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Grid connection for Kigoma Region set to recover 22.4bn/-

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has connected Kibondo and Kasulu districts in Kigoma Region to the national power grid, saving 22.4bn/- annually used to purchase fuel and maintain generators.

Gerson Msigwa (pictured), the Information director and chief government spokesman, said the power generators were switched off on Monday, with 10,000 customers of the state power utility (TANESCO), being connected to the grid.

The saved amount of money does not include funds spent for power generators in Kigoma-Urban District, he said.

Apart from Kigoma Region areas, parts of Nyakanazi, Biharamulo and Ngara in Kagera Region have also been connected to the national grid, the utility said in a statement.

TANESCO has also completed construction of a 220KV power transmission line from Geita to Nyakanazi, along with 33KV and



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400KV power transmission lines from Geita to Kigoma.

Similarly, a 33KV from Nyakanazi to Kakonko has been built to connect Kakonko, Kibondo and Kasulu districts to the national grid, it said, also referring to a new 220/33KV power cooling station at Nyakanazi.

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Residents of Rukwa, Katavi and Kigoma regions will be fully connected to the national grid in the next two years, once the 400 kilovolt booster station in Mbeya Region is finalised.

In 2018, the government set aside \$81m (185.5bn/-) for a Kigoma Region power project, building transmission lines to connect the region to the national grid.

The power project involves construction of a 132KV transmission line across 370 kilometres, linking Tabora - Kidawe to Kigoma - Urambo and Nguruka, ending diesel generation of power to the main grid connection.

The project is intended to improve supply, reliability and affordability of electricity in the western regions, improving social welfare and facilitating various economic activities in the region, in line with the country's Vision 2025 outlook, the spokesman intoned.

Treasury cuts levies on ATM, bank transactions

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma



Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba delivers a statement on financial transaction levies in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

ELECTRONIC transaction levies in operating bank accounts and automatic teller machines are to be scrapped from October 1.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba made this announcement in the National Assembly yesterday, in the wake of a spirited intervention by the ruling party, taking up a vast public outcry concerning charges on operating bank accounts at various levels.

In his remarks, the minister said experience following the start of implementation of the levies since July has shown duplication of taxable fiscal operations, qualifying it as "an unnecessary and costly burden in the process of establishing an alternative source of government revenue."

The government has removed levies on bank to mobile transactions as well as transition within a bank (bank to client) and between banks, that is interbank money transfers, he said.

The government has thus exempted merchants from transaction levies and issued a levy amnesty to transactions from bank agents or automatic teller machines (ATM).

The fee for transferring money from one bank to another has been removed, while ATM transactions not exceeding 30,000/- will not be charged, meanwhile as a 10 to 50 percent levy reduction is being made, depending on the transaction amount.

The minister insisted that the levies have enabled the government to widen essential services to the public in the 2021/22 financial year. "The levies have enabled the government

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Border precautions follow Ebola outbreak in Uganda

By Getrude Mbago

SURVEILLANCE is being strengthened in border areas in the wake of a reported outbreak of Ebola in neighbouring Uganda.

Prof Abel Makubi, the Health ministry permanent secretary said in an interview yesterday that surveillance teams are being stationed



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at key points in Kagera, Kigoma, Rukwa, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Mbeya.

The teams are screening people entering the country as a control measure against infectious diseases, he said.

Ugandan health authorities had earlier confirmed one case of Ebola

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Govt rolls out installing of new prepaid water meters

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government is already implementing a shift to prepaid water metres for completion by late 2025.

Water deputy minister Maryprisca Mahundi told the legislature yesterday that the government has started installing the new meters in various parts of the country.

Each point of piped water supply will be connected to prepaid metres, whose billing system is likely to have differences between one water project and another.

She was responding to a question from Judith Kapinga (Special Seats), who sought government plans for connection of water users to prepaid metres, saying clearing outstanding debts in the billing system was often cumbersome.

Prepaid water meters were in the course of being installed in various areas where specific water supply bodies implement the programmes, namely Iringa, Arusha, Tanga, Mtwara, Singida, Mwanza, Mbeya and Kahama, she stated.

Such metres had already been installed in different institutions like schools, hospitals and military camps in a pilot exercise to evaluate likely levels of efficiency when they are rolled out for general use, she said.

Installing prepaid water metres will be done in phases to reach different areas countrywide, the deputy minister noted.

The rolling out demands regional water authorities to exercise vigilance with the unified billing system still in use, she added.



Tully Mwambapa, CRDB Bank Plc's corporate affairs and public relations director, addresses the inaugural CRDB Bank Media Day event in Dar es Salaam yesterday. It attracted more than 200 journalists, media trainers and journalism students. The organisers said the idea was chiefly to boost capacity building in business journalism. Story on Page 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured in New York on Monday addressing the 'Transforming Education Summit' during the 77th session of the UN General Assembly. Convened by the UN Secretary General, the summit was meant to mobilise political ambition, action, solidarity and solutions with a view to transforming education between now and 2030. This would be by taking stock of efforts to recover Covid-19-related learning losses, reimagining education systems for the world of today and tomorrow, and revitalising national and global efforts to achieve SDG 4 - on quality education. Photo: VPO

Tanzania spends 539bn/- importing wheat each year, says CPB director

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

THE director of cereal and other products board (CPB) Dr Anselm Moshi has said the government spends 539bn/- per year to import wheat.

He made the disclosure at a meeting of wheat stakeholders held in Makete District, Njombe Region. He said the aim of the country is to produce more than one million tonnes per year.

"We spend this huge amount of money to import wheat but the country has arable land for wheat growing, professional farmers, good climate hence there is no reason to import wheat from Asia, Ukraine

or Argentina, as we should instead save the money and use for other development projects," he said.

He said he supports President Samia Suluhu Hassan that this is quite possible and I would also like to thank the Njombe Regional Commissioner for coming up with this vision, that we can make the Njombe Region, Makete District in particular, grow the wheat in abundance.

Dr Moshi added that beginning 2020 they started growing wheat in the northern regions while the seeds thereof were important from Zambia.

"If makete will grow wheat we will buy the entire crop grown here, we

have come here as business people and not people with empty words; we have come here to know how many acres of wheat can you grow? Who are the farmers so that we sit together with them," he said.

He added: "I'm told there is a youth group with 32- acres and I would like to start with this group so as to enter into agreement with and pledge to purchase the entire wheat they will produce at an agreed price.

"And if it is possible for the Region to cultivate 400,000 hectare of wheat, we will build a wheat mill."

For his part, Njombe Regional Commissioner, Antony Mtaka said due to the cereal's great demand in the country, Makete District will be

Directed for a meeting to be held at the end of the month that will bring together all chairmen of villages that produce wheat to discuss on how to take up the challenge and start growing wheat early next year.

He also instructed agricultural officers to enlist names of farmers and their farm acreage who are ready to grow the crop to mobilise its cultivation.

Earlier, the Makete district Director William Makufwe said in order to develop the wheat crop, the district has registered 3,270 farmers who are currently growing wheat.

He said the registration found out that 19,774.70 acres were cultivated with wheat in the 2022/23 season and expected to harvest 18,411 tonnes, hence, he added, 1,385 tonnes of seeds are needed.

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to collect 7bn/- used for building classrooms and 143.7bn/- directed to the construction of health centres," he said.

The government spent 611.3bn/- to finance loans for higher learning students where 221.3bn/- was garnered from levies, he elaborated, pointing out that the government spent 735.7bn/- in building rural roads where 13.5bn/- was generated from the levies.

The government will now seek out funds from other sources to finalize listed projects, where envisaged measures include cost cutting in government operations, he said.

"From now we have to minimize disbursing funds meant for allowances, tea and seminars into development projects to fill the gaps emanating from the changes," he told MPs.

Had the government directed the funds from the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) disbursed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to build classrooms this year it would have failed to inject 954bn/- into agriculture, vital for widening irrigation and financing block

farming.

"The government decided to take the funds to productive sectors to create employment for the youth while social services funds are generated from levies," he explained.

A total of 500bn/- is now expected to be collected in view of the reviewed electronic transaction levies, for which 8,000 classrooms will be built to alleviate the shortage of 17,000 classrooms, the minister declared.

"The plan was to build 72 vocational centres and new technical colleges across the country, while taking the removal of fees in public schools to high school level," he said.

Electronic money transaction levies came up in the fiscal 2021.2022 budget under the National Payment Systems Act, Cap 437, reviewed annually.

When the levies were extended to bank transactions rather than mobile transfers between individuals in this year's review of the Act, a public outcry ensued and large withdrawals from banks to avoid repeated transaction or bank transfer levy dues.

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in the central Mubende District, where the reported patient died.

The government was constantly exercising vigilance, strengthen surveillance in border areas to check the spread of pandemic diseases including Ebola, he said.

"Our teams are always awake to ensure that the country is safe. We will follow up on the outbreak in Uganda and put more required efforts to control the situation," he elaborated.

The government has been taking preventive measures to reduce the danger of any outbreak, stationing teams in border areas to ensure that everyone who enters the specific region had a reason to cross the border, put to screening to check any infections, he stated.

On Monday, Uganda confirmed one case of Ebola, with reports saying that senior Ministry of Health staff rushed to Mubende to investigate after an unknown number of residents succumbed to what was initially reported as

a "strange illness," until Monday's confirmation.

The country's Health ministry said in a statement that Uganda confirms an outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Mubende District, the confirmed case being a 24 year old male a resident of Ngabano village of Madudu sub-county in the district. He was diagnosed with EVD symptoms and later succumbed, the statement noted.

The Democratic Republic of Congo, which neighbours Uganda to the west, is currently battling an outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease, which causes a deadly haemorrhagic fever.

The World Health Organization says the disease is transmitted to people from animals and spreads through human-to-human infection.

Observers noted that Uganda has had at least three previous outbreaks of Ebola, the deadliest being in 2000 that killed hundreds, including the lead treatment officer Dr Matthew Lukwiya.

Uhuru Torch race leader inspects 10bn/- projects in Songwe Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

THE leader of the Uhuru Torch Race, Sahili Geraruma and five other 'torch runners' have inspected five projects valued at 10bn/- in Mbozi, Ileje, Tunduma and Momba districts, in Songwe Region. They were happy with the implementation of projects despite minor shortfalls.

Among the projects visited included those for water, roads, health, education, youth groups, crops entrepreneurs' sectors and was largely satisfied with their implementation.

In regard to the minor shortfalls, Geraruma mentioned lack of supporting documents for some projects, on which he directed for them to be sought and sent to him wherever he might be.

He said it would be better for experts in the local councils to abide by the directives from the Office of the President - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) in regard to quality construction work to avoid poor work standards, as the projects have cost a lot of money.

At the end of his tour, the Torch Race leader bade farewell to the residents of Songwe Region saying he will convey their greetings to President Samia especially in regard to how they participated in the Population and Housing Census

exercise late last month.

For his part, Songwe Regional Commissioner, Waziri Kindamba said all the queries raised by the Torch race Leader will be worked upon and that they will continue to value and protect the Uhuru Torch initiated by Mwalimu Julius Nyerere.

Kindamba handed over the Torch to Rukwa Regional Commissioner, Queen Sendiga including the six national torch runners.

The Torch will be raced in Rukwa Region where it will cover 640 kilometres.



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Health deputy minister Dr Godwin Mollel (4th-L) pictured at the weekend receiving from the Vodacom Tanzania Foundation Director Rosalynn Mworia (4th-R) hospital equipment worth 110m/- meant to cater for premature babies in Handeni and Kilindi districts. Left is Handeni district executive director Boniface Mashaka Mgeta and second-left is Handeni district commissioner Siriel Mchembe. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mlalakuwa residents express concerns over reckless young motorcycle drivers

By Naima Ahmad, TUDARCO

RESIDENTS of Mlalakuwa in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam Region have expressed concerns over reckless motorcycle drivers contributing to increased accidents.

According to them, most of the drivers do not adhere to traffic regulations and sometimes ignore road signs especially when driving in areas where there are no traffic

officers.

In separate interviews, the residents called upon the police force's traffic department to address the matter as many children have been hit by motorcycles.

Hassan Nyamihasi said: "Measures must be taken to control the drivers because a good number of children have been hit by motorbikes when playing. When on rough roads, the drivers become careless because

they are sure that there are no traffic police watching them."

Ester Richard said: "This problem has lasted for long, there are those who drive their motorcycles with loud music, thus causing nuisance to people residing along the roads."

One of the motorcycle drivers, Hamis Jumbe blamed his fellow drivers who have skipped driving classes at recognized institutes and colleges. He said there are some

drivers who do not know some road signs and their meaning because they were not ready to pay money to learn professional driving at registered schools.

Another driver, Isack Joram said some young people opt to drive motorcycles due to poor financial status at family level. He said that youth engage in 'bodaboda' driving to raise income, but they don't do it the right way.

One motorcycle owner, Khadija Ghalib blamed owners of the same for not taking trouble to take drivers to driving schools before handling them with the motorbikes.



National Population and Housing Census commissioner Anne Makinda has an audience with members of the Shinyanga Regional Census Committee yesterday in the course of her evaluation tour of the census held last month. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

National Assembly adopts document to extend powers of EACJ on trade

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE National Assembly has adopted a document extending powers of the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) to handle trade and investment conflicts originating from the implementation of the East African Community's Customs, monetary Union and common market protocols.

The Protocol to Operationalize the Extended Jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice tabled in the legislature by Minister of Constitutional Affairs and Justice, Dr Damas Ndumbaro aims at allowing EACJ to address challenges from the protocols aimed at strengthening EAC integration.

"The adoption of the protocol is important as it will help in addressing business conflicts which involve citizens of two different members' states or immovable assets which are in a country where the conflicts occurred," he said.

The Minister further said the protocol will remove the possibility of member states having legal misunderstandings due to differences in translation of the law.

He said the adoption of the protocol will create employment to Tanzanians in the legal fraternity including judges and attorneys.

Currently when a business conflict arises, it is handled in the host country, a move which Dr Ndumbaro said leads to legal misunderstandings caused by differences in translations.

The Customs Union is the first Regional Integration milestone and critical foundation EAC, which has been in force since 2005, as defined

in Article 75 of the Treaty for the Establishment of EAC.

It means that the EAC Partner States have agreed to establish free trade (or zero duty imposed) on goods and services amongst themselves and agreed on a common external tariff (CET), whereby imports from countries outside the EAC zone are subjected to the same tariff when sold to any EAC Partner State.

Goods moving freely within the EAC must comply with the EAC Rules of Origin and with certain provisions of the Protocol for the Establishment of the East African Community Customs Union.

The Common Market is the second Regional Integration milestone of the EAC, which has been in force since 2010, in line with the provisions of the EAC Treaty. It follows the Customs Union, which became fully-fledged in January 2010.

The Monetary Union (EAMU) is an important stage in the process of East African Community (EAC) Regional Integration. It was adopted in accordance with the EAC Treaty and signed on 30th November 2013; it lays groundwork for a monetary union within 10 years and allows the EAC Partner States to progressively converge their currencies into a single currency in the Community.

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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

Burundi investor to establish cement factory in Uvinza - govt

BURUNDI-based investor; Itracom Fertiliser Company Limited has shown interest to establish a cement factory in Uvinza District, Kigoma Region-the National Assembly was told yesterday.

The company that has also established a fertiliser factory in Dodoma Region has been hailed by the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) and the regional authority as well.

The deputy minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, Exclaud Kigaha told the House yesterday, adding that Kigoma Region is now opening up for more investments.

Through cooperation of the two parties, at least 47 hectares of land

has been set aside for the Burundian company and upon establishment, it will create employment to the area residents.

He explained that the development comes as the government has extended national electricity grid connection to the regions. "Kigoma now attracts more investors following the government action and soon you will see many investments coming up there" said the deputy minister.

He said this in response to a question asked by the Kigoma

South MP, Nashon Bidiyanguze (CCM), who had wanted to know what the government was doing to attract investors to establish cement factories in Uvinza district.

"What is the government doing to attract investors in Kigoma region, specifically to establish a cement factory in Uvinza district?" asked the lawmaker.

Early this year, the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa backed a plan by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to allow a Burundi-based investor to build a fertilizer factory in

Dodoma demanding that the plan is appropriate for the development of the country's agriculture sector.

He said the government will oversee the entire construction project to ensure it meets the targets required and subsequently address the shortage of fertilizer among rural farmers.

The factory is projected to produce some 600,000 tonnes of fertilizer annually. Majaliwa said upon the completion of the project Tanzania could end import dependence on fertilizers.



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Health ministry talks of the prevalence of 'newborn jaundice'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ONE in every ten newborn babies in Tanzania has 'newborn jaundice', a yellowing of body skin and eyes, Health deputy minister Dr Godwin Mollel told the National Assembly yesterday.

He said the problem is very common and can occur when babies have a high level of bilirubin, a yellow pigment produced during normal breakdown of red blood cells. "Researches have proved that the problem that arises within 24 hours after birth is a clear sign of pathological condition," he said.

Dr Mollel made the explanations in response to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Mariam Kisangi (CCM), who had wanted to know why some newborn babies turn yellowish a few hours after birth.

The lawmaker had also wanted to know if the government has plans

to conduct research to establish why it happens, leaving mothers helplessly exhausted.

In response, the deputy minister also explained that health research is very important when dealing to such health conditions.

According to the deputy minister, the first sign of jaundice is a yellowing of a baby's skin and eyes. The yellowing may begin within two to four days after birth and may start in the face before spreading down across the body.

He explained that a baby whose blood type isn't compatible with that of their mother can develop a buildup of antibodies that can destroy their red blood cells and cause a sudden rise in bilirubin levels.

Experts argue that babies who develop jaundice in the first 24 hours of life should have bilirubin levels measured immediately, either through a skin test or blood test.

Invest in ICT to witness sustainable e-learning in times of crises, higher learning institutions in EAC advised

By Getrude Mbago

HIGHER Learning Institutions in the East Africa Community (EAC) region have been urged to invest in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems so as to facilitate sustainable e-learning in times of crises.

Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Adolf Mkenda said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the opening of the 11th Annual East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Forum.

Hosted by the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), the four-day forum has brought together about 100 participants, including quality assurance practitioners under the EA Higher Education Quality Assurance Network (EAQAN), academics, researchers and senior managers as well as representatives from development partners.

In his speech read on his behalf by the vice chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Prof William Anangisiye, the minister said that if the region is to achieve its development goals, then investing heavily in quality education is a matter of paramount importance.

According to him, universities in the region need to formulate supportive policies to facilitate online learning as well as review quality assurance tools to cope with the changes. "You will agree with me that recent developments have exposed the weaknesses of most higher education institutions in the region, especially in their capacity (preparedness) to proceed with teaching activities in times of crises, as was during the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic," he noted.

He said when the pandemic erupted in 2020, most higher education institutions in the region were caught off-guard, ending up closing universities for unknown durations and that such a phenomenon and others

of that nature, including natural disasters, call for quality assurance of e-learning platforms to ensure continuity of teaching even when access to face-to-face teaching is interrupted.

"I believe this forum will invest time in coming up with a way forward so that e-learning becomes a reliable solution to learning when the conventional means are not functional. I also believe that quality assurance standards in teaching, learning and assessment will produce graduates who meet labour market needs at national, regional and international levels.

He further urged the forum to come up with sound resolutions and recommendations that will reinforce quality assurance in higher education towards attaining sustainable development within the context of the Agenda 2063.

Prof Mkenda wanted colleges to invest in technology and skills development so as to produce competent human resources.

Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), Prof Gaspard Banyankimbona said the forum is premised on the need to promote sustainable development through quality assurance of higher education.

"The forum will come up with sound recommendations and statements of commitment from higher education quality assurance practitioners and managers to confront challenges that impede the achievement of the goal to establish and maintain quality assurance in higher education so as to continue producing competent graduates who meet labour markets needs at national, regional and international levels," he explained.

TCU executive secretary, Prof Charles Kihampa said quality assurance in higher education requires concerted efforts of various stakeholders both within and outside our areas of jurisdiction.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday to launch a 15-year fishing sector plan to be implemented from 2021/2022 to 2036/2037. He is with Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki (L) and Parliamentary Agriculture Standing Committee chairperson Dr Christiane Ishengoma. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the implementation of the fishery sector master plan (2021/2022-2036/2037) will help the sector to increase its contribution to the gross domestic product up to 10 percent from 1.8 percent.

The fifteen year plan with a grand total for implementation of the master plan worth US \$132,665,000, the indicative budget for capture fisheries worth US \$ 65,355,000 while the aquaculture worth US \$ 67,310,000.

Speaking at the official launching of the plan yesterday in Dar es Salaam, the premier said the new plan will contribute to the blue economy including exercise operation in exclusive economic zones.

He said the plan resonates the government vision to bring about revolution in the growth of the fishery sector in the country which

Implementation of fishery sector master plan to increase its contribution to GDP - Majaliwa

contributes only 1.8 per cent.

"Sustainable use of marine resources depends very much on the strategies to manage its use and its sustainability," he said.

Majaliwa said its implementation will further be a catalyst to speed up the growth of fishery by increasing the amount of marine resources processed and exported up to 30 percent.

According to the premier, the plan further aimed to increase the production of fish and its products from 473,592 tonnes up to 639,092 tonnes, which is equivalent to 35 per cent.

He also called on the private sector to collaborate with the government to invest in the sector to exercise exclusive economic zone that, according to him, the country has yet utilized.

Minister for livestock and Fishery Mashimba Ndaki said small fishers in inland water contribute 95 per cent of the fish harvested in the country. He said in the year 2021, a total of 194,804 small fishers harvested 477,019 tonnes that worth 2.86 trn/- alone.

In the same period of time, 42,302 tonnes of fish and 268 tonnes of ornamental fish all worth 414bn/- were exported and the government earned 18.4 bn/-.

"In order for the plan to be implemented successfully, a total of 311.75bn/- where inland water needs 151.3bn/- and aquaculture needs 160.45bn/- annually.

Tanzania Fisheries Corporation-TAFICO Board chairman Prof Yunus Mgaya said the past experience has enabled them to come up with a new plan after the previous one

(2002-2015) expired.

He said contrary to the previous one, the new fifteen years plan has highlighted strength, opportunities and challenges in the sector.

He said the plan, among others, targets to increase revenues through blue economy, marine resources, processed products, industrial development, knowledge exchange and war against illegal fishing to mention the few.

"Currently, our fishers do not operate their fishing activities in exclusive economic zone due to the lack of modern boats. The plan among other aimed to equip them with modern facilities to reach further deepest waters," he said.

According to him, the plan also has embarked on research and training to build their capacities and skills.



Abdulkarim Shauri (in green hat), gold processing manager with Apex factory, takes around small-scale miners who visited the facility in Chunya District yesterday primarily to learn about the use of the newly introduced Boran technology. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

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TBS in Mwanza trains 5,446 people on quality standards

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

A TOTAL of 5,446 people including 96 women entrepreneurs from five districts of Mwanza Region have received training on various issues in regard to standards and procedures to follow to get quality standards for their products.

The training was given by Tanzania Bureau of standards (TBS) officials starting September 5 to 19 this year in the districts of Sengerema (at the main Sengerema Market), Kwimba (at Bungulwa Auction), Misungwi (at Misasi Auction), Ilemela (at Kitangiri Open Market) and Magu (at Kisesa Open Market).

Briefing reporters here on Monday as he summarized the

training in the five districts, TBS Marketing Relations Manager, Gladness Kaseka said during the period, the bureau provided the training to the public in regard to its activities.

"Through this training, we have been able to reach a total of 5,446 people by following the theme where they were conducting their businesses," he said.

For the entrepreneurs, Kaseka said they provided the training to many of them including 96 women entrepreneurs in the region.

"We have taught them on the procedures to follow to get the licences for using quality standard marks as well as how they can access both local and external markets," he added.

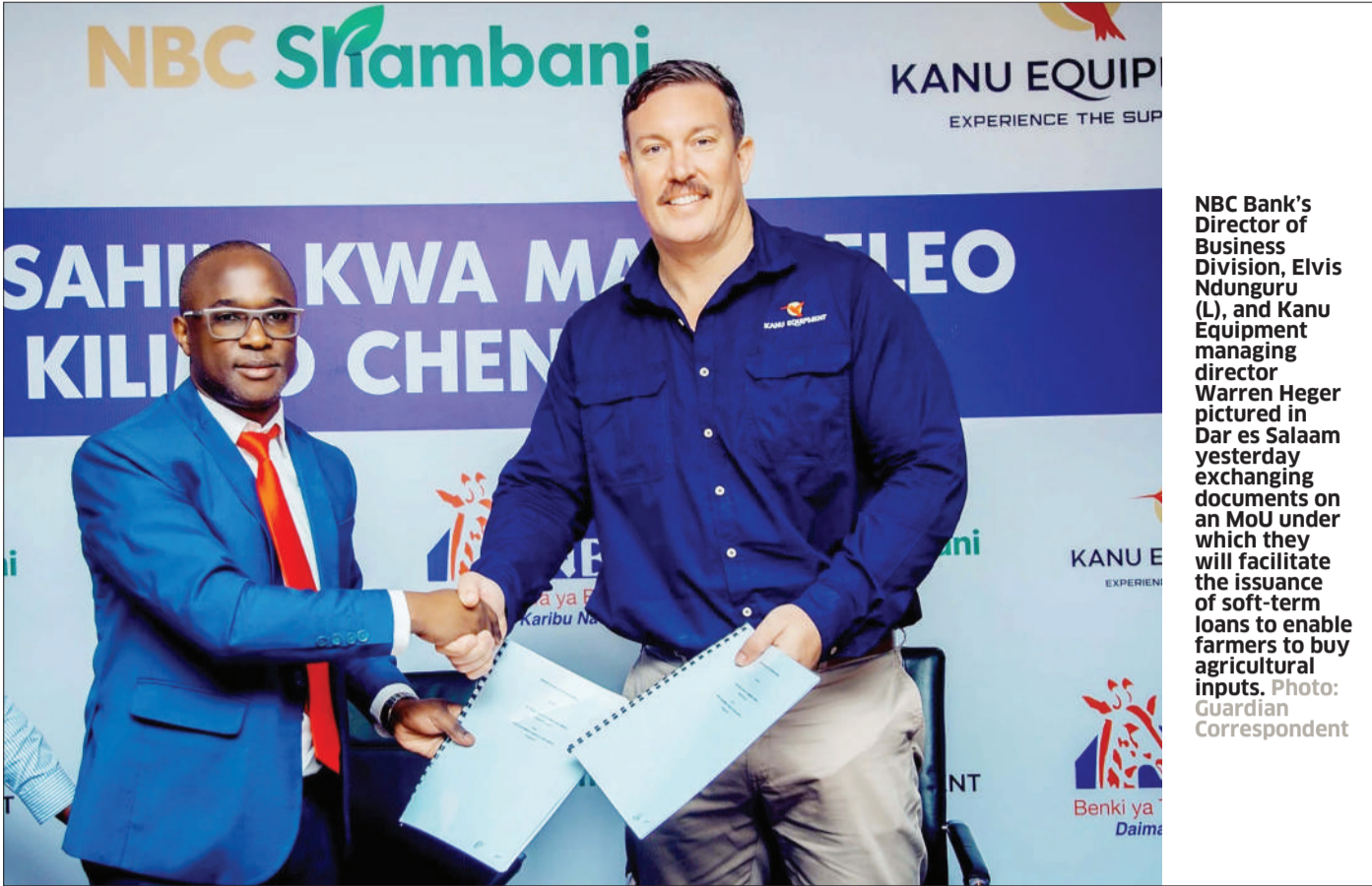
According to Kaseka, those who received the training pledged to become ambassadors in mobilising the community to use products verified by TBS as well as being satisfied with their expiry dates.

He also said through the training, they called on the public to continue reporting to TBS whenever they come across goods with expired dates.

Some of the people who received the training lauded TBS, saying the training will be a solution to challenges they were facing.

Among them, one participant who requested his name not to be revealed, praised TBS for educating them on the procedures to follow to verify the quality of their products.

"As for now, many people are educated on TBS quality standards, when we are at the markets we are often asked for quality standards marks issued by TBS," he added.



NBC Bank's Director of Business Division, Elvis Ndunguru (L), and KANU EQUIP managing director Warren Heger pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday exchanging documents on an MOU under which they will facilitate the issuance of soft-term loans to enable farmers to buy agricultural inputs. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

World leaders ought to increase investment in education - VP

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President, Dr Philip Mpango has said in approaching 2030, world nations should re-emerge with decisions to increase investment in the education sector in order to make sure children get quality education.

Dr Mpango made the remarks during his speech at the UNG General Assembly carrying the transforming education agenda which is being participated by heads of state and government from various countries, heads of institutions and education stakeholders.

He said education is an important part of the 2039 Development Agenda, hence it is essential to take concrete steps in bringing about changes to the sector.

He said access to quality education will reduce classes in employment as well as increase people's incomes.

He added that already Tanzania has taken various steps in improving the education

sector including establishing the process to improve the curricula by involving education stakeholders, investing in vocational training colleges, free primary and secondary education as well as increasing the education budget that now is 18 per cent of the entire government budget.

He said his government is making sure regarding inclusive education to all disregarding gender, disabilities or economic status.

He said while recognizing advances in science and technology, the government also intends to boost teachers' labour force to improve better teaching and learning by empowering education officials in incorporating technology in teaching and learning as well as preparation of lessons digitally.

Dr Mpango is in the US representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the 77th UN General Assembly (UNGA) Meeting.

TAFORI: Robust system are needed to report criminal acts in forest reserves

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

A ROBUST system in reporting acts of crime and destruction of forests will help to save thousands of hectares of reserve forest areas which have been affected by human activities including unplanned mining for minerals, illegal hunting and wanton tree cutting and farming.

The remarks were made by the Director of Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI), Allan Kazimoto as he was addressing stakeholders from various authorities who met here to discuss ongoing incidents of crime and destruction of forest reserves in the Eastern Arch Mountains.

Kazimoto said 62.4 per cent of the people who were interrogated in the natural forests of Kilombero, Mkingu, Uluguru mountains and Mt Udzungwa National Park admitted these crimes still exist.

He said another research showed that 81.5 per cent of those interviewed admitted that there is no formal system on reporting incidents of crime in the forest reserves, the situation that has make it hard for such reports to reach authorities in time, and

sometimes never reach them at all.

"Another research showed that 86.2 per cent own mobile phones, hence researchers decided it would be better to come up with a strategy for a robust system using mobile phones to report these incidents of crimes," said Kazimoto.

Hence he advised for the arrangement to be used as a solution for various challenges in regard to reporting of crimes in forest reserves, as it had already been experimented in three Forest Reserves of Uluguru, Mkingu and Kilombero as well as in Mt Udzungwa National Park.

Suleiman Burenga, a conservationist from Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) admitted that invasion of forest reserves by human activities still continue to affect the reserves.

Also, the Director of Forests Utilisation from TAFORI, Dr Chelestino Bulama said strategies earlier used did not bear fruits as some of them lacked secrecy.

However, he added that the communities need to be educated in regard to conservation of forest reserves to avoid their wanton destruction.

PM calls on economic empowerment stakeholders to show more diligence

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Majaliwa has appealed to all stakeholders engaged in empowering the people economically to increase the efforts especially in urban and village peripheries aimed at the country's economic growth and poverty alleviation.

Majaliwa made the appeal here on Monday when opening the 6th National Economic Empowerment Symposium.

"In addition to this appeal, regions that have established investment empowering centres should ensure their infrastructures meet required standards in the provision of empowerment services," he said.

He said in the one-year President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been in power, the government has continued its intention to economically empower the people, including provision of soft loans.

"In the 2021/22 period, the government, through various empowerment funds and programmes was able to provide 903bn/- soft loans to nearly 5.9 million beneficiaries countrywide," he added.

He said that during 2021/22, a total of 72,395 Tanzanians received formal and informal employment from their involvement in strategic projects.

"Also, strategic projects provided minor contracts with 2,019 companies owned by Tanzanians in various services provision," he said.

He also called on the institutions of empowerment to continue making improvements in regard to their services and mobilise ordinary people to access the services provided.

Meanwhile, the Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, Dr Ashatu Kijaji said the phase VI government has continued to have in place and strengthen

empowerment infrastructures to enable Tanzanians fully participate in various economic activities.

She added that from the government-provided subsidies, Tanzanians are supposed to identify the type of investment they prefer.

"We must utilise these subsidies in making sure we lift the country from abject poverty," Dr Kijaji added.

The Executive Secretary of the National Economic Empowerment Council, Beng'i Issa said the council has established 18 empowerment centres in Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Geita, Rukwa and Kigoma regions.

"During FY 2021/22 these centres have been able to serve 11,799 Tanzanians - 6,157 women and 5,642 men and a total of 28bn/- in loans provided to the centres, an increase of 14 per cent over the loans provided in FF 2020/21," she said.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE HIRING OF RECRUITMENT AGENCY AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring a service of Hiring Recruitment agency and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this service as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01505	PROVISION FOR HIRING OF RECRUITMENT AGENCY TO GGML

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01505)	
Proven experience working with international companies in Mining, Construction, Oil & Gas, Manufacturing, etc. to fill critical roles, with a reasonable lead time: the turnaround time to fill a position	15%
A strong recruitment portal and CV Database (Any proof that can be presented)	15%
Affiliations with global recruitment / HR related firms (Proof of contracts, licenses, MoU's etc.)	5%
Certified / accredited Recruitment professionals / Headhunters (Proof of certificates, licenses, etc.)	10%
Psychometric / personality assessments tools / software (Proof of Licenses, user manuals, packages, etc.)	10%
Strong web presence (Any proof of Website, LinkedIn, social media)	5%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01505) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 5TH October 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Govt insists it will continue paying employees 33 pc lumpsum benefits

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has maintained that it will continue paying 33 percent of the total savings in lump sum upon the retirement of an employee, the parliament heard yesterday.

It reiterated that the amount will also be paid to dependents, should a retiree die before receiving a golden handshake.

The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, (Labour, Youth, Employment and the Disabled), Prof Joyce Ndalichako, gave the government's stance, noting that is what the current law states.

The minister was responding to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Rehema Migila who suggested that dependents be given the remaining 67percent of the monthly pension of a retiree should he/she dies.

In response, the minister

unswervingly maintained that the government would continue paying only 33percent of the retirement package to dependents as the remaining 67percent was pegged on the monthly pension of retirees based on the proposed life expectancy of retirees.

Pension funds for both private and public sectors ought to be providing 33 percent of their total savings in lump sum upon retiring, with the remaining 67 being reserved for monthly pension.

The new arrangement follows amendment of Section 25A of the Social Security Benefit Schemes Regulations announced by Prof Joyce Ndalichako, in May this year.

The new regulations came into effect on July 1, this year. They outline the new formula by indicating that the annual accrual factor is pegged at 2.07 percent, and the commutation factor at 12.5 percent.

This means that the full pension benefits, under the respective scheme laws, is calculated by 1/580 multiplied by the number of months served and multiplied by the annual pensionable emoluments.

In Parliament yesterday, Prof Ndalichako maintained that the benefit for dependents was clearly enshrined in the law and that there was no cause for alarm, insisting that should a retiree die before receiving his package dependents would be given 33percent of the savings in the pension funds.

The minister said, "As per the legislation in its section 39(i) when a retiree who contributed to PSSSF die, his dependents are paid a lump sum amount of the pension for 36 months (three years) while dependents of a retiree who contributed to NSSF will be paid an amount for 24 months as per section 37 of the same law."



Idefonce Ndemela (R), an assistant Lands commissioner in Ruvuma Region, signs land title deeds in Songea municipality yesterday for onward issuance to eligible residents of Ruhuwiko ward in Songea District. Photo: Correspondent Gideon Mwakanosya

Stanbic Bank Tanzania says it's committed to unlocking investment opportunities for locals

By Guardian Reporter

STANBIC Bank Tanzania has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting small and medium-sized entrepreneurs by providing tailored solutions that will meet their needs and address the challenges that they are currently facing in unlocking investment opportunities in the country and beyond.

The commitment was made by Kai Mollel, Stanbic Bank Head of incubator, during the 6th Annual Economic Empowerment Forum themed: "Empowerment of Tanzanians in Investments", which took place on the 19th of September, 2022 at the LAPP Conference Hall in Dodoma, for which the bank was the main sponsor.

The one-day forum was graced by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who applauded the main sponsors for supporting NEEC, saying their

contribution is valued by the government considering that it is in a mission of creating a conducive environment for Tanzanians to participate in investment activities.

Mollel reaffirmed that the bank will work hand-in-hand with the government in supporting SMEs growth. "We would like to assure the government, businessmen, entrepreneurs and all development stakeholders that we as a bank will continue to cooperate with you in driving our country's development," Mollel said.

She further applauded NEEC for preparing the forum noting that the bank was excited to be part of conversations that will spur local contribution to investment initiatives (Local content).

"Our bank is a leader in investment banking. This year, we have been awarded the Best Investment Bank and the EuroMoney Market Leaders

for SMEs 2022 by EuroMoney. This is because we have continued to provide various services that enable Tanzanians to participate and benefit from investment initiatives in the country," Mollel explained.

Stanbic Bank is on a journey of empowering SMEs and has recently entered into a partnership with the NEEC to implement a Supplier Development Programme where SMEs will be trained and provided with tools to enable them to utilise the country's investment opportunities and increase their regional and global competitiveness.

The bank is taking great strides to promote investment in the country. The sponsorship of this forum is just one of the ways the bank is playing a role in enabling investment, offering the nation a new outlet to mobilise resources and opportunities for economic development.

Over 100,000 dairy farmers to benefit from T13P project

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

OVER 100,000 livestock and dairy farmers are set to benefit from the three-year project-Tanzania Inclusive Processor- Producer Partnership in Dairy (T13P) which among others, is aimed to address challenges thwarting growth of the livestock and dairy sector in the country.

Expected to spend up to US\$47 million (110bn/-), the three-year initiative is implemented by the government through the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

In the project, the government extended financing of 40 million US dollars (about 92bn/-) to boost investment in the milk sub-sector, with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation having rolled out US\$7 million (16bn/-).

Registrar of the Tanzania Dairy

Board (TDB), Dr George Msalya told The Guardian in an interview that the preliminary implementation of the project has commenced where lives of thousands of livestock and dairy farmers as well as processors will be transformed.

He said the state-owned board which is mandated to supervise the implementation of the initiative was now working to attain some key issues with an eye creates a useful platform for the project to fetch intended outcomes.

"As part of effective monitoring of the project, we have started to collect needed data (baseline survey) in all relevant areas, and we're currently continuing to deal with matters pertaining to stakeholders' analysis and engagement, development of the project's monitoring and evaluation scheme as well as long-term work plan and budget," he said.

He added, execution of the three-year project aims to address a challenge of low production

capacity among local dairy processors, resulting from low demand of dairy products, inadequate distribution and limited ability to source quality milk from farmers.

It aims to help smallholder dairy farmers to partner with milk processors and thus increase the production, collection, processing and sale of high quality milk.

To achieve this, he said, the initiative will work to ensure improved and well-coordinated milk market in the lake zone regions, including Mwanza, Mara, Simiyu, Geita, Shinyanga, but also, to push for potential milk projects in the regions within Southern and Northern Highlands regions, including Dar es Salaam, Tanga and Coastal regions.

"The focus is to improve production in all areas with milk potential within the country through establishment of reliable markets, milk collection centres, but also, to impart the dairy farmers with necessary knowledge and facilities to heighten their milk production and productivity while observing the set regulations," Msalya expressed.

Govt warns employers over working contracts

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has warned employers who fail to provide job contracts to employees, saying it is a gross violation of the law and cannot be tolerated.

Patrobas Katambi, deputy minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability made the statement in the Parliament yesterday when responding to a supplementary question raised by the Special Seats MP, Mariam Kisangi, who wanted to hear the government position on the matter, arguing there are employers who violate their workers' rights.

"What is the government doing to tame employers who do not want to sign their employment contract with employees?" Mariam asked.

The lawmaker argued that in such scenarios employees are forced to carry out unspecified duties and do not know exact roles.

In response, the deputy minister stated that the government shall not hesitate to deal with such employers, noting: "It is a right of every employee to be given an official job contract and failure to do so employees faces legal actions."

"I urge fellow lawmakers and the entire public to report such cases immediately to the government for further actions for it is a violation of law," said Katambi.

MP, Bonnah Kamoli had wanted to know what the government was doing to ensure public buses and truck drivers are given job contracts.

She said the contracts should enable them to access retirement benefits as well as health insurance just like other workers.

The deputy minister in his response noted that the government has continued improving labour laws as part of the effort to ensure all employers provide workers with contracts. "In effort to achieve this, the government made different directives differently on 12th June, 2022 and 22nd July, 2022, insisting that all workers including drivers be given contracts by 30th August, 2022" he said.

However, the deputy minister acknowledged that many employers have heeded the government directives while others have initiated the process to that effect.



It's traditional land title deed issuance day for these residents of Ikongosi Juu village in Mufindi District, Iringa Region. Officiating at the ceremony, which was held late last week, were officials from private agencies Pelum Tanzania and Landesa Tanzania in collaboration with the Mufindi District Council. Part of Landesa's mission is to help in developing pro-poor and gender-sensitive laws, policies and programs that strengthen land rights for people experiencing extreme poverty. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

Tanga residents cautioned to use available water well

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

TANGA Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (Tanga-Uwasa) has urged residents in Tanga and Muheza Districts who depend from the Mowe water pumping to carefully utilize the precious liquid to address the ongoing shortage challenges facing the areas.

Speaking with this paper in response to residents' claims on water shortages that hit Muheza district for about two months consecutive, Tanga UWASA public relations officer, Devotha Mayala acknowledged the challenge saying that two factors are the sources behind the shortage.

She explained that water shortage in the district was caused by shortage of electricity to support water pumps at Mowe water

treatment plant and Kilapula village mega reserve water tank that supply water to the district.

She said for about two months now there had been a tendency for either low electricity shortages or no electricity throughout the day, a matter that affected the production and supplying of water to people.

"Every day we are supposed to pump over 700,000 litres of water to Muheza residents from Mowe and Kilapula water tanks for about six hours but due to electricity low voltages sometimes we are not pumping even a drop of water or pumping little than the demand," she said.

She also said even the Mkurumuzi water source which is used as backup for adding water to pipe networks has also dried up due to drought and human activities near

river banks. "With this situation, residents should utilise the little available water carefully and avoid practicing activities near water sources so as to help conserve the environment and the sources," she added.

Tanga Regional Tanesco manager, Eng Julius Sabu said that his office has a regular tendency of communicating with Tanga-Uwasa management in case of electricity shortages or low voltages but for recent days, they haven't noticed any power problem to the Tanga Uwasa electricity.

"Power supply has been stabilized and Tanga-Uwasa has its own electricity line due to its potential, the problem can be on their water pumps switching gears," Eng Sabu clarified.

About 16,000 residents of six wards within Muheza Township and hundreds of other people in ten villages where the main water pipeline passes are depending on water from Tanga-Uwasa.

IFF-OBA agrees to refund half of grant issued to Moruwasa project

By Correspondent Michael

Sikapundwa, Morogoro

THE Investment Financing Facility-Output-Based Aid (IFF-OBA) has agreed to refund 50 percent of the Bigwa and Bomela water project worth 2.4bn/- to Morogoro Urban Water Supply and Sanitation (MORUWASA).

The implementation of the project secured a loan from the Tanzania Investment Bank (TIB) and other sources. It was implemented by MORUWASA in collaboration with the German Development Bank (KfW) through the IFF-OBA programme.

This was reached during the weekend here when the IFF-OBA's consultant team agreed to refund after verification of the project's output targets, which were conducted at project areas-5-kilometers away from Morogoro municipality.

Deputy group leader, Grace Massawe, said IFF-OBA will refund 50 percent after a project succeeded to construct two intakes at Bigwa and Bomela, two sedimentation tanks, one storage tank, transmission, and distribution

mains, and two water kiosks.

"Besides, the project has succeeded in adding over 700 new customers out of 600 targets of the project and maintained at least 90 percent collection efficiency within the entire service area. Target of the project was an improvement of water supply services within Morogoro municipality," she said.

Consultants from Investment Financing Facility - Output-Based Aid (IFF-OBA) have agreed to refund 50 percent of 2.4bn/- to MORUWASA after verifying the output target in Bigwa and Kilakala water project, which started in June 2021 and was completed in May 2022.

A project has been implemented by MORUWASA's force account with the collaboration of the German Development Bank (KfW) through the IFF-OBA programme.

MORUWASA chief executive director Eng Tamimu Katakweba commended IFF-OBA for the support and promised 50 percent fund will purchase water flow meters so as to expand water connection and revenues.

"Bigwa and Bomela project is among 17 short-term water projects which are expected to increase 71

percent of daily water consumption after its completion in 2023, currently the water demand per day is 48 million liters," he explained.

She said the long-term water project worth 185 million/- funded by the Agency France de Development (AFD) is expected to end water problems because it will produce 89 million liters which is over 73 million liters of daily consumption.

Katakweba said over 50 thousand residents from two wards particularly from Misongeni, Vituli, Lukuyu, Mgolole, Kingolwila streets are currently accessing clean and safe water.

She said MORUWASA management allocated 900million/- for shifting water intake from Vituli point to Bomela near the top of Uluguru Mountains to avoid waste materials, the community used a river as a dump, and toilets were constructed along the river.

Bigwa ward councilor, Milikion Mwamnyanyi said since the community started to access water from the project, cases of diseases such as cholera and typhoid have disappeared.

Sr Tryphina Burchard from Holistic Education Centre, located a few kilometers from the water project, said the center has access to clean and safe water 24 hours compared to the time before.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE RENEWAL OF MICROSOFT SOFTWARE AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring a service of renewal of Microsoft software and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this service as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01512	PROVISION FOR RENEWAL OF MICROSOFT SOFTWARE AT GGML

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
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List of Directors	1.54%
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OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01512)	60%
Proof of Authorized Microsoft Licensing Solution Partner.	40%
Proof of Previous supplied Microsoft licenses to an Enterprise.	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01512) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 5TH October 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Let us not ignore the World Peace Day vows, its awareness building

SEPTEMBER 21 is known as the International Day of Peace, or World Peace Day, an event adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and first celebrated in 1981. A UN chronicler says the day is dedicated to peace, and specifically the absence of war and violence, whose key use at a diplomatic level is to work for a temporary ceasefire. That chance enables humanitarian work to be carried out in war zones, and even lays the basis for a durable peace. It is just a starting point.

The chronicler says after the day was first marked in 1981, scores of nations, political groups, and even military groups apart from civilians, have been at the forefront to mark the day. Noticeably, there is a bell rung from UN headquarters in New York, a bell is cast from coins donated by children from all continents except Africa, a gift from the United Nations Association of Japan. It said the bell was a reminder of the human cost of war; with an inscription on its side, "Long live absolute world peace." Japan suffered the world's first and only atom bomb use.

The resolution to set up the commemoration day was sponsored by Britain and Costa Rica, to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace. The date picked was the regular opening day of the annual sessions of the UN General Assembly, the third Tuesday of September, and 20 years later it was changed to September 21 each year. Beginning in 1983, at the request of the UN Secretary General, the "We the Peoples" initiative was launched as an annual report to the UN. The initiating organisation was given a "Peace Messenger" status by the

UN, and later changed the "We the Peoples" initiative to "Culture of Peace Initiative." It's more elaborate.

Those in Africa who are struggling for democracy, realization of the Sustainable Development Goals actually have the peace initiative at heart, as it is basically a matter of sequencing, and that is where confusion arises. It is by achieving peace that we get democracy and realization of sustainable development, or conversely do we first obtain SDGs to be able to attain social harmony, hence durable peace? It isn't possible to sequence these objectives as in reality they are closely linked.

Reconciliation isn't just about warfare and its formal ending but curbing memories of distaste, often hard to remove. Of late, some notable African activists, even top leaders of political movements had some disparaging words to say in the wake of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, on the basis of being linked with colonialism. We are all guilty for accepting that heritage, including national boundaries, education and religion. Other villains of popular and educated imagination are the slave traders, whose route is what set the outline map of the central railway line. Anti-colonial anger bereft of examining the other side of the coin amounts to hypocrisy.

World Peace Day isn't just a moment where we remind ourselves of the importance of stopping guns but also of getting rid of the anger within us. Those worlds over who get rid of anger obtain durable peace, and those who refuse remain in durable conflict. One can't have it ways, anger plus peace!

Invite manufacturers, agribusiness firms to produce for their markets

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has been holding conversations with newly appointed heads of our foreign missions near and far, where an overriding theme is economic diplomacy. His remarks as conveyed to the media focused on making full use of improvements in the investment environment in the wake of intense initiatives by President Samia Suluhu Hassan since taking office. The envoys won't have any difficulty in explaining this to their hosts, just furnish the details.

Reports said that the premier held conversations with Ambassador Caroline Chipeta (Netherlands), Simon Sirro (Zimbabwe) and Lt. Gen. Mathew Mkingule (Zambia), where each of them will face different conditions in seeking out either investors or markets. Yet they can compare notes with their peers to see which techniques are workable and can be expected to deliver the best results, with agribusiness being an area of potential comparative advantage. The world has an intense food security emergency in many countries, skewing trade in that direction.

The envoys will have a simpler task in focusing on economic diplomacy and mobilising efforts to access markets for the country's products and attract more investments if they actually seek to make their hosts stakeholders in the matter. If we have a need for an avocado market, a foreign company setting in to produce avocados would as well purchase plenty of other produce so long as it is consonant with its standards. And when it is the one sending those avocados (or any other product) to its country of origin, they clear the tariff and non-tariff hurdles, faster.

While we can't say that there is no other way of doing things, there is reason to say that actually finding an

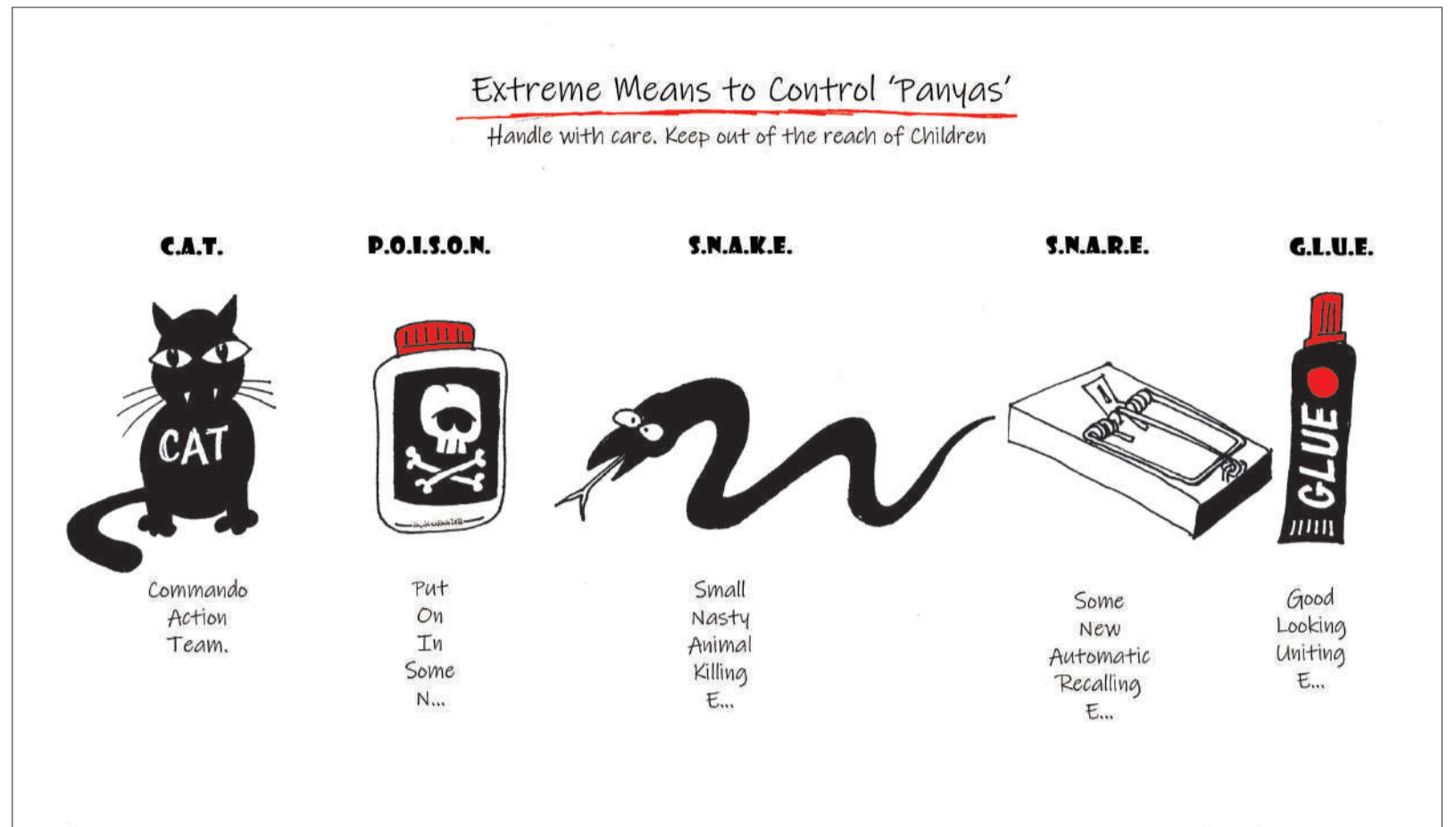
interested firm to set up shop to do exactly what we are doing and then partner with it in the marketing, simplifies the task. Investment policies initiated by President Samia, easing the flow of capital, are well known for investors within the country. Making use of their potential needs actual invitation, as that amounts to a guarantee that nothing will go wrong, a sort of 'royal charter' for a company to start investments with benediction from the state authorities.

One noticeable feature that Premier Majaliwa notes was that Tanzania is among nations whose location is strategic, with outstretched markets in neighbouring states. This strategic location is applicable for any manufacturing products, assembling goods, etc. but the most vital need in the world market at present is good, basically grains.

If we can organise a series of investments in the key crops and bring together the marketing aspect, we could soon have an 'embarrassment of riches' in that regard, that is, a novel situation of having plenty to choose from.

Having good arable land and sources of water and envoys in various countries seeking out markets aren't a recipe for success, but a preliminary condition. The water sources that we often talk about are threatened by climate unpredictability, thus we need capital-based agro-sector initiatives that don't just drain water from lakes or rivers.

Only then can most arable land be used in an environmentally sustainable way, also buying out livestock keepers to keep to defined areas to avoid clashes between agribusiness and traditional livestock rearing. It's a clash of systems, the modern and the traditional, preventable by policy clarity, credit.



Unsettled lives in a troubled world



Many people in South Sudan are living in poverty after years of underdevelopment, corruption and conflict

By Lorraine Farquharson

CROSS-CONTINENT vacations seem to be the norm once again with the lessening of COVID-19 while new cities are being built with skyscraping \$4M condos shooting up in a matter of months, and just-out-of-University millennials launching into their careers with minimum start-off salaries of \$75K.

Sounds pretty good. Those scenarios present a shocking oxymoron to newly-released facts that shockingly, 90 percent of the world's nations are currently undergoing gravely altered lives due to a downward spiral of human development over the past two years.

According to the UN Development Programme (UNDP)'s annual Human Development Report (HDR) and Index (HDI), released Sept. 8, the percentage greatly exceeds any other reversals during the global financial crisis - setting the globe roughly six years backward. Therefore, the organization makes a solid global call for collective action.

Results of the survey show that for the first time in 32 years of calculating the world's well-being, nine out of every 10 countries have fallen backwards in health, education, and standard of living. The organization says that although there are many reasons for the degradation, continuous effect of back-to-back crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, are the most to be blamed.

Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator, pinpointed areas showing that human development

has fallen back to its 2016 levels and that world leaders find themselves collectively paralyzed in making changes. Steiner added that the current state of regress thwarts the U.N.'s 2030 deadline at achieving the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Other draining factors include the exorbitant increase in cost of living; unemployment; artificial intelligence chosen over human activity rather than using it to maximize existing tasks.

There is also digitalization - "a double-edged sword for mental wellbeing," mental distress, which constrains freedom to achieve plus the climate and energy crises. But those get easily sutured up by subsidizing fossil fuels; lack of access to adequate resources, as well as persistent and growing inequalities.

These all negatively affect and delay long-term goals as well as necessary systemic changes, and causes insecurity in both the leaders as well as the population.

Speaking during the launch of the HDR, António Guterres U.N. Secretary General said the current crises creates an uneven economic recovery from the pandemic and is further exacerbating inequalities, leaving entire regions behind.

"This is triggering spikes in food and energy prices, driving up inflation and drowning vulnerable countries in debt," he said.

The most under-developed nations in South America, the Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia, are hardest hit. For example, Pakistan - which already had a very low rating on the index,

has fallen 7 places lower. It now ranks 161, on the HDI, out of 192 countries, while Afghanistan rings in at the 180th position.

The Report, titled "Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping our Future in a Transforming World" was released just a day prior to the UNDP's high-level assembly of global leaders, the SDG Media Summit, highlighting those who are driving social change to advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

Isis Jarraud-Darnault, Political Coordinator of The Permanent Mission of France to the U.N., spoke on France's participation with the European Union to alleviate woes in the entire Horn of Africa region.

France is especially aiding the food crisis in Somalia by dispatching a Special Envoy to the country, as well as keeping its promise to provide continuous financial aid (which has amounted to €61 million in 2022), and also launching a humanitarian airlift to provide emergency food and medicine, especially to areas hard to reach by road. "The international community must mobilize", Jarraud-Darnault said. "France is taking its full part in this aid."

"Today, with one-third of people worldwide feeling stressed and less than a third of people worldwide trusting others, we face major roadblocks to adopting policies that work for people and planet," says Steiner. "There is a skyrocketing perception of insecurity in most countries, even some high-ranking HDI ones."

Despite the dark clouds, despair, doubts that grip many countries,

along with the fact that recovery is uneven and partial, some seem to be dusting off their heels and getting back on their feet.

The UNDP holds onto the hope of positivity and promise by expressing the sentiments that if futures are reimagined, refreshed and renewed; pathways carved and molded; plans, goals and values are developed then there has to be an uptick - as nothing lasts forever - not even the bad.

Guterres' reiterated the Report's clearly-stated steps forward to quench this conundrum, which was to "Double down on human development and advance policies around 'The Three I's' - investment, insurance, and innovation." He added, "We must invest in global public goods; expand insurance through social safety nets; and innovate, fostering new pathways and technologies."

The UNDP report depicts a totally overwhelmed global society staggering from crisis to crisis. Steiner adds. "This risks heading towards increasing deprivation and injustice and in a world defined by uncertainty, we need a renewed sense of global solidarity to tackle our inter connected interconnected, common challenges."

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THERE can be no bigger threat to safety, security and integrity of humans and societies than hunger. American writer and novelist Pearl Buck rightly said that hunger makes a thief of any man. For, she wrote, a hungry man can't see right or wrong, he just sees food.

According to the United Nations, 25,000 people, including more than 10,000 children, die from hunger and related causes everyday all over the world. Lack of access to food, skyrocketing food prices and food insecurity are some of the factors that continue to make hunger a global pressing issue.

The World Bank data show that in 2018, about 14 million Tanzanians lived in poverty, up from 12.3 million in 2011-2012. Using the international extreme poverty rate of USD 1.9 per day, poverty in Tanzania has remained stagnant at 49 per cent between 2011/12 and 2018 and 27.6 million people are considered poor along this line.

For many people living in poverty, going hungry is sometimes the only option. Things are even worse for pregnant women and children under five because absence of or insufficient food leads to stunted growth which impedes intellectual capacity of a child.

Shortage of food in Tanzania happens for several reasons including draught, poor farming tools, poor soil, lack of access to seeds, fertilizers, and inaccessibility of financial services for the agriculture sector. The climate change crisis is also contributing to woes of the sector.

The period from June to October is called hunger season because of non-existent rainfall. During these months, harvesting crops becomes difficult and families often run out of food entirely. One third of children under the age of five die because of malnutrition in this hunger season.

Hunger easily the biggest threat to our treasured peace, security and integrity



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of the same.

Unfortunately, in many parts of the world, food security is low. The high food insecurity rate is linked to poor economic growth, lack of education and minimal health care. Although many countries including Tanzania currently produce enough food for their populations, the poorest and most marginalized families including refugees have limited access to it.

Despite national efforts, the burden remains high and unequally distributed across nations. Although Tanzania is largely food secure, it is estimated that up to 2.1 million people will need food assistance because of the socioeconomic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In spite of these challenges, Tanzania has taken measures to help mitigate some of these problems. Several international or-

ganizations are combatting hunger in Tanzania after partnering with the local governments where among others, they train health workers and provide technical support necessary to screen and treat children suffering from malnourishment.

Although the situation is not dire, Tanzania is not out of the woods yet. And with reports from the weatherman showing little rains ahead, coupled with pandemic disruptions and the ongoing conflict in Europe, the country needs to draw up and implement food security plan.

We should not forget that starving people normally have no other choice but to beg for food or use unlawful ways to get it. As it is rightly said, a hungry man is an angry man.

Stunting which is the impaired growth and development that children experience from poor nutrition, repeated infection and inadequate psychological support. It is caused by extreme hunger and a whopping 34 per cent of children are affected by stunting in Tanzania.

Luckily, Tanzania has taken steps to stop child hunger by emphasizing nutritional information to health officials on how to better teach patients and their families. Malnutrition due to hunger is a serious and widespread health issue for those living with food insecurity.

Widespread prevalence of malnutrition in Tanzania creates health crisis that affects young children and causes death for children. Malnourished children not only face the physical consequences but also mental consequences. Children face learning difficulties due to stunted growth, weak immune systems and low IQ.

Due to malnutrition, pregnant mothers, lactating mothers and new born babies suffer from iron and vitamin deficiencies. In order to defeat the damage of malnutrition, doctors and humanitarian aid groups have begun providing fortified food products to malnourished children. Additionally, pregnant women and children receive regular check-ups to ensure that they remain healthy and receive treatment for malnutrition.

Food security is the measure of the availability of food and individual's ability to access it. Food security is heavily correlated with sufficient food, nutrition and consumption

UN bans NGOs during high-level meetings of world leaders, triggering strong protests

UNITED NATIONS

WHEN world leaders, numbering over 150, make their annual political pilgrimage to address the General Assembly in the third week of September, the security at the world body is exceptionally tight.

And this year is no exception.

After two years of on-again and off-again lockdowns due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the UN Secretariat is back in full swing - but in a virtual high security war zone.

The weeklong high-level meeting is scheduled to take place September 20-26, but civil society organizations (CSOs) have been barred from the UN premises September 16 through 30.

Mandeep S. Tiwana, Chief Programmes Officer at CIVICUS, the global civil society alliance, told IPS the note (<http://csonet.org/?menu=86>) issued by the NGO branch of UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) states that "as per standing practice", access to the UN premises is restricted.

From 16-30 September, says the circular, UN headquarters will be accessible only to UN staff and member delegations.

"Suspension of the annual and temporary grounds passes of NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) during the UNGA session is not just perplexingly discriminatory but also counter-intuitive as it deprives the international community of the benefits of civil society engagement in times of immense mayhem, disruption and contestation globally," said Tiwana.

It's a lost opportunity for the UN and state diplomatic delegations to interact freely with civil society representatives who bring with them a wealth of expertise, on the ground experience and deep commitment to resolving global challenges in line with UN Charter principles, he argued.

"This cavalier attitude of the UN establishment once again highlights the critical need for civil society to have a champion within the system in the form of a UN Civil Society Envoy," he noted.

Appointment of such an envoy, he pointed out, can help unblock bottlenecks that inhibit civil society engagement at the UN, promote best practices on people's and civil society participation across the UN and also drive the UN's outreach to civil society at the regional level.

During an event marking the 75th anniversary of the UN Charter in 2020, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said civil society groups were a vital voice at the San Francisco Conference (where the UN was inaugurated).

"You have been with us across the



Young climate activists from civil society organizations take part in demonstrations at the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, December 2021. File photo

decades, in refugee camps, in conference rooms, and in mobilizing communities in streets and town squares across the world."

"You are with us today as we face the COVID-19 pandemic. You are our allies in upholding human rights and battling racism. You are indispensable partners in forging peace, pushing for climate action, advancing gender equality, delivering life-saving humanitarian aid and controlling the spread of deadly weapons".

"And the world's framework for shared progress, the Sustainable Development Goals, is unthinkable without you", he declared.

Still, all CSOs have been barred from the UN building during one of the most politically crucial General Assembly sessions.

Louis Charbonneau, UN Director of Human Rights Watch said: "As you know, the UN Secretariat has an unhelpful policy of barring civil society organizations (CSOs) from UN headquarters during high-level week, so we won't be in the building. But we will be around to answer questions or do interviews, when possible, outside of UNHQ."

"We're also asking member states and the UN secretariat to end the senseless exclusion of civil society during one of the most important weeks on the UN calendar," said Charbonneau.

In a subsequent email interview, he told IPS: "We have complained publicly about the terms of the UN General Assembly period ban on NGOs in the past, because it is arbitrary and sometimes extends past high-level week, which makes no sense".

"We are now calling on the UN to end the UNGA period ban altogether."

He said: "Our experience with the outrageous ban on civil society on the pretext of Covid when everyone else - including tourists - was allowed back in the building made us realize there's an urgent need for civil society to push back against attempts to marginalize NGOs at the UN."

"The way Covid was used to keep civil society out of the UN when diplomats, UN officials and journalists were allowed back in confirmed our belief that it is high time for us to push to end the UNGA high-level ban and other senseless restrictions."

He pointed out that the Secretary-General's "Common Agenda" is full of language about the importance of civil society.

"Now it's time the UN made their actions reflect the rhetoric, declared Charbonneau.

Jens Martens, Director, Global Policy Forum Europe, told IPS the behavior of the UN and Member States towards NGOs has often been hypocritical.

"On the one hand, they praise NGOs and declare that engaging civil society in the work of the UN is a top priority. On the other hand, they restrict or even prevent access for NGOs, as just now during the high-level week of the UN General Assembly," he said.

If Member States and the UN Secretariat are serious about their appreciation for NGOs, they should not treat them as potential security risks, said Martens.

"Instead, they should facilitate access and create better working conditions for NGOs at UN headquarters".

The UN clampdown triggers the question: Are NGOs deemed security risks?

While visiting heads of state, heads of governments, foreign ministers, ambassadors and other diplomats

are permitted to move around freely and avoid security checks, most UN staffers resident UN correspondents and visiting journalists are deemed security risks and their movements curtailed and subject to restrictions - while UN retirees are barred.

Incidentally, the only "terrorist attack" on the UN came from the outside, not from the inside.

When the politically-charismatic Ernesto Che Guevara, once second-in-command to Cuban leader Fidel Castro, was at the United Nations to address the General Assembly sessions back in 1964, the U.N. headquarters came under attack - literally. The speech by the Argentine-born Marxist revolutionary was momentarily drowned by the sound of an explosion.

The anti-Castro forces in the United States, backed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), had mounted an insidious campaign to stop Che Guevara from speaking.

A 3.5-inch bazooka was fired at the 39-storeyed Secretariat building by the East River while a vociferous CIA-inspired anti-Castro, anti-Che Guevara demonstration was taking place outside the U.N. building on New York's First Avenue and 42nd street.

But the rocket launcher - which was apparently not as sophisticated as today's shoulder-fired missiles and rocket-propelled grenades - missed its target, rattled windows, and fell into the river about 200 yards from the UN building.

One newspaper report described it as "one of the wildest episodes since the United Nations moved into its East River headquarters in 1952."

As longtime U.N. staffers would recall, the failed 1964 bombing of the U.N. building took place when Che Guevara launched a blistering attack on U.S. foreign policy

and denounced a proposed de-nuclearization pact for the Western hemisphere. It was one of the first known politically motivated terrorist attacks on the United Nations.

After his Assembly speech, Che Guevara was asked about the attack aimed at him. "The explosion has given the whole thing more flavor," he joked, as he chomped on his Cuban cigar.

When he was told by a reporter that the New York City police had nabbed a woman, described as an anti-Castro Cuban exile, who had pulled out a hunting knife and jumped over the UN wall, intending to kill him, Che Guevara said: "It is better to be killed by a woman with a knife than by a man with a gun."

As a longstanding former UN staffer, long retired, remarked jokingly last week: "This must be the first known instance of gender empowerment at the UN."

Continental trafficking could signal the last flight for African grey parrots

By Mohamed Daghar

THE African grey parrot population in the wild is dwindling at a rate of 21% every year. Found in West and Central Africa, the birds are sold by illegal wildlife traders as exotic pets, and their natural habitat is being destroyed. Licensing policies and practices regulating ownership of the parrots are not widely known and rarely implemented.

The birds face extinction in Ghana, with almost the entire population lost to trafficking. In other countries, numbers have decreased by over 50%. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) – the parrot's last natural habitat – poachers are trafficking the last of them. In April this year, a Congolese smuggler was arrested in Uganda with 122 parrots and sentenced to seven years in prison.

In 2017, the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites) moved the African grey to the list of species threatened with extinction, which prohibits trading except under exceptional circumstances.

Before this Cites relisting, pet keepers in some East African countries had to register parrots with the wildlife authorities, but this was rarely enforced. Since the Cites change, Kenya, Uganda and the DRC established procedures for registering parrots and offered amnesty to those who had bought them irregularly.

In Kenya, the annual licence to keep a parrot costs \$100 (KES12,000). Some pet keepers buy trafficked parrots but skip the licence payments, while others are unaware that the certificates have been mandatory since 2017.

Law enforcement agencies in East African countries have focused on intercepting the growing illegal trade through online markets. Meanwhile, the physical sale of parrots between the DRC and other East African markets continues apace. An active net-



Poachers from the DRC capture juvenile African greys from their nests in forested tree canopies. They also use large woven cages to catch parrots on the ground. (Photo: Diana Neille)

work operates from the DRC to Kenya, with Uganda as a transit point, according to a licensed parrot keeper and a law enforcement officer who spoke to Enact.

Poachers from the DRC capture juvenile birds from their nests in forested tree canopies. They also use large woven cages to catch parrots on the ground. The eastern DRC conflict has made some locals turn to poaching birds rather than working in the illegal timber or minerals trades, which are controlled by armed rebels and pose a risk of violence.

Poaching is also attractive because payment is in cash, with each parrot selling for around \$10. The healthier the bird, the higher the price, as healthy parrots can tolerate long journeys, even in infancy.

Brokers in the DRC source the African greys from poachers and transport them to Kampala in Uganda via bus networks connecting major cities in eastern DRC, such as Goma and Bukavu, to Kigali in Rwanda and on to Kampala. Cargo trucks are also used. Birds are

stored under the bus or truck in dark cartons with no ventilation – sometimes beneath other luggage. They risk death from fumes, thirst and hunger on these long trips, the shortest of which is two days.

Once in Kampala, brokers are instructed by agents in Mombasa, Kenya to transport the birds there or deliver them to buyers in Kampala. Kenyan law enforcement officers believe a kingpin trafficker in Mombasa controls the entire network.

The agent sells the parrots to pet keepers for \$100-250 (KES12,000-30,000) each, using a complex word-of-mouth referral system. His identity is unknown to buyers, and police are unaware of how his trading system works, according to the licensed parrot keeper who spoke to Enact. The East African criminal chain may also be working with other networks trafficking the birds to the Gulf, especially the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

Intercepting smugglers that use online markets is worthwhile,

and organisations such as the World Parrot Trust and Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime are building knowledge about this practice. But countries must take action against the often-hidden physical trafficking of African greys. Coordination between the wildlife authorities, border officials and those working in the transport sector in Central and East Africa is also essential.

In October 2021, police chiefs from the two regions and their respective ministers signed an agreement on police cooperation and criminal matters, supported by Enact policy advice and technical assistance. The deal comes into force once ratified by the parliaments of the 21 member countries. It could – bolstered by intelligence gathered on the virtual trading of African greys – be a platform for government and other agencies to bring down traffickers.

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WASHINGTON

THE COVID-19 pandemic, extreme weather, and geopolitical conflicts have sent shock waves through the global food market, leading to sharp increases in the prices of major crops and causing food shortages in many parts of the world.

The United Nations and the World Bank, among other international organizations, have warned of the severe consequences of the global food crisis, noting that the situation is going from bad to worse.

Meanwhile, the United States, a major force behind the Russia-Ukraine conflict, is reaping the benefits of the global food crisis, as U.S. agricultural giants see their stocks go up and wealth grow, despite hundreds of millions suffering from food insecurity.

WORSENING FOOD CRISIS

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic reduced incomes and disrupted supply chains, chronic and acute hunger were on the rise due to factors including conflict and climate change, according to the World Bank.

The backstage manipulator of global food crisis

The disruption caused by the conflict in Ukraine has added to price pressures, with costs likely to remain high for the foreseeable future and expected to push millions of people into acute food insecurity, the World Bank noted.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict has lifted food prices and hit the poorest the hardest, World Bank President David Malpass said in April, warning that the food crisis will last for months and probably into next year.

Ukraine and Russia are both major grain exporters, and Russia is also a major fertilizer exporter. The escalating Ukraine crisis and Western sanctions against Russia have led to higher costs of grain, fertilizer and energy, which together resulted in higher food prices.

"Because the cost of fertilizers has in some cases quadrupled, many farmers cannot afford them anymore, and that will be affecting the harvest this year and next year," Maximo Torero, UN Food and Agriculture Organization's chief economist, said earlier this month.

"If the war continues, in 2022 and 2023 we could potentially have a food access problem coupled with a food availability problem, because Ukraine and Russia would significantly reduce their exports, including fertilizers. This is a situation we have to

avoid," said Torero.

"While needs are sky-high, resources have hit rock bottom," the UN World Food Programme (WFP) said in a recent statement, noting that it requires 24 billion U.S. dollars to reach 153 million people in 2022.

Since 2019, the number of those facing acute food insecurity has soared from 135 million to 345 million, with a total of 50 million people in 45 countries "teetering on the edge of famine," according to the WFP.

AMERICA TO BLAME

The Russia-Ukraine conflict is without doubt a major contributor to the current global food crisis, and the United States, which poured oil on the flames in the conflict, is to blame.

In the Western narrative, the Ukraine crisis is entirely caused by Russia. But analysts pointed out that the situation in Ukraine has evolved to where it is today because the United States has been squeezing Russia's strategic space to safeguard its own hegemony.

Since the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis, the United States and its allies have imposed rafts of sanctions on Russia, further disrupting the global supply chain that has already been crippled by the pandemic, and leading to a spike in global food and

energy prices.

In a fact sheet published in July, the U.S. Treasury Department attempted to clarify its sanctions policy on Russia, saying that Russian agricultural and medical products are not targets, while noting that it strongly supports UN efforts to alleviate global food shortages.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, however, said later in July that the U.S. promises to exempt Russian food supplies from sanctions had not been fulfilled.

Russia, a major grain and fertilizer exporter, has been complaining that Western sanctions impeded its exports despite a UN-brokered deal. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has also called for unimpeded access of Russian food and fertilizer to the global markets.

REAPING ENORMOUS PROFITS

A few countries, including the United States, have manipulated the global food trading system and made huge profits during times of crisis. In every global food crisis since the Second World War, the United States played a prominent role.

The global food security issue has been consciously manipulated by the United States for pursuing its hegemony and making profits, Cihat Yayci, a retired

Turkish admiral, told Xinhua, perceiving the United States as a mastermind of such speculations.

According to an article from the Johns Hopkins University's School of Public Health, consolidation in U.S. agriculture started in the 1950s, with the shift toward fewer and larger farms, pushing smaller farms out of business in the next few decades.

U.S. government policies encouraged farmers to scale up their operations, prompting consolidation and market concentration, eventually realizing agricultural industrialization. With the support of a few large multinational enterprises in seed, fertilizer, grain processing, grain trade and beyond, the United States has secured its dominance of the global food system.

Four big companies currently control the world's agriculture commodity trade -- ADM (The Archer-Daniels-Midland Company), Bunge, Cargill and Louis Dreyfus, three of which are American. Monsanto, a U.S. agricultural giant, controls a big share of the global seeds market, leading to a strangle-hold on seed varieties, distribution and price.

Xinhua

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NBC Bank donates water storage tanks to Mbeya secondary school

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has donated four water tanks with a total volume of 40,000 litres worth more than 10 million shillings to a Mbeya secondary school as a continuation of the bank's strategy to support the efforts of the government to improve the education sector in this country.

The donation was handed over to the management of the school by the bank's Mbeya branch manager Asia Mselemu during a short handover ceremony held at the end of the week at the school. The event was attended by teachers, students, some education stakeholders in the region, the bank's employees, and senior government officials led by the Mbeya District Commissioner Dr Rashid Chuachua.

Speaking soon after receiving the support on behalf of the school management, Dr Chuachua, thanked the bank for the support, saying it goes in line with the government's efforts to improve the status of education in the region and that the support marks the end of the long-term challenge of access to clean water for teachers and students at the school.

"As it is now, the government through the efforts of President Samia Suluhu is on a big plan to improve access to quality education in the country, the plan that involves many things including the construction of classrooms, increasing the number of teachers plus their benefits and many other things."

"Therefore, we are more relieved to see that stakeholders like NBC bank are coming forward to support these efforts in many other ways, including supporting the access to clean water for



Mbeya district commissioner Dr Rashid Chuachua (2nd R) and NBC Bank's Mbeya branch manager, Asia Mselemu, in jovial mood shortly after the bank presented four 10,000-litre water tanks worth a total of over 10m/- for Mbeya secondary school. The ceremony was held at school's premises at the weekend. Left is Mbeya city mayor Sheikh Doull Issa Mohammed. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

teachers and students in our schools...we are very grateful to NBC," he said.

Speaking about the support, the Headmaster of the school, Francis Mwakihaba, after thanking NBC bank

for the support, said that through the support, the school with 1,464 students and 71 staff has been guaranteed access to clean water services, a move that will save energy and time as well looking for water.

"Now that NBC Bank has supported us with the water storage facilities, our students will be safer while here at school. May God bless NBC abundantly?"

Mselemu said that the bank is committed to helping improve the welfare of the community through its CSR programme which also focuses on educational issues, and that they were very touched by the challenge of access to clean water at the school.

"It is a pleasure for us to be part of solving challenges in such an important sector. This is just a continuation of our efforts in many social aspects through our social responsibility programme. We are very grateful to the teachers and students of Mbeya Secondary School for seeing NBC as an important stakeholder in solving this challenge."

"And we promise to continue cooperating with the school on other matters as well. My call to the school community is for them to take good care of these tanks so that they can be used for a long time as intended," she urged.

Expressing her gratitude on behalf of her fellow students, student Dorcas Jerry said that support will help them completely end the challenge of water shortage in the school that was causing them to spend a lot of time looking for water instead of discussing their studies.

"This support also has health benefits, especially during the menstrual period for us female students. We always need high standards of hygiene, something which needs enough water. We are very grateful to NBC Bank for this support and we promise to do better academically," he promised.

Cyber security is key for development: Tanzania ranks second in Africa - ITU

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has emerged one of top winners in the cyber security Index (GCI) for 2020 striking the 2nd best position out of 52 countries in the African Continent.

The Geneva based International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Global Cyber Security Index for 2020, released currently - expounding Global States commitment towards giving technical advisory and mitigation system to various Cyber Security Threats has ranked Tanzania 2nd Best Winner in Africa over giving resolutions to various Cyber-attacks.

The ITU Report submitted to the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) Director General Dr Jabiri Ba-

kari shows in the African Region Scores and Ranking Global Cyber Index (GCI) Tanzania has scored 90.58 being second best after 1st winner, Maurius, who earned overall score 96.89. Ghana emerged 3rd Best Winner in Africa, with overall score 86.69.

Dr Bakari expressed gratitude over the country's excellence in performance saying cyber war was a real time threat to social economic development of People and State not only within the country but also at Global level.

TCRA chief said Cyber-attacks were lethal and more detrimental than modern weapons because they do not need physical presence of the criminal attacker because they have no limit to distance and they target key infrastructures of countries and institutions causing an unprec-



Scholars who are cyber security systems innovators and developers take part in competition organised by TCRA in Dodoma city recently. Tanzania was named the second best country in Africa on cyber security safety.

edented extensive damage.

Tanzania's win in Score ranking encompassed various key cyber security criteria including Rules and Regulations on cyber-crime and cyber security, measuring implementation of technical capabilities through national and sector specific agencies, measuring the national strategies and organisations implementing cyber security, capacity development that entail measuring awareness campaigns, training, education, and incentives for cyber security capacity development plus level of cooperation and partnership with other countries, agencies and firms.

"The need for safe and secure cyberspace has become more important than ever, especially as we grow increasingly

dependent on "digital lifelines". One of the greatest challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic has been finding ways to meaningfully connect with each other, despite uncertainty, anxiety, and change," says Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau, Doreen Bogdan-Martin.

The Global Cyber security Index (GCI) is an initiative of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the UN specialised agency for ICTs, shaped and improved by the work of a diverse range of experts and contributors within countries and other international organisations. GCI was first launched in 2015; few people could have imagined the situation that countries currently find themselves in.

Women land ownership a crucial catalyst for sustainable development in Tanzania

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale

TANZANIA has more than 120 ethnic groups with diverse traditions and customs. While many traditional practices are good, a number of practices are unfulfilling as they do not allow women and girls to own and control land.

For a number of tribes, women own land through their husbands, sons, or brothers. However, at household and family level, a woman has the right to use family and or household land for productive activities such as growing crops and keeping livestock.

Due to lack of access to land ownership rights, women have no say on crops harvested from the land they cultivate and neither can they make any decision on livestock that they grazed and watered.

Traditions and customs across Tanzania have given men unilateral decision-making powers on rights and ownership of land. Such powers are vivid in many villages where decision-making platforms are dominated by men despite the fact that women outnumber men, considering the total village population.

Again, many women face economic gender-based violence from men and their communities, particularly when divorced or bereaved by their husbands. Today, the number of violence against women is skyrocketing. According to UN Women, in Tanzania, 40 percent of all women aged between 15 and 49 years have experienced physical violence while 17 percent have experienced sexual violence. Of women aged between 15 and 49, 44 percent have experienced either physical or sexual violence by an inmate partner.

The increase in cases of violence against women's land ownership has led human rights defenders to advocate that women's rights on land be constitutionally and legally recognized. In Tanzania the right to

equally own land by both men and women is legally recognized but not constitutionally entrenched. Worldwide, many countries recognize and provide equal opportunities for both women and men to access, use, and control land.

In Tanzania, like in many other countries in the developing world, the agriculture sector is dominated by women. Statistically, women are the major users of land and subsequently feed their families and their countries. However, many women have little or no control over land. Likewise, women's ownership of land and related rights are often not secure, due to little awareness of their legal rights, among other reasons.

As a result, women in rural areas are vulnerable to poverty and hunger as they cannot make decisions on how to use land. This calls for the need to fight for women's ownership of land and related rights by providing them with legal knowledge on their right to own and use land. There is also a need to change customary laws and practices that infringe women's rights to own and use land.

Tanzania's draft Review of National Land Policy of 2016, shows that only 15 percent of Tanzania's land is surveyed and titled. This contributes to high insecurity as well as loss of rights. Many women fall victims because they occupy land that is not titled.

According to the Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), "women own only nine percent of land in Tanzania." A review done by DANIDA in 2019 in Kilombero, Malinyi, and Ulanga districts shows an increase of 24 percent of land ownership by women.

"A review of Certificates of Customary Rights of Occupancy (CCRO) issued in the districts where Land Tenure Support Programme (LTSP) was being implemented showed that 32 percent of documented land was owned by women while 21 percent was jointly owned with their hus-



bands," reads part of the report.

Rights to land are a foundation for transforming women and their families from poverty into a thriving economy. And thus, a focus must be on women and girls because they experience poverty more harshly when their access to use and control of land are violated.

According to the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), customary systems of property tenure account for at least 75 percent of the land in most African countries. Women's right to land and property is, therefore, central to women's economic empowerment, as land is a basic input for food production and income generation. Often land is also used by women as collateral for accessing credit from banks and lending institutions and as a means of holding savings for the future.

"However fewer women hold land titles than men and there are fewer instances where men and women hold joint land titles. It has also been observed that more men have land tenure security than women," reads one of SIDA's documents.

Nevertheless, it is important to note here that in order for women to succeed, they must be educated on land issues and they must know and demand and stand for their land rights. Only then will families be food secure and safe from the illegal acquisition of land by other people.

It is for the said reasons that the Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT) is implementing a five-year Activity titled Usimamizi Endelevu wa Maliasili (Resilient Natural Resources Governance). Alongside many resource protection initiatives, LEAT facilitates the issuance of CCROs as a

means of improving natural resources governance and tenure security.

LEAT and partners are investing significant efforts to promote women's ownership of land. The Organisation is educating women and encouraging them to be part of land committees, adjudication committees, and land councils. This is important because despite legal provisions many women still do not take part in management and leadership activities due to lack of awareness, interest and commitment.

For example in Mtapenda village of Sumbawanga District Council in Rukwa Region, LEAT, through the Usimamizi Endelevu wa Maliasili, has issued a total of 1,378 CCROs of which 502 were given to women as single occupiers.

A Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCRO) is a legal document that gives the holder the right to occupy and use land in order to improve their wellbeing. In Tanzania, a CCRO is a perpetual one while a Certificate of Right of Occupancy (CRO) given on general land is of limited duration ranging from 33.66, to 99 years. Regardless of the entitlements, men and women in Tanzania may use land certificates to mortgage property.

"We believe that tenure security for women fosters critical gains ranging from enhanced social status to greater food security, and better health and educational outcomes for families. Neglecting women's land rights propels significant negative effects on the well-being of women, children, and their respective communities," says Edna Tibajuka, LEAT Communications Officer.

It is crucial to note that the importance of CCROs to women is not limited to food security and poverty alleviation. Research shows that when women hold secure rights to land, efforts to tackle climate change are more successful and responsibilities and benefits associated with climate change response programmes are more equitably distributed.

A World Bank study, in various countries, has observed that when individual women have secure rights to land, they are more likely to use soil conservation techniques thus increas-

ing productivity and cushioning the impacts of climate change.

On the other hand, without effective legal control over the land they farm or the proceeds of their labor, women often lack the incentive, security, opportunity, or authority to make decisions about ways to conserve the land and ensure its long-term productivity. "Women in this situation know that if they work to irrigate their field or plant border trees, there is a good chance that they will not be the ones to reap the benefits," reads part of a report by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

Climate change and associated human responses have affected and will continue to affect women's land rights in rural areas in many ways. Thus, securing women's land rights could enhance resilience to climate change and strengthen communities' ability to respond well to shifting circumstances.

Such approaches call for securing women's rights to land and natural resources. These must be clearly defined, recognized, and documented. Other incentives should also be provided in order to encourage women to invest in conservation and sustainable land use.

"Equipped with secure, stable, documented rights to access, use, control, manage, inherit, own and transfer land, women, and families are better able to cope and recover following climate-related disasters," reads part of the IIED document.

The movement to recognize women's rights to own land is spreading throughout the world because it is the only resource that guarantees food security for small and or peasant farmers. Several countries have taken broad steps to legally recognize women's rights to own land. They include Kenya and India. The government of India has issued thousands of title deeds either for land ownership between wife and husband or single ownership in which women alone own land. In Kenya, a woman's right to own land is stipulated in the country's constitution. Tanzania will do well to emulate its northern neighbor.

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Climate change crisis nonacceptance

MANY people around the world, especially those among the political far-right, do not accept the climate change crisis. Over the years their thinking, behavior, and policies dismissing climate change have largely continued and impaired global efforts to address global warming and environmental degradation.

The unequivocal findings of numerous reports on the consequences of climate change by international and national scientific committees have not been sufficient to counter climate change skepticism. On the contrary, the reactions of skeptics to the climate change reports can be summed up in the phrase "Don't confuse me with the facts".

The rise of right-wing populism in many countries also constitutes a potential obstacle to addressing climate change. Right-wing parties and politicians frequently voice climate change skepticism, denials, and opposition to climate change policies, such as carbon taxes.

The nonacceptance of the climate change crisis persists despite its increasingly visible worldwide consequences. It's indeed difficult to avoid news reports of climate change events, including extreme heat, flooding, droughts, destroyed crops, wildfires, melting glaciers, rising sea levels, biodiversity loss, environmental degradation, smog, pollution, and increasing rates of human morbidity and mortality.

Even the signed petitions to government leaders from thousands of scientists from around the world warning of



The nonacceptance of the climate change crisis persists despite its increasingly visible worldwide consequences. Credit: Manipadma Jena/IPS

a climate emergency and the concerns, demonstrations, and protests of younger generations calling for urgent action have not been enough to convince skeptics of the climate change threat, especially among the political right.

In general, the majorities of most

populations are concerned about the climate change crisis. A global survey by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) of public opinion in 2021 covering 50 countries and over half of the world's population found that nearly two-thirds of those surveyed

believed climate change is a global emergency.

The proportion of the population believing climate change is an emergency ranged from a low of 61 percent in sub-Saharan Africa to a high of 71 percent

in Western Europe and North America. The proportions of the remaining four regions varied from 63 to 65 percent.

In addition to the UNDP study, a 2022 PEW survey of nineteen countries across North America, Europe, and the Asia-Pacific region found a median of 75 percent viewing global climate change as a major threat to their country.

However, views concerning the climate change threat differed considerably across political groups. By and large, surveys find that those of the political right are less likely than those of the left to believe in the reality and anthropogenic nature of the climate change crisis.

In the 2022 PEW survey, for example, those on the political right in fourteen countries were found to be consistently less likely to consider climate change a major threat to their country than those on the political left.

The largest difference among those fourteen countries was in the United States where 22 percent of the political right considered climate change a major threat to their country versus 85 percent on the political left. Other countries with a large difference between those on the political right and left were Australia with 47 and 91 percent, Canada with 46 and 80 percent, and Germany with 59 and 83 percent, respectively.

Moreover, the differences in the views of political groups concerning climate change in some major countries have widened over the recent past. In the United States, for example, the difference between Republicans and Democrats has increased substantially over the past quarter century.

Near the start of the 21st century 20 percent of Republicans and 36 percent of Democrats believed that global warming will pose a serious threat in their lifetime. By 2021, the difference between Republicans and Democrats had widened substantially to 11 percent versus 67 percent, respectively.

Also, differing views about climate change are reflected in the statements and policies of political parties and their leaders. For example, the Vox party in Spain dismissed climate change as "a hoax", the National Front in France promoted climate skepticism, and Sweden's Democrats described the climate debate as "weird" in budget discussions, arguing that the seriousness of climate change is exaggerated, and scientific evidence is being distorted.

In Germany the far-right Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) challenged the global scientific consensus on climate change, describing it as "hysteria". In addition, the AfD abandoned the previous cross-party consensus on the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

In the United States, the world's second largest emitter of CO2 producing about 14 percent of the world's CO2 emissions, the former Republican president said that he was not a believer in man-made global warming, called climate change "a hoax" invented by China, and said scientists were "misleading us" on climate change. Moreover, he dismissed federal scientific reports on climate change and sought to roll back climate regulations, including increasing U.S. coal

mining and reconsidering fuel efficiency standards for vehicles.

In China, the world's top emitter of CO2 producing about 30 percent of the world's CO2 emissions, some report that the Communist Party's climate change skeptics are mostly shunned and may chatter in the shadows. After decades of rejecting climate change and its visible consequences, such as choking smog hanging over most of the country, no higher-up Chinese officials are saying that climate change is a hoax and while some may have that view, they won't say it.

In India, which the IPCC highlights as a vulnerable hotspot, some find politicians denying or ignoring climate change. They note that in the election manifestos of the two leading national parties, the Indian National Congress and the BJP, neither of them mentioned the Paris Climate Change Agreement. Also at the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, India reportedly found the IPCC's recent report too gloomy and requested a section on mitigation be removed.

A preliminary draft of the Glasgow pact called on countries to "accelerate the phasing out of coal and subsidies for fossil fuels". In the final negotiations, however, India and China, whose coal-fired power stations provide approximately 70 and 60 percent of their electricity, respectively, said they would agree only to "phase-down unabated coal" and the phase-out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies.

In addition, when heading to COP26, Australia, Japan, and Saudi Arabia were among those countries lobbying the United Nations "to play down the need to move rapidly away from fossil fuels". Some wealthy nations also questioned paying more to poorer states to move to greener technologies.

In preparatory meetings for the November COP27 climate summit in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, African nations pushed back against abrupt moves away from fossil fuels. They stressed the need to avoid approaches that encourage abrupt disinvestments from fossil fuels, which would threaten Africa's development. For example, Nigeria, Africa's largest population, indicated that gas was a matter of survival for the country.

The latest report of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) shows greenhouse gas emissions are continuing to rise. The IPCC report also states that current plans to address climate change are not ambitious enough to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, which is a threshold necessary to avoid even more catastrophic impacts.

A number of social and psychological explanations have been offered for climate change crisis nonacceptance and skepticism, especially among the right-wing conservatives. In the past, the lack of knowledge about the causes of climate change was believed to play a major role. More recently, political ideology and party identification are believed to strongly influence how people selectively seek and interpret information about climate change.

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In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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 5 LETTERS: FLOAT, SCORE, EMEND, MINES, WINDS (5 WORDS)
 6 LETTERS: NUANCE, FRANCE, CAREEN, ADDICT, TSE TSE (5 WORDS)
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CLUES: Across
 1 made dirty or imperfect by
 5 among
 7 ulema
 8 people descended from a common ancestor
 10 live in a complex social colony
 11 a person who have access to the World of good and evil spirits
 13 a student's fraternity
 15 extending below
 17 assumed artificially
 19 not certain
 20 an Internet service consisting of thousands of newsgroups

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 2 an obituary
 3 avoiding work, lazy
 4 a stoat
 6 a cylindrical metal container
 7 an open source of software
 9 an elected officer in a county, responsible for keeping peace
 12 a son of a king or Queen
 14 a playing card with three spots
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BUSINESS

CRDB Bank equips journalists with financial, economic reporting skills

By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to improve financial journalism in Tanzania, CRDB Bank Plc yesterday conducted a capacity building programme to journalists from different media organization and journalism students from University of Dar es Salaam and Dar es Salaam School of Journalism held at the bank's headquarters.

Opening the capacity building programme, the bank's director of communication Tully Mwambapa (pictured) said the event was named "CRDB Bank Media Day" aimed at building capacity to journalists and journalism students to empower them to improve skills in informing the public on financial and business matters.

"We as media stakeholders, we have

the obligation to ensure that journalists are excellently performing their duties through improving their skills which will enable them to prepare and edit business and economic news professionally," she said.

Mwambapa said CRDB Bank has seen an increased quality gap in business, financial and economic reporting among local journalists which has motivated them to host such first ever capacity building programme.

She said the future plan is to continue organizing such training programmes to improve the quality of financial news writing.

The director said media reporting on financial matter to the public has helped CRDB Bank achievements to large extent, which has helped to spur



CRDB Bank senior communication manager Emmanuel Kiondo (R) leads the discussion during the bank's Media Day attended by 200 journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Other are Mwananchi Communications Limited managing director Bakari Machumu (L), director of radio services at Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC) Aisha Dachi (2nd from L) and University of Dar es Salaam - School of Journalism and Mass Communication lecturer Dr Darius Mukiza (2nd R) PHOTO/COURTESY

positive results to the society.

"Media not only promote the development of our goods and services, but also economic transformations in different stages," she said.

She said without media role in in-

forming the public on different economic policies, the society would have not been well informed to participate in contributing in such transformation.

Media are helping to develop different sectors of the economy. We are therefore

determined to increase sponsorship in different capacity building programmes including economic and financial researches that will be informed to the general public.

Speaking during the discussion on role of media in economic growth, Mwananchi

Communications Limited managing director Bakari Machumu congratulated CRDB Bank for hosting the capacity building event to journalists.

He said there is a need for building capacity of journalists on different issues in different sectors of the economy which will help to improve the quality of reporting.

"Building understanding on different sectors will not only enable an individual journalist, but also improve the quality standard of media reporting," he said.

IN his presentation on financial reporting, Pricewaterhousecoopers senior manager Samuel Carol said journalists need to read, read and re-read financial statements and when he/she does not understand, he/she must ask for experts to report properly.

He said journalist need to read not only numbers when reporting the bank's annual report, but also other parts of the report which are not related to financial matters such as management report or auditors report.

The University of Dar es Salaam's School of Journalism and Mass Communication lecturer Dr Darius Mukiza said journalist need to observe ethical standards when reporting financial matter to ensure that their reporting is not compromising ethical standards.

However, he said the dependence of advertisement from firms remains a major challenge to ensure ethical reporting, but it is possible to report unbiased if a journalist will sticks on facts.

Tech startup Imperial Innovations launches smart centre

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIAN tech startup Imperial innovations, with expertise in developing custom hardware and software solutions has launched its first smart center in Tanzania which will be named - Moran Smart Center.

The Smart Centre will have a special focus on, Embedded System Design, Artificial intelligence, Machine learning and IoT, and will be providing complete solution from prototypes to finished products with the aim to provide comprehensive, competitive and innovative solutions to suit various business requirements.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Imperial Innovations Managing Director Murtaza Ebrahim said he started the tech startup back in 2016/2017 with the idea to change how marketing was done in traditional ways, especially when it came to customer engage-

ments, brands used outdated mechanics which were not impactful.

He said the gap led to the idea to establish a tech company that will solve Marketing and Customer service challenges for businesses making it more interactive and impactful using various technologies.

"Most of the solutions (Hardware) are imported into the country especially China, South Africa, India and so on, but the hardware customization has nothing near to be a reality in Tanzania," he said.

"Imported hardware always makes businesses 100% dependent on the foreign companies who charge a fortune on upgrades and integrations, but when done local we are able to not only customize, but provide all sorts of integration such as local payments and government institutions such as TRA."

He added, "Moran Smart Center will work as a one stop center for business-



Imperial Innovations managing director Murtaza Ebrahim (left) addresses journalists during the launch of the firm's first smart centre in Tanzania - Moran Smart Centre. He is flanked by Imperial Innovations Client Service officer Clara Danford (right) and head of business development Mustafa Mmanga. PHOTO/ A CORRESPONDENT

es to bring their problems. Our team will assist in analyzing the problem and provide a tailor-made hardware and software solution".

He said that technology and ecosystem that transforms ideas and fledgling companies into disruptive businesses are growing globally.

Africa enjoys a fertile environment for tech entrepreneurs due to the continent's youthful and growing population, rising internet penetration, and the application of emerging technologies that have the potential to improve access to healthcare, financial services, education, and energy.

"It is our hope that our government will see the challenges and structural barriers denying these firms' further growth, and policy recommendations to overcome these obstacles and support our upcoming firms in tech start up develop into innovation hubs," he noted.

NSE admits Private Wealth Capital Ltd as a securities dealer

NAIROBI

THE Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) has admitted Private Wealth Capital Limited (PWCL) to act as an Authorised Securities Dealer (ASD) for fixed income securities listed on the bourse.

The exchange on Monday said PWCL, which has already received approval from the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) to trade the securities and is the first non-bank ASD in Kenya, will also allow investors to carry out offshore bond trading through their platform.

This will, for instance, open a window for Kenyans to invest in the Eurobond market, where the government has listed four bonds since 2014.

An authorised securities dealer carries out the business of buying, selling, dealing, trading, underwriting or retailing of fixed-income securities.

"As a market, we are keen on supporting the

Security	Bid Quantity	Bid Price	Ask Quantity	Ask Price	Previous Closing	Trade Price	Net Change	Volume
HAFR	10100	0.55	5700	0.61	0.57	61	0.04	300
KQ	500	3.20	5600	3.30	3.47	3.30	-0.17	8100
MSC	121100	0.35	900	0.36	0.35	37	0.02	100000
ICDC	300	32.10	3100	32.20	32.50	32.20	-0.30	1900
LKL	100	7.38	47200	7.50	7.60	7.50	-0.10	700
KEGN	17000	5.92	96000	6.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	14400
CABL	1000	2.41	3900	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00	100
NSE	100	11.60	23400	12.00	11.50	11.50	0.00	52
KCB	13800	40.05	8300	40.20	40.00	40.20	0.20	2900
COOP	4800	11.90	135400	12.00	11.95	11.90	-0.05	400

growth of the fixed income market space in Kenya in line with our 2020-2024 strategy. We congratulate PWCL for the approval as an ASD and look forward to further partnerships," said NSE chief Geoffrey Odundo.

The exchange hopes the move to bring in the specialised fixed income securities dealer will deepen the participation of retail investors in the market segment that has traditionally been dominated by institutional investors such as banks, pension funds, fund managers, insurers and parastatals.

Kenya has Treasury bonds worth Sh3.595 trillion in issue presently, making it the biggest asset class in the capital market, ahead of equities, which have a market capitalisation of Sh2.073 trillion.

PWCL will only deal with the bonds segment, unlike other market intermediaries such as stockbrokers and investment banks, which handle a mix of bonds and equities.

"Our approval will enable investors to enter and exit their bond investments more easily in the secondary market as a result of PWCL's role as a liquidity provider," said PWCL chief executive officer Kabaki Wamwea.

The firm has been operating as a fixed income trader, and financial advisor dealing in mergers, acquisitions, capital raising and funds management.

Tanzania to host food processing, packaging fair

By Beatrice Philemon

FOOD processing, printing and packaging manufacturers are expected to showcase their products in the forthcoming premier international fair to be held from 22nd to 24th September at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.

The event is co-located with the 23rd East Africa International Trade Exhibition (EAITE) 2022 the companies exhibiting from over 20 countries are expected to introduce next generation products, equipment and ma-

chinery.

The press statement issued by organisers said Exaud Silaoneka Kigahe, deputy minister for investment; industry and trade will inaugurate the mega business event.

The event is strongly supported by Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) the director general Charles Itembe will be addressing the delegates at the event on the association's role in promotion of Tanzania's industry and measures towards its growth.

The event is an engaging premier exhibition which has a proven track record of showcasing a wide range of products and machinery.

The exhibition brings to Tanzania companies from a large number of countries who are looking for distributors, retailers, importers and re-exporters.

Companies from around the world are scheduled to participate in the Tanzanian exhibition including major players from the East African region.

Countries represented include

India, Poland, Russia, Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt, Germany, Switzerland, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Uganda, China, South Africa, Spain, Italy and Australia.

Several leading international brands are looking to build a solid foundation in the East African market.

Leading Tanzanian associations apart from EPZA have also extended support to the event including Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE), Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Confederation of Tanzania Indus-

tries (CTI), Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), and Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC).

Some of the key participants for the food sector include Solomon Trade LLC from Russia, Zar Group and Tak Makaron from Iran, Casa Vinicola Abbazia Di San Gaudenzio and Collefrisio from Italy, Feedlance BV from Netherlands, Sara Food from Turkey, Movetco from Jordan, Aayz Trading FZE from UAE, Mayora Group from Indonesia and more.

The PPP(Plastics Printing and Packaging) sectors introduces big names like Starlinger from Austria, Wenzhou Hongying Machinery Co., Ltd from China, AL Fayed Pack and Qatar Polymer Industrial Company from Qatar, Asagoe Mfg. Co., Ltd from Japan, Remak Makina from Turkey, Lohia Corp Limited and Bags Guru from India, Fotedar East Africa Limited, Kibos Paper and Packaging Ltd and Vinmar International from Kenya, Cristal Plastic Industrial LLC, Palletco Plastic Industries LLC and Winners Paper Bags Manufacturing

LLC from UAE, B.S. Industries from Pakistan and many more.

Tanzania has attracted a number of the industry's biggest names who want the ideal entry-way into the African economy making it the destination for interested investors, manufacturers and suppliers thereby creating an untapped opportunity for importers and distributors in the region.

The event is expected to continue to bring the newest and most innovative products from around the world, directly to Africa.

Venezuela is now ready to send its oil to the world

CARACAS

EARLIER this year there were high hopes around the US lifting its sanctions on Venezuela in the face of oil shortages and rising prices, due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, allowing black gold to once again flow out of the South American oil giant.

But this has not yet come to fruition. While some allowances were made for oil trade, Venezuela's statement to the world is clear - it is ready to pump and export huge amounts of its crude whenever given the chance.

No matter how many times the US government rejects Venezuelan pleas to end sanctions and fill the supply

gap left due to sanctions on Russian energy, the South American oil major will not give up on its bid to boost crude exports.

President Nicolas Maduro (pictured) stated this week that Venezuela is ready to recommence its oil production and export to the rest of the world whenever given the opportunity.

At an event held during the OPEC secretary-general's visit to Caracas Maduro said "Venezuela is ready and willing to fulfil its role and supply, in a stable and secure manner, the oil and gas market that the world economy needs.

The country's dictator quashed fears that Venezuela's oil industry was



far from recovering, after years of low production and underinvestment. Its output currently stands at around 700,000 bpd compared to 2.3 million bpd two decades ago.

This comes from US sanctions imposed on the trading of Venezuelan crude, which previously provided around 96 percent of the country's income.

In May, President Biden made some concessions to the sanctions, allowing Venezuela to export oil to Europe for debt.

Italian firm Eni and Spanish oil major Repsol were allowed to ship Venezuelan crude to Europe in an oil-for-debt swap, helping to fill the gap in the region.

This was not the change Venezuela had hoped for, but it provided greater optimism for more concessions to be made in the coming months.

But in August, Maduro decided to suspend oil-for-debt shipments to Europe, stating that he wanted refined fuels from Eni and Repsol in exchange for crude in place of the current deal. Venezuela has had much difficulty in finding refined fuels in recent months, with many of its refineries in a state of disrepair.

It has already been trading crude for condensate with Iran to meet its needs, circumventing U.S. sanctions on the two countries. If Venezuela can import more refined oils, it could better support its oil industry recovery, with several operations requiring diluents to continue. So far, Europe has not agreed to this request, leaving a

gap in supply once again.

But just how much oil potential does Venezuela have? The South American oil giant has the world's biggest crude reserves, measured at around 18.2 percent of the world's barrels of oil in 2016.

And while the current output is low due to sanctions, Maduro believes the country could rapidly boost its output by several hundred thousand barrels of oil a day. However, a meaningful long-term increase in production would require large foreign investments in exploration and oil infrastructure.

Broken equipment, derelict oil fields, and a lack of talent are just some of the challenges that energy experts highlight as the barriers to achieving long-term production success.

This, coupled with political uncertainty, has deterred many oil companies from investing in the region, despite the abundance of reserves.

Currently, US oil major Chevron, Italy's ENI, and Spain's Repsol continue to operate in the country, with others, such as ExxonMobil, having withdrawn following sanctions on the industry.

Local tour firm partners with online travel platform



Elsewhere is a new online travel booking platform that connects travelers interested in sustainable and ethical travel directly with carefully vetted, fully licensed and insured local tour operators FILE PHOTO

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

SABABU Safaris, a boutique tour company based in Arusha, Tanzania, has announced a partnership with online travel platform, Elsewhere.

Through their partnership, Sababu Safaris has become the local partner for Elsewhere in Tanzania.

Sababu Safaris specializes in offering tailor made tours for travelers seeking authentic and immersive travel experiences in Tanzania, offering an alternative to canned safaris.

Visitors can personalize their itinerary to go off grid and immerse themselves in the local culture.

They also get a chance to make a positive

impact on the local communities they visit by distributing solar lights and water filters.

Sababu Safaris goes to great lengths on the sustainability and conservation front by offering each of their guests refillable aluminum water bottles, providing communities with solar lights (which are a clean energy alternative to expensive and toxic kerosene lamps) and supporting women entrepreneurs through the NGO Solar Sister.

There has been a surge of interest in travel with the lifting of travel restrictions in the post-covid scenario, but the nature of the travel that tourists are interested in has now changed.

Climate change is another factor that has triggered interest in sustainable travel. Op-

erators in the tourism industry are realizing that they need to focus on sustainable tourism to ensure long-term resilience of the industry.

Elsewhere is a new online travel booking platform that connects travelers interested in sustainable and ethical travel directly with carefully vetted, fully licensed and insured local tour operators in the countries they wish to visit.

Instead of being limited to packaged tours where travelers have to visit places according to a pre planned itinerary, they can connect with local experts.

These experts will customize their visit based on their personal preferences and budget.

Visitors can experience authentic local culture and explore places that are off the grid. When choosing who to partner with, priority was given to companies that focus on sustainability, authenticity and generating income that stays in the local economy.

Launched in April 2021, Elsewhere became successful and was acquired by Lonely Planet in February 2022.

Commenting on the partnership, Denise Brown, co-founder of Sababu Safaris, said, "We were delighted when Elsewhere approached us to be their local partner in Tanzania. We have a mutual goal to offer fair value, outstanding service and a commitment to the environment and the local communities in order to be a force for good."

Digital adoption in TZ: Technology providers, business alignment is key

By Emanuel Mwinuka

WE are currently living in a digital era that has become inevitable as almost everything around us is in one way or another digitalized hence creating more efficiency and saving on time and resources.

Most if not all businesses have had to transform to the digital world in order to up the game and move with the current times.

The need to concerted effort

In such circumstances, there is no doubt that technology providers in Tanzania ought to have total alignment with business as part of concerted and deliberate efforts to ensure the building of systemic stability and trust in the society at large on leveraging the use of digital platforms.

Digital transformation is a process that requires adoption of best practices before getting into full digitalization

Tanzania walking in the right direction

Tanzania is taking strides into that direction as the government strives to invest into different digital platforms among other including the various digital payment systems and creation of the national database and digitalization within the transport sector.

In addition, initiatives such as the National ID Database development, widespread usage of Government Payments (GePG), mobile payments, and total banking suites on mobile or internet medium ranks Tanzania as among countries in Africa coming up to fast pace with digitalization.

All these digitalization initiatives are easily being achieved as they are a relief to consumers and other stakeholders in terms of saving costs and time. Almost all key services can be obtained online through cell phones.

Among ways to enhance this further can be through ensuring there is reliable internet throughout and that mobile phone companies offer cost effective data that can assist consumers to access internet easily.

Monitoring, evaluation is key

There is however, dire need to have a strong monitoring system in place that works 24/7 to mostly capture user experience as they engage or use the platforms hence having advance information and reacting to a challenge before impact is recorded. The use of artificial intelligence to pick up trends and use it to project the future is also key.

For more efficiency and better result, there is need to invest in resilience of platforms in the form of regular testing and evaluation of backup platforms, automating some of the activities in attaining resilience as well as up-keeping the environment via necessary patching, upgrades and similar measures to ensure availability of reliable platforms as digitalization continues to be the most critical and key investment area in most organizations.

One thing to keep in mind is that digital channels are no longer an alternative as they are now being mainstreamed hence there is need to ensure stability and trust on the platforms among consumers to in the end realize smooth and expedient digital adoption.

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Global investors cut exposure to China on risks

BEIJING

GLOBAL investors in private equity and venture capital funds say they are rotating away from China as clients are reassessing risks because of the country's rapidly changing environment.

Investors are paring their holdings in the once-booming economy, despite their conviction that long-term growth will continue, according to speakers from Partners Group, Hamilton Lane and others firms, which collectively invest billions of dollars across the region, at the SuperReturn Asia conference in Singapore on Tuesday.

The world's second-biggest economy is at a critical juncture as economic pillars from technology to real estate face earnings pressure, regulatory scrutiny and difficulties in

going public overseas. President Xi Jinping's campaign for "common prosperity," a slogan embodying his push to balance wealth distribution, along with the country's stringent covid restrictions have dented growth, prompting investors to seek opportunities elsewhere in the region, including India.

"We represent people and they define the kind of risk they want us to take," said Emmanuel Pitsilis, managing director and co-head of Asia Pacific at Partners Capital, at the conference. Even though the firm believes in the rise of China, "there's been a rotation and a desire from clients to diversify away from China," he said.

The firm has switched from a program that's heavily weighted toward China and venture-oriented programs to one that is much broader spread across different sec-

tors and more geographically diverse, Pitsilis said.

But the caution on China isn't resulting in a retreat from Asia. For sovereign wealth fund GIC Pte's head of Asia, private equity, Kevin Looi, the rotation away from China has helped highlight the region's other giant: India.

"India has been a bit overshadowed by China historically but if you look at the mood in India it's very buoyant," he said. "There are good reasons for that, a supportive government, good investment policy, India's also benefiting from the re-alignment of supply chains."

The city-state of Singapore is also benefiting from the changes. The number of private equity firms in Singapore rose to 428 as of June from 336 at the start of 2021, accord-

ing to Ravi Menon, managing director at the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

He has also seen an uptick in India. "Last year, growth in PE, VC investments in India outpaced most major economies, including China," Menon said.

Mingchen Xia, managing director and co-head of Asia investments at Hamilton Lane, said another shift seen is that money put toward growth and venture capital deals are starting to go into buyout funds, where investors can better control how portfolio companies operate and eventually sell.

"You need to be very cautious on business models that are still loss-making," he said. "They can generate very big growth but they're still losing money" and may therefore struggle to raise future rounds of funding, he said.



WORLD

UN General Assembly highlights world's to-do list to save global goals

UNITED NATIONS

THE UN secretary-general and the president of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on Monday joined world leaders and goodwill ambassadors in a global call to rescue the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and get back on track to building a better world that "leaves no one behind."

With time running out on the achievement of SDGs, and against the backdrop of calls for bold solutions to solve the world's deepening challenges in this year's UN General Debate, which opens Tuesday, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres convened the third SDG Moment to urgently spur stronger commitments to ensure successful SDGs implementation.

"The world has a long 'to do' list," Guterres told world leaders, asking for more finance and investment from the public and private sectors, to meet growing needs.

Acknowledging the current "moment of great peril" for the world, characterized by conflicts, climate catastrophe, division, unemployment, massive displacement and other challenges, the secretary-general said that although "it was tempting" to put long-term priorities to the side, development could not wait.

"The education of our children cannot wait. Dignified jobs cannot wait.

Full equality for women and girls cannot wait. Comprehensive healthcare, meaningful climate action, biodiversity protection -- these cannot be left for tomorrow," he underscored, highlighting that across all these areas, young people and future generations are demanding action.

"We cannot let them down. This is a definitive moment... The perils we face are no match for a world united... Let's get our world back on track," the UN chief stressed.

The UNGA president, Csaba Korosi, echoed Guterres' words and said that it is timely and more necessary than ever to "re-dedicate ourselves to the SDGs" as the world falls behind.

"The pandemic was a postcard from the future, a bleak future of interlocking global crises. One that we want to avoid and that we can avoid. We must now regain the speed lost to the pandemic and to our inaction. Solutions are at hand," he said.

Korosi added that it is time to "get serious" about saving the world, with all pleasant and unpleasant consequences that this entails, and asked UN member states to deliver on promises made.

Holding a placard of the 17 SDGs at the podium, Prime Minister of Barbados and UN Environment Champion of the Earth, Mia Motley, said that "a world that is driven by a climate crisis cannot provide a sustainable future for us. Are



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres speaks during the third Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Moment, a high-level event that serves to place an annual spotlight on the SDGs, at the UN headquarters in New York, on Monday.

we so arrogant to believe that there will be no failed societies and no extinct species, as history shows us otherwise?"

Motley urged young people to lead a revolution to "change our habits to end plastic pollution and waste," and "hold the leaders' feet to the fire" to make the world a better place to live in.

Amanda Gorman, a poet, activist and supporter of UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), shared one of her inspiring pieces about leaders' accountability and ending poverty.

Meanwhile, SDG advocates and K-pop superstars, the BLACKPINK, appeared in a video message inviting the world to take specific actions to tackle climate change and boost sustainable development.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas, UNICEF goodwill ambassador, hosted the event. She reminded the room that time is running out, "as we are nearly halfway to the 2030 deadline" to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

"We all deserve a just, safe, and healthy world to live in. The present and the future is on your hands," she told the General Assembly.

According to the Sustainable Development Goals report 2022, the confluence of crises -- the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and the Ukraine crisis are creating "spin-off impacts" on food security, health, education, the environment, peace and security. The combined crises could lead to an additional 75 million to 95 million people living in extreme

poverty in 2022.

The world also faces a global education crisis with an estimated 147 million children missing more than half of their in-person instruction over the past two years. Additionally, women and girls remain disproportionately affected by the socioeconomic fallout of the pandemic, grappling with an increase in unpaid care work and domestic violence.

Countries have taken action to advance the SDGs and tackle the multiple crises by strengthening social protection, developing sustainable policies, and expanding essential services.

According to the report, while countries have taken steps to keep the promise of the SDGs, the severity and scale of the world's challenges call for an urgent and collective response as set out in Our Common Agenda, which was launched by the secretary-general in 2021 and seeks to rescue the SDGs through stronger international cooperation and reinvigorated multilateralism.

The annual SDG Moment aims to provide a snapshot of progress, highlight actions that show change is possible, and advance the transformations needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It was created by the political declaration adopted at the first SDG Summit in 2019, which mandated the UN secretary-general to convene the event as part of every high-level week of the General Assembly from 2020 to 2030.

Xinhua

S. African president cancels plan at UN General Assembly to deal with nationwide blackouts

JOHANNESBURG



SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa has canceled his planned address at the UN General Assembly in New York and will return home after attending British Queen Elizabeth's funeral on Monday to deal with nationwide blackouts.

South Africa continues to endure long hours without electricity due to the breakdown of five generating units, the power utility Electricity Supply Commission (Eskom) in South Africa said here on Monday.

The country is currently at load shedding level six, meaning that the power utility must remove 6,000 megawatts of power from the grid. During this stage, the country can go without electricity for up to at least six to eight hours per day.

Eskom said the country lost about 7,210 MW due to planned maintenance and 16,597 MW of capacity was lost to breakdowns.

"The system has been under pressure over the past week. This has caused us to run our reserves -- our diesel and our dams - very hard and we are now in a situation where we urgently need to replenish these reserves in order to maintain an adequate safety buffer as we are required to do by the grid code," said Eskom Chief Operating Officer Jan Oberholzer at a press briefing on Sunday.

The South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI) President Mtho Xulu told Xinhua that the load shedding is negatively affecting business and economic growth. The country is recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and the load-shedding would make it difficult to recover, he said.

He said that "our estimate is that load shedding is costing the South African economy 41.2 million U.S. dollars per stage."

Xulu said unreliable energy supply makes it difficult to convince investors that the country is the best investment destination, adding that Eskom should tell the nation what the real problem is, whether there have the capacity and skill to solve it, and their solution.

Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) said the government is eroding the little confidence citizens have regarding its leadership due to the current Stage 6 of nationwide rolling blackouts.

The trade union said the government has poorly addressed the issue and called on the president to find a permanent solution to the crisis.

Xinhua

Russian, French foreign ministers discuss Ukraine with focus on Zaporozhye NPP safety

MOSCOW



RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and his French counterpart Catherine Colonna discussed on Monday the situation in Ukraine, focusing on the need to ensure the safety of the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant, the Russian Foreign Ministry reported after their phone call.

"In the furtherance of the telephone contact of the Russian and French presidents on September 11, the foreign ministers discussed in detail the situation in Ukraine, focusing on ways to ensure the safety of the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant," the ministry said.

The Kiev regime's bombardments of the power plant expose Europe to the risks of a nuclear disaster, Lavrov (pictured) told the French foreign minister.

"Lavrov said that the Kiev regime continues to use Western-supplied weapons to bombard civilian infrastructure facilities, including the ZNPP, thus exposing Europe to the risks of a nuclear disaster," the Foreign Ministry wrote in its news release.

"The Russian side emphasized again the need for an immediate and complete cessation of the bombardments and for an objective investigation into the intentional strikes at this facility," it went on to say.

Besides, the top diplomats exchanged views on various aspects of bilateral and international topics of mutual interest.

The Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant, located near the city of Enerгодар, is currently controlled by Russian forces. The facility has been regularly shelled by Ukrainian armed forces until recently.

An IAEA mission led by Director General Rafael Grossi visited the Zaporozhye nuclear plant in early September. The agency later released a report, calling for creating a safety zone around the facility. Two IAEA inspectors remain at the plant to monitor its condition.

According to Alexander Volga, the head of Enerгодар military-civilian administration, Ukrainian troops have been continuously shelling Enerгодар for several days in a row. According to him, they are currently targeting areas in the vicinity of the nuclear power plant and a thermal power plant located nearby.

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Powerful Hurricane Fiona heads toward Turks and Caicos islands

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO/SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -

RESIDENTS were ordered to take shelter on the Turks and Caicos Islands yesterday as an increasingly powerful Hurricane Fiona churned towards the Caribbean archipelago, leaving death and destruction in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

The strengthening Category 2 storm, predicted to become a Category 3 event by Tuesday afternoon with winds exceeding 111mph (178kmh), was on track to pass close to the eastern end of the Turks and Caicos Islands on Tuesday evening, before heading for the southern Bahamas.

Having caused a total blackout, killed at least two and caused catastrophic flooding in Puerto Rico, followed by torrential rain and powerful winds in the Dominican Republic, Fiona gained power as it churned northwards across the warm Caribbean waters on Monday.

It was on course to become the first "major hurricane" of the 2022 season if it becomes a Category 3 storm, according to the National Hurricane Center.

On the Turks and Caicos Islands, a British Overseas Territory with 40 low-lying coral islands



Homes are flooded on Salinas Beach after the passing of Hurricane Fiona in Salinas, Puerto Rico, on Monday. AP

and a population of about 40,000 that sits about 700 miles south-east of Florida, the government's National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) told residents of three eastern islands to shelter in place, and ordered businesses to close.

"All persons are to remain indoors at their residence, place of safety or where they seek shelter until the NEOC issues NATIONAL ALL CLEAR", the agency told residents of Grand Turk, South Caicos and Salt Cay. Residents were

stocking up on food and water while shelters were being prepared. Foreign governments issued travel alerts for the islands, a popular tourist destination.

Similar preparations were under way in the eastern Bahamas. Fiona is on track to hit the eastern Bahamas on Wednesday, when it could have reached Category 4 strength.

In Puerto Rico, a territory of the United States, residents were still facing strong winds, frequent lightning and heavy rain on Monday.

day.

Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico on Sunday afternoon, dumping up to 30 inches (76.2 cm) of rain in some areas, with at least two people killed.

The storm comes five years after Puerto Rico was ravaged by Hurricane Maria, which triggered the worst power blackout in US history and killed 3,000.

US President Joe Biden spoke with Puerto Rico Governor Pedro Pierluisi on Monday, promising to increase the support personnel

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Xi's visit charts new blueprint for all-round China-Uzbekistan cooperation

BEARING in mind the long-term development of China-Uzbekistan relations and the future welfare of their people, China and Uzbekistan will expand mutually beneficial cooperation, cement their friendship and partnership, and implement the vision of a community with a shared future at the bilateral level, announced Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Uzbek counterpart Shavkat Mirziyoyev on Sept. 15.

Xi's state visit to Uzbekistan, which was paid when the two countries celebrate the 30th anniversary of their diplomatic relations, has achieved fruitful outcomes. It has ushered in a new chapter of bilateral ties between China and Uzbekistan.

China and Uzbekistan's implementing the vision of a community with a

shared future at the bilateral level is a result of the two countries' mutual respect, good-neighborliness, friendship, mutual assistance, and win-win cooperation over the past 30 years, and mirrors the fact that the giant tree of China-Uzbekistan relationship has taken deeper roots and grown more exuberant.

Over the recent years, Xi and Mirziyoyev have stayed in close contact and forged a good working relationship and deep personal friendship through meetings, phone calls and correspondence.

Under the guidance of the head-of-state diplomacy, China-Uzbekistan re-

lations have embraced rapid development, which not only benefits the two peoples, but also promotes peace and stability, as well as development and prosperity of the region.

Implementing the vision of a community with a shared future at the bilateral level will constantly enrich the connotation of China-Uzbekistan comprehensive strategic partnership and provide strong energy for the two countries to deepen their all-round mutually beneficial cooperation and create a better future.

Xi's state visit further enhanced China-Uzbekistan political mutual trust. Xi pointed out that as a good friend,

a good partner, and a good brother, China firmly supports Uzbekistan in following a development path compatible with its national conditions, supports its efforts to uphold national independence, sovereignty, security, and social stability, and opposes interference by any forces in its internal affairs.

Mirziyoyev said Uzbekistan is firmly and unequivocally committed to the one-China principle, firmly supports China's position on matters concerning its core interests including those related to Taiwan and Xinjiang, and will always be a good neighbor, a good friend, and a good partner worthy of

China's trust.

Following the official talks, the two heads of state signed and issued the Joint Statement Between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Uzbekistan, reiterating that China and Uzbekistan will firmly support each other on issues concerning national sovereignty, security, territorial integrity and other core interests.

Given the growing instability and uncertainty in international situation, the high political mutual trust between China and Uzbekistan is of vital importance for the two countries to jointly achieve development and rejuvenation.

Xi's state visit charted a new blue-

print for all-round cooperation between China and Uzbekistan. To accelerate bilateral cooperation and make it even more fruitful, Xi said the two countries should scale up cooperation on trade and investment, improve the trans-Eurasia transportation corridor, expand energy cooperation, and promote people-to-people exchanges and cooperation in areas including education, culture, tourism, sub-national exchanges, environmental protection and archaeology.

The Chinese side will continue to carry out healthcare, vaccine and pharmaceutical cooperation with Uzbekistan, and the two sides need to enhance cooperation on poverty alleviation, Xi said.

People's Daily

Erdogan tells PBS Russia willing to end conflict in Ukraine as soon as possible

WASHINGTON

RUSSIA is willing to end the conflict in Ukraine as soon as possible, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told PBS in an interview on Monday.

Asked by a PBS reporter how quickly he saw the conflict ending, the Turkish leader said "most importantly, Russian attitude will be very, very important here."

"In Uzbekistan, I got together with [Russian] President [Vladimir] Putin, and we had very extensive discussions with him," Erdogan said in the interview. According to Erdogan, the Russian leader showed him "that he's willing to end this as soon as possible."

"The way things are going right now are quite problematic," PBS quoted the Turkish president as saying. "I think a significant step will be taken forward." "All <...> what we want to see is to end this battle with peace," he concluded.

The presidents of Russia and Turkey held talks on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Samarkand, Uzbekistan last Friday.

Putin said after the talks that Erdogan had not suggested organizing negotiations with Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky. The Turkish president is making a serious contribution to normalization efforts, including moves to settle the food crisis, Putin emphasized.

On February 24, Putin said in a televised address that in response to a request by the heads of the Donbass republics he had made a decision to carry out a special military operation.

Following this, the US, the EU, the UK, and a number of other countries announced sweeping sanctions against Russia. In addition, the West stepped up billions of dollars worth of arms deliveries to Kiev.

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China urges stronger alignment of growth strategies with Cuba

NEW YORK

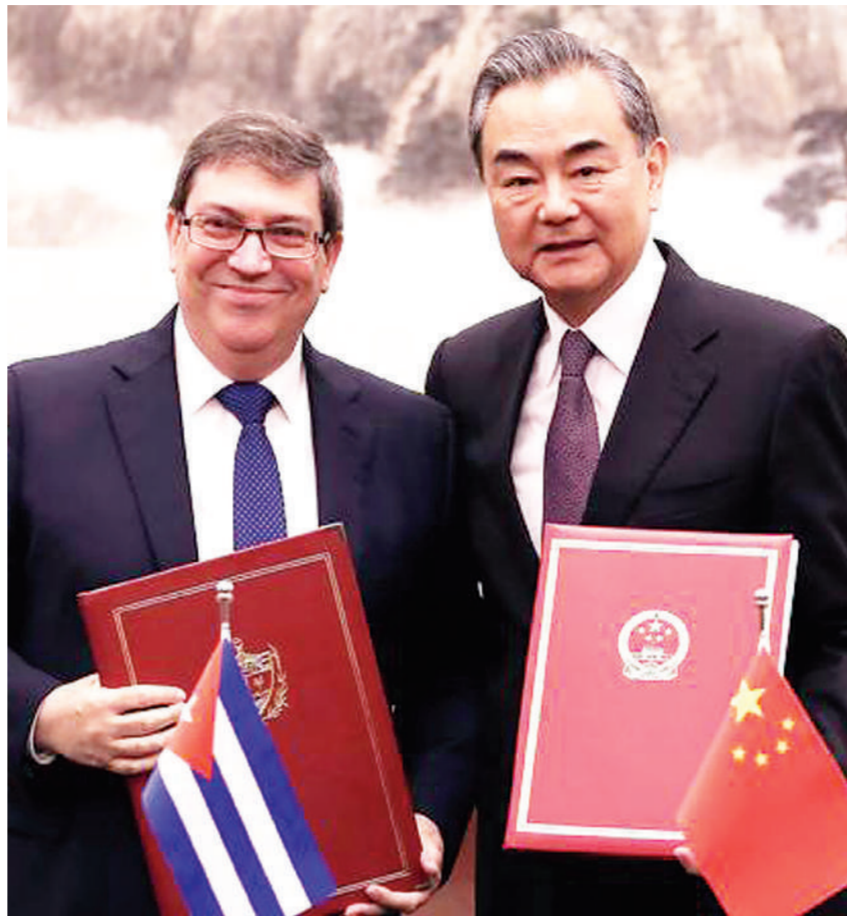
CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs Bruno Rodriguez here Monday, hailing the bilateral ties between Beijing and Havana while stressing the need for a stronger alignment of the two countries' development strategies.

The meeting between the two diplomats came as they were both in New York attending the ongoing 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Wang told Rodriguez that China and Cuba are good friends, good comrades and good brothers who trust each other and share a common destiny.

Noting that the heads of state of the two countries have forged good friendship and maintained close communication, Wang said China is willing to work with Cuba to deepen the two countries' unity and cooperation, and consolidate and develop their special friendly relationship under the guidance of the consensus between the two leaders.

Wang thanked the Cuban side for firmly supporting China in defending its core interests, saying China, likewise, also firmly supports Cuba in defending its sovereign independence, and firmly supports Cuba's faster development and revitalization. China is convinced that Cuba will continually make new and greater achievements along the path of building socialism.

China and Cuba should further align their development strategies, Wang said, suggesting that the two countries steadily push forward cooperation related to pushing forward the Belt and Road Initiative, expand cooperation in such fields as agriculture, tourism and renewable energy, and turn the high-level political mutual trust



This file photo dated May 29, 2019 shows State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez after signing a bilateral political consultation plan in Beijing.

between the two countries into more results in practical cooperation.

Rodriguez, for his part, wishes the forthcoming 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China a full success. He thanked the Chinese side for the enduring support for Cuba's just cause, especially the solidarity shown and help provided when Cuba was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and other disasters.

Cuba, the foreign minister said, is pleased with the deep friendship and political mutual trust that have been forged between the two countries' leaders. Havana supports the series of important proposals from the Chinese side, including the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, he added.

Cuba will continue to firmly abide by the one-China principle and unwaver-

ingly support China's stance on issues related to Taiwan, Hong Kong and Xinjiang, Rodriguez said, adding that his country opposes any and all politically motivated anti-China moves.

Wang said the international situation right now is full of crises and chaos, but good prevails evil, unity is strength, and persistence leads to victory. China has full confidence in the bright prospect ahead for the progress of human society, and is willing to join hands with Cuba and other developing countries in strengthening solidarity and collaboration, upholding equality and justice, jointly tackling global challenges, and promoting common development and prosperity.

Nicaragua

Wang also met here with Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Denis Moncada

on Monday, during which both sides agreed to seize the opportunity presented by the one-year anniversary of the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries and take the bilateral ties to a new level.

Wang said Chinese President Xi Jinping and Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega have drawn a blueprint for the bilateral relations since the two sides resumed diplomatic ties in December last year, which has led to rapid development in the bilateral relations where fruitful early harvests have been achieved.

It is a proven fact that restoring diplomatic ties is in complete accord with the fundamental interests of the two countries and two peoples, Wang said.

China, Wang said, is firmly committed to developing ties with Nicaragua and supporting Nicaragua's effort to defend its sovereignty, independence and national dignity. Noting that Nicaragua's independent choice of development path has the full backing from China, Wang said China will continue to uphold justice on issues related to Nicaragua.

Wang said China appreciates Nicaragua for its unwavering support for the one-China principle, believing that Nicaragua will continue to support China's just stance on issues related to China's core interests.

The Chinese side, Wang told Moncada, is willing to strengthen cooperation with Nicaragua regarding jointly building the Belt and Road Initiative and synergizing the two countries' respective development strategies. It is expected that political mutual trust between the two countries could translate into momentum for comprehensive cooperation, he added.

Noting that the arrangement for "early harvests" under a bi-

lateral free trade agreement (FTA) has been signed by the two sides, Wang expressed the hope that consensus will be reached as soon as possible on a comprehensive FTA, of which the negotiation process has already been initiated.

Wang added that China will continue to lend support to Nicaragua in the Central American country's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wang also told Moncada that the CPC will hold its 20th National Congress next month, adding that the CPC and Nicaragua's ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front have similar governing ideas, and the CPC looks forward to enhancing exchanges of experience in state governance between the two parties.

Moncada, for his part, said the Nicaraguan side treasures its brotherly friendship with China, and will continue to abide by the one-China principle and firmly support China in its defense of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Nicaragua wishes the 20th CPC National Congress a full success.

Moncada said Nicaragua is pleased to see the signing of the arrangement for "early harvests" under the bilateral FTA, and is looking forward to the further enhancement of experience exchanges on state governance between the two parties and two countries. Nicaragua is willing to deepen cooperation in various fields and develop a sound bilateral relationship with China.

Moncada also stressed the utmost importance of the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative put forward by President Xi, adding that the Nicaraguan side fully supports and is ready to participate in the initiatives, practice multilateralism and contribute to world peace, security and development. Xinhua

Zimbabwean govt gets tough on errant procurement officials

HARARE

THE Zimbabwean government said on Monday it will take stern measures against public officials found complicit in overpricing supply contracts and other procurement malpractices.

This follows revelations of rampant overpricing of government supply contracts, with two local firms recently quoting the Parliament of Zimbabwe highly inflated prices for the supply of laptops and desktops.

Treasury immediately cancelled the tender and ordered the blacklisting of the two companies from future government supply contracts.

Speaking at a press conference on Monday, Finance and Economic Development Minister Mthuli Ncube said in another case, a 2 kg packet of chicken was claimed to be worth 30 U.S. dollars when the maximum market prices was 6 dollars. "We have seen a bag of cement being priced at an equivalent of 18 U.S. dollars on some construction projects.

Such, ladies and gentlemen, is the extent of overpricing which is rendering the government budget inadequate and our position as government is that this is not acceptable," Ncube said.

He said all existing contracts will now be subjected to a value for money audit before payments are made.

"The value for money process will now result in punitive measures being taken against any government officials found to be complicit to overpricing and procurement malpractices while suppliers will be blacklisted and excluded from future supply contracts," he said.

The government, Ncube added, would enforce strict adherence to the value for money audit process and embed it into the procurement cycle for all goods and services.

This was because it had been noted that government ministries, departments and agencies were not exercising due diligence, especially regarding the value for money in terms of pricing.

"They have merely been following procurement rules without due regard to established value for money practices already enshrined in the procurement laws of the country. Tenders have been awarded without due regard to price checks on the basis that prices have passed a competitive bidding process," he said.

Meanwhile, Ncube said while government supply contracts had been undergoing a validation exercise, Treasury had continued to pay up on those that met the value for money criteria.

The government last month suspended all payments to its contractors as part of measures to curb inflation as most of them were quoting using parallel market rates.



Finance and Economic Development Minister Mthuli Ncube

Chinese scientists discover new mineral from samples retrieved from Moon

CHINESE scientists have discovered a new lunar mineral through research on the samples retrieved from the Moon by China's Chang'e-5 mission, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) and the China Atomic Energy Authority (CAEA) jointly announced.

This is the sixth new mineral discovered on the Moon by humankind. It also makes China the third country in the world to have discovered a new mineral on the Moon.

The new mineral, which has been named Changsite-(Y), was discovered from an analysis of lunar basalt particles by a research team from the Beijing Research Institute of Uranium Geology (BRIUG), a subsidiary of the China National Nuclear Corporation.

It has been officially approved as a new mineral by the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification of the International Mineralogical Association.

Dong Baotong, deputy director of the CAEA, said the new finding provides more basic data for the study of the Moon's formation and evolution, and deepens mankind's understanding of the Moon and the Solar System.

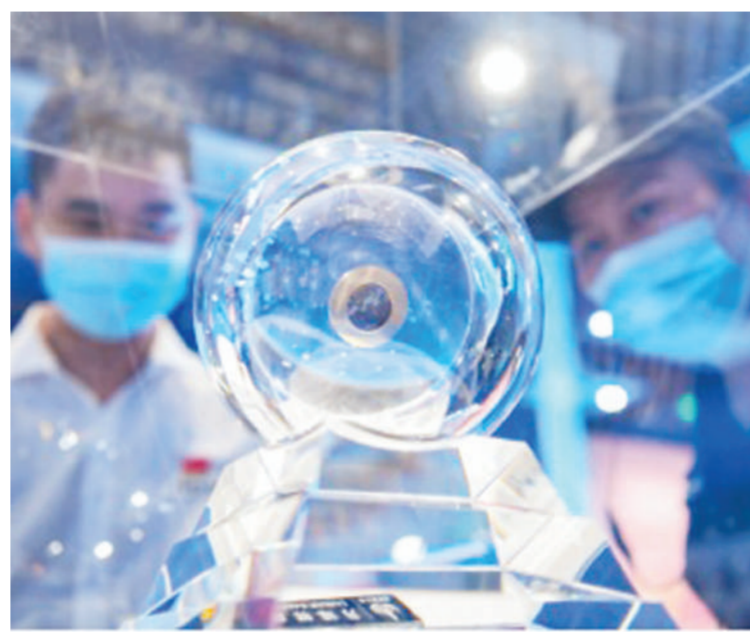
It marked a major scientific achievement made by China in space science, as well as a successful cross-discipline and cross-industry cooperation, Dong said. However, the discovery of the Changsite-(Y) was by no means an easy process.

On Dec. 17, 2020, the Chang'e-5 mission retrieved samples from the Moon weighing about 1,731 grams, and about half a year later, the BRIUG obtained the first 50 milligrams of lunar samples to conduct mineralogical research.

"The samples were as heavy as three grains of rice and only 20 milligrams of the samples were allowed to be consumed during the study based on agreement," said Huang Zhixian, a BRIUG researcher.

However, a milligram of the samples consisted of over 10,000 particles when observed under microscopes. "Every particle was precious. We were like 'pinching pennies' during the study," Huang told People's Daily.

"When we picked the samples, no



A lunar soil sample retrieved by China's Chang'e-5 probe is exhibited in south China's Hainan province, May 2022. File photo

foreign substance was allowed to be introduced, so we had to make the particles stick to our needles with the static electricity generated through the friction between the needles and the particles," said Li Ting, a researcher with the BRIUG.

It was in such a rigorous environment that the research team discovered a particle with a diameter of less than 10 microns, which could possibly be a new mineral.

"Upon analysis, we found that the particle had whole new chemical components that are identical to no known mineral on Earth," noted Li Ziyang, chief engineer of major projects of the BRIUG.

Whether a mineral can be approved as a new mineral depends on not only its chemical components but also its crystal texture.

"This particle stuck to pyroxene. We were not able to get it completely off and failed to obtain ideal structural information," Li Ting told People's Daily.

The team then applied for the second batch of lunar samples.

From more than 140,000 tiny particles, the researchers found some traces of the Changsite-(Y), but there was only one that could possibly be a pure single-crystal particle, and this one fractured into three pieces.

According to Li Ziyang, the team finally picked out a pure single-crystal particle with a focused ion beam scanning electron microscope and decoded its crystal texture.

After a series of mineral studies, the research team verified that it is a new mineral at the end of 2021.

Studies on lunar samples are going on. So far, the CNSA has distributed 152 lunar samples totaling 53,625.7 milligrams in four batches to 98 applicants from 33 scientific institutions. The fifth batch will be distributed soon.

"As we further our efforts to study the samples, we are expecting newer and greater achievements," said Liu Jizhong, director of the Lunar Exploration and Space Program Center of the CNSA.

People's Daily

Biden's Taiwan remarks 'severely violate' US policy on island

FOREIGN Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning urged the United States on Monday to fully understand the extremely important and highly sensitive nature of the Taiwan question, after US President Joe Biden said that the US military would defend Taiwan against the mainland.

"China deplores and firmly opposes the remarks made by the US president and has made stern representations with the US," Mao (pictured) told a daily news briefing.

Biden's remarks came days after the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the "Taiwan Policy Act", which would significantly boost US military support for the island.

The remarks seriously violated the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-US joint communiques, and sent erroneous signals to "Taiwan independence" separatist forces, Mao said.

Mao urged the US to earnestly implement its commitment of not supporting "Taiwan independence" and prudently and properly handle Taiwan-related issues so as to avoid any further damage to China-US relations and peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits.

Noting that achieving the complete reunification of the motherland is a shared aspiration and the

sacred duty of all Chinese people, Mao said that China would strive for peaceful reunification with the utmost sincerity and efforts.

"But China will never tolerate any activities aiming to split the country, and reserves all options of taking necessary measures," she stressed.

Mao warned that no one should stand on the opposite side of the 1.4 billion Chinese people. "Nobody should underestimate the strong resolve, will and capability of the Chinese people to defend the nation's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Zhu Fenglian, a spokeswoman for the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, also urged Washington to abide by the one-China principle and the stipulations of the three China-US joint communiques.

"There is but one China in the world and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory," Zhu added. She underlined that the one-China principle is the political foundation of China-US relations, while calling for the US to treat Taiwan-related issues with caution.

Zhu also delivered a stern warning to the Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party authorities, saying that their attempt to solicit US support for the "independence" agenda is doomed to fail.



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SPORT



Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Pauline Gekul.

Why Mapinduzi Cup format suffices as Union League, discounting distinct run

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

REPORTS say that the ministry responsible for sport is directing the setting up of a Union Soccer League, and would have listed impeccable reasons or considerations for bringing about such a tournament.

Were it that obtained the chance to discuss the matter, what lacks in the calendar is a club tournament of the East African zone, as that is manageable and it was there in the past.

A Union club championship format serves little purpose, and for instance, it is absent in Britain.

This external example is relevant as the soccer format is tied to the political format as to what defines a country and thus a league structure that unifies the country.

Britain has always been considered a special case within the wider Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) as its parts are members of the world body, a bit rarely the case for other FIFA members.

The point though is that this consideration has largely been extended to Tanzania, hence its suitability.

In that case, the idea of a union league stands on one leg rather than two, as in a statutory context it is irrelevant, and thus as a sporting event it is merely cosmetic, and thus it is more sustainable as a different event altogether, comparable to the Mapinduzi Cup.

Some of us thought either the ministry or sports advisory councils like the federation and the sports council as a whole could recreate what used to be known as Taifa Cup, a regional competition.

The trouble is that it is a cosmetic event as well since the winner does not qualify for any international tournament.

A Union League, if one wishes to take it seriously, actually replaces the Mainland Tanzania Premier League as we know it, in the sense that it would then be recognized as the qualification tournament for the CAF Champions League.

But it automatically implies that Zanzibar exits membership of the continental federation, a drawback in Union Affairs that the country does not need at present.

Consolidation of the Union as being conducted at present is greater liberty for Zanzibar in a harmonious context with Union authorities, hence its CAF membership and potentially, FIFA.

That isn't something matching with the idea of a Union league sort of removing the 'league' epithet into a Union soccer bonanza.

But that poses dating problems for it to come at an appropriate moment when club rivalry? The Mapinduzi Cup is suited for the purpose as it falls in the January registration window at midseason

before the title contention nears its apex, and that scenario is scarcely available later.

The late pre-season has the Community Shield event, and these days teams travel outside for sterner opposition, and trials.

In the past, there was the Kagame Cup, the club tournament that in far off days was organized by the regional soccer body at the start of the year, and then with sponsorship from Rwanda President Paul Kagame, before the start of a new season.

It appears to have withered with the exit from office of the President's ally and confidant in sports, ex-CECFA secretary-general Nicholas Musonye.

Contenders 'hissed' him out expecting perhaps to get hold of Kagame Cup funds, inter alia, but such hopes must have withered away later, or just soon thereafter.

If the possible timing of a Union league outside simply dissolving the Mainland Tanzania Premier League to restructure it to involve Zanzibar clubs is problematic, its stated rationale is even more contentious.

It is supposed to enable the soccer authorities to spot the talent that can be groomed for Taifa Stars, which is now being turned into a combined side of 'stakeholder groups.'

The key groups are players outside the country (and by good distribution), those inside the country but not appearing on the city rival sides (now three rather than two), and various other outsiders.

As if picking an experimental Taifa Stars by that kind of formula is not enough, the same approach is reproduced as policy at a higher level by an exquisite tournament, wit.

This proposal is one of those brainwaves coming up as a country gropes in the darkness of its inability at regional competitive football being registered wide and clear, with a 1-0 defeat to Uganda followed by a 3-0 drubbing in the follow-up encounter.

Yet there is no need to cry over that split milk, as it simply was because we obtained a rather tough nut at a preliminary stage, just as Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, landed Rivers United at the first outing, or if Azam FC landed say Al Hilal of Sudan on the preliminaries. It would hardly be scolded for two leg losses.

But the issue doesn't seem to end with a random search for solutions after the latest national side debacle but has to do with organizational troubleshooting whose overall intentions are somewhat cloudy.

Is there anyone in TFF or the ministry who can't see the overall implications of a Union league, and its potential for disturbing the CAF membership for Zanzibar? Is there a Trojan horse here for another agenda?

Govt appoints Ally Mayay as Acting Director of Sports Development

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

TO improve performance in sports in Tanzania, the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports introduced renowned soccer pundit, Ally Mayay Tembele, as the ministry's Acting Director of the Sports Development Department.

Tembele's appointment began yesterday according to a statement issued by the ministry's Senior Communications Officer John Mapepele.

The statement pointed out that other procedures for the improvement of the sports sector are in the pipeline.

According to the statement, the goal of the change includes seeking to keep on strengthening the sports sector.

Tembele, a Senior Officer at the Airports

Authority, has replaced Yusuph Singo who will be handed other duties per the information.

The statement disclosed Tembele has been transferred from the Airports Authority through permission from the Personnel Office.

Following the appointment, development stakeholders have been asked to cooperate with Tembele in the implementation of his new responsibilities in the sports sector.

Tembele was a prominent soccer player in his heyday, having turned out for the now-defunct Dodoma's CDA and later on, Yanga, and the senior national football team.

The former midfielder moreover had vied for various leadership positions in sports and served as an official of the association of retired footballers.

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Plain sailing for Simba SC and Yanga in 2022/23 CAF Champions League

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

LAST weekend was an action-packed spell for Tanzanian football clubs as three Mainland titans were earnestly battling to progress to the next round of CAF's two club football championships.

In the 2022/23 CAF Champions League, Simba SC and Yanga were faced with potentially dicey second legs to prosecute while in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup, Geita Gold FC was trying to powerfully bounce back in the return leg after sadly losing the first leg.

Having claimed a satisfying 2-0 win over Big Bullets FC of Malawi on the former's home turf in the first leg, Simba SC must have been champing at the bit to fully assure themselves of a berth in the next round of the CAF Champions League when they hosted the Malawian outfit in the return leg last Saturday at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Pleasingly, Simba SC was able to step up to the plate and gain a morale-boosting 2-0 victory over Big Bullets FC in the decisive second leg, which effectively meant that the Msimbazi Street side was able to cruise through unscathed 4-0 on aggregate to the next round of the CAF Champions League.

Interestingly though, in what was unarguably a crystal clear case of déjà vu, Yanga's performance in their return leg clash proved to be more glittering than Simba SC's second leg display for the second straight week.

Indeed, after having secured an exhilarating 4-0 triumph over Zalan FC of South Sudan away from home in the first leg a week ago, Yanga produced a scintillating and blemish-free display of attacking football in the second leg en route to deservingly claiming a 5-0 victory over their South Sudanese opponents, meaning of course that the Jangwani Street giants had progressed to the next round of



Tanzania's Yanga players (L-R) Fiston Mayele, Farid Mussa, Stephane Aziz Ki, and Lomalisa Mutambala celebrate a goal netted by Mayele when the side locked horns with South Sudan's Zalan FC in 2022/23 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round's second leg clash which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

continental football's premier competition 9-0 on aggregate.

Unfortunately, the only blight on the sterling displays of Mainland clubs in CAF's two tournaments last weekend was Geita Gold FC's failure to progress to the next round of the CAF Confederations Cup after losing to Hilal Al Sahil of Sudan 2-2 on aggregate on the away goals rule.

Nevertheless, despite this setback, Geita Gold FC can still hold their heads up high as they lost the tie by the skin of their teeth.

As for Simba SC and Yanga, one can only hope that they can continue forging ahead in the rich vein of form that both clubs are presently in.

Indeed, doing so will prove essential to Yanga's and Simba SC's respective campaigns as fiercer opponents are surely awaiting them down the road in this season's CAF Champions League.

Let us segue nicely now to international women's tennis where a certain Tunisian luminary Ons Jabeur has unquestionably emerged as one of the globe's pre-eminent players this year.

Indeed, a few months ago at Wimbledon Jabeur

was producing such jaw-slackening displays of seemingly effortless class and flair which saw her go all the way to the final of world tennis' most cherished grand slam event.

And, although she lost the Wimbledon final to Elena Rybakina, the Tunisian had made her mark on the global tennis landscape.

Excitingly though, there was more to come from Jabeur. Perhaps in a brilliant effort to demonstrate that her performance at Wimbledon was not a fluke, Jabeur went on another fairy-tale run through the recently ended US Open to the tourney's grand finale where she disappointingly lost to Poland's Iga Swiatek.

However, despite that heartbreaking defeat, Jabeur should be rightly lauded for having made a significantly important point in women's tennis this year, which is that African players are undeniably capable of excelling in the enchanting sport of women's tennis.

Lusajo continues goal-scoring spree in 2022/23 NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

NAMUNGO FC striker Reliants Lusajo has again proved his worth thanks to a goal he netted for the club in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League's fourth round clash against Coastal Union.

Lusajo is as a result topping the list of goal scorers in the top flight, having notched four goals. He has further catapulted Namungo FC to the top three places.

The Lindi side is one of the top three clubs in this season's NBC Premier League tying the top two clubs, Yanga, and Simba SC in points.

Namungo FC though has an inferior goal difference to stay behind the two clubs.

According to fixtures, Namungo FC played four matches, two away and two at home, cruising to victory in three matches and managing a draw in the other.

Yanga, the top flight defending champion, took part in four encounters against Polisi Tanzania, Coastal Union, Mtibwa Sugar, and Azam FC.

The league leader edged Polisi Tanzania 2-1, later clobbered Coastal Union 2-0, before posting a 2-2 draw with Azam FC, and thereafter notching a 3-0 victory over Mtibwa Sugar.

The Jangwani Street club has for that matter collected 10 points and nine goals to lead the rest.

Simba SC is sitting second with 10 points and eight goals after winning three games.

The Msimbazi Street squad beat Tanzania Prisons 1-0, later hammered Geita Gold FC 3-0, and cruised to a 2-0 win over Kagera Sugar.

The second-placed side, thereafter, settled for a 2-2 draw with Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

Third-placed Namungo FC had recorded a victory in three ties and settled for a draw in the other to post 10 points and five goals.

The side edged Coastal Union 1-0, commanded a 1-0 win over Ihefu SC, and later defeated Ruvu Shooting 1-0 and recorded a 2-2 draw with Mtibwa Sugar.

Lusajo has turned into the only player in the NBC Premier League that has notched a goal in each of the ties that Namungo FC has participated in.

The attacker notched two goals against Mtibwa Sugar in 33rd and 82nd minutes, and one goal against Ihefu SC in the 46th minute.

He also scored a goal in the match against Ruvu Shooting in the 86th minute and was on target as Namungo FC took on Coastal Union.



Namungo FC attacker, Reliants Lusajo.

French federation, Mbappé tone down image rights dispute

PARIS

THE French football federation and Kylian Mbappé have toned down their dispute over the use of image rights.

A few hours after the Paris Saint-Germain star said he would boycott a photo session with his teammates, the federation said in a statement late Monday that it will "revise, as soon as possible, the agreement on image rights that binds it to its national team players."

Mbappé had threatened to skip the photo session because the federation had not amended the collective agreement governing rights for the French team ahead of the World Cup. The federation's change of stance came after discussions involving senior players, French federation president Noël Le Graet, coach Didier Deschamps and a marketing manager.

"The FFF is looking forward to working on the outlines of a new agreement that will enable it to protect its interests while taking into consideration the legitimate concerns and convictions unanimously expressed by the players," the federation said.

After Mbappé boycotted a marketing event for the federation in March, the lingering dispute resurfaced this week as the team prepares for Nations League matches. With the World Cup in Qatar looming, the months-long disagreement, coupled with an ongoing extortion scandal involving Paul Pogba, threatened to disrupt France's preparations for the tournament.

The current agreement that dates to 2010 requires players to participate in marketing operations with the team's sponsors. In return, players receive 25,000 euros (\$25,000) for every international match they play.

But Mbappé and his advisers argue that the deal is unfair because images of some high-profile players are used more often than others. They also want the right to

review the brands with which players are associated.

France plays Austria on Thursday and travels to Copenhagen three days later to take on Denmark. Les Bleus face relegation to the second tier of the Nations League.

The defending champions are in last place in Group 1 with two points from four games. Denmark leads with nine.

Meanwhile, a host of injuries have struck France in the leadup to a pair of Nations League matches later this week.

The French football federation on Tuesday added Aston Villa defender Lucas Digne to a long list of injured players ahead of matches against Austria and Denmark.

France coach Didier Deschamps has called up Rennes left-back Adrien Truffert as a replacement for Digne, who has a problem with his right ankle, the federation said.

Digne had been a late addition to the training camp, having joined his teammates on Monday after AC Milan defender Théo Hernandez was withdrawn from the squad because of a torn adductor muscle.

France captain Hugo Lloris has also been ruled out of the games, because of a right thigh injury, and replaced by Nantes goalkeeper Alban Lafont.

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On Saturday, Marseille midfielder Jordan Veretout was called up as a replacement for the injured Boubacar Kamara, the day after Kamara had replaced Adrien Rabiot.

Deschamps also needs to deal with the absence of several other players including Paul Pogba, Karim Benzema and N'Golo Kanté.

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Italy searching for goals in final Nations League matches

MILAN

STILL in shock from failing to qualify for the World Cup again, Italy has another pressing problem: Where to find goals?

Italy was lauded on the way to winning the European Championship last year for its free-flowing attack.

Roberto Mancini transformed Italy from the dour side that missed out on the 2018 World Cup to a team that flooded opposing nets during a world record 37-match unbeaten streak, scoring four, five, six, seven, and even nine goals at various times.

However, that attack-minded juggernaut is no more.

Italy's doomed World Cup qualifying campaign was partly down to its lack of "cattiveria" – literally "wickedness" – in front of goal as a plague of missed opportunities cost it dearly. Even before its stunning loss to North Macedonia in the playoffs.

Mancini has pinpointed the problem. Only one of the top 13 on the Serie A goal-scoring chart this season is Italian.

That is Lazio forward Ciro Immobile, who has always struggled to replicate his club form for the national team.

"It's an anomaly because Italy has always had great forwards," Mancini said on Monday. "Unfortunately, it's been a while now that the big teams here have so many foreign forwards. The only one we've had there for a while is Immobile.

"That creates a bit of difficulty, it's not a small problem. We hope it's not an irreversible one and that soon two or three forwards will emerge that can boost the national team."

Mancini has named eight forwards in the squad for the final two Nations League

group matches against England and Hungary. Apart from Immobile, Mancini called up Lazio teammate Matteo Cancellieri, Napoli trio Matteo Politano, Giacomo Raspadori and Alessio Zerbin, West Ham's Gianluca Scamacca, Leeds' Wilfried Gnonto, and Freiburg forward Vincenzo Grifo.

Immobile has netted five times this season. The other seven forwards have six between them with four of them yet to get off the mark.

Italy hosts England in Milan on Friday and plays Hungary in Budapest three days later. The Azzurri are third in a group also containing Germany in the A League.

They have collected just five points from their first four games. They have five goals and conceded seven. The Italians could still top their group and qualify for the Final Four for the second straight edition, but it is also battling to avoid last spot and relegation to League B.

"The results will be important, anything can still happen in the group," Mancini said. "We need to try to win both matches to try to finish first."

"There will be difficult months until after the World Cup. We need to get our enthusiasm back. Winning the Euros should have given us that, we need to start again from that, start again building a squad to have another extraordinary four years like that that we've just had."

Mancini confirmed Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Marco Verratti was unavailable after a calf injury in Sunday's 1-0 win at Lyon. "He can't even walk at the moment," the Italy coach said. "We'll probably call up (Sassuolo midfielder Davide) Frattesi, we'll see."

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LaLiga to report racist abuse of Vinicius at Atletico

MADRID

LaLIGA will report racist chanting aimed at Real Madrid forward Vinicius Junior by Atletico Madrid fans before Sunday's derby, the league confirmed to ESPN.

Hundreds of Atletico supporters were filmed singing "Vinicius, you are a monkey" outside of the Metropolitan stadium before the game, which Madrid won 2-1.

A LaLiga spokesperson told ESPN that the league would be filing an official complaint with the Anti-violence Commission and the Spanish football federation (RFEF)'s Competition Committee regarding the events inside and outside the stadium on Sunday.

"Hate speech has no place in LaLiga and we always work with the clubs and the authorities to identify and bring to justice any such case,"

a spokesperson said. "We denounce all incidents inside and outside stadiums and work with clubs to keep our football friendly and enjoyable." LaLiga files a weekly formal complaint listing fan chants from that weekend's games which incite violence or contain insulting or intolerant language, and assists with any subsequent investigation.

The league has previously reported racist chanting aimed at Vinicius in Madrid's El Clásico clash with Barcelona in October 2021, and when following a match at Mallorca in March this year.

Vinicius and Madrid both released statements ahead of the derby condemning racist abuse of the Brazil international after a guest on a Spanish TV show said he should "stop monkeying around" by dancing to celebrate scoring goals.

(Agencies)

Is benching Ronaldo the better move for Portugal?

By Henry Bushnell

CRISTIANO Ronaldo played his 941st professional game last week in a secondary tournament he tried to shun, and at the auxiliary home of a Soviet-sympathizing club from an unrecognized breakaway state bordered by two of Europe's poorest countries.

Ronaldo, of course, never expected nor wanted his ebbing career to come to this, but here we are.

He was dueling with Sheriff Tiraspol on Thursday because Manchester United, with its season careering toward wreckage last month, benched Ronaldo and immediately rebounded. The Red Devils buzzed around Old Trafford in his absence, beating Liverpool, Southampton, Leicester City and Arsenal, and exemplifying what team success in modern soccer looks like.

Ronaldo, meanwhile, has been relegated to Europa League duties and uneventful late-game cameos. Two months ago, he requested a transfer that implied he was better than Man United; now, it has become clear that United – like the dozens of clubs who declined to sign Ronaldo this summer – is better without him.

So Ronaldo, at age 37, in his 21st profession, is being forced to begin a final chapter that he does not yet want to write. The gap between his celebrity and his on-field impact grows wider by the week. He has been deemed a burden and a liability by a sport that increasingly outpaces him. His days among the club game's elite have seemingly come and gone.

But in November, the club game will pause. Curtains will spread. One last stage will present itself.

And Ronaldo will step out onto it, at his fifth World Cup, with one last opportunity to rise to one last massive occasion – unless, that is, Portugal decides that it, too, is better off without its biggest star.

'Ronaldo's decline

Cristiano Ronaldo built the bulk of his legend by evolving from a flashy



Cristiano Ronaldo has captained the Portugal national team for over a decade, and at three World Cups. (AP Photo)

winger into a ruthless penalty-box assassin. Throughout his nine years at Real Madrid, he scored 310 of his 339 open-play goals from inside the area. He scored 80 with his left foot and 70 with his head, in all phases of attacking play, against all types of opponents.

For all his glam and showmanship, he became a relatively simple superstar, in that he had simply mastered soccer's most valuable skill. At the head of a humming Real Madrid team, he trimmed tertiary tasks out of his repertoire, and honed in on the one of utmost importance, goal-scoring. He hunted shots incessantly. Since 2010, he has taken roughly 400 more of them than Lionel Messi and 900 more than Robert Lewandowski – the two players who come closest, though not really close at all, to touching his tally, per Stats Perform via ESPN.

Along the way, soccer began to phase out one-dimensional players. Ronaldo's primary dimension, though, remained peerless and therefore invaluable. It's what Juventus paid \$117-plus million for, and what Man United craved. It's why

conventional wisdom still considered Ronaldo a top-five player in the world as recently as 2020, and a top-10 player last year.

But as his early-30s bled into mid-30s, otherworldly production quietly receded to elite production, and then to merely very good production. His non-penalty-goal-per-90 rate fell from .90 at Real to .56 at Juventus. His assists-per-90 also fell from .29 to .16 at Juve, and then to .08 last season at Man United.

And that's when the lack of everything else became glaring. Over the past 365 days, according to FBref data, compared to his positional peers throughout the 98 clubs in Europe's big five leagues, Ronaldo ranks in the 43rd percentile in dribbles completed, in the 32nd percentile in assists, in the 9th percentile in tackles, and at the very bottom of the entire list in pressures.

He is some combination of unwilling and unable to press, and that's why Manchester United manager Erik Ten Hag cannot use him. It's why the countless Champions League clubs to which he was offered did not want him. It's one of

many reasons Juventus and United got worse after he arrived.

The question now is whether Ronaldo's country, which he has captained for over a decade, will try to preempt its own decline by minimizing his role.

And the answer is very likely no. "I have absolutely no worries about Ronaldo's lack of playing time for Manchester United," Portugal head coach Fernando Santos said last week. "I don't think anyone has any doubts that Ronaldo continues to be of great importance to the national team."

"Why Ronaldo will still lead Portugal Ronaldo, clearly, still has qualities that 99% of clubs would welcome. He can still strike a ball as well as anybody. His anticipatory instincts are still elite, even if his first step has slowed.

His impediment to a starting role at Champions League contender is that the top 1% of clubs can recruit strikers who have those same qualities and many more. National teams, though, can't do that. Santos must work with what he has. And what he has is a squad with no other true No. 9. He has Diogo Jota, but prefers to play Jota on the left wing.

He has Joao Felix, but Felix prefers to play as a second striker, underneath someone like Ronaldo.

He has Andre Silva, but Silva has scored just 11 goals in 40 Bundesliga appearances for RB Leipzig. Santos didn't even call Silva into Portugal's latest training camp, its last before the World Cup.

Santos will ride with Ronaldo because he has no replacement, and also because his system will conceal some of Ronaldo's flaws. It rarely requires a coordinated high press. It is far more conservative than Ten Hag's, and it represents an implicit acknowledgment that international soccer is often less about systems or patterns and more about moments.

Ronaldo, for all his faults, remains a conjurer of moments. He is an individual who can enliven a stale game, and that is so often what World Cups call for.

"Cristiano is always Cristiano," the 22-year-old Felix said last month on a Zoom call with U.S. reporters. "Even if in the club he's not playing – playing for the national team, it's always different."

Under the 'Scaloneta', Argentina have a foundation for Messi and Co. to thrive at World Cup

By Tim Vickery, South America correspondent

WHEN Argentina take on Honduras and Jamaica in upcoming friendlies, there will be few changes to the Albiceleste squad that has not lost a match in more than two years. And why should there be? Since a 2019 Copa America semifinal loss to Brazil, Lionel Scaloni's side has gone undefeated in 33 games, claimed the 2021 Copa for their first senior title since 1993, qualified for the 2022 World Cup in style, and thrashed European champions Italy in June in a showpiece match at Wembley.

This would be remarkable in any circumstances. But it is almost off the scale of extraordinary when two things are remembered. First, that Argentina were an absolute shambles at the 2018 World Cup in Russia. Second, rookie coach Scaloni was appointed as a stop gap caretaker pretty much because he fulfilled the sole criteria at the time – he wasn't a big financial risk. And now his team are referred to in Argentina as "the Scaloneta" – the house that he built.

Argentina had previously made a long term bet with high profile, dynamic Jorge Sampaoli. It was a disaster that should have been predicted. Argentina simply did not have the quick defenders and ball-playing keepers that are needed to play the Sampaoli way. The ageing squad limped away from Russia – where they flirted with first-round elimination. With a huge pay off, Sampaoli was sacked. Money was in short supply, and so in came Scaloni. He didn't talk like a caretaker.

"[World Cup finalists] France and Croatia robbed the ball and were in a position to shoot in 3 or 4 seconds," was his post-Russia conclusion. "That's the way football is going, it's the football I like and the moment has come to introduce this in Argentina. We're going to be more direct and vertical."

There was an obvious problem with this approach. It is not a model of play which is a good fit for Lionel Messi. It got off to a bad start. Scaloni's first competitive match was their 2019 Copa America opener against Colombia. Argentina were all stretched out, and easily picked off on their way to a 2-0 defeat. The rest of the competition was



Lionel Messi and Lionel Scaloni

Argentina's attempts to edge towards a more workable idea of play. They played well in that semifinal loss to Brazil. But with Messi plus two strikers – Lautaro Martinez and Sergio Aguero – they were top heavy and too easily hit on the counter attack.

Messi, though, was clearly on board. For the first time in his career, playing for the national team seemed like the most important thing in his career. He had come across as a remote figure to his Argentina teammates, happy in his own little world. Now he was a more vocal, encouraging figure, integrated into the group as never before. And by the time the World Cup qualifiers came around,

Argentina were not vertical and direct. They were forming a possession based side, where the midfield trio of Leandro Paredes, Rodrigo De Paul and Giovanni Lo Celso could dictate the rhythm of the game and bring Messi into play close to the opposing goal. It is the most coherent collective idea that Argentina have had all through Messi's long international days. On song, once the game has opened out – such as the second half against Italy at Wembley in June – they are a joy to watch.

The defence has long been a key problem area. It certainly was four years ago in Russia, and it will surely come under pressure at times in Qatar. But there has

been a newfound confidence ever since June of last year when keeper Emiliano Martinez and centre-back Cristian Romero came into the side together. The statistics are certainly impressive. In the last 12 games, Argentina have only conceded two goals.

It would be something of a surprise if Honduras on Sept. 23 in Miami and Jamaica four days later in New Jersey, worsen those figures. But that is hardly the point. These are mere warmup games, serving to get the group together and making any late tweaks – it might be interesting, for example, to see if Brighton's Alexis Mac Allister is given another chance in the deeper midfield role that he played in the last game, a friendly against Estonia back in June.

But even a shock defeat in these FIFA dates is not going to derail the Scaloni project and is highly unlikely to have an effect on confidence as Argentina build for the World Cup. Scaloni knows that his team have to lose some time – he cites Italy as an example, where a long unbeaten run did not prove good enough to get them to Qatar. Given the choice between a long unbeaten run and winning the World Cup on Dec. 18, there is no doubt which one Scaloni would choose. Maybe he can have both.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Moses Phiri. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Simba SC's Moses Phiri left out of Zambia squad for friendlies

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC on form striker, Moses Phiri, has been left out of Zambia's national squad for upcoming friendlies against Mali.

Zambia, alias Chipolopolo, play Mali on September 23 and September 26 in two full FIFA international friendly matches.

The 2012 Africa Cup of Nations champions face Mali in Bamako on Friday and four days later at the Stade du 26 Mars in the Western African country.

The Chipolopolo are using the matches as part of the preparation for the Ivory Coast 2023 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers that will take place next year in March.

Chipolopolo's boss Aljosa Asanovic has named his final 23-member squad led by a UK-based trio of skipper Enock Mwepu and strikers Patson Daka and Fashion Sakala Jr.

There is no place for Phiri while his Simba teammate Clatous Chama maintained his place in the national team.

Phiri, who has impressed this season since joining Simba from his home side Zanaco FC, has registered six goals in his first six competitive games for Simba SC.

He has featured in 24 games for Zambia's national team and scored two goals.

His last appearance for Zambia came in a 3-1 loss against Tunisia in the 2022 World Cup qualifiers last year.

He made his national debut in an international friendly against Tanzania in 2012 under Herve Renard.

Phiri is one of a host of striking options that Zambia has at its disposal at the moment.

Leicester City FC's Daka and Glasgow Rangers' Sakala - all of whom are capable of leading the line - are ahead of Phiri in the pecking order while Ricky Banda pipped the Simba SC's frontman to the Zambian Super League top scorer's crown last season.

Goalkeepers: Charles Kalumba (Red Arrows FC), Lawrence Mulenga (Power Dynamos), Toaster Nsabata (Sekhukhune United, South Africa)

Defenders: Benedict Chepeshi, Allan Kapila (both Red Arrows FC), Shemmy Mayembe (Zesco United), Miguel Chaiwa (BSC Young Boys, Switzerland), Frankie Musonda (AYR United, Scotland), Tandi Mwape (TP Mazembe, DRC), Dominic Chanda (Kabwe Warriors), and Luka Chamanga (Power Dynamos)

Midfielders: Clatous Chama (Simba SC, Tanzania), Edward Chilufya (Midtjylland, Denmark), Kelvin Kampamba (Zesco United), Joshua Mutale (Power Dynamos), Roderick Kabwe (Sekhukhune United, South Africa), Emmanuel Banda (Djurgardens, Sweden), Enock Mwepu (Brighton & Hove Albion FC, England), and Kings Kangwa (FK Crvena Zvezda, Serbia)

Forwards: Fashion Sakala (Glasgow Rangers, Scotland), Patson Daka (Leicester City FC, England), Ricky Banda (Red Arrows FC), and Evans Kangwa (Arsenal Tula, Russia)

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Desperate Geita Gold FC targets high-flying Singida Big Stars FC scalp



Geita Gold FC players jubilate when their teammate scored in a 2021/22 NBC Premier League match against Dodoma Jiji FC which took place in Geita in June. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GEITA GOLD FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

GEITA Gold FC will host Singida Big Stars FC in an important fourth-round NBC Premier League fixture on today afternoon at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza.

These two teams have had differing starts to the season. The host, Geita Gold FC, has been disappointing, failing to take any point from their first two matches.

They then held Kagera Sugar to a 1-1 draw in the previous league fixture at CCM Kirumba Stadium.

On Saturday, they crashed out of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup via a loss to Hilal Al Sahil on the away goals rule.

There is pressure building on head coach Felix Fred 'Minziro' and a poor performance today could turn up the heat on him.

Nevertheless, they have been

progressing, they ended their maiden continental campaign with a 2-1 comeback victory over Sudan's side Hilal Al Sahil at Azam Complex Stadium last weekend and no doubt coach Minziro would want his boys to build on that performance and the results to get their first league victory of the season.

George Mpole will still be the main man for the Geita-based side despite his early season struggles.

The last season's top scorer is yet to find the back of the net this season.

He did not travel with the team to Sudan due to a minor injury picked during training but was able to make a comeback in the return leg last weekend.

For the visitors, they have big ambitions this season and their start in the NBC Premier League should give them hope that they can achieve something.

Despite their good start, Singida Big Stars FC has yet to set the world alight with their performances, but their points return has

been very good.

Singida Big Stars FC is currently in the fifth position, level on points with Mtibwa Sugar and just one below Azam FC.

Victory over Geita Gold FC would take Singida Big Stars FC to level on points with Yanga at the top of the standings courtesy of superior goal difference to Simba SC and Namungo FC at second and third respectively.

After two back-to-back opening victories against Mbeya City FC and Prisons, the settled for a draw against Dodoma Jiji FC in the previous game could have provided a reality check, but Singida Big Stars FC head coach Hans van Pluijm will hope it leads to much better performance against Geita Gold FC.

Singida Big Stars FC will aim to maintain the pressure on the other pair and could set up mouth-watering clashes against Azam FC and Simba SC early next month in the sixth and seventh rounds of the campaign.

Members of Parliament invited to take part in 2022 NMB Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

DESPITE more than 3,000 participants registering to participate in the 2022 NMB Marathon charity race, NMB Bank has explained the reasons for moving forward with the race.

The institution also introduced medals and jerseys that will be handed over to the event's participants and confirmed that Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa will be the chief guest.

The charity race will be held in Dar es Salaam on October 24 instead of September 24 as previously planned.

The showdown will start at the Leaders Club ground, Kinondoni and end at the same ground, seeking to raise 600m/- to support the treatment of women suffering from fistula admitted to CCBRT Hospital.

Speaking during the introduction of the T-shirts and medals, NMB Bank's Chief Human Resources Officer, Emmanuel Akonaay, said that until yesterday morning more than 3000 participants have registered, adding that the equipment prepared for the runners have international quality.

He pointed out that in preparation for the race, NMB Bank held a bonanza bringing together NMB Bank staff and Members of Parliament last week.

It served as preparation for the coming events, influence, and invitation to the MPs to take part in NMB Marathon.

Akonaay revealed: "We believe that the parliamentarians are among people who will benefit from this move, which is based on the request that Tanzanians have made, asking us to reschedule it so that they can participate in the event which is going to bring smiles to women suffering from fistula."

The official noted: "Therefore registration continues at Juliana Pub, Mbezi Beach, Mtana Bar at St. Peters, Mlimani City, and on the marathon's website nmbbank.co.tz."

"More Tanzanians should register and those who have already done so, should arrive from tomorrow (today) at Mlimani City to pick up their kits," Akonaay added.

NMB Marathon Organizing Committee's Chairperson, Mercy Nyange, noted that the institution has got many sponsors who came out to sponsor the race to support women that are facing the challenge.

Mercy asked Tanzanians who asked for an extension of the registration period to come forward.

The official stated that valuable sponsorship from Sanlam, UAP, Toyota, and other companies have facilitated the acquisition of good prizes for the first to 10th winners in all categories of 5km, 10km, and 21km races, as well as children's races.

"Let me just emphasize, as it was said, more than 3,000 participants have so far registered, so this requested opportunity should be used and people should come forward to register," Mercy insisted.



Emmanuel Akonaay, NMB Bank's Chief Human Resources Officer (2nd-L), Head of BancAssurance, Martine Massawe (2nd-R), NMB Marathon's Organizing Committee Chairperson Mercy Nyange (R), and NMB Jogging Club assistant captain Stella Motto display kits and medals for participants of 2022 NMB Marathon, termed 'Mwendu wa Upendo', slated for October 1 in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

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