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Global coal demand high, opens new opportunities

By Guardian Reporter, Mbinga

COAL trade is expected to bring substantial benefits to the country in the coming year, the government has stated.

Dr Steven Kiruswa, the Minerals deputy minister, made this remark during a visit to a coalmine operated by Ruvuma Coal Ltd, in Mbinga District, Ruvuma Region.

The government has put in place an enabling environment for investment in the mining sector that has been wooing investors from various places to take up coal mining allotments, he said.

The road infrastructure was being improved to simplify coal transportation from the mines to Mtwara port in particular, he elaborated.

He asked local stakeholders in regions with coalfields to look out for forum to be organised to provide an overview of coal mining and the presence of other minerals in coal bearing zones in the region and in neighbouring areas.

Aziza Mangosongo, the district commissioner, said the coal mines would provide the district with significant benefits in taking up social services like building schools and health centres.

The forum organised by the Minerals ministry seeks to underscore the miners' commitment to community social responsibility, she said, urging stakeholders to come out and participate.

Benaya Kapinga (Mbinga Rural), the area's legislator, lauded the global demand for coal, urging the government to utilise this opportunity to generate employment for many people in the district. This will also support the development of the surrounding communities, he stated.

Benedict Msingwe, the coalmine firm general manager, said that over 700 local residents are employed in the mine already.

The firm has been participating in implementing social services projects like building classrooms and dispensaries, he added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan chairs a Cabinet meeting at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday. Photo: State House

Govt reassures foreign ATR crash investigators

By Guardian Reporters

AIR traffic regulatory agencies are working with foreign experts alongside local investigators to pin down the cause of the Precision Air ATR42-500 landing mishap at the Bukoba airport last week.

The plane with registration number PW494 misses the runway by 500 meters in a foggy situation, on the basis of witness accounts, meanwhile as the airline management was pledging that it was working to line up compensation funds for the accident victims.

Gerson Msigwa, the chief government spokesman, reiterated at a press conference yesterday that the initial report of the investigation will be available in the coming days, 14 days from the day of the accident.

A more detailed expert investigative report will be given after 30 days and a more detailed technical assessment be presented within 12 months of the accident, he said.

The presentation was made following a cabinet meeting



The sum insured for Precision Air is more than \$50m and the passengers' insurance claim is estimated at upwards \$170m

chaired by President Samia Suluhu Hassan where the accident issue was deliberated upon, with the spokesman underlining the country's commitment to observe international protocols on air traffic accidents.

He said the cabinet was presented an initial report about the landing accident and steps taken after the crash. In turn, the cabinet meeting directed cooperation with experts from abroad in sorting out the issue.

Investigations are meant to find the cause of the accident and recommendations for measures relating to accident prevention and containing damage from such incidents.

Investigation areas are classified by investigation teams, while international procedures pointing to areas to be investigated will be observed, he said.

The cabinet issued these instructions as our country has signed various international agreements that govern air travel, he said, noting that this covers measures

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MPs inspect tourist pathways, landings

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

INFRASTRUCTURE improvements for tourism facilities including roads, tourist foot pathways and helicopter landing pads inside the Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA) are satisfactory, a parliamentary committee has stated.

The Lands, Natural Resources and Tourism standing committee of the National Assembly, expressed satisfaction with the facilities, in the wake of a visit to inspect the implementation projects sourced from the Covid-19 recovery funds.

Committee chairman Ally Makoja (Kondoa Urban) said the ministry and implementing agencies had done a good job, noting that MPs were able to scale the mountain with ease.

Recent fire outbreaks in the KINAPA area have been controlled, with safety restored and tourist activities smoothly going on, he said the ministry's permanent secretary, Mary Masanja reiterated the ministry's satisfaction with efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to promote tourism.

Projects from Covid-19 funds including routes for emergency rescue operations were implemented, she said, noting that the routes were problematic when tourists needed to be rushed to hospitals in the vicinity.

Committee members were proceeding with inspections on various tourism sector projects in the region, he said, a visit that followed a fire outbreak on October 21, igniting fears of the stability of climbing expeditions on Mount Kilimanjaro.

William Mwakilema, the CEO for the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), said the

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Uplift blue economy, marine experts urged



By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (pictured) has challenged experts at the Institute of Marine Sciences of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) to work closely with the Zanzibar government in

educating the public on the blue economy concept.

The Zanzibar leader was speaking at a graduation ceremony at the IMS Buyu Campus in the Zanzibar Urban West Region that was attended by retired Union president Jakaya Kikwete, the UDSM

Chancellor.

President Mwinyi underscored the need for the university management to collaborate with the government in making the blue economy concept a reality, as Isles residents need greater clarity on using seashore resources for economic growth.

The government in Zanzibar would intensify collaboration with the institute to develop the fisheries sector and seaweed cultivation as it relies upon the institute to nurture experts in the blue economy field, he stated.

The government recognizes the contribution of higher education institutions in developing the blue economy.

"The government recognizes the great contribution of IMS in strengthening seaweed cultivation, where a good number of women have secured gainful occupations," he stated.

Plans are underway to repair the road

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heading to the institute as part of the road construction programme, he said, directing the Ministry of Lands, Human Settlements and Development to fast track the processing of the institute's title deed.

Chancellor Kikwete, in his remarks, said the Buyu Campus started recruiting students in 2019, while this year the campus opted for a graduation event to encourage more Form Six leavers to join the campus.

He praised the decision to build the road heading to the campus, pointing out that it was in a bad condition, posing transport challenges to students staying at hostels located far from the campus.

IMS has plans to tie up with the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) for wider academic and administrative interests, he said, alluding to plans for a national conference on the blue economy, involving experts from across the country.

Prof. William Anangisyee, the vice chancellor, highlighted UDSM

efforts to take up the visions of both governments in developing blue economy, by providing experts to build institutional capacity.

IMS was committed to research and training to for the sustainable use of seashore resources, for a positive contribution to economic and social development.

The institution intends to make the Mizingani building a center of excellence for fishing research, part of ongoing efforts at the Pangani marine research unit in Tanga Region.

It handles research on seeds and quality issues in food for fish farming, he elaborated, intoning that IMS was linked with the development of seaweed farming spreading in various regions, making Tanzania the third country in the world for seaweed production.

IMS has succeeded in initiating wide ranging studies on the production of quality fish fingerlings, with an output of successful graduates. This was made possible by contributions from stakeholders, in particular the Union and Zanzibar governments, he added.



Ongozo Institute board chairperson Ombeni Sefue (in specs) and NMB Bank Plc's acting Lake Zone manager, Dickson Richard, have a quick work during the Kigoda cha utafiti cha Mkapa launch held at Saint Augustine University of Tanzania in Mwanza city at the weekend. The event was sponsored by the bank. Story on Page 4. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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fire had long since been contained, while Gen. Jacob Mkunda, the chief of defence forces, instructed the deployment of a military fire-fighting unit at the tourist zone to help curb the fire outbreak.

The team arrived in Siha and

Mwika areas to assist in the fire-fighting operation, a TPDF statement had indicated. TPDF was ready to work with other defense and security agencies and various stakeholders to control the fire before it causes serious damage to the park, it had observed.

COP27: Experts explore avenues of mobilising more robust financing for action on climate

By Special Correspondent, Egypt

GLOBAL experts meeting during a panel session at the 27th global climate summit (COP27) in Egypt have endorsed a new climate finance roadmap to mobilize \$1 trillion in annual external finance required by emerging markets and developing countries—excluding China.

The roadmap draws on the findings of a recently released report, Finance for climate action: Scaling up investment for climate and development (link is external), produced by a panel of experts chaired by Vera Songwe and Lord Nicholas Stern.

The discussions during the panel session underscored the need to boost effectiveness of policies by tailoring them to countries' needs. The report advocates a rapid and sustained investment push to drive a strong and sustainable economic recovery from overlapping crises and to deliver on shared development and climate targets.

Songwe said investment priorities must encompass transformation of the energy system, address developing countries' growing vulnerability to climate change and undo earlier harm to natural capital and biodiversity.

"The scale of investments needed in emerging markets and developing countries over the next five years and beyond will require a debt and financing strategy that tackles festering debt difficulties, especially those of poor and vulnerable countries," Songwe said. She added that reforms must lead to a major expansion of domestic and international finance—public and private, concessional and non-concessional.

African Development Bank President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina decried the inadequate flow of climate finance to Africa. "The whole conversation about rich

nations paying Africa \$100 billion cannot even compensate Africa," he said.

Adesina said African Development Bank initiatives like the African Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAP)—a scheme developed by the bank and the Global Center on Adaptation in 2021—was mobilizing \$25 billion to scale adaptation action across the continent. He said AAP had so far drawn contributions from industrialized countries. He added that the African Development Fund, the African Development Bank Group's concessional lending arm to low-income countries, was launching a climate action window to mobilize up to \$13 billion for climate adaptation for vulnerable countries.

Adesina reiterated the call for International Monetary Fund Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to be channeled to African countries through the African Development Bank. "SDRs will play a big role in helping Africa's climate action, and the African Development Bank is well-positioned to leverage this reallocation four times to help mobilize financing for countries that need it most," he said.

Stephanie Pfeifer, Chief Executive of Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (link is external)—an association representing investors—said strong policies were vital in carbon pricing to phase out fossil fuels.

"The world needs development finance at scale for different types of risks, and data must also be made available to stimulate increased private sector investment into climate finance," Pfeifer said. "If we get the whole system working together, we can make a lot of progress," she added.

United Nations Climate Change Champion Mahmoud Mohyeddin moderated the session, titled Facilitating finance necessary for delivery of commitments.

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for immediate taking after an air accident occurs.

Units involved in dealing with disasters will be strengthened in relation to equipment, increasing the country's capabilities well beyond the disastrous level of reaction after the airplane accident, the spokesman intimated.

At a press conference in Dar es Salaam, Precision Air CEO Patrick Mwanri urged relatives of the plane crash victims to remain calm as the management works to compensate victims.

Compensation will be paid after completion of investigations on the cause of the accident visiting the Precision Air flight PW494.

Investigations and compensation

Govt reassures foreign ATR crash investigators

are conducted in accordance with international standards, with the airline having started to communicate with the families involved and individual survivors as it works on key issues, he stated.

Baghayo Saqware, the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) CEO said that plane passengers are entitled to compensation of \$170m in total as the accident plane had valid insurance.

The sum insured for Precision Air is more than \$50m and the passengers' insurance claim is estimated at upwards \$170m.

The Precision Air flight PW494 carrying 39 passengers (38 adults and an infant) plus four crew members made an emergency landing on shallow lake water close to Bukoba airport early Sunday, November 6 as it flew from Dar es Salaam.

French air accident investigators

were soon deployed, backed up by the French Bureau of Enquiry and Analysis for Civil Aviation Safety (BEA), officials said.

Under international rules, local investigators take on board those sent by the lane maker and aviation authorities of the country involved, in which case French investigators team up with those from Canada, where the plane's Pratt & Whitney engines were developed, they added.



Clara Jones, a Health ministry official with the National Programme for the Control of Non-Priority Diseases, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the distribution of antibiotics for use in elephantiasis and hydrocele control in Kinondoni, Ilala and Temeke districts. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

LUSAKA

A 23-year-old Zambian student who was convicted in Russia and serving a prison sentence on the outskirts of Moscow has been found dead in combat in Ukraine, the Zambian government said on Monday, demanding an explanation from Russia.

Lemekhiani Nathan Nyirenda "died on 22 September 2022 in Ukraine," Foreign Minister Stanley Kakubo said in a statement, "on the frontline of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine."

Zambia said it had asked Russia

Zambian student found dead in battle in Ukraine after being held captive in Russia

to explain "the circumstances under which a Zambian citizen, who is serving a prison sentence in Moscow, could have been recruited to fight in Ukraine and lost his life."

The boss of the paramilitary group Wagner, Russian oligarch Yevgeny Prigozhin, who is reputed to be close to Vladimir Putin, is accused by Ukraine of sending thousands of fighters to

the front, recruited directly from Russian prisons in exchange for the promise of a salary and an amnesty.

Lemekhiani Nathan Nyirenda had been convicted of breaking Russian law in April 2020, according to the Zambian government, which did not give further details.

The student of nuclear engineering at the Moscow Engineering Physics Institute

(MEPhI), had been sentenced to nine years and six months in prison. He was serving his sentence in a medium-security prison on the outskirts of Moscow.

The Zambian Foreign Minister said he was "deeply saddened by the untimely death of Mr Nyirenda in such circumstances", adding that his remains had been taken to the Russian border town of Rostov for repatriation.



E-Masaki Rotary Club president Akash Shah (R) presents maternal birthing kits to Asha Ramadhani, an expectant mother, at Sinza Hospital in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The club thus far donated a total of 1,650 such items. Looking on are the Rotary Club District Governor for Uganda and Tanzania, Peace Taremwa (2nd-R), Sinza Hospital Medical Officer in-charge Dr Leonard Mwamko (R) and other officials of the club and the hospital. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Conserve, develop L. Nyasa islands as tourist attractions, urges Ruvuma RC

By Guardian Correspondent, Nyasa

RUVUMA Region authorities have presented Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) with an ownership certificate of Lundo and Mbamba Bay Islands as well as Mbamba and Tumbi mountains totaling 597 hectares for conservation purposes.

Ruvuma regional commissioner, Col. Laban Thomas also launched wildlife investment in Lundo Island where gazelles and some bird species have been introduced.

Col. Laban said the introduction of the wildlife will add attractions to tourists in Nyasa District, and Ruvuma Region in general.

He called upon tourism and conservation stakeholders including TAWA and TANAPA to provide education on conservation and tourism to the people in Ruvuma Region to spur economic development as well as opening centres for disseminating information on tourism in every district.

Speaking about the history of the 20-hectare Lundo Island as a tourist attraction, retired Nyasa District Medical Officer, Dr John Papparika whose parents hailed from the island, said the name 'Lundo' originated from people who sailed from the island to the mainland who arrived at Lundo village.

He said Lundo Island also acted as a sanctuary for people fleeing the 1905 Maji Maji insurrection.

"After the Maji Maji insurrection, beginning 1908 the island was used by the German colonialists to keep in isolation people who contracted leprosy but were later transferred to Puulu Island," Dr Papparika said.

The island's history also shows

that it assisted in resolving a conflict that erupted between the Matengo tribe from Mbinga District and the Nyasa tribe from Lake Nyasa coastal areas with the former descending upon the latter with weapons but their quarries fleeing to Lundo Island.

He said Lundo Island is home to various natural resources including certain types of rare fish living in rocky areas used as decoration in fish bowls.

Earlier, Afrikanus Challe, natural resources and tourism consultant in Ruvuma Region says Mbamba Bay Forest reserve covers 597 hectares and added that the area is suitable for wildlife including birds.

He added that Mt Mbamba covers 40 hectares in area, Mt Tumbi 119 hectares, Mbambabay Island 27 hectares and Lundo island 20 hectares.

"These areas are bestowed with a good ecosystem, beautiful rocks along the coastal areas and more than 400 species of rare fish," says Challe.

He said if the area is properly conserved, it can be utilised for fish production to increase the income of the people in the area.

Also, Nyasa District Executive Director, Jimson Mhagama told this paper in Mbambabay that Lake Nyasa coastal areas are suitable for investment in tourism and appealed for investors to grab the opportunity in building tourist hotels along the coastal areas.

"These areas are bestowed with a good ecosystem, beautiful rocks along the coastal areas and more than 400 species of rare fish"

Minister Tax opens ambassadors' meeting in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE first meeting for Tanzania's ambassadors representing the country in 49 foreign nations has been officially opened here yesterday by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Dr Stergomena Tax.

The meeting also involved heads of departments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the slogan "New Direction to boost Economic Diplomacy" that is the driving force for the new concept that aims to benefit Tanzania economically and socially in the international competitive environment.

Speaking on the minister's behalf, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Mbarouk Nassor

said the international community is immersed in competition over the use of resources including the meager natural resources available with aim to bring about development.

He said it is better to mobilise ourselves and making frequent assessments on the direction of policies regarding international relations with the aim of protecting and defending the nation's interests.

"This ministry has been tasked to oversee relations and cooperation with other countries, both regional and international communities, hence we have the responsibility to provide advice to those who entrusted us in regard to all that we see beyond our borders," he added.

He said: "In this regard I like to

stress that every time we must build the culture of deeply valuing world trends, while identifying existing opportunities and challenges so that our advice should benefit our stakeholders to make correct decisions."

Mbarouk said in case they find a market that can receive products amply manufactured in Tanzania it is our task to list the market, examine it and transmitting the assessment to producers in time.

He called on the envoys to abandon the concept that they are simple carriers of information and instead they should be overseers of all issues within their responsibilities by working together.

Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Amb Joseph Sokoine said it is anticipated that the envoys will

raise issues and recommendations that carry wide interests for the country.

He added that through the meeting, they will exchange views that will help to improve the ministry's contribution in attaining President Samia Suluhu Hassan to improve the country's economy.

Ministry's deputy PS, Fatma Rajab said the meeting is an important link in boosting economic diplomacy and foreign policy.

"The meeting's slogan is "New Direction to boost Economic Diplomacy" and aims to go through where we came from, where we are and where we are heading to, hence in that basis this meeting will raise various issues to be debated upon and contribute to the concept of economic diplomacy," she added.

CJ to launch Mwanga, Same district courts

By Guardian Correspondent,

Same

Chief Justice, Prof. Ibrahim Hamis Juma (pictured) is today expected to officiate at the inauguration of Same and Mwanga districts courts in Kilimanjaro Region in the new district court building in Mwanga.

The inauguration is the beginning of the inauguration of 24 other projects of resident magistrates and district courts in November and December this year.

The two projects in Kilimanjaro Region are already in use and has enabled public officials in the districts to operate from buildings with friendly environment for digital service delivery.

The projects have abided by the modern requirements in the entire justice delivery chain as they will incorporate offices for advocates, prisons officers, community development officers and people with special



needs. The projects are part of the implementation of the Five Year Strategic Plan (2020/21-2024/25) for the Judiciary aimed at meeting out justice in time as well as bringing judiciary services close to the people.

Today's event is expected to be attended

by senior judiciary and government officials including the Principal Judge of the High Court, Mustafa Siyani, High Court Registrar, Wilbert Chuma and the Minister for Finance and Planning Mwigulu Nchemba.

Others expected to attend are the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner, Nurdin Babu and Members of Parliament from Kilimanjaro Region.

Residents of Mwanga and Same District are called to participate at the function to be held at Mwanga Court grounds to witness the inauguration.

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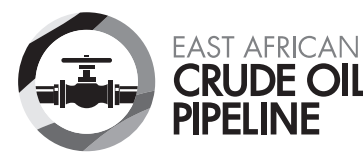
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FISHERIES/MARINE LIVELIHOODS RESTORATION PROGRAMS FOR TANGA REGION FISHING COMMUNITIES REF 0000027

EACOP Ltd (Company) Tanzania, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project to design and implement a Fishing and Marine Fisheries based Livelihoods Restoration Programme.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to the Chongoleani Peninsula, Tanga Region, in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:
The EACOP Project's marine facilities at Chongoleani peninsula include a Marine Storage Terminal (MST), a 2km jetty and a load-out facility (LOF). The fishing activities of local communities will be impacted by the construction and operation of the Jetty which is likely to include a marine exclusion zone for fishing vessels.

A Supplementary RAP and Livelihoods Restoration Program has been designed and additional data gathering is ongoing to further define the program. One mtaa will be severely affected, a second mtaa significantly affected and two other mtaas impacted.

A specialist company/consultancy/organization is needed to undertake detailed design and implement a fisheries/marine livelihoods restoration program including a component targeted at affected households and a component targeted at the wider communities.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

1. Proof of registration as institutions whose activities are linked with fisheries, marine livelihoods, fisheries development programs, community fishing programs and marine-based livelihood activities (e.g. such as gleaning, fishing etc.) in Tanzania
2. Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
3. Brief description of experience and capacity to design and implement fisheries development programs and marine livelihoods programmes and experience working with communities dependent on marine-based livelihoods.
4. Examples of recent and relevant experience within the last 5 years
5. Proposed experienced and qualified personnel
6. Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
7. Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations in Tanzania/ Local Company definition.

Interested organizations which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 15:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 23rd Nov. 2022. Email object shall be 0000027.

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.

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Ruvuma Region expects to produce 37,000 tonnes of avocado by 2025

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

RUVUMA Region is expected to produce 37,000 tonnes of avocado by 2025 from robust strategies currently in place.

Ruvuma Regional Commissioner, Col. Laban Thomas told reporters recently that the main aim is to increase production of the crop just as it is for other cash crops for the people economic development and that of the nation in general.

He said as of now 2,446 hectares are under avocado cultivation that produces 1,769 tonnes adding that the target is to reach 37,000 tonnes by 2025. "Benefits from the area under production is low whereby one hectares produces only 0.72 tonnes, and among strategies being made to increase avocado production is to mobilise farmers to form groups," said Col. Laban.

He said other strategies is to provide farmers with quality avocado seeds and teach them to establish blocks for producing avocado seedlings as well as grafting.

Meanwhile, Ruvuma regional Agriculture Officer, Onesmo Ngao said in the 2021/22 farming season farmers have been mobilised to cultivate avocado which is currently in high demand both within and outside the country, especially China.

Speaking in here recently, China ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian appealed to farmers in Ruvuma region to increase production of soya and avocado as the demand for them is high in his country.

In Ruvuma Region avocado is widely grown in Songea, Nyasa and Mbinga districts.

SGA wins consumer choice award

By Guardian Reporter

SGA Security has won an award as the Most Trusted and Equipped Security Services Provider in Eastern Africa Region.

The award was announced at the 2022 Consumer Choice Awards Africa gala in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

Speaking after receiving the award, SGA Tanzania Managing Director, Eric Sambu, expressed joy, saying that the consumers have demonstrated confidence in the oldest security company in the region and voted it the best for three years in a row.

SGA won the same award in the previous two events and Sambu noted that it is a testimony of the improvement of the processes to ensure their customers get value for money in the mutual beneficial relationship.

He added that the award is dedicated to all employees, totaling over 18,000 in the region, who go out of their way to serve their

customers.

"We have four ISO Certifications maintained for several years, demonstrating maintenance of robust management systems to ensure quality of our services for the benefit of our customers and the public", Sambu added.

He said that the secret to success in security services is the empowerment of employees to serve the customers well, adding that SGA invests a lot in training employees at all levels, especially on trends and emerging practices and threats.

SGA was recently awarded as the most compliant employer in Zanzibar, by the union (ZAFICOWU), employers' association (ZANEMA) and the Ministry of Labour in Zanzibar.

Sambu appreciated the award saying: "recognition from these key players is a demonstration that we are conducting our business in the right way," he urged other employers, especially security companies, to emulate them.



Nicol Investment Plc chairman Dr Gideon Kaunda addresses the company's annual general meeting held virtually on Zoom in Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Mwanza and Arusha at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Govt offers maize to relieve Musoma residents from escalating food prices

By Guardian Correspondent, Musoma

THE government has provided 200 tonnes of maize to Musoma Urban and Musoma Rural municipalities to relieve citizens from escalating food prices.

Musoma District Commissioner, Dr Khalfan Haule said that both districts have already received 60 tonnes of maize in total whereas the distribution exercise started on Saturday last week.

He said so far residents of Baruti Street in Musoma Urban already received their maize while in Musoma rural, the maize has been given to residents in Mugango and Bukima villages.

Haule noted that they are expecting to receive the remaining 140 tonnes, adding citizens will buy a kilo of the relief maize at 920/- . He said the maize are from the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) in Shinyanga

Region.

"The government resolved to provide us with the maize following an outcry from 'wananchi' over rising food prices," he added.

Musoma Rural Member of Parliament, Prof Sospeter Muhongo called upon local government leaders to properly supervise the maize distribution exercise. He said village and ward leaders are responsible for

ensuring every villager gets the maize as planned.

Prof Muhongo had recently led a team of district officials in distributing 100,000 tree seedlings to the villagers as part of efforts to combat the effects of climate change.

Some residents expressed worries that the maize might be sold to unintended people who are going to resell the maize at an even higher price.

NMB praises formation of 'Kigoda cha Mkapa'

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

NMB Bank has praised the establishment of 'Kigoda cha Mkapa' (Mkapa Intellectual Festival) by Saint Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT) saying this is the best way to hold in high esteem the former phase III late president's patriotism and good service.

The remarks were made by the acting NMB Bank Manager for Lake Zone, Dickson Richard at the launching of the Festival at SAUT, Mwanza Campus.

Richard said in the launching of Mkapa Intellectual Festival, the bank has participated in exalting Mkapa's birth.

He said the bank is ready to collaborate with various institutions including SAUT in improving what the country's former leaders did.

"NMB Bank is a product of late President Mkapa's privatisation drive, hence he was a driving force behind all major stages NMB had gone through, including becoming one of the biggest banks in the country," said Richard.

He added: "Late Mkapa was a leader who helped people of low income, and we as a bank value the community around us and assist challenges facing them, especially in the education and health sectors.

"And for this year 100 students will receive sponsorship for their university education through our "NMB Nuru Scholarship" programme.

Earlier, SAUT Chancellor, Mwanza Campus, Prof Costa Mahalu thanked NMB Bank for sponsoring the Mkapa Forum.

Prof Mahalu said late Mkapa

contributed immensely in availability of higher education students' loans to students in private universities, and added that the late president also helped SAUT to get land plot for building SAUT's Mwanza Campus.

The chairman of the board of the Sefue called upon Tanzanians to adopt the book reading habit as part of remembering late president Mkapa.

He said former presidents, Ali Hassan Mwinyi, late Benjamin Mkapa and Mwalimu Julius Nyerere were good book readers.

Similarly, the widow of late President Mkapa, Anna Mkapa said her late husband used books in leading the nation and loved to learn through books as well as writing his speeches through books.

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Specific Procurement Notice Template Request for Bids Goods (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: The United Republic of Tanzania

Name of Project: Higher Education for Economic Transformation

Contract Title: PROCUREMENT OF ICT EQUIPMENT, CENTER FOR DIGITAL LEARNING EQUIPMENTS

Credit No.: P. 166415

RFB Reference No.: TZ-SUZ-263540-60-RFB

- The United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Higher Education for Economic Transformation, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Procurement of ICT Equipments and Center for Digital Learning Equipments.
- The State University of Zanzibar now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement of ICT Equipments and Center for Digital Learning Equipments and delivery period will be Eight weeks from the date of Signing contract.
- Bidding will be conducted through National competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Secretary of Tender Board, The State University of Zanzibar, TRANSLD Building, TR-05-PMU office, pmu@suza.ac.tz and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1600 hours at the address given below Secretary of Tender Board, The State University of Zanzibar, TRANSLD Building, TR-05-PMU office state address at the end of this RFB].
- The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tanzania shillings Two Hundred Thousand only (Tsh. 200,000). The

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- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee of Eleven Million Tanzania Shillings only (Tsh.11,000,000) For Lot 1 ICT EQUIPMENTS and 1,500,000 Tsh CDL EQUIPMENTS For Lot 2.
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Children under the care of Women Supporting Women distribute gifts at the weekend to children admitted to Dar es Salaam's Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Tanga regional commissioner Omary Mgumba (L) has a word with CRDB Bank Plc Group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela shortly after opening a seminar for the bank's customers in Tanga city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Councillors delighted with increased number of tourists in Serengeti, Ngorongoro national parks

By Guardian Correspondent, Serengeti

COUNCILLORS from Shinyanga Municipality have commended efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to promote the country's tourism industry resulting in increased number of visitors at national parks.

During their visit at Serengeti and Ngorongoro national parks over the weekend, the councillors witnessed an influx of tourists to the parks, the thing which is directly linked with the launch of the Royal Tour Film.

Kambarage Ward Councillor, Hassan Mwendapole said: "I have never witnessed a big number of

tourists at the Serengeti national park. The air strip here is busy with planes landing and taking-off after a few hours. The good thing is that the tourists are both locals and foreigners."

He said the Royal Tour film has boosted the sector's performance as almost all the national parks are receiving a good number of visitors.

Shinyanga District Commissioner, Jasinta Mboneko used the opportunity to congratulate President Samia for marketing the country's tourist attractions, calling upon Tanzania to join her efforts by visiting national parks near their localities.

Mboneko said the increase in local and foreign tourist numbers would ultimately result in increased government revenues which are then allocated for implementation of development projects.

Ndala Ward Councillor, Zamda Shabani said their visit to the parks was due to the Royal Tour film.

"I have visited the parks for the first time; I was anxious to come here because of the Royal Tour film which was championed by our President. I have learned a lot of things that I am going to share with my fellows," said Zamda, noting that it was an exciting moment to see the wild animals live.

One of the foreign tourists from China who visited the Serengeti national park, Si Ging Cong, said Tanzania has the best national parks with a variety of wild animals.

The film marketed the wealth of tourism attractions including 22 national parks, 27 game reserves, 42 forest reserves, and 1,428 kilometers of beaches and Mount Kilimanjaro, among many others.

The documentary first premiered in New York, United States, and another similar launch event for the TV programme in Los Angeles. It also premiered in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar in May this year.

Wrangles in Burunge WMA over hunting block contracts

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

INFIGHTING among hunting companies vying for hunting blocks has triggered a conflict within the Burunge Wildlife Management Area (WMA) community in Babati District, Manyara Region following the announcement by the community's spokesperson, Hamis Juma advertising a vacant hunting block without the endorsement of WMA Board of Trustees.

As the spokesperson had already issued the notice for the vacant hunting block, the board, on July 14, 2022 signed for the continuation of the existing hunting contract with EBN engaged in photography tourism that is regarded as friendly for the conservation of the Tarangire National Park.

The contract was signed by the Chairperson of WMA Board of Trustees, Patricia Mosea, Burunge WMA Secretary, Benson Mwaise and EBN Director, Nicolaus Negre following endorsement from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism after assessment conducted by officials from the central government and Babati District Council.

In the ensuing conflict, Juma had been pushing for the hunting block bordering Tarangire National Park be given to another hunting firm (name withheld) that needed the block assisted by some government's heavyweights.

In an interview with this paper, WMA Spokesperson confessed to the existence of the conflict within the Burunge WMA community, but refused to elaborate on why he was seen to be going against both the Board of Trustees, the Secretariat and government officials who had participated in signing the contract's extension.

However, he said the issue is in the hands of higher level but stressed that the contract earlier signed had several shortcomings.

One member of WMA Board of

Trustees who did not want his name revealed called for full investigation on the spokesperson saying he has violated WMA regulations by wrongly announcing that the hunting block was vacant while he was aware that the contract had already been signed and that he was present during the signing event.

He said already the conflict has been referred to the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) which had already interrogated all WMA members of WMA Board of Trustees.

He said Juma had been bragging to remove district officials for allegedly opposing to revoke the EBN contract.

Earlier, Burunge WMA secretary, Benson Mwaise admitted to have seen the advertisement saying the hunting block was vacant, but denied any involvement.

Meanwhile, EBN Public Relations officer Charles Sylvester said they were shocked by the advertisement in the media saying the hunting block was vacant and called for application from hunting companies, and added that they have been holding the block for over 10 years now.

"We inquired from WMA who told us it was only a unilateral decision of the WMA spokesperson," he said.

He said the conflict has been smouldering for over three months due to the spokesperson unilateral decision without involving other WMA officials.



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<p>REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST COUNTRY: TANZANIA</p>		
<p>NAME OF PROJECT: HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION (HEET) Credit No: IDA- 68870 Project ID No: P-166415</p>		
<p>Assignment Title: Provision of consultancy Service for Undertaking the Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIA) for the proposed construction of School of Agriculture, Two Hostel Block and Laboratory Complex at State University of Zanzibar. Reference No.: TZ-SUZ-285989- CS-CQS</p>		
<p>This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for the Higher Education for Economic Transformation Project (HEET) that appeared in the UN Development Business online on Issue No. WB-0P0015674 28-November-2021.</p>		
<p>The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar through the United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Higher Education for Economic Transformation Project (HEET) through IDA - 166415 - TZ, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services under the contract for Consultancy Service for Undertaking the Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIA).</p>		
<p>The consulting services ("the Services") include but not limited to Document review, Environmental and social impact assessment and associated and social assessment. Implementation period is Three (3) Months from the date of contract signing.</p>		
<p>The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: (www.suza.ac.tz) or upon request to the following email address pmu@suza.ac.tz</p>		
<p>The State University of Zanzibar now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:</p>		
<p>The Consulting firm should be registered with ZEMA as Environmental expert and should have at least 10 years' experience in conducting EIA/EA/ESIA studies.</p>		
<p>(i) The firm must have under taken at least three (3) Environmental, Social Impact Assessment assignments in the last Ten (10) cumulative years and above to be provided should include name of assignment, name and full contact address of the client, contract value (in equivalent US dollars) and period (dates) of execution of the assignments and the role played in the assignment (Lead or JV partner).</p>		
<p>The attention of interested consultants is drawn to section III, paragraph 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's Policy on conflict of interest.</p>		
<p>Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Therefore, each member of JV shall independently meet the requirements of the evaluation criteria. The experience, technical & managerial capability of the Sub-Consultant shall not be evaluated to enhance the qualification of the Lead Firm or JV.</p>		
<p>A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.</p>		
<p>Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08:00 to 16:00 hours East African Time on Monday to Friday inclusive except on public holidays Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person by 25 November 2022.</p>		
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<p>Specific Procurement Notice Template Request for Bids Goods</p>		
<p>Country: The United Republic of Tanzania Name of Project: Higher Education for Economic Transformation Contract Title: PROCUREMENT OF TWO BRAND NEW VEHICLE TO SUPPORT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION Credit No.: P. 166415 RFB Reference No.: TZ-SUZ-306763-60-RFB</p>		
<p>1. The United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Higher Education for Economic Transformation, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Procurement of Two Brand New Vehicle to Support Project Implementation.</p>		
<p>2. The State University of Zanzibar now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement of Two Brand New Vehicle and delivery period will be Eight weeks from the date of Signing contract.</p>		
<p>3. Bidding will be conducted through National competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.</p>		
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Why move to a Carrier Neutral Data Centre?

Data centre facilities that run entirely independent of network providers are known as carrier-neutral data centres or carrier hotels. A data centre that does not have an affiliation to any specific network partners can call on a wide range of providers for services. This allows carrier-neutral data centres to offer a diverse network infrastructure to their clients. This is an important feature for current and future clients. If you aren't familiar with a colocation data centre, we'll break down how this and more specifically a carrier neutral data centre can be beneficial for you and your business. A colocation provider offers physical storage and virtual data storage for different people, businesses, and industries. Storing all your important data inside a trusted data centre facility can be more cost-efficient than running your own private data centre. Data centres are only one part of the infrastructure. The other side of the coin is the internet service providers or ISPs. These providers connect businesses' networks to the internet, thereby enabling businesses to reach their customers to offer goods and services. Because carrier neutral colocation providers aren't tied down to and operated by a specific internet service provider, it can offer more connectivity options to its clients, including cloud services.

Single carrier facilities have significant restrictions and limitations. A single carrier facility usually offers limited choices in connectivity. It wouldn't make any sense for a single carrier facility to allow its users to connect with another internet service provider. Users aren't given the same flexibility they would have if they were in a carrier neutral facility. Not only are the connectivity options limited, but they could also be subject to sudden service or price changes.

There are many benefits of a carrier neutral data centre facility. The first one is the savings in cost. Carrier neutral facilities can offer lower prices because having multiple internet service providers in the mix forces the ISPs to keep their prices low. ISPs are essentially bidding for your business. If a customer isn't satisfied with a particular ISP within the carrier neutral data centre, they can switch to another ISP without interruption. Whether it be a price increase or reduced bandwidth, if a customer isn't happy, they can switch to one that works for them. Customers can also choose specific details and offerings from different ISPs depending on their personal business needs. Flexibility is a key factor and benefit when it comes to carrier neutral data centre providers. As your business grows, so do its needs. Companies need a service provider that can offer scalability. Carrier neutral data centre providers give users the ability to grow, and if they have outgrown a certain provider, they have the potential to find an ISP that can meet their needs and still be under the same data centre provider. Whether your business is large or small, carrier neutral data centre providers may be the best choice for you. Carrier neutral data centre providers are not only flexible, but they are dependable as well.

One of the most important aspects of a data centre is the ability to have 100% uptime. Companies could potentially lose a lot of business

if their servers go down. Carrier neutral data centre providers can offer users ISP redundancy that single carrier data centres cannot. Having connections to multiple carriers and critical IT systems. Even if one carrier has an outage another carrier could potentially keep systems running. Also having multiple ISPs together can supply better security for all their customers. Carrier neutrality, then, is an essential factor to look for when outsourcing your data centre or seeking interconnection services, as in the end, it provides the benefit of both cost-efficiency and a greater degree of connectivity than you could find anywhere else. If your provider isn't carrier-neutral, it may very well be time to look for another provider who is.

All Wingu Africa's data centres are carrier-neutral, providing customers many options of connectivity to many carriers and options for their business. Being able to connect with multiple carriers in our data centres enables redundancy, optimal uptime, and cost-efficiency, all of which are great benefits to any business seeking to outsource their data centre. When selecting a data centre or colocation provider, one of the most important things to understand is internet bandwidth or data transfer bandwidth. One of the easiest ways to understand bandwidth is by thinking about it as a water pipe, but instead of water passing through it's your data. The larger the pipe, the faster the water, or in this case, data can pass through. Companies that choose to use a data centre provider in Africa can take advantage of this resource. This gives companies the ability to have faster internet connections which allow their sites to load faster. If you are like many other people, visiting a website that slowly pushes you towards looking for another faster website with similar content. Having a slow website could make your company lose some business. Bandwidth is important and knowing how much you may need is just as important. There are a couple of factors including average page views, average daily visitors, average page size, and more. A trusted data centre provider can help you with all this information and help you decide how much you will need.

Another important part of internet connection speed is the internet backbone. This is where the fastest and largest networks are linked together by high-performance routers and fiber optic connections. Choosing the internet backbone for bandwidth is crucial. The cost will always be a deciding factor for many businesses but finding a quality internet backbone that works for your budget is possible. Because bandwidth is widely available, colocation providers can find you what you need with your budget. Look for a trusted data centre provider that can find you the best performance for your budget. Carrier neutral data centres can offer you the same connectivity as a single carrier data centre with better flexibility, better reliability, and at a lower cost. The ability to grow and scale your specifications as needed is an important part of any company looking to flourish. To be able to do all of this and offer more reliability and at a lower cost is why carrier neutral data centres are helping so many businesses.

Tamgo (T) contracts Merrywater to address water shortage in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

AS water becomes scarce in the country due to climate change, Tamgo Tanzania Limited has announced to acquire one of the sole suppliers of water treatment, pumps and generators—Merrywater.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday Tamgo Tanzania Limited country manager, Tarek Mostafa said that its official launch will be on Thursday, this week in Dar es Salaam.

He stated that the deal of acquiring the water dealing company was completed since May 1 this year.

According to Mostafa, the official

opening of the company will be held in Dar es Salaam's Victoria area and at the launching event, the firm will also showcase some of their products and services.

"We are pleased to be able to welcome everyone that has been with us for years now as well as those who are new to the industry as we mark the beginning of Tamgo's journey in the market," said Mostafa.

Tamgo Tanzania Limited is a part of Zahid Group of Companies and was established in 2020 as part of the group's extension to Africa. The company provides local and regional customers with a diverse range of best-in-class products.



Child Help International president Pierre Mertens (L) and Magu district administrative officer Anna Mbaao consult at the weekend before opening House of Hope, a facility built at Kitongo village in with sponsorship from the agency in support of children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

India pays tribute to Precision Air crash victims

By Guardian Reporter

INDIAN Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar has joined other leaders in the world to mourn the victims of accident of the Precision Air passenger plane that crashed into Lake Victoria last week.

In his letter that he wrote on November 10, 2022, Dr Jaishankar expressed his deep sorrow on the loss of people through the accident sending condolences to the Tanzania Minister of Foreign Affairs

and East African Cooperation, Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax.

He acknowledged that India stands in solidarity with the people of the Republic of Tanzania.

"I learnt with great sadness the news of the crash of a Precision Air passenger's flight into Lake Victoria on November 6, 2022. On behalf of the government and people of India, I offer my deepest condolences to the families of the victims and pray for the speedy recovery of the injured. India stands in solidarity

with the people of the Republic of Tanzania. Please accept this, the assurances of my highest consideration," he said.

Precision Air flight crashed into Lake Victoria on November 6, killing 19 people. The flight had taken off from Dar es Salaam and was heading to Bukoba town before it plunged into the Lake as it was preparing to land.

Tanzania and India have traditionally enjoyed close, friendly and co-operative relations.

From the 1960s to the 1980s the

political relationship was driven largely by shared ideological commitments to anti-colonialism, anti-racism, socialism in various forms as well as desire for South-South Cooperation. In recent years Indo-Tanzanian ties have evolved into a modern and pragmatic relationship with greater and diversified economic engagement and development partnership with India offering Tanzania more capacity building training opportunities, concessional LOCs and grants.



Bahati Rajabu Ally (C) of Magulu village in Kilosa District shows the dummy cheque for 8m/- he was presented with in Morogoro municipality at the weekend for winning a Bikosports raffle. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Call to traffic police: Ensure motorists desist from using phones while driving

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

THE police force's traffic department has been urged to take stringent measures including penalties against motorists who will be found talking on mobile phones while driving.

Residents here are concerned that talking on mobile phones while riding may result in accidents putting the lives of commuters at greater danger.

According to them, long route passenger buses drivers are the ones leading in talking to phones

while driving while some of them read and respond to text messages as they drive the buses.

Some interviewed victims of a recent road accident who are admitted at the Kahama District Hospital, linked most of the road crashes with reckless driving. They were speaking shortly after leaders from Mbsi FC visited them and donated various items worth 450,000/-.

One of the victims, Boniphace Makoye said: "Traffic police should make sure drivers who talk on mobile phones while driving are

punished accordingly. Imposing fines would help to reduce the number of accidents."

Daudi Maziku said there are some drivers who go off the steering wheel to respond to phone messages; thus putting the lives of people in danger.

"We have been sharing information on reckless driving by some bus drivers but no action is taken by the traffic police. They just wait for accidents to happen so they can take serious actions," he said.

A senior Nurse at the hospital, Eveline Sakala, said most of the admitted patients could not afford

to purchase some items such as soaps, towels and infant's clothes.

"We are thankful to Mbsi FC for donating these items because patients, especially those in the maternity ward, need soap, towels and clothes for their newborns," she added.

The team's matron, Anna Petro said they decided to visit and donate to patients at Kahama District Hospital as part of the corporate social responsibility.

She said the donated items have been contributed by bus agents operating at the Majengo and CDT bus stands in the district.

The donated items include five cartons of soap, two boxes of tooth brush and seven cartons of juices all worth 450,000/-.

Avocado export prospects in Chinese market not limitless

THERE is excitement among horticulture farmers in Arusha Region and other places over an opening in the Chinese avocado market made possible in the wake of protocols signed during the recent visit by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to that country.

Horticulture stakeholders see the accords vastly easing their efforts to enhance horticultural exports, putting up an astronomical sum of \$2bn per annum from \$800 million at present. But being more focused to reality would serve all parties concerned better.

The Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) was lately sizing up how local growers may seek a piece of the avocado market in China, with that country's imports of the fruit reaching 59.6 million tonnes priced at \$149 million.

Tanzania is third in Africa and 19th in the world in avocado production so far, but the subsector is the fastest growing in the horticultural sphere as a whole. That obviously shows that we have the potential to stake a pie in the new market, but some caution will be necessary.

There is even a problem of locating reliable data on where we stand with regard to horticultural exports, as a global statistical report dated August 1, 2022 said the export of horticultural products from Tanzania increased to \$274 million in 2020, up from \$202 million around 2018.

Yet, an updated report citing TAHA sources said that exports grew from \$64 million in 2004 to \$779 million in 2019, while officials put current export value at \$800 million and wish to climb to \$2bn.

Some sanitary and phytosanitary standards for avocado from Tanzania to access the Chinese market had to be agreed, which though doesn't

come up in remarks by local growers or export stakeholders.

With the Indian market, the presence of an Indian firm actually growing avocado in the southern highlands made a difference, and tariffs were rolled back. If China opens up the market it may also be thinking of their own growers or at least processors and exporters who know the market there.

What our excitement is focusing on is how Tanzanian growers hope to catch a significant portion of the total market for the 1.4 billion Chinese population - which is somewhat outlandish, as every major producer thinks of that same feat.

Again, TAHA isn't as yet talking on the ground presence of Chinese firms on the Tanzanian scene as a conveyor belt to find a foothold in that market.

To be sure, this is a new beginning. But trade protocols are reciprocal, so this needs to be related to the 'silk belt and road' vision of the Chinese, that they will be active here and not just receive our products there.

This scenario is part of what our business community on the one hand and regulators on the other hand, have taken time to learn, namely, the whole idea of being reciprocal and, in that sense, equitable.

We see the Chinese being engaged in construction and don't figure out that they have designs in other sectors.

It is to be recalled that some regulators once moved to pull foreign traders from the downtown Dar es Salaam, specifically the ever-bustling Congo Street zone and adjacent wholesale areas.

The Chinese Embassy closed off visa applications for travel to China to buy goods, and the move was soon rescinded. This tells a big story bearing a big lesson.

Rethink benefits formula as govt repays social security fund loans

DISPUTES are resurfacing in connection with the calculation of a benefits formula for retiring public servants.

The national teachers' union is demanding a meeting with the minister in charge of labour issues - or they will have none of it.

The powerful union has shown lack of interest in what the Public Sector Social Security Fund wanted to say in that regard, and a meeting intended for a discussion and cordial raising of issues aborted just the other day.

PSSSF officials would have pushed to sensitise Tanzania Teachers Union members on the new formula for computing retirement benefits. The meeting collapsed soon after it was opened.

PSSSF officials did not make their presentations as the would-be participants had left, adamant that the new formula be stopped in computing retirement benefits, now pegged at a 33 per cent lumpsum.

Teachers say that this diminution - from 50 per cent - will severely impact their retirement plans, and this is one of those sensitive issues where advice just fails.

It is unclear how far the relevant authorities are prepared to reopen this file after it dominated two May Day addresses, apart from salary levels, and a decision was made about it at the National Assembly's budget meeting.

It means that for this financial year it is the 33 per cent calculation format that is in use, and it is unclear if it has started being used for new retirees or the respective regulatory procedures are still being discussed. That could possibly inform the recent effort at a new dialogue.

TTU leaders slated for the PSSSF briefing and deliberations said they

want this issue to be brought afresh on the table "for discussion for review and amendments of the law and regulations".

They want to see the restoration of the old formula of 50 per cent lumpsum of savings instead of the current 33 per cent.

In other words, what went on in the past two years is history to them and the matter ought to be tabled as if it is a new one. That can be understood as it means falling short of one's plans by millions of shillings.

Resolving this matter is, strictly speaking, a matter of priorities, as the earlier tendency was virtual nationalisation of the savings culminating in setting out rules to give just 25 per cent of savings to retiring teachers and other public servants.

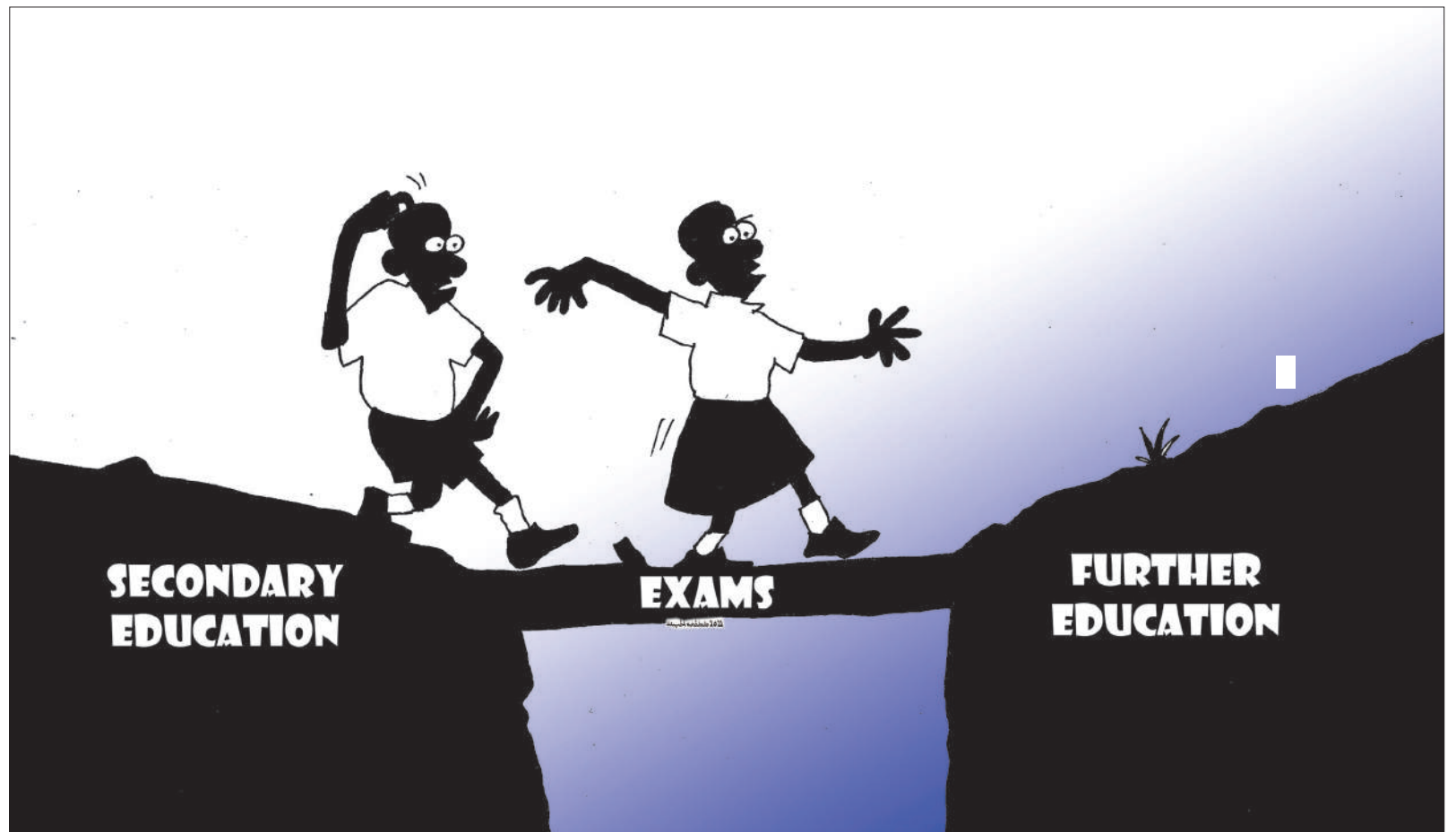
The reason was partially that the government and the funding schemes themselves took copious amounts of those funds for investment in futuristic constructions like skyscrapers.

So, when the mode of government spending changed from late 2015, speculative investments took a hiding, as it were, in their investment return prospects. That is at least part of the story.

But as the government has been rectifying expenditure to make it more equitable across various sections of the population, it has hurried up with arrears of large businesspeople and civil servants' pay, and also voted large amounts of money to reduce the debt to social security funds.

Assuming that the top decision makers intend to pursue that orientation in coming government budgets, they will be able to find the cash to pay the 50 per cent lumpsum that is, in fact, a right.

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Beyond burnout: What helps - and what doesn't (2)

By Tiffany Burns and Erica Coe

DESPITE leaders' best efforts, worldwide burnout persists. New research reveals why - and how to help employees begin to thrive again. Yoga. Therapy. Meditation. Yes, wellness perks are helpful, but they're not a panacea for workplace stress. Erica Coe, a McKinsey partner and co-leader of the McKinsey Health Institute (MHI), speaks with McKinsey Global Publishing's Lucia Rahilly about why burnout has hit record levels over the past two years and what leaders can do to create a path towards lasting change. Afterwards, senior partner Tiffany Burns describes one of her rookie moments: talking a client down from sending an email when angry. Excerpts:

Lucia Rahilly: How can the leadership send the message that they have begun to take these steps? How can they communicate to their employees that they care about mental health and that they care about their community's well-being?

Erica Coe: Communication is a big one. Our research revealed a feeling that leaders aren't listening to their people nearly enough. Besides communicating, it is also important to take action. That means not only celebrating successful examples of work environments and things that seem to be working but also clearly showing how you are addressing toxic-workplace behaviour and making a clear change so that people feel safer and more comfortable raising issues in the future.

Leaders should also come up with time-bound, measurable goals around mental health. This can be daunting. How are you going to prioritise employee mental health and well-being as an organisation? The more ways you can come up with discrete, quick wins so that you can start to demonstrate to your employees that mental health matters, the better.

Another of the issues you mentioned in the report is inclusion, which is a topic that McKinsey has published a lot on. It can still feel elusive in many workplaces. What are some of the steps leaders can take to create a more inclusive environment for their employees?

There are a few different ways. Thinking about the composition of the board and leadership and creating a safe space for any colleague to feel comfortable - that's a vital step towards inclusion. And that means thinking through leadership and diversity at the

highest level - taking an expanded definition of diversity, equity and inclusion to explicitly include neurodiversity.

Often what happens is that a company defines inclusion too narrowly: "We have our diversity and inclusion strategy, there's a specific officer who will be in charge of it, and it goes here within the organisation." Instead, take a broader approach. Think across the whole workplace about certain set-ups, workflows and other ways teams might be set up that could promote inclusiveness and minimise conscious and unconscious bias. Creating a supportive workplace with widely available flexibility and customisation is a significant way to help people with mental-health conditions - disclosed or undisclosed - overcome barriers.

You have done a lot of research on stigma. Say a few words about the way coming forward about burnout, and about mental-health issues in general, can create concern about being stigmatised - and about what leaders might do to mitigate that concern.

The fact that, around the world, we're having such conversations on burnout is great. These are all steps in the right direction. This shows that people are more comfortable acknowledging some of the real challenges that everybody faces.

It is becoming more accepted and normal to realise that to be at your best and be effective as a leader, it's critical that you have moments and periods of recovery and resilience. For employers, it's critical to acknowledge that they have accountability and responsibility for whether or not their employees are feeling burned out. That isn't just about the number of hours an employee works. It's the broader culture. Recognising that takes courage. It's a big step, because it's a big responsibility for an employer to be willing to address burnout.

Without finding a way to even begin the dialogue in a safe way, it's really hard to make change happen. When we think about it, looking across the world globally, everybody knows somebody who has been affected by a mental-health challenge - whether it's something that they're going through now or something that they experienced in the past or that they may experience in the next couple of months. Being able to openly share experiences, especially at a leadership level, starts to make a difference.

On the topic of stigma, one of the statistics that always stand out to me was in a survey that we did last year of a large number of employees. Over one-third of them

- 37 per cent of the employees with a stated mental-health challenge - indicated that they would avoid treatment because they didn't want anyone in their workplace finding out about their condition. If we think about burnout as a first step along a slippery slope towards broader mental-health challenges, by addressing stigma head on and opening a dialogue around it, we can make a very big difference.

Most leaders are well intentioned. They don't want employees to burn out. They certainly don't want most employees to leave. What's the best way for leaders to get a baseline on burnout in their organisations and then, vitally, to understand whether they're making progress as they start to take some of these steps that you're describing?

Measurement is critical. It's impossible to truly hold yourself accountable as a leader or as an organisation if you aren't measuring. Measurement also brings responsibility with it. If you're going to conduct a baseline study, then there's an expectation by your workforce that you're going to do something with the information and that change will happen.

If you don't do a baseline at all or don't ask these questions to really understand the current state of your workforce, we know that burnout is getting worse. The more you find out now, the more you show commitment early because you care and you're asking. Then this equips you with information and insights so that you can make the type of targeted interventions that have to happen.

Last question: In recent months we've entered a new period of economic volatility. Inflation is high, recession is arguably imminent. Leaders are facing one of the most difficult operating environments they have encountered in years. How optimistic are you that we'll be able to prioritise and resolve burnout in this changing and destabilising climate?

If the war for talent is less critical and there are budget constraints, one thing that certainly could happen is that there's less of a need to be investing in employee mental health and well-being. I'd emphasize some of the well-documented evidence on the impact of employee mental health and well-being on the long-term sustainability of an organisation. Don't lose sight of that long-term goal. If there is any moment to double down on the mental health of your workforce, it's now. This will pay off in the long run. There is a

clear benefit to employers. Focusing only on the short term, which may lead employers into turning away from this, would certainly have a negative impact in the long term.

Roberta Fusaro: Though it might not cause burnout, giving tough feedback to a colleague can cause discomfort. Senior partner Tiffany Burns can relate and share how she persuaded her client not to send an email to a coworker during a fit of frustration.

Tiffany Burns: I was on a project, and it was the first time that I was stepping into the role of project manager. I was working with a new client and in a new, big role. I knew that a lot was going to be different and that it was going to be challenging.

My new client was a great executive in an organisation in which I often worked as an associate. She was having a bit of a challenge with one of the other executives who was part of the project that she was working on. In that context, she was super frustrated and felt that this colleague wasn't being collaborative and that they were not on the same page. I remember her having a pretty explosive conversation in person with that colleague and her writing an email to that colleague in response to that interaction.

We all know that when you're upset or frustrated that is probably not the right time to write a message. She had drafted the email very ferociously. She called me into her office and said: "I trust your judgment. Can you take a look at this email and give me your thoughts?" I read the email, and there was no way I could provide any constructive criticism - criticism that would get it to something that made sense for her to send to the colleague. I felt that sending this email wasn't a good idea.

In a bold movement, I crossed out the email and said: "I don't think you should send this email. I don't think this is the tone and the perspective you want to take, given the issue. I really think that you need to go and have a conversation and talk about why you found the interaction challenging and how you could do better moving forward."

Coming out of this interaction, my relationship with this client went to the next level. She really appreciated the amount of care and concern I had, and how important it was for me that she responded the appropriate way.

This is the second and last part of a McKinsey Health Institute dispatch. We ran the first part in yesterday's issue. - Editor.



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Request for Quote/Proposal (RFQ/RFP)

1. Proposal Details Summary

Commodity/Service Required:	Qualitative Data Collection Firm or Consultant(s) To Support Land Use Planning and Climate Change Research
Type of Procurement:	Firm Fixed Price with Milestones
Type of Contract:	Purchase Order
Term of Contract:	Three Months
Contract Funding:	RTI International
This Procurement supports:	N/A
Submit Proposal to:	landuseplanningird@rti.org
Date of Issue of RFP:	November 11, 2022
Date Questions from Supplier Due:	November 18, 2022
Date Proposal Due:	November 25, 2022
Approximate Date Purchase Order Issued to Successful Bidder(s):	December 2, 2022

Method of Submittal:

Respond via e-mail with attached document in MS Word / pdf format.
 The Bidder/Seller agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for **30 days** from the date specified for the receipt of offers, unless another time is specified in the addendum of the RFP/RFQ.

Solicitation Number: RTI-IRD-001

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All bidders/sellers are responsible to carefully review each attachment and follow any instructions that may be relevant to this procurement.

2. Purpose

RTI International is seeking a Tanzanian data collection firm or consultant(s) to provide consultancy services for three months. The scope of our research is outlined below:
 Participatory Land Use Planning (LUP) is a common approach used globally by governments and conservation actors, including RTI, to improve landscape management and reduce land-based greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. However, despite its widespread use to improve natural resource management and governance in developing contexts, there is not a reliable evidence base to support its effectiveness in improving landscape management and climate outcomes. The purpose of our research is to qualitatively analyze why LUP was effective or ineffective, and if LUP was implemented as intended, our methods will include key informant interviews (KIIs) with LUP decision-makers, implementors, and enforcers. We will analyze the impacts on local communities and other civil society actors to determine human-centered impacts of LUP, including increased resilience to climate change, via focus group discussion (FGDs). Findings will be shared with local stakeholders and included in a report for publication that can be referenced by USAID and other donors, which will strategically position RTI for upcoming sustainable landscape opportunities.

3. Quotation Instructions

The Offeror shall submit its best technical approach following the requirements set out on Sections 5 and 6. Please note, that upon the *next phase of selection*, the offeror may be requested to present budget costs in USD. RTI will provide a budget template for offerors to use to detail associated costs, with accompanying instructions.

4. Background

RTI International is both a global research institute and a leading international development organization. We combine these powerful capabilities with those of our partners to co-create smart, shared solutions for a more prosperous, equitable, and resilient world. Clients rely on us to answer questions that demand an objective and multidisciplinary approach—one that integrates expertise across the social and laboratory sciences, engineering, and international development. We believe in the promise of science, and we are inspired every day to deliver on that promise for the good of people, communities, and businesses around the world. For more information, visit www.rti.org.

RTI International is currently seeking a Tanzania-based data collection firm or consultant(s) to provide consultancy services for three months to support our research team with the study methodology outlined in Section 2.

The field data collection is scheduled to occur from February 9-20, 2023, although these dates may potentially change based on when research permits are received.

The selected Offeror will be hired and managed by RTI International.

4.1 Research Questions

- Data will be collected to answer the following overarching research questions:
- Does the adoption of land use management plans in Tanzania reduce land conversion?
 - What factors led to the outcomes associated with implementation of land use plans?
 - Were community members consulted during design of the land use plans?
 - How effective do community members think the land use plans were?
 - Why do stakeholders feel the land use planning was successful or unsuccessful?
 - What are some of the perceived benefits or negative consequences associated with land use planning?

5. Scope of Work for Offerors

The selected Offeror will lead FGD and KIIs in designated sites, complete all logistical planning and coordination, conduct all data collection noted below according to RTI protocols and best practices, complete regular data quality assurance, compile and clean quantitative data in clearly labeled databases, compile clear qualitative notes and audio recordings, provide verbatim transcription and translated qualitative data in English based the recordings and communicate regularly and promptly with SI on work plan progress and challenges.

5.1 Sample Size

RTI International will be responsible for sample selection and will provide the final sampled locations and individuals to interview as well as alternates to the Offeror. The Offeror must collect data in 2-3 communities in each of the Tanga and Kigoma regions according to the anticipated sample sizes described in the table below. Note that the number of villages or interviews does not correspond directly to the number of qualitative respondents because some interview types (key informant interviews versus group interviews) are to be determined.

Qualitative Data Collection (FGD)	Village	Respondents
Village Groups	2-3 (TBD)	32 per village
Qualitative Data Collection (KII)	Village	Respondents
Direct Government Officials	2-3 (TBD)	3-4 per village
Community Leaders	2-3 (TBD)	1-3 per village
LUP enforcement officials	2-3 (TBD)	3-4 per village
Other stakeholders identified who are apart of the land use planning implementation process	2-3 (TBD)	4-5 per village

5.2 Data Collection Methods

The selected Offeror will conduct data collection in the form of qualitative interviews with stakeholders. RTI International will develop all data collection instruments but will seek data collection firm or consultant(s) input to improve clarity and contextual appropriateness. The Offeror should plan to collect all data electronically, but may supplement electronic data with notes when appropriate. In contexts where this is not possible or advised, the offeror should transfer all hand-written data to the excel form provided by RTI as part of the final data deliverable for the offeror. The data collection methods are as follows:

5.2.1 Qualitative Data Collection Methods

RTI International will provide qualitative interview guides that include key learning objectives for each interview. The Offeror must follow qualitative interviewing best practices to listen and probe appropriately to best achieve all learning objectives. The Offeror must designate an interviewer and dedicated note taker for each interview. All interviews must be audio recorded, with permission from respondents. The Offeror will be expected to transcribe all interviews verbatim into the native written language, then translate transcriptions to English. The Offeror must obtain informed consent prior to completing each interview.

Key Informant Interviews with District Level Government Stakeholders: The Offeror will seek insight from key stakeholders in the implementation and enforcement of LUP at the district level, including government officials, civil society groups, and/or community leaders. Questions will seek to understand their perception of the government's LUP policy framework, key factors in developing the land use plan, aspects that went well, lessons learned from implementation, and views on the effectiveness of LUP in general. Estimated duration per interview: 60 minutes.

Group Interviews with Community Members: The Offeror will follow semi-structured qualitative interview guides to seek the perspectives of community members on LUP activity implementation, the community's understanding of LUP, LUP Participation norms, and sustainability of LUP activities. Estimated duration per interview: 90 minutes

5.3 Instruments

RTI International will design data collection instrument and associated oral informed consent script for qualitative interview guides for KIIs and group interviews.

5.4 Specific Qualifications of the Offeror

- We are seeking a firm or consultant(s) with the following qualifications:
- 5-10 years of data collection experience, specifically leading Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Discussions
 - Technical experience in data collection related to environmental perceptions, natural resource management, land use planning or climate change strongly preferred
 - Experience with data quality and clean up
 - Experience leading data collection in the geographic regions identified in Section 5.1
 - Local language proficiency required

5.5 Specific Responsibilities of the Offeror

The Offeror should have a strong track record of survey work and data collection in Tanzania. The Offeror must describe methods for working around the likely challenges that will arise with data collection in remote locations where security issues may arise. The Offeror should have fluency in languages commonly spoken in Tanga and Kigoma districts, and be able to provide adequate logistical resources to organize, train, deploy, and supervise facilitators in the field if necessary.

The selected Offeror will be responsible for completing the following deliverables:

Deliverable	Approximate Timeline	% of Firm Fixed Price
Proposed workplan for field data collection	2 weeks from award date	10%
Feedback provided on RTI Questionnaires	3 weeks from award date	20%
Completion of KIIS and FGDs during RTI's travel in-country	1-2 months from award date	50%
Data Clean Up (including transcription of recordings to local language, then translated to English, and back transcribed) and initial analysis of data trends/themes	2-3 months from award date	20%

6. Structure of Proposal

6.1 Technical Proposal

Technical Proposal should be no longer than 5 pages and contain the overarching section:

Section	Page Limit	Scoring	Scoring criteria
Understanding the SOW:	1 Pages	10%	To what extent does the offeror understand the purpose of the research and scope of the proposed research?
Technical Approach	2 page	10%	To what extent does the offeror provide a reasonable plan to support RTI's data collection efforts in-country?
Management Approach	1 page	10%	To what extent does the offeror's proposed team structure support the successful achievement of data collection in Tanzania. Please propose a structure through which you believe data collection can be achieved.
Past Performance	1 page	10%	To what extent does the offeror have experience working in the target villages and communities? To what extent does the offeror have experience leading KIIs with senior government officials?
CVs for proposed personnel	Not counted against page limit	10%	Does the offeror's proposed personnel to support this research have the relevant qualifications that aligns with Section 5.4?
References	Not counted against page limit		

Submissions should use 11 point font size (any style), single space. Graphics and tables should not be smaller than 8 point font size (any style).

6.2 Cost Proposal

Several candidates will be selected based on their technical proposal to submit a cost proposal. The technical proposal must be submitted on the template directly provided from RTI International to the offeror. There is no page limit for the cost proposal.

Section	Page Limit	Scoring
Cost Proposal	No page Limit	50%

Proposals that meet minimum technical requirements will be reviewed for the cost-effectiveness, adequacy, and realism of the proposed budget. Then, final selections will be made based on the full scoring criteria.

6. Selection Process

RTI International will evaluate proposals until the due date outlined in Section 1 and only selected offerors will be contacted.

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ABAS Elwan drilled well after well in a desperate bid to find water for his family's parched farmlands in southern Iraq. After yet another attempt failed in August, he took a gun from the kitchen of their mud house and slipped into the night.

Hikma Meteab found her husband's body the next day with a gunshot wound to the head in a dried-up irrigation canal near the barren land that once produced enough wheat and barley to sustain the extended Elwan family.

"That was his last hope, and there was no water," Abbas's brother Ali, 56, told Reuters, standing in the scorching heat by a plot of land with dead plants poking out of the baked soil.

As world leaders meet in Egypt for a climate summit to address issues including water and food security, Elwan's plight highlights a crisis facing Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries that could fuel more turmoil in the region as communities fight over dwindling water resources.

Reuters spoke to more than two dozen people in five provinces across Iraq who all said that a prolonged drought, which has only worsened in recent years, was crippling livelihoods. Farmers in neighbouring Syria and Türkiye are also struggling with lower rainfall.

"Climate change is a reality in Iraq," the United Nations mission in Iraq said, adding that the country was the world's fifth most vulnerable to the fallout from global warming due to rising temperatures, lower rainfall, salinity, and dust storms.

In Iraq, officials and water experts said rains had come later and ended sooner in each of the last three years.

Part of the "Fertile Crescent", an arc sweeping from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf where farming developed more than 10,000 years ago, Iraq has been devastated by a triple blow of lower rainfall, decades of conflict, and less water flowing through its two main rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates.

"Desertification now threatens almost 40 percent of the area of our country - a country that was once one of the most fertile and productive in the region," Iraq's President Abdul Latif Rashid told the climate summit in Egypt last week.

Crop failures

Nadhir Al-Ansari, professor at Sweden's Lulea University of Technology, said rainfall in Iraq had declined by 30 percent over the past three decades, with the lowest precipitation coming in the last two years.

"What was once known as the Fertile Crescent started to die about 35 years ago," he said.

Lower volumes of water flowing from Türkiye through the Tigris and Euphrates, rivers on which Iraq has depended most for irrigation, have left it more exposed when the rain dried up, said Harry Istepanian, an independent energy and water expert in Washington and a senior fellow at the Iraq Energy Institute.

"Rainfall and groundwater became very important," he said.

Baghdad says dams upstream, mainly in Türkiye, are emptying its rivers. Türkiye says it has never changed the course of the rivers, or cut off any water.

Ankara's ambassador to Iraq said in July that the drought had hit Türkiye too, and that instead of asking for more water, Baghdad should manage its supplies more carefully.

Middle East's Fertile Crescent dries up as rains fail



This aerial view shows a parcel of agricultural land on the outskirts of the town of Tel Keppe (Tel Kaif) north of the city of Mosul in the northern Iraqi province of Nineveh, on Oct 26, 2021. For centuries, the province's "Fertile Crescent" was the bread basket of Iraq with its 6,000 square kilometers of arable land, said a spokesman for the agriculture ministry, but experts have warned that the dry spell and record low precipitation, compounded by climate change, are threatening social and economic disaster in the war-scarred country. (Zaid AL-OBEIDI / AFP)

In Türkiye's southeast, where the Tigris and Euphrates draw their waters, rainfall in the year to September was 29 percent below the average of the previous three decades, and it was even worse in 2021, data from Türkiye's meteorological agency showed.

The combination of dams and drought has shrunk the waters of the two rivers flowing into Iraq this year to only a fifth of previous levels, water expert Istepanian said.

Inefficient use of the water Iraq does get - due to poor management, illegal siphoning of supplies, and old, leaking infrastructure after decades of war - has combined with a rapidly growing population to exacerbate the crisis, he said.

Almost 90 percent of rain-fed crops, mostly wheat and barley, failed this season, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Iraq.

Before 2020, Iraq could produce almost 5.5 million tonnes of wheat. Last year, the government only received 2.1 million, Salah El Hajj Hassan, FAO representative in Iraq, told Reuters.

Reservoirs out of service

On his farm in Diwaniya province, Abbas Elwan received a \$200 monthly unemployment allowance, but with dwindling crops and rising food prices he went into debt.

In desperation, Abbas, who was 62 when he took his life, tried digging wells so he could grow vegetables.

Each well cost the equivalent of his monthly allowance. Each time water would emerge for a few days, and then dry up. Now the family struggles to find even drinking water, Ali Elwan said.

Their village of Al-Bu Hussain is one of many lining the banks of a former canal - its bed now bone dry - that formed part of a network of waterways east of the Euphrates.

In the nearby village of Al-Bou-zayyat, many have left for cities or other provinces in search of jobs. "The village is empty," said Hedyya Ouda, one of the few remaining residents when Reuters visited her in October.

Ouda and her husband stopped growing wheat and barley three years ago because of water short-

ages, sold their livestock and were forced to travel about 60 km twice a month to buy drinking water.

When Reuters returned to their village in November, both had left for the city.

"About 800 families have left the villages," said Shahid Al-Shahed, mayor of the district where Elwan's farm is located.

"I'm not even thinking of providing water for agricultural plans. I have been thinking for two months now about how to deliver drinking water," he said.

Independent consultant Istepanian said water consumption in Iraq should be close to 70 billion cubic meters a year but now had nearly halved to about 40 billion.

"This is going to be the fourth consecutive dry year, the weather forecasts don't look optimistic, and reservoirs are completely out of service," said Ahmed Al-Khazali, an official in the operational authority of the Ministry of Water Resources.

While southern Iraq has suffered some of the most severe shortages, few regions are immune. In northern Iraq and Syria the same mix of lower rainfall and rivers has combined with conflict and neglect to devastate rural communities.

Fighting over water

In Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq, wheat production fell 70 percent this year to 300,000 tonnes, said Karwan Sabah Hama Salih, director-general of water resources at the region's Agriculture Ministry, forcing many people to dig wells.

"Digging wells is not a strategic solution, but we don't have a quick alternative," he said.

Across the border in Syria, levels at dams on the Euphrates have fallen by up to 5 meters, shrinking reservoirs and leaving farmers struggling to access the remaining water reserves.

Officials accuse Türkiye of cutting the river's flow over the last two years to half the level it committed to in a 1987 accord, a charge Ankara denies.

"I stopped farming because it was impossible to irrigate the agricultural land," said Ahmed Hammoud, standing next to newly dried-up banks of the Euphrates in northern Syria.

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APPOINTMENT TO POSITION OF A MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (TCRA)

1. Background

The Chairman of the Nomination Committee established under section 8(1) of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act. No.12 of 2003, invites Tanzanians with relevant qualifications as spelt out herein to apply for appointment to fill vacant position(s) available in the TCRA Board. Attention is hereby drawn that all applicants are required to observe the provision of section 7(5) and section 11 of the TCRA Act No. 12 of 2003 as well as the TCRA Code of Conduct relating to conflict of interest.

2. Qualifications required

As per first schedule of the TCRA Act No. 12 of 2003, the following are the minimum qualifications for appointment to the TCRA Board:

- Should be a graduate of a recognized University;
- Must have at least ten (10) years' experience in one or more of the fields of Management, Law, Economics, Finance, Engineering, Broadcasting, ICT or related qualifications;
- Have knowledge of Communications Industry;
- Should satisfy the Nomination Committee that he/she is unlikely to have a conflict of interest under section 11 of Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act. No 12 of 2003;
- Be willing to serve as a Member of the Board;

3. Mode of Application

(a) All interested qualified candidates should submit their letter of application along with a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV). The CV should include names, email address, telephone, current work position, as well as e-mails and mobile No. of three referees with at least one being the current or last employer. All applications should be addressed to:

**The Chairman
Nomination Committee
Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Communication Technology
Government City - Mtumba
P.O Box 677
40470 DODOMA**

(b) The envelope should be marked on top: "The Chairman of Nomination Committee".

(c) The Applications to be submitted physically or Postal Address or Email Address: nominationcommittee@mawasiliano.go.tz

4. Women with the requisite qualifications are encouraged to apply.

5. Deadline for Submission

Applications should reach to the Chairman Nomination Committee within fourteen (14) days from 14th November 2022 as the date of first appearance of this publication to 28th November, 2022, before 15:30hrs EAT.

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ATU, ICT ministers underscore importance of digital economy for Africa's resilient growth

By Special Correspondent, Cape Town

THE African Telecommunications Union (ATU) held a ministerial forum on Day of AfricaCom 2022, bringing together participants from Malawi, Namibia, Uganda, and Zambia. The session focused on methods to engineer a new sense of hope for Africa's digital economy journey.

Under the theme 'Rise Stronger with Digital Economy: New Paths towards a Resilient Recovery and Growth', the forum was supported by Huawei.

John Omo ATU general secretary described digital transformation as the driver of inclusive economic growth, job creation, the improvement of public service delivery, and the optimisation of business services in Africa.

"Africa needs digital innovation to spill over into all segments of business and society if we are to strengthen our digital economy," he said. According to the World Bank, "Africa requires US\$100 trillion to achieve full digital transformation, and no one, in the public or private sector, has the capacity to do this alone. Through the power of investment and of regulation, together we can craft a framework that will give effect to the growth and development we want to see."

Leo Chen, Huawei President of Sub-Saharan Africa Region, in his address, emphasized the three major elements of digital transformation: digital infrastructure, digital services and digital skills.

"If we do these three things well, we can connect the unconnected people and businesses, fully unleash digital productivity, and develop the digital economy, no matter what its definition is," he said.

"To achieve this, Huawei innovates to im-

pact with local partners, to find local solutions to local problems," Chen said. "We are a leading global ICT company, and technology is our most important asset. We want to keep what matters the most in Africa. That is why we have made significant investments in people and skills transfer, through training, certification, and joint innovation."

Forum guests were in consensus that digital infrastructure is fundamental to ensuring the digital transformation of their respective countries. In Malawi, according to Francis Bisika, Principal Secretary of e-Government, 2,300 km of fibre network has been installed across the country including to the remote rural areas. "We are addressing the issue of connectivity, especially in rural areas, we are also bringing fiber to the home, as well as business. Once we have the connectivity, we can address the issue of digital literacy," he said. "We have also built a government data centre in which we are accommodating businesses and individual's request for networking and storage, making ICT facilities available to as many Malawians as possible."

What the guests also have in common is the integration though all government ministries, departments and agencies of the digitisation process, for example in issues around agriculture and education - technology is being incorporated through their systems.

"The digital sector has been given authority in Zambia," the National Coordinator of SMART Zambia Institute, Percy Chinyama said, adding: "We are working to maximise the work of revenue generating departments and to reduce duplications of work and now have 240 government services online."

ICT and climate change share equal importance in Namibia, according to Emma Theofelus, Deputy Minister of Information



Leo Chen, President of Huawei Sub-Saharan Africa Region

and Communication technology. "Digitisation and energy efficiency go hand in hand," she said, "and we are committed to working to increase levels of digitization and reducing our impact on climate change." Another theme was that of the inclusion of youth in the continent's digital transformation. Given that 60% Af-

rica's population is under 25, harnessing and retaining the innovation of its young people is critical for the future of Africa. "Even as we have increased the number of tertiary education institutions, levels of unemployment remain a problem, and so we are working towards greater job creation for graduates," said Ugandan

Minister for ICT and National Guidance, Chris Baryomunsi.

The forum closed with the signature of a joint communiqué where all participants agreed that the development of the digital economy is measurable. In order to develop the digital economy, countries need to have in place a top-level strategy and an im-

plementation roadmap, with clear objectives, indicators and milestones. They also need favourable policies to encourage investment, improve efficiency, and enable the infrastructure, skills, digital ecology, and innovation needed to grow the digital economy and create a fair business environment for all investors.

Outgoing KOICA boss outlines feats recorded in Tanzania in his five-year tenure

KOREAN International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)'s country director, Kyuchool Eo is next week expected to leave the country as his five-year term has expired. Our Correspondent Beatrice Philemon interviewed him on a number of development issues ranging from business, agriculture, education, and health sector. Here are excerpts:

QUESTION: What do you think have been the biggest achievements regarding trade and investment between Tanzania and South Korea when serving as the country director in Tanzania?

ANSWER: KOICA will have a partnership with Mirae Green Chemical through the Inclusive Business Solution programme to implement this project so as to produce more income generation opportunities for cashew nuts farmers and contribute to the realization of long-held expectations of value addition for the crop. This is one of the good models for KOICA's Inclusive Business Solution programme.

Q: Where do you see our economic relations going?

A: Tanzania is one of the priority countries to Korea and KOICA has been providing support to help boost economic development. It implements diverse development programmes that produce a number of opportunities. KOICA has for many years and will continue working closely with Tanzania in various fields, this will help strengthen our bilateral economic relations.

Q: What are the notable feats during your tenure in Tanzania?

A: South Korea has achieved fast economic and social development due to the power of education from the least developed country 1950s and 1960s in the lack of natural resources. I strongly believe education plays a big role in improving Tanzania's economy and social progress. The primary pupils' enrolment rate is more than 90 percent but the secondary students' enrolment rate is still less than 50 percent. KOICA has been as-

sisting in enhancing the quality of secondary school education in Zanzibar by training teachers in English, Maths and Science subjects since 2018.

KOICA will implement a new secondary education project for STEM (Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Math in Dodoma and Simiyu Regions from 2023. In the health sector, KOICA is currently implementing two projects in Dodoma. One project is to establish four health centres which can provide quality operation for maternal health and construct a blood transfusion center which provides blood to health centres and hospitals in urgent needs.

Another project is to expand Tanzania's Hospital Management Information System (GoTHOMIS) to more than 150 health centres in Dodoma to provide more efficient and effective health services to people.

In addition to these two projects, KOICA has been assisting in the Health Basket Fund along with other donors since 2016 where 90 percent of the funds go directly to district levels to support necessary medical equipment and medicines. Availability of essential medicines at health facilities and the proportion of deliveries taking place at health facilities are gradually increased and improved.

While in the agriculture sector, KOICA has recently included the agriculture development programme in its plans, an area which employs over 70 percent of the population.

KOICA is also implementing revitalization of three agro-processing centres in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro and Zanzibar while empowering female farmers in Singida and Shinyanga regions.

Q: How much has been allocated by the Korean government to support Tanzania's socio-economic development?

A: KOICA is committed to continue providing grant aids to support health, water and sanitation, education and technical and vocational training areas. It also supports agricultural and fisheries development and has allocated an approximately \$170 million



from 1991.

Besides the implementation of development projects, KOICA has proactively engaged in volunteer programs and capacity building programs. Korea's World Friends Korea Program has dispatched more than 2,400 volunteers so far and the volunteers have returned to Tanzania this July.

More than 1,800 Tanzanian government officials have been sent to Korea to participate in short-term training, masters and doctoral degree programmes. In this year, KOICA recruited 35 government officials for masters and doctoral degree programmes.

I expect Korean volunteers in Tanzania and Tanzanian students in Korea will be good bridges to connect between

the two countries and play a pivotal role in building sustainable bilateral friendship.

Q: What was your most joyful moments when serving as the KOICA country director in Tanzania?

A: I enjoyed every moment in Tanzania. I was very delighted to see and meet children, youth and farmers in KOICA project sites such as Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Arusha, and Zanzibar.

The more we meet children, youth there the more we have realized that their dreams, wishes and despair are not much different from ours.

Q: What significant changes have you noticed in the education and health sectors over the three years

and where do you see both sectors heading?

A: Tanzania has achieved fast economic growth and improvements in the education and health sector. In this, the government has done a great job. I know a shortage of qualified medical doctors and teachers is still a major challenge here, something which may have a negative impact on making sure people get free and quality health services and education opportunities countrywide.

Q: How do you think KOICA has helped to strengthen Tanzania and South Korea business relations?

A: KOICA is devoted to providing grant aid programs for social and economic develop-

ment in Tanzania while utilizing diverse modalities for development objectives.

One of the modalities is to encourage private companies to solve the social challenges through KOICA's Inclusive Business Solution programme.

Besides, KOICA is actively participating in the Korea-Tanzania Business Forum that Korea Studies Centre at the University of Dar es Salaam regularly organizes.

Q: What were the biggest obstacles you encountered when serving as the country director?

A: In mid-March 2020, all KOICA volunteers left Tanzania and they were sent back to South Korea because Tanza-

nia was also part of the global pandemic, Covid-19.

KOICA has started sending volunteers again since mid-July. I was enthusiastically awaiting for KOICA volunteers' return to Tanzania because there were many schools and hospitals requesting for the volunteers.

To address this challenge, KOICA has decided to establish online classrooms at the University of Dar es Salaam and Karume Institute of Science and Technology which provided an enabling environment for online volunteer programs to teach ICT, automotive repair and Korean language. This online volunteer programme is expected to be completed in December.

Q: How many girls have benefited from ICT education in Arusha and quality education for science and mathematics in Zanzibar?

A: KOICA supports provision of ICT education for girls in Arusha; more than 300 students are benefited from this project. The Enhancing the Quality of Secondary School Education project covers the whole Zanzibar at a cost of \$10 million. This project focuses on capacity building for all F3-F4 teachers for English, Math and Science.

Apart from that KOICA has been able to support clean water supply in Mwanza, Arusha, Simiyu and Lindi. KOICA implements water, hygiene and sanitation projects in Mwanza, Arusha, Simiyu and Lindi through separate projects. The agency has been able to inject USD \$1.5 million each for the regions of Mwanza, Arusha, Simiyu and Lindi.

Q: What legacy do you think you will be leaving in Tanzania?

A: It has been four years since I came to Tanzania and on my side working under KOICA, I contributed a lot to the development. Among many, KOICA works to support maternal and child care, children's nutrition, education and youth skills development and employment and income generation for farmers. This is one of the areas that touch people's lives and it's a great legacy helping to make people live.

Military cooperation in Central Sahel must be revised without interference of external partners

BY HASSANE KONÉ

Takuba forces from Mali.

THE Sahel is experiencing increasing political and security upheavals. A series of unconstitutional changes in government have occurred in Mali, Chad and Burkina Faso, with persistent insecurity and violent extremism spreading to West Africa's coastal states.

The G5 Sahel Joint Force was set up in 2017 to fight terrorism and the trafficking of drugs and people in the region. Its objective was to foster regional cooperation and address security threats in its member countries – Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.

On 16 November, the United Nations (UN) Security Council will discuss the joint force, which faces various problems, including the perennial need for more finance and capacity.

It is also struggling to maintain its independence from external influence and remain operationally effective without the participation of Mali.

After some G5 Sahel countries opposed Mali holding the organisation's presidency, the country's transitional government withdrew from the G5 Sahel on 16 May.

This was precipitated by an escalation of political tensions between the French and Malian authorities after France criticised Mali's decision to cooperate with Russian paramilitaries. That led to the departure of France's Barkhane and

Meanwhile, Niger has begun to reinforce its national guard with a mobile component in response to threats from extremist groups along its border with Mali.

And the government in Burkina Faso, which took power in a 30 September coup d'état, is planning to arm civilians within the framework of the Volunteers for the Defence of the Fatherland initiative.

The UN Security Council discussion comes two months after the defence ministers and chiefs of staff of the G5 Sahel countries met on 21 and 22 September in Niger's capital, Niamey.

They discussed a new strategy for the joint force after Mali's withdrawal and agreed to revise its operational plan.

Given Mali's withdrawal, they also decided to abolish the three geographic areas of operation (known as fuseaux), which prevented the force from intervening effectively across borders. The Joint Theatre Command Post will also be moved from N'Djaména in Chad to nearer the operational area.

The meeting also resolved that the G5 would support its member countries' bilateral and multilateral military operations.

These decisions would transform the joint force into an anti-terrorist intervention that could conduct operations in the various countries making up the G5. Currently, its scope is limited to cross-



A French soldier stands inside a military helicopter during France's Barkhane counter-terrorism operation in Africa's Sahel region in Gao, northern Mali. (Photo: EPA-EFE/Christophe Petit Tesson / Pool)

border military missions.

The challenge, however, is to formalise these decisions and resolve the thorny question of the joint force's long-term financing, which has always been a major obstacle to its proper functioning. To be effective on the ground and guarantee civilians' protection, a substantial improvement in capacity is needed.

In this regard, the G5 Sahel Joint Force, like all other African peace and security initiatives, needs the support of external partners. But it must be careful to preserve its independence and remain free from these partners' influence.

The other central question is how to sustain the joint force without Mali, a pivotal country at the epicentre of the region's insecurity. Mali's withdrawal from the G5 Sahel has disrupted the geographical integrity of the force in the region.

UN Security Council members should reflect on how best to relaunch this security cooperation in light of the various challenges. Already, bilateral security initiatives are being formed to compensate for the joint force's ineffectiveness.

At a meeting in Ouagadougou in August, Burkina Faso and Niger's defence ministers reaffirmed

their countries' commitment to strengthen military cooperation. An agreement was signed to encourage joint activities in the border strip between the two countries, where the Taanli 3 military operation took place in April. The two ministers appealed to Mali to join their partnership in the tri-border Liptako-Gourma Region. Mali is yet to respond.

Former Burkina Faso transitional president Lieutenant-Colonel Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba visited Mali and Niger on 3 and 11 September. He had hoped to create a new military response based on pool-

ing resources, exchanging intelligence, and joint operations to fight jihadists in the common border between the three countries.

The September military coup in Burkina Faso has not changed these ongoing dynamics. On 2 November, Captain Ibrahim Traoré, the country's new transitional leader, travelled to Bamako to consolidate the relationship with Mali and improve the operational cooperation between the Burkinabe and Malian armies. He is expected to do the same with Niger.

The imperative for these countries is to stem the rise and spread of the terror threat, illicit activities and tensions between communities in the tri-border area. The Burkinabe, Nigerian and Malian authorities recognise the value of pooling their military resources to prevent this central space from becoming a sanctuary for terrorists and traffickers.

Recent developments suggest that a military reconfiguration is taking place in the region. It may follow the format of the multinational force the Liptako-Gourma Authority proposed in 2017, comprising Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger. That project never materialised as it was absorbed by the G5 Sahel Joint Force, which was launched soon after. If Mali were to rejoin the G5 Sahel, the force's revised operational concept could direct the bulk of its personnel to the Liptako-Gourma area.

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China's Yangtze River Delta explores new path of high-quality regional development

By Xie Weiqun

A summit of the Yangtze River Delta A key factors bridging conference on high-quality development of the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley of the Yangtze River Delta was held in Shanghai on Nov. 8 during the fifth China International Import Expo.

It was attended by task forces members of the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley of the Yangtze River Delta and leaders government officials from all the nine cities and districts participating in the project in the delta region, namely Hangzhou, Jiaxing, Jinhua and Huzhou in Zhejiang province, Hefei, Xuancheng and Wuhu in Anhui province, Suzhou in Jiangsu province Songjiang in Shanghai, as well as Suzhou in Jiangsu province Shanghai.

In 2018, the nine cities officially set up the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley to build an integrated development platform in the Yangtze River Delta region. It was named after an expressway, G60, which connects the nine cities.

The nine cities and districts are connected by the G60 Expressway, the Shanghai-Suzhou-Huzhou high-speed railway and other major transport channels.

In 2018, they unveiled a 3.0 version of the Science and Technology Innovation Valley, officially embarking on a path of synergistic innovation. A year later, the G60 Science and Technology Inno-



Photo taken on Sept. 6, 2022 shows an interchange along the G60 Expressway that connects Shanghai and Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan province. File photo

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tion Valley of the Yangtze River Delta valley was upgraded to an important platform for the national strategy of the integrated regional development of the Yangtze River Delta region, a national strategy for economic momentum.

The nine cities and districts have accelerated their efforts to build major innovation platforms, and are focusing on major strategic areas and frontier technologies to build the Yangtze River Delta region into a source of innovation.

They are now home to over 1,000 key labs and engineering technology research centers at state national and provincial levels, and their average investment in research and development reached 3.55 percent of GDP.

Besides, over 36,500 high-tech firms, 921 specialized and sophisticated enterprises that produce new and unique products, as well as 1,300 business incubators have settled in these nine cities and districts.

To promote the opening up and sharing of technological resources and speed up the commercialization of technological findings, a fund that promotes the cross-regional commercial application of technological achievements in the Yangtze River Delta Yangtze River Delta was established. Under the guidance of the National Fund for Technology Transfer and Commercialization, under the guidance of the National Fund for Technology Transfer and Commercialization. It is contributed by the governments of the nine cities and districts, as well as social capital.

The nine cities and districts are seeing expanding complementary advantages thanks to their enhanced cooperation. They have set up an industrial park alliance relying on the Suzhou Industrial Park, seven industrial alliances in industries including of integrated circuit, arti-

ificial intelligence, biomedicine, high-end equipment, new energy, new materials and new energy vehicles, as well as many sub-alliances.

Besides, they have also established a cross-regional industrial synergistic innovation center and a factors bridging platform for sci-tech innovation.

Institutional innovation is an important feature of the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley. The nine cities and districts have constantly enhanced cooperation and synergistic development, launching integrated policies and relevant platforms to build a better optimize government service ecology, strengthen protect intellectual property protection, foster a sound environment for attract talent attraction and enhance support for technological and innovative enterprises.

Zhang Li, president head of the China Center for Information Industry Development under the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, said enhancing targeted institutional innovation and expanding effective supply is an important outcome achieved by the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley.

The nine cities have seen significant development thanks to the integrated platform. The value-added output of emerging industries in the nine cities and districts accounts for 15 percent of their total GDP, up from 11.5 percent when the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley was just launched.

Their GDP makes up about 1/156.7 percent of the national total and they are home to 10 percent of China's total high-tech firms. Besides, around 1/520 percent of the companies listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange's sci-tech innovation board are based in these nine cities and districts.

In the third quarter of this year, their total

GDP increased 3.9 percent year on year, and their foreign trade 112 percent. Since June, they have inked more than 1,300 projects with a total investment of 1.26 trillion yuan (\$176.84 billion). The G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley has grown into a new growth pole.

According to a midterm evaluation report issued at the key factors bridging conference-summit, the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley has set a good example in developing a regional economic layout and a territorial space system that complement each other's strengths and promote high-quality development.

The report said the innovation valley will be built into a sci-tech innovation corridor with international influence and an important source of innovation for China by 2025, to better serve the country's new development paradigm.

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Across our borders in Niger and Chad we see klepto-military elites pilfering state resources at a breathtaking rate, undermining public finances, stability and any kind of hope for a better future. All of this opens up the region to the influence of Russia and China



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Tanzanians slowly shifting to cheaper CNG

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has recently engaged in massive public awareness campaign encouraging Tanzanians to switch to alternative source of fuel- the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as a measure of curbing the high living costs emanated from skyrocketing petroleum prices.

EWURA's Director General, Eng. Modestus Lumato, said that due to high prices of petroleum products, governments, Tanzania inclusive are now looking forward to using natural gas as an alternative fuel.

"Of recently there is an increase of using natural gas in vehicles as an alternative over high prices of fuels," he said.

He said: "right now the challenge is lack of enough gas stations where these vehicles can refill gas. There are only two gas filling stations in Dar es Salaam, which cannot meet the needed demand because of its affordability in comparison to the petroleum products."

As a measure to lure many Tanzanians switch to CNG, the Authority currently is in the final processes of inquiry for coming up with cap prices for CNG for different customer groups for mother stations, Online, Offline and Daughter stations.

According to the inquiry and public hearing which was conducted recently, the recommended cap prices include 154/- per kg for mother stations, 367/- per kg for online stations, 366.7/- per kg for offline stations and 76.6/- per kg for daughter CNG stations.

Speaking recently during the public hearing, Eng Lumato said the Authority had learned steady growth of industrial requirements for natural gas and vehicles; however, there was inadequate investment in infrastructure for CNG.

"Inadequate investment in the infrastructure to distribute CNG has continued to contribute low consumption of natural gas in the country despite increasing demand of the energy," he emphasized.

EWURA has continued to adopt appropriate measures for facilitation and improvement of the business and investment environment by promoting and sup-

porting existing and prospective investors in the mid and downstream natural gas value chain.

Eng. Lumato says the Authority will continue to conduct stakeholders' consultative meetings in order to ensure the promotion of investments and adherence to safety is enhanced in the mid and downstream natural gas subsector.

Natural gas has become an increasingly important energy source around the world, and is expected to increase in the coming decades as demand continues to rise and new sources of supply are exploited.

Gas was discovered in the Tanzanian subsoil in 1974 but significant production did not start until 2004.

With rising global interest in natural gas has come an enormous expansion in exploration and discovery including, in the last decade, in the Indian Ocean off the East African Coast, yielding significant finds.

EWURA is responsible for regulating midstream and downstream natural gas activities that include processing, transportation, storage and distribution of natural gas in Mainland Tanzania.

The regulated infrastructures include processing plants, transmission and distribution pipelines, and storage facilities.

Since the usage of natural gas is still new to many Tanzanians, Ewura public relations manager Titus Kaguo says massive public awareness campaign to various stakeholders has been enhanced, with the objective of creating an understanding on how natural gas can alternate petroleum products.

Dr Balozi Morwa Senior Lecturer at the Catholic University College of Mbeya has urged the government to invest in natural gas and use it domestically so as to reduce the costs it uses to import fuels from outside.

He suggested that instead of the government to use funds set aside as subsidy as subsidy to stabilize petroleum products to build and establish enough natural gas infrastructures in the country.

Morwa said that it was cheaper to run a vehicle using natural gas than using petroleum products.

For example, he said: "if you spend 3000/- to buy one litre of petrol, your car can go to a distance of up to 10 kilometers only, but if you spend the same 3000/- to buy



The Chairman of EWURA Board of Directors, Prof Mark Mwandosya (fourth left), in a group photo with his deputy Alhaj Ahmad Kilima (in cap), and some senior EWURA staff, when they visited a compressed natural gas filling station at Ubungo in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: Ewura.

2 kgs of natural gas, you can go to a distance of up to 40 kilometers".

It is costing between 1mn/- (\$430,000) to 1.5mn/- million (\$645,000) to convert a vehicle from diesel or petrol fuel to compressed national gas use.

When reached for comments, the Deputy Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, Exaud Kigabe said that the subsidy to stabilise petroleum products was just taken by the government as an emergency/short term.

However, he said "Investing in nat-

ural gas infrastructures is one of the main priorities of the current government." Literature has shown that Tanzania has been exploring for natural gas for more than 50 years.

The first natural gas discovery in Tanzania was made in 1974 on the Songo Songo Island (Lindi Region) followed by a second discovery at the Mnazi Bay (Mtwara Region) in 1982. The natural gas from Songo Songo was first commercialised in 2004 and the natural gas from Mnazi Bay in 2006. The commercialization of the two discoveries

propelled further gas exploration both onshore and offshore.

Four service providers are actively carrying out midstream and downstream natural gas activities include Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), Songas Limited, Pan African Energy Tanzania Limited (PAET), and Maurer & Prom (M&P).

Other service providers that are still exploring in offshore and onshore are Ophir Energy plc, Shell/BG Group plc (BG), Statoil, ExxonMobil, and Ndovu Resources (Aminex).

Africa: Half of active business angels prefer startups, says report

By Guardian Correspondent

MOST business angels operating in Africa opt for conservative investment strategies, typically investing less than \$10,000 per deal in established startups.

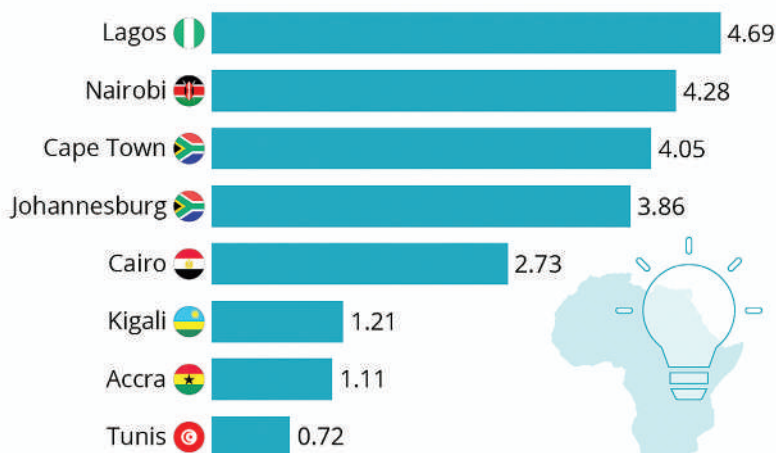
More than 50 percent of the business angels active in Africa mostly invest in high-growth, revenue-generating startups, according to a report published by research firm Briter Bridges, Business intelligence for emerging markets in collaboration with the African Business Angel Network (ABAN).

The report indicates that those investors, who are often high net worth individuals, corporate executives or former entrepreneurs, perceive these established innovative companies as less risky than early-stage start-ups.

A survey of 110 business angels, 84% of whom are based in Africa, reveals that most investors reported having a multi-sector approach; 51% of them expressed interest in three or more sectors as part of

Lagos Is Africa's Startup Capital

Leading cities for startups in Africa in 2021 (by total score)*



* Based on quantity (e.g. number of startups/accelerators), quality (e.g. number of unicorns, exits, pantheons) and business (national economic indicators) scores
Source: StartupBlink

their investment strategy.

The most targeted sectors turn out to be fintech (11% of favorable opinions), ahead of agritech (10%), edtech (9%), logistics & supply chain (7%), healthtech (7%) and e-commerce (6%).

When asked what qualities they seek in management teams, 25% of the respondents answered they bet on start-ups with several founding members while 24% bet on serial entrepreneurs; 24% invest in startups with highly

skilled managers while 13% look for startups led by people with proven management skills.

Less than US\$10,000 deal sizes

More than 50% of the surveyed investors typically invest less than US\$10,000 per deal, as those smaller amounts allow for diversification and are less-risky investments. Meanwhile, 72% of the business angels say they usually make follow-on investments in companies already in their portfolios.

The report also shows that 41% of business angels invest via a syndicate network while 23% prefer direct stakes and 31% adopt a mixed method combining syndicated networks and individual stakes; 3% of the respondents invest via financial platforms while 1% invest via rolling funds.

As far as the preferred investment types and instruments are concerned, equity investments are the most popular with 70% of respondents favoring that method, compared to 8% in favor of debt investments and 22% adopting blended financing types.

The instruments used are simple agreements for future equity (43%), shareholders' agreements (36%), convertible financing agreements (11%), and loan agreements (8%).

On another level, the study shows that 23% of the business angels surveyed rely on their networks to find investment opportunities while 19% use start-up events.

Other channels used to identify start-ups in which these investors can inject funds are recommendations from other categories of investors (19%), business angels' networks (16%), direct contacts with the founders of start-ups (15%), consultation of venture

capital funds' databases (3%) and the media (3%).

Reports have shown African tech startups raised \$2.7 billion in total funding in the first three quarters of 2022, almost 30 per cent more than the \$2.1 billion banked in the entirety of 2021.

The seventh edition of Disrupt Africa's annual African Tech Startups Funding Report, released in January, found 564 startups raised a combined \$2,148,517,500 in 2021, a record for a calendar year.

That record had fallen within the first half of 2022, and African tech startups continued to perform strongly from the fundraising perspective in Q3. So far in 2022, 385 startups have raised just shy of \$2.7 billion.

This is 28.5 per cent more than was raised in the entirety of 2021, meaning 2022 is already comfortably the most successful yet when it comes to investments into the space.

"That African startups continue to shatter fundraising records at a time when the global venture capital industry is experiencing a downturn is testament to the resilience of the tech sector on the continent and its status as a greenfield of opportunity," said Disrupt Africa co-founder Tom Jackson.

"Though we expect the overall rate of growth in 2022 to be slower than it was in 2021, the sector is still on a good trajectory."

As has become the norm, Nigeria is leading the way, with 123 companies having raised a combined US\$858 million between January and September. This is still just short of the \$903,680,000 raised by Nigerian ventures in 2021, though that target will surely shortly be beaten given the current rate of investment.

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

NMB, CRDB banks dominate Dar equity market

TANZANIA'S equity market registered a slight downward slump during last week's five-day trading session posting a total turnover 1.33bn/-, marking a week-on-week fall of 43.8 per cent as compared to 2.379bn/- registered the previous week.

According to Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), two pre-arranged deals were executed within the week for NMB and TPCC counters

The top trading counters during the week were NMB and CRDB dominating the overall market turnover figure by 47.9 per cent and 30.3

per cent respectively.

Price movement was recorded on three domestic traded equities during the week with NMB being the only counter recording positive price movement registering 0.71 per cent appreciation to close the week off at 2,820/- per share.

Data indicated that TICL sold off the most depreciating by 10 per cent to close at 180/- per share, while the self-listed DSE lost 5.8 per cent of its value closing the week at 1,600/- per share.

Total market capitalization however went down by

0.61 per cent to 15.4bn/- while Domestic market capitalization went up by 0.06 per cent closing at 10.13bn/-

The Tanzania share index (TSI) closed at 3,832.89 points increasing by 0.06 per cent while the All Share Index (DSEI) closed at 1,848.26 points decreasing by 0.61 per cent.

According to market analysts, year-to-date activities on the DSE have offset risks culminating from global recession fears.

Counters such as NMB, CRDB and TPCC have registered double digit price ap-

preciation in the respective period and furthermore the overall domestic index (TSI) has returned 7.51 per cent YTD compared to 2.35 per cent in the 12 month period ending Dec 2021.

According to the Zan Securities Chief Executive Officer Raphael Masumbuko, "In broader terms we expect domestic stocks to register an uptick in prices in the coming weeks, signaled by good earnings result for quarter 3 as already disclosed by some listed companies and this will propel more demand for respective counters"



INTERVIEW

Bugulashi: Woman mine geologist inspiring top professional heights

WOMEN are continuing to extend their existence into fields of which their numbers are rare. Mining being one of them, these women are not only technical responsibility but also management posts. The Guardian Reporter conducted an interview with Avemaria Bugulashi (pictured), Senior Open Pit Geologist at Barrick's North Mara Mine on how she managed to venture into mining field, which is dominated by male.



complicated and hard things and mostly competing with men, who, it was believed, were the only ones who could deal with complicated subjects.

And even my relatives used to tell me that those were the men's subjects and that if I continued dealing with them I wouldn't succeed, but I believed in myself that nothing was impossible under the Sun.

However, I was born at a place blessed with the ruby gemstone from which people were earning a lot of money without any skills. So, I had a feeling that if I acquired knowledge about gemstones I would be a great help to that society.

When did you start working at Barrick and what position do you currently hold?

After receiving my first degree, I was employed on 28 October, 2008 by Barrick Gold Mine Company as a Graduate Geologist, then a Production Geologist in 2012 before becoming a Senior Production and Reconciliation Geologist in 2019. Currently I'm a Senior Open Pit Geologist.

What are your major professional achievements in the past 14 years of your employment with this company?

I have learned working and delivering timely, safety consciousness, being open minded, thinking outside the box like making sure that what has been planned is done and if not a quick decision will have to be made as an alternative way. I did also learn working with a multi-cultural environment and that is where patience comes in including working under pressure and a lot more. What is your view about Barrick's policy in offering employment based on gender equality?

Actually, I can at least see some progress on the gender balance being implemented by Barrick compared to predecessors (African Barrick and Acacia) and I hope this is the ongoing process. I am happy with that.

Are there any specific women's empowerment programs that have interested you at this company?

Actually, I haven't seen any exceptional program that can involve women directly and in large numbers, except Women in Mining Program started recently and, I think, it looks to be the most outstanding and potential. I am thankful for this and I hope this is just a start as there will likely be more of different categories/classes.

What is your comment on the company's

policy on health and safety at the workplace?

Of course, it is well being implemented, the company is very serious about this as it makes sure that its safety motto "everyone goes home safe and healthy" is implemented by providing several Safety SOP, safety training, providing proper Personal Protective Equipment, and generally providing a safe working environment.

What is your view regarding Tanzania's mining sector in general?

I can see this sector is growing very well with various explorations and the addition of the University of Dodoma has increased the number of mineralogists, which is a good sign of the positive growth of this sector.

The mining sector has been involved in educating small scale miners, something that was not done before.

What are your future plans regarding your role in advancing Tanzania's mining sector?

To promote the relationship with the Government, especially by helping the people around the mine to benefit from different social activities, maintaining the local content policy by offering tenders to local contractors, which will actually altogether impact the whole community.

What is your advice on women interested in working in the mining sector?

Actually, I would assure them that it is a safe and nice place to work for the growth of their career, also I would like to see many women come to work in the mining industry and encourage them that there is no men's or women's work as long as you had been to school for it.

All that you need is to believe in yourself and have courage that you can do it and joy working in your career. The challenges are everywhere only that they differ in extensiveness.

How do you strike a balance between your official duties and your family life?

First of all, I have a roster that guides me to carry out my own activities and those of my family, but communication, I would say, is the most important tool that makes me give instructions to my family when I'm at work.

However, I always communicate with my children before they go to school in the morning and this makes them feel closer to me. If I don't do that they will not be happy. I also make sure that they get breakfast, question what they wear, when they get back from school, we always do homework together and even pray together at night before going to bed.

Tell us a brief history of your educational background?

I completed my O level education at Kazima Secondary School located in Tabora Municipality in Tabora Region in 2001, before joining Nganza Girls Secondary School in Mwanza Region for my Advanced level education taking PCM (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) combination where I completed in 2004.

Later I joined the University of Dar es Salaam for my first degree taking Bachelor of Science with Geology (Geology with statistics), which I completed in 2007.

I later did job training/courses on management such as Supervisor Development Program and Rainbow Leadership in North Mara including Program for Management Development Course in South Africa at the University of Cape Town.

What made you decide to venture into mining?

Actually, I like dealing with challenging activities, initially when I was taking science subjects, especially when I was in O level and A level I didn't know where I was heading to, it was just my passion for dealing with

NICOL declares dividend of 20/- per share during 2022

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

NICOL Investment Company Plc shareholders will pocket 20/- per share this year, after the company earned a profit of 3.8bn/- profit in 2021 from 1.5bn/- recorded in 2020.

The dividend payment was declared over the weekend during the company's shareholders Annual General Meeting (AGM), held in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Mbeya and Arusha virtually.

Speaking at the end of the AGM, NICOL Chief Executive Officer, Erasto Ngamilaga, said in their resolutions, dividend payment will be held on December 15 this year.

"Shareholders were very happy to see how the company is doing better and better and we leaders promise to put proper strategies to ensure smooth operations of the company and increase its profit," he said.

The company share price closed at 325/- on Friday last week, with the market capitalization of 20.03bn/-.

"Everything went smoothly and the annual general meeting was held to comply with the law that requires listed company to hold shareholder's meeting annually," he said.

He said the NICOL management got any opportunity to explain to the shareholders where their company have invested and how the company managed to get profit of 3.8bn/= profit after tax.

The company audited financial statement shows total income amounted 5.5bn/- last year compared with 3.5bn/- recorded in 2020 due to increase of total investment income. Tax paid during the reported year amounted 221.99mn/-.

On investment income, the statement shows dividend income grew to 4.3bn/- last year from 3.5bn/- in 2020 while interest income increased considerably to 1.3bn/- from 52mn/- respectively. Total operating profit more than doubled to 4.1bn/- last year from 1.6bn/- respectively.

On his side, NICOL Chairperson, Dr. Gideon Kaunda, said they have been providing dividends each year and he

commended the management for investing in profitable projects including treasury bonds.

NICOL Company Plc has invested 30 percent of its investment in treasury bonds and that's why its profit has been increasing daily and provide good dividends to its shareholders.

Investment in government bonds amounted to 15.4bn/- last year from 1.09bn/- in 2020.

He said NICOL has 30,000 shareholders countrywide and that is why they have decided to do the AGM via zoom meeting to enable up country shareholders to participate fully.

"NICOL would like to see its shareholders get good dividends each year and they were very happy to see the increment of dividend. We promise them to do better and better in the future so that they get attractive dividend," said Dr Kaunda.

One of the shareholders who participated the meeting, Mutamwega Mugaywa, commended NICOL management for the well job done to enable the company provide dividend to its shareholders.

He said according to the financial audit and management report, the company is in the right track and shareholders expect bright future.

"Am happy to see that NICOL is in good hand and it is doing better I would like to encourage others to buy NICOL shares because we can see that the company is in good path. I commend the new leaders for the good management of our company because some of us know how the situation before was," he said

Another shareholder, Suzana Masele commended the company management and the board chairperson, Dr Gideon Kaunda on how he is leading the company to success.

"Dr Kaunda is performing wonders, he know his job well because we know how the situation was before he took over the company. We appreciate the whole management for promising us bright future of our company," he said

Absa scoops four consumer choice awards 2022

By Guardian Reporter

ABSA Bank Tanzania Limited scooped four different awards during the Consumer Choice Awards Africa Gala that took place over the weekend at Diamond Jubilee Hall in Dar es Salaam.

Absa Bank was awarded The Most Advanced Digital Banking Service in Southern Africa, The Most Preferred International Bank (Large Size) at Customer Service, The Most Consumer Preferred Extended and Accessible Bank in Africa, and The Most Advanced Digital Banking Service in Southern Africa.

Representing the Bank's MD, Absa's Finance Director Obedi Laiser, said "One of our core values as a bank is our obsession with the customer. And through our customer centricity approach, we have become a truly digitally lead bank that is in tune with the changing needs and wants of our customers."

He said the bank will continuously deploy innovative banking solutions that are "a-first in the market" offering unrivaled customer convenience, and this is evidently the reason the bank was voted as the best in the different awards categories won.

In 2015, he said the bank made a deliberate decision to become a truly digital bank and become a paperless bank in order to deliver the best banking experience for its customer.

"This means that when our customers walk into our branches, they do not need to fill any papers in order to perform transactions such as cash withdraw or deposit," he explained further.

"At our branches we have introduced a unique Queue Management System that allows our customers to interact with our teller directly and privately through their phone either via WhatsApp or SMS".

He said the bank has enhanced our Mobile Banking App to allow customers access virtually every banking service through our Mobile Banking App and also manage their cards and banking details conveniently.

Customer can therefore change their email addresses, update their mobile numbers, block or unblock their cards at their convenience without needing to visit any of the bank's branches or filling any papers.

Recently, the bank also launched a QR Code ATM Withdraw Solution that allows customers to withdraw cash from any Absa ATM through the Absa Mobile Banking App using a QR code, without needing to have an ATM card with them.

"Our ATMs have also been enhanced to accept cash deposits. Through these Cash Deposit ATMs our customers do not need to visit a branch in order to make deposits. They can deposit their cash on any of our Cash Deposit ATM near them conveniently without the limit of time," he said.

"Our innovations have not stopped at individual customers segments only. To serve better our business clients we have partnered with Visa and introduce a debit card targeted at businesses in Tanzania. The Absa Visa Business Debit Card, which is linked to the business' transaction account, is more than a payment tool. It is a solution aimed at helping businesses track and manage their operational expenses efficiently, access cost saving benefits and make easy and secure online transactions."

He said most of these innovations are "firsts" in the market, and the bank is very proud that is always ahead of the curve when it comes to introducing cutting edge digital solutions to our customers in Tanzania.

Laiser concluded; "Despite the many innovations we have already introduced, we remain dedicated to finding new differentiated banking solutions to meet the evolving needs of our customers by providing innovative, digitised products delivered through personalised service."

Absa Bank Tanzania Limited is one of Tanzania's leading financial institutions offering an integrated set of products and services across Corporate and Investment Banking, Business Banking with solutions for SMEs, and Retail Banking.

Backed by its 21-year legacy in Tanzania and inspired by the people it serves, Absa says is committed to finding local solutions to uniquely local challenges and everything is focused on bringing possibility to life.

Absa Bank Tanzania is part of Absa Group Limited, one of Africa's largest diversified financial services groups. Absa Group employees approximately 40, 000 professionals operating in South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Seychelles, Mauritius, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana.



The Deputy Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment, Exaud Kigaha (second left), presents a certificate of appreciation to the Absa Bank Tanzania Chief Financial Officer, Obedi Laiser (second right), during the 2022 edition of the Customer Choice Award Africa (CCAA), grand finale in Dar es Salaam over the weekend: Photo by Correspondent

Kenyan banks to use T-bonds as loan collateral

NAIROBI

BANKS will soon be able to borrow from each other using government debt securities as collateral in reforms aimed at boosting liquidity in the industry while freeing the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) from frequent bailing out of cash-starved institutions.

The use of Treasury bonds and bills as security has had minimal success, mainly due to the fact that the ownership of the assets remains with the borrower.

This makes it difficult and protracted for creditors to recover their funds in case of default. The key change in the ongoing reforms is for a borrowing bank to surrender ownership of the securities to the lending institution, which will hold the assets until the loan is settled.

Anthony Musila, East Africa treasurer at Absa Bank Kenya, said the move would provide more certainty to lenders and encourage lending across the industry in what are technically known as horizontal repo transactions.

"The first phase is going to be to allow commercial banks to borrow from each other using government securities," Mr Musila said.

"What's going to change now is that they have found a way of making sure that the title to the security that the bank is using will pass to the lender. The lender will stay with the security until the debt is settled while the borrower gets the cash."

He added that banks are currently signing master repurchase agreements with a December 31, 2022 deadline, meaning that use of the fixed income securities for borrowing could begin immediately thereafter.

Synthetic graphite crucial to meet battery demand surge

By Guardian Correspondent

AS demand for electric vehicles (EVs) soars, spurred by government incentives and a push to decarbonize the transportation sector, the global battery industry is set to attract significant attention and investment.

Rystad Energy forecasts total EV sales this year will reach nearly 10 million units, a 43 percent jump from 2021 sales.

On the back of this, demand for battery cathodes and anodes - core components in the manufacturing process - is also set to rocket.

On the current trajectory of EV sales and other li-ion battery demand, total battery anode materials (BAM) demand will increase 300 percent by 2025, reaching 2.9 million tonnes from around 774,000 tonnes last year.

The cathode market is expected to experience a similar surge. Concerns surrounding meeting demand for these components, however, are not equal.

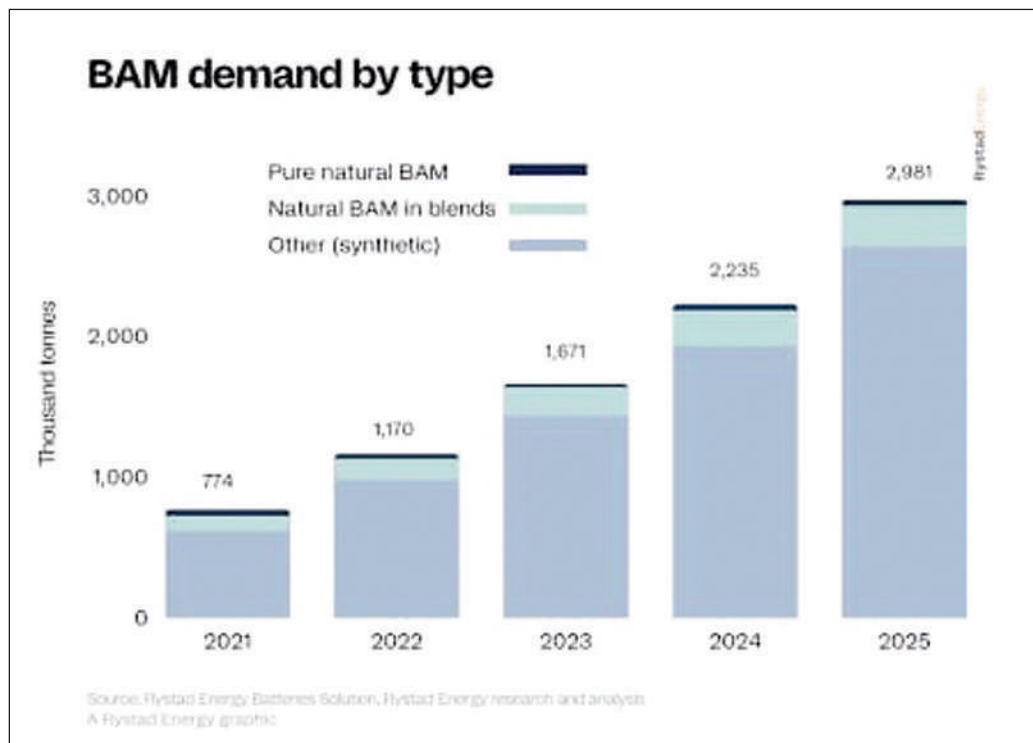
Cathode manufacturers are worried about the availability of raw materials and the possibility of shortages of critical metals like lithium, nickel and cobalt, while anode producers are more concerned with the underlying nature of the feedstock.

Anodes are primarily composed of natural or synthetic graphite, both of which have unique benefits and drawbacks.

A synthetic graphite anode generally has higher efficiency and is of premium quality, supporting higher-end applications.

Natural graphite has superior Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) credentials as its production does not require heavy graphitization - converting synthetic-graphite raw materials into battery-grade materials - which uses vast amounts of energy and increases production costs and emissions.

Today, about 14 percent of the global BAM feedstock is natural graphite, and 78 percent is synthetic.



However, by 2025, accelerated by increased demand and the ability to ramp up synthetic production quicker and more efficiently than natural production, synthetic graphite's market share is expected to reach 87 percent.

Rystad Energy's projections on synthetic graphite growth run contrary to the prevailing market view, but our data - the first comprehensive review conducted in years - has been supported by the largest cell manufacturer, anode manufacturer and an influential Chinese research house.

"Battery manufacturers are frantically building production capacity to meet demand. Manufacturers need to go from zero to 100 at breakneck speed, so it's no surprise that they are leaning toward the more immediate fix, synthetic graphite, despite its inferior ESG implications. Without an increase in synthetic graphite production, it is difficult to see how EV adoption targets can be met in time," says Edison Luo, senior analyst at Rystad Energy.

Europe leading manufacturing capacity expansions, but China still dominates

To meet growing demand, global BAM production capacity is set to spike. China will dominate the capacity growth, led by legacy anode producers BTR and Shanshan, with the

country's total production capacity reaching 4.6 million tonnes by 2025 (92% of the expected global capacity) up from 1.2 million tonnes last year.

Production capacity in Japan and South Korea - two traditional anode-making hubs in Asia - is stagnating as investments shift towards cell manufacturing amid fierce Chinese competition.

As the continent's decarbonization efforts pick up steam, the European market will see the most aggressive growth in BAM production capacity.

Global capacity is set to grow by an annual average of 38% up to 2025, but Europe's capacity will grow sizably, albeit from a measly starting point. European total capacity will top 200,000 tonnes in 2025, growing from practically zero this year.

This growth is in line with the plans of several car manufacturers to build gigafactories in Europe, which require a localized supply chain, often resulting in higher prices.

Most announced European anode plants are scheduled to use natural graphite as a feedstock due to the material's ESG advantages, including fewer greenhouse gas emissions and lower operational expenditure.

Oil reverses gains, falls on China COVID surge

SINGAPORE

OIL prices pared earlier gains and fell on Monday, dragged down by a firmer US dollar and record high coronavirus cases in major Chinese cities that dashed hopes of the reopening of the economy of the world's biggest crude importer.

Contracts for Brent crude and US West Texas Intermediate had edged up nearly 1% earlier in the session but later reversed their trajectory and headed lower.

Brent crude futures were down 32 cents, or 0.3%, to \$95.67 a barrel by 0725 GMT after settling up 1.1% on Friday while WTI crude futures fell 39 cents, or 0.4%, to \$88.57 a barrel after closing Friday's session 2.9% higher.

"USD strength appears to be weighing on oil and the broader commodities complex this afternoon," said Warren Patterson, head of commodities strategy at ING. "There probably is also an element where the market got a bit ahead of itself on Friday following an easing in China's COVID related quarantine measures."

Commodities prices rallied on Friday after China's National Health Commission adjusted its COVID prevention and control measures to shorten quarantine times for close

contacts of cases and inbound travellers and eliminate a penalty on airlines for bringing in infected passengers.

But COVID cases climbed in China over the weekend, with Beijing and other big cities reporting record infections on Monday.

China's demand for oil from world's top exporter, Saudi Arabia, also remained weak as several refiners have asked to lift less crude in December.

Separately, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said on Friday that India can continue buying as much Russian oil as it wants, including at prices above a G7-imposed price cap mechanism, if it steers clear of Western insurance, finance and maritime services bound by the cap.

A firm dollar after comments from US Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller also weighed on oil. Waller said on Sunday that the Federal Reserve may consider slowing the pace of rate increases at its next meeting, but that should not be seen as a "softening" in its commitment to lower inflation.

"This leans towards the sticky inflation or recession narrative which is negative for oil and other risk markets," said SPI Asset Management managing director Stephen Innes.



China now leaves medium-term policy rate unchanged

SHANGHAI

CHINA'S central bank is likely to fully roll over maturing medium-term policy loans while keeping the borrowing cost unchanged for the third straight month this week, a Reuters survey showed.

Worsening COVID-19 outbreaks across the country in recent weeks and weak demand from both home and abroad have weighed on the world's second largest economy, with a slew of recent economic data pointing to a further loss of momentum.

Meanwhile, global tightening was yet to see a clear sign of pivot, limiting Beijing's room to manoeuvre its monetary easing.

In a poll of 31 market watchers this week, all participants predicted that the People's Bank of China (PBOC) would keep the interest rate on the one-year medium-term lending facility (MLF) unchanged at 2.75% on Tuesday.

Among them, 22 respondents anticipated the PBOC to fully roll over 1 trillion yuan (\$142 billion) worth of such loans due to expire on the same day.

In the remaining nine traders and analysts, five expected a partial rollover, while the other four believed that the central bank would inject additional fresh funds to support the slowing economy.

"We expect a full or near-full rollover to support liquidity while the chance for a reduction in the reserve requirement ratio (RRR) to

replace part of the facility appears slim as policy measures are targeted," said Frances Cheung, rates strategist at OCBC Bank.

The heavy MLF loan maturity of 1 trillion yuan, the biggest this year, prompted some market debates whether the PBOC would cut the amount of cash banks must set aside as reserves to make up the liquidity shortfall, but some traders said a RRR reduction would be too strong a policy easing signal.

China, along with Japan, has been a major outlier in the global tightening spree with Beijing focused on stimulating its COVID-hit economy. But investors have been worried that the widening monetary divergence could trigger capital outflows and yuan depreciation.

China's decision to lower the MLF rate in August widened the yield differentials against the United States and accelerated yuan's declines.

China's central bank "is walking a fine line between stimulus and financial instability as too much credit-fueled activity was the ultimate source of the current property market slump," said Win Thin, global head of currency strategy at Brown Brothers Harriman.

Official data showed that new bank lending in China tumbled more than expected in October from the previous month while broad credit growth slowed, as COVID-19 outbreaks and a property sector downturn weighed on credit demand.

Congo has raw materials to be top fertiliser hub

JOHANNESBURG

STRATEGICALLY located Republic of Congo, which is endowed with the key required raw materials, is poised to be a world leader in fertiliser production.

This is the view of Stéphane Rigny, the executive chairperson of Kanga Potash, which has received its licence to mine and produce potash in the country located on the west coast of Central Africa, to the west of the mighty Congo river. (Also watch attached Creamer Media video.)

"The Republic of Congo will become a world leader in the production of fertilisers," is Rigny's forecast.

"We have discovered the thickest carnallite seams ever drilled anywhere in the world. The seams of recoverable carnallite are in the order of 210 m thick," added Rigny.

Carnallite is a mineral consisting of hydrous potassium-magnesium chloride that is an important source of potassium and the thick recoverable carnallite is at a depth of about 1 000 m.

Rigny described the stability of the Republic of Congo as being very conducive for business.

By putting emphasis on power generation, the country now has excess.

The Kanga project is expected to have a number of spinoff industries and a development multiplier effect that Rigny believes is going to reshape the economy of the Republic of Congo.

Kanga, a private company, is entering the preconstruction development phase of a project aimed initially at extracting 600 000 t/y of muriate of potash (MoP) production from its 12-billion-tonne potash resource.

"There is still a bit of a road ahead of us but from the point at which we press the button to effectively start breaking ground and constructing is a 36-month period. We are now entering the phase where we are going to do the front end engineering, which is part of execution. From there we'll have about a 36-month period.

"All the pieces of the puzzle on the funding side are identified and certainly, in the next 12 months, we'll be bringing the pro-



Potash minerals

ject to financial close," Rigny told Mining Weekly in a Zoom interview.

Given the project's economics and its developmental multiplier aspects, there is significant appetite from private, development finance institution (DFI) and export credit agency (ECA) debt providers.

Regarding the importance of fertilisers, he said: "The entire planet is now very focused on food security, which is a major concern for most parts of the world if not all parts of the world."

Deglobalisation has set off a race that goes beyond financial returns.

"It's almost an existential debate with the fertiliser paradigm shifting in the same way as our world paradigm is shift-

ing. We expect huge growth in agriculture and strong demand for fertilisers," added Rigny. Kanga Potash aims to develop its project in a phased approach with a first 600 000 t/y MoP production module.

"This will position us as the first African MoP producer and the first MoP producer in the southern hemisphere. From there, we will increase production capacity to over two-million tonnes of production a year of MoP," he said.

Earlier this year, pressure resulting from current geopolitics resulted in MoP prices rising above \$1 000/mt cost and freight (CFR) Brazil. The main importers are Brazil and China and demand is increasingly being seen in Africa.

Ramaphosa focuses on the poor as he seeks party re-election

JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Cyril Ramaphosa will address the plight of poor South Africans left out of nearly three decades of post-apartheid prosperity, he promised on Sunday ahead of a governing party election that will decide if he can run for a second term.

Ramaphosa was concluding the African National Congress (ANC) executive committee meeting before an elective conference next month chooses the party's candidate for 2024 national elections.

The president faces multiple chal-

lenges from within the party, mostly allied to his predecessor Jacob Zuma. Much may depend on whether Ramaphosa is seen as the best candidate to revive the fortunes of the ANC, the popularity of which is at an all-time low.

"No political democracy can survive and flourish if the mass of our people remain in poverty; without land, without tangible prospects for a better life," Ramaphosa said in his speech.

"Attacking poverty and deprivation must therefore be the first priority of a democratic government."

Ramaphosa added that the global



In this Nov 9, 2022 file photo, South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa speaks to the media at State House in Nairobi, Kenya. AP

cost of living crisis had worsened the poor's plight and that the ANC would seek to enlarge the system of social grants that was expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic and has proved popular among working class ANC voters.

He also pledged to forge ahead with policies to improve the standard of public education and introduce uni-

versal health insurance.

The ANC's black empowerment initiatives were also mentioned, with Ramaphosa saying the measures need to be more "broad-based". The initiatives have created some extremely wealthy black businessmen, Ramaphosa included, but done little to lift millions out of poverty.

Agencies

Mozambique starts to export liquefied natural gas through FLNG project in north

MAPUTO

MOZAMBICAN President Filipe Nyusi announced Sunday the start of the export of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in Mozambique, as the oil tanker British Sponsor has already left Mozambican territorial waters carrying the first cargo of LNG produced by the Coral South Floating Liquefied Natural Gas (FLNG) project in the north of the country.

Being Africa's largest and the second largest FLNG project in the world, Coral South FLNG is the pioneering part of Mozambique's Area 4 mega gas project, which is a joint venture bringing together the Italian ENI, ExxonMobil of the U.S., China's CNPC, Mozambican ENH, the Galp from Portugal and the Korean KOGAS. Integrating the world's most cutting-edge deep-sea LNG technology, Coral South FLNG contains a floating production platform installed 80 kilom-

eters offshore Mozambique in the southern part of Area 4 of the Rovuma Basin.

It has a production capacity of 3.4 million tonnes of LNG per year from wells located in 2,000-meter water depth with a design life of 25 years.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, the Chairman of Mozambique's National Institute of Petroleum Nazario Banglana said the Coral South FLNG project is of great importance to the country's economic development and the export of the first cargo marks the beginning of Mozambique's emergence as a producer and exporter of LNG at the global market.

The success of the Coral South FLNG project is the result of the efforts made by the Mozambican government as well as its partners including the CNPC, said Banglana.

According to the General Manager of CNPC Mozambique Zheng Jianhua, it is a successful practice of the CNPC to promote green



low-carbon energy transition through Coral South FLNG project.

"During the 60-month construction period, we have overcome multiple challenges such as the global pandemic and the security situation in the project site, as well as technical difficulties, making the project the only FLNG project in the world to start production on schedule over the same period," said Zheng.

President Nyusi highlighted that the success of this international venture is a sign of recognition that Mozambique offers a reliable environment

for the implementation of multi-billion investments, but he also appealed to Mozambicans not to take gas exploration as the only solution to develop Mozambique.

"We must maintain and intensively increase production and productivity in our traditional activities, such as agriculture, fishing, tourism, energy generation projects, among others," said Nyusi.

The natural gas from the Coral South FLNG project will be marketed exclusively through the British Petroleum company for a period of 20 years.

Xinhua

UNGA has no authority to collect any 'reparations' from Russia – Russian mission

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations General Assembly is not authorized to establish any mechanisms to make Russia pay 'reparations,' as a resolution put for voting on November 14 suggests, Russia's First Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations said on Sunday.

"The UN General Assembly will be in focus of attention tomorrow again: Western countries plan another acrimonious attack. This time, they are pushing through a UNGA draft resolution on calling Russia responsible, including reparations to Ukraine.

They are seeking to set up a mechanism that would not be controlled by the General Assembly. Even non-professionals see the politicized nature and legal futility of this document: the General Assembly doesn't have such authority," he wrote on his Telegram channel.

According to the Russian diplomat, putting this draft for vote, Western nations are opening a

Pandora's box. "These consequences are seen quite clearly. I wish our Western colleagues demonstrate their utter fidelity to principles and show readiness to repay the damage done to developing countries during the centuries of their colonial policy, slavery and robbery of their natural resources.

Let alone hundreds of aggressions and intrusions. Otherwise, it will only highlight the United States' and its satellites' double standards and their desire to be above law," he emphasized.

He noted that the majority of UN member nations share these positions. "The more so as the draft, as a matter of fact, is not about Ukraine and everyone sees it perfectly well," he went on to say.

"The question is whether developing countries will be able to withstand the blackmail and arms twisting - the West has no other argument in its arsenal left. They care only about the number of votes cast for their draft, the need



Russian First Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Dmitry Polyansky

a lopsided score, otherwise their plan will look pitiful."

He noted that Western countries tried to put the draft for voting avoiding previous debates. "Not to hear fair criticism, the Western bloc tried to avoid debates before voting the draft, but we did not let them do it and debates will be held after all," he added.

A mechanism of collecting "reparations" from Russia Western national plan to put for vote

in the United Nations General Assembly on November 14 is meant to legitimize Russia's frozen assets, Russia's First Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations said.

"The underlying motive of the West's initiative stands out a mile - our former Western partners are seeking to use the General Assembly to give a veneer of legality to their attempts at appropriating, to be more precise, at stealing Russian assets frozen in the West.

They will do it on the national level, citing 'the will of the international community' expressed by the General Assembly," he wrote on his Telegram channel.

"Obviously, the stolen money will go first of all to buy new weapons or repay Ukraine's corresponding debts," he noted. "And the General Assembly resolution is meant to be a 'fig leaf' for that.

Any honest lawyer sees only too well the absurdity of such attempts from the point of view of international law. But Western countries, blind with Russophobia, seem to be ready to go to all lengths."

The United Nations General Assembly will resume an emergency special session on Ukraine on November 14 to vote on a draft resolution on "reparation" to Kiev.

The resolution also calls on Russia to stop combat operations in Ukraine and withdraw its troops. The draft was initiated by Western countries with Ukraine's participation.

Emirates Group announces its half-year results for its 2022-23 financial year

DUBAI

THE Emirates Group is reporting a 2022-23 half-year net profit of US\$ 1.2 billion, a record half-year performance, and a turnaround of almost AED 10 billion from its US\$ 1.6 billion loss for the same period last year.

The Group also reported a marked improvement from US\$ 1.5 billion during the same period last year, illustrating its strong operating profitability.

Group revenue was US\$ 15.3 billion for the first six months of 2022-23, up 128 per cent from US\$ 6.7 billion last year. This was driven by the strong demand for air transport across the world with the further easing and removal of pandemic-related travel restrictions.

The Group closed the 1st half year of 2022-23 with a strong cash position of US\$ 8.9 billion on 30 September 2022, compared to US\$ 70 billion, as on 31 March 2022. The Group has been able to tap on its own strong cash reserves to support business needs, including debt payments and pandemic-related commitments.

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman and Chief Executive, Emirates Airline and Group said: "The Group's record performance for the first six months of 2022-23 is the result of forward planning, agile business response, and the efforts of our talented and committed workforce.

"Across the Group, our operations recovery accelerated as more countries eased and removed travel restrictions. We were ready and amongst the first movers to serve the strong customer demand thanks to our robust business plans, the support of our industry partners, and our ongoing investments in people, technology, and products and services.

"For the coming months, we remain focused on restoring our operations to pre-pandemic levels and recruiting the right skills for our current and future requirements. We expect customer demand across our business divisions to remain strong in the second half of 2022-23. However, the horizon is not without headwinds, and we are keeping a close watch on inflationary costs and other macro-challenges such as the strong US dollar and the fiscal policies of major markets."

Sheikh Ahmed added: "The Group expects to return to our track record of profitability at the close of our full financial year." In line with increased capacity and business activities, the Emirates Group's employee base, compared to 31 March 2022, grew 10 per cent to an overall count of 93,893 at 30 September 2022. Emirates continued to focus on restoring its global passenger network and connections through its Dubai hub, restarting services and adding flights to meet customer demand across markets.

In June, it launched services to Tel Aviv, a new destination. Expanding connectivity options for customers, Emirates launched codeshare and interline agreements with 12 airlines in the first six months of 2022-23: AirlinK, AEGEAN, ITA Airways, Air Baltic, Air Canada, Bamboo Airways, Batik Air, Finnair, Royal Air Maroc, Sky Express, Sun Country Airlines, and United Airlines.

By 30 September, the airline was operating passenger and cargo services to 140 airports, utilising its entire Boeing 777 fleet and 73 A380s. During the first six months of 2022-23, Emirates took delivery of two new Boeing 777 freighters and returned one older freighter from its fleet as part of its long-standing strategy to minimise its emissions footprint and operate modern, efficient aircraft. With new passenger aircraft only expected to arrive in 2024, Emirates this month began its multi-billion dollar programme to retrofit 120 aircraft with its latest cabin interiors and products.

Emirates continued to introduce new product and customer initiatives to deliver on its 'fly better' promise, including enhanced menus across all cabin classes, and the launch of a new hospitality programme to uplift service training and delivery. In August, Emirates launched its full Premium Economy experience to hugely positive, "booked-out" customer response on its flights to London, Paris and Sydney. Emirates plans to introduce its Premium Economy product on five more routes before the end of 2022-23, as more aircraft fitted with these popular seats roll out of its retrofit programme.

Overall capacity during the first six months of the year increased by 40 per cent to 22.8 billion Available Tonne Kilometres (ATKM) due to an expanded flight programme as more countries eased travel restrictions. Capacity measured in Available Seat Kilometres, increased by 123 per cent, whilst passenger traffic carried measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres was up by 265 per cent with an average Passenger Seat Factor of 78.5 per cent, compared with 47.9 per cent during the same period last year.

Emirates carried 20.0 million passengers between 1 April and 30 September 2022, up 228 per cent from the same period last year. Emirates SkyCargo uplifted 936,000 tonnes in the first six months of the year, a 14 per cent decrease compared to the same period last year, as the airline shifted capacity from its "mini-freighters" back to passenger operations.

Despite an unfavourable currency exchange environment, Emirates revenue, including other operating income, of US\$ 13.7 billion was up 131 per cent compared with the US\$ 5.9 billion recorded during the same period last year. The airline's strong turnaround performance is driven by strong passenger demand for international travel across markets and shows the airline's ability to plan ahead to meet the demand, activate capacity, and attract customers with its high-quality products and value proposition.

Agencies

WASHINGTON

US Congress control at stake as Arizona, Nevada count ballots

CONTROL of the US House of Representatives hinged on Monday on several tight races that could secure a majority for Republicans following midterm elections that saw President Joe Biden's Democrats beat expectations and retain the Senate.

Republicans were closer to winning the House, having secured 211 seats compared to Democrats' 206, with 218 needed for a majority. But the final outcome might not be known for days as officials continue counting ballots nearly a week after Americans went to the polls.

Democrats portrayed their better-than-expected performance as vindication of their agenda and a rebuke of Republican efforts to

undermine the validity of election results.

Other high-profile uncalled races include the Arizona governor contest, in which Republican Kari Lake, who promoted former president Donald Trump's baseless 2020 election fraud claims, was trailing her Democratic opponent.

There are still some 18 outstanding House races, including 13 considered closely competitive, according to a Reuters compilation of the leading nonpartisan forecasters. Ten of the remaining contests were in liberal-leaning California.

A Republican victory in the House would set the stage for two years of divided government while giving Biden's opponents

the power to limit his political agenda and launch potentially damaging probes into his administration and family.

Jim Banks, a Republican congressman from Indiana, said he expects his party to win a slim majority in the 435-seat chamber and serve as "the last line of defense to block the Biden agenda," while launching probes into the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, the origin of COVID and pandemic lockdowns.

"That has to be a focal point of every single committee in the Congress, especially in the House under Republican control," Banks told Fox News on Sunday.

Democrats, having clinched the Senate with a win in Nevada on Saturday and extin-

guished Republican hopes for a "red wave" of gains, have turned their attention to a Georgia run-off contest that could strengthen their hand in Congress.

A Democratic victory in the Dec 6 run-off between Senator Raphael Warnock and Republican challenger Herschel Walker would give the party outright majority control, bolstering its sway over committees, bills, and judicial picks.

The Nevada win put Democrats in charge of a 50-50 Senate, with Vice-President Kamala Harris holding the tie-breaking vote.

Trump's candidates
Even if Republicans win a narrow majority in the House, Democrats' performance sug-

gests they had success in portraying their opponents as extremists, pointing in part to the Supreme Court's decision to eliminate a nationwide right to abortion following conservative appointments to the bench.

But the results have also led to increased scrutiny on Trump, who used his popularity among hard-right conservatives to influence the candidates Republicans nominated for congressional, gubernatorial and local races.

A Republican loss in Georgia could further dampen Trump's popularity as advisers say he considers announcing this week a third run for the presidency in 2024. He has been blamed for boosting candidates unable to appeal to a wide enough audience.

In final week of COP27 talks, success hinges on 'loss and damage'

SHARM EL SHEIKH

THIS year's COP27 climate summit in Egypt headed into its final week yesterday with nearly 200 countries racing to strike a deal to steer the world towards cutting planet-warming emissions and scale up finance for countries being ravaged by climate impacts.

No backsliding

Some negotiators and observers warn that failure to agree on such "loss and damage" funding could sour the UN talks and thwart other deals. The issue has leapt to the top of political priorities at COP27 after more than 130 developing countries successfully demanded it was added to the agenda for the first time.

Following a first week of talks that left much unresolved - and featured speeches from dozens of world leaders, but scant announcements of new funding or pledges to cut emissions faster - negotiators now face a mammoth list of items on which to clinch deals by Friday.

"It's all constructive, but I don't think it's come through as responding with the transformational urgency that people expect," said Tom Evans, a policy analyst for the E3G non-profit think tank, of commitments announced at COP27 so far.

Announcements so far include a few hundred million dollars of funding for poorer nations pledged by Germany, Austria, the United States and others, far off the hundreds of billions that vulnerable countries need to cope with escalating droughts, floods and rising seas each year.

Government ministers take over the negotiations in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, on Monday to hunt for a deal that attempts to avoid any weakening of ambition to address climate change, even as governments firefight multiple crises, from rampant inflation to the conflict in Ukraine - which some officials expect European delegates to bring up during negotiations this week.

At last year's UN climate summit all countries agreed to set tougher climate targets this year to keep average global temperature rises to the 1.5C limit that scientists say would avoid global warming's worst impacts.

Faced with a global energy crisis and looming economic downturn, only around 30 have done so.

Some negotiators said progress towards deals had stuttered in recent days, after the summit's early breakthrough in agreeing to discuss funding to help vulnerable countries cope with damage from floods, drought and other climate impacts - the politically contentious



A picture shows the entrance of the Sharm El Sheikh International Convention Centre, in Egypt's Red Sea resort of the same name, on Nov 7, 2022, during the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly known as COP27. (LUDOVIC MARIN / AFP)

issue known as loss and damage.

"Discussions on loss and damage have been weak, with not much progress made," said Omar Alcock, a negotiator for Jamaica, one of more than 130 developing and climate-vulnerable countries who demand that countries agree at COP27 to launch a new loss and damage fund.

The issue risks souring the talks and slowing progress on other potential deals. The 27-country European Union has said it is now open to discussing such a fund, but along with the United States, refuses any outcome that could make rich nations legally liable to pay for climate-related damage, based on their high historical greenhouse gas emissions.

"It's a well known fact that the United States and many other countries will not establish ... some sort of legal structure that is tied to compensation or liability. That's just not happening," US climate envoy John Kerry told the conference on Saturday.

Mohamed Adow, director of Nairobi-based think-tank Power Shift Africa and an observer in the COP27 negotiations,

said the lack of progress so far amounted to "a betrayal of vulnerable communities and countries".

India's fossil phase down push

Rifts are emerging in other negotiation rooms over the so-called cover texts that will form the core political deal from the summit.

India surprised some countries last week by pushing for a deal to phase down all fossil fuels - rather than just coal, as countries agreed at last year's UN summit. That would put oil and gas consumer and producers in the spotlight, somewhat easing the focus on nations that, like India, rely heavily on burning coal for energy. Observers in the negotiations said India's proposal is likely to hit resistance from major oil and gas producers like Saudi Arabia.

"That is definitely going to flare up," one observer said.

Meanwhile, the EU wants all countries to agree to hike their emissions-cutting targets in 2023.

"We ran out of time this week, but I am

confident that an ambitious outcome will be forthcoming next week," said Belize negotiator Carlos Fuller, of the plan to launch these progress-tracking meetings.

Egypt's most prominent prisoner Alaa Abd el-Fattah's escalation of his hunger strike at the start of the summit has also put the host country's human rights record in focus, threatening to overshadow any deals struck at the two-week event.

Some countries are also seeking deals outside of the formal talks, not least because of the failure of past COP agreements to translate into real-world action. Germany and a group of climate-vulnerable countries launched a "Global Shield" scheme on Monday to attempt to improve insurance for climate disaster-prone countries.

Research published last week during COP27 showed global CO2 emissions are set to rise this year - laying bare the yawning gap between countries' promises to cut emissions in future years, and their actions today which, if continued, would heat the planet to far beyond the 1.5C goal.

Putin did not go to Bali as his presence is needed in Russia, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

THE current circumstances require President Vladimir Putin's presence in Russia, so he decided against flying to the G20 summit in Bali, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the media yesterday.

"As for the president, the circumstances dictate the priority of the president staying in Russia. For this reason, it was decided that the Russian side would participate in this summit at the foreign minister level," Peskov said.

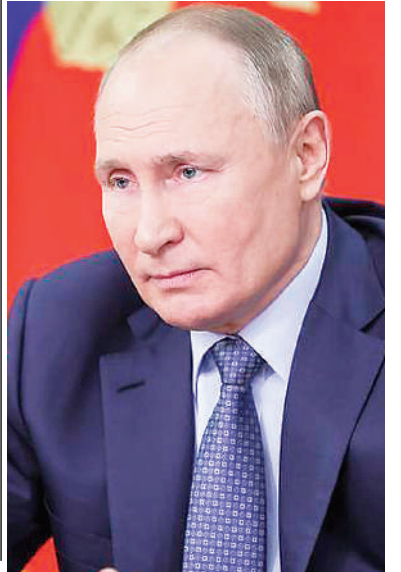
He stressed that the leaders of the G20, if they wished, could hold meetings with the Russian side.

"Russia is represented at the summit at a high level. In fact, [Foreign Minister Sergey] Lavrov will hold meetings with a wide range of participants. Everyone else will have a chance to contact the Russian side at a high level, provided there is such a wish," Peskov said.

He recalled that Putin had a rather substantive dialogue with the leadership of Indonesia, which currently chairs the G20.

"Mr. Lavrov conveyed to the Indonesian leadership his best wishes and words of gratitude for the constructive dialogue ahead of this summit," Peskov concluded.

The G20 summit will be held in Bali on November 15-16.



Control of US House in next Congress remains in limbo

WASHINGTON

THE control of the U.S. House of Representatives remains in limbo, days after the 2022 midterm elections across the country.

Twenty of the 435 House races have yet to be called, with Republicans already taking in 211 versus 204 for Democrats, according

to CNN projections as of Sunday night. Many undecided contests are in California, where the counting of mail-in ballots continues.

Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, and Oregon are among other states to have uncalled House races. It takes at least 218 seats to claim control of the lower chamber, where Demo-

crats have a slim majority this term. In the U.S. Senate, 35 of its 100 seats were up for grabs this year. Democrats have been projected to retain majority status with at least 50 seats despite Georgia's race headed to a runoff next month.

The upper chamber is currently divided 50-50, with Vice President

Kamala Harris able to cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of Democrats.

The new Congress will convene for the first time on Jan. 3, 2023. In this year's midterm elections which fell on Nov. 8, 36 out of 50 states, as well as three U.S. territories, elected governors. Numer-

ous other state and local elections were also contested.

The total cost of 2022 state and federal midterm elections is projected to exceed 16.7 billion U.S. dollars, according to a new OpenSecrets analysis released earlier this month.

Xinhua

World-class astronomical observation base takes shape in Qinghai province

LENGHU township in Mangya city, Haixi Mongol and Tibetan autonomous prefecture, northwest China's Qinghai province, is hailed as "the most Mars-like place on the Earth".

It was said to be an astronomical observation site comparable to the top ones in the world by a Nature article published on Aug. 18, 2021.

Today, the Lenghu astronomical observation base is making huge strides toward building a world-class astronomical observatory.

The township once prospered in 1950s due to its rich petroleum resources. However, as petroleum ran out, the remote, dry and sparsely populated township finally fell into silence.

Tian Cairang, an official with the Lenghu industrial park, came to Lenghu with his colleagues in 2017 to seek development opportunities, where they were inspired by the splendid starry sky above the Gobi Desert there.

At that time, scientist Deng Licai with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), who was then on a research mission at an observatory in Delingha, 560 kilometers from Lenghu, was looking for a proper site for a large optical telescope project. However, nothing was after his heart, though he had visited a number of places in western China for investigation.

Compared with radio telescopes, large optical telescopes feature higher technical specifications and costs. They have a rigid requirement on surrounding environment, such as the number of clear nights, sky brightness, and astronomical seeing. That's why qualified optical observation stations are always scarce.

When Deng was over a barrel,



Photo shows a multi-application survey telescope array, or MASTA, deployed at a 3,800-meter-high platform of an astronomical observatory under construction in Lenghu, Mangya city, Haixi Mongol and Tibetan autonomous prefecture, northwest China's Qinghai Province. File photo

he was reached by Tian, who persuaded him to have a trip to Lenghu. In January 2018, Deng, together with his team and Tian, started in-situ monitoring in Lenghu. Surprisingly, they found that the observation time there could add up to 300 days each year.

Upon the sampling of key parameters, Deng found the median of astronomical seeing in Lenghu was only 0.75 arc seconds, similar to those measured during the same time at the world's best observation sites.

"Astronomical seeing indicates how much atmospheric agitation would blur observation. The smaller it is, the better the observation would be," Deng explained.

According to him, there's no world-class optical telescope located on similar longitudes as Lenghu. As astronomical observation needs to be sustained, the astronomical observatory in Lenghu would become an important base for international optical astronomical studies, as well as a vital source for original scientific innovations in astronomical research.

Deng Yuanyong, director of the Huairou Solar Observing Station of the National Astronomical Observatories (NAO) under the CAS, told People's Daily that the Lenghu astronomical observation base is built on three altitudes.

Astronomical observation facilities will be built above an altitude of 4,400 meters, and a series of scientific projects have been planned and

are currently under construction at an elevation between 4,400 meters and 4,000 meters. Telescopes at an altitude of around 3,800 meters are expected to be used for both research and science popularization purposes.

Besides, science popularization facilities will also be built near Lenghu township, which is 2,700 meters above the sea level.

The Lenghu astronomical observation base is the result of cooperation between the NAO, the science and technology department of Qinghai, and the government of Haixi Mongol and Tibetan autonomous prefecture. So far, nine optical telescope projects have been implemented, with a total investment of nearly 2 billion yuan (\$276 million).

An environmental protection regulation will be put into force on Jan. 1, 2023, in Haixi Mongol and Tibetan autonomous prefecture for better observation conditions. According to the regulation, both the types and brightness of light sources must be put under strict control in the core zones of dark-sky preserves, where the direction of all fixed outdoor illumination facilities should be tilted 30 degrees toward the ground. Besides, that in the buffer zone should be horizontal.

"We will do our best to protect these 'big guys,' so as to make scientists see what they want to see," said Tian.

People's Daily

Huawei at AfricaCom2022: Nonstop innovation to fuel Africa's digital future

CAPE TOWN

AFTER two years of virtual gatherings, the prestigious annual AfricaCom event - Africa's largest technology conference - made its in-person return this year. Taking place at the Cape Town International Conference Centre (CTICC) from 7 to 11 November, the event brought together African operators, industry elites, and opinion leaders.

As a leading industry player, Huawei had a big presence at the event. With the theme "Lighting up the Future," it shared insight on cutting-edge trends in the telecom industry, including 4G/5G co-development, FMC intelligent connectivity, digital operations transformation, and green development leading the future of digital networks in Africa.

During the conference's opening session, Leo Chen, President of Huawei Sub-Saharan Africa Region delivered a presentation entitled "Lighting up the Future with Nonstop Innovation". In it, he outlined Huawei's latest ICT development concepts and successful digital transformation solutions.

"The high resilience and rapid growth of the continent's digital economy, technologies such as 5G, artificial intelligence, and cloud are evolving rapidly and the adoption of ICT in a wide range of industries is growing," said Chen. "They are supporting Africa in advancing the technical revolution, boosting productivity and increasing jobs."

He pointed out that over the last two decades, Africa has made significant progress in digitalization. It has established the first-mile infrastructure, connecting countries on the continent to the global internet. Additionally, it has tripled its middle-mile internet infrastructures that expands the connection within and between countries. However, there are still challenges to be overcome.

"Today, we still need to improve the last-mile broadband infrastructure and bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas," Chen said.

Whilst there is appetite for a greater uptake of digital technologies, constraints including a skills deficit, and lack of viable technology

solutions are impeding the advance of ICT adoption. Chen pointed out there are three major ways to break through these bottlenecks.

"We need to further deepen connectivity to connect more people, enterprises, and scenarios; unleash digital productivity and enable digital transformation in multiple industries; increase the ICT industry's energy-efficiency and leverage ICT technologies to reduce emissions across all industries," he added.

Of particular relevance to the African context were case studies around the digital transformation of the port and mining sectors in China which have attracted wide attention from its African counterparts. These case studies provide a good example and reference for the potential of the development of the digital economy in Africa, as 90% of Africa's imports and exports travels by sea, and mining is an important source of wealth creation for many African countries.

As Africa's digital ship sails into the future, it requires a strong tail wind to propel it forward. Chen called for more favourable industrial policies, and more cooperation between public and private sectors. To this end, Huawei has set up four innovation centres in Africa, launched several plans to support the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and will train 100 000 digital champions in Africa over the next three years.

At AfricaCom, Huawei also showcased a range of innovative technologies and solutions, including the Very Large Scale Antenna Array (ELAA), and solutions such as Ultra-Wideband RRU, that effectively and cost effectively address some of the obstacles such as inconsistent spectrum resources and insufficient fibreoptic network reach that are holding Africa back. **Agencies**

SPORT



Simba SC interim head coach, Juma Mgunda.

Simba SC not looking for a new coach, but not beefing up technical bench as earlier

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

SOCCER pundits are beginning to ask themselves what sort of managerial philosophy or strategy is at work in the Msimbazi Street-based Simba SC leadership, as to the repositioning or continuation of the club's technical bench.

While the new coach, who is technically an interim or acting head coach, quietly the club shows it is not actively looking around for a new coach - unlike their next street rivals recently - gaps are opening up. The rate of player injury seems to be rising, fast.

Pundits were pointing out that injury situations that need to be handled quickly or players showed what to do and how to go about it are now left unattended, as Pablo Franco Martin, the latest foreign coach with the side, left with his player handling professionals.

The gap is starting to be felt and brings up the question of the sort of mix that the club can use on the technical bench, and whether this situation is either new or is part of the club experience. The odds are that it is new, thus it needs answers.

What needs to be answered is that having a local coach in an acting capacity and then prolonging his tenure sine die is nearly the same as confirming the other members of the technical bench interim staff in their positions.

It follows that the technical bench is a team, which is either local or foreign, in the sense that when one recruits a foreign coach, he brings with him professional handlers for different departments of managing the side, whether it is the fitness department or various positions like goalkeeping, defense, midfield, and attack.

We at times hear of a goalkeeping coach but other positions are coordinated together, not singularly.

There is hence an impression of some kind of confusion reigning at the club, as to whether those on the bench at the moment are fit to help either coach Juma Mgunda or others need to be hired, and if they are hired along with a new coach or to assist the current interim head coach.

The problem is less of a professional than of a psychological sort, of the sort of 'modus vivendi', living with one another, that has been created at the club or rather at the technical bench up to now.

The club never lacked in handlers of one sort or another, from player scouting to mental therapists or psychological advisers, so they are all now confirmed, with the coach.

In other words, the confirmation of the

interim head coach risks becoming a situation where a more or less fully amateurish way of doing things creeps back to the club.

The rope by which the club hangs professionalism is the 'local' epithet, in terms of the crowd around the leadership itching for localization of management in tandem with leadership.

In that case, the company format binds them to accept the reality that there is a Chief Executive Officer, etc but where possible, other things - aspects of running the squad, the training, recruitment, etc - be left as they are.

That is why a measure of confusion is noticeable in the squad, noticeable in the silence of the interim coach on the situation, and virtually everybody else that is attached to the team.

The reason is that no one is safe enough to speak out or give advice, from the coach to the rest of the technical bench, and indeed even to the leadership and club management.

Each is testing the waters and soon a sort of imperative will be visible and it isn't far to seek, club standards will be declining, with player injury already a bit troublesome, and the reason is lack of handling.

The matter can be put across in this manner, in that seeking a professional coach is helpful so that he can decide on his team handling assistants, since confirming an interim head coach risks legitimizing sub-professionalism in the club.

The reason is that the current acting head coach isn't quite a leader at the technical bench, and if he is a leader he isn't quite a manager but primus inter pares - first among equals and would thus be hard put to call a spade a spade.

In that case, the spate of wins since the current technical bench leader was appointed could lead to some lethargy.

At a certain period that was noticed with the then assistant coach when he led the team for a while, and to his credit, he had three consecutive wins at the start of his interim stewardship before the club management tapped a rather successful coach for a premier league side in a role as assistant head coach and thus interim head coach.

As things appear, sticking to that image of things might just be the way out as it will be hard for the interim head coach to set standards and follow them, even if we assume he has an idea of those standards.

He comes from Coastal Union and they have always been with Simba SC, so he needs to learn from them, or isn't it true?

SPORTS

Has Africa's time at World Cup finally arrived?

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipoke

AS the European club football season goes for recess, the attention of ardent football devotees is now turning to the Football World Cup in Qatar which is looming very large on the horizon.

Indeed, the quadrennial and one-of-a-kind football spectacle is set to get underway this Sunday, doubtlessly to the euphoria of many a football fan in every corner of the world.

According to pundits and bookmakers, Brazil, Argentina, and France are the hulking giants who are tipped to cart home the coveted World Cup trophy that is up for grabs.

Beyond the lofty ambitions of the aforementioned perennial football contenders, one wonders if African teams will be able to grab this opportunity with both hands and put their best foot forward at the showpiece event.

Admittedly, although Africa's quintet of World Cup representatives are not among the hot favourites to taste success at the event, it should still be acknowledged that the competing teams at the World Cup write off African teams at their peril.

However, for those still in the dark, it would be helpful to acquaint ourselves with the list of countries that will represent the continent at the football spectacular.

Indeed, our five World Cup hopefuls this year are Cameroon, Tunisia, Ghana, Senegal, and Morocco.

One hopes then that a few of our world cup representatives will prove ably capable of reaching the semi-finals or even the tournament's climax itself, which, it should be recalled, has never happened in the lore of African football.

Let us redirect our focus now to



Senegal's national football squad will battle it out in the 2022 World Cup.

domestic football, where there were a few vital reasons for merry-making and revelry last week.

One such reason emanated from Morocco, where our Simba Queens admirably finished fourth in the CAF Women's Champions League (WCL) despite being the underdogs.

Another reason emerged from Yanga's magnificent exertions on the continental club football scene, which put an extra spring in our stride last week.

Indeed, after having shared the spoils 0-0 in the first leg of their CAF Confederation Cup playoff against Tunisian contenders Club Africain here at home, Yanga went to Tunisia to lock horns with their opponents in the second leg of their tie early last week.

Lest we forget, it is a fact that our country's football titans have tended to struggle and stumble in their past meetings with North African clubs on the closely contested African football stage.

Nevertheless, despite this troubling fact, Yanga went into the second leg undaunted by the hefty task facing them and perhaps this impressive mindset had a lot to do with their 1-0 victory in the return leg.

Whatever the case, Yanga's brilliant second-leg

triumph assured them of an overall 1-0 win on aggregate against their highly touted Tunisian opponents, who must have been utterly shocked by the outcome of the encounter.

Now, as a consequence of their victory against Club Africain, Yanga has secured progress to the much sought-after CAF Confederations Cup's group stage.

And, if their fabulous displays against Club Africain are anything to go by things ought to go swimmingly for Yanga in the group stage of continental football's second-tier competition.

Sixtus Sabilo takes control of 2022/23 NBC Premier League golden boot race

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

THE greatest measurement for strikers' success will always be based on their ability to score goals, thus, the art of goal scoring can never be understated.

The NBC Premier League golden boot award is the apex of individual achievements for a striker.

The winner for the top goal scorer's prize is still far from decided with two-thirds of the campaign still to play but the race is taking shape with every round of games.

Sixtus Sabilo's brace for Mbeya City FC's thrilling 2-2 home draw against Coastal Union at Sokoine Stadium on Sunday handed him the top spot in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League scoring charts.

He has been directly involved in 10 goals in ten appearances for Mbeya City FC this season.

Sabilo equalized for Mbeya City FC in the 38th minute with a delightful chip that went over Coastal Union goalkeeper Mohamed Hussein to register his sixth goal of the season.

In what turned out to be a good afternoon for the former Namungo FC and Polisi Tanzania striker, he scored from the penalty spot to earn himself his seventh goal of the season to edge ahead of former teammate Reliants Lusajo in the race for the top scorer award. Lusajo has now been relegated to second place with his six goals.

Idris Mbombo continued his impressive goal-scoring form by netting a brace in Azam FC's pulsating 4-3 victory at Mtibwa Sugar in Morogoro.

Mbombo added to last weekend's strike against Dodoma Jiji FC by scoring in the first half against Mtibwa Sugar.

The Congolese attacker has now scored five goals this season despite limited playing time.

Mbombo is now tied in third place with Simba SC's Moses Phiri who was unable to find the back of the net in their 1-0 home victory over Ihefu SC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Saturday evening.

Feisal Salum of Young Africans SC, Abalkassim Hamis of Ruwu Shooting, and Matheo Anthony of Kinondoni Municipal Council FC share the fourth spot each with four goals to his name.

As many as 16 players each have three goals in the chasing pack at fifth.

With the campaign having hit the one-third mark, Geita Gold FC's George Mpole who clinched the golden boot award last season with 17 goals, narrowly beating Yanga's Fiston Mayele to the prestigious award, is stuck with two goals.

Mpole has fallen out with the Geita Gold FC management, a situation which has seen him miss the last four league games. Geita Gold FC Chief Executive officer Zahara Michuzi has insisted no player is above the club.



Sixtus Sabilo. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MBEYA CITY FC

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Cristiano Ronaldo says he's been 'betrayed' by Manchester United

LONDON

CRISTIANO Ronaldo has blasted Manchester United and manager Erik ten Hag in an incendiary TV interview, saying he feels "betrayed" by the club and that senior figures have tried to force him out of Old Trafford.

The interview is set to be broadcast this week on Britain's TalkTV but advance clips were released late Sunday – just hours after United's final game before the World Cup. Ronaldo was left out of the squad for the second match in a row after the club said he had an undisclosed illness, although the Portuguese star latest comments will increase speculation that he has played his final game for the club.

When asked on the program "Piers Morgan Uncensored" whether United's hierarchy was trying to force him out of the club, Ronaldo said: "Yes, not only the coach, but another two or three guys around the club. I felt betrayed."

When quizzed again if senior club executives were trying to oust him, the 37-year-old Portugal star said: "I don't care. People should listen to the truth."

"Yes, I felt betrayed and I felt like some people don't want me here, not only this year, but last year too."

United made no immediate comment.

Ronaldo has been in and out of United's starting lineup this season and refused to come on as a substitute in last month's win over Tottenham. That led to him being banished from the squad for the subsequent trip to Chelsea, although he then returned to the fold.

Ronaldo inflamed the relationship with Ten Hag even further by saying: "I don't have respect for him because he doesn't show respect for me. If you don't have respect for me, I'm never going to have respect for you."

Ronaldo also claimed United had not progressed as a club since the departure of manager Alex Ferguson in 2013, and criticized the hiring of Ralf Rangnick as interim manager last season after Ole Gunnar Solskjær was fired.

"This guy is not even a coach," Ronaldo said of Rangnick. "A bigger club like Manchester United brings (a) sports

director – surprised not only me but all the world, you know.

Meanwhile, just minutes after finishing the last Premier League match before the World Cup, Manchester United duo Bruno Fernandes and Christian Eriksen both questioned the decision to stage the tournament in Qatar.

Fernandes said the World Cup "should be done in a better way," criticizing the timing of the tournament and highlighting Qatar's treatment of migrant workers.

The Qatar World Cup – which starts next weekend – is the first to be played in November and December rather than in June-July because of the desert nation's searing heat in the summer. Qatar has also faced intense scrutiny of its treatment of the hundreds of thousands of migrant workers who were needed in the tiny emirate since the World Cup hosting rights were won 12 years ago. Amnesty International says dozens may have died from apparent heat stroke.

Qatar's views on homosexuality – which is criminalized in the country – has also been heavily criticized and the comments by Fernandes indicated that players will not hesitate to speak up about issues even as the tournament draws near.

"It's not exactly the time we want to be playing in the World Cup," Fernandes, who plays for Portugal, told Sky Sports after a 2-1 win over Fulham. "We know the surroundings of the World Cup, what has been in the past few weeks, past few months, about the people that have died on the construction of the stadiums. We are not happy about that at all. ... We want football to be for everyone, everyone has to be included and involved in a World Cup because a World Cup is the world. It's for everyone, it doesn't matter who. But for a World Cup it's more than football, it's a party for fans, players, something that's a joy to watch, (it) should be done in a better way."

Eriksen, who will play for Denmark in Qatar after recovering from suffering cardiac arrest during a game at last year's European Championship, echoed Fernandes' comments.

Ten Hag hails culture change after United secures late win

LONDON

FOR Erik ten Hag, the goal that sent Manchester United into the World Cup break on a high note is the perfect symbol of the progress his team has made in recent months.

In the last Premier League game before the tournament in Qatar, substitute Alejandro Garnacho scored a stoppage-time winner that secured a 2-1 victory at Fulham on Sunday as United strengthened its grip on fifth place.

Ten Hag was quick to talk up the team's "togetherness" after the game – knowing perhaps that Cristiano Ronaldo would launch a scathing attack on the manager and the club just hours later. Ronaldo was left out of the squad for a second straight game after the club had said he had an undisclosed illness, but in excerpts of a TV interview released Sunday evening the player said he felt "betrayed" by United and that he didn't respect Ten Hag.

Whether Ronaldo ever plays for United again remains to be seen. But Ten Hag may not lose much sleep over the possibility of losing the five-time Ballon d'Or winner, who has only been sparingly used in the league this season.

Despite a poor start under the Dutchman that saw United lose its first two games the team is now just three points off fourth-place Tottenham with a game in hand.

And the football is improving, too, despite being without a number of starters.

"I think we have a base. We're going in the right direction, I think the culture has changed," Ten Hag said when asked to sum up his first period in charge. "The attitude, the mentality has changed and that's good. I think also now we improve our football base. We have got a better mentality and (what) you see today I think is the symbol of it, when you get the win in the last dying seconds of the game."

The goal was also quite a state-

ment by Garnacho, who has been criticized in the past for his attitude in training but showed his sublime talent by playing a clever one-two with Christian Eriksen on the edge of the box before running into the area to slot home past Bernd Leno just before the final whistle.

"We have seen in training that he is a big, big talent," Eriksen said. "He is starting to learn the movement of the game – when to dribble, when to pass but he's a big talent."

Eriksen had put United ahead after 14 minutes following a well-worked quick break as the Denmark international was on hand at the far post to steer in a deflected shot by Bruno Fernandes into an empty net.

Fulham was without star striker Aleksandar Mitrovic due to a foot problem but still managed to peg United back for large parts of the game and netted a deserved equalizer when former United winger Daniel James turned in a low cross from close range.

But while Fulham pushed for a winner, United's strength on the counter proved decisive and Garnacho's goal gives Ten Hag a solid platform going into the second half of the season. United was coming off a loss to Aston Villa last weekend but is now just six points behind cross-town rival Manchester City in second place, and 11 off leader Arsenal.

"We are now united, we have togetherness," Ten Hag said. "The dressing room, the staff, the directors, the whole club and the fans. There's a togetherness and I'm really happy with that development."

In hindsight, that seems like a clear statement that Ronaldo's unhappiness isn't shared by his teammates.

EMERY BOOST

Unai Emery has given Aston Villa quite the lift in the Premier League.

Emery made it two wins out of two since taking over from the fired Steven Gerrard as Villa recovered from a goal conceded in the opening minute to beat Brighton 2-1 in the early game.

2022 World Cup: The top 30 players set to compete in Qatar

By Nick Bromberg and Henry Bushnell

WE'RE less than two weeks away from the World Cup. The first game of the tournament is set to begin on Nov. 20 when Qatar and Ecuador kick off. As you get prepared for this awkwardly timed tournament, here are 30 of the best players in the world to keep an eye on in November and December.

30. Rafael Leão, F, Portugal

The reigning Serie A MVP has been awesome for AC Milan ... and mostly a non-factor for Portugal. Surely, with Diogo Jota injured and Cristiano Ronaldo fading, that has to change at the World Cup.

29. Bruno Fernandes, M, Portugal

The Manchester United vice-captain hasn't been in the best club form so far this season. But he'll play an important role for Portugal pulling the strings in midfield whether or not Cristiano Ronaldo starts up top. Fernandes is good enough to be Portugal's best attacking player. It's just a matter of if he can find his form.

28. Jamal Musiala, M, Germany

Born in Germany to a Nigerian father, then raised in England, Musiala left Chelsea to join Bayern Munich at age 16. He also opted to play for the German national team. And both club and country are glad he did. An attacking midfielder who can score, dribble and create, he's been the breakout star of the past 24 months in the Bundesliga, and could announce himself to a broader audience in Qatar.

27. Kalidou Koulibaly, CB, Senegal

Koulibaly missed nearly the whole month of September due to injury, but has played in five games for Chelsea since the start of October. The 31-year-old is a rock on the back line and a towering presence at 6-5. Senegal won the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations and gave up just two goals during the whole tournament.

26. Marquinhos, CB, Brazil

The PSG captain has made 71 appearances for the Brazilian national team and is their top defender. Brazil will be a nightmare for opposing teams going forward but will also be very good in defense thanks to Casemiro and Marquinhos through the middle. He may be overshadowed in Brazil's lineup, but don't discount his importance to the team's favorite status.

25. Leroy Sané, F, Germany

Sané has been phenomenal for Bayern Munich so far this season with nine goals in 16 games. He suffered a hamstring injury in October but is back on the field and should be at full fitness for the World Cup. Sané made just one start for Germany in the 2020 Euros but should be an integral part of the team this fall and could easily be Germany's leading goal-scorer.

24. Achraf Hakimi, RB, Morocco

Not only a stalwart defender at right back, but one of Morocco's best ball-progressors and creators. He isn't asked to carry much of an attacking burden at PSG; he will be in Qatar, and he's capable of handling it.

23. Phil Foden, MF/F, England

Four years ago, when it wasn't quite coming home yet, Foden was a primary reason it might someday. He'd won the Golden Ball at the U-17 World Cup. He hadn't yet started a single game for Manchester City, but since, he's become a rare home-grown killer on the wing. Now, if only Gareth Southgate could figure out how to get the best out of him ...

22. João Cancelo, RB, Portugal

Cancelo is a serviceable defender. He's an absolute magician with the ball at his feet, and that's why he's ranked here. He can play on the left or the right, as an overlayer or an inverter, for Man City or Portugal. The question is whether Portugal can cover his defensive frailties and accentuate his attacking qualities like City does.

21. Lautaro Martínez, F, Argentina

Lautaro is the perfect Messi partner. Quick and incisive, he's also become a penalty-box savant, and upped his Serie A goal tally every season since moving to Inter Milan as a 20-year-old.

20. Antonio Rüdiger, CB, Germany

Rüdiger has fit right in at Real Madrid after moving over for Chelsea in the offseason on a free transfer. Rüdiger has made over 50 appearances since being called up to the German national team in 2014 and is now the team's most indispensable central defender.



(L-R) Neymar, Kevin De Bruyne, Kylian Mbappé, Karim Benzema and Lionel Messi head to Qatar as some of the best players in the World Cup. (Yahoo Sports)

19. Alisson, GK, Brazil

Alisson has established himself as one of the best goalies in the world in his time at Liverpool and enters as Brazil's top keeper for the second straight World Cup. A fantastic distributor of the ball, Alisson will be relied on to start quick attacking plays against teams that are likely going to sit back against Brazil as much as possible.

18. Jude Bellingham, M, England

The 19-year-old could find himself as the most important midfielder in England's squad after he played a bit part in the team's run to the Euro 2020 final. Bellingham has been fantastic for Borussia Dortmund in 2022 so far and it's only a matter of time before an English team pays an exorbitant fee for him. He's scored nine goals in 21 appearances across all competitions this season.

17. Pedri, M, Spain

A diminutive, ingenious, mononymous midfielder is a key player for Spain; sound familiar? Pedri is not Xavi, of course – in fact, Xavi now coaches him at Barcelona, and has compared the 19-year-old to Andres Iniesta – but Pedri's smarts, vision and tidiness on the ball are similar, and well beyond his years.

16. Federico Valverde, M, Uruguay

The fifth Real Madrid player on this list has arguably been Los Blancos' best player so far this season. He has always been a powerful and technical player capable of driving a team forward from midfield; now he's added bangers to his arsenal.

15. Thibaut Courtois, GK, Belgium

The shakiness of Courtois' younger years has dissipated, and given way to a relatively undisputed truth: The 6-foot-7 Belgian is the sport's best shot-stopper. (And he'll need to be in Qatar. Belgium's back three could crumble at any moment.)

14. Virgil van Dijk, CB, Netherlands

Van Dijk and Liverpool have struggled so far this season but he's still one of the best central defenders in the world and a massively important player to the Netherlands' chances of advancing to the quarterfinals and beyond in the World Cup. He missed Euro 2020 while recovering from a torn ACL he suffered playing for the Reds.

13. Sadio Mane, F, Senegal

Mane made a big move from Liverpool to Bayern Munich in the offseason and is Senegal's most dynamic attacking player. But he may end up missing the tournament. Mane suffered a left leg injury in a Bundesliga game on Tuesday and had to be subbed off. He's worth including on this list on the off-chance he plays because he's that good and that important to Senegal's chances of advancing through the knockout rounds.

12. Son Heung-Min, F, South Korea

Son has declared himself fit af-

ter suffering a fractured eye socket in Tottenham's final Champions League group stage game in early November. Son hasn't been as good this season as he was a season ago for Spurs, but he's the key for a South Korea team that could get out of a group that includes Uruguay, Ghana and Portugal. Son has scored 35 times in 104 national team appearances.

11. Luka Modric, MF, Croatia

This is likely the last World Cup for Croatia's midfield maestro and he'll once again play an integral role for his national team. Modric was fantastic in Real Madrid's run to the Champions League title this spring and will be the man who everything revolves around for a Croatia team that appears weaker than the one that made a run to the final of the 2018 World Cup. But if Modric has one more stellar World Cup in him, then who can rule out another knockout round run?

10. Rúben Dias, CB, Portugal

Dias has established himself as one of the best center backs in the world at Manchester City, though Portugal will be playing a much different style than Pep Guardiola's squad does. Dias is also even more important now that Pepe will likely miss the tournament because of a knee injury. If Portugal makes a run in the World Cup, it'll be because of a strong defense anchored by Dias.

9. Harry Kane, F, England

Very few players have simultaneously created as many marvelous goals and scored as many s***ty ones as Kane has. He is actually quite boring, especially off the field and often on it. But he is clever and clinical in the penalty box; he pops up in perfect positions, and also consistently outperforms Expected Goal metrics. He's also adept when dropping into midfield, and if his name were Javier Caña, perhaps he'd be sufficiently celebrated as the visionary passer he is.

8. Joshua Kimmich, D/M, Germany

Soccer's least flamboyant superstar is missable to the untrained eye but integral to Germany and Bayern Munich. He is, at once, a conductor and a protector, a progressive passer and an aggressive presser. He can excel in a frenzied game or a tactical one, and should excel in Qatar.

7. Vinicius Jr., F, Brazil

Neymar's eventual heir has, in his fourth and fifth seasons at Real Madrid, begun to fulfill impossibly lofty expectations. His pace has always been lethal, and his dribbling audacious. Over the past 15 months, at age 21 and 22, he added goal creation and ascended into the sport's elite. The challenge now is finding his footing in a stacked Brazil team that's been built around others.

6. Robert Lewandowski, F, Poland

How much help will the Barcelo-

na forward get in the 2022 World Cup? Poland finished last in its group and scored just two goals in 2018. Lewandowski is the team's only reliable attacking threat and opposing defenses will be keying in on him to make sure that one of the best strikers in the world doesn't beat them. If Lewandowski can single-handedly get Poland to the knockout rounds, he'll only cement his status as one of the best strikers of the 2000s.

5. Neymar, F, Brazil

Perhaps his politics, tax payments and theatrics are all problematic. His soccer, though, remains stunning.

4. Lionel Messi, F, Argentina

Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, the two greatest players ever, both seemed to be falling off cliffs last year ... and then, as Ronaldo stayed fallen, Messi climbed back toward greatness. Through 18 games at PSG this season, he's averaging 1.51 non-penalty goals plus assists per 90 minutes, on pace for the second-best mark of his sparkling career. He's once again dazzling in an undefined creative role for both club and country, and finally has a coherent Argentine structure surrounding him. So, all things considered, his (likely) last crack at a World Cup might be his best.

3. Karim Benzema, F, France

The 2022 Ballon d'Or winner has only gotten better with age. Benzema will turn 35 the day after the World Cup final and his team is one of the favorites to win the tournament. Benzema wasn't part of the 2018 France team that won the World Cup because of the extortion allegations against him. He's now set to be the team's starting No. 9 and forms the world's best 1-2 punch alongside Kylian Mbappé.

2. Kylian Mbappé, F, France

The 23-year-old PSG star burst onto the scene as France won the 2018 World Cup. He'll play a similar role on the outside and drifting into the middle of the field in 2022 but France's strategy and tactics as a whole may have to change. France has tended to play a very defensive style under Didier Deschamps – a style that allows Mbappé to sprint past defenders on the counter attack – but Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kanté are set to miss the World Cup and stalwart defender Raphael Varane is also an injury doubt. Mbappé and Benzema could play more with the ball in 2022 out of necessity. And that may not be a bad thing at all.

1. Kevin De Bruyne, M, Belgium

There is so much about De Bruyne, from his ginger hair to his extreme shyness, that suggests he's anything but the best soccer player on the planet. But there is so much about his game that suggests he is. He's a goalscorer and an engine and a creative wizard and a Belgian Beckham all wrapped up into one. The national team around him is fading. But if there's a player at this World Cup who can single-handedly propel a fading team to the semis, it's this guy.

Also considered: Gabriel Jesus, Lisandro Martínez, Casemiro, Aurelien Tchouameni, Christian Eriksen, Darwin Nunez, Bernardo Silva, Rodri

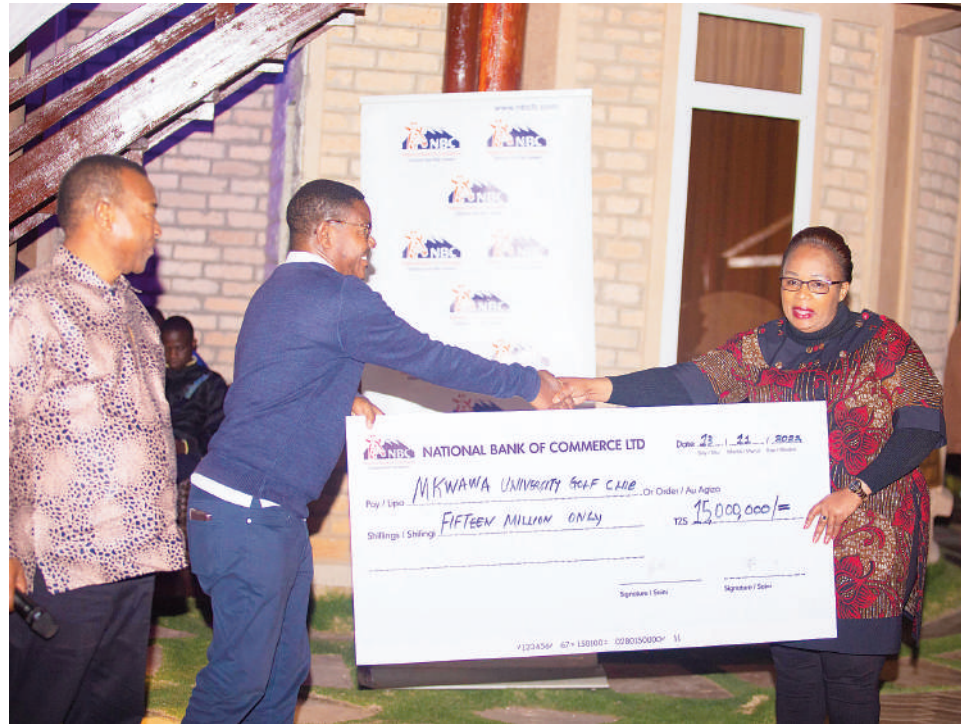
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NBC Bank's Director of Retail Banking, Elibariki Masuke (2nd L), presents a 15m/- dummy cheque to Iringa Regional Commissioner Halima Dendego last weekend. The institution has handed over funds to back the construction of Mkwawa University Golf Club's course, located in the region. Standing (L) is Mkwawa University Golf Club's Chairman Edmund Mkwawa. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

NBC Bank donates funds for golf course construction

By Guardian Correspondent

NATIONAL Bank of Commerce (NBC) Limited has handed over 15m/- to Mkwawa University for the construction of the Mkwawa University Golf Club's course.

NBC Bank's Director of Retail Banking Elibariki Masuke revealed the institution targets to put its weight behind efforts by the government and Iringa regional authorities to promote games and tourism in Southern Highland Zone.

Masuke handed over the funds to Iringa Regional Commissioner Halima Dendego at a function that took place on Monday.

The occasion was part of a campaign dubbed 'Tourism Near The South', which constitutes tourism promotional activities coming to an end at Kihesa Kilolo grounds in the region on Tuesday.

Halima praised NBC Bank for its dedication to supporting various social issues as well as sports.

The Iringa RC noted: "Indeed, we are very proud of your presence, thank you very much for your efforts in promoting the sports sector in the country."

Halima noted: "I would like to thank you very much for supporting Iringa's Mkwawa University Golf Club and directly creating more tourism opportunities, thank you very much."

Masuke revealed: "NBC Bank is fond of supporting the sports sector in this country, we are the main sponsor of the famous football league, NBC Premier League, and we have further supported famous marathons including NBC Dodoma Marathon."

The official pointed out: "The funds raised in NBC Dodoma Marathon help mothers suffering cervical cancer, so we are here to join Iringa's people in this festival that ends today."

Masuke said: "We have sponsored the construction of the golf course, we believe that if there is a golf course here, it will attract more tourists because they will find a good place to have fun after touring the park."

Mkwawa University Golf Club's vice-chairman Yohannes Chavala, on behalf of the club's chairman Edmund Mkwawa, congratulated NBC Bank for the institution's generous contribution of the 15m/-.

Chavala revealed the construction of the golf course will attract many tourists and promote Southern Highland and Tanzania's tourism.

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Azam FC looks to keep up fine league form as Ruvu Shooting visits

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM FC will look to keep up their fine form in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League when they host Ruvu Shooting at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam in the evening, with kick-off set for 20h00.

Azam FC claimed a fourth consecutive victory from their last five league matches when they defeated Mtwara Sugar away from home on Saturday.

The Chamazi side's run of form has brought a haul of twelve points from the last fifteen up for grabs.

Their six games as hosts this season have brought them 16 points from a possible 18 and include wins over Simba SC, Singida Big Stars, Kagera Sugar, Ihefu SC, and Dodoma Jiji FC.

It has been a great first few weeks in charge for Kalimangonga Ongala, as Azam FC has yet to taste defeat under the squad's new interim head coach.

Their position of second in the league is a testament they are trending in the right direction.

The former Majimaji FC coach will hope forwards Idris Mbombo and Prince continue donning their goal-scoring boots but must equally do well at the back to keep Mtwara Sugar attackers at bay.

Meanwhile, Ruvu Shooting will look to break their winless streak in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League.

They extended their winning drought in the league to six matches by being held 1-1 at home by Tanzania Prisons on Monday last week at Uhuru Stadium.

The side coached by Charles Boniface Mkwasa has picked up just two points from a possible eighteen in the sequence. In addition to that, their away record has been poor with only four points from five games so far. Their last game on the road ended in a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Kagera Sugar last month.

A 1-1 home draw with Tanzania Prisons is, to Ruvu Shooting, hardly a terrible result on its own but the six-match winless streak is a source of concern for coach Mkwasa.

They are just a point clear of the safe zone currently with a total of 11 points. He desperately needs a positive result against Azam FC to turn around the situation. Abalkassim Hamis with four goals and Rashid Juma with three goals will be the main men for Ruvu Shooting search for the much-needed goals against an Azam FC defense that conceded three second-half goals against Mtwara Sugar in their last outing.

In head-to-head stats, Azam FC and Ruvu Shooting have met in 22 league matches since the 2011/12 season. Azam FC has claimed 12 wins compared to two for their Mlandizi counterparts, while eight matches have ended in draws.



Azam FC's winger Iddi Selemani (R) skips Ruvu Shooting central defender Juma Nyoso's challenge as the clubs took on each other in the past Premier League match played in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Yanga's coach unimpressed with performance against Kagera Sugar



Yanga's defender Dickson Job (2nd L) gets the better of Kagera Sugar players as the clubs locked horns in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League duel that took place at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on Sunday. Yanga notched a 1-0 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA head coach Nasreddine Nabi has admitted that his squad's players were not good enough in their 2022/23 NBC Premier League match against Kagera Sugar which was played at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on Sunday afternoon.

Youngster Clement Mzize was excellent on his full NBC Premier League debut, scoring the all-important goal that sent Yanga back to the summit but Nabi was not impressed with his outfit's performance as a team.

Speaking to the press after the game that was played on a waterlogged pitch, the Tunisian tactician said the best thing about the match was the result and went on to apologize to the fans for the uncharac-

teristic poor performance.

The coach revealed: "I apologize to the fans everywhere for the poor performance of my team. I don't want to complain about the conditions. The team that wants to be champion must adapt to all conditions."

The gaffer added: "I'm not even going to talk fully about the organization of this match, we've already spoken about it. I ask for reflection on the future of football and next season how we should try to change things, that's all."

"We apologize though we have the most important thing, three points. We had several factors on which we had to take into account; fatigue management, the bad ground the next game."

The tactician revealed: "This means that the performance was not up to par but the most important thing was a victory."

Also speaking to the press, Kagera Sugar head coach Mecky Maxime praised Yanga for enduring the attacks from his side to

snatch victory from a game the hosts had dominated entirely.

Maxime disclosed: "I already talked here that Simba SC and Yanga players are walking with results in their hands or goals in their feet, and that's what happened today. I think Yanga only got one chance and that's what they used."

The tactician pointed out: "We bossed the whole match and even got a penalty but we were unlucky, we threw the match away. I congratulate Yanga for being able to endure the attacks."

These are happy days for Yanga. After defeating Kagera Sugar, they have not only reclaimed the top spot in the NBC Premier League table but also have extended their unbeaten run in the competition to 46 games.

They will be back in action on Thursday with a league game against Singida Big Stars at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

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