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By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday read the riot act to the police force for not conclusively handling some cases, including the kidnapping of billionaire businessman Mohammed Dewji last year.

Speaking at the State House in Dar es Salaam during the swearing-in of newly-appointed leaders and promotion of five senior police officers to the rank of Commissioner of Police (CP), the Head of State said there are more questions than answers on the way the police handled the Dewji case.

From the abduction and later release of the businessman, details emerged of the house where he was kept and the person who oversaw the act but police did not pursue the matter conclusively

to provide answers to Tanzanians, he said.

"We later saw the person who was kidnapped (Dewji) drinking tea with (Lazaro) Mambosasa (Dar es Salaam Zone Police Commander) but there was no information on the case," he said.

He further stated: "We were shown the house where he (Dewji) was kept and the person who was in charge of the kidnapers; that person ought to have been arrested and interrogated."

Following his release in October last year, 10 days after he was snatched outside a posh Dar es Salaam hotel where he went for a regular early morning exercise, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro said the kidnapers dumped Dewji popularly known as Mo, at the Gymkhana Golf Club grounds in Dar es Salaam at around 2am



Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Dr Augustine Mahiga (L) and his Foreign Affairs, East Africa, Regional and International Cooperation counterpart, Prof Palamagamba Kabudi (to his right), with five commissioners of police as they took the oath of leadership ethics shortly after being sworn in by President John Magufuli at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday following their new appointments. The two ministers have swapped positions in a mini-reshuffle of the Cabinet. Photo: State House

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Pilot and four US nationals in chopper crash horror

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FOUR American tourists and their Kenyan pilot were killed when their helicopter crashed shortly after takeoff from a remote island in a lake in northwest Kenya, officials said Monday.

"There were five people on board, four of them were US citizens and the pilot, Capt. Marius Magonga," the Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement.

The US Embassy identified three of the

dead Americans as Anders Asher Jesiah Burke, Brandon Howe Stapper and Kyle John Forti.

The helicopter "lost contact and crashed" shortly after taking off from Lake Turkana's Central Island National Park along with a second chopper about 8 p.m. Sunday, the statement said.

They were headed for Lobolo Camp on the mainland.

Magonga, who owned the Bell 505 chopper, also flew for Kenya's deputy president, William Ruto.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Known as the Jade Sea, Lake Turkana is the most saline lake in East Africa and the largest desert lake on earth. Its central island comprises three active volcanoes, according to the Kenya Wildlife Service.

Last month, three Americans were among five people killed when their plane crashed as they were heading to Lodwar near Lake Turkana.

EAC states in lake fish protection drive

By Guardian Reporter

EAST African Community (EAC) partner states yesterday signed an agreement to conduct a joint operation to save the fish stock and curb illegal fishing in Lake Victoria.

The initiative to protect marine resources was signed at the EAC headquarters in Arusha where ministers responsible for the fishing sector from riparian countries held a meeting.

Luhaga Mpina, the vice chairman of the EAC fisheries sector ministers, said the decision to conduct the operation will increase amounts and variety of fish in the lake and boost economic growth in the respective countries.

"Countries surrounding Lake Victoria should not import fish. They should instead export various marine resources to other African countries," said Mpina, insisting that if well managed, Lake Victoria



The three countries agreed to settle their debts with the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO) to facilitate its operations

fish can feed the continent.

Various intervention by EAC governments in curbing illegal fishing had increased fish reproduction in Lake Victoria from 62.8 to 96.3 percent annually.

Mpina noted that the stock of fish has increased to 32 percent optimal fish volume from 3.3 percent following a one year operation. Fish stock measuring 80 to 85 centimeters had increased to 5.2 percent from the previous 0.4 percent level, he pointed out.

In Tanzania authorities seized illegal fishing gears totalling 45,000 kilometers during the operation last year, he said, applauding Uganda and Kenya for a job well done in combating illegal fishing in their portions of lake waters.

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Mpina however urged Uganda to fast track the

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Historical sites to be run as tourist attractions

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

THE government has begun handing over historical sites that were under the Department of Antiquities in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism to national conservation authorities for better utilisation.

Speaking here yesterday during his tour of the Mikindani town historical site in the Mikindani-Mtwara municipality in Mtwara region, the Deputy Minister for natural resources and tourism Constantine Kanyasu said that 16 sites and buildings have already been given to conservation bodies so that they can be properly maintained and marketed as tourist attractions.

The move followed a review of national antiquities policy and the need to promote cultural tourism in the country, hence the necessity to shift the mandate over the sites to better placed entities.

An audit conducted last year found that 85 historical buildings all over the country were on the brink of collapse and consequent disappearance if not rehabilitated, he said.

The decision has also been informed by the fact that the Department of Antiquities is cash-strapped



and hence unable to maintain and promote the sites as expected, he said.

Bodies that will be entrusted with the historical sites are the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA), Tanzania National Parks

(TANAPA), Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) and the National Museum of Tanzania.

"Once under these national bodies, it is our expectation that the historical sites and buildings will be well maintained and marketed as cultural tourism sites," the deputy minister affirmed.

To that end, the Mikindani town historical site, which includes a fort that was once the administrative centre in German East Africa built 1895 and known as the Old Boma, has already been handed over to the National Museum.

"The authorities handed these sites have been tasked to administer, rehabilitate, protect and promote the same," he elaborated.

Kanyasu also unveiled the promotion strategy for the sites, saying that they will be marketed in packages whereby tourists visiting one region for instance, visit as many historical sites found there as possible.

The Deputy Director in Antiquities appealed to all district town councils in the country to protect historical sites and buildings so that the same can be used as source of tourist revenues as well as history for future generations.



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Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein swears in Mohammed Ramia Abdiwawa as Isles Finance and Planning minister at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

EAC speakers launch regional parliamentary institute

By Guardian Reporter

REGIONAL speakers have launched the East African Parliamentary Institute (EAPI) which is expected to harness capacities and narrow the skills gap of parliamentarians and staff in the quest to further strengthen the integration process.

East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA) Speaker, Ngoga Martin said during the launch last Friday that the institute's presence in the region will catapult the integration process and provide a valuable link between people within the EAC and beyond.

He said EAPI would provide an adequate base of knowledge on legislative matters to Members of Parliament and staff who at times come from different background when they join parliaments.

"The launch of the EAPI is definitely an indication of the total commitment

accrued to the integration dispensation by parliaments and by ourselves. It is only befitting to recognize each and every one of you for the support you have personally and collectively accorded and extended to the EAPI", Ngoga said.

The launch of EAPI follows the enactment of the East African Parliamentary Institute Bill, 2011, which anchors and provides for the legal framework of its establishment.

The EAPI Act inter alia establishes a mechanism for capacity and skills development to promote professionalism through establishment of the institute thus giving effect to article 5 (1) of the Treaty.

The Speaker lauded the EAC Heads of State for assent to the Bill, whose operationalization, now sets basis for motion of the objectives of the institute.

According to the Act, regional Speakers form the Board of Trustees

of the new institution which shall be chaired by the EALA Speaker while the Clerk of the regional assembly shall oversee the activities of its governing council.

At the recent 38th Meeting of the Council of Ministers, the matter of an institutional structure was discussed and according to Ngoga, the Board of Trustees shall promptly propel forward the administrative framework to make EAPI fully operational.

Speaker of Senate of Kenya, Kenneth Lusaka, rallied for capacity development of legislators saying in remained critical in ensuring effective service delivery to the Parliamentary leadership, legislators and the electorate.

He called for collective effort on the part of parliaments and all other stakeholders towards offering sustained commitment and unity of purpose.

Meanwhile, Speaker of the Kenya National Assembly, Justin Muturi, affirmed that EAPI would be a catalyst in guiding legislators to embrace evidence-based legislation which would play a key part in ensuring quality of legislation is improved.

Vice President of the Senate of Rwanda, Gakuba Jean d' Arc hailed the inception of the Institute as visionary and said the parliament of Rwanda was committed to ensuring it is fully in operations.

George Ouma Abbot from the Parliament of Uganda reiterated the need for strong institutions in the integration dispensation.

EAPI was initially mooted in 2001 as a joint venture between the State University of New York (SUNY), the National Assemblies of the Partner States and EALA as well as the United States International University (USIU).

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and drove away.

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In the swearing-in event, two ministers and one ambassador took oath of office. Also, President Magufuli witnessed the promotion of five Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACP) to the rank of Commissioner of Police (CP).

Ministers who were sworn-in are Prof Palamagamba Kabudi, the new minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and Dr Augustine Mahiga, who moves to the Justice and Constitutional Affairs docket following a mini-reshuffle at the weekend.

President Magufuli also swore in Hassan Simba Yahya as Tanzania's ambassador to Zambia where he replaces Abdulrahman Kaniki whose tenure has expired.

The Head of State witnessed the elevation of five commissioners of police by IGP Sirro. They are CP Charles Mkumbo who will head the criminal intelligence commission, CP Liberatus Sabas (operations and training), CP Shabani Hiki (forensic laboratory), CP Leonard Lwabuzala (finance and logistics) and CP Benedict Wakulyamba (administration and human resources management).

The event was also attended by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, Speaker of the National Assembly Job Ndugai, Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma, Deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson, Chief Secretary John Kijazi and a number of ministers and deputy ministers.

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process of appointing an assistant director for LVFO, currently headed by Shigala Mahongo from Tanzania.

LVFO is a specialized institution of the EAC with a mandate to coordinate the management of fisheries resources in Lake Victoria for sustainable development and utilization. It was established in 1994 by a convention signed by the riparian states.

Its objectives are to foster cooperation among the contracting parties, harmonize national measures for the sustainable utilization of the living resources of the Lake and to develop and adopt conservation and management measures.

Meanwhile, Uganda's Minister for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Vincent Ssempija has said that Uganda is currently implementing a number of initiatives to curb illegal fishing and protect marine resources.

Prof Micheni Ntiba, Permanent Secretary in the Kenyan Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation said President Uhuru

Kenyatta has launched a special task force comprising of police officers that will work to curb illegal fishing in the lake.

Last year, Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya launched an initiative, Operation Save the Nile Perch to increase fish stock in the lake.

The Council of Ministers for the LVFO approved a \$1.8 million budget for the initiative, with each country contributing \$ 600,000.

Joint studies to curb illegal fishing were carried out by the Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI), Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRRI) and the National Fisheries Research Institute of Uganda.

Data by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries indicates that there is approximately one million tonnes of fish in the lake, mostly the Nile perch valued at between \$ 300 and \$ 500 million in total.

Current estimates show that in 2017, Tanzania harvested an estimated 300,000 tonnes of Nile perch, Kenya about 50,000 tonnes and Uganda 350,000 tonnes.

Medical doctors urged to abide by professional and ethical conduct

By Henry Mwangonde

MEDICAL doctors should abide by professional conduct and code of ethics in carrying out their duties in order to excel in their fields whereby digitalisation will take charge with patients understanding almost all their rights before consulting a doctor.

The Chief Medical Officer Prof Muhamad Bakari made the remarks yesterday during the first National Doctors Day held at the Muhimbili National Hospital organised by the Medical Association of Tanzania (MAT).

According to Prof Bakari, the future for healthcare delivery in the country will see patients have easy access to communication and a clear understanding of their diseases before visiting the hospital.

"The future is very exciting but with challenges ahead, we need to keep in mind that it is professionalism that will save and give respect that our profession hold in the society," he said.

Prof Bakari said being profession will save us from embarrassment that will follow as digital and technology takes charge.

During the day four medical doctors were awarded for their outstanding

contributions to the health sector They included Prof Philemon Sarungi, Prof John Shao, Dr Petronilla Ngiloi and Prof Yadon Kohi.

In his remarks, Dr Nathanieli Osati from the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) said the medical profession has had various changes from the colonial era.

He said in the early 70's the sector was facing a number of challenges including budgetary constraints which saw a huge number of graduate doctors being left without being deployed in the public sector.

The government has several key plans and policies guiding healthcare provision and development. The Health Sector Strategic Plan III (2009-15) is guided by the Vision 2015, and guides planning for health facilities.

Tanzania has a hierarchical health system which is in tandem with the political administrative hierarchy.

At the bottom there are the dispensaries found in every village where the village leaders have a direct influence in its running. The health centres are found at ward level and the health centre in charge is answerable to the ward leaders.



Livestock and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina, who is Vice Chairman of the fisheries sector ministers in the East African Community partner states, signs an agreement on the conducting of a joint operation to save fish stock and curb illegal fishing in Lake Victoria. Right is Uganda's Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries minister Vincent Ssempija. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Farmers appeal for iron-biofortified beans to enhance health outcomes

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Mbulu

FARMERS in Mbulu district have urged the government to scale up the conventionally bred biofortified beans that contain high levels of iron and zinc so that they could benefit from the nutrition value contained in the beans.

They said the nutritious beans contain iron, zinc and provide solution to the hidden hunger, cognitive development for children, help

lactating and pregnant mothers.

One of the farmers who constitute a group of 30 Mama Lishe at Moringa village, Daudi Ward, Julita Cosmas said that unlike other beans, the new bean varieties Selian-14 and Selian-15 are nutritious, marketable and takes short time to cook.

"After tasting the beans, my husband has changed his mind set. He said the new beans are useful for digestion system as well. He even gave me

additional plot so that I can grow more beans of this type," she said.

Another farmer, Rose Cyprian shares the same story. She has planted the beans in a small portion, and she hopes the nutrition she gets will help to improve her health and the family livelihood.

Crop officer at Mbulu district, Elfadhil Manahiri said that development of the district depends much on crops production as they contribute much

to the district incomes. One of the crops that is grown by almost every household is beans and sold between 120,000/- and 200,000/- per sack depending on the beans varieties.

"We are therefore working very close with researchers and other stakeholders like Selian and CIAT to ensure that the farmers get improved varieties to increase the crop production," he said.

Agricultural research officer at TARI-

Selian in Arusha, Denis Mcharo, said that the nutritious beans were bred in collaboration with other stakeholders such as the international Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), the aim is to help the farmers increase production, secure better market, get nutritious food and earn income.

Citing an example, he said if the farmers follow agronomics practices and grow the maize according to how they were trained, they are likely to

double production per acre.

Bean value chain at CIAT, Radeunda Kessy said that Tanzanians face a big challenge of malnutrition. So, the new beans that contain high levels of iron and zinc, have higher yielding that will help to address the problem of malnutrition in the country.

"The beans are also suitable for physical and cognitive development of our people and children in particular," she added.



Selemani Jafo (L-foreground), Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), has a first-hand account yesterday of the macadamisation of Dodoma city's CBE-Veta Road. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

Fall armyworms destroy maize farms in Mbeya

FALL armyworm (FAW) have destroyed hundreds of maize farms in Mbeya Region, forcing some farmers to shift from cultivating maize crop to other crops such as Irish potatoes.

The farmers at Inyala, Igurusi and Chimala wards say, so far no any pesticide that has worked out effectively and efficiently to smoke out the pests and other associated diseases, despite buying the pesticides at higher prices.

According to agriculture researchers and scientists, the FAW also known as Spodoptera frugiperda is native to America, and was firstly observed in Nkhosi District, Rukwa Region in southern highlands in March 2017.

The pest feeds on more than 80 host plants and crops including cereals, pulses and horticultural crops that are important staple food and cash crops

It is reported to have spread in more than 15 regions including the major maize growing areas in the southern highlands, northern,

lake, western and eastern agricultural zones.

According to the farmers at Inyala ward in Mbeya rural district, the FAW had caused huge destruction for the consecutive third year discouraging some of them who had now decided to abandon growing maize, instead they have shifted to growing Irish potatoes as an alternative crop for food, cash and income.

One of the farmers at Inyala ward, Fidelis Mabena said that he cultivated five acres of maize but two acres had been destroyed by FAW. He said he had applied several pesticides which he bought at 5,000/ per bottle but all in vain.

"I have decided to grow Irish potatoes on part of the farm I used to grow maize because I am not sure of the maize harvest. I have spent much money for maize but FAW had destroyed two acres of my maize," he said.

This year, Frola Mwanzepene and Tausi Mwaloyo said their farms had also been

hit by FAW. They cultivated one acre and half each but half of their maize had been destroyed. They said they will not now get any produce. "Here we call the disease as Mbenya, but our experience show that in the past we used to kill them by spraying pesticides, but for these three years, once we apply the pesticide, after some time, they return to the fields," said Frola

They said that unlike other pests and diseases, the FAW multiply rapidly when there is no rain, but when the rains come, their number decrease.

Acting village executive officer for Inyala village Furaha Mwalongo said the farmers supply of food and incomes had been reduced because FAW had affected almost every farmer in the ward.

The VEO said she has grown maize but half of the crop had been destroyed by pests.

"I planted the maize in December last year, but after two weeks half of the farm had been destroyed by FAW. I applied

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President, Dr Ali Mohamed Shein yesterday swore-in leaders who were appointed to serve various leadership positions in the government.

The swearing-in ceremony held at State House, were permanent secretaries and their deputies among the leaders who took oaths of office.

They are ambassador Mohamed Ramia Abdiwawa who was appointed to be the Minister of Finance and Planning and Haroun Ali Suleiman who will serve as minister of State, President's Office, Public Service and Good Governance.

Others are Mmanga Mjengo (Minister for Agriculture, Natural

Shein swears in various govt leaders in Zanzibar

Resources, Livestock and Fisheries); Khamis Juma Mwalimu (Minister for Constitution and Legal Affairs) and Simai Mohammed Said who is going to serve as Deputy Minister for Education and Vocational Training.

Dr Shein also sworn-in Yakout Hassan Yakout who will be Permanent Secretary in the President's Office, Public Service and Good Governance; Omar Ali Ameir (Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries) and George Joseph Kazi to be Permanent Secretary in the ministry

of Constitution and Legal Affairs)

Other leaders include Seif Shaaban Mwyni deputy Permanent Secretary in the President's Office, Public Service and Good Governance; Sahlina Ameir Mwita (Deputy PS in the ministry of Land, Housing, Water and Energy) and Mansura Mosi Kassim Deputy PS in the ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries, supervising agriculture and natural resources.

The event was also attended by various key national leaders including the Second Vice President Ambassador Seif Ali Idd; Zanzibar Chief Justice Omar Othman Makungu; Isles' Attorney General Siad Hassan Said; the Chief Secretary of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Dr. Abdulhamid Yahya Mzee; ministers, deputy ministers and religious leaders among others.

INVITATION TO BID FOR SUPPLY OF SMARTPHONES AND ACCESSORIES

D-tree International invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of between 1350 and 2660 smartphones and accessories for delivery to Stone Town, Zanzibar.

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Proposals shall be due March 15, 2019 by 11:59pm (East Africa Time)

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INVITATION FOR TENDER:

BID No. 02/NCA-T/WASH/TCP II & III/2019 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TOWER AND INSTALLATION OF THIRTEEN SOLAR POWERED WATER SYSTEMS WITHIN MKALAMA, MBULU AND HANANG DISTRICTS – APRIL TO JUNE 2019.

- Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) is a Norwegian non-governmental and development organization working to promote Social Justice, Human Rights and Economic Justice for poor communities. NCA has its foundations based in a congregation of churches in Norway, whose efforts are dedicated towards eradicating poverty, its causes and social deprivation. In Tanzania, NCA works with poor communities and local partners in 37 districts.
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- Bidding will be conducted through the sealed tendering procedures and is open to eligible registered bidders and will be conducted as per NCA Procurement Policy.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of **Norwegian Church Aid, Mwai Kibaki Road, C/o TCRS, 3rd floor, Plot 436, Mikocheni, P.O. Box 3955, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Email: ncatz@nca.no, Tel: +255 22 200 252 from 08:30am to 16:30pm** on Monday to Friday inclusive except on public holidays.
- Qualification requirements include: legal status i.e.CRB registration Contractor in Construction Works, should have qualified and experienced key personnel for administration and execution of the contract, proposed sub-contractors and firms involved (if any) and sound financial status of the bidder(s)
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English, in hard copy and additional sets may be purchased by any interested bidder on address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Tshs 100,000.00 (Tanzanian Shillings One Hundred Thousand Only)**, payable to Standard Chartered bank, Branch: Shoppers Plaza, Account name: **Norwegian Church Aid**, Account number: **0102060383200**, Swift Code: **SCBLTZTX**.
- All bids in one original plus one copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes, the outer cover shall be clearly marked: **"BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TOWER AND INSTALLATION OF THIRTEEN SOLAR POWERED WATER SYSTEMS WITHIN MKALAMA, MBULU AND HANANG DISTRICTS – APRIL TO JUNE 2019, Bid No. 02/NCA-T/WASH/TCP II & III/2019"**, shall be submitted at or before **Monday 25th March 2019 at 10:00 am Tanzanian local time. Late bids will be rejected.** Bids will be opened the same day **Monday 25th March 2019 at 14:00 pm** promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the **Norwegian Church Aid Country Office-Conference Room**.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid securing declaration form in the format provided in the bidding document.
- It should be noted that, late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, bids not received, bid not opened and not read out in public at the bid opened ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- NCA is not bound/Obligated to accept the lowest/Highest bid or any of the bids.
- All bids must attach detailed CV for technical and non- technical team, list of equipment you have, list of all activities you have carried out for the past five years to date, and legal certificates including bank statements.
- All bids shall be addressed to the following address:

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Dates: Thursday 14 March 2019

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Presentations from 8:30am to 1:00 p.m.

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Cost: The training fee is 250 USD (VAT exclusive) which includes breakfast and the certificate of attendance. 4 CPD hours will be provided for this seminar

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Cow meat on sale in a health-threatening environment on a roadside near Dar es Salaam's Vingunguti abattoir yesterday, this notwithstanding the recent issuance of an anthrax alert by the National Ranching Company. Photo: John Badi

Njombe-based exporter among 5 companies to receive financing from Mastercard Fund

By Guardian Reporter

A Tanzania export company based in Njombe, – Lima Kwanza Limited has been named as among the five companies which will receive a total of US\$4,438,551 to support its financial inclusion agenda in Africa.

According to a statement issued by the Mastercard Foundation Fund for Rural Prosperity (FRP), the five companies, with projects in Burundi, Ghana, Mali, Tanzania, and Zambia, were selected from among 214 firms that submitted applications to the fourth and final phase of the Fund's rolling competition.

In 2018, the Fund awarded

US\$11,814,064 to 12 companies in the first three phases of the rolling competition. This announcement completes the Fund's portfolio aimed at supporting innovative and scalable financial products and services that improve the lives of poor people living in rural areas of Africa. Since its first awards in 2016, the Fund for Rural Prosperity has distributed more than US\$41.5 million to companies across the continent to drive financial inclusion.

The overall portfolio now includes 38 projects spread across 15 countries in Africa (Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi,

Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia). Apart from Lima Kwanza Limited of Njombe, other companies which have been selected in the last phase of the rolling competition are PROSEMA-SA (Promotion du Sésame du Mali), Savonor, Sprint Money Limited and Syecomp Ghana Limited

"These new awardees expand and enrich the Fund's portfolio through their innovative projects, which cut across varied sectors," said Wambui Chege, Team Leader of the Fund for Rural Prosperity. "The Fund is excited by the potential impact of the projects in its portfolio and will now direct its focus to project implementation,

monitoring & evaluation, and sharing emerging learnings from the portfolio with financial inclusion stakeholders. We look forward to driving financial access and meeting the needs of the rural poor across Africa."

Lindsay Wallace, Director of Strategy and Learning at the Mastercard Foundation said: "This latest addition to the Fund for Rural Prosperity (FRP) portfolio enables poor people in rural Africa to benefit from financial services, often for the first time. More than that, it strengthens the Fund as a place where others can learn about what works at scale in driving sustainable financial inclusion for those who need it most."

IT expert advocates women's involvement in data analysis as crucial development agent

By Francis Kajubi

ABILITY for employed women to analyse data for economic and social purposes can lead them to individual development and national prosperity generally, according to a Dar es Salaam-based IT expert.

Co-founder of Tanzania Data Lab and Director for capacity development, Mahadia Tunga made the remarks yesterday when wrapping up a five-day training session by Tanzania Data Lab under the College of Information and Communication Technology (CoICT) of the University of Dar es Salaam.

The tailor-made data training program dubbed 'Data4Her', involved 29 women who are employed in different institutions in Dar es Salaam and aimed at increasing the percentage of women who use data in their day to day routine to contribute to global agenda of 50/50 percent participation in all sphere of life. The training has organized in line with the celebration of this year's International Women's Day.

Tunga said that early career employees especially women are lacking skills on utilizing data for better delivery at their jobs.

"We wanted to do something special this year so as to celebrate the International women day under the theme 'Balance for Better'. These programs will help both women and young girls since they aim to enrich their potentials by social development and engage them in entrepreneurship, sciences and technologies," the IT expert said.

She added that the secondary objective is for better understand and explore ways to mitigate and ultimately alleviate the under participation of women in the aforementioned careers.

According to her, Data4Her program targeting young women employed at

early career positions. The program acts as a bridge to managerial positions. The program also aims at empowering women to make informed decisions, scale up career growth, create female data champions, and to establish a tech women database.

"We believe that without data there is no visibility and without visibility there is no priority as Data can shade light in hidden issues which can lead to changes in laws, policies, budget and decisions - especially when it comes to Education and Health," said Mahadia.

She added: "This is why through a program of this nature, the aims of dLab of bridging the gender gap in data manipulation and usage amongst young women in Tanzania to help them make informed decisions and influence policy, will eventually be reached."

This year dLab in collaboration with like-minded partners also plan to conduct another workshop special for International Youth Day in August. The target is to reach 50 women.

Leah Mushi, Senior Program Officer Internships, who participated as a trainee said she learnt about pitching on different data driven topics hence write proposals that can enable them get grants for development or community based programs.

dLab is a centre of excellence for data and data driven innovation that brings together critical components of the ecosystem that needs to be in place for evidence-based decisions.

dLab started as a project in March 2016 under the Data Collaboratives for Local Impact program (DCLI) - which was funded by PEPFAR and implemented by MCC at the University Dar Es Salaam Computing Center (UCC) and later in February 2018, dLab was registered as an NGO which is affiliated with the University of Dar Es Salaam, College of ICT.



Job Title : Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
Reporting to : Head of Impact
Location : Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Summary

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

Job Purpose

Monitoring & Evaluation Officer will support the implementation of CAMFED Tanzania's Monitoring and Evaluation strategy that will track and assess the progress and impact of CAMFED's Programs.

Specific Accountabilities

- Support the management of CAMFED's M&E system including ensuring quality, timeliness and consolidation of program data.
- Generate data for donor reports, as well as report writing as agreed on with the Head of Impact.
- Coordinate M&E related capacity building activities including organizing and coordinating trainings and workshop to CAMFED programme staff and our stakeholders such as TMs, CDCs, LGs etc.
- Ensure proper filling and documentation of the programme reports and evidences in the CAMFED file server and in the cabinets.
- Coordinate Plan for School Excellency activities including generating charts, documentation of the achievements, successes, challenges and lessons learnt but also proper documentation of the school plans and follow-ups.
- Lead the Impact team on the KIVA project management.
- Work closely with our stakeholders to ensure timely reporting for our program indicators and data
- Support the preparation of the Quarterly, Semi Annual and Annual Key Performance Indicators and ensure proper documentation of the evidences.
- Document M&E-technological programme related success stories and good practice e.i usage of mobile phone by our stakeholders.
- Manage and actively participate in any research studies commissioned.
- Identify and advise on any anomalies in the monitoring process and advise the Head of Impact
- Support the development of projects' monitoring and evaluation plans for tracking project indicators
- Any other duties as may be assigned from time to time

Knowledge, Experience & Skills Required

Essential:

- A degree in social sciences, planning & management, health informatics, public health, bio statistics, epidemiology, demography, information system or a similar relevant course of study
- Excellent analytical and knowledge transfer skills.
- Experience in project management, monitoring and evaluation.
- Experience in overseeing donor funded projects.
- Diplomatic, networking and communications skills to build external partnerships.
- Working knowledge/experience of mobile data collection/collation technologies.
- 3 years and above related experience.

Application Details

To apply for this position please send your CV and covering letter to tanzania@camfed.org on or before **Thursday 15th March 2019**.



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD DIRECTORSHIP

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Swissport Tanzania Plc. is a subsidiary of Swissport International Ltd. and the leading aviation services provider in Tanzania currently operating at the Julius Nyerere, Kilimanjaro and Songwe International Airports as well as at Mtwara airport. The Company is listed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).
- Swissport International Ltd., on behalf of more than 850 client-companies, provides best-in-class airport ground services for some 265 million passengers annually, and handles approximately 4.7 million tonnes of air cargo at 133 warehouses world-wide. With a workforce of 68,000, the world's leading provider of ground and air cargo services is active at 315 airports in 50 countries across all five continents. In 2017, the group generated consolidated operating revenue of EUR 2.8 billion.
- As per its Articles of Association, 2 directors of Swissport Tanzania Plc. shall be elected by the minority shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of 3 years and the majority shareholder, in this case Swissport International Ltd., is entitled to appoint 3 directors and the Chairman of the Board from amongst its nominated directors.
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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Understand and demonstrate a commitment to Swissport Tanzania's vision, mission, objectives and operations.
- Develop, promote and monitor the implementation of strategic objectives, business plans, budgets, policies and structures.
- Ensure effective management of Swissport Tanzania's risk profile.
- Ensure compliance with good governance practices.
- Ensure compliance with laws and regulations.
- Maintain strategic oversight for Swissport Tanzania operations.
- Maintain effective board performance.

- Accept fiduciary and other responsibilities as stipulated in the Companies Act, 2002.
- Select, advise and support the Chief Executive Officer.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Aspiring candidates should:

- Have sound educational background with at least a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting, Economics, Engineering, Law or equivalent qualification. Since the elected directors are expected to become members of the Board's Audit Committee, preferential will be given to the financial experts and those with extensive experience in accounting and business management.
- Possess a minimum of ten years' experience in senior management role.
- Possess highest moral and ethical character.
- Not be a director in more than 3 listed companies.
- Have no potential or actual continuing conflict of interest in relation to Swissport Tanzania Plc.
- Be solvent and of sound mind.
- Have not attained 70 years of age or above at the time of election.
- Consents to act as a director for Swissport Tanzania Plc and to promote its best interests.
- Needs to obtain share qualification within 2 months of his appointment.

DURATION OF APPOINTMENT

The duration of appointment is three years, subject to performance.

APPLICATION

- If your qualifications and experience match the requirements for this role, please send your application together with a cover letter outlining your competencies for the role as well as a detailed Curriculum Vitae to the address indicated below.

- Closing date for receipt of applications will be 25th March 2019.**

The Company Secretary
Swissport Tanzania Plc.
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Dar es Salaam
E-mail: DarInfo@swissport.com



Tabora Boys Secondary School Form Six student Daudi Constantine (R) briefs Benjamin Oganga (2nd-L), Assistant Director for Secondary Schools in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) during a semifinal of the national science and innovation competition for secondary schools organised in Dar es Salaam at the weekend by the Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training ministry in collaboration with Feza Schools. Left is the competition's coordinator, Margareth Komba. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzanians urged to register their businesses' trademarks

By Aisia Rweyemamu

TANZANIANS have been challenged to register for trademarks of their businesses and products because it plays an essential role in protecting businesses, consumers and the promoting national economic growth.

It was said recently in Dar es Salaam during the cooperate dinner for raising awareness on the importance of trademarks, branding and intellectual properties, organised by The International Trademark Association (INTA) and NexLaw Advocates.

Speaking during the event, Tat-Tienne Louembe, the INTA representative of Africa Middle East and Inter Government Organization said "We believe that, through trademarks and intellectual property the country will have the opportunity to achieve sustainable economic development because they are helping to increase value addition".

He added that, trademarks and related intellectual property encourage vibrant competition for the benefit of consumers, workers, brand owners and society at large.

Louembe encourage Tanzanians to register for trademarks saying that it enable consumers to make quick, confident, safe purchasing decisions and promoting freedom of choice.

Trademarks play an important role in the marketing process, enabling consumers to identify product/services of a particular company and enabling them to distinguish the products (goods/services) from others.

Added that through trademarks, businesses and consumers can easily be protected making them an important part of running a successful company.

"It is a good idea to register the name of your business as a trademark, in the event that another business tries to use the same or similar name, you will have legal recourse to stop it," he said.

To maintain a good reputation, trademarked companies will often work harder to provide quality services and products.

Speaking during the event, Dr. Saudin Mwakaje an expert from Nexlaw Advocates said that they are assisting companies and the trademark owners to register it so that they can benefit more from it.

"We focus on the client's needs and provide them with services that would assist them in doing their businesses in a fast changing, competitive and complex businesses environment", he said. He added that "having trademarks is an important component in this fifth phase government which focuses on industrial economy because branding increases and protect value of the products and make the industry more competitive".

Dr. Mwakaje said it is time for Tanzania to make sure that there is good system for protecting intellectual property in order to win competitive markets.

On his part, Business Registration and Licensing Authority (Brela), senior officer Raphael Mtalima said low understanding on the importance of intellectual property was the main factor that hinders Tanzanians to register their trademarks.

Mtalima added that, in order to increase awareness on the importance of intellectual property, Brela had continued to provide awareness education and there is good reaction about it.

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

Govt launches tests for maize flour standards for processors countrywide

THE government has launched an exercise to collect samples of maize flour from various grain milling machines countrywide to see if they follow all required standards.

Speaking over the weekend during an event which was held in Dar es Salaam at Muungano Street in Manzese area, Inspector from the Tanzania Bureau of Standards Baraka Mbajije, said they would be taking maize flour samples from grain processing machines and markets.

"We will send them to our accredited laboratory to see whether the

manufacturers follow all standards procedures during production, he said.

He said the test results will be released after seven days and all processors will be notified whether they qualify or not.

Mbajije noted that if the results test proved failure, the processors would be compelled to stop production of the said products and compelled to follow standards requirement procedures.

He revealed that the Standards watchdog had received complaints from various people in the city

regarding the quality of the maize flour.

According to him similar exercise is being conducted in various regions countrywide to see whether manufacturers and food processors adhere to the standards requirements.

"Our main role is to protect consumers from purchasing substandard goods which are not good for their health and increases costs of living," he added.

He urged the public to buy products from certified and legally recognised outlets scattered all over the country.

The new standard for maize flour in the country is TZS 328: 2016

"There are many people in the country who are victims of substandard goods and we must take action to protect them," Charles said.

He said the organisation will continue taking harsh measures against people who are engaged in the importation and sale of substandard goods countrywide.

Standards Act No. 2 of 2009 states that TBS is mandated to promote standards, and in doing so it cannot

compromise quality. It empowers the agency to suspend production or importation of any goods which abuse procedures.

According to him, inspectors from TBS would keep on to conduct inspections in various markets, to buy samples of various products and test to see if they meet the required standard.

On his part, a flour maize processor at Manzese area identified as Severine Thomas, thanked the officials from Standards watchdog for visiting them.

"I have never come across with you,

we will take all your recommendations in order to improve our products and enable them to be sold beyond Tanzania borders," he said.

He appealed to the government organs to conduct more inspections and awareness campaigns on substandard products in order to save the lives of many Tanzanians

"I urge the government to continue conducting inspections and awareness education programmes to consumers on the importance of quality maize flour," Thomas said.



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TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20180631

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional organization mandated by the governments of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan to spearhead the East African economic, social and political integration agenda. The EAC with the support of TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is seeking reputable firms/consortiums to install the last Video-Conference (VC) terminal in Dodoma for the Ministry in charge of EAC affairs in Tanzania.

Terms of reference for this tender and the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document can be obtained at <http://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. The closing date for submissions is **29 March 2019**.

Applications are open only to **firms/consortiums**. Interested firms/consortium **MUST** submit their proposals via TMEA procurement mailbox at the address procurement@trademarkea.com.

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500 people in Kisarawe benefit from free medical screening and treatment

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo,

Kisarawe

OVER 500 people from all corners of Kisarawe District have benefited from free medical screening and treatment offered by a team of medical specialists who are members of Medical Association of Tanzania (MAT).

The seven-day medical screening camp is part of MAT's move to mark the first 'Tanzania Medical Specialist Day'. President of MAT, Dr Elisha Osati said the camp involved 157 medical doctors and nurses from different hospitals across the country.

Diseases at the medical screening and treatment camp, include hydrocele, hernia, cervical cancer, breast cancer, and orthopedic.

Dr Osati made a request to the government to find them diathermy—an electrically induced heat or the use of high-frequency electromagnetic currents as a form of physical therapy and in surgical procedures.

According to him, the medical equipment worth between 4m/- and 6m/- is very important in operation as it stops bleeding during surgeries.

Kisarawe District Executive Director (DED) Mussa Gama commended MAT for organizing the camp in the district, saying: "This move has helped people in the district who cannot afford to go into major hospitals due to distance and financial challenges."

Minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Selemeni Jafo also lauded the role played by the medical specialists in assisting people in the area who are overwhelmed with a number of health-related challenges.

He, however, said that the government was determined to bring health facilities closer to people in the district.

Jafo who is the MP in the district, cited hydrocele as one of the health challenges facing the area, hence the need to bring health facilities closer to people remain important.

"We're working hard to ensure hydrocele surgeries are carried out within the district," he said, when responding to the request by a patient, a Boga-based villager, Sungura Masiwa who asked the government to bring health services in their villages.



Special Seats legislator Najma Giga (R) hands over to CCM parents wing national Chairman Dr Edmund Mndolwa in Dar es Salaam yesterday a donation of office equipment for use in the wing's offices. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Game industry contributes 78bn/- to nation's economy

By Guardian Reporter

THE gaming industry has contributed to the country's revenues a total of 78bn/- in the 2017/18 fiscal year and it is estimated to inject 96bn/- in the current financial year, a senior official has said.

Acting director general Gaming Board of Tanzania (GBT) James Mbalwe said yesterday in Dar es Salaam that more companies have chipped in and invested millions of capital in the sub-sector thus increasing the government revenues.

"The gaming sub-sector which

includes sports betting is still young but it is among the fastest growing industry in the country and if well supervised it will bring immense contribution in the country's economy," he said.

The pace of growth is due to good regulation policies which assures investors in sports betting safety

of their investments based on the efficiency of the board in supervision as well as the positive way in which people have received the product.

According to him, so far at least 20,000 Tanzanians have secured direct employment opportunities in the gaming firms in the country.

Mbalwe said that despite being so young, the sub-sector has managed to contribute a lot in the country's revenues and economy.

He further said that in efforts enable the sector contribute more in the country's economy, GBT is working to invest more in technology including

coming up with an Information and Communication technology (ICT) system which will be used to collect revenues from lottery games business.

"We will install this electronic system to all games operators so as to monitor their business for the government to get its required revenues," he added.



Danger, danger, danger... Motorbike overloaded, helmet for the rider only, and passengers at every risk of falling off the bike. We captured this scene along the Manzese stretch of Dar es Salaam's Morogoro Road yesterday afternoon. Photo: John Badi

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 70 stakeholders including business people and journalists from Tanga Region are attending the workshop to broaden their understanding of the on-going 1,445km East African crude oil export (EACOP) project.

The seminar which was opened by the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled, Jenista Mhagama is meant to inform stakeholders on the various

70 stakeholders, business people and journalists set to broaden knowledge on-going 1,445km EACOP project

opportunities available under the project.

The two days seminar was organized National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC), Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) and BEST Dialogue Tanzania.

Mhagama said the government will continue to sensitize people on the available opportunities for them to

benefit economically.

"We expect Tanzanians to grab the many business opportunities in the EACOP. This project will create jobs and boost our people's technological skills following the cooperation between local and foreign companies", she said.

She challenged participants to discuss on how Tanzanians can take

part in the project for the benefit of individuals and the nation. She said the project should be considered as a catalyst for sustainable economic growth as more than half of the pipe is in the Tanzania side.

Mhagama said the oil pipeline will pass through eight regions namely, Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga

where it will pass in 24 districts, 134 wards and more than 180 villages.

Tanga Regional Commissioner, Martine Shiga suggested for closer participation of regional leaders in every step of construction to ensure the residents benefit with the project.

NEEC Executive Secretary, Beng'I Issa said they have established a database of all the local companies in order to

Govt praises private sector's investment in country's education

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has commended the private sector's investment in education saying that the move will stimulate 5th phase the government intention to provide better education for every Tanzanian.

The praise was given over the weekend by Director of National Election Committee (NEC), Dr Athumani Kihamia, during the Tusiime Form Six graduation ceremony in Dar es Salaam.

He said 5th phase government under the strong leadership of President John Magufuli is committed to ensure that Tanzanian youths get quality education for their better livelihoods and for the nation at large.

"We need educated youth who are patriotic to their nation, youth who will be strong to protect the nation natural resources and I am confident that the expansion that you are doing here at Tusiime will help the school to maintain academic status when it comes to national examinations results," he said.

Kihamia said government has set good strategies in improving education because without good education Tanzania cannot meet its vision of being industrial and middle economy by 2025.

One of the Form Six leavers at the school, Keziah Nyirenda asked

the government to recognise it as a special school because of its academic excellence they have been archiving in national examinations for the past 20 years.

The graduate said that the school had been doing wonders in academic performance and evidence on that is seen in internal examinations, zones examinations and national examinations.

"This school academic excellence makes us proud to be part of Tusiime family and in our opinion we see that it deserve to be a special school... Some people may not understand this but the students and parents can bethe witnesses in this because some of students who joined Tusiime with very low grades but they had been prepared well and will do wonders in the national examinations," she said.

School head master, Emil Rugambwa said his school accommodates all student even those with low marks but his team is well prepared to help the students day and night to make sure they do wonders in the national examinations.

"Sometime parents bring their children at Tusiime after they had failed to get the school of their choice, they give us their children with low grades but my strong team prepares them well and most of the time they do wonders in the national examinations," he said.

assist them in identifying opportunities that suits their firms.

The 1,445km East African crude oil export (EACOP) pipeline is being constructed between Kabaale in the Hoima District of Uganda and Chongoleani in Tanga, Tanzania.

On completion, it will become the world's longest heated crude oil export pipelines.

The governments of Uganda and Tanzania signed a \$ 3.5bn inter-governmental agreement in May 2017 for the development, which is expected to have an export flow rate of 216,000 barrels a day.

Introduction of opinion boxes help villagers to enhance transparency and accountability

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE introduction of opinion boxes in different villages and wards in Kilombero district, Morogoro region, have helped to enhance transparency and accountability among the government leaders in the district.

Community Development Officer for Kilombero district Council, Rafael Mwesongo said that through the opinion boxes, the villagers and the entire community have found forums to express their views freely through the opinion boxes.

"These opinion boxes if well monitored are better, I wish this project could be extended to many villages and wards because the leaders are remind-

ed of their noble role and responsibilities," he said.

John Adam Limahela, a resident of Mkula village, in Mang'ula, said that the opinion boxes have helped to enhance social accountability and monitoring (SAM) among the villagers and some of their leaders are currently working hard to ensure they fulfill their duties and responsibilities on time.

He said after capacity building, he was able to monitor one of the projects that did not materialize in his village and reported to the district authorities so that measures could be taken against the culprits.

The Director for Kilombero Organization for Community Development

(KOCOD), Christina Dominic said that the locals have been equipped with knowledge and skills to track the progress of public projects. They can collect information, analyse and monitor to ensure different governments projects run successfully.

"So far, KOCOD implemented the project on Improving Agriculture Service Delivery through SAM to local Villagers in Kilombero District in Chisano, Kalengakelu and Ching'anda wards with the purposes of ensuring Local Government Authorities (LGAs) deliver improved quality services in agricultural sector," she said.

According to Dominic, another objective of the project was to ensure local communities are capacitated to

be able to make follow up on different project by the government to realize the value for the money.

There were follow-up meetings to 60 agriculture sector stakeholders on SAM in Kilombero DC. They include LGAs leaders, Government Officials, CSOs representatives, influential peoples, Corporate representatives, Agriculture groups, Women groups, Youth Groups and group of people disability from different locations in Kilombero district participated awareness meeting.

Explaining the impact of the project to the local communities, she said a good number of them have received training on TOT, they have been able to monitor different government projects

and disclose misconduct of different leaders.

Citing an example, she said some village chairmen and village executives had monopolized and leased the power tiller without the knowledge of the villagers, but the villagers were able to disclose them and the power tillers were returned into the hands of the villagers.

Establishment of opinion boxes, has helped the local communities who cannot speak out in public especially during village meetings to air their views freely.

The project has also changed and enhanced efficiency to some leaders after learning that the local communities were monitoring them.

Dominic recommends that the project has done a lot in terms of capacity building but there are still some wards and districts not reached, therefore, the project should be extended to reach out the remote rural communities.

"We are also recommending that the budget should be increased to allow many hamlets and village leaders to attend the capacity building training to get knowledge and make correct and fair decisions in their respective areas," she said.

KOCOD started working with the Foundation for the Civil Society since 2015. During this time, it has implemented different projects including SAM project.



National Electoral Commission director of elections Dr Athumani Kihamia (2nd-R) presents a certificate to a Tusime Secondary School graduand at a ceremony in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Looking on are the school's headmaster, Emil Rugumbwa (R), and board chairperson Dr John Mbogoma (3rd-R). Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Govt promises more support for people with rare diseases

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has pledged to provide more support to ensure better health and effective treatment for patients suffering from rare disease as the world commemorated Rare Diseases Day.

Rare diseases refer to conditions that affect few people in the society, sometimes called orphan diseases. According to World Health Organization (WHO) there are about 6,000 rare diseases which affect about 300 million people worldwide, Tanzania included. Many rare diseases appear in early childhood, and 30 percent of the victims die before they turn 5.

Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr Faustine Ndogulile made the pledge when speaking at this year's Rare Diseases Day, held in Dar es Salaam on February 28, with the theme 'Bridging health and social care'.

He said that the government is aware of the challenges faced by victims and has taken measures to enhance availability of orphan drugs with affordable price.

Dr Ndogulile asserted that since the medicine needed for rare diseases faces a challenge of low demand due

to the fact that very few people in the country suffer from the disease, the government has removed all the tariffs for importation of the orphan drugs. The move is to ensure sufficient supply of medical services to rare diseases sufferers.

"As the government we acknowledge the existence of the diseases in the country and we keep on improving our health system. There is a challenge of diagnosis; there are more than 6,000 rare diseases while some of them are uncured. Most of people are not aware of their existence hence pose challenge of isolation and maltreatment people living with rare diseases especially children," said Dr Ndogulile.

"Normally there is a long procedure for importation of drugs which has cost implications. For someone who wants to import orphan drugs for rare diseases; which you may find that there are only 100 people in the county who need them, thus the government has removed all tariffs for orphan drugs so they are now imported for free," He added.

He urged organizers and other stakeholders to discuss and submit their proposal to the government for improvement of the health system in bid to address challenges of rare diseases.

The minister applauded organizers of the Rare Diseases Day, Sharifa Mbarak and Baome Baruani who are also the parents to rare diseases victims Ali Kimara (7) and Jamoud Muneer (2) for making the event a success, urging them to go a step further and start a movement to recognize the victims.

Earlier, one of the organizers of the Rare Diseases Day, Mbarak said that every stakeholder should join effort to raise more awareness among the society about rare diseases, explained that number of victims should not be the factor for isolation.

"The fact that a disease affects a small number of people does not make it irrelevant or less important than diseases that affect millions. No one should be left behind when we think of providing better and sustainable health services, including people who suffer from rare disease," she said.

"Our own experience has triggered us to mobilize parents, patients with rare diseases and other like-minded citizens aiming at creating awareness and call the community to action. We are certain there are a number of children in the country living with rare diseases but most of them are undertreated," she added.

Elders in Coast region called upon govt to strengthen health service provision

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

ELDERLY people in Coast Region have called upon the government to strengthen health service provision and make sure that it implements practically the country's policy of issuing free medical services to the group.

They were speaking here during the conference organised by a non-profit organization, Good Samaritan Social Service Trust Tanzania (GSSST) to discuss various challenges facing the group when accessing health services.

According to them, despite government's plans and efforts to improve health services in the country, medical services to elders were still in a languish situation.

"The National Ageing Policy of 2003 provides a clear framework for elderly rights including access to free medical services, but the implementation of this policy has been grabbed by a number challenges...lack of drugs is the major challenge to us," said Blandina

Mbaji, one of the elders in the region.

Another elder, Michael Nkoma said that insufficient drugs and medical equipment had been leading to a number of elderly end up getting pain killers when they visit various public health centres and hospital something which do not cure their diseases.

"The government should make sure that it conducts regular follow-ups to find out major diseases facing the elderly so as to bring enough and drugs, we also recommend medical doctors serving the group in various hospitals should be engaged in the whole process for them to recommend the most wanted drugs," he said.

For her part, director of medical services, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Children and Elders Dr Grace Magembe acknowledged the presence of the challenges assuring that the government was working to make sure that medical services to the elderly become more easier and quality. She wanted authorities to en-

sure that every hospital, health Centre or dispensary had special window to serve senior citizens.

According to her, the aim of the national health policy is to provide free health services to elders from dispensary level to national hospital. "Medical servants should treat this group with respect and polite language...we have been receiving some claims that there were some dishonest workers who have been serving this group with rude language whenever they visit in health centres, this is unethical and totally intolerable...elders who find any hurdle in accessing health services should report this in upper level in the centres or hospitals they visit," she added.

Executive director of Good Samaritan Social Service Trust Tanzania Elisha Mwamkinga said the major aim of the conference was to hear more from the elderly about various challenges they face in accessing health care so as to find durable solutions of the problems.

GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Job Title : e-Learning Advisor
Department/Unit : Capacity Building and Data Use
Location : Dar es Salaam or Dodoma
Reports to : Capacity Building and Data Use Team Lead

OVERVIEW:
 The Global Health Supply Chain Program Technical Assistance – Tanzania (GHSC TA-TZ) project, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance to Tanzania to strengthen country supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g., malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH), and essential medicines. In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC TA-TZ assists Government of Tanzania (GoT) by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

JOB SUMMARY:
 The e-learning Advisor will work as a part of the Capacity Building and Data Use Team under the technical guidance of the Capacity Building and Data Use Team Lead. He/she will provide technical support in ensuring appropriate use of electronic technologies to promote learning and skills building on health supply chain to the health supply chain community in the country. This position focuses on supporting the content development and use of an e-learning platform and electronic tools to deliver health supply chain related topics. He/she will work with in-country stakeholders including the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children (MOHCDGEC), President's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), Medical Stores Department (MSD), Pharmacy Council, eGA, higher learning institutions, COSTECH, implementing partners and other stakeholders to support human resource capacity building in supply chain for Tanzania by use of the e-Learning platforms. His/ her priorities will also include supporting the implementation of cost-effective and sustainable training approaches.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
 Responsibilities may include, but not be limited to:

- Activity and stakeholder management – lead the overall e-learning platform activity, collaborating with identified stakeholders
 - Implement the e-learning project plan
 - In collaboration with the GoT and other partners, plan and execute the development and implementation of an e-learning platform,
 - Routinely convene identified stakeholders to present progress on development, and key actions needed from each stakeholder
 - Ensure key stakeholders are adhering to their agreed upon roles and responsibilities
 - Routinely monitor the status of implementation of e-learning activities in the GHSC TA-TZ workplan, identifying and addressing obstacles to implementation
- Content development
 - Work with GoT and key stakeholders to identify activities that can utilize the e-learning platform in improving the abilities of in-service staff to successfully complete their supply chain management job responsibilities
 - Develop/ support the development of training content in collaboration with key stakeholders including MOHCDGEC, PO-RALG and others
 - Work with GoT and key stakeholders to identify activities that support assess and use of e-learning platform in improving the abilities of in-service staff to successfully complete their Supply Chain Management job responsibilities
- Technology
 - Liaise with software developers to ensure that the platform developed reflects user needs, and effectively delivers content
 - Support the design and development of response system to a range of e-learning platform user queries
 - Advise on the appropriate use of a range of educational technologies and act as an advocate for the appropriate use of educational technologies.
 - Collaborate with colleagues from other teams across information services and MIS to propose and support implementation of stable and resilient e-learning services, and to develop new tools and resources.
- Implementation, Pilot and evaluation
 - Launch the e-learning platform, and monitor its use
 - Identify and prioritize enhancements, administration, maintenance and providing appropriate support and training resources.
 - Support the evaluate the e-learning platform use
- Other capacity building work
 - Participate in the identification, planning, implementation and coordination of other interventions needed to address human resource capacity in supply chain by supporting the GoT, development and implementation partners.
 - Ensure all up to date versions of training materials and other supporting documents are available.
 - Complete and submit in a timely fashion written technical and trip reports.
 - Work with other GHSC staff to help identify resources and/or performance improvement needs in order to advance the goal of commodity security.
 - Provide inputs to the operations team to budget for Capacity Building activities including meetings, trainings, and other activities.
 - Ensure timely submissions of all relevant GHSC TA-TZ deliverables

- Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:
 Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Degree in Education, Statistics, Computer Science, Health Sciences, Organizational Development or related field (advanced degree preferred)
- Basic knowledge of a wide range of e-learning systems and a detailed understanding of learning agenda, personnel development planning, and transferable skills training
- Knowledge on e-learning platforms (e.g. Moodle) management and administration
- Experience developing and implementing e-learning initiatives for development projects
- Experience in developing training content
- Ability to lead activities/discussions/meetings involving the participation of up to 10 people.
- Familiarity with the Tanzanian health supply chain and stakeholders is strongly desired

- Ability to take appropriate action to ensure urgent problems are resolved as quickly as possible, perhaps taking direct independent action
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of leading practices related to human resource capacity building for supply chain management desirable.
- Ability to plan own daily schedule, priorities different tasks, arrange meetings and use resources effectively.
- Ability to build strong interpersonal relationships and ability to work in a team
- Experience working with the Government of Tanzania and/or other NGOs preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal English and Swahili.
- Ability to work independently.
- Proficiency in common computer packages (e.g. Word, PowerPoint, Excel) relevant to the work.
- Able to travel for an extended period in country to support technical activities.
- Able to travel internationally to attend trainings and conferences as needed.

2. Job Title : Supply Chain Advisor (IMPACT teams) - 2 positions
Department/Unit : Capacity Building and Data Use
Location : GHSC TA-TZ Project Office Dodoma (1) or Dar es Salaam (1)
Reports to : Capacity Building and Data Use Team Lead

JOB SUMMARY:
 The Supply Chain Advisor (IMPACT teams) will work under the technical guidance of the Capacity Building and Data Use Team Lead, and will focus on implementing the IMPACT team approach, is a people centered, data driven quality improvement approach. S/he will identify and encourage the adoption of leading practices for mentoring and building the skills of relevant stakeholders within the Government of Tanzania (GoT) around data use for performance improvement through the design and institutionalization of IMPACT teams. S/he will work with in country stakeholders including the President's Office of Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC), and Medical Stores Department (MSD) in building capacity in using supply chain systems and data for decision making, and to take actions to improve product availability. S/he will champion data use and data quality improvement efforts throughout the supply chain. This position will be based in Dodoma or Dar es Salaam, with occasional travel to zones.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
 Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Support the implementation of the IMPACT team approach to support supply chain performance improvement.
- Maintain and manage all relevant materials and tools for implementation of IMPACT teams, including training curriculum and standard operating procedures
- Identify and implement ways to improve IMPACT team approach and tools, including data analysis and use, dashboard and tool development, and the projects approach to implementation, including training approaches and methodology
- Work closely with the Logistics Management Services (LMS) Advisors and the LMS to align IMPACT team activities with other activities improving data quality and use, share lessons learned and best practices, and harmonize approaches and objectives
- Collaborate with other GHSC TA-TZ staff to monitor the performance of IMPACT teams
- Build capacity within relevant partners such as PO-RALG, implementing partners, and GHSC TA-TZ staff in IMPACT teams
- Contribute IMPACT team training materials and capacity building materials to the eLearning platform, as appropriate
- Ensure workplan activities for the IMPACT team approach are completed on time and of high quality
- Document success stories, best practices, and lessons learned in IMPACT teams
- Serve as a technical resource for project staff for implementing supply chain improvement strategies and management approaches related to capacity building.
- Support other capacity building activities as needed.
- Prepare presentations, participate and/or represent the project in stakeholder meetings.
- Complete and submit in a timely fashion written technical and trip reports.
- Perform other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:
 Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- A qualified Pharmacist, advanced degree in Public Health, Supply Chain, or related field.
- Five years of experience in health programs, including experience in Tanzania's public health supply chain.
- Experience providing supply chain trainings and conversant in adult learning
- Knowledge of various electronic health information systems such as eLMS
- Ability to analyze supply chain data, conduct root cause analysis, and prepare quality presentation/reports
- Ability to coach and mentor public sector stakeholders to use supply chain data for performance improvement.
- Knowledge of leading practices related to human resource capacity building
- Proven strong leadership skills and ability to build strong interpersonal relationships
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Ability to handle multiple tasks, set priorities and work independently.
- Excellent technical writing and oral presentation skills highly desired
- Excellent written and verbal English
- A proven ability to work as part of a team and to be self-managing
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Experience working with the Government of Tanzania and other NGOs preferred.
- Previous work experience with USAID-funded projects desirable.
- Ability to travel for an extended period away from duty station to support technical activities

How to apply:
 Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letters, Curriculum Vitae with names and contact details of 3 work related references, enclosing certificate copies of relevant education and training.

Submission may be sent to - ghsc.recruitment@gmail.com by 20th March, 2019.

Only candidates meeting the minimum requirements will be contacted. If you have not heard from us within two weeks after the closing date, kindly assume that your application was not successful.

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Youth must innovate to overcome economic blues

WITH the country finding herself in moving towards the industrialization agenda and the middle-income economy by 2025, the youth should start coming up with innovative ideas that will help save the country's economy, create employment and contribute to the development of the country.

We believe that through innovation we can reach a lot in this fourth industrial revolution, and we can actually set trend for the world. Innovation is very important because young people can create new products and services that will change the way they do things by bringing new machinery for instance.

We also need ideas that will help curb problems that we are faced with in Tanzania, like youth employment and housing. We need to find ways that will make housing affordable to the masses and this is the reason for encouraging young Tanzanians to innovate is because they see potential in them and the impacts it can have for the country.

In the same vein, we also encourage the youths and students to pay attention to their studies, as education is crucial for the development of the country. With education, we can

address so much like changing and alleviating poverty in our communities. Education is the key that can open many doors and opportunities for young Tanzanians.

Apart from that, we also encourage young people to take part in the voting system of the country, as many people who go cast their votes are mostly the elderly because they understand the importance of taking part in this democratic process. Statistics has shown that young people are not eager to vote.

Therefore, we urge young people to go take part in the upcoming presidential and national assembly elections in 2020 because they have to choose leaders who will lead them for the next five years. The ballot of a young person is to send a clear message to leaders that she/he would like to see change in the country and shaping their future with their vote.

The good part about the youth voting is that there is a chance to play an active role in the democracy and politics of the country. Voting also gives you the right to complain and demand accountability from the public officials you vote for. Start familiarising yourself with the different political parties in Tanzania and see which one suits you and the country. You don't lose anything, your vote counts.



Writing the 2019 election: Where have all the good women and men gone?

By Ismail Lagardien

SOUTH Africa seems to be at a moment when it is almost impossible to find a good, clean, honest, and trustworthy politician. With the exception of the DA's Mmusi Maimane, can the public really trust any of the leaders in the ANC and EFF. Would you buy a used car from any one of them?

There was a poster doing the rounds, during the 1960 United States Presidential election adorned with Richard Nixon's face. A slogan below the picture was simple and effective. "Would you buy a used car from this man?" I'm not sure whether this was the first time the slogan was used, but it summed up almost perfectly the general antipathy towards Nixon at the time. He lost to John F Kennedy.

Whatever people thought about Nixon in 1960, they elected him eight years later. Nixon would run again, in 1968, was elected and served as president until 1974.... And when he did get to the highest office, Nixon would go on to debase the presidency. It would never be the same again after Nixon left office. It is worth stating the following, a somewhat lengthy passage for a more complete sense of the damage Nixon caused to the presidency of the US.

"For most of American history, that office conveyed authority, dignity, and some measure of majesty upon its occupant. The great presidents—Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, the Roosevelts - came to be viewed not merely as capable executives but as figures of myth: They were heroic, selfless, noble, godlike.... as late as the middle of the last century, Americans were inclined to view even incumbent presidents with reverence. Faith in the presidency may have reached its apogee soon after World War II. The public generally trusted Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower to be honest and well-intentioned and to put the interests of the nation above their own."

Nixon's conduct during the Vietnam war, destroyed his presidency and eroded faith in the office, and none of the post-Vietnam War presidents have managed to fully restore that faith. The most powerful lesson of the Nixon presidency was "that the duty of citizens in a democracy is to be sceptical - not to worship our leaders, who have always been fallible, but to question their decisions, challenge their policies, and hold them accountable for their



failures".

EFF's manifesto - the luxury election shopping list

What has all of this to do with South Africa's general election in May? Well, a lot, if you consider (first) the damage that Jacob Zuma has done to the Presidency, and (second) the increasingly narrow pool of trustworthy candidates among the three main parties, the ANC, the EFF and the DA. That is probably not fair to Mmusi Maimane, as he does seem like a clean-cut politician.

Where have all the good women and men gone?

South Africa seems to be at a moment when it is almost impossible to find a good, clean, honest, and trustworthy politician. With the exception of the DA's Mmusi Maimane, can the public really trust any of the leaders in the ANC and EFF. Would you buy a used car from any one of them? Let us start with the DA. Whatever you may think of the DA's policies, their racial make-up, their lack of unambiguously pro-poor policies, the presence of Tony Leon types, and a smattering of reactionaries, Maimane is far and away the most trustworthy of political leaders. Maimane, should he emerge as the unchallenged national leader of the party, would, arguably, be the "cleanest" of the main candidates. The key is, of course, that South Africans

will go to the polls to elect political parties, and not leaders, per se. Because of this, Maimane is encumbered by the presence "white liberals" in his party - which is somewhat unfortunate. The problem is, of course, that Maimane, Julius Malema and Cyril Ramaphosa come with the DA, the EFF and the ANC. Would you buy a used car from Maimane? Well, if it's between Malema and his bunch of rowdies, Ramaphosa and any number of grunts in pigpens across the country, it would be difficult to ignore the DA leader.

Would you buy a used car from Julius Malema, or his deputy, Floyd Shivambu? Well, let's go this route. From what we read in the news and on social media, EFF supporters have made up their minds. They will vote for the EFF even if Malema cusses and yells at opponents, calls people names, insults people who disagree with him, threatens to cut the throat of whiteness, has journalists thrown out of press conferences.... They will vote for the EFF even if Shivambu physically attacks journalists, calls them names or starts pogroms for people of Indian heritage. And even if he is found to have benefited from questionable financial dealings in the VBS Scandal.

They will vote for the EFF notwithstanding recurrent claims of sexual harassment by the party's most senior leaders. Like the Pan Africanist Congress in the 1950s, the EFF's main reason for being is

opposition to the ANC. Now add to this the politics of revenge, and it does not matter whether EFF leaders are clean and sober. "Whataboutery" means that there are always outsiders who are easier targets. Speaking of sexual harassment.... As if the ANC does not (already) have a monopoly, of sorts, over corpulent cadres who would make Mr Creosote look like a starving orphan. It was reported over the weekend that the ANC's acting spokesperson, Zizi Kodwa, had allegedly drugged and raped a woman. This, while a string of ANC cadres and employees are being lined up to testify at the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector Including Organs of State. At the same time, former premier and North West leader Supra Mahumapelo is reported to be on a collision course with the party's leader, Cyril Ramaphosa. Now take a pick from any of the Zuma Cabinet and other appointees, and the problem is compounded. We should probably give any and all of the initiatives that Ramaphosa (as President of South Africa) has put in place to start cleaning up the state, and as leader of the ANC, cleaning up of the ruling party. Already the ANC have started a process of weeding the bad characters from its ranks. What remains a cause for concern is that between internal vetting of candidates, and external inquiries (like the Zondo Commission) will there be any clean candidates left? Would you buy a used car from any of them? What we have not seen (not yet, anyway) is a woman leader at the front of the EFF or ANC election machinery. Here, again, the DA comes out ahead with Phumzile Van Damme, Natasha Mazzone and, of course, Helen Zille, driving the party's agenda. It's probably not fair to compare them with Bathabile Dlamini, Nomvula Mokonyane or Lindiwe Zulu.

For the ANC Naledi Pandor is without peers in the party. All things considered, though, like Nixon, who debased the US presidency, we will probably look at the Zuma years as the worst that could happen to South African political leadership. Zuma, Mondli Makhanya, the editor of City Press wrote, corrupted the state and the Presidency, and left it almost totally gutted of morality. When seen altogether, it makes us wonder just where all the good women and men have gone. They certainly are not in the official electoral politics of the country.

Investing in health and rights of girls and women is a must

WE cannot support women as workers or entrepreneurs if we do not first invest in their basic health, rights, and wellbeing. On one hand, it is encouraging to see women's economic empowerment gaining prominence as a smart investment for countries. The issue has been featured at the World Economic Forum, and the G20 group of nations has made important commitments.

But on the other hand, many of these conversations including some in respected news outlets are short-sighted, limiting, and yes, even dangerous. They assume that helping women thrive depends primarily on labour market or economic solutions such as incentivizing women-led businesses.

If countries are truly committed to empowering women, we should prioritize comprehensive, multi-faceted investments.

For many girls and women, basic reproductive health eludes them-making conversations about women-owned businesses feel like a distant luxury. Worldwide, 225 million girls and women want the option to plan their next pregnancy, yet lack access to safe, stigma-free services to do so-and therefore the ability to plan their futures. A shamefully high 830 women die every day from preventable complications during pregnancy or childbirth, and one in three women experience gender-based violence in their lifetime.

Improving childcare services is a positive step for women's economic empowerment, but insufficient if women are unable to choose whether to have a child in the first place.

Removing systemic barriers to education is also crucial for supporting

girls and women to achieve their full economic potential, including addressing safety concerns, and ensuring accessible and safe water and sanitation.

The G7 countries can take immediate steps to shore up support for global maternal health, family planning and girls' education; they can also help women who have who have been displaced escaping violent conflict. Refugees, especially women, need quality health care, starting with maternal and reproductive health services.

Only if countries simultaneously invest in all of these areas can we close the gender gap in economic empowerment and reap a massive return. In Canada, where G7 leaders will meet in 2018, gender equality has received the comprehensive attention it deserves. In the face of global attacks on female rights, Canada committed to invest nearly US \$500 million in sexual and reproductive health and rights worldwide.

Countries beyond the G7 have also risen to the challenge. The Netherlands is spearheading a new global initiative that has already raised \$200 million to finance access to sexual and reproductive health services, with Norway, Denmark and Sweden as core partners. Indonesia is working to mainstream gender equality in leadership by striving for at least 30 per cent women in parliament.

The evidence is irrefutable: to power progress for all, comprehensive investments in girls and women's health, rights and empowerment must be at the heart of every political agenda, not an afterthought. This is the mark of real gender equality champions-and we are watching to see whether G7 leaders pass the test.

'I Can, I Must, I Will'

BOOK REVIEW

Title: "I Can, I Must, I Will: The Spirit of Success"
Author: Reginald Abraham Mengi
Date/Size: 2018, 320pp
Reviewer: Professor Issa Mcholo Omari

THIS is a book of a special kind, such as we have not had in the country often, self-explicative writing from a busy and famous businessman in Tanzania. This is a spirit that should be encouraged among the more educated businessmen, where in the past the late Andy Chande also wrote his memoirs. Dr Reginald Mengi volunteered to narrate his experiences, via a lot of mental and emotional energy to write an epic, for educating a portion of humanity. This is a sort of beginning as voluntary explication of life is a phenomenon, a gender of writing that should be wider space in our social life. It encourages a writing and reading culture in our society, which has conspicuously missing.

The book has 10 chapters with auxiliary sections for abbreviations, acronyms, about the author, foreword, indices, references, pictures, and a preface. The chapters are:-

- Setting the Stage
- Early Beginnings
- Studying in Scotland
- Professional Life
- Sowing the Business Seed
- Enter IPP Group
- Promoting Business Lobby Power
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Leadership Matters
- Lessons of Success

This book is coherently and beautifully ordered and

designed to reflect the main theme: "The Spirit of Success," with relevant references and indices. The vertical and logical connectivity, use of simple and clear language, excellent syntax and family pictures here and there, makes the book interesting, attractive, handy and readable.

The author is well known as an industrialist and activist in environmental and disability issues among others. His range of interests in entrepreneurship speaks volumes about the 'spirit of success' underlined in the memoirs, as it spreads from media outlets to mining, oil, gas and manufacturing. One has to read the two page section, 'about the author' (pp. viii - ix) to appreciate the depth of business operations and membership in many boards, commissions, and awards received that makes up the author's personality.

While the author was imbued with elements of self-determination, confidence, high hopes and expectations, there were auxiliary influences from the political landscape, including first phase President Nyerere's influential essay, "Education for Self Reliance" published in February 1967, setting the budding higher education student thinking about those issues, and how to organize his own life in that spirit, that is, of self-reliance. The spirit of enterprise thus started to show quite

early in the life of the author, especially upon finishing "A" level studies. During the final year of "A" level studies, KCMC announced scholarships for England, Scotland to pursue courses in Accountancy at Strathclyde University. Mengi applied and got accepted by both the university and KCMC to study what was at a preliminary stage a course to become an accounts clerk.

There was a chance he leaves for the course before finishing 'A' level studies, but the family and the headmaster were unlikely to agree to that idea. Anticipating a dispute, the young Reginald ran away from home and school, waiting for departure from a hostel in Moshi. Fortunately, his elder brother pleaded successfully with the family and the school so they let him go.

But all the time Mengi had his mind made up that he cannot go all the way to England for an accounts clerk course but seek to become a Chartered Accountant, which would make him equal to any expatriate around.

His role model at that time was a 'mzungu' at the Mwandui Diamond Mine. Upon reaching Britain he resisted enrolling in the accounting clerk course, opted to do part time jobs to get A-level certificate to be admitted to the Chartered Accountant program. He did it and passed very well, and that was really the start of his

career as a professional and as a businessman. That crossing point underscores the message "I Can, I Must, I Will."

Then came the miracles as Mengi turned his eyes, brain, and attention to the business world. The first phase economic and social crises provided a challenge to the business community by pushing creative individuals to identify and take up opportunities for new products and processes in the market. In 1983-84 period there were massive shortages for many commodities and Mengi discovered that he could not get a "ball point pen" in the whole of Dar es Salaam. As he says himself: "I could not believe it (p 73)!!!!" That obstacle gave Mengi the opportunity to establish a small "Ball Point Assembling Plant" in Dar es Salaam, which became his "Sowing the Business Seed" event. That was the humble beginning of what was later to be a manufacturing and media 'empire.'

Mengi apparently is not just a businessman. He is a great philanthropist and takes deep note of axioms from great personalities Nelson Mandela, who said "what counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made in the lives of others" (p.171).

He also cites the words of John Bunyan: "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you" (ibid). Dr. Mengi strongly subscribes to these philosophical orientations and introduces a new angle in the chapter, 'Social En-



President John Magufuli flips through a copy of 'I CAN, I MUST, I WILL - The Spirit of Success', a book by IPP Executive Chairman Dr Reginald Abraham Mengi (to his left), when he launched it in Dar es Salaam in July last year. Looking on are former President Alhaj Ali Hassan Mwinyi, University of Dar es Salaam immediate past vice chancellor Prof Rwekaza Mukandala (2nd-L, partly hidden), legendary conservationist Dr Jane Goodall (R), and the author's wife Jacqueline Ntuyabaliwe-Mengi and their twin sons. File photo

trepreneurship' in which he delves into areas distantly related to his world of business. He invests heavily in these areas such that one starts to believe him when he says "business has a social conscience." This brings him to embrace NGOs, women groups in poor communities, the environment, poverty alleviation, specially needy persons and children, about which he says "my

philanthropic interests rest on giving and sharing with humility" (p.177).

The book sends one important message about Tanzanian education when the author says:-

"I am also concerned about whether democracy could indeed deliver the full force of its potential in our society, given the kind of human output coming out of our schools. (...) Our

education system is not producing young people who are confident to seek jobs in our companies where English is widely used (p201). Our country is sorrowfully excluding itself from the future. Something dramatic needs to be done, and done quickly and resolutely to save the country from a continuing state of backwardness. What is required is for us to debate the problems

and forge a national consensus on solutions."

Youths especially need to read this book, but adults as well including policy makers. Events narrated in the book many often lack dates but the pages are full of substance rather than gossip and narrative. It is not in the first place meant for business people or higher learning groups but for the general readership.

Public servants' interests must be safeguarded

BY MUHARRAM MACATTA

TANZANIA'S socio-economic and political development have always been dynamic and had never been static or stagnant; therefore, the United Republic of Tanzania is likely to catch up and attain a middle income status before 2025 if, every citizen and public servant shall conduct himself or herself with integrity, empirically and honestly under the draconian style of iconic leadership of CCM with its current 5th phase government administered by vivacious Dr.

JPJ Magufuli, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania and his courageous and industrious colleagues; predominantly Madam Samia Suluhu Hassan, Vice-President and Honourable Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa, Prime Minister.

This paper discusses the concepts of ethics, accountability, transparency, integrity and professionalism in the public service. It further attempts to discuss some practices and behaviours which undermine the ethical behaviours of public servants by putting special emphasis on corruption, conflict of interest and human resource management malpractices.

It also discusses the measures which can be taken to reduce the malpractices. Specifically, the paper discusses the Tanzania situation with regard to ethics, accountability, transparency, integrity and professionalism in the country's public service.

It noted that although the current Tanzania government has already attempted to put in place a number of institutional measures to combat evils like corruption, the success of such measures will largely depend on the serious implementation and enforcement mechanisms which the government must put in place.

Administration - Law makers in corrupt systems use their powers to help rent - seekers, not citizenry as a whole.



President Dr John Magufuli addresses workers during the May Day celebrations in Moshi, 2017. File photo

Bureaucrats are not held accountable for their performance and actually have incentives to delay services in order to extract bribes.

Exacerbated poverty - Corruption lowers the income potential of the poor because there are fewer private sector opportunities. It also limits their access to quality public services such corruption threatens the economic and political fortunes of developing countries the most.

Bribery, conflict of interest, and illegal deals impose heavy costs on the economy while distorting development policies and undermining confidence in public institutions.

Broadly defined, corruption is the abuse of entrusted power for personal gain. However, three specific conditions must apply for an act to be considered corrupt:

i. The arm's - length principle is violated. The two parties in a transaction display bias for working with each other that is inconsistent with impartial treatment.

ii. The bias or conflict of interest must be intentional.

iii. There must be some advantage for both parties to commit this violation.

This advantage need not be monetary in nature; it could involve favouritism or non - monetary gifts. Corruption is one of the most serious unethical practices that undermine trust and confidence of public officials.

Public confidence can only be reclaimed by establishing a reputation of integrity. Both business and society bear the costs of corruption through:

Resource Misallocation- Resources that could be put to productive uses are instead devoted to corruption. Firms waste time and resources on rent - seeking - cultivating relationships with officials and spending on bribes, Officials make biased decisions (e.g. in investment) that do not serve the public interest, and taxpayers swallow the cost.

Lower investment- Foreign and domestic investors are scared off by unpredictable costs. Rampant corruption signals to potential investors that the rule of law, and thus property rights, are very weak in the country, making an investment there a risky proposition. Lower investment means lower growth.

Reduction in competition, efficiency and innovation - Rent - seeking means that favoured companies do not compete on market signals alone, while new firms face high barriers to entry. Consumers end

up paying in terms of higher prices, lower quality, and limited product offerings.

Corruption lowers the income potential of the poor because there are fewer private sector opportunities. It also limits their access to quality public services such as health care and education

Such reforms are crucial to protecting public resources, enhancing public sector performance, and strengthening the government's role in orchestrating development and providing basic services, indeed there is a greater awareness of the need for ethics, accountability, transparency, integrity and professionalism in public life today.

The impact of unethical and criminal practices in the public service is unsupportable in the development of nations, resulting in the loss of confidence in public institutions and the erosion of the rule of law itself.

Furthermore, the notions of ethics and accountability have become more critical in public administration, because of the continued public sector institutional failing that are attributed to public servants' lack of moral values, which in turn, are associated with weak values and weak administrative systems.

It is now a general reality that the quest of the public for responsibility and accountability in government has been stimulated in most democratic states. Some of these have been triggered by events involving politicians and bureaucrats.

Accountability as the "responsibility of government and its agents towards the public to achieve previously set objectives and to account for them in public" It is also regarded as a commitment required from public officials individually and collectively to accept public responsibility for their own action and inaction.

In this case, the burden of accountability rests on each public functionary to act in the public interest and according to his/her conscience, with solutions for every matter based on professionalism and participation.

Lack of transparency and accountability-when deals are made behind closed doors, it becomes impossible to assess the criteria

behind decisions, whether they serve public interest and respect the law. If violators on both the public and private sides conceal their transactions, they escape being accountable.

Low public service salaries - when officials cannot meet what they perceive as their daily needs through their salaries, they resort to corruption to supplement their income. However, simply raising the wages of officials will not curb corruption so long as opportunities to abuse the system persist.

Inadequate, inconsistent, and unfair enforcement of laws and regulations -

Even if laws to combat corruption are on the books, lax enforcement can invite abuse. A weak justice system, low penalties, and high cost of compliance will render laws ineffective

Every honest person should be allowed to give empirical and honest advice to his or her member of parliament. As the case may be, to the Prime Minister, to the head of a department or his Supervisor without fear or favour and shall make all information relevant for decision available to them.

A citizen or public servant shall not conduct himself or herself in a way which:- (a) is illegal (b) is improper (c) is unethical (d) is in breach of constitutional convention or a Professional Code of Ethics and Conduct; (e) is inconsistent with the Public Service Leadership Code of Ethics and Conduct (f) involves possible maladministration.

It is imperative and insisted that citizens or public servants shall conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of (a) the Public Service Codes of Ethics and Conduct (b) the Public Service Leadership Code of Ethics and Conduct (c) various Professional Codes of Ethics and Conduct; (d) the public service Regulations, the Administrative Directives or Instructions and Orders.

Every citizen or public servant who is aware of any breaches or who has been required by any other public servant and citizen alike, whether senior or junior, to act in a way which raise a fundamental issue of conscience for that public servant, may report that breach to the service or of his employer as the case may be.

Roots of Nigeria's election violence

BY SAMPSON KWARKYE

PRESIDENT Muhammadu Buhari has been elected for a second term. Nigerians have also elected new members of the National Assembly, and on 9 March, elections will be held for governors and State Assembly members in 29 of the country's 36 states.

The presidential contest, which featured more than 70 candidates, was largely a straight fight between Buhari of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and former vice president Atiku Abubakar of the main opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP).

The National Peace Committee led a campaign before the polls to stave off a repeat of the deadly pre- and post-election violence of 2011 and 2015.

Inflammatory political rhetoric, opposition parties' allegations of intimidation and partisanship by security forces, partiality of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), and planned illegal voting and results rigging raised the potential for violence.

National security adviser Babagana Monguno said the government had uncovered plots by politicians - ostensibly the opposition - to stockpile weapons and hire thugs and cults to scuttle the polls with violence. A last-minute postponement of the vote by INEC on grounds of logistical constraints inflamed tensions between the APC and PDP.

The campaign by the peace committee, a group of eminent Nigerians comprising two senior Muslim and Christian leaders and two former military and political leaders, culminated in political parties including the APC signing the Abuja Accord 2018. A final National Peace Accord was signed by Buhari and Atiku on 13 February.

The signing of peace accords has tended to precede recent Nigerian elections. In January 2015, then president Goodluck Jonathan and candidate Bu-

hari signed two agreements before the election, including one at a ceremony attended by representatives of the international community.

The accords were also signed by other political parties. In 2011, a code of conduct was signed by all major parties.

However commitments to peace around election time by political parties and candidates isn't enough to bring stability.

In 2011, about 800 were killed in post-election attacks on minorities across northern cities. In 2015 about 100 deaths were recorded. While the commitment promised in peace accords is important, the structural drivers of violence must also be tackled.

Two such drivers are particularly important. One is the state control of productive resources and domination of economic life in Nigeria, which creates the perception of state office as an easy avenue for accumulating wealth.

The other is the politicisation of security and law enforcement institutions and questions about their neutrality.

The 1999 Constitution, the Land Use Act and the Petroleum Act give complete ownership and control of the oil and gas sector to the state. The sector, managed by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) through joint ventures with foreign firms, is the mainstay of the economy.

It accounts for more than 50% of government revenue, placing considerable resources at the state's disposal.

The federal government is the sole receiver, divider and dispenser of oil revenue based on a complex formula between itself and the 36 states.

As such, much of the country's economic activity is politically controlled and many private sector players depend on political patronage.

Public works and procurement, whether federal or state, are major sources of business and employment, and are bankrolled with oil money. The ability to win contracts depends on



Elections are the battleground for resource control, which raises the stakes and likelihood of clashes.

one's political connections.

For many political candidates, politics has become the only way to improve their lot. For others it is a matter of personal prestige or simply being in control of people and resources. For those seeking economic gain, winning elections is the endgame.

It is common belief that candidates - and their financial backers - invest heavily in elections in order to harvest returns on their 'investments' if and when they win. The stakes become high and the signing of peace accords, although important to reduce the political temperature, are not enough to forestall violence.

Compounding the situation are long-standing religious and ethnic-regional tensions that make elections the battleground for political supremacy and resource control among Nigeria's complex mix of ethnic groups.

As a campaign strategy, candidates have often used inflammatory rhetoric between rival groups and Christians and Muslims to stoke violence.

At the same time, the laws governing Nigeria's security and law enforcement institutions implicitly permit political control over them.

The inspector general of police is appointed by the president on

recommendation of the Nigeria Police Council, is confirmed by the Senate, and can be removed at will. So are the military service chiefs and other heads of the State Security Services.

This is not peculiar to Nigeria but security and law enforcement officers are widely seen as loyal to the government of the day, and as tools for intimidation and harassment of opponents.

In campaign season, politicians from both sides often voice their distrust of security and police agencies and accuse them of being partisan. This creates a tense political atmosphere, and contestants - including those whose

party is in power - recruit thugs and criminals to perpetrate violence or intimidate opponents.

To promote future peaceful elections, Nigeria needs constitutional and legal reforms that lessen the political monopolisation of resources. The allure of political power must be reduced, making political office less of an avenue for wealth accumulation.

Inflammatory rhetoric and intimidation should be criminalised. The political control of law enforcement agencies also needs to be minimised to build neutral and professional security services that inspire public trust and confidence.

Modern-day slavery rated world's largest single crime industry

Agadez, Niger

A GROUP of women are squeezed into a modest room, ready to take their class in a popular district of Agadez, the largest city in central Niger.

A blackboard hangs on the wall and Mahaman Alkassoum, chalk in hand, is ready to begin.

A former people smuggler, he is an unusual professor.

His round face and shy expression clash with the image of the ruthless trafficker.

"We're here to help you organise your savings, so that your activities will become profitable," Alkassoum tells the women, before drawing a timeline to illustrate the different stages of starting a business.

Until mid-2016, both he and the women in the room were employed in Agadez's huge migration market, which offered economic opportunities for thousands of people in an immense desert region, bordering with Algeria, Libya and Chad.

Alkassoum used to pack his pick-up truck with up to 25 migrants at once, driving them across the Sahara from Agadez to the southern Libyan city of Sebha, earning up to 1,500 euros (\$1,706) a month - five times the salary of a local policeman.

The women, his current students, were employed as cooks in the ghettos and yards where migrants were hosted during their stay in town.

At times, they fed 100 people a day and earned about 200 euros (\$227) a month.

For decades, the passage of western African migrants heading to Libya, and eventually to Italian shores, happened in daylight, in full view - and in most cases with the complicity of Niger security forces.

According to a 2016 study by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), migrants in transit had injected about 100 million euros (\$113.8m) into the local economy.

But the "golden age" of migration through Agadez ended abruptly in the summer of 2016 when the government of Niger launched a crackdown on people smuggling.

More than 300 drivers, middlemen and managers of ghettos, have been arrested since then, convincing other col-



leagues - like Alkassoum and his students - to abandon their activity.

The driver's new career as a community organiser began right after, when most locals involved in the smuggling business realised they had to somehow reinvent their lives.

At first, a few hundred men, former drivers or managers of ghettos, decided to set up an informal association, with the idea of raising funds between members to launch small commercial activities.

But the project didn't really work, Alkassoum recounts. In early 2018, the leader of the group, a renowned smuggler, disappeared with some of the funds.

Alkassoum, at the time the association's secretary, got discouraged.

That was the moment when their female colleagues showed up.

Most of them were wives or sisters of smugglers, who were cooking for the migrants inside ghettos and, all of a sudden, had also seen their source of income dis-

appear.

Resorting to an old experience as a youth leader, Alkassoum decided to help them launch new businesses, through lessons on community participation and bookkeeping.

As of mid-2018, more than 70 women had joined.

"At first we met to share our common suffering after losing our jobs, but soon we realised we needed to do more," says Fatoumata Adiguini at the end of the class.

They decided to launch small businesses, dividing themselves into subgroups, each one developing a specific idea.

Habi Amalozé, a thin Tuareg woman, heads one of the groups: 17 women that called themselves "banda badantchi" - meaning "no difference" in Hausa - to share their common situation.

The banda badantchi started with the cheapest possible activity,

shelling and toasting peanuts to sell on the streets. Other groups collected small sums to buy a sheep, chicks or a sewing machine.

"We started with what we had, which was almost nothing, but we dream to be able one day to open up a restaurant or a small farming activity," explains Amalozé.

While most men left Agadez to find opportunities elsewhere, the women never stopped meeting and built relations of trust.

Besides raising their children, they have another motivation: working with migrants has freed them from marital control, something they are not willing or ready to lose.

According to Rhissa Feltou, the mayor of Agadez, the crackdown on northbound migration responded to European requests more than to local needs.

Since 2015, the European Un-

ion earmarked 230 million euros (\$261.7m) from its Emergency Trust Fund of Africa for projects in Niger, making it the main beneficiary of a fund created to "address the root causes of migration".

Among the projects, the creation of a police investigative unit, where French and Spanish policemen helped their Nigerian counterparts to track and arrest smugglers.

Another project, known under its acronym Paiera, aimed at relieving the effect of the migration crackdown in Agadez, included a compensation scheme for smugglers who left their old job. The eight million-euro (\$9.2m) fund was managed by the High Authority for the Consolidation of Peace, a state office tasked with reducing conflicts in border areas.

After endless negotiations between local authorities, EU representatives and a committee representing smugglers, a list of 6,550 smuggling actors operating in the region of Agadez, was finalised in 2017.

But two years after the project's launch, only 371 of them received small sums, about 2,300 euros (\$2,616) per person, to start new activities.

The High Authority for the Consolidation of Peace told Al Jazeera that an additional eight million-euro fund is available for a second phase of the project, to be launched in March 2019, allowing at least 600 more ex-smugglers to be funded.

But Feltou, the city's mayor, isn't optimistic.

"We waited too much and it's still unclear when and how these new provisions will be delivered," he explains.

Finding viable job opportunities for thousands of drivers, managers of ghettos, middlemen, cooks or water can sellers, who lost their main source of income in a country the United Nations dubbed as the last in its human development index in 2018, is not an easy task.

For the European Union, nonetheless, this cooperation has been a success. Northbound movements registered by the IOM along the

main desert trail from Agadez to the Libyan border, dropped from 298,000 people a year in 2016 to about 50,000 in 2018.

In a January 2019 report, the EU commission described such a cooperation with Niger as "constructive and fruitful".

Just like other women in her group, Habi Amalozé was disregarded by Brussels-funded programmes like Paiera.

But the crackdown changed her life dramatically.

Her brother, who helped her after her husband died years ago, was arrested in 2017, forcing the family to leave their rented house.

With seven children, ranging from five to 13 years old, and a sick mother, they settled in a makeshift space used to store building material. Among piles of bricks, they built two shacks out of sticks, paperboard and plastic bags, to keep them safe from sand storms.

"This is all we have now," Amalozé says, pointing to a few burned pots and a mat.

In seven years of work as a cook in her brother's ghetto, she fed tens of thousands of migrants. Now she can hardly feed her family.

"At that time I earned at least 35,000 [West African franc] a week [about \$60], now it can be as low as 2,000 [\$3.4], enough to cook macaroni once a day for the kids, but no sauce," she says, her voice breaking.

Only one of her children still attends school.

Her experience is familiar among the women she meets weekly. "All of us suffered with the end of migration in Agadez," she says.

Through their groups, they found hope and solidarity. But their future is still uncertain.

"We're toasting peanuts every day and thinking of new ways to earn something," Hamalozé says with a mix of bitterness and determination. "But, like all our former colleagues, we need real opportunities otherwise migration through Agadez and the Sahara will resume, in a more violent and painful way than before."

AGENCIES.

Paralegals halt discrimination against woman with disability

By Guardian Correspondent, Bunda

A 50-year-old Mwashi Bedo is a disabled woman who lives in Serengeti village, Bunda District.

Like many other people with disabilities in the country, Mwashi lives in severe poverty due to the challenge of securing a steady income for individual upkeep and taking care of the family.

Luckily, Mwashi is blessed with a boy, Michael Mathayo aged 14 who at the tender age had to support her family through small money he gets from petty businesses and farm works at the village.

As a strategy to speed up implementation of development projects in the village, local authorities had set up some rules and regulations, which among other things, require all members to contribute—either labour power or cash money, for every development project.

Two years ago, village authorities set a development priority, construction of a secondary school, asking every villager to contribute 10,000/- for the project. The whole village was made aware of the project through village-public meetings and other platforms.

Most of the villagers turned up, con-

tributed money as well as labour power to make sure the project is completed on time, as effectively and efficiently as possible. Due to abject poverty and other factors associated with her disability, Mwashi did not manage to contribute 10,000/- required by the village authorities.

In what could be termed as absolute disregard of disabled rights, local executives went to Mwashi's home and took all her properties—chairs, tables and other domestic appliances, which they planned to sell in order to get the money as her contribution for the construction of a secondary-school project.

She tried unsuccessfully to claim back her properties, as both village chairman and ward executive officer rejected her requests for "exemption" from the community development-fund contribution.

Annoyed by local executives' actions, some fellow villagers advised Mwashi to consult Bunda paralegal organization, who assisted the disabled woman by taking her to Bunda district social welfare and district commissioner offices for further support.

The local district commissioner and social welfare offices issued a letter directing Serengeti village authorities to exempt Mwashi from community development fund contributions.

Paralegal took the letter to Serengeti village authorities, and Mwashi was immediately erased from the list of potential contributors to the community developments project. Serengeti village executives also returned all Mwashi properties to her home. "I feel happy that paralegals helped me to recover my properties and for ending the hassle I was going through.

Since then, no village leader has approached me for any development contribution," says Mwashi.

Having recovered her properties, she is now proceeding with her normal life (of course with great support from her boy) Michael, who works as casual labour in people's farms and engage in other economic activities—earning them income to support themselves.

"People with disabilities and their families are confronted with numerous challenges on a daily basis. Paralegals and other stakeholders should join hands and extend necessary assistance to alleviate these obstacles, improve quality of life and empower people with disabilities to fulfill their potential." commented one independent social welfare expert, Anna Kitojo.



A disabled woman and a resident of Serengeti village—Bunda District, Mwashi Bedo sets up her domestic and other appliances which were forcefully taken by Serengeti village executives—thanks to Bunda paralegals who assisted to recover her properties. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Vodafone foundation announces global plans for app to help those experiencing domestic abuse

By Guardian Reporter

VODAFONE Foundation, Vodafone's philanthropic arm, has announced the international expansion of Bright Sky, a free app which connects victims of domestic violence and abuse to advice and support services.

Bright Sky, created in partnership with the UK-based crisis support charity Hestia, enables users to locate their nearest support centre by searching their area, post-code or current location. A short questionnaire also helps users assess the safety of a relationship and provides information about different forms of abuse, the types of support available, steps to consider if leaving an abusive relationship, and how to help a friend affected by domestic abuse.

The app is also designed to log incidents of domestic abuse without any content being saved on the device itself. It enables users to record incidents in a secure digital journal, using a text, audio, video or photo function. Evidence collated through this function will enable police to intervene and can help secure prosecutions.

The first countries outside the UK to launch the app will be the Czech Republic, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Portugal, and Romania. Vodafone Foundation will work with local partners to adapt the content and technology and to integrate it with domestic violence and abuse support infrastructure. Bright Sky has been available in the UK since April 2018 where it has been downloaded more than 10,000 times.

The international roll-out of Bright Sky builds on more than a decade's work by Vodafone Foundation to develop mobile services to support victims of domestic violence and abuse, including the TecSOS technology which has helped more 100,000 high risk victims of domestic violence in five countries. Easy Rescue which has supported over 300,000 women in Turkey, and gender based violence hotlines in South Africa and Kenya which have connected over 300,000 women to help during crisis.

Building on Vodafone Foundation's work with the Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse in the UK, the Foundation commissioned a study by Opinium, a market research consultancy, to assess the impact of domestic violence and abuse on peo-

ple's work-life and career. The study surveyed 4,715 working women and men across nine countries (UK, Germany, Ireland, Turkey, South Africa, Kenya, India, Italy and Spain).

The research found that 37 percent of respondents had experienced domestic violence and abuse in some form, 67 percent of respondents that had experienced domestic violence and abuse said that the abuse affected their career progression and 51 percent of respondents that had experienced domestic violence and abuse felt too ashamed to discuss their abuse at work.

It also found that when employees do discuss their abuse at work, 53% said that positive things happened as a consequence and 33 percent said that an app that people can download to access help and support would help reduce the impact of domestic violence on the work lives of employees.

Supporting Vodafone Employees

Inspired by the work of Vodafone Foundation, Vodafone Group is announcing today its intention to implement a new HR policy specifically for victims of domestic violence and abuse in 25 of its operating companies. Employees globally will now have access to support and specialist counselling, as well as up to 10 days additional paid leave in all countries.

The extra 'safe leave' gives employees who have faced abuse time to manage their situation, such as seeking professional help and counselling, attending police or court appointments, making arrangements to move house, and supporting their children.

Specialist training will be provided for HR managers to help them support employees experiencing domestic violence or abuse, including how they can assist them to seek help.

Alongside the research, Vodafone Foundation has worked with domestic violence and abuse expert Dr Jane Pillinger to develop a toolkit for all employers. The toolkit can be downloaded here.

Andrew Dunnett, Director, Vodafone Foundation, said: "The result of our research shows the significant impact of domestic violence and abuse on people at work, affecting confidence, self-esteem and career progression. It also reveals how employers can help.

TAMWA in drive to empower Zanzibar children living in difficult environment

By Guardian Reporter

THE SOS Children's Villages in collaboration with the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) is implementing a project—Community Action on Quality Alternative Care and protection, which aims at empowering economically some poor families in Tumbatu Island in North Unguja region, Zanzibar.

More than 10 families living under difficult conditions have been economically empowered to be able to take care of their children. Tumbatu Island has a population of more than 20,000 people of which most of them engage in fishing activities.

The project coordinator from SOS, Nyezuma Simai Iddi said they supporting the residents so that children are taken care at their families instead of orphanage centers.

"We encourage people to take care of their blood children and those who have lost their parents. It is better that children are taken care at home where they can also be taught to live in accordance with our Tanzanian moral", said Nyezuma.

Jongowe Shehia leader, Miza Ali Sharif said they have been educating the community on the importance of raising their own children instead of taking them to government owned orphanage centers.

Sharif said since most of the residents in Tumbatu Island are poor, some men have been dumping their families over live difficulties. He said some of them engage in fishing activities.

"Some fishermen have been left their families for months in search of job in Tanzania mainland", he said adding some of the children have not seen their parents for over six months.

One of the project beneficiaries, Rahma Ali Khamis (35) said; "I can now take care of all the children whose parents died years ago. I commend SOS for giving money to establish a business as well as constructing a house for us".

Miza Mabrouk Jecha, said that what SOS and Tamwa are doing is commendable and have improved the lives of many



people.

Jecha is also taking care of an eight-month infant whose mother has died. She has been empowered to establish a business where she can raise money to properly take care of the child.

Director of the social welfare department in Zanzibar, Wa-

hida Maabad called upon Isle residents to build a culture of taking care of their families by ensuring provision of necessary requirements.

Maabad said that orphanage centres should be the last solution, because children can be raised better when they grew up together with other family members.

Chinese democracy puts Western illusion in dust

BEIJING

EVERY year, just before China's annual two sessions, there are voices in the West declaring that China's democracy cannot truly represent the people. But the Chinese people disagree.

Nearly 3,000 lawmakers and more than 2,000 political advisors are gathering in Beijing to forge consensus and pool wisdom for the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects, the first of the country's two centenary goals.

This is the mission of the annual sessions of the National People's Congress (NPC), and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), two important platforms for China's own style of democracy. Democracy is not a decoration, but a means of solving problems.

The true meaning of people's democracy is finding the best way to coordinate the aspirations and demands of the whole of society and making decisions that conform to the long-term interest of the people.

It is different from a system where some here-today-gone-tomorrow politicians obtain power in turn, often failing to keep their pre-elections promises.

To govern, in China, also means to serve. While parties in the West increasingly represent special interest groups, Chinese democracy sees people, not capital, as the most important factor in society.

Chinese leaders are listening attentively to the people and responding to their demands. The priorities of the Chinese government are how to keep the economy growing, provide better education, housing, environment, employment and healthcare for almost 1.4 billion people and maintaining social cohesion and peace and while achieving greater prosperity for all the people.

Over the past decades, China has been improving dramatically, not only economically but also ecologically, socially and culturally. China's independence, sovereignty, security and the interests of development are well

safeguarded.

China's GDP has grown to 90 trillion yuan (13.4 trillion U.S. dollars), contributing about 30 percent of the world's economic growth.

Now the country has the world's largest middle-income population. By 2020, there will be no extreme poverty in China. If this is not a proof of Chinese democracy at work, then what is? China is a large country.

Choosing the right path for its political progress is a fundamental and vital issue. The country began to learn about democracy a century ago, but soon found Western politics did not work here.

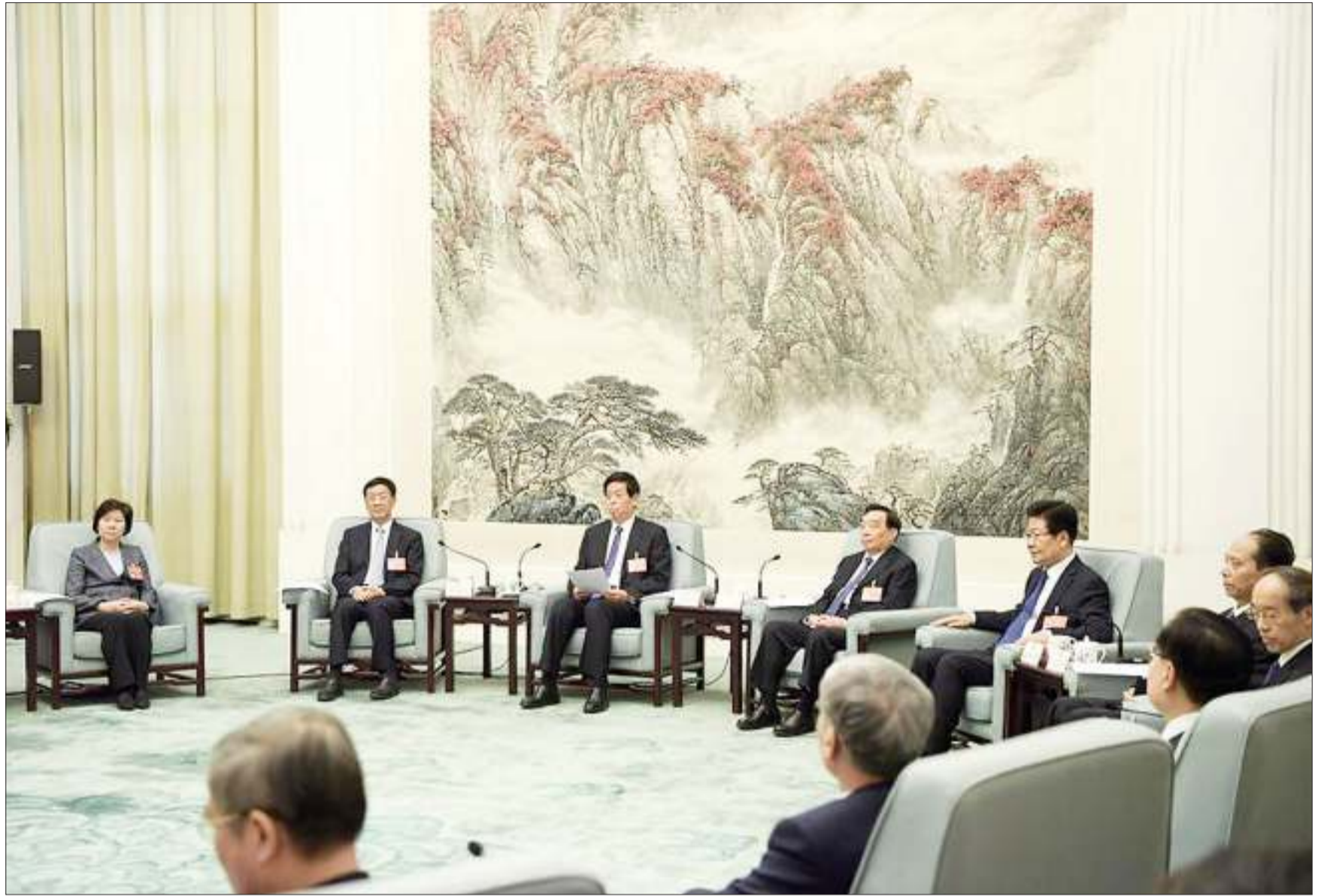
Decades of turmoil and civil war followed. It was after the founding of the People's Republic of China that the country developed its own style of democracy.

The first session of the first CPPCC National Committee was held in 1949. The first NPC, the highest organ of state power, was convened in 1954. The two platforms have been witnessing the vitality of Chinese democracy under the leadership of the Communist Party of China.

The system is an integration of the leadership of the CPC, the running of the country by the people, and law-based governance, which is guaranteed by the effective implementation of "democratic centralism," the fundamental organizational principle of the CPC and the principle of China's political system as stipulated by the country's Constitution.

It ensures that the CPC's positions become the will of the country through legally established procedures, and on the other hand, the CPC acts within the scope of the country's Constitution and the law, and leads the people in effectively governing the country and engaging in democratic elections, consultations, decision-making, management, and oversight.

Rather than creating policy conundrums or delays – as is often the case with parliaments in Western nations when the ruling party or coalition does not hold a majority – the people's congress system lends support to



Li Zhanshu, chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, presides over a chairpersons' meeting of the 13th NPC Standing Committee at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. (Xinhua)

and supervises the governments, supervision commissions, courts and procuratorates to achieve effective governance and rule of law.

The NPC is the top legislative body. Lawmakers must learn about the most pressing needs of the people as well as national urgencies and push forward national policies.

Deputies who fail to fulfill their duties lose their positions. Chinese democracy also includes multi-level and institutionalized consultation.

The CPPCC is an important organ for multi-party cooperation and political consultation led by the CPC. The CPC and non-Communist parties cooperate with each other, working together for the advancement of socialism

and striving to improve people's standard of living.

The relationship maintains political stability and social harmony and ensures efficient policy making and implementation.

There are also various mechanisms available for the public to give input into policy making, including self-governance at the grassroots level such as village committees.

Some traditional Western political theories state that it is inevitable that China will pursue Western democracy once it becomes well-off, eventually fully following Western political systems.

This reflects arrogance and self-indulgence, a warning signal that the model is in decline.

China wants to learn as much as possible from the West and work with the West.

However, the Chinese are, just as many Westerners have become, wary of the deep troubles of a capital-manipulated and conflict-driven model of democracy.

China has never sought to export its system to other countries. Its example just shows there is more than one model of democracy in the world that can produce good governance. If the West wants to retain and renew its values, it is time to stop judging other countries by Western norms and rules.

Democracy is a living organism. Any model that refuses to develop to meet the demands of time will only end up in the dust. **Xinhua**

Sri Lankans risk it all to seek asylum on tiny island near Africa

REUNION

BEFORE he decided to undertake a perilous 22-day journey by sea to Reunion, 35-year-old Balapu Waduge Prasad Indika Dilan Mendis had never heard of the tiny French island off the eastern coast of Africa.

On March 21 last year, two days after being set adrift on a raft without food or water following a boat mishap, six Sri Lankans including Mendis arrived.

"If we had not been seen by the tourists it would be over for us," he said of the ordeal; Reunion's waters are notorious for sharks.

The six men had traversed 4,000km across the Indian Ocean that stretches between South Asia and Africa, crossing the equator along the way.

They came in search of Europe. More would follow.

It was the first of five boats that have brought 145 Sri Lankans to Reunion in less than a year.

On February 5 this year, the latest and largest boatload arrived with 72 people on board, including eight women and five children.

On February 14, 64 were deported after their asylum appeals were rejected.

Reunion, a former French colony which neighbours Mauritius, became an overseas department of France in 1946.

There is a steady trickle of asylum seekers from nearby African islands but its new-found appeal for Sri Lankan asylum seekers has caught French authorities off-guard.

From 2016 to 2018, the island received 105 asylum applications. Sri Lankans accounted for most requests, followed by Indians and Comorians, according to the prefecture of Reunion.

In public comments, French and Sri Lankan authorities have said that the influx shows that Reunion is now on a human-trafficking route that was earlier taking migrant seafarers.

"Classically immigration was happening towards the east; Indonesia, Malaysia and Australia," said Anthony Goreau, a geographer at the University of Bordeaux.



Balapu Waduge Mendis, a Sri Lankan asylum seeker, right, with Swami Advayananda Sarasvati at his ashram in Le Port, Reunion [Malavika Vyawahare/AI Jazeera]

Reunion, a fraction of the size of Sri Lanka, hosts fewer than one million people.

But it is not chance that has brought the Sri Lankans to the remote island, according to Goreau.

"You cannot put your fate in the hands of luck when you are going to be on a boat for over two weeks and navigating cyclones," Goreau said.

Four of the five boats arrived in the middle of cyclone season.

Mendis said he was introduced to Reunion by an agent, who showed him a video about the island and promised to arrange passage for a sum of 5,000,000 Sri Lankan rupees, about \$2,800. Others in his group paid between \$1,500 and \$3,000.

A decades-long Tamil rebellion in northern Sri Lanka that was crushed in 2009 is at the root of many desperate

bids to leave.

"Though the conflict officially ended in 2009, the immigration flux persists till today," Goreau said, adding that the flight of minorities, mainly Tamil victims of persecution, is a factor.

The sudden surge in arrivals can also be linked to the political crisis that unfolded in Sri Lanka last winter.

Mahinda Rajapaksa, the former president and architect of the final phase of a government offensive that wiped out the Tamil rebellion, laid claim to the premiership in a bid to remove Ranil Wickremesinghe, the current prime minister.

Rajapaksa later backed down but the resurgence of the popular Sinhala-Buddhist leader in Sri Lankan politics sparked fears of aggression against those connected to the re-

bellion, and against minorities.

It is this fear that Mendis and many others are citing in their plea for asylum.

Hailing from Mannar island, an offshoot to the northwest of the Sri Lankan mainland, Mendis said he was orphaned at five. His parents were killed during the civil war because of links to the Tamil Tigers, a group demanding a separate state for people of Tamil origin.

He was later taken under the wing of a Catholic priest in Negombo, a major port city north of the capital Colombo, which is predominantly Christian.

Sri Lanka is a Buddhist-majority country with a significant population of Hindus -12.6 percent, Muslims -10 percent and Christians - 7.5 percent.

Though most Sinhalese are Bud-

dhist and most Tamils are Hindus, there are also Tamil and Sinhalese people who practise Christianity.

Mendis, a mechanic by profession, is one of them.

Sporting a conspicuous metallic cross around his neck, he now lives at a Hindu ashram in Reunion under the care of Swami Advayananda Sarasvati.

The choice of Reunion does not surprise Sarasvati. It is not his first brush with asylum seekers.

"It is the only developed region in the Indian Ocean, they will not go to Seychelles or Mauritius because they know they will be turned back," Sarasvati said. "From the first boat, we knew that more boats will come."

Reunion was settled and colonised by the French in the 17th century and remained largely in French hands with a brief spell of British rule.

Coffee plantations were established after colonisation, soon to be overtaken by sugar plantations that continue to be the mainstay of the economy.

When slavery was abolished in 1848, wage labour was imported from India, China and Africa to work on the plantations. Christianity is the predominant religion but Hindus and Muslims abound.

"There are groups in Sri Lanka that believe that to be Sri Lankan means to be Buddhist," Sarasvati said. "In Reunion all religions live peacefully. They (the asylum seekers) think it is paradise here."

This promise of harmonious existence seems to have attracted not just Sri Lankans, but Indians, as well.

Two Indian Muslims are currently seeking asylum on the grounds that an increasingly assertive Hindu nationalism poses a threat to them.

Most of the labourers from French colonies in south India are of Tamil origin.

The presence of a strong Sri Lankan Tamil community in France,

and particularly in Paris, could also explain the choice of Reunion, experts said.

However, determining which of the asylum seekers face a genuine threat in their homeland and who are seeking better economic opportunities will be a challenge for French authorities.

The frequency of the arrivals and the relative well-being of the seafarers after almost three weeks on a boat has also raised doubts about the veracity of their stories. However, Sri Lankan asylum seekers are no strangers to long arduous sea voyages.

"We were well prepared with food and water and everything was taken care of by the agent," said one Sri Lankan man, who did want to be identified for fear of jeopardising his asylum request.

Until a few years ago, Australia, another distant country, was the destination of choice, but migration to there fell after the country adopted a stricter immigration policy - including processing asylum seekers who arrive by boat at offshore facilities in island-nations of Nauru and Papua New Guinea, denying them entry into Australia.

It has also turned back boats to deter those arriving by sea. But Sri Lankans coming to Reunion are risking more than deportation.

A boat bound for the French territory was intercepted by the Sri Lankan navy in September with 90 people onboard.

They are now facing charges because leaving the island without permission is a crime under Sri Lankan law.

Mendis's asylum plea has already been rejected once but he has filed an appeal.

On February 12, he celebrated his first birthday in Reunion, but whether he will be able to start over on the island remains uncertain.



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First wind-generated 100 megawatts from Miombo Hewani's project to feed into national grid 2021

By Francis Kajubi

THE first wind power generated 100 megawatts will feed into the national grid at Makambako in Wanging'ombe district of Njombe region by mid 2021.

Windlab Development Tanzania Limited's Managing Director, Katherine Persson said construction work of the project is due to start mid this year with completion of phase one after 15 months. Persson said the 100MW will be generated in the first phase of the US\$250m project.

"We are happy to offer Tanzanians a world-class wind power project which will benefit local communities from Wanging'ombe district upon completion of this project," said Persson.

She further noted that the proposed Mi-

ombo Hewani Wind Farm project will be implemented in three phases and will benefit up to a million people connected to the national grid for up to 30 years.

Persson said, Miombo Hewani has been approved for up to 300MW of generation capacity. The project will be implemented in three phases. "The construction of the first 100MW facility will include up to 34 wind turbines as well as electrical infrastructure connecting the wind farm to the national electricity grid at the Makambako substation," Persson added.

At the completion of the three phases, enough power will be generated to supply up to three million households, based on current per capita usage of the country and will be sold to state owned Tanesco at an affordable price.

In May last year, the project received an



Windlab Development Tanzania Limited's Managing Director, Katherine Persson.

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) approval from National Environmental Management Council through

Minister of State in Vice President's Office responsible for Union Affairs and the Environment, January Makamba.

Windlab's assets in East Africa currently consist of a pipeline of development projects totaling around 1,650MW of potential capacity, ranging in status from early-stage projects to the approved 300MW Miombo Hewani Wind Farm in the country which has been short-listed in a government-sponsored off take process.

In Kenya, Windlab has partnered with the Meru County Government in the development of a hybrid renewable energy project consisting of wind, solar, and battery storage for up to 166MW of generation under a public private partnership scheme.

According to the World Bank, Sub-Saharan Africa's population now exceeds one billion people and enjoys some of the fastest gross domestic product growth rates in the world led by Ethiopia with 8.2 percent, Tanzania has 6.8 percent and Kenya at 5.5 percent last year.

"However, the availability of electricity and generating capacity remain very low; for instance, Tanzania has a population of 54million people yet only 1,600MW of generating capacity" she asserted.

The Windlab CEO pointed out that East Africa has an excellent wind resource, with significant complementing volumes in the dry season when the hydro-electricity sector is often under pressure to deliver. With the current and future regional interconnectors, an integrated East Africa electricity sector is the best outcome for the rapidly growing population.

"We are delighted to secure the support of Eurus as a partner in our East Africa developments. We will work together to expedite the development of our projects in this region," she explained while stressing that Eurus has already contributed US\$ 10 million as equity to back the project.

"Windlab East Africa's (Windlab's holding company for development) diversified portfolio and the company's development experience positions it well to capitalise on these opportunities," said Roger Price, Chairman and CEO of Windlab in a recent press statement.

Ubongo, Mtape start-ups are finalists of US\$ 1m EdTech Prize

By Smart Money Reporter

TWO educational start-ups, Ubongo and Mtape are among 30 finalists of Next Billion EdTech Prize due to be presented at a Global Education and Skills Forum in Dubai later this month.

The two local start-ups are poised for a US\$1 million (over 2.34bn/-) Global Teacher Prize in respect of their innovative use of technology that has the potential to radically impact education in low income emerging economies.

The awarding ceremony will be held at a forum that brings together over 1,500 delegates from around the world to solve the most pressing issues in global education. While at the forum, the finalists will also have an opportunity to meet the most important players from the spheres of both education and technology - from venture capitalists to education ministers, foundations, academics and some of the world's best teachers.

They will be able to draw on their expertise and support to build products that will work as well in the classroom as they do at a pitch competition.

The Next Billion Prize was named to remind the world of the billion young people - a number growing every day - that are being denied an education that allows them to make the

most of their talents.

"Congratulations to Ubongo and Mtape for making the final 30 start-ups to compete in the Next Billion Prize 2019. The Next Billion Prize was created to shine a light on those gifted entrepreneurs that are not only ingenious, but also bold and persistent enough to bring forward the revolutionary ideas that are desperately needed to transform education in those parts of the world where there is limited access to high quality teaching," said Vikas Pota, CEO of Tmrw Digital, which runs the Next Billion Prize.

"Our fervent hope is that the prize inspires this new breed of entrepreneur the world over to come forward with the fresh thinking that is needed to help give every child their birthright; access to a great education," Pota added.

Ubongo leverages the power of entertainment, the reach of mass media and the connectivity of mobile devices, to deliver effective, localized learning to African families at low cost and massive scale.

Its family-friendly content promotes literacy and education in resource-poor areas. Through learning at home and in the family through a variety of channels, from online to radio and TV - multi-channel players, cartoons are a central part of its story telling approach.

Mtape is an artificial intelligence (AI) pow-

ered platform providing personalised instant learning content and answers from a virtual tutor via SMS, using AI to deliver this to students without internet access.

As 70 percent of Africans have no internet access, this particularly impacts secondary school students in rural villages who also do not have access to textbooks (in Tanzania, the textbook-student ratio is 1:10 and teacher-student ratio is 1:55, with an average school having at least 1,500 students).

The 30 finalists will pitch to an expert panel of judges, made up of venture capitalists, philanthropic investors, educators, and experts in EdTech and learning sciences. They will also pitch to a live audience of GESF delegates made up of leading education figures from public, private and social sectors.

Six of the start-ups will be selected to return to the main GESF stage for the grand final in front of judges and a live audience. The best three will each be awarded \$25,000 and the winner will be awarded the Next Billion Prize trophy.

Finalists from last year's Next Billion Prize have gone from strength to strength over the past year, using the contacts made at GESF to sign country-wide distribution contracts, receive new investment and achieve rapid growth.

For example, after connecting at GESF 2018, Learning Machine and the University of Bahrain have partnered to launch one of the first blockchain credentialing initiatives in the Middle East. BizNation meanwhile has since been named by the World Economic Forum as one of the 50 companies reshaping the future of LATAM, has hired 11 new staff and seen revenues grow by 55 percent.

"The Next Billion Prize highlights technology's potential to tackle the problems that have proven too difficult for successive generations of politicians to solve.

The power to change education systems at all levels no longer lies exclusively in the hands of the political and business elite through the traditional models of global policymaking. Changemakers can be those who work away from the spotlight in startups located across the world," said Sunny Varkey, founder of the Next Billion Prize.

The other 28 finalist start-ups selected for the Next Billion Prize are: Talk2U, OxEd, Whetu, Signa, SimBi, Moi Social Learning, Kuwala, Etudesk, PraxiLabs, Langbot, Seppo, Lesson App, Eneza, Aveti Learning Pvt. Ltd., Utter, Dost, Solve Education, M-Shule, eLimu, Wizenoze Ltd, ScholarX, Sabaq, Silabuz, Zeldia, Fineazy, TeachPitch, Big Picture Learning/Imblaze, and AugLi.

A flood of Chinese screws, nuts and bolts has hit South Africa hard

JOHANNESBURG

THE government has confirmed that a surge in Chinese imports of bolts, nuts and screws is inflicting serious injury on local producers.

After launching an investigation last year, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (Itac) is now satisfied that imports of iron and steel Chinese fasteners is posing a real problem.

In a notice in the government gazette on Friday, Itac - the government body responsible for import and export control - says there is enough evidence of a significant sharp surge in imports, and that it is causing serious harm to local producers.

Next, the commission will decide whether a "safeguard" is needed. This is usually an emergency measure that restricts imports through a quota or extra import duties. (Stainless steel bolts, nuts and screws won't be affected.)

Itac considered evidence from T&I Chalmers Engineering in Johannesburg, which produces more than 70% of the bolt ends and screw studs in South Africa, and from other companies that manufacture hexagon nuts including Transvaal Pressed Nuts, Bolts & Rivets, CBC Fasteners and SA Bolt Manufacturers, which together deliver more than 90% of total output.

Itac heard that there is currently a large oversupply of fasteners worldwide, which has caused a surge in imports to South Africa.

A slowdown in the Chinese economy has contributed to a large amount of unused stock, resulting in larger-than-usual cheap exports. Canada and the US have already taken action against Chinese imports.

The South African government has imposed and scrapped anti-dumping duties on Chinese nuts and bolts at various times since 1999.

In 2016, it removed anti-dumping duties of up to 122% on Chinese fastener imports. More than R2 billion worth of fasteners are imported to South Africa a year.



From L: Dot Learn, CEO Sam Bhattacharyya, TeachMeNow Managing Director, Theo Myhrvold and Chatterbox CEO Mursal Hedayat pose for a group photo after winning the 2018 Next Billion EdTech Prize at the Global Education and Skills Forum in Dubai.



DCB Commercial Bank Plc's Managing Director, Godfrey Ndaluhwa.

Minister Jafo commends DCB for Dodoma presence and return to profitability

By Smart Money Reporter

DECISION by DCB Commercial Bank Plc's management to invest in a new big branch in Dodoma city and a return to profitability has impressed Minister of State in President's Office Local Government and Regional Administration, Selemani Jafo.

Jafo said in the new capital last week that DCB's return to profitability after a spell of losses in a competitive banking industry is encouraging. The Minister who visited DCB's new ultra-modern branch, said he was moved by the bank's decision to beef up its presence in Dodoma where the government's seat is based.

"I am optimistic that your presence here will also benefit micro and small scale traders as you have successfully done in Dar es Salaam," Jafo noted while challenging management to stay the course in profit making.

"I also congratulate you for accomplishing the sale of your issued shares in time, which is a reflection of how keen you are but also a depiction of public confidence in the bank," he noted.

He revealed that he had directed Dar es Salaam municipalities which are major shareholders of the bank to acquire their rights issue shares so that the bank can boost its capital and grow.

"I advise you to improve your customer care and broaden the

products which you have in the market but also think including other cities and municipalities as expansion targets," he underlined.

Welcoming the minister earlier, DCB's Managing Director, Godfrey Ndaluhwa said the bank, which was established 16 years ago under directives of the Third Phase President Benjamin Mkapa as a community bank, has been operating successfully till 2012 when it changed its license to become fully fledged commercial bank.

"DCB has been operating profitably for many years, to date we have paid dividend to Dar municipal councils to the tune of 4.4bn/- by end 2018 when we

made a pre-tax profit of 1.9bn/-," said Ndaluhwa.

The DCB chief said the bank has invested adequately in digital infrastructure, with over 1,000 agents countrywide giving providing services to millions of customers.

Ndaluhwa further added that the share selling exercise which started in November 2018 and ended successfully on January 31 this year, is currently under internal procedures before embarking on the next stage.

The Dar es Salaam based bank has seven branches countrywide and is listed at dare s Salaam Stock exchange as DCB Commercial Bank Plc.



Ariella Kageruka, the Director General of Chamber of Tourism in Private Sector Federation, speaks at the event.

Tanzania, Rwanda tour operators resolve to enhance collaboration, earn more from tourism, business

KIGALI

THE number of tourists and tourism business opportunities in Rwanda and Tanzania is expected to grow thanks to the collaboration between Rwanda Tours and Travel Association (RTTA) and the Tanzania Tour Operators Association.

The two private operators held a Business-to-Business networking event in Kigali to discuss the opportunities after visiting various tourist sites, such as Volcano National Park with mountain gorillas, kayaking and boat riding on Lake Kivu and canopy walkway in the Nyugwe Forest, as part of the products witnessed.

Carolyn Namatovu, the vice chairperson of Rwanda Tours and Travel Association (RTTA), said that the partnership aims at enhancing tourism businesses between the two countries. "We were supported by GIZ and EAC to strengthen the cooperation. When tourists come to Africa, they do not visit only one country, they also visit other neighboring countries," said Namatovu.

She said partnership will increase the number and length of stay of tourists visiting the two countries. During the event, a digital Tourism B2B Trade Portal with a vision to link the operators in the tourism industry across East Africa was unveiled.

The portal was created with a target for integration and development of East Africa and engaging citizens of EAC partner states in the implementation of EAC common market protocol and showcasing integration experiences.

The portal will enable collaboration, communication, monetisation of services and facilitate new business opportunities in the EAC tourism industry.

The platform will enable operators in the two countries have their services promoted in EAC and key source markets with international operators and agents having access to info about their activities.

Under the portal, operators will be able to organise meetings, trade fairs as well as access e-learning portals for training and updates on product knowledge of EAC destinations.

Sirili Akko, the Chief Executive Officer of Tanzania Tour Operators Association, said that forging partnership with their counterparts in Rwanda will improve opportunities for the two parties.

"We are hopeful, it will be a fruitful partnership. Tourism is a new frontier to move African continent out of poverty because it is a key employer and a sector with very long value chain. East African countries, particularly Tanzania and Rwanda, have a very key synergy because we do not have the same products which mean there is complementarity of the products," he said.

He said that conservation efforts by governments are yielding direct results that benefit tourism and tour operators.

"We have to keep our good contact with Rwanda Tours and Travel Association. As regional stakeholders, we can together forge meaningful partnerships going forward and sell products of both countries at once.

Rwanda and Tanzania are high-end tourist destinations in the region with strong conservation policies.

"When tourists are in Tanzania, they think about the products that they do not get in Tanzania, they can get them from Rwanda, and vice versa. We want more tourists to stay in East Africa longer and spend more," Akko said.

Ariella Kageruka, the Director General of Chamber of Tourism Rwanda's Private Sector Federation, urged the operators in these two EAC countries to reinforce their network and exchange their experience about tourism business opportunities. She added that the movement of people between Rwanda and other EAC countries has increased travels and generated more income.

Kenya takes battle for global tourists to Germany's ITB

NAIROBI

TOURISM and wildlife cabinet secretary Najib Balala is leading Kenya's delegation to International Tourism Bourse (ITB) in Germany.

Over 40 Kenyan travel trade will be re-affirming country's resilience and readiness for continued business as it showcases tourism products at this year's International Tourism Bourse (ITB) in Germany from 6th to 10th March, 2019.

The sector is upbeat for better tidings at the close of the year after it recorded a 2 million mark in international arrivals last year, the highest arrivals ever. Last year, Kenya received 2,025,206 international tourists, a growth of 37.33% compared to 2017, which closed at 1,474,671 international arrivals.

Revenue for the same period were Kshs.157,386,151,000, a 31.2% growth compared to 2017 receipts of Kshs.119,900,000,000 to record the highest earnings.

The Kenyan delegation, led by Hon. Najib Balala, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism & Wild-

life, will be riding on the record performance, as the sector begins to implement key strategies to turn around the tourism business.

"Under our National Tourism Blueprint (NTB) 2030, we shall maximize our country's tourism potential through innovative marketing, product diversification, infrastructure development and investments in hospitality," says CS Balala.

He added: "We are riding on the current positive image our country is enjoying globally to re-affirm our position as the preferred tourist destination, as well as Kenya's commitment to improvement of tourism business."

Three county governments of Kilifi, Samburu and Mombasa are represented at the 53rd edition of ITB. The German market remains among one of Kenya's key tourist source markets. It recorded 78,388 arrivals last year, a growth of 59.2% from 2017 that posted 49,247 arrivals.

The Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Betty Radier expressed her optimism that the current growth in tourism numbers will be enhanced, with a number of

marketing strategies that KTB has put in place, besides government incentives.

"ITB is one of the platforms of showcasing Kenya's destination and product diversification. Our global campaigns and the renewed confidence on destination is expected to boost our numbers from the market," added Dr. Radier.

Kenya is among the over 180,000 exhibitors who are meeting to discover and negotiate the latest travel industry trends and opinions at the ITB, one of the largest tourism fairs in the world.



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Inspired by government encouragement, Zantel gunning for higher quality



Zantel Chief IT Officer John Sicilima inspects the data centre for EASSY fibre optic infrastructure landing station at Zantel headquarters in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Smart Money Reporter

ZANZIBAR Telecommunications Company Limited (Zantel) has expressed determination to extend enhanced-quality services to its individual consumers, businesses and other telecom operators.

The firm's Chief Information and Technology Officer, John Sicilima, made remarks to this effect in an interview in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

"We are determined to ensure as many Tanzanians as we can reach get a wide variety of top-notch mobile phone services through our network, which will help them lead better lives," he said.

He revealed that the company has completed modernising its network and is well placed to roll out new products, "thus ensuring that customers are in a position to move with global trends in social and economic development fast-tracked by quality communications through data and voice services".

Sicilima explained that they were encouraged by the government's appeal for the setting up of more ICT-related companies and institutions "in a move meant to ensure that Tanzanians also enjoy the many benefits of ICT innovations in a world that is now virtually a global village whose prosperity is not evenly shared".

Zantel manages two fibre optic undersea cables with landing points at Zantel Park in Dar es Salaam, which is an advantage in that the cables connect to landlocked countries previously relying on satellite internet access to carry voice and data services.

It also owns a data centre in Dar es Salaam that houses a landing station providing co-location facilities for other operators within and outside Tanzania.

"We take pride in the fact that Zantel is today among the fastest internet data and voice services providers, thanks to its 3G and 4G infrastructure," noted Sicilima, adding:

"We are now one of the operators at the forefront in providing mobile money services through our Ezyepesa platform."

Meanwhile, the firm recently introduced interoperability with more networks to allow Ezyepesa users to send and receive money to and from Tigopesa, Halopesa, M-Pesa and Airtel money subscribers.

It has also partnered with some of Tanzania's major commercial banks to enable Ezyepesa users make wallet-to-bank transactions.

The banks include People's Bank of Zanzibar, CRDB Bank Plc, NMB Bank, Amana Bank, Bank of Africa, Exim Bank and Access Bank.

Ezyepesa users with a Masterpass QR can also easily make mobile money payments in eateries, department stores, hotels and supermarkets as well as for utilities such as water and electricity and payments for government services and fines for traffic offences across Tanzania.

Among other services, Zantel is known for providing the fastest Internet in the market through its EASSY and SEAS optic fibre infrastructure.

Asha Kassim, a businesswoman based in Mtwara, said Zantel Internet and other services have played a decisive part in boosting "my business transactions with a number of other businesspersons across the East Africa

region, thus making life much easier and better for me".

Laurian Moshi, a university graduate, chipped in: "Owing to the acute shortage of opportunities in the labour market when I graduated, I ventured into small scale business by becoming an Ezyepesa agent. The small venture earns me a decent income."

He said he is determined to get "a small loan", expand his Ezyepesa business "and forget about hunting for the elusive jobs, whether it is in the public sector or elsewhere in the formal sector".

The testimonies tie in with remarks by Zantel officials that their intervention has enabled the creation of "a big number" of active direct and indirect employment throughout Tanzania.

It is reported that the mobile phone service provider has more than 2,500 agents operating across the country, "all working to come up with and provide customers with more financial services so as to add value to the mobile money platform".

According to Sicilima, the firm will keep improving its network and devise new products and services "to support the education, health, agriculture, transport, commerce and other sector in line with the government's development agenda, the nation's priorities and customers' desires and interests".

Work-life balance: your success strategies

CORPORATE WELLNESS



By Bhakti Shah, MPH

IN a world where the professional and personal demands of our lives often collide and compete, we long for more balance. Work-life balance is a common plea of overworked and overwhelmed employees - male and female both. It is an expectation of the upcoming generation who are not willing to sacrifice fulfilling personal lives for the sake of their careers.

Progressive companies recognize that addressing this critical need will attract and retain healthier, happier employees and increase productivity and profits. While these companies may offer options such flexible working hours, it is up to employees to decide what balance means to them and take action to improve that balance.

Perfect balance will never exist and chasing after it only contributes to the frustration and dissatisfaction we sometimes feel. Instead, it is small, conscious choices we can make each day that lead to stress and more success.

Before you can begin to strive for more balance, identify and prioritize what's most important to you, such as your career, family, home, relationships, finances, health, spirituality, personal development and fun. Are you nurturing each of these areas in a typical day, week or month? What needs more attention? What might you do differently to get better results?

The following 7 smart Work-life balance strategies can help manage your mindset, energy and time to support your balance.

1) Get on Purpose

Why are here and how does your work and life support that? What are you most passionate about? What brings you joy? When you know your life purpose, you'll increase your confidence, feel more fulfilled, and make better decisions about where to spend your time and energy.

Write your life purpose statement down, post it somewhere you'll see every day and refer to it often for guidance.

2) Create the space

Clutter distracts and confuses us. It drains our energy and keeps us from doing what matters most. While we often think of physical clutter, like a messy office and overstuffed closet, there is also technical clutter, like your over-reliance on your cell phone and too much time on the internet, and emotional clutter, like regrets and toxic people in your life.

By cleaning out the clutter of unnecessary obligations and other forms of clutter, you'll think clearer, have more energy, and be open to opportunities, people and ideas.

3) Manage your energy

Even more important than time management is how you manage your

energy. Making empowering changes and maintaining healthy habits take vitality and commitment. It is important to make conscious choices every day.

Start with the basics, including eating healthy, drinking plenty of water, being physically active, getting enough sleep and finding time to relax and recharge when you need it.

4) Positive Self-Talk

Studies show that we speak to ourselves 10,000 times a day and 80% tends to be negative. That is because we are programmed to protect ourselves by anticipating worst-case scenarios. Affirmations or positive self-talk helps counter those negative messages with empowering ones.

A simple affirmation such as: "I have more than enough time and energy to get the important things done today" will make you more calm and confident and prompt you to delegate and cross off unimportant tasks.

5) Be Authentic

When your thoughts and actions conflict with the truth, you waste precious time and energy and tarnish your reputation. By increasing your level of integrity in thought, word and deed, you will transform all your relations, including the one with yourself.

Make sure your goals are what you want and not what you think you should do to please someone.

6) Stay Present

Because our brains are sequential processors, we lose time and make more mistakes when we multitask. Staying present is about enjoying what is right now, instead of lamenting the past or worrying about the future. By being more mindful, you can reduce stress, capitalize on opportunities that might have eluded you, and increase your satisfaction with work and life.

7) Cultivate an attitude of gratitude

What you focus on expands and what you appreciate appreciates. That is why it is important to cultivate that attitude of gratitude.

Keep a gratitude journal and make a brief list of what you are grateful for that day with at least one unique entry to increase your awareness. This simple practice will increase your positivity and put your challenges in perspective.

Even of one these strategies can improve your work-life balance and together, they complement each other. Start with the one that resonates the most with you and then add another until they all become habits that support your success.

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US keeps air pollution standard established under Obama

NEW YORK

US environmental regulators have announced they are leaving intact an air quality standard for power plant pollution that can worsen asthma in children, despite calls by health advocates for a tougher rule.

The move keeps in place a threshold for sulfur dioxide pollution established in 2010 by the US Environmental Protection Agency under then US President Barack Obama (pictured). Sulfur

dioxide comes from burning coal to produce electricity and from other industrial sources.

Advocacy groups including the American Lung Association had urged EPA to lower the amount of the pollution it allows, from 75 parts per billion of sulfur dioxide in ambient air to 50 parts per billion. The existing standard puts millions of people at increased risk of asthma attacks, said Janice Nolen, the association's vice president.



Some 385,000 people worldwide died prematurely in 2015 from air pollution caused by vehicle exhaust emissions, a US study has found. Diesel engines were singled out as the main culprit. On the other side of the issue, the American Petroleum Institute contended the Obama-era rules were overly stringent and wanted them relaxed.

EPA regulators rejected the calls for change, saying a lengthy review confirmed the existing

standard was both necessary and sufficient to protect public health.

Studies show people with asthma can experience problems following just five minutes of exposure to air with elevated sulfur dioxide levels, the EPA concluded. But the agency said the 2010 air quality threshold provided "an adequate margin of safety" from the pollutant's damaging health effects.

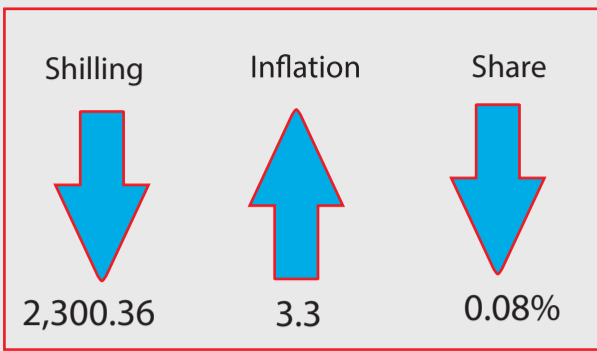
Emissions of the pollutant

dropped sharply in recent decades due to industry regulations and the declining use of coal among electric utilities. Between 2010 and 2016, sulfur dioxide emissions nationwide dropped 64%, according to the EPA.

Nevertheless, areas of 17 states and two US territories remained out of compliance with the 2010 standard as of last month, according to EPA records. More than 3 million people live in those areas, Nolen said.

A main reason it's taking so long to get full compliance is the heavy workload involved, said Janet McCabe, a former senior official at EPA under Obama. Government officials first must figure out which power plants are causing the pollution, and then work with companies on plans to reduce it.

"It takes years," McCabe said. "Recognising that all that time, people are exposed to levels of sulfur dioxide that the EPA has deemed not to be healthy."



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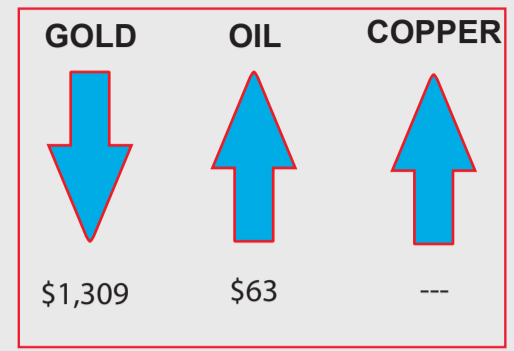
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| Rice | 186363.64 | Wheat | 123928.57 |
| Sorghum | 71789.47 | Beans | 175000.00 |
| Bulrush Millet | 75071.43 | Round potatoes | 71727.27 |

Exchange Rates (DSE)

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



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: Mar 1, 2019

| Company | Closing | Prev | Chg (%) |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| ACA | 6,550 | 6,700 | -2.24 |
| CRDB | 135 | 135 | +0.00 |
| DCB | 340 | 340 | +0.00 |
| DSE | 1,260 | 1,260 | +0.00 |
| EABL | 4,420 | 4,420 | +0.00 |
| JHL | 9,700 | 9,700 | +0.00 |
| KA | 140 | 140 | +0.00 |
| KCB | 950 | 950 | +0.00 |
| MBP | 490 | 490 | +0.00 |
| MCB | 500 | 500 | +0.00 |
| MKCB | 800 | 800 | +0.00 |
| MUCOB | 400 | 400 | +0.00 |
| NICO | 175 | 175 | +0.00 |
| NMB | 2,340 | 2,340 | +0.00 |
| NMG | 1,380 | 1,380 | +0.00 |
| PAL | 400 | 400 | +0.00 |
| SWALA | 490 | 490 | +0.00 |
| SWIS | 2,340 | 2,340 | +0.00 |
| TBL | 11,800 | 11,800 | +0.00 |
| TCC | 17,000 | 17,000 | +0.00 |
| TCCL | 600 | 600 | +0.00 |
| TICL | 385 | 385 | +0.00 |
| TOL | 660 | 660 | +0.00 |
| TPCC | 2,020 | 2,020 | +0.00 |
| TTP | 120 | 120 | +0.00 |
| USL | 15 | 15 | +0.00 |
| VODA | 800 | 800 | +0.00 |
| YETU | 600 | 600 | +0.00 |

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

TSI 3,540.94 +0.00
DSEI 2,082.00 -6.38

TRADING STATS

Market Cap (bln) 20,068.17
Equity Turnover 65,177,155.00
Total Volume 56,184
Total Deals 48

TOP MOVERS

| | | |
|------|-------|--------|
| VODA | 800 | 24,700 |
| TPCC | 2,020 | 15,744 |
| DSE | 1,260 | 10,606 |

GAINERS & LOSERS

| Company | Price | Change |
|---------|--------|--------|
| JHL | 9,700 | -1.52% |
| ACA | 6,700 | -1.47% |
| NMG | 1,380 | -4.17% |
| DSE | 1,260 | -3.08% |
| KCB | 950 | -1.04% |
| EABL | 4,420 | +1.38% |
| TBL | 11,800 | +0.85% |

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

| Date | Amount Traded (Mn USD) | High | Low | Weighted Average |
|-------------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| 1/Mar/2019 | 4.60 | 2,314.00 | 2,298.80 | 2,300.36 |
| 28/Feb/2019 | 4.75 | 2,316.00 | 2,298.75 | 2,300.41 |
| 27/Feb/2019 | 5.55 | 2,316.00 | 2,298.70 | 2,300.38 |
| 26/Feb/2019 | 5.70 | 2,313.00 | 2,298.60 | 2,300.40 |
| 25/Feb/2019 | 4.10 | 2,312.00 | 2,298.60 | 2,300.43 |
| 22/Feb/2019 | 2.35 | 2,310.90 | 2,298.60 | 2,300.37 |
| 21/Feb/2019 | 4.50 | 2,311.00 | 2,298.50 | 2,300.34 |

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

| Date | Volume (million-TZS) | High | Low | Weighted Average Rate (WAR) |
|-------------|----------------------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| 1/Mar/2019 | 60,000 | 5.00 | 4.75 | 4.85 |
| 28/Feb/2019 | 28,000 | 4.75 | 4.67 | 4.74 |
| 27/Feb/2019 | 39,000 | 4.75 | 4.75 | 4.75 |
| 26/Feb/2019 | 28,000 | 4.75 | 4.75 | 4.75 |
| 25/Feb/2019 | 32,000 | 4.75 | 4.50 | 4.62 |

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USDZTS increased 5.0000 or 0.21% to 2,340.0000 on Thursday February 28 from 2,335.0000 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2340 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Gold on course for worst week since November as dollar rises

* Gold down 1.4 percent so far this week
* SPDR gold holdings fall to lowest since December
* Dollar hits 10-week high vs yen

LONDON, March 1 (Reuters) - Gold slipped to two-week lows and was set for its biggest weekly fall in nearly four months on Friday, pressured by a reviving dollar and rising stocks.

Spot gold is down about 1.4 percent so far this week, which could be its biggest weekly decline since the week ending November 9. It was down 0.3 percent at \$1,309.13 an ounce at 1103 GMT, having touched its lowest since Feb. 14 at \$1,305.53.

U.S. gold futures shed 0.4 percent to \$1,310.40.

"The news on jobs and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was more favourable for the dollar, which has been gaining value. Because of that we are continuing to see some long liquidations," Afshin Nabavi, senior vice president at MKS SA, said.

"We have breached \$1,315 and \$1,310, which are very important support levels. Won't be surprised even if we see a test of \$1,300 later today."

The dollar, which gained impetus from better than expected fourth quarter U.S. GDP data, hit a 10-week high against the yen.

"Rallies in the dollar are taking their toll on gold much more than they were a few weeks ago which is a clear sign that sentiment towards the yellow metal has shifted," OANDA senior market analyst Craig Erlam wrote in a note.

"The next test below is \$1,300, a break of which could be the catalyst for another bearish move, at which point \$1,275-1,280 becomes notable support."

Gold rose to a 10-month peak of \$1,346.73 last week, helped by expectations that the U.S. central bank will pause interest rate increases, but has lost ground since as the dollar regained momentum.

"After it (gold) failed last week to rise above \$1,350, the gold price is nearing the psychologically important \$1,300 per troy ounce mark again today," Commerzbank analysts said.

"Better sentiment on the stock markets and a reluctance by the physical gold investors are weighing on its price."

Holdings of the SPDR Gold Trust, the world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, fell 0.52 percent to 784.22 tonnes on Thursday, falling to their lowest level since late December.

Among other precious metals, spot palladium fell 0.6 percent to \$1,534.31 per ounce, retreating from its all-time peak of \$1,565.09 scaled earlier in the week. The metal is on course for a fourth consecutive week of gains.

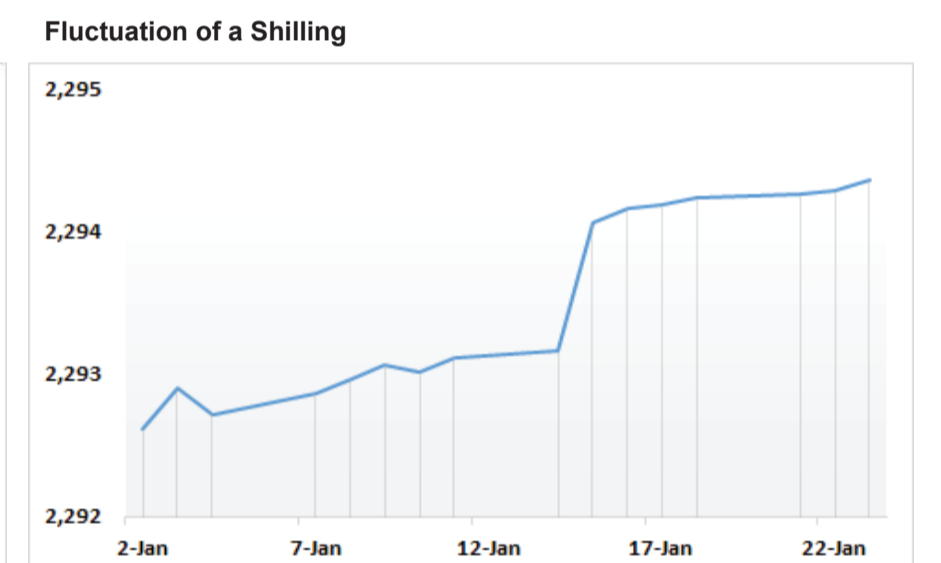
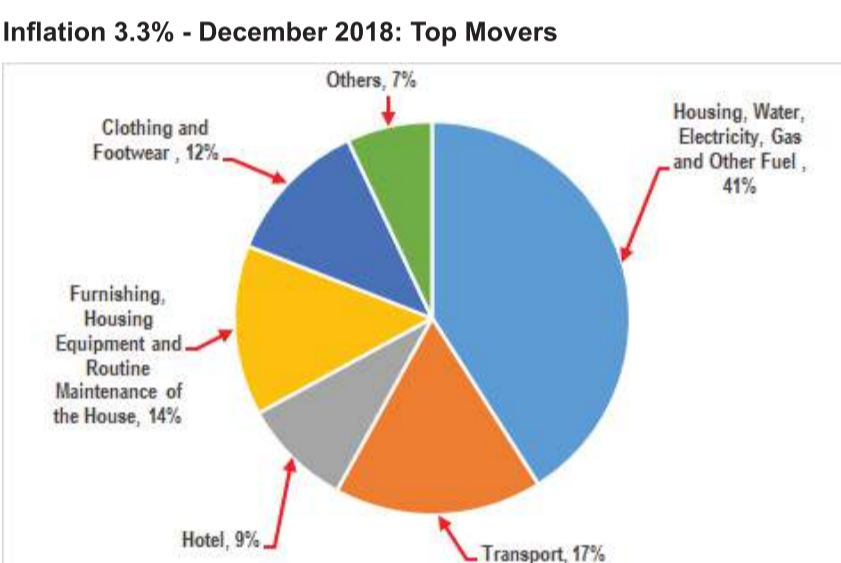
Spot silver fell 0.3 percent to \$15.55 per ounce, having earlier hit \$15.46, a level last seen on Feb. 14.

Platinum fell 0.4 percent to \$866.37. The metal is on track for a third straight weekly gain.

All Share Index :1 March 2019

| Africa | Actual | Change | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Yearly |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| NSE-All Share | 31,828 | 0.35% | 31,344 | 30,973 | 30,609 | 30,247 |
| FTSE/JSE TOP 40 | 49,959 | 0.59% | 48,972 | 48,286 | 47,610 | 46,944 |
| JALSH-All Share | 56,252 | 0.45% | 55,218 | 54,445 | 53,684 | 52,933 |
| Egypt EGX 30 | 14,804 | 0.21% | 14,577 | 14,354 | 14,135 | 13,919 |
| Casablanca CFG 25 | 11,143 | 0.06% | 11,065 | 10,994 | 10,924 | 10,854 |
| Nairobi 20 | 2,894 | -1.30% | 2,871 | 2,848 | 2,824 | 2,802 |
| NSE All Share | 153 | -1.31% | 151 | 150 | 149 | 148 |
| DSEI | 2,088 | -0.08% | 1,937 | 1,796 | 1,665 | 1,544 |
| TUN | 7,141 | 0.38% | 7,059 | 7,005 | 6,951 | 6,897 |
| GGSECI | 2,439 | 0.77% | 2,418 | 2,396 | 2,375 | 2,354 |
| NSX Overall | 1,363 | -0.04% | 1,341 | 1,318 | 1,295 | 1,273 |
| SEMDEX | 2,207 | 0.02% | 2,199 | 2,192 | 2,185 | 2,178 |
| Gaborone | 7,866 | 0.00% | 7,833 | 7,800 | 7,768 | 7,735 |
| Zimbabwe Index | 494.31 | -0.83% | 478.94 | 464.06 | 449.62 | 435.64 |

DSEI decreased 2 points or 0.08% to 2088 on Thursday February 28 from 2090 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.



Brent prices slip but OPEC tightening supplies support

LONDON, March 1 (Reuters) - Brent crude fell on Friday, weighed down by surging U.S. supply and concerns of a global economic slowdown, but falling OPEC supplies put a floor under prices.

International Brent crude futures were at \$66.08 per barrel at 1037 GMT, down 23 cents from Thursday's settlement.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil futures were at \$57.24 per barrel, up 2 cents.

The U.S. Energy Department said on Thursday it was offering up to 6 million barrels of crude from national emergency reserves to raise funds to modernize U.S. strategic oil reserves.

Canada's main oil-producing province of Alberta on Thursday raised the amount of crude that companies can produce in April to 3.66 million barrels per day, an increase of 100,000 bpd from the limit imposed in January.

But those moves were partially offset by reductions elsewhere.

In Venezuela, oil exports have plunged by 40 percent to around 920,000 barrels per day (bpd) since the U.S. government slapped sanctions on its petroleum industry on Jan. 28.

The drop comes as the Organization of the Petroleum

Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Venezuela is a founding member, leads efforts to withhold around 1.2 million bpd of supply to prop up prices. Venezuela is exempt from the cuts.

"OPEC and its 10 allies are doing their job and this time they are stubborn," London-based brokerage PVM said in a note, referring to the supply restrictions which have been in place since the start of the year.

On the demand side, a Reuters poll showed analysts expect global fuel demand to slow this year amid a broad economic slowdown.

China's February factory activity fell for a third month as the world's second-largest economy continued to struggle with weak export orders, a private survey showed on Friday.

The weakness is also being felt across the wider region. South Korea's exports contracted at their steepest pace in nearly three years in February as demand from China cooled further.

Despite this, fuel consumption, especially in Asia's developing economies which are key drivers of global oil demand, is so far holding up.

India's diesel consumption, for example, is expected to rise to a record this year amid economic growth of around 7 percent.

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Feb 2019

| Town | Petrol (TZS/Litre) | Diesel (TZS/Litre) | Kerosene (TZS/Litre) |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Dar es Salaam | 2,120 | 2,080 | 2,046 |
| Arusha | 2,255 | 2,299 | 2,286 |
| Kibaha | 2,125 | 2,084 | 2,050 |
| Dodoma | 2,179 | 2,139 | 2,105 |
| Geita | 2,286 | 2,245 | 2,211 |
| Iringa | 2,185 | 2,144 | 2,110 |
| Kagera (Bukob) | 2,336 | 2,295 | 2,261 |
| Katavi | 2,329 | 2,288 | 2,254 |
| Kigoma | 2,352 | 2,311 | 2,277 |
| Moshi | 2,245 | 2,289 | 2,276 |
| Lindi | 2,110 | 2,089 | 2,105 |
| Manyara (Babati) | 2,289 | 2,333 | 2,320 |
| Mara | 2,299 | 2,258 | 2,225 |
| Mbeya | 2,228 | 2,187 | 2,153 |
| Morogoro | 2,146 | 2,105 | 2,071 |
| Mtwara | 2,096 | 2,075 | 2,118 |
| Mwanza | 2,271 | 2,230 | 2,196 |
| Njombe | 2,213 | 2,172 | 2,138 |
| Rukwa | 2,294 | 2,253 | 2,219 |
| Sumbawanga | 2,294 | 2,253 | 2,219 |
| Ruvuma | 2,182 | 2,161 | 2,169 |
| Shinyanga | 2,249 | 2,209 | 2,175 |
| Singida | 2,211 | 2,171 | 2,137 |
| Songwe | 2,237 | 2,196 | 2,162 |

Foreign Exchange- Mar 1

| | Actual | Chg | %Chg |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| EURUSD | 1.13857 | 0.00157 | 0.14 % |
| GBPUSD | 1.32532 | 0.00078 | -0.06 % |
| AUDUSD | 0.71214 | 0.00274 | 0.39 % |
| NZDUSD | 0.68380 | 0.0032 | 0.47 % |
| USDJPY | 111.77 | 0.4 | 0.36 % |
| USDCNY | 6.70540 | 0.0026 | 0.04 % |
| USDCHF | 0.99793 | 0.00017 | -0.02 % |
| USDCAD | 1.31314 | 0.00346 | -0.26 % |
| USDMXN | 19.2760 | 0.0015 | -0.01 % |
| USDINR | 70.8680 | 0.038 | 0.05 % |
| USDBRL | 3.7601 | 0.009 | 0.24 % |
| USDRUB | 65.8377 | 0.1173 | -0.18 % |
| US Dollar | 96.17 | 0.01 | 0.01 % |
| BTCUSD | 3,809.77 | 18 | 0.49% |

Exchange Rates for 1 / March /2019

| Currency | Spot | Buying | Spot | Selling |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------|---------|
| EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES | | | | |
| Kenya SHS | 2,278.77 | | 2,296.96 | |
| Uganda SHS | 57.94 | | 62.09 | |
| Rwandan Franc | 253.01 | | 255.91 | |
| Burundi Franc | 218.07 | | 219.71 | |
| OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES | | | | |
| USD | 227,763.37 | | 230,041.00 | |
| Pound STG | 302,856.95 | | 305,977.53 | |
| EURO | 259,900.78 | | 262,522.79 | |
| Canadian \$ | 173,019.88 | | 174,696.99 | |
| Japanese Yen | 229,415.16 | | 231,615.99 | |
| Swedish Kronor | 2,056.37 | | 2,076.75 | |
| Norwegian Kronor | 24,801.37 | | 25,024.58 | |
| Danish Kronor | 26,737.18 | | 26,991.88 | |
| Australian \$ | 34,837.39 | | 35,175.00 | |
| Indian RPS | 162,600.27 | | 164,272.28 | |
| Pakistan RPS | 3,216.20 | | 3,248.13 | |
| Zambian Kwacha | 1,560.25 | | 1,631.50 | |
| Malawian Kwacha | 18,767.02 | | 19,066.80 | |
| Mozambique-MET | 291.37 | | 310.88 | |
| Zimbabwe \$ | 3,621.04 | | 3,651.44 | |
| SDR | 42.62 | | 43.48 | |
| Gold (T/O) | 318,347.13 | | 321,530.61 | |
| S. African Rand | 301,832.013.07 | | 304,896.341.40 | |
| UAE Dirham | 16,325.13 | | 16,479.64 | |
| Singapore \$ | 62,013.55 | | 62,621.75 | |
| Hong Kong \$ | 168,976.46 | | 170,602.94 | |
| Saudi Arabian Rial | 29,015.55 | | 29,305.33 | |
| Kuwait Dinar | 60,733.66 | | 61,336.09 | |
| Botswana Pula | 751,099.35 | | 758,035.39 | |
| Chinese Yuan | 21,591.97 | | 21,876.90 | |
| Malaysia Ringgit | 34,099.38 | | 34,388.88 | |
| South Korea Won | 56,030.35 | | 56,548.92 | |
| Newzealand | 203.12 | | 204.79 | |
| | 155,812.92 | | 157,463.06 | |

World Commodities (\$) 28 February 2019

| Energy | Price | Day | Weekly | Monthly | Yearly |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Crude Oil Brent | 66.628 | -0.33% | -0.62% | 6.18% | -7.19% |
| Natural gas | 2.822 | 1.00% | 4.70% | -4.28% | 4.66% |
| Gasoline | 1.6296 | -0.45% | 0.95% | 20.64% | -14.06% |
| Heating oil | 2.0153 | -0.25% | -1.06% | 6.17% | 6.85% |
| Ethanol | 1.3313 | -0.60% | -0.95% | 4.99% | -9.44% |
| Naphtha | 500.09 | 0.28% | -0.50% | 9.69% | -8.81% |
| Propane | 0.67 | 0.00% | -0.37% | 1.60% | -11.19% |
| Uranium | 27.85 | 0.54% | -2.96% | -3.97% | 28.64% |

CROPS, PRICE PER 100KG MARCH 1,

| Region | Maize | | Sorghum | | Bulrush Millet | | Finger Millet | | Wheat | | Beans | | Irish potatoes | |
|-------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|
| | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| Arusha | 42000 | 43000 | 160000 | 200000 | 32000 | 35000 | 35000 | 40000 | 70000 | 73000 | 75000 | 80000 | 115000 | 160000 |
| D'Salaam | 55000 | 60000 | 160000 | 230000 | 60000 | 60000 | 60000 | 70000 | 110000 | 140000 | 130000 | 130000 | 200000 | 220000 |
| Dodoma | 44000 | 48000 | 140000 | 190000 | 30000 | 35000 | 33000 | 36000 | 65000 | 85000 | 160000 | 160000 | 152000 | 180000 |
| Iringa | 35000 | 35000 | 150000 | 200000 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 100000 | 100000 | NA | NA | 150000 | 180000 |
| Kagera | 55000 | 60000 | 136000 | 185000 | 90000 | 100000 | 100000 | 110000 | 120000 | 150000 | NA | NA | 95000 | 150000 |
| Kilimanjaro | 48000 | 48000 | 180000 | 180000 | 70000 | 80000 | NA | NA | 180000 | 180000 | 100000 | 100000 | 180000 | 50000 |
| Kigoma | 54000 | 54000 | 140000 | 18000 | | | | | | | | | | |

WORLD

In 2020 battleground state, looming Mueller report could hold dangers for Democrats

REEDSBURG, WIS

INSIDE the Touchdown Tavern in the presidential battleground state of Wisconsin, voter Aric Nowicki worries over how the impending release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation could affect the 2020 election for president.

Nowicki (pictured) is not concerned about potential harm to President Donald Trump if Mueller accuses the Republican's campaign of working with Russia to influence the 2016 election. Instead, the heating and air-conditioning business owner fears the report could prove a political landmine for overzealous Democrats trying to take down a president they despise.

"They absolutely run the risk of overhyping it and overblowing it,"

Nowicki, 41, who voted for Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016, said in Reedsburg, in southwest Wisconsin. "If they take the report and spin it too far, they could end up helping Trump."

At first glance, the long-awaited Mueller report might seem a political gift for Democrats aiming to reclaim the White House next year.

If Mueller finds Trump played a role in a conspiracy with Moscow to boost his chances of winning the election or committed obstruction of justice to try to impede the probe - allegations Trump denies - the Democratic-led U.S. House of Representatives could launch impeachment proceedings against the president.

But dealing with the probe's conclusions will be a delicate dance for Democrats, said a half-dozen Repub-



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lican, Democratic and independent strategists and analysts.

The top U.S. Democrat, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, has tried to temper talk about impeaching Trump, noting the process is "divisive."

Mueller is widely expected to finish the investigation in the coming weeks. Strategists said candidates who focus too intently on the findings run the risk of appearing shrill and partisan. That could alienate general election voters in key battlegrounds including Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, which went for Democratic former President Barack Obama in 2012 but for Trump in 2016.

Yet delivering a reaction that is too muted or measured might lose votes during the party's nominating battle, where the Russia investigation and attacking Trump animate the base.

"There is a case to prosecute against Trump with regard to his record in office. That is where I would focus," said Karen Finney, a Democratic strategist not affiliated with any presidential campaign.

Finney, who worked inside the Bill Clinton White House during the Monica Lewinsky scandal, said Democrats should bear in mind how Republicans overplayed their hand 20 years ago. Their impeachment of Clinton and focus on the scandal backfired with voters, allowing Clinton to regain the political momentum and costing Republicans congressional seats.

Strategists in both major parties said Democratic candidates should be wary about talk of impeaching Trump or putting too much emphasis on the report in general.

"We should not be gambling our future prospects of winning back the White House on what is in the Mueller report," said Maria Cardona, a Democratic strategist who worked for Hillary Clinton and Obama's presidential campaigns. "Voters want candidates to focus on issues important to them, such as healthcare and good-paying jobs."

Strategists interviewed by Reuters said Trump likely would not suffer badly even if Mueller finds evidence damaging to him. His supporters, who are fiercely loyal, will probably see claims of wrongdoing as proof there is an FBI conspiracy against Trump, energizing them further.

According to a January Reuters/Ipsos poll, more than two-thirds of Republicans believe the FBI and Department of Justice "are working to delegitimize President Trump through politically motivated investigations."

'SO SICK OF IT'

The complexities and ramifications of the Russia investigation, while an obsession in Washington, barely registered for many voters who spoke to Reuters in the past week in snowy southwest Wisconsin.

The area known for its dairy farms, meat production and small breweries will be heavily targeted by presidential campaigns after Trump's narrow win in Wisconsin in 2016 helped deliver him the White House.

Agencies

Huawei and MTN Sign a Joint Business Innovation MOU at the Mobile World Congress 2019

BARCELONA, Spain

HUAWEI has announced it has signed a joint business innovation MOU with MTN, a leading mobile network operator across Africa and the Middle East at the 2019 Mobile World Congress.

Huawei has a 17-year working relationship with MTN and is the company's most important network solutions provider. The signing of the joint business innovation memorandum is an important part of their strategic partnership.

Both parties have agreed to expand Active Data Growth, Rich Media Services, Mobile Financial Services, Enterprise, and Wholesale businesses from the traditional voice and data service cooperation.

The memorandum will move MTN and Huawei beyond the traditional trading relationship and extend cooperation in strategic research, business scenario design, joint product development, and joint solution go-to-market that will have a far-reaching impact on the implementation of the MTN B.R.I.G.H.T. strategy and the vision of achieving Digital MTN.

"The signing of the joint business innovation memorandum with MTN will strengthen strategic cooperation between the two parties in the future," said Li Dafeng, of Huawei's Executive Supervisory Board and Director of the Office of the ICT Infrastructure Business Management Committee.

"Previously, we focused on building high-quality network serving end-users as well as on business requirements, scenarios, and business success. We believe Huawei's outstanding innovation, R&D, and localized service capabilities will help MTN build differentiated competitiveness and leadership in its target markets."

MTN Group COO Jens Schulte-Bockum said: "In the historical cooperation between MTN and Huawei, Huawei helped MTN build a top-quality network with leading technologies, excellent quality, and zero network security incidents.

MTN continued to lead the ICT development in the Africa and Middle East region, and most MTN markets operate in emerging countries and regions.

To further eliminate the digital divide in these countries, improve people's lives, and achieve the vision of Digital MTN, it is willing to work with Huawei to bring benefits to the public and society.

MTN attaches great importance to cyber security, which is a global technical challenge. MTN will work with global partners to solve this problem and provide sustainable, stable, and reliable digital services for the public and society."

MWC 2019 runs from February 25 to February 28 in Barcelona, Spain.

Huawei is showcasing its products and solutions at booth 1H50 in Fira Gran Via Hall 1, booth 3I30 in Hall 3, the Innovation City zone in Hall 4, booth 7C21 and 7C31 in Hall 7.

Somali women leaders urge Parliament to pass electoral bill

MOGADISHU

SOMALI women leaders have called on lawmakers to approve a pending electoral reform bill that would enshrine the principle of a 30 percent gender quota in future national legislatures.

Speaking at a roundtable forum which brought together more than 30 women representing parliament, civil society, the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC), diaspora communities, political parties and academia, the women also reviewed the challenges still facing them as they prepare for one-person, one-vote elections scheduled to take place in 2020.

"The electoral law which provides for the 30 percent quota on women representation has not been passed, and it is our hope



Asha Abdulle Siyad (pictured), chairperson of the Somali Women's Leadership Initiative, said according to a statement issued by the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) on Sunday evening.

A joint communique on the way forward will be issued at a three-day Somali Women's Convention, which kicked off in Mogadishu yesterday. Halima Ismail Ibrahim, NIEC chairperson noted that the discussions will help Somali women overcome the obstacles that surface during elections.

"This conference is about the rights of the Somali women and coincides with the events to mark the International Women's Day," said Ibrahim.

She added that the electoral commission will work closely with civil society to educate the public about the electoral reforms

being undertaken ahead of the country's next round of elections.

The women leaders discussed a variety of topics ranging from the constitutional review process and affirmative action to electoral and political party processes and barriers to women's participation in politics.

The roundtable was supported by the UN mission and is one in a series of events organized by Somali women leaders ahead of the International Women's Day celebrations that will be held on Friday.

During the 2016 electoral process, female representation in the federal parliament rose from 14 percent in the outgoing legislature to 24 percent. However, the increase fell short of the 30 percent quota goal, which women leaders are planning to endorse for the 2020 elections. *Xinhua*

China sees stepped up economic, trade talks with US

BEIJING

CHINA and the United States should step up economic and trade consultations to reach a mutually beneficial agreement, a spokesperson for the annual session of China's national legislature said yesterday.

Economic and trade teams from both sides have recently carried out intensive and productive consultations and made important progress on many issues of common concern, Zhang Yesui, spokesperson for the second session of the 13th National People's Congress, said at a press conference.

Both countries and the international community have responded positively to the progress, he said. Cooperation is the best option for China and the US while a confrontational relationship would serve neither side's interests, the spokesperson said. "We believe the China-US economic and trade relations are mutually beneficial in essence, so we hope the two sides can continue to step up consultations to reach a win-win agreement," Zhang said.



Zhang Yesui (center), spokesperson for the second session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC), speaks during a press conference on the agenda of the session and the work of the NPC, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. (XINHUA)

At present, the most important thing to do for both sides is to earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state during their Argentina meeting, and manage and control differences on the basis of expanding cooperation to ensure that the bilateral relations develop along the right track, he added.

Defense spending 'no threat'

At the press conference, Zhang also said that China's limited defense spending, which is for safeguarding its national sovereignty, security and territorial integrity, poses no threat to any other country.

"Whether a country is a military threat to others or not is not determined by its increase in defense expenditure, but by the foreign and national defense policies it adopts," said Zhang.

China has maintained a single digit growth rate in its budgeted national defense spending since 2016, following five consecutive years of double digit increase.

Its budgeted growth rate stood at 7.6 percent in 2016, 7 percent in 2017, and 8.1 percent in 2018.

While the national defense spending in some major developed countries accounted for more than 2 percent of their GDP, the ratio was only about 1.3 percent for China in 2018, according to Zhang.

"China maintains a reasonable and appropriate growth rate in its defense expenditure to meet its demand in safeguarding national security and military reform with Chinese characteristics," he said.

Double standards 'not fair'

Zhang said the tendency of some US officials to play up security risks in Chinese products was nothing but interference in economic activities by political means, the spokesperson said.

He said it was against the rules of the World Trade Organization, and disrupted the international market order based on fair

competition. He described the tendency as a typical practice of double standards that was neither fair nor moral.

Hope for continued DPRK-US talks

At the press conference, Zhang said China hopes the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the US will continue talks and stick to political solution which is key to resolving the Korean Peninsular issue.

The spokesperson described the recent meeting between the DPRK and US leaders in Hanoi as "constructive".

Zhang hoped the DPRK and the US would keep good faith, remain patient, and continue to engage in talks.

152 Belt and Road deals clinched

The spokesperson said, in all, 152 countries and international organizations had signed cooperation documents with China on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). In 2018 alone, 67 countries signed such documents, Zhang said.

Xinhua

S. Korean president calls for continued DPRK-US talks to strike deal on Korean Peninsula denuclearisation

SEOUL

SOUTH Korean President Moon Jae-in expressed hope on Monday that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the United States could continue their talks to strike a deal on denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula "in the end."

Moon made the remarks during a plenary session of the National Security Council (NSC), according to the presidential Blue House.

The NSC meeting was chaired by Moon in about nine months since he presided it over on June 14 2018, two

days after the first summit between top DPRK leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump in Singapore.

Kim and Trump ended their second meeting in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi last week without any agreement. "We wish the two countries continue talks."

(We) anticipate the two leaders meet again as soon as possible to strike the delayed deal," said Moon. Moon said it would never be desirable for Pyongyang and Washington to halt dialogue for long, and he believed that the two sides would reach an agreement "in the end." He said South Korea could play a

significant role in helping the two sides strike a deal, indicating his willingness to broker a compromise between the DPRK and the United States.

The president instructed the NSC to make efforts for the rapid resumption of working-level talks between Pyongyang and Washington, and try their best to find measures contributing to the DPRK-US dialogue resumption through the development of inter-Korean relations without violating international sanctions.

The NSC meeting was attended by prime minister, ministers of foreign affairs, unification and defense, intelli-

gence agency chief, presidential chief of staff, top national security advisor and secretaries for security and foreign affairs.

Moon said the second DPRK-US summit confirmed "very important fruits" that the two sides bore through dialogue, noting that Kim and Trump discussed the dismantlement of the DPRK's Yongbyon nuclear complex.

He said the verifiable dismantlement of the Yongbyon nuclear facility, which he said is a core of the DPRK's nuclear programme, was within a possible range. If all the plutonium-reprocessing and

uranium-enrichment facilities in Yongbyon are completely dismantled, it will mark an irreversible phase for the peninsula's denuclearization, Moon noted.

Moon said relief from sanctions against Pyongyang was also discussed at the Hanoi summit, which he called a great progress as it meant the two sides entering a phase of trading denuclearization and corresponding measures.

During the Hanoi summit, Kim and Trump discussed the establishment of U.S. liaison office in Pyongyang that has a "great meaning" in the process going toward normalized relations between the DPRK and the United States, the

South Korean leader noted.

What is different from the past, Moon said there has been neither condemnation from either side nor tensions raised even after the DPRK and the United States ended their talks without any deal.

Moon said the leaders of the DPRK and the United States expressed their unwavering trust to each other and made clear their willingness to continue talks to strike a deal. It indicated the second Kim-Trump summit was in the process of going toward a greater agreement, though it takes time, Moon added. *Xinhua*



MOSCOW

RUSSIA will not put the story involving the poisoning of former Russian intelligence officer Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia on the back burner, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in an interview with the Komsomolskaya Pravda daily published yesterday.

She pointed to the absurdity of Britain's attempts to conceal the details of the Skripals' poisoning, stressing that Russian diplomats cannot receive answers to "the simplest questions."

"The absurdity is the absence of the chronology of events of that day or those days, what time and what happened, and who was where," the diplomat said.

Zakharova warned that Moscow would do its utmost to get information on what happened to the Skripals. "If someone in the UK, Washington or Brussels believes that Russia will put the issue on the back burner, they are grossly mistaken."

We are polite and patient people. The combination of these two factors can be fatal for some skeptics. I believe this story will be brought to its logical conclusion."

The diplomat also raised the issue of impunity of those who were convicted by Russian courts and who are currently in the UK.

"Over the past decade, dozens of requests to extradite those people who were convicted by Russian courts (and previously accused of illegal financial or economic activities) have been forwarded to Britain. <...>

Most of these requests have remained unanswered. Britain has created comfortable conditions for people who violate laws in their own countries (not only in Russia), take dirty money [out of the country] and make it clean in London and its environs.

However, in those cases, the British government for some reason does not impose sanctions on itself for encouraging dirty financial schemes, money and bank accounts," Zakharova stressed. *Agencies*

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Jessie Woo

When music producers are accused of being predators

NEW YORK

JESSIE Woo just wanted to sing. So when the budding vocalist met a successful music producer who told her he wanted to help her with her music, she believed him.

Then, one night seven years ago, the producer raped her, she said.

It was not the only time she was preyed upon by male producers early in her career, said Woo, a cast member of VH1's "Love & Hip Hop Miami" and host of several programs for BET Networks.

"With these producers, they're putting you in rooms that you've dreamed of. You're in the studio with artists like... Lil Wayne, you're seeing T-Pain, you're seeing Beyoncé.

"You're just seeing all these people stop by," she said. "So, you're like, 'OK, this person is a little creepy, but I have to be here... I'm in the right place, I just got to maneuver around this person's creepiness. I got to figure out how to dodge the bullet.' And you're dodging somebody who is set out to abuse you."

Other women navigating the pop music industry have started to speak out about similar experiences, after the #MeToo movement has toppled powerful men in Hollywood, politics, business and more. As in those arenas, women can often find themselves being abused, sometimes sexually, by powerful men who hold the keys to success.

In 2017, Jessie Reyez, the singer who co-wrote the recent Calvin Harris hits "One Kiss" (with Dua Lipa) and "Promises" (with Sam Smith), released a powerful short film for her song "Gatekeeper." In it, she described how she was harassed by a producer: "Oh I'm the gatekeeper/Spread your legs/Open up you could be famous/If you come up anywhere else, I'll erase you."

Last year, she identified her tormentor as music producer Noel "Detail" Fisher, who won a Grammy for co-writing the Beyoncé and Jay-Z hit "Drunk in Love." Reyez said he had tried to belittle and demean her for not having sex with him, and for not having sex to advance her career.

Attempts to reach Fisher – who has also produced hits for Lil Wayne, Nicki Minaj, Wiz Khalifa and more – for comment about her allegation and others that followed were unsuccessful. Calls to phone numbers linked to him and to his relatives went unanswered.

Reyez's accusations were echoed by others who painted Fisher as a serial abuser.

"#METOO No wonder why I connected with your song Gatekeepers @jessiereyez," singer Bebe Rexha, 29, wrote on Instagram in May 2018. "He tried the same thing with me. I was just 19. I ran out of the studio crying. Awful Human."

Another singer, Tinashe, commented on Rexha's post: "The only session I've been in to this day where I left due to being soooo uncomfortable. Glad he's being exposed for the (expletive) creep he is. Disgusting."

Janae Knox filed a lawsuit against Fisher in June 2018, claiming that after she was hired as his assistant, she experienced "severe and pervasive sexual harassment and sexual assault by Fisher," according to court documents. The suit claims Fisher asked Knox to shower with him and demanded sexual favors while she performed her job.

"Detail is a sexual predator and it is troubling that I was one of his victims. I want to encourage other victims to come forward because by doing so, they will begin to heal," Knox said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Isabella Mack, another Fisher assistant, filed a complaint against him when Knox did, claiming she was forcefully held against her will while he masturbated. The suit said Fisher also demanded she pose for nude pictures and videos, and that Mack suffered extreme emotional distress as a result.

"Detail has to be held accountable for his actions. I also hope that other music industry victims come forward because it is time to expose the system that enables men to abuse women in this business," Mack said in a statement to the AP.

Another suit against Fisher was filed in December by aspiring musician and model Kristina Buch.

Fisher has yet to enter a legal response to either of the cases filed last year, and attempts to find a lawyer representing him were unsuccessful.

Attorney Genie Harrison, representing Knox and Mack, said her clients "chose to hold Detail accountable" and are letting "other victims know they are not alone."

"Whether it's in music, or film, or corporate America, the abuse of power to coerce sex must end. The brave #MeTooMusic victims who come forward will help accomplish this goal," Harrison continued in a statement.

Some such allegations were made long before the #MeToo movement, which started in the wake of reports of sexual misconduct by the Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. Lady Gaga, 32, said she was sexually assaulted by a music producer when she was 19 – before she released her debut album in 2008 and became a multiplatinum, Grammy- and Oscar-winning superstar.

"It's something in my life that's always really kind of defined me up until this point," Gaga, told the AP in 2016.

For years, pop singer Kesha has been battling her former producer, Dr. Luke, in court after she claimed he drugged, sexually abused and psychologically tormented her – allegations that Dr. Luke, who has crafted hits for Katy Perry, Kelly Clarkson, Britney Spears and more, has denied. (Kesha voluntarily dismissed her case in 2016; Dr. Luke's defamation case against her is ongoing).

And of course, R. Kelly – a multiplatinum R&B superstar who also has created smashes for Michael Jackson, Celine Dion, Maxwell and many more – has pleaded innocent to charges with aggravated sexual abuse involving four victims, including at least three between the ages of 13 and 17.

For Kelly, the charges are just the latest in a long line of accusations against him; he was accused of child pornography for allegedly having sex with a preteen but was acquitted in 2008.

He also secretly married his then protege, the late R&B superstar Aaliyah, when she was just 15; the marriage was later annulled. Kelly has been accused of luring women with promises of helping their music careers, then abusing them; some women have accused him of keeping them as virtual slaves. He has denied all allegations abuse, and his lawyer called him an "innocent man."

Others continue to come forward with new allegations against powerful men in the industry. Last month, in a New York Times report, several women claimed Ryan Adams – the critically acclaimed, Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter who also worked as a producer for Willie Nelson, Jenny Lewis and more – offered to help them with their music careers but then turned things sexual, and he sometimes became emotional and verbally abusive.

In response, Adams acknowledged he was not "a perfect man" and had made mistakes but called the report inaccurate and said it contained exaggerated stories and falsehoods.

Following the report, more female musicians opened up about bad experiences with the rocker, including Nashville-based singer-songwriter Ruby Amanfu, who said she was emotionally abused by Adams in a lengthy Facebook post.



Tigo Tanzania Managing Director, Simon Karikari (2nd R) cuts a ribbon as a sign of handing over a new house to 93 years-old Joram Mollel (3rd L) for his participation in Tigo Kili Half Marathon for four successive years, during the occasion at Mushono in Arusha over the weekend. Looking on are Mollel's son, Elibarik Mollel (2nd L), Tigo Chief Commercial Officer, Tarik Boudiaf (L), and the firm's Northern Zone Acting Director, Aidan Komba. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Tigo honours veteran Arusha marathoner

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S digital lifestyle telecom company, Tigo, has handed over a fully-furnished house to veteran athlete, Joram Mollel, fondly known as Babu, who regularly competes in Kilimanjaro Marathon.

The three-unit complex, which is located at Mwaivara, Mushono in the touristic city of Arusha, was bought and renovated by Tigo Tanzania as a token of appreciation to the exemplary sportsmanship and commitment shown by the athlete, aged 93, in the annual race throughout the years.

"When we found out about the unfavourable conditions which Babu Mollel was living in, there was no other way that we could imagine expressing our support than offer Babu a place of his own to call home," Simon Karikari, the telecoms Chief Executive Officer, disclosed.

"At his new Mushono home, Babu will have access to proper housing, equipped with all necessary furniture and utensils, as well as electricity and running water."

"The title deed is also under his name, which means he is the rightful owner of the house."

According to Aidan Komba, Tigo's Acting Northern Zone Director, Babu Mollel will occupy one unit and rent out the other two to potential tenants, to provide him with sustainable source of income to take care of his day-to-day welfare.

"I would like to thank Tigo for this amazing surprise. Words are not enough to express how I feel. It really means a lot to me. Now I have a home of my own. Thank you very much," Babu Mollel said.

Babu Mollel's history with the Kili Marathon expands for over 15 years, attracting crowds and masses of cheers every season because of his ability to finish the half-length marathon, much as he is old.

For the past four years, Tigo has been the patron of the 21-km race, popularly known as the 'Tigo Kili Half Marathon', which covers half of the full 42km marathon stretch that meanders through the scenic slopes Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak.

"Babu is a genuine face of sportsmanship, courage and hard work. He is a living testament to what humanity can do, when we put our minds to it, despite age or any other thing that can act as a limitation. Today, we celebrate him," Karikari disclosed.

Last year, Tigo teamed up with Babu Mollel in the Tigo Kili Half Marathon campaign dubbed 'Tisha Kama Babu' (which loosely translates to 'be inspired like Babu').

The 'Tisha Kama Babu' campaign aimed to encourage the adoption of healthy lifestyle amongst all Tanzanians.

That same year, Tigo officially retired Babu's race number 1040. He was inducted into Tigo's Half Marathon Hall of Fame, and was also bestowed an official placard in respect of his achievements.

This year, the Tigo Kili Half Marathon took place in Moshi last Sunday, with domestic runner, Emmanuel Giniki, beating the rest of the runners in the race to the top honour.

'How to Train Your Dragon 3' stays victorious, 'Madea Family Funeral' scores strong debut

LOS ANGELES

AFTER a close race for the top spot in North America, Universal and DreamWorks' "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" pulled ahead to secure the domestic box office crown.

The final installment in the "Dragon" trilogy stayed strong, adding another \$30 million in its second weekend of release. The animated adventure is just shy of the \$100 million mark in North America with its domestic tally currently sitting at \$97.6 million.

"The Hidden World" is performing in line with the first two entries in the franchise, which ended their domestic box office runs with \$217 million and \$177 million, respectively.

While "How to Train Your Dragon 3" fended off newcomers to repeat No. 1, Tyler Perry's "A Madea Family Funeral" still had a solid start of its own. Perry bid a farewell to his long-running Madea character in the 11th and final installment in the 15-year franchise. It opened ahead of expectations, pocketing \$27 million from 2,442 theaters.

"Madea Family Funeral," which Perry directs, stars in, and produces, marks the end of his partnership with Lionsgate. Like previous "Madea" entries, audiences were more receptive to the eccentric character than critics were. The film nabbed a promising A-CinemaScore, while its Rotten Tomato score is a less-enthusiastic 25 percent. Moviegoers over the age of 25 accounted for 78 percent of its opening weekend, while 67 percent of crowds were female.

"Madea" had the best showing by far among new offerings. Focus Features' "Greta," a psychological thriller film starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Isabelle Huppert, launched below projections. Directed by Neil Jordan, "Greta" bowed in seventh place with a tepid \$4.5 million from 2,411 venues. Meanwhile, Universal's "Green



Cast member Craig Ferguson poses during the premiere of "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" in Los Angeles, U.S., February 9, 2019. REUTERS

Book" benefitted from Oscar glory. The film expanded back to 2,600 screens after nabbing the Academy Award for best picture. It secured fifth place in its 16th weekend of release, amassing \$4.7 million.

The road-trip drama had a slow start when it first debuted in November, but "Green Book" has been chugging along in theaters and saw a sizable bump in ticket sales after getting some awards love. Now that it claimed the entertainment industry's top prize, the movie got a 121 percent boost in revenue. "Green Book" has earned \$75 million in North America and \$74 million overseas.

Also cashing in on Oscar glory was Sony's "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse." The comic-book adventure was awarded best animated feature last Sunday, and brought in \$2.1 million after the studio re-released it in 2,404 locations. The movie has grossed over \$360 million globally, including \$187 million at the domestic box office.

Likewise, Warner Bros. set a limited re-release for its Oscar-winning "A Star Is Born" with an added 12 minutes of footage. It saw a 209 percent increase

in ticket sales, pocketing \$1.8 million from 1,150 screens. That's a nice chunk of change, considering the musical drama starring Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga first debuted in October and is already available on home entertainment. "A Star Is Born" has grossed \$212 million at the domestic box office and \$214 million internationally.

Otherwise, a number of holdovers rounded out the top five. Third place went to Fox's "Alita: Battle Angel," which earned \$7 million in its third weekend of release. Produced by James Cameron and directed by Robert Rodriguez, the sci-fi adventure has pocketed \$72.5 million at the domestic box office.

The cyborg heroine is resonating overseas, where "Alita" has generated \$278 million. That's a good sign for Fox as its possible final film before merging with Disney cost \$170 million to produce and millions more in marketing and distribution. All that CGI doesn't come cheap, and executives at rival studios estimate that "Alita: Battle Angel" will need to gross \$500 million before it can turn a profit. Fox insiders,

however, claim the break-even number is closer to \$350 million, meaning "Alita" might already be climbing out of the red.

Warner Bros.' "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part" landed at No. 4 with \$6 million, bringing its North American haul to \$91 million. Despite positive reviews, the animated sequel has continued to pace well behind its predecessors. "The Lego Movie" opened in 2014 and ended its theatrical run with a massive \$469 million worldwide, including \$257 million at the domestic box office.

With the sequel's current global sum hovering around \$152 million, it's unlikely "The Lego Movie 2" will reach the level of the original movie. Industry analysts suggest that's partially because the studio waited five years before releasing a direct sequel and instead dropped two spinoffs – "The Lego Batman Movie" and "The Lego Ninjago Movie" – in 2017. The back-to-back offshoots in the same year already experienced diminishing returns, signaling there can indeed be too much of a good thing.

At the specialty box office, Neon and CNN Film's documentary "Apollo 11" made \$1.65 million when it launched on 120 Imax screens for a theater average of \$13,750. Directed by Todd Douglas Miller, the non-fiction film about Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's historic moon landing expands nationwide on March 8.

The domestic box office continues to fall well behind 2018's record year. According to Comscore, ticket sales have seen a 26 percent drop compared to this time last year, when "Black Panther" was still dominating multiplexes. Box office watchers are hopeful that Disney-Marvel's first female-led superhero adventure could turn things around when "Captain Marvel" debuts next weekend.

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Klopp rebuts suggestion Liverpool missed opportunity at Everton

LONDON

JÜRGEN Klopp bridled at the suggestion he failed to go for the jugular by not bringing on another attacker in Liverpool's goalless draw at Everton, adding "it's not like PlayStation".

The two dropped points means Manchester City are now outright leaders by a point with nine matches remaining for each side in the Premier League run-in. Klopp's team have now won only two of their past six league matches.

In the second half at Goodison Park the manager brought on two attack-minded players - Roberto Firmino and Adam Lallana - plus a midfielder in James Milner. Asked if he should have gone for the jugular by bringing on three attackers, Klopp made clear his unhappiness with the query.

"Do you think we didn't take enough risks today? That's a really disappointing question - do you think it's PlayStation? Bring an extra attacker, and everything change? Football is not like that. We don't lose our nerve," he said.

Klopp added there was no need for a "don't panic" message to his players. "We are not little boys any more. I believe 100% in our chances," he said before making a joke about whether there will be more twists and turns in the title race. "At

least one," the manager said.

"But we have Burnley [next] so how can I say about what will happen - that would be disrespectful. I already know what the pundits will say in the studio - situations like today you have to finish it off.

"I'm completely fine with chasing [City]. Who wants to be top of the table at the beginning of March? It is nice but there are lots of games to play. I watched Match of the Day last night and saw the celebrations of Man City, they had 900 chances and scored one goal [in a 1-0 win at Bournemouth], a shot with the wrong foot. You have to be ready for these chances.

"We do not think about City when they are a point behind us, now we are behind them but not too far. They have to win, we have to win and let's see who wins more at the end." Klopp, who laughed off an exchange with an Everton ballboy who appeared to mock him with applause towards the end of the game, also pointed to the weather as having an impact on the contest. "The wind does not help and there was a lot today," he said.

"You have to be ready for the fight of the second ball. It is OK [the result] - a difficult game for different reasons and a wild opponent. The wind was coming from all directions and did not help anybody.

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Chelsea's Sarri praises recalled Kepa as keeper shines

LONDON

CHELSEA manager Maurizio Sarri was in the mood to forgive and forget after his recalled goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga produced a fine display in their 2-1 win at Fulham in the Premier League on Sunday.

Just a week after Arrizabalaga's now infamous refusal to be substituted in Chelsea's League Cup final defeat by Manchester City had enraged Sarri, the young keeper was left to bathe in the Italian's praise for his excellence at Craven Cottage.

"He played very well, it was a normal decision (to bring him back)," Sarri told Sky Sports as Chelsea moved within two points of fourth spot in the race for Champions League football.

"He paid with the club and the team, now the situation is closed. There wasn't another way but I think that Kepa is a man. He understood and reacted really very well."

As a punishment for his Wembley defiance, Sarri had dropped Arrizabalaga for the midweek defeat of Tottenham Hotspur and the Spaniard, who apologised to the club and his team mates for his actions, was also fined a week's wages.

"I spoke with him during the week, he understood," Sarri added. "His training was really very good, the reaction today was very good. I know the man, he is very good. He made a mis-

take, but now that is enough."

Having drafted Arrizabalaga back into the lineup for the west London derby after Willy Caballero had filled in for him expertly in the 2-0 win over Spurs, Sarri was rewarded with a top performance after one early, careless handling error.

With Chelsea 1-0 up, the Spaniard made a brilliant, acrobatic save to keep out Aleksandar Mitrovic and also repelled efforts from Tom Cairney and Joe Bryan as his side recorded a second straight win with goals by Gonzalo Higuain and Jorginho.

Sarri was delighted for his first-half scorers, especially after the criticism aimed at midfield lynchpin Jorginho, who had not previously found the net from open play for Chelsea and who has been seen as an underwhelming presence.

"My opinion about Jorginho is the same," said Sarri. "He is a great player, one of the most important in Europe at that position. It is not easy in a first season in this team."

After Higuain notched his third Chelsea goal since joining the club on loan from Juventus, Sarri added: "He is one of the best strikers in Europe. He is not at his top level physically but could have scored three times today.

"He is improving and in a couple of weeks he will be able to be at his top."

REUTERS

Barca hailed as champions-elect after beating Madrid

BARCELONA

BARCELONA were hailed as La Liga champions-elect in the Catalan media after their 1-0 win at Real Madrid on Saturday, while the capital's press called for sweeping changes at Real after another domestic failure.

Ivan Rakitic's cool strike in the first half was enough to see off Real and send Barca 12 points clear of their historic rivals, as well as giving them a 10-point cushion over nearest challengers Atletico Madrid.

"They are like champions," said the cover of Barcelona-based newspaper Sport, describing the win, which came three days after a 3-0 victory over Madrid in the Copa del Rey semi-finals, as "another assault on the Santiago Bernabeu".

Mundo Deportivo, another Barcelona daily, likened the victory and the team's jubilant celebrations to "a dance", adding: "Barca can almost touch the title after killing off Madrid."

Barca became the first team in the history of La Liga to win four league games in a row at Real Madrid,

prompting Sport to gloat about the Catalan side's hegemony on enemy territory.

"Barca can now take the keys to the Bernabeu, a stadium which they have made their home and where they feel no fear at all, only pleasure," said the newspaper's editor.

"Barca strike another blow, leaving Real without the Cup or La Liga in the space of three days," said Madrid-based newspaper Marca.

Fellow Madrid daily AS said: "Madrid give up" on its front page, and also spoke of it being the end of an era for many of the club's players who appear to be beyond their best, such as Sergio Ramos, Gareth Bale, Toni Kroos and Marcelo.

"This is a crisis which obliges the club to reinvent itself in the summer in a profound way after a turbulent year," said the newspaper.

"Changes need to be made in the dugout, as coach Santiago Solari has run out of credit, and above all in the squad, where players with huge salaries and inflated statuses are being shown up."

REUTERS

Title-chasing Liverpool frustrated in goalless derby draw at Goodson Park

LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL were left a point behind Premier League leaders Manchester City after they were held 0-0 by Everton in Sunday's Merseyside derby - the fourth draw in six games for Juergen Klopp's side.

City, who won 1-0 at Bournemouth on Saturday, have 71 points while Liverpool are on 70, with both teams having nine games to play.

It promises to be a tense and thrilling finale to the season but Liverpool, who have frittered away a seven-point lead, will need to regain their momentum quickly if they are to push for their first league title since 1990.

"I'm completely fine with chasing," said Klopp. "Who wants to be top of the table at the beginning of March? It is nice but there are lots of games to play."

The result of a typically frantic derby on its own is no cause for alarm for Klopp, but the eight-point swing to City since Jan. 30 is a trend they simply have to end.

There were few chances for either team, with Liverpool's forward line failing to sparkle and Everton's impressive industry not matched by craft in the final third.

Everton were desperate to stop their rivals picking up maximum points with manager Marco Silva adjusting his team accordingly as Morgan Schneiderlin was preferred to the more creative Andre Gomes. It proved a smart move with Liverpool's Georginio Wijnaldum having limited impact in a crowded midfield.

The home crowd created an intense and passionate atmosphere at Goodison Park, something of a rare occurrence in another disappointing season for Merseyside's blue half.

"It felt amazing in our stadium. Our fans



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah in action during their Premier League match against Everton at Goodison Park in Liverpool, Britain on Sunday.

were amazing and they pushed the team from the first minute," said Silva.

Mohamed Salah had the two best openings for Liverpool before the break but his soft 15th minute shot barely troubled Jordan Pickford and then the Everton keeper was swift off his line to foil the Egyptian as he raced goalwards.

Everton harried and disrupted Liverpool well but struggled to create opportunities with Theo Walcott unable to capitalise on a rare opening, screwing his shot wide, and Alisson keeping out a Dominic Calvert-Lewin header.

Salah threatened again in the 57th

minute as he bore down on Pickford but Everton defender Michael Keane stopped a near certain goal with a perfectly timed last-ditch sliding tackle.

Fabinho, who delivered a masterclass in the modern holding midfielder role, was too slow to react to a nod down from Virgil van Dijk in the box, allowing Everton to scurry the ball clear.

Klopp threw on Roberto Firmino in the 63rd minute but the striker was unable to open up an Everton defence that raised their game to deal a blow to their local rivals' title hopes.

"I don't think anyone wants their rivals

to win the title," said the outstanding Keane.

"I think it was a fair result, not too many chances were created by either team."

Everton fans taunted their rivals at the end, suggesting that Liverpool were not going to win any trophies this season, but Klopp insisted there was no panic in his camp.

"We have to play a lot of games. The only way you can win something is on one hand to stay calm but lively, critical but very confident - and believe in your chance. And I believe 100 percent in our chance," he said.

Madrid wracked by goalscoring struggles as Ajax visit

MADRID

AFTER their domestic season was left in tatters by back-to-back defeats to Barcelona, Real Madrid have been left to focus yet again on winning the Champions League as the only way to salvage a turbulent campaign.

Yet as the triple European Cup holders prepare to host Ajax Amsterdam on Tuesday in the second leg of their last-16 tie, they are suffering from a goalscoring crisis, having only netted once from open play in their last four matches.

Real hold a 2-1 lead in the tie after riding their luck in Amsterdam, meaning a draw or even a 1-0 defeat would see them into the quarter-finals, but their inability to put the ball in the net is becoming a concern.

Ajax meanwhile have been in imperious form since losing the first leg, scoring 13 goals and conceding one in three games.

They will also be feeling refreshed after the Dutch federation postponed their game this weekend against PEC Zwolle in order to give them more rest time ahead of their trip to the Bernabeu.

Madrid were wasteful in last Wednesday's 3-0 defeat to Barca in the Copa del Rey semi-final second leg, repeatedly missing the target from inside the area.

They had even more shots in their 1-0 defeat to the Catalans in La Liga on Saturday, but kept having their attempts blocked by Barca's defenders, with goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen rarely called upon.

Both goals in last week's 2-1 win over Levante came from the penalty spot, while their last goal from open play was a header from Casemiro in their 2-1 defeat at home to Girona on Feb. 17.

Coach Santiago Solari does not appear to be overly concerned by the team's struggle for goals. "These things go in spells. Sometimes everything flies into the net, sometimes it doesn't," the Argentine said after the 1-0 defeat to Barca. "We will try everything so that what did not go in today, or on Wednesday, does in our next game. We will keep trying."

WRETCHED FORM

Yet on the team's current form, it is difficult to see where goals against Ajax will come from, as none of the club's players have managed to go close to filling the void left by all-time top scorer Cristiano Ronaldo, who joined Juventus in July.

Karim Benzema, the team's leading scorer with 15 strikes in the league and



Luka Modric

Europe, has not netted from open play in his last four games, while his usual strike partner Gareth Bale is in wretched form.

The Wales forward has only started three of Real's last 10 games and he was subjected to loud boos and whistles from supporters

when he was substituted after a near-anonymous display on Saturday.

Brazilian forward Vinicius Jr has been Real's most exciting player by far in 2019 and is their chief architect of chances, but he has been far from prolific since breaking into the

team in October.

Captain Sergio Ramos has contributed an impressive 11 goals in all competitions from defence but he will be absent from the game due to suspension, leaving a significant hole in both areas.

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Ruge Mutahaba

Thousands attend Mutahaba's burial

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THOUSANDS of mourners yesterday flocked to Kizuru Village in Bukoba to witness the burial of Ruge Mutahaba, who died at a South African hospital last week after succumbing to kidney complications.

Family, friends, musicians and thousands of mourners that included ministers and regional commissioners from Lake Zone and members of parliament gathered at the place to bid farewell to Mutahaba, who was the Programs Director at Clouds Media Group.

In a monitored farewell service at Bukoba Gymkhana Club and burial service at the place, people started converging at the club early morning.

Several people had travelled from Dar es Salaam and other parts of the world to attend the funeral service of Mutahaba.

After eulogies from different people, prayers and music performance staged by Tanzania House of Talents (THT) artistes and Mrisho Mpotto, people left for Kizuru Village for the burial ceremony.

One of masters of ceremony at the event, Hassan Ngoma, announced that to give a befitting honour to late Mutahaba, Clouds Media Group's television and radio station had to go off air for three minutes, asking people to pray for the soul of the departed humble man.

As the casket carrying Mutahaba's body was entered into his final resting place, silence and sorrow were visible and many others were weeping uncontrollably.

Many were visibly seen battling tears and others choked with song and emotions.

Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (Investment), Angella Kairuki, said the country has lost one of its great sons, who was willing and ready to help people regardless of their backgrounds.

She described Mutahaba as a person who loved all people, was full of confidence and was also a man who had an attitude of never saying no.

The minister said it is painful that the country has lost Mutahaba at a time the country is turning into middle-income economy.

"The country has lost one of its great sons, he was ready to help others at any time, his life was well lived... as government, we mourn him as he has departed at a time the country is heading to middle-income economy, his Fursa program is well suited to this," she said.

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Dar pupils shine in art competition

By Beatrice Philemon

A TOTAL of nine pupils from four Dar es Salaam schools have emerged winners of the 13th edition of the national art competition dubbed Toyota Dream Car, which took place in the city last weekend.

The competition brought together 200 pupils aged 6-15 to share ideas about the future of mobility.

Toyota Tanzania Group Brand Manager, Nadah Ndiye, said during the presentation ceremony, which was held at Toyota Tanzania headquarters in the city, the pupils that took part in the event came from Dar es Salaam International Academic, Al Muntazir Boys Primary School, Academic International School and Indian School-Dar es Salaam.

The Toyota Dream Car Art Contest, as disclosed by Nadah, is a worldwide event held annually and designed to inspire creativity in youths and help the latter imagine the future of mobility.

"Toyota cares about the importance of children's mind to think about a better future in the society, believe in their dreams and go forward to bring life to their dreams through drawing their 'Dream Cars,'" she said. Participating pupils in the 13th edition of the competition were put into three categories, namely U-8, U-11 and U-15.

Dar es Salaam International Academic (DIA) pupil, Sunra Roels, emerged as the overall winner of the U-8 category and got bronze award for best artwork.

Euisol Park, also from DIA, finished second in the category and received silver award while Ali Manji, who came third, was presented with gold award.

In the U-11 category, Akilesh Balasubramaniya, aged 10, emerged as the overall winner and got bronze award, Sharon Bowyer from Academic International School (AIS) took the second position and was presented with silver award while Ronak Narendra Adwani, also aged 11 and studies at AIS, finished third and was presented with gold award.

The U-15 category was won by Nethmini Prasansa Peiris from Indian School-Dar es Salaam and he received bronze award, Ammara Mohmood Somji, aged 14, finished second and was presented with silver award while Veer Sagar Joshi from Indian School finished third and received gold award.

Nadah said the winning artworks will be sent to Japan to be judged at a global scale and the artworks will come up against other drawings by children from all around the world.

She disclosed the global winners from each category will then be invited to Japan for the global awards ceremony. "If you will have a chance to look at these artworks, you will see that they are all mind blowing, it's amazing what a seven-year old child can do, our young ones are showing us that in the future, there is nowhere cars will not go, from underwater to outer space," she noted.



Simba SC head coach, Patrick Aussems

Simba SC sets sight on JS Saoura match

By Faustine Feliciane, SHINYANGA

SIMBA SC head coach, Patrick Aussems, has disclosed his side has set its sight on the 2018/19 CAF Champions League's Group D match against Algeria's JS Saoura, which will be held at the latter's backyard on Saturday.

The Tanzania soccer big guns will lock horns with JS Saoura in the match slated to kick off at 10pm.

Aussems disclosed his team is starting preparations for the forthcoming match, insisting the squad will settle for nothing short of a win in the match.

Simba registered a comfortable 2-0 win over Stand United in the 2018/19 Mainland Premier League match, which took place at the Kambarage Stadium in Shinyanga on Sunday.

"Why should we think of a draw with JS Saoura? We are going to Algeria to seek for a win that will bring us closer to qualification for the quarterfinals, which is our target," he said.

The coach noted the Mainland Premier League games Simba took part in recently have helped the squad prepare well for the continental assignment, much as the Dar es Salaam giants had a tight fixture.

"We have played many matches within a short time but we had no option. We have a few days left before jetting off to Algeria, we

will use these days for final preparations," Aussems noted.

He said his squad stands a chance of making it to the last eight stage of the CAF Champions League, should the side perform well in the remaining two matches.

Simba will make their way back to Dar after the game against JS Saoura to shape up for the match against Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) football giants, AS Vita Club, to be held at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on March 19.

Aussems, moreover, disclosed Simba's defender, Erasto Nyoni, has recovered from an injury he had and has started attending intensive training with team mates.

The coach noted he will however not field Nyoni in the game against JS Saoura.

Aussems disclosed the defender needs to have full fitness prior to playing matches.

"Nyoni does not have match fitness, he has slowly began recovering from the injury, it is obvious he will not play in the match against JS Saoura but he still has an opportunity to play in the game against AS Vita Club," he noted.

Simba are occupying the second spot in the Group D of the 2018/19 CAF Champions League with six points.

Egypt's football big guns, Al Ahly, are leading the rest of the pack in the group with seven points, JS Saoura are in the third position

with five points, AS Vita Club is at the bottom of the group with four points.

The top two sides in the group will make it to the last eight stage of the competition and should Simba book a place in the next stage, the squad will have done it for the first time.

Meanwhile, Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona reports Simba jet off to Algeria today to face JS Saoura.

Simba arrived in Dar es Salaam on Monday morning from Shinyanga, where they beat Stand United 2-0 in the Mainland Premier League match.

According to a statement released by the club, the players will assemble today after having hours of rest.

The statement said 20 players making the trip to Algeria will be known today.

"The team is back in Dar es Salaam after a successful trip in Iringa and Shinyanga where we played against Lipuli FC and Stand United. The players have been given time to rest and will assemble tomorrow (today) for our trip to Algeria, we will depart for Algeria in the evening," said part of the statement.

In the previous encounter Simba and JS Saoura, played at the National Stadium, Simba won 3-0.

Simba are positioned second in Group D with six points and must do all they can to record good results in Algiers, if the squad is to stay in contention for the quarterfinal slot

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