 7 also includes targets towards energy efficiency.

From 2010 to 2019, global annual improvements in energy intensity averaged around 1.9 percent, which is well below the levels needed to both meet the targets and to make up for lost ground.

The SDG 7 custodians are IRENA and the International Energy Agency, the United Nations Statistics Division, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization.

Xinhua

Win-win cooperation holds key to success of Asia-Pacific region, not zero-sum confrontation

US President announced the so-called Indo-Pacific Economic Framework during his recent visit to Asia, in an attempt to pitch the Indo-Pacific Strategy and trying to form a clique that contains China.

What the U.S. did was obviously motivated by the Cold War mentality and intended to serve the "America first" and protect American hegemony. It makes the world divided, incites confrontation and breaks peace, and will exert destructive influence on regional peace, stability and development.

There has already been a functional regional cooperation framework in the Asia-Pacific region from which regional countries benefit. The U.S., starting another framework in the region that dilutes the concept of "Asia-Pacific," is obviously not

working for the development or prosperity of regional countries.

Every country in the region is aware of that. The Indo-Pacific strategy, once being announced, has put regional countries on guard for the Cold War features it carries.

Recently, the U.S. once again packaged the strategy, hoping to create an illusion of "high-standard cooperation" by setting up another so-called framework and a new set of rules in the region. However, when the strategy was firstly proposed, the U.S. put it clear that the strategy was formed to make sure that the U.S. wins the competition in the 21st century and presents regional countries an alternative to China's approach.

This fully indicates that the framework serves American geostrategies, and the so-called "importance" the U.S. says it attaches

to its allies and partners is just to decouple regional countries from the Chinese economy, making Asian-Pacific countries catpaws for the hegemony of the U.S. This explains why the framework involves no tariff exemption or market access regulation and why it doesn't care about the development and demands of regional countries.

Evan Feigenbaum, Vice President for Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace noted that the U.S. is running around Asia making every policy, relationship, and initiative derivative of American competition with China. There's no affirmative vision for the region that doesn't begin and end with competing with China, he said.

The Indo-Pacific framework is not a new trick for the U.S. to politicize, weaponize and

ideologize economic problems.

The country has said repeatedly that it is not seeking a new Cold War with China or opposing China by strengthening relations with its allies, nor is it supporting the Taiwan independence. However, the recent practices of the U.S. are obviously against what the country has said.

When the U.S. was selling the so-called Indo-Pacific strategy, it declared that it would change the environment surrounding China, which has fully exposed its intention to contain China. Besides, the U.S. also played the Taiwan card, trying to bring chaos to the Asia-Pacific region after it disrupted other parts of the world. This is extremely dangerous.

China will never allow any country to interfere in its domestic affairs, hurt its in-

terests or smear it. It will firmly safeguard its sovereignty, security and development interests. This will never change because of the cliques formed by the U.S. or the bluff of the country. Any vicious attempt to contain China's development and rejuvenation or disrupt China's mutually beneficial cooperation with other countries is doomed to fail.

People in Asia-Pacific countries still have a fresh memory of the conflicts led by hegemony. They cherish the hard-won peaceful environment.

It is a trend of the times for the region to promote regional integration and build an Asia-Pacific community with a shared future. Countries in the region are not willing to take sides, and they have a mainstream voice for getting along with each other for win-win cooperation. The attempts of a few

countries to bring military alliances and bloc confrontation to the region will hurt the common interests of regional countries.

At the recent U.S.-ASEAN Special Summit, ASEAN countries jointly stressed that they wanted peace and cooperation, not divides or confrontation. They said they would not take sides.

China is committed to safeguarding the peace and stability, as well as lasting prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region. As the largest trading partner for most of the regional countries, it sees its interests deeply intertwined with those of the regional countries. The gigantic market with 1.4 billion people will keep opening up to regional countries, and China will definitely expand mutual benefits with regional countries.

People's Daily

Authorities scramble to remedy Australia's growing energy crisis

SYDNEY

AS pressure on Australia's energy market from all sides has seen unfathomable spikes in energy and liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices, authorities and retailers have been emptying out their toolbox to find a fix.

According to a note provided to Xinhua on Thursday by Australia's national energy regulator, the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), the spike has triggered an emergency in the Australian state of Victoria.

"AEMO issued a Threat to System Security market notice for June 1, 2022 at 11:13 a.m. (AEST) in Victoria's Declared Wholesale Gas Market (DWGM) as a result of insufficient gas supply to meet forecast demand," said the note.

Ahead of the forecast, the regulator triggered the Gas Supply Guarantee mechanism for the first time since its implementation in 2017. The mechanism is designed to ensure energy producers are able to meet demand.

Despite this, Australia's energy market remains tight. Wholesale natural gas spot prices spiked to a dizzying 800 Australian dollars (about 573 U.S. dollars) per gigajoule in Victoria, 50 times the market cap of 40 Australian dollars.

Calls have been made to Australia's newly appointed Treasurer Jim Chalmers to force exporters to divert LNG to the domestic market, which he has not yet ruled out as a "last resort."

"This situation is so serious for parts of our economy, so dire that we shouldn't pretend that flicking one switch or another will fix things overnight," said Chalmers in an interview with Australian national news outlet ABC Radio.

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Professor Raymond Li, an expert in energy economics from the University of Canberra, told Xinhua on Thursday while diverting LNG exports seems like a simple fix, it would be time consuming and difficult for producers to break existing contracts with overseas buyers.

"It's actually already profitable (for energy producers) to sell in the Australian wholesale market ... if the domestic sellers could divert shipments back into the country, they would."

He said the underlying problem lay in a sudden surge in demand due to a cold snap that has suddenly swept across Australia's eastern states since last week.

"On the demand side, we really can't touch it effectively, because it is cold, people have to turn on their heater, so they need to use their gas." Unable to deal with the price shocks, a number of Australian independent or smaller energy retailers, who often purchase LNG off the wholesale market, have urged customers to look for better prices.

ReAmped CEO Luke Blincoe told Xinhua on Thursday that without owning any generation assets it was extremely difficult to "help customers get through this unprecedented challenge."

"The companies that generate electricity and retail it will be able to offer better prices because they are making a margin on the wholesale market, so it's unfortunately back to the big three or four retailers that haven't always served Australians particularly well," said Blincoe.

Xinhua

Kenyan leader says infrastructure projects, anti-graft war to shape his legacy

NAIROBI

KENYAN President Uhuru Kenyatta said Wednesday that infrastructure modernization, renewed war against corruption, concerted efforts to sustain peace and cohesion will form part of his legacy.

Kenyatta who addressed the nation during the celebrations to mark 59 years after Kenya attained self-rule from British colonialists, said the country had recorded impressive economic growth since he took power in April 2013 amid investments in modern roads, ports, railways and fiber optic.

"My tenure in office put emphasis on transformative programs and reforms in healthcare, education, agriculture, energy, housing, social protection, commerce and industry," said Kenyatta. The 61-year-old Kenyatta who presided over the last public holiday ahead of Aug. 9 polls when he is expected to hand over power to his successor, added that fighting graft and promoting national unity had created a conducive environment to attract investments and spur economic growth.

According to Kenyatta, his administration had constructed an additional 11,000 kilometers of tarmacked roads countrywide, besides enhancing access to electricity, clean water, shelter and health.

"Infrastructure has a way of turning swamps into cities, dead spaces into high-value property, and village shopping centers into huge city malls. Without infrastructure, there is no way of finding new possibilities," he said.

The president said that big-ticket infrastructure projects like the Chinese-built 480 kilometers Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) were aimed at stimulating economic growth for the long haul. Kenyatta who has served his two terms in office said the Chinese-built 271 kilometers Nairobi Expressway, the first of its kind in Africa, had already raised Kenya's stature as an investment destination. He clarified that Kenya's debt to GDP ratio was within limit, adding that improved fiscal discipline under his administration had ensured borrowed funds were utilized prudently. Kenyatta defended the rising public debt by his administration, saying that the country is still in a position to service its debts.

He said that the next government should not shy away from borrowing to develop the country, provided the money does not end in corruption.

"The only time debt is a burden to the nation is if a nation is led by looters. But in the hands of a visionary administration, debt is a catalyst for rapid development," Kenyatta said.

Modernizing the security sector ensured that Kenya was protected from domestic and external aggressors, building investor confidence and allowing local start-ups to thrive, said Kenyatta.

Kenyatta added that a devolved form of governance that he presided over as dictated by the constitution fostered inclusive growth, cohesion and stability.

He said that under his administration, Kenya pushed for enhanced regional trade and integration, besides advocating for indigenous solutions to Africa's endemic challenges like civil strife.

"On the global stage, we remain a leader in cooperative multilateral order as evidenced by our membership of the United Nations Security Council, which has provided us a voice on international peace and security matters threatening humanity," said Kenyatta.

He cited corruption as one of the greatest undoings in development which hindered development projects when he took power in 2013.

Kenyatta said the government has been forced to use the military to return sanity to a number of state organizations that have been riddled with corruption.

He noted that re-engineering the education system to emphasize on skills acquisition has ensured that the country's youth are qualified for jobs of the future. Kenyatta said that championing gender equality remained his administration's key priority in the last nine years, adding that the country had six female cabinet members, a female chief justice and

a female deputy presidential candidate thanks to affirmative action.

Kenyatta said that investments in world-class sea ports, modern railways, highways and dams had not only hastened economic growth but created new jobs while fostering political stability. Kenyatta said that digitization of the public sector, which accelerated during his nine-year reign, improved service delivery, reduced wastage and improved ease of doing business in the country. He noted that in the last nine years, Kenya had moved from the 12th largest to the sixth largest economy in Africa, thanks to streamlined revenue collection and higher foreign direct investments.

Xinhua

Huawei steps up drive for Kenyan ICT talent amid business growth

NAIROBI

CHINESE telecom firm Huawei said Wednesday it has intensified efforts to absorb more Kenyan information communication technology (ICT) professionals by starting its national recruitment drive as its business continues to grow, requiring additional local talent.

Huawei Eastern Africa Deputy CEO of Public Affairs Fiona Pan said that Huawei has 35 positions on offer and a further 15 positions with its partners that will involve placing both interns and permanent staff.

"Huawei remains committed to providing technology training and hiring the best talent and that is why today we have organized this job fair to expose university students to the opportunities that are available for those who wish to pursue careers in ICT," Pan said during this year's edition of the annual Huawei Kenya Job Fair held in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

She said that the ICT sector continues to register remarkable growth and that demand for qualified technology professionals across all productive sectors will remain high for the foreseeable future.

Abednego Kamandi, the principal education officer in the Ministry of Education, said that the ICT sector is one of the fastest-growing and provides an avenue for jobs in ICT companies like

Huawei as well as opportunities for entrepreneurship.

Kamandi noted that partnerships between private sector players and the government are designed to foster interest and enhance skill sets through internships, apprenticeships and graduate programs like Huawei's.

"The government recognizes how critical it is to bridge and link academia with industry and as such we are fully supportive of activities such as this ICT job fair today," Kamandi said.

"I want to congratulate Huawei for organizing this job fair and taking the lead in proactively bridging the gap between industry and academia."

The Huawei Kenya Job Fair, in its third year, brought nearly 300 students from universities across Kenya to learn about the job opportunities in the market, meet potential employers and undertake initial interviews for the graduate program.

Huawei said that successful recruits will also receive further training and work on the latest technologies including 5G networks, data centers and fintech.

Johnson Kinyua, dean of Students at the University of Nairobi, said that future job opportunities are in the ICT sector, urging students to combine what they learn in class with online courses offered by companies like Huawei as well as practical skills in order to succeed.

Lavrov says 'no smoke without fire' responding to Borrell's vision of EU as military power

RIYADH

THE statement by the top EU diplomat, Josep Borrell, that the EU should become a serious military power is mere words "but there's no smoke without fire," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a news conference following a visit to Saudi Arabia.

"Probably, this is primarily mere words, but there is no smoke without fire," Lavrov said. "There really is such a strong Russophobic wing in the European Union, which for many years effectively imposed its position on everyone else, exploiting the principle of solidarity and consensus."

This wing, according to the minister, "is now stepping up its activity."

"Borrell's statements, despite the impropriety of the belligerent words coming from the mouth of the top diplomat of the European Union, reflect the trend that an aggressive minority is imposing on the entire European Union," the minister said. And the ideal for this minority, Lavrov said, is "a militarized European Union as an appendage of

NATO."

The minister also described German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's statements about Germany's intention to become the EU main military force as evidence of resurgent "dominant aspirations" in the country.

"We have taken note of the statement by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz who stated that Germany would become the main military force in the European Union," Lavrov said. "I have already read feedback by observers who said they were seriously bewildered that such statements were made by the German leader."

"This evokes some thoughts because this is far from being the sole evidence of the resurgence of dominant aspirations in Germany," Russia's top diplomat said.

Such statements "must be heard by other EU members and must become a subject of a serious talk," Lavrov said. "A talk about how Europe will develop further and how it will continue to draw lessons from its hard history of past centuries."

Agencies

China owns most number of FAO Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems

THE Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) recently designated three sites in China as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS), bringing the total number of GIAHS in China to 18, the highest in the world.

The three sites, which include an ancient tea-producing area in Anxi county, east China's Fujian province; a nomadic livestock-rearing region in Chifeng city, north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region; and a rain-fed stone terrace farming system in Shexian county, north China's Hebei province, were recognized as GIAHS by the FAO through online an investigation, the first in the history of the GIAHS program.

Agricultural heritage is a kind of living production system that is still playing a role in the field of production. China has a long history of splendid agricultural civilization, and farmers in the country have created rich agricultural heritage during long-term production practice.

Early in 2005, the FAO classified a symbiotic rice-fish culture system in Qingtian county, Lishui city of east China's Zhejiang province, as one of the first GIAHS.

Starting with protection of the symbiotic rice-fish culture system, China has steadily advanced the conservation of its important agricultural heritage, becoming an active participant in, important promoter of and major contributor to the GIAHS Initiative.

In 2012, the country took the lead in the world in recognizing national-level agricultural heritage sites; in 2015, China issued the world's first administrative measures for important agricultural heritage; and since 2016, work related to agricultural heritage protection has appeared in China's "No.1 central document", the first policy statement released by the central authorities each year, for



Photo shows a view of snow-covered terraced fields in Houchi village, Shexian county, Handan city, north China's Hebei province. (Photo by Wang Jianzheng/People's Daily Online)

many times and has been incorporated into the country's law on the promotion of rural vitalization.

China's rich agricultural heritage is a vivid reflection of its agricultural development philosophy which emphasizes adapting agricultural activities to local conditions following the laws of nature, and ecological sustainability.

The three newly designated GIAHS sites in China all adopt eco-friendly practices and play vital roles in maintaining unique biodiversity and ecosystems.

The ancient tea-producing area in Anxi county are renowned for its ecological functions including water and soil conservation and microclimate regulation.

The Ar Horqin grassland nomadic system in Chifeng city is a global model of sustainable animal husbandry and fragile grazing lands management. By constantly moving their grazing grounds, local herdspeople ensure the protection of vegetation and

rational utilization of water resources.

The rain-fed stone terrace farming system in Shexian county has preserved abundant varieties of traditional crops and eco-friendly farming techniques, guaranteeing the development of agricultural production in harsh conditions in mountainous areas over the past centuries.

China believes that lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets.

"Agricultural heritage is traditional agriculture, rather than backward agriculture. As we protect agricultural heritage, we are not protecting backward techniques from the past, but discovering valuable practices and knowledge for the purpose of creating a better future," said Min Qingwen, chairman of the expert committee for GIAHS under China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA).

"The recognition of GIAHS by FAO plays an important role in improving the visibility of the areas where GIAHS sites

are located, promoting the development of local characteristic products, as well as protecting local biodiversity, natural landscape, and agricultural culture," Min pointed out.

In recent years, the symbiotic rice-fish culture system in Qingtian county has brought the locality an annual output of over 200 million yuan (\$29.8 million), increasing farmers' income while effectively propelling rural vitalization of the county.

The experience and wisdom in China's agricultural heritage have also benefited many other countries. At the beginning of the 21st century, Nigeria introduced the method of raising fish in paddy fields featured in the symbiotic rice-fish culture system in Qingtian county. With the help of Chinese experts, the country's rice and tilapia outputs have almost doubled.

In 2014, the Chinese government and the FAO signed an agreement on GIAHS cooperation under the framework of South-South cooperation. Since then, China and the FAO have jointly held high-level training courses on GIAHS to share China's experience in protecting agricultural heritage with trainees from all over the world.

Moreover, China's experience in protecting and managing agricultural heritage is being spread to more countries and regions through channels including the Belt and Road Initiative.

Agricultural heritage is an important component of excellent traditional Chinese culture as well as the common wealth of humanity. As more people benefit from the essence of agricultural heritage, it's believed that the "wisdom of China" will continue to play an important role in driving sustainable development of agriculture, poverty elimination, ecological conservation, and other fields.

People's Daily



Johnny Depp

Amber Heard

Depp and Heard face uncertain career prospects after trial

FAIRFAX, Va.

A JURY's finding that both Johnny Depp and his ex-wife, Amber Heard, were defamed in a long-running public dispute capped a lurid six-week trial that also raised questions about whether the two actors can overcome tarnished reputations.

The verdict handed down Wednesday in Virginia found that Depp had been defamed by three statements in an op-ed written by Heard in which she said she was an abuse victim. The jury awarded him more than \$10 million. But jurors also concluded that Heard was defamed by a lawyer for Depp who accused her of creating a detailed hoax surrounding the abuse allegations. She was awarded \$2 million.

Depp had hoped the libel lawsuit would help restore his reputation. However, legal and entertainment experts said that both actors' reputations have been damaged by ugly details about their brief marriage that came out during the televised trial watched by millions.

"Both of them will work again, but I think it will be a while before a major studio will consider them 'safe' enough to bet on," said former entertainment lawyer Matthew Belloni, who writes about the business of Hollywood for the newsletter Puck. "The personal baggage that was revealed in this trial was just too icky for a studio to want to deal with."

The case captivated viewers who watched gavel-to-gavel television coverage, including impassioned followers on social media who dissected the actors' mannerisms, their wardrobe choices and their use of alcohol and drugs.

Both performers emerge with unclear prospects for their careers. Depp, a three-time best actor Oscar nominee, was a bankable star until recent years, with credits including playing Capt. Jack Sparrow in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" films. However, he lost that role and was replaced in a "Fantastic Beasts" spinoff.

Heard's acting career has been more modest, and her only two upcoming roles are in a small film and the upcoming "Aquaman" sequel due out next year.

Eric Rose, a crisis management and communications expert in Los Angeles, called the trial a "classic murder-suicide," in terms of damage to both careers.

"From a reputation-management perspective, there can be no winners," he said. "They've bloodied each other up. It becomes more difficult now for studios to hire either actor because you're potentially alienating a large segment of your audience who may not like the fact that you have retained either Johnny or Amber for a specific project because feelings are so strong now."

Heard, who attended court Wednesday and was stoic while the verdict was read, said she was heartbroken by what she described as a setback for women in general.

"I'm even more disappointed with

what this verdict means for other women. It's a setback. It sets back the clock to a time when a woman who spoke up and spoke out could be publicly humiliated. It sets back the idea that violence against women is to be taken seriously," she said in a statement posted on her Twitter account.

Depp, who was not in court Wednesday, said "the jury gave me my life back. I am truly humbled."

"I hope that my quest to have the truth be told will have helped others, men or women, who have found themselves in my situation, and that those supporting them never give up," he said in a statement posted to Instagram.

Depp sued Heard for libel in Fairfax County Circuit Court over a December 2018 op-ed she wrote in The Washington Post describing herself as "a public figure representing domestic abuse." The essay never mentioned his name.

The jury found in Depp's favor on all three of his claims relating to specific statements in the piece.

In evaluating Heard's counterclaims, jurors considered three statements by a lawyer for Depp who called her allegations a hoax. They found she was defamed by one of them, in which the lawyer claimed that she and friends "spilled a little wine and roughed the place up, got their stories straight," and called police.

While the case was ostensibly about libel, most of the testimony focused on whether Heard had been physically and sexually abused, as she claimed. Heard enumerated more than a dozen alleged assaults, including a fight in Australia – where Depp was shooting a "Pirates of the Caribbean" sequel – in which Depp lost the tip of his middle finger and Heard said she was sexually assaulted with a liquor bottle.

Depp said he never hit Heard and that she was the abuser, though Heard's attorneys highlighted years-old text messages Depp sent apologizing to Heard for his behavior as well as profane texts he sent to a friend in which Depp said he wanted to kill Heard and defile her dead body.

Brett Ward, a family law attorney in New York, said Depp made himself a more believable witness by admitting to drug and alcohol use and that he could be a difficult person. But he said Depp also ran the risk of making those moments more memorable to the public than his film work.

"He says he did this for his children. Having watched the whole trial, I don't think that he did any service to his children by airing all of this dirty laundry," Ward said in an interview.

"But whether this was worthwhile for Johnny Depp, we will know in five years if he reestablishes himself as an A-list Hollywood actor. And if he doesn't? I think he's made a terrible mistake because most people aren't going to remember his rather distinguished Hollywood career. They're going to remember this trial."

Why it is Simba SC that failed with Pablo Franco, not the other way round

By Correspondent John Kimbute

SIMBA Sports Club has terminated the outfit's contract with Pablo Francis Martin, the Spanish coach in the airs of successful players who take up coaching, with varying degrees of success.

It is hard to say where his experience at Msimbazi Street outfit shall fit in his credentials as a coach, but rapidly it looks reassuring, that for one season he was with the Tanzanian champions (in a general sense of the term) and reached the quarterfinals of the second tier of continental championships.

Suitors for his coaching services will be satisfied with that datum, not especially interested in why he did not reach the semi-finals, his other titles remaining.

In other words, the degree to which the outgoing coach is affected in his CV in quitting the Tanzanian side does not appear to be significant, while the other aspect or likelihood is more noticeable.

If there will be a discussion outside the country concerning the cessation of ties with the youthful Spanish coach, it is likely to come into view more prominently, than in the wake of their quarterfinal exit the club leadership believed they had all the answers.

They didn't pay much attention to the coach – unless it is explained or perhaps admitted that he also thought of leaving, so they darted first.

This hunch is, all the same, unlikely to be valid as coaches are usually people with a vocation, once he is identified with a club side he wishes to mould it 'in his image,' so that he also radiates in its successes.

Club leaderships, on the contrary, wish to start radiating with their team the mo-



Coach Pablo Franco Martin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

ment they sign a contract with a coach and start paying him, and evidently, the two aren't contiguous in any manner whatsoever.

To use an unsavory expression, the coach takes engagement to a club-like marriage, where one moves in with a partner, seeks to understand his or her feelings, and works to make the tie a success.

Club leaderships are in that sense closer to a momentary suitor who isn't studying the other person or ready to accommodate any weaknesses while being equally unaware of his/her weaknesses in seeking the best results in the union just consummated with a partner.

Under those circumstances, the chances of renewing vows or making them sustainable over the medium term are negligible, so the relationship is terminated and another one hastily embarked upon.

There is a flurry of excitement and more often the same exaggerated expectations, though admittedly they differ from one year to another and sentiments.

In the case of Pablo Franco, there were two 'witching' factors, the first being the clear inability to lay claim to defend the Premier League title this year, for reasons that the club leadership ought to have comprehended, but chose to look the other

side.

The other was to have ended at the group stage in the CAF Champions League while the club 'plans' were to reach 'at least' the semi-finals, but here again, it is hard to say what is the leadership's explicit premise of such capacity, aside from having hired Pablo.

Letting him go may thus be a double-edged correction, as either, it means they cannot hire an expensive coach meanwhile their goals aren't realized, or they seek out an equally expensive coach to reaffirm those goals.

Ordinarily, that would seem the way forward, but this time around they will have to listen to the coach, while they do not appear to have taken the time to listen to Pablo.

Had they done that, the public would have been able to gather bits and pieces of what took place, and in any case, there would be a time of reflection on the matter, during which such exchanges would presumably be taking place.

A dialogue between the club and the coach is implicitly a dialogue within the club, among the pundits, and among the fans all over.

It isn't something that can be done in secret, but deciding for an accusation or two – as is patently the case at present – can be done within the confines of a leadership meeting, with a quorum, etc.

For lack of a better word, there is plenty of 'déjà vu' in the decision and in the prevailing situation, where it is unlikely that the club leadership will take more extensive steps to uplift the standing of the team.

If they were prepared to do that they would have enlisted the help of Pablo Francis to see how the club can go about it, but it is entirely likely that some veterans there know everything, and it is partly due to them that the Spanish coach had a hell of a time trying to adjust to momentary decisions by his supposed subordinates on the technical bench.

At times he would nearly go mad at what they were doing, at the end of the day, it is a report from these sources that is acted upon, and not from the proper coach, just that.

Kambarage Warriors hold sway in Shinyanga regional basketball league

By Guardian Correspondent



The B4 Mwadui basketball outfit's guard, Emmanuel John (L), negotiates his way past Kambarage Warriors' players when the clubs met in this season's Shinyanga Regional League match held at the Municipal Council court last weekend. Kambarage Warriors cruised to an 88-55 victory over the B4 Mwadui side. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

KAMBARAGE Warriors garnered a resounding 88-55 win over the B4 Mwadui side in a thrilling Shinyanga Regional Basketball League tie which was played at the Shinyanga Municipal Council court last weekend.

The due's eventual winners, banking on several key players including guard Rajab Wahome and center Ahmed Mapalala, had an upper hand in the clash.

Kambarage Warriors' impressive displays forced the B4 Mwadui side's players to step up their game to overcome the former.

Kambarage Warriors got off to a good start, commanding the proceedings with swift and accurate passes to take a 22-9 lead in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Kambarage Warriors kept on dominating the clash, pressing upfront relentlessly in search of points.

After a tight battle, Kambarage Warriors' performers were in control as they were 31-10 up at the end of the quarter.

The third quarter witnessed the B4 Mwadui performers reorganizing and seeking to torment Kambarage Warriors but the former trailed the latter 20-17 when the quarter concluded.

Wahome, one of Kambarage Warriors' key ballers, was at his best in the game, h covered much ground for his team and slotted in game-high 25 points.

The hard-working guard led Kambarage Warriors' attacks throughout the match as his side pressed for more points and he was as accurate as ever whenever he executed shots.

Mapalala also played brilliantly in the match, the center posted 19 points for the winners.

The muscular baller was as well terrific both defensively and offensively.

He made the most of offensive rebounds to score and skillfully dished numerous assists to teammates whenever he pushed upfront.

B4 Mwadui outfit's point guard Emmanuel John was industrious for his side as he tried to organize his teammates but his efforts could not inspire his side in the remaining quarters of the game.

John top-scored for B4 Mwadui after slotting in 19 points, Peter Elias chipped in with 10 points.

John also led in putting away three-point shots, slotting in two attempts, while making two blocks.

The baller further provided nine assists to his teammates, he also had three turnovers.

AP

Messi pulls strings as Argentina outclass Italy in Finalissima at Wembley

LONDON

ARGENTINA marked the revival of the Cup of Champions in style as they outclassed Italy 3-0 in a heavyweight clash billed as the "Finalissima" at a raucous Wembley Stadium on Wednesday.

First-half goals by Lautaro Martinez and Angel Di Maria put the south American champions in complete control against an Italy side who were back at Wembley 11 months after beating England to win the delayed Euro 2020.

With thousands of their supporters in the 87,000 crowd determined to turn northwest London into Buenos Aires for the night, an Argentina side including Lionel Messi was simply too quick and slick for the lumbering Azzurri.

"It was a beautiful final, full of Argentinians. What we've experienced here was beautiful. We knew it was going to be an attractive game and a nice setting to be champion," Messi said after the match. "We can compete against anyone. Today it was a good test because Italy is a great team."

Martinez tapped home from close range in the 28th minute from Messi's low cross to reward Argentina's early dominance.

"This is priceless. We are extremely happy for how things are going, for our play and for what this group is," Martinez said. "There are still several months to go before the World Cup and we know we need to correct certain things."

Inter Milan's Martinez then slid a pass through for Di Maria to double the lead with a dinked finish on the stroke of half-time to send the South American fans into raptures.

Argentina could have scored plenty more after the break with Messi pulling the strings and Italy keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma sparing his side a drubbing.

Substitute Paulo Dybala underlined Argentina's superiority with a drilled low finish in stoppage time.

It was a disappointing end to Italy stalwart defender Giorgio Chiellini's international career as the 37-year-old was substituted at half-time on his 117th and final appearance.

The Finalissima is the revival of the CONMEBOL-UEFA Cup of Champions that has been played only twice before, in 1985 and 1993.

Ukraine coach: Win was for those fighting Russia

GLASGOW

UKRAINE coach Oleksandr Petrakov said Wednesday's World Cup qualification playoff win over Scotland had been a victory for his compatriots who "fight with every last drop of their blood".

The 3-1 triumph at Hampden Park leaves Ukraine knowing that a win against Wales on Sunday in Cardiff will earn them a place in the World Cup finals for just the second time as an independent nation.

Petrakov said he had been left exhausted by the 90 minutes -- the first competitive game his side have played since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February.

"I have no emotions, all emotions are left out on the pitch. This victory is not for me, not for our players but for our country, so it was a huge victory for Ukraine," he told reporters.

"It was a team effort, a team victory, team work, they did everything for the people they play for. They played for those watching back home, for the armed forces in the trenches, for those in hospitals. They say thanks to us and we return our gratitude to them," he added.

The 64-year-old, who has spent most of his coaching career in charge of the country's youth teams, said he felt unable to offer any assessment of the performance.

"I don't want to analyse the game at this moment in time, I'm exhausted. I am empty in terms of analysis," he said.

But he was in no doubt about the significance of a victory achieved in front of over 2,000 travelling fans from the Ukrainian diaspora and watched back home by millions on television.

"We played for them, for those who fight with their last drop of blood, for those who suffer every day, we made baby steps towards our great aim.

"Now we have the Wales game to come and we will do everything people expect us to do," he said.

The coach said he had been overwhelmed by the way he and his team had been welcomed by the Scottish public ahead of such a vital game for both teams.

"In this difficult time, I want to extend our gratitude to the people of Scotland, this incredible hospitable place. "Walking on the street yesterday, people were coming up to us and wishing us all the best, it was incredible. Thank you Scotland, we will never forget that," he said.

On the eve of the game midfielder Oleksandr Zinchenko had broken down in tears when discussing the situation in the country but he delivered an outstanding performance against the Scots.

Petrakov said he was not surprised by either the emotion or the response on the field.

"Zinchenko is an extremely patriotic person, emotional and a true Ukrainian. When Ukraine is being attacked, he feels as though he personally is attacked," he said.

"He is a pure lad, he has a pure soul and that shows on and off the pitch."

Meanwhile, Scotland captain Andy Robertson rued his side's limp display in Wednesday's World Cup playoff against Ukraine and apologised to fans after the defeat in Glasgow ended their hopes of a first appearance at the tournament in 24 years.

(Agencies)

Ukraine one step closer to unlikely World Cup

GLASGOW, Scotland

UKRAINE are 90 minutes away from the World Cup.

For a country that is fighting for its very existence following Russia's invasion in February, to even think about the insignificance of qualifying for a football tournament is difficult to comprehend, but Ukraine's 3-1 win against Scotland in their World Cup play-off semifinal on Wednesday sent a message to the world that theirs is a country of incredible spirit and resolve.

To those suffering the brutal reality of war in the country, the football team's potential qualification for Qatar 2022 may mean nothing or everything. But however this victory is viewed in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Mariupol and the other towns that have endured -- and are still enduring -- the horrors of war, the tenacity, pride and flair displayed by Ukraine's players at Hampden Park will, if nothing else, project Ukraine's defiance to a global audience and extend the hope of representation at football's biggest event later this year.

If Ukraine can defeat Wales in Cardiff on Sunday, they will qualify for the World Cup and take their place in Group B, alongside England, the United States and Iran.

"Every game for us now is like a final," midfielder Oleksandr Zinchenko said. "We have one more and we need to win it -- we need to take it or this



Ukraine's Roman Yaremchuk, center, celebrates after scoring his side's second goal during the World Cup 2022 qualifying play-off soccer match between Scotland and Ukraine at Hampden Park stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, Wednesday, June 1, 2022. (AP)

won't mean anything.

"Everyone knows the situation back in Ukraine, so it [Sunday] is going to be a massive game for us. We need to show the best performance of our lives."

From a sporting context, Ukraine should have had no chance in this game. Six of their starting team represent clubs in the Ukrainian Premier League and had not played a competitive fixture since December. Coach Oleksandr Petrakov admitted ahead of the match that he would not know just how fit, or otherwise, those players were until the game kicked off against the Scots.

But Ukraine's challenge was far more than a sporting one. The reason why those players had not kicked a ball since December was because Russia's

invasion on Feb. 24 halted the resumption of league football following the winter shutdown.

Football stopped, but life itself stopped too as Ukraine fought to resist Russia's invading forces. The Ukraine-based players went from training at their clubs to sheltering in basements and underground shelters with their families.

Wednesday's play-off was due to be played on March 24, but there was no prospect of the majority of the squad being able to leave their country or even wanting to. Football wasn't remotely important.

Yet somehow, Petrakov has been able to assemble a squad, train them and get them fit for the challenge of qualifying for Qatar. A month-long training camp in Slovenia, following a 37-

hour bus journey from Kyiv preceded this game which, according to Zinchenko, gave the players the opportunity to give the children and soldiers of Ukraine some hope and joy in such bleak times.

That seemed an unlikely ambition as Zinchenko, the Manchester City player, broke down in tears during the pre-match press conference on Tuesday. Surely the emotional demands of playing this game, Ukraine's first since the invasion, would drain the physical reserves of players who have had to deal with so much in recent months.

Yet the reality was anything but. Ukraine produced a remarkable performance, not just of energy and desire, but their football was exceptional too.

They had walked out for the national anthem, each player draped with a Ukraine flag, before collectively embracing as they sang "Shche ne vmerla Ukrainyina." When the home fans sang "Flower of Scotland" at a deafening level, Ukraine's players knew they were in for a test of character, but in truth, it only served to inspire them.

When captain Andriy Yarmolenko received a fifth-minute yellow card for a bad tackle on Scotland's Billy Gilmour, it hinted at the emotion getting the better of Ukraine's players, but they settled quickly and Dynamo Kyiv's Viktor Tsyganov saw a shot tipped over the crossbar by goalkeeper Craig Gordon three minutes later.

Yarmolenko then had a close-range effort saved before the West Ham forward opened the scoring on 33 minutes with a stunning lob over Gordon after beating the offside trap to latch onto Ruslan Malinovsky's long pass.

Scotland, with their best chance of qualifying for the World Cup for the first time since 1998, simply froze on the big stage. Many expected Ukraine to be overwhelmed by the occasion, but it was Scotland who couldn't cope with the pressure and, after being booed off at halftime, they fell further behind when Roman Yaremchuk headed in Ukraine's second on 49 minutes.

Yaremchuk, the Benfica forward, turned and celebrated in front of the 3,000 Ukraine supporters

who had travelled from various cities in Europe to back their team. Many were refugees, who had fled the conflict, a small number were orphaned children who had been given tickets for the game by the Scottish Football Association. As Yaremchuk danced in delight, it was a sea of blue and yellow as the fans waved their flags in celebration.

Even though Scotland fought back, with John McGinn heading an easy chance wide on 67 minutes before Callum McGregor made it 2-1 just 11 minutes from fulltime, Ukraine never looked likely to give up their lead.

Ukraine's ability to keep the ball and run down the clock always gave them the edge, but as the four minutes of stoppage time ticked to a conclusion, substitute Artem Dovbyk, who plays for Ukrainian club Dnipro-1, banished any fears of a late Scotland equaliser by scoring to make it 3-1 and confirm victory.

Ukraine's players raced to embrace Dovbyk just as referee Danny Makkelie blew his whistle for the end of the game. It was apt that Dovbyk and his teammates joined together in front of the Ukraine supporters.

Nobody had given Ukraine a hope, but they secured an unforgettable victory. One more win, against Wales on Sunday, and they will head to the World Cup and complete one of sport's greatest fairytales.

ESPN

France's interior minister admits mistakes at CL final

PARIS

FRANCE's interior minister admitted that mistakes were made in dealing with the crowd outside the Champions League final in Paris but justified the use of tear gas, saying the move was crucial to prevent supporters getting killed.

Gerald Darmanin was grilled by a senate commission and asked to provide explanations for the organizational fiasco outside the Stade de France in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis, where Real Madrid beat Liverpool 1-0 on Saturday.

He maintained that the presence of 30,000 to 40,000 supporters without tickets or with forged tickets led to the incidents that marred the event, despite being challenged by a lawmaker who said he did not bring the proof to back up those numbers.

Darmanin threw his full support behind the police and security officers who were in charge of policing the event. He said that dispersing the crowd that had amassed near the stadium's fences was the only way to prevent people getting crushed.

"In order to push back a crowd that was about to be crushed, the policemen and the gendarmes, probably in a hurry and under the order of their hierarchy, used dispersion means," Darmanin said.

However, he said there were two instances where the use of tear gas was disproportionate -- without giving details -- and promised that sanctions will be taken against two individuals.

"The negative impact of this game is a scar to our

national pride and it is obvious that things should have been better organized," he said. "Did we avoid the worst? Yes. Could we have anticipated more? No doubt about it."

In the wake of the chaos, Liverpool fans' leadership groups complained about heavy-handed policing and poor organization on a troubling night that saw children and elderly people among those getting sprayed by tear gas.

Earlier Wednesday, French President Emmanuel Macron and government members said they were "sad and sorry" for the 2,700 Liverpool fans who had a ticket but couldn't get into the stadium.

"Could we have done things better or could it have been better handled? Yes," said French government spokesperson Olivia Grégoire said. "Can we improve things, especially in view of the future sports events? Certainly."

Saturday's events prompted concerns in France and abroad about the country's ability to host major sporting events. France will host the Rugby World Cup next year and the 2024 Olympics.

Sports minister Amelie Oudéa-Castéra also attended the senate hearing and pointed out areas of improvement for the future, including a better management of crowd flows and a more systematic use of electronic ticketing.

Repeated allegations of brutality have been made against French police in recent years, notably during the Yellow Vests protests against the government, amid calls for police to



Fans shows tickets in front of the Stade de France prior the Champions League final soccer match between Liverpool and Real Madrid, in Saint Denis near Paris, Saturday, May 28, 2022. Police have deployed tear gas on supporters waiting in long lines to get into the Stade de France for the Champions League final between Liverpool and Real Madrid that was delayed by 37 minutes while security struggled to cope with the vast crowd and fans climbing over fences. (AP Photo)

exercise greater restraint. French police have also struggled to get a grip on fan violence at domestic soccer matches this season. Liverpool said it has already collected more than 5,000 testimonies from supporters who traveled to France to attend the final. Liverpool chief executive Billy Hogan has reviewed some of the information and said he was "horri-

fied by the way some men, women, children -- able bodied, less able bodied -- have been indiscriminately treated," both before and after the match.

According to the French Football Federation (FFF), 35,000 people without tickets or with "fake" tickets made their way to the Stade de France. It said they created disorder by blocking access to the sta-

dium and preventing fans who had real tickets from getting into the venue. Darmanin cited the example of a ticket that was reproduced 760 times.

European soccer's governing body, UEFA, has also started to gather evidence about issues outside the Stade de France that marred one of the world's biggest games in sports.

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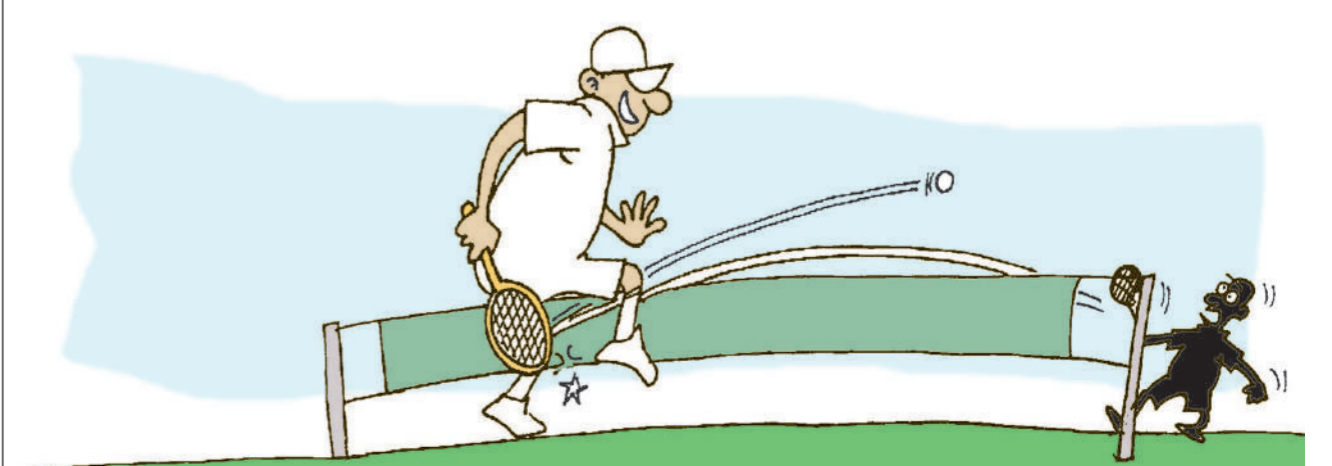
pathy for 2,700 Liverpool fans, "fathers, mothers with their children disgusted they couldn't attend a sports event they were waiting for. The President of the Republic and all the government were sad and sorry for these people."

Hogan also drew attention to what happened after the match.

"I do think it's important to recognize we've all been rightly focused on the access issues at Stade de France," he said. "I think it's also important we don't lose sight of what happened after the match. I think we've all seen videos, photos, I've read a number of stories of (fans') absolutely horrific experiences leaving the stadium as well -- crimes being committed, muggings taking place."

According to Darmanin, the violence was made possible because the police officers initially deployed in the area between the stadium and the train station had been moved closer to the stadium's gates to help disperse fans, leaving that zone without surveillance.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



All-time great COSAFA Cup tourney matches

CAPE TOWN

THERE have been many magical matches in the COSAFA Cup since the competition was first played in 1997, with moments that have been written into Southern African football folklore.

As we gear up for the 21st edition of the regional showpiece to be staged in Durban from July 5-17, we take a look back at five of the best games down the years to whet the appetite.

Hopefully, we will add one or even two to this list next month with a mouth-watering line-up of games to come in the regional showpiece competition.

Namibia 3 South Africa 2 January 24, 1998

One of the great early moments in the COSAFA Cup came in the second tournament held in 1998 as Namibia stunned South Africa's FIFA World Cup-bound stars with a 3-2 victory in Windhoek.

The victory made Namibia at the time only the third team from the Southern African region to defeat Bafana Bafana after Zimbabwe and Zambia and was one of the finest hours for coach Rustin Mogane at the country's Independence Stadium.

South Africa had not competed in the inaugural COSAFA Cup competition the year before but with the World Cup in France looming, caretaker coach, Jomo Sono was eager to give his squad a run.

They arrived in Windhoek for the game with most of their top stars, including emerging teenager Benni McCarthy, Phil Masinga, Mark Fish, and Brian Baloyi.

And all appeared to be going to plan as Thabo Mooki put South Africa ahead six minutes before halftime, driving a low shot past home goalkeeper Ronny Kanalelo.

But shortly afterward, Namibia was back level as Bafana Bafana hesitated at the back and 31-year-old Stanley Goagoseb was able to drill the ball into the roof of the net.

South Africa was back in front just past the hour-mark when McCarthy showed some excellent skills to dribble past three defenders and set up Masinga for the easiest of finishes.

It looked as though the visitors had the game sewn up before Bimbo Tjihero blasted home a free-kick just a minute from the end to make the score 2-2 and send the fixture into extra time.

The decisive moment of the game came in the 100th minute when Johannes 'Congo' Hindjou dazzled the South African defense with some fast footwork and his cross was met by Berlin Auchumbe to send the home crowd into ecstasy.

The match was part of a winless run of nine matches for Bafana Bafana that would come to an end at the 1998 African Nations Cup finals ... against Namibia.

Sono's men got some revenge as McCarthy netted four goals in 13 first-half minutes at the finals in Burkina Faso to secure a 4-1 success.

So South Africa's first-ever COSAFA Cup tournament was brought to an early end, while Namibia would go on to finish fourth in the final round pool stage.

Zimbabwe 0 Eswatini 2 May 5, 2002

There are not many sides that travel to Harare and come away with a win in any competition, but it has proven an especially tough venue for teams in the COSAFA Cup.

Going against that grain was the Eswatini side that competed in the 2002 tournament as they faced off against Zimbabwe in the quarterfinals and came away with a stunning 2-0 victory.

It was one of the great shocks in the early years of the COSAFA Cup and still, today remains one of the biggest upsets in the competition's 24-year history.

At the time it was arguably the biggest victory in the storied existence of the Eswatini national side, who were then ranked number 132 in the world, but came away with a win against a home team placed 67 positions above them.

It was the first time Eswatini had beaten Zimbabwe and the first away win for the side in five years of competing in the annual southern African championship.

Strikers Siza Dlamini and Sibusiso Dlamini both scored in the second half against a Zimbabwean side featuring five overseas-based professionals in their starting line-up.

Siza Dlamini burst through the midfield and shrugged off several defenders, running half the length of the pitch before chipping over Zimbabwe's goalkeeper Tapuwa Kapini for the opening goal on the hour mark

AGENCIES

Kim Poulsen targets Taifa Stars' victory over Niger in AFCON qualifiers



Taifa Stars' players, midfielders Himid Mao (R) and Feisal Salum (C), and attacker Ben Starkie, participate in the squad's training session early this week to shape up for the 2023 African Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers tie against Niger to be played in Benin tomorrow. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA's national football team 'Taifa Stars' head coach, Kim Poulsen, has said that he hopes the squad will win Group F's first match of the 2023 African Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers against Niger.

The Danish tactician revealed that since entering the camp in Dar es Salaam on May 29 all of his squad's players have shown a desire to duly follow his instructions.

The gaffer pointed out that the tendency offers him great hope that his charges can win the coming tie.

Niger will entertain Taifa Stars in the clash that will take place in Cotonou, Benin tomorrow.

The day will as well see Group F's favourite, Algeria, lock horns with Uganda at the former's backyard in Algiers.

Poulsen stated: "A lot of players have come from the Premier League and their standards are still high, I'm glad to see our practice has from day one been very competitive and I believe we will go on to win away and surprise the opponents."

Taifa Stars is looking for a chance to qualify for the 2023 AFCON finals to be held in Ivory Coast.

The Tanzania side will four days later entertain the continental football giants, Algeria, at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Uganda's Cranes will confront Niger at the St. Mary's Stadium-Kitende in Entebbe on the day.

Taifa Stars was set to jet off to Niger yesterday for the AFCON's first qualifying match.

Nadir Haroub, Taifa Stars' manager, disclosed all preparations have been completed, adding they are ready for the game.

The official pointed out that his squad is all out to come out victorious in the clash

against Niger.

"All players we called up have reported on time to the camp and all travel arrangements have been completed, this gives us the audacity of making sure we emerge victorious away," the official said.

Taifa Stars have been drawn in the Group F of the 2023 AFCON qualifiers with Algeria, Niger, and Uganda.

Uganda will on September 19 entertain Taifa Stars in the third tie of the qualifiers to be held in Kampala.

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) organizes the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations qualification matches.

The qualifiers decide the participating teams for the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations,

the 34th edition of the international men's football championship of Africa.

A total of 24 teams will qualify to play in the final tournament, including Ivory Coast, who qualify automatically as hosts.

All 54 CAF member associations entered the competition.

The seeding was based on the FIFA World Ranking from December 23, 2021.

Teams ranked first to 42nd had received a bye to the qualifying group stage, while the teams ranked 43rd to 54th had to participate in the preliminary round.

Coastal Union all out to stun Yanga in Federation Cup final

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

COASTAL Union head coach, Juma Mgunda, has promised his team will surprise Yanga in two clashes between the two outfits.

Yanga will lock horns with Coastal Union in the 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha next month.

The two clubs will, before the ASFC final, face each other in this season's NBC Premier League match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on June 15.

Should Yanga come out victorious in the duel, the Jangwani Street outfit will clinch this season's Premier League trophy.

Mgunda disclosed many people give Yanga a chance to tame Coastal Union in the matches but the reality is that the fixtures are very difficult.

The gaffer stressed while his outfit is seen as pushovers, the side is prepared to surprise people.

"Both matches will decide champions, if they beat us in the league tie they will become champions and, if they beat us in the ASFC final, they will as well become champions," Mgunda revealed.

"If we beat them in the ASFC final we will be champions so we know the benefits of victory," Mgunda said.

The coach said Coastal would like to take part in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup so it will be all out to take advantage of the opportunity to play in



Coastal Union's players attend training in Tanga recently to shape up for this season's NBC Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COASTAL UNION

the ASFC final.

According to Mgunda, they will use all tactics at their disposal to ensure they win the ASFC trophy.

Meanwhile, this season's NBC Premier League's leading goal scorers, Yanga's Fiston Mayele and Geita Gold FC's George Mpole, are working hard to reach Simba SC attacker Meddie Kagere's record.

Mayele and Mpole have netted 14 goals apiece in the domestic top-flight.

In the top-flight's 2018/19 season, Kagere scored 23 goals while in the following season, the goal-getter netted 22 goals.

The attacker has failed to repeat his previous season's exploits that had him notch-

ing 14 goals.

Former Yanga striker, Mohamed Hussein 'Mmachinga', whose 26-goal feat has yet to be achieved by any of the domestic top-flight footballers, issued his views on the league's current forwards.

Hussein, who scored the 26 goals in the 1999 season, said Mayele and Mpole should first start seeking to break

John Bocco's record of 16 goals last season, then seek to surpass Kagere's two-season records.

"Bocco's record may be easy for them but as they mature they should seek to achieve Kagere's record before reaching mine which seems to be more difficult for them, the record has so far lasted for 23 years," he said.

Former Mtibwa Sugar striker Abdallah Juma, boasting of a 25-goal feat, said he does not see a top-flight attacker that can achieve Kagere's 22 goals this season.

Juma stated: "There are fewer matches left, that's why I don't see their chances of finishing with 22 goals."

"They may start with the 16 goals Bocco scored last season and the challenges they face comes in the form of sides which are seeking to stay out of a drop to the Championship," he said.

Mpole noted he puts his club's interests ahead of his own, although he will do the right thing if there are chances to score.

The Geita Gold FC attacker disclosed: "You can finish with a lot of goals but if the team is down that doesn't help, I mean if it happens I have a chance to score I will score, if it comes to executing assists, I will do."

Kagere has, since moving to Simba in the 2018/19 season, netted 66 goals in the Mainland Premier League.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

