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34bn/- poultry farm eyeing EA markets

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Siha

A POULTRY farm with a modern hatchery in Siha District of Kilimanjaro Region is set to supply chicks to the East Africa Community (EAC) expansive market.

Put up at a cost of 34bn/- by Aviagen (EA) Ltd, the new grandparent farm and a parent stock hatchery was inaugurated at the weekend by Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki.

He said Tanzania has been incurring heavy costs of importing quality chicks, but with projects like this, the country can now be self-sufficient for quality poultry products.

Breeding top quality broilers also earns the country foreign currency from exports, he said, buoyant at the green field project where Aviagen (EA) will conduct the hatching, breeding and supplying quality broiler stock.

The management says the firm is working to extend its market reach all over Africa, while the Siha district commissioner, Thomas Apson said the hatchery project has numerous job openings for local residents.

"It is a privilege to us that the investors have chosen our district to host the project," he said, describing it as of nationwide importance. Aviagen CEO Jan Henriksen said that the breeding industry plays an important role in building sustainable communities around the world, apart from being a business.

The potential for increasing poultry production and consumption in East Africa is immense and this investment will enhance the level of consumption, he said, noting that population growth and macroeconomic improvements are driving the demand for chicken meat.

"Aviagen finds Tanzania to be a prime, strategic choice for the development as it is perfectly placed geographically, and the environment is ideal for poultry production," he stated.

Health concerns make people migrate from red to white meat, further driving the demand for products such as fish and chicken in local diets, he added.

EABC urges harmonisation of EAC manufacturing standards

By Guardian Reporter

PRIVATE sector analysts in the East African Community (EAC) zone are appealing to member states to fast track harmonisation of manufacturing standards to boost intra-EAC trade and investments.

John-Bosco Kalisa, chief executive officer of the zonal business council (EABC) issued this appeal at the weekend during the EABC-Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA) forum on standards held in Dar es Salaam.

EABC seeks EAC partner states to fast-track adoption of the Standardisation, Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (SACA) Bill that is being tabled in the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA).

It seeks to facilitate frequent peer reviews, creating awareness on standards applicable in the whole of East Africa, involving the private sector in developing those standards, he said.

Trade data indicates that harmonization of standards increases intra-trade by up to 10 per cent, reduces inspection and clearance costs at border posts by up to 25 per cent of costs, and clearance days are drastically pruned, he said.

Harmonisation of standards significantly contributes to growth of intra-regional trade, competitiveness, protection of consumers and environment, while facilitating trade in various goods.

To date a total of 624 national standards have been adopted by the partner states separately, with a total of 1880 standards offsetting one another and in need of harmonisation at the EAC level, he said.

He pointed at the need for a regional standards plan corresponding with an online catalogue of harmonised standards developed since 2021.

National standards bureaus in the partner states are at different levels of harmonisation of standards ranging from 65 per cent conformity with other bureaus to 90 for some products and some bureaus engaged in offsetting discrepancies.

Burundi and South Sudan standards bureaus are seen to have significant administrative and capacity challenges, thus not being in a position to process adoption of harmonised East African standards, he said.



Benedicto Baragomwa (L), NMB Bank Plc's Chief of Internal Audit, pictured in Zanzibar at the weekend briefing President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the bank's pavilion during the climax of the Kizimkazi Festival. The event is primarily meant to recognize and promote Zanzibar's economic potential. Accompanying the president were Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, Zanzibar First Lady Mariam Mwinini and South Unga regional commissioner Rashid Hadid Rashid. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NMB fetes Samia, lauds Kizimkazi festival week

By Guardian Reporter

STAKEHOLDERS say that the Kizimkazi Festival Week has now become a major annual event offering abundant investment and networking opportunities for residents of Zanzibar and other interested parties.

Ruth Zaipuna, chief executive officer for NMB Bank, made this affirmation over the weekend at the final day of the festival, whose theme was 'the Royal Tour and Blue Economy as catalyst of our development,' citing the bank's work in training smallholder farmers in entrepreneurship. The bank has educated upwards of 3,800



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'Kagera has ample business openings'

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

CCM vice chairman for the (Mainland) Abdulrahman Kinana has said he sees ample investment opportunities in Kagera Region, asking that local and foreign investors take a look. He was visiting an irrigation scheme at Buchurago village in Misenyi District as part of inspection tours on

implementing the CCM 2020 election manifesto, with the Misenyi Global Agency Ltd operating the scheme. It grows various crops using modern farming practices like quality seeds and inputs. Inspecting the work, he said it shows able teamwork and good infrastructure, which sets a standard for other investors in the region to emulate. Winfrida Bashasha, the company coordinator, said the

farm extends over 1,360 acres planted with maize, soybeans and wheat, meant specifically to produce quality seeds to curb seed shortages in the market. The shortage was an opportunity to produce quality seeds for various crops for the local and regional market, she stated, noting that maize seeds produced in the farm are purchased by the Seed Company (T) Ltd and Seedland

(T) Ltd. The firm was at initial production stages, with the firm expecting to increase cultivation to reach 25 per cent of the national demand in three years' time, she stated, while husband Fidelis Bashasha, the founder and director of the firm, applauded the visit, noting that the company has obtained assistance from the government in various areas.

Drought and floods had adversely affected production so the firm shifted to irrigation farming, using modern equipment and supporting upwards of 200 out-growers in the vicinity. The head of the ruling party secretariat was accompanied by Shaka Hamdu Shaka, head of the Ideology and Publicity department, along with regional administration and party officials.



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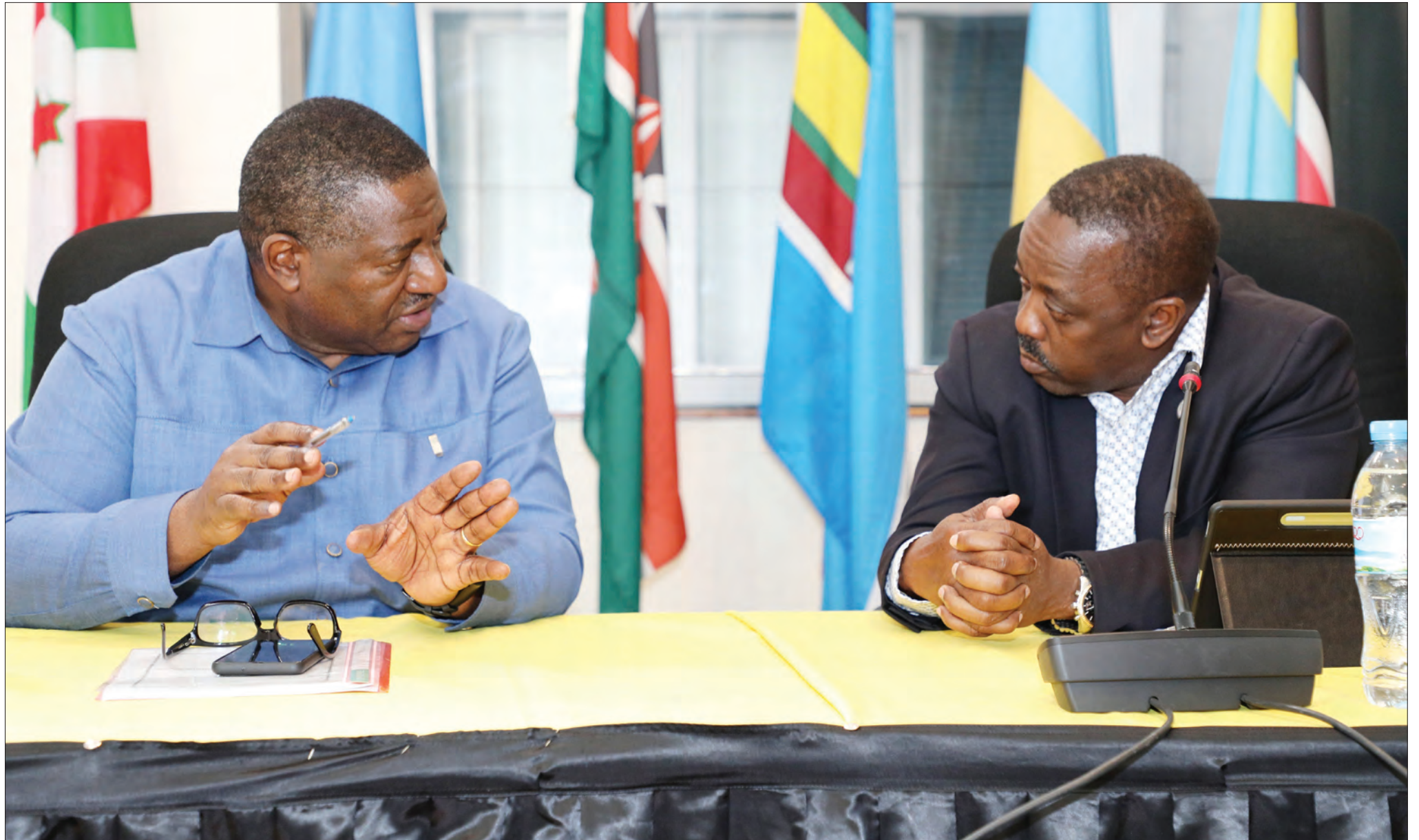
Manufacturers have further called for a demand driven and low cost approach towards standards development in the zone, where the public and private sector dialogue dwelt on the use of artificial sweeteners at world trade level.

Nutritive and non-nutritive sugar in the manufacture carbonated soft drinks, juices, confectioners and dairy products (yogurt in particular) and how they are linked to competitiveness and innovation attracted discussion on methods and criteria for a regional harmonised standard.

The regional public and private sector engagement forum on standards is set within the EABC-TMEA dialogue project for increased trade and investments in the EAC, with Netherlands backing. Reducing multiple inspections at the border, costs of standardisation and compliance especially for small firms, and the need to revive the regional standards platform were also discussed, with a view to building common positions, identifying constraints, priorities and enhancing capacity on standards among private sector stakeholders.

The platform convened EAC Secretariat officials, the National Bureau of Standards, the Manufacturers' Association, the Association of Burundi Industries (AIB), the Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) and the Eastern African Sub-Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women (EASSI).

Others were the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), the South Sudan Chambers of Commerce Industries & Agriculture, the Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), Coca-Cola (T) Ltd and Watercom (T) Ltd.



East African Community deputy secretary general Steven Mlote (L) has a word with Vita Kawawa, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security, at the regional economic bloc's headquarters in Arusha city yesterday. Members of the committee were seeking information on infrastructure projects jointly coordinated by the EAC and the Tanzanian government. Photo courtesy of EAC

Govt pumps in 3bn/- for girl school project in Namtumbo

By Guardian Correspondent,

Namtumbo

THE government has pumped in 3bn/- towards a girls' secondary school project in Ruvuma Region built at Migelegele area, Namtumbo District. Speaking after inspection of the project, Ruvuma regional Commissioner, Col. Laban Thomas

expressed satisfaction by the construction work that expects to enroll students next year. Col. Laban said Ruvuma Region is among 10 regions to which the government has provided funds for regional building girls' secondary schools. "The government is sourcing funds to make sure it implements various development projects including this school project, I

congratulate all those who have offered themselves to ensure the project is completed," RC Thomas said. However, he said there are some regions implementing these projects that have not reached the stage as us, hence he asked everyone to make sure the project is completed in time according to the contract agreement. He also appealed experts

supervising the project to work trustfully, professionally while abiding by the country's laws and regulations and should avoid funds embezzlement and warned that steps will be taken against all embezzlers of project's funds. For his part, Namtumbo District Commissioner, Dr Julius Ningo pledged to fully supervise the project to the required standards to commensurate with the value

of the money spent. Namtumbo District Education Officer, Juma Fulluge thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for endorsing funds for the school's construction, saying in the project's first phase more than 1.6bn/- was provided for the construction of 12 classrooms, five dormitories, a three laboratories, toilets and teachers' houses.

GCLA to scale up training for people with hearing disability

By Correspondent James Kandoya

GOVERNMENT Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA) is set to scale up training to people with hearing disabilities in the country to enable them to use chemicals in a safer way.

Dr Fidelice Mafumiko, Chief Government Chemist said that in Dar es Salaam over the weekend in training to sixty five people with hearing disabilities from Dar es Salaam and Coast region on how they can be safe when using chemicals.

He said people with hearing disabilities face a number of challenges including lack of right information about chemicals used to avoid being exposed to the risk of absorbing harmful amounts of chemicals through the skin.

Dr Mafumiko said the series of training will be extended to people with hearing disabilities in other regions to ensure they are safe when using chemicals.

"Our series of training has now focused to equip them with skills and knowledge so that they cannot be exposed to risk chemicals," he said.

"After the training in Dar es Salaam and the Coast region in Eastern Zone, our main focus will be to scale up training to this particular group of people in other regions," he added.

Dr Mafumiko said after training, GCLA will register all who are using chemicals such as batik producers and liquid soap producers to get additional training.

Many Deaf and hard of hearing young people grow up in families and attend schools where their language isolates them from the normal information flow.

The availability of information on substance abuse and treatment is fragmentary, haphazard and slow. Essential to prevention, assessment and treatment is having materials and approaches to these chemical dependency topics.

For those persons who use ASL or another manual language, it is necessary that these materials and approaches are presented in ways that are readily processed.

Currently, the written and visual materials that address this knowledge gap are inadequate and often written at a level the Deaf child cannot understand. Those that are available are not systematically distributed or used.

GCLA is a number one centre for laboratory analysis of samples/exhibits related to forensic sciences in order to facilitate forensic investigations and hence assurance of justice and rule of law, samples related to agricultural and industrial produce to ascertain safety and quality, samples related to paternity or sex identification in order to address society concerns and samples related to environmental and occupational health for the protection of health and the environment.



NCBA Bank's head of finance, Genesi Kunda (2nd-R), pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting a prize motorcycle to Ibrahim Nzunda for emerging one of three winners of a weekly NCBA/Vodacom campaign raffle dubbed 'Chuzi Limekubali'. Looking on are the other winners -Morogoro's Annastazia Yenze (R) and Jackson Maka (representing Salome Kapela of Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Government will re-possess land remaining undeveloped'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DR Angelina Mabula, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, has said that the government will re-possess lands remaining undeveloped in prime areas across the country.

Dr Mabula said that over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when wrapping up a two day meeting brought together over 230 stakeholders in real estate in and outside the country, saying that occupiers land in prime areas including Dar es Salaam city must develop adding that failure of that, their plots will be repossessed.

"The government is not ready to see prime lands remain undeveloped across the country. I call on all occupiers of

undeveloped plots to start developing," she said.

The minister said it has been clearly stated in the Land (Procedure for Mortgage of Land) Regulations 2019 (Government Notice No. 345 of 2019) where the regulations put into effect the restriction to mortgage bare and underdeveloped lands as security for loan in Tanzania.

According to regulation 4 (1) (b) land is considered to be underdeveloped when such land is only fenced, or only hedged, or only leveled, or only ploughed, or only cleared or partially cleared site of some former developments; or inadequately developed contrary to the conditions of relevant right of occupancy.

Also, land used for agriculture purposes is considered to be

underdeveloped where the occupier fails to cultivate one eighth (1/8) of the land during the first year of the term of the right of occupancy or fails to cultivate another one eighth of the land during each of the next four years of the term (regulation 4(2)(a)).

In a mixed land, where there is agriculture and pastoral activities, regulation 4(2) (c) requires the occupier of the land during the first year of the term of the right of occupancy to fully cultivate one-fifth (1/5) and fully stock, with his own livestock, one-tenth (1/10) of the total area of the land.

"Let me reiterate our commitment as a government to further collaborate with real estate stakeholders to ensure the sector grows and contribute revenues to the nation," she said.

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people, including 50 women groups involved in salt harvesting, fishing and seaweeds farming, extending loans after the training, she stated.

NMB is also settling in the tourism sector by forging strategic partnerships with prominent stakeholders like the Zanzibar Association of Tour Operators (ZATO) and the Hotels Association of Zanzibar (HAZ) in a bid to offer holidaymakers and business travellers top-notch financial services, she elaborated.

The bank was the first to install foreign exchange automatic tellers (ATMs), through which tourists and residents can conveniently exchange up to \$2,000 or access other major currencies, she said, noting that the machines are being installed in international airports, in Kilimanjaro, Dar es Salaam and the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport terminal three in Zanzibar.

NMB reaffirms its support for the festival while boosting its efforts in entrepreneurship education and health services, she said, citing the bank's commitment to further the development agenda in the Isles by financing income generation activities and social investments via its corporate social responsibility funds.

She stated that apart from supporting the isles with innovative banking services; it also serves the Spice Islands through other commercial aspects like business partnerships and tourism promotion.

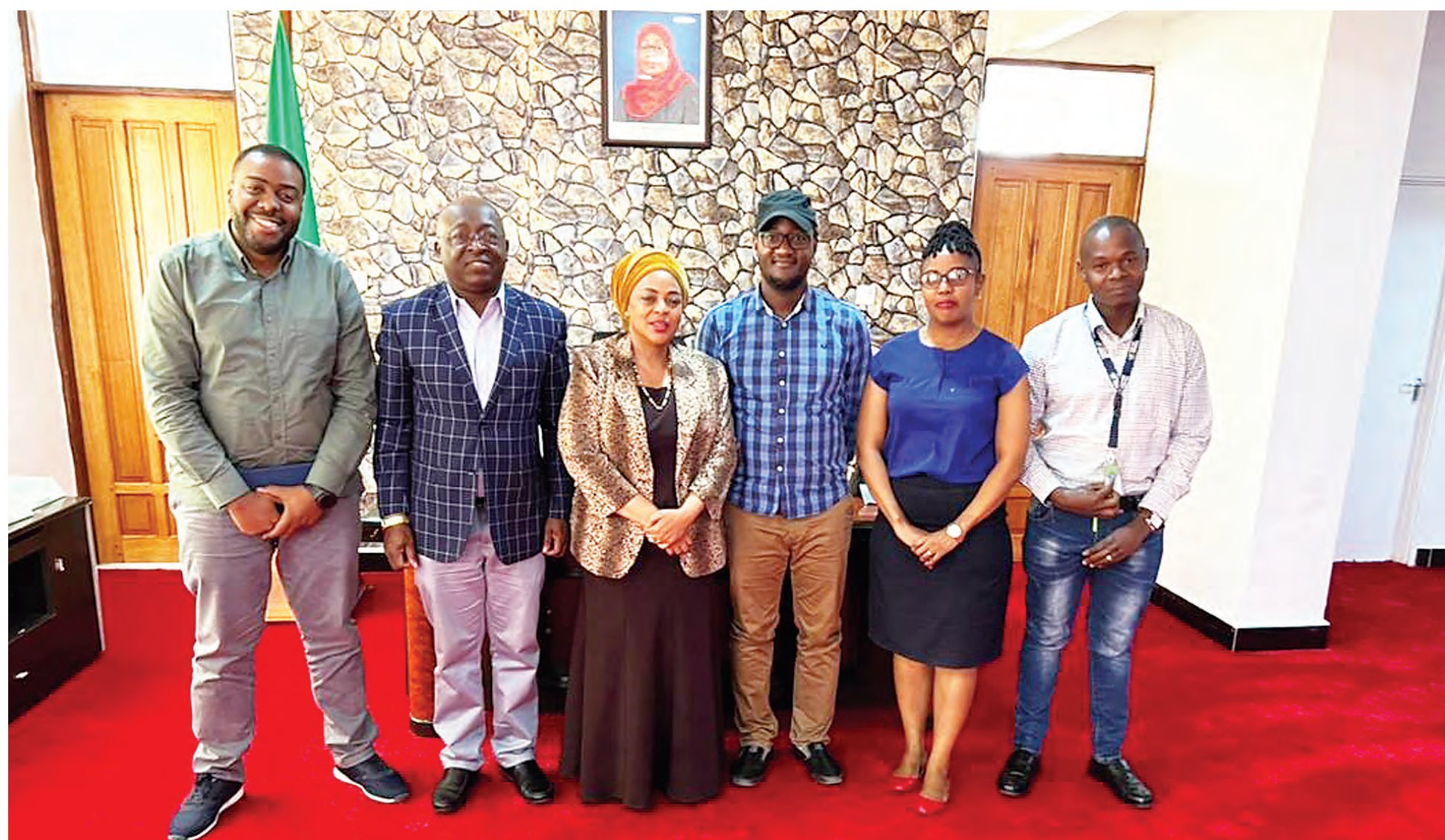
President Samia Suluhu Hassan who graced the climax of the festival that was her idea, lauded the lender for its support in lending, catering even for ordinary people. She was accompanied by the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, and urged Zanzibar residents to seek NMB loans as they aren't attached with strings and can be of any quantity for individual borrowers and all sorts of enterprises.

In the past three years NMB has provided support totaling 268m/- to 32 schools and 28 health centres in the two islands, Unguja and Pemba, the CEO noted, with Unguja South RC Rashid Khalid Rashid earlier noting that the region was benefiting from NMB support, as a key stakeholder in the growth and development of Zanzibar generally.

Recent social investments in southern east Unguja in the birth area of the Union president include providing building materials worth 17m/- for Kizimkazi Mkunguni school, 10m/- worth of wheelchairs for the disabled and 19.9m/- to build a school at Ndijani.

"NMB has also trained 500 women and plans to provide 50 calculators for collecting tourism revenue. Already 12 of the calculators are in use for piloting the project," the RC elaborated, explaining that discussions were being pursued with the bank on arrangements for loan finance to procurement of fishing and tourism boats.

The Kizimkazi Festival started in 2015 as Samia Day, becoming a festival in 2016 as a Zanzibar-wide event supporting development and promoting inclusive growth.



Members of a joint technical team from Kabanga Nickel Project and MTL Consultancy conducting an environmental and social impact assessment on the proposed Kahama Tembo Nickel Refinery pictured while at the Shinyanga Regional Commissioner's office yesterday for a courtesy call. L-R: environmental manager Tunzo Tembo, regional administrative secretary Prof Siza Tumbo, regional commissioner Sophia Mjema, MTL official Elias Mihayo, MTL official Grace Ngowi and Tembo Nickel official Josias Bazilo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Call: Allow farmers to sell crops wherever they want

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma



CCM Vice Chairman (mainland) Abdulrahman Kinana has called for removal of obstacles facing farmers when selling their crops. Addressing residents of Nyakanazi, Biharamulo District, Kagera Region who emerged to greet him, Kinana said the aims of both farmers and workers is to fight poverty and not remain in poverty due to artificial obstacles. "People cultivate, work to shake off poverty, and not to continue remaining poor due to obstacles. When they till their land, weed or apply insecticides to their plants no one helps them, even when they harvest, they do not receive any help, but as soon as they want to sell their crops they start facing procedures for that... that is not right," he said.

"Just imagine, the farm belongs to the farmer, as well as the coffee grown, but you prevent him to sell to buyers of offering good prices," Kinana (pictured) said amid applause from the crowd.

The CCM Vice Chairman appealed to the Kagera regional Commissioner to protect farmers whenever they want to sell their coffee outside the country.

"There is no such thing as illegal coffee exports, it is my coffee, I am ready to sell it to anyone offering good prices, and how can you term it contraband?" he asked.

Kinana is accompanied by the Party's Secretary for ideology and Publicity, Shaka Hamdu Shaka in his visit that began in Kigoma Region and is expected to visit Geita Region before concluding it Mwanza Region.

Tanzania lures investors to agriculture value chain

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN government has asked delegates at AGRF summit 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda to chip in and invest in agriculture value chain investments as the country has enabling environment and the existing incentive structure.

Acting Permanent Secretary, in the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade, Ally Gugu made the call recently when speaking at the Tanzania Agribusiness Investment Summit in Dar es Salaam, with the theme "Grow, Nourish, Reward - Bold Actions for Resil-

ient Food Systems in Tanzania.

He said the East African nation seeks to become an industrialised economy and logistics hub for Africa. To reach semi-industrialised status by 2025, Tanzania is currently implementing Tanzania Agro-Industries Development Flagship (TAIDF) programme, among other flagships.

According to him, Budget Estimates for TAIDF (2021-2026) are US\$ 2,989.1 million, of which the Government and Development Partners will contribute a total of US\$ 320 million. Investment from the private sector, including

farmers, primary processors and agro-industrialists, is expected to top up at US\$ 2,669.1 million in six years.

He said that the Ministry of Industry, Investment, and Trade recognise and appreciates the cooperation and coordination for Tanzania's preparation for AGRF 2022.

Gugu called for concerted efforts to engage prospective local and international investors and stakeholders involved in agriculture or agribusiness.

TIC acting Executive Director John Mnali tasked investors

attending AGRF Summit 2022 should note Tanzania has a wide range of investment opportunities in agriculture that will power the nation to become semi-industrialised by 2025.

"The government, through Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), offers investors a range of investment incentives. Such incentives include both fiscal and non-fiscal incentives including the 100% capital allowance in agriculture, zero import duty on capital goods which may be used in agriculture mechanisation to unlock opportunities in the sector," he said.

Mnali noted value chains identified include sunflower (edible oil), dairy (livestock), horticulture, and fisheries (blue economy). For sunflower, Tanzania is inviting investments in large-scale farming of oil seeds to address the supply gap and establish oil seed processing facilities and refineries.

For the dairy (livestock) value chain, Tanzania seeks the establishment of dairy farms to increase milk production, establish milk collection centres, construct milk processing plants, including UHT technologies, and manufacture dairy equipment and packag-

ing materials.

For the horticulture value chain, Tanzania seeks investments in Value addition in sorting, packaging and processing of fruits and vegetables; Investing in producing and supplying high-tech farming inputs such as Biological Control Agents, Potting materials and greenhouse spare parts.

Tanzania also seeks investment in horticultural products storage facilities, e.g. Cold rooms and refrigerated vehicles. For the Fishing sector, including Seaweed (Blue economy), Tanzania seeks investors to add value by sorting,

packaging and processing fish; invest in producing and supplying farming inputs such as fish feeds and fingerlings.

Investments opportunities are also available in fish storage facilities, e.g. cold rooms; refrigerated vehicles for fishery products transportation; and value-addition investments for sorting, packaging and processing dried seaweed and producing and supplying farming inputs such as ropes and seeds. Other investment opportunities are for seaweed storage facilities and seaweed production technologies.



JOB VACANCIES

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a local non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide child care organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 60 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991, and implements its programs in the following locations Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa. SOS Children's Villages Tanzania seeks to recruit suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacant position:

Job Title: Head of Fund Development and Communication
Duty station: National Office- Dar es Salaam
Reporting to: National Director

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Head of Fund Development and Communication is responsible for pursuing opportunities of funds countrywide to cover the National Associations' running costs and investments to increase the financial self-sufficiency of the National Association by planning and undertaking Fundraising activities target to the public, corporate and private donors.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Set strategic direction for fundraising in support of SOS-Tanzania.
- Prepare a thorough fundraising plan indicating concrete actions and targets to be achieved on an annual basis.
- Provide advice to the National Director on opportunities for increasing the public profile of SOS CV Tanzania potential funding and sponsorship opportunities from philanthropic foundations, trusts, the community, business, corporate, government sectors, and individuals.
- Responsible for the national fundraising activities of SOS CV Tanzania.
- Evaluate and review the fundraising strategy at least after every two years.
- Provide an outline of medium-term priorities and financial forecasts quarterly.
- Develop and implement an annual fundraising plan and budget with comprehensive monthly, quarterly, and yearly budgets and financial projections, highlighting the needs and amounts required.
- Preparing the detailed revenue and expense reports for all fundraising events after the event is completed
- Document and keep records, databases, results and experiences of all associations with funding organization's and companies to ensure continuity and inform future decisions and actions.
- Search and research potential donors and foundations to identify and evaluate potential funding sources.
- Manages the local donors and sponsors for the sustainability of local fundraising
- Build and maintain profitable, long-term fundraising relationships with current donors and potential donors.
- Responsible for the preparation and submission of the proposals for acquisition of the grants/funds
- Develop and implement public relations for SOS CV TZ, ensuring that communication is consistent, based on the same global brand framework stressing our roots, vision, mission and values.
- Provide public relations and media support for particular public events and handling all complaints or queries from the public as directed by the National Director.
- Attend presentations requests made by corporate, individual groups and members of the diplomatic corps.
- Support and take a lead role in any special fundraising or public relations activities and events that concern the National Association's facilities.
- Develop and produce publications, including reports, articles, pamphlets and brochures, to promote SOS CVs Tanzania and its activities. Ensure that adequate stocks of public relations and marketing support materials are available for inclusion in fundraising proposals and distribution.
- Build contacts and relationships with other NGOs and local CSOs to learn from, share and apply best practices in the acquisition and management of grants
- Educate staff on how their interaction with potential and existing supporters influences the SOS Children's Tanzania brand.
- Work closely with the facility heads to ensure that funds and donations-in-kind received are recorded and dealt with as necessary.
- Maintain constant contact with local sponsors, keeping them informed of developments and activities within the National Association
- Responsible for the development and implementation of the donations-in-kind guidelines and the achievement of the overall budgeted income from donations-in-kind

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- MBA preferred in business, marketing, public relations or related field.
- Seven (7) years professional development and fund raising experience.
- Advanced PC skills and expert proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Donor database experience desirable).
- An understanding of budgets and financial reporting.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision - self-motivated & confident
- Ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously.
- Ability to work well with people from all backgrounds with varying degrees of experience.
- Ability to inspire, train, motivate, challenge, and supervise volunteers.
- Confident in public speaking and able to express ideas verbally and in writing.
- Fundraising code of ethics, Competency in MS Office/Excel/Word/PPT

Job Title: Driver (3 Posts)
Duty station: 1 Arusha District Council, 1 Karatu District Council and 1 National Office- Dar es Salaam
Reporting to: Admin Cum HR Officer

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

The Driver is responsible for meeting transportation needs of the SOS Children's Villages. In doing so, he carries an important responsibility, being entrusted with the lives of staff, Children, properties and the reputation of SOS Children's Villages. Always present as a role model for the Village children.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Fulfills transport needs for SOS Children's Villages programs.
- Ensures Safety of the vehicle, staff and their properties.
- Ensure punctuality and safe transport.
- Maintains the safety and security of the Vehicle by ensure the vehicle is full equipped with safety material all the time.
- Ensure the vehicle is kept clean and in good working condition all the time.
- Advices the Administrator on technical issues (minor and major repairs) of the vehicle as soon as the problem arises.
- Assist the Administrator to ensure vehicle insurance and registration is updated accordingly.
- Assist in the delivery/collection of mail, documents, equipment as instructed by the administrator.
- Maintain high standard of service to both internal and external officials
- Ensure the logbook is filled accordingly, kept up to date as per the schedules of the trips and the responsible person sign the book after every trip.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- CSEE and Certificate from VETA, National Institute of Transport (NIT) or any recognized colleges / institutions.
- Must possess VIP driving Certificate
- Have valid driving license at all the time
- At least 3-5 years working experience preferably NGOs
- Basic knowledge on Child rights and Child protection
- Ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Strong interpersonal and team skills.
- Fluent in English and Swahili.

Interested candidates for any of the above positions should submit an application letter by email enclosed by only detailed and updated CV with telephone contacts, email address and details of at least 3 referees. The candidate MUST clearly indicate the title of position applied for. Only contacted candidates for the interview will submit copies of academic and professional certificates.

This advert can be obtained on our website <http://www.sos-childrensvillages.tanzania.or.tz>.
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 To apply please send to:
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 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
recruit.sostanzania@sos-tanzania.org

Please Note: SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is an equal opportunity employer and committed to keeping children safe from abuse and harm, therefore candidates applying for this post will be subject to child safeguarding recruitment procedures and checks.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted

Dar, Moro residents lucky winners of NCBA Bank's M-Pawa campaign

By Guardian Reporter

THE NCBA Bank has awarded new motorbikes to the first three winners of the ongoing M-Pawa campaign dubbed as 'Chuzi Limekubali', which commenced last month.

The lucky winners are Salome Kapela and Ibrahim Nzunda from Dar es Salaam as well as Annastazia Yenze from Morogoro Region.

Speaking during the handing over event held at Mabibo market in Ubungo District, Dar es Salaam Region, head of finance department at NCBA, Genesi Kunda said that M-Pawa has been at the forefront of helping Tanzanians for a long time to get quick loans at low interest rate.

He said the campaign is carried out collaboratively by the bank and Vodacom Tanzania with an aim of encouraging Tanzanians to create a saving behavior.

"This campaign is aimed at moti-

vating our customers and Tanzanians in general to save their money through M-Pawa where they will also be able to get quick loans and at a cheaper interest rate than any other place or service," he said.

Kunda said the campaign has motivated a lot of customers due to rewards they get each time they pay loans in time and save their money.

He said, customers get a chance to win up to 50,000/- when they repay their loans within six days. Every week starting this week we have awarded fifty customers who paid back their loans early and saved.

"We double the money saved by the customers up to 100 customers every month. Those who save with us during this campaign period will have a chance to win twice their savings every month starting from 10,000/-," he explained.

He added: "The Grand Prize is the biggest prize of all; customers who save with us and take out a loan but also make repayments on time

within six days will have a chance for one of them to win a cash prize of 5m/- at the end of the campaign."

NCBA Bank has focused on making campaigns sustainable in encouraging economic growth for individuals, especially businessmen such as mama mtile, bodaboda drivers, Bajaj, machinga and others.

Annastazia, one of the winners, hailed the campaign saying that it has changed her life.

"I am thrilled to win this motorcycle; it will greatly assist me as a farmer in transporting my crops to market. I thank NCBA bank and Vodacom for their support."

Salome and Nzunda from Dar es Salaam also expressed gratitude to the companies for initiating the campaign which has brought them new motorcycles free of charge.

M-Pawa service has more than 6 million customers across the country who benefit from small loans without a minimum limit of up to 500,000/-.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) technicians replace a damaged water pipe along Jamhuri Street in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, chiefly with a view to improving water supply to residents of downtown Mosque, Libya, Mshihiri, Kitumbini, Aggrey and Moscow streets. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

AGRA set to address seed challenges at tomorrow's green revolution forum

By Guardian Reporter

THE Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) is tomorrow set to address various challenges in African seed systems at the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) in Kigali, Rwanda.

A statement released yesterday by AGRA said this will be a side event for the Center of Excellence for Seed Systems in Africa (CESSA). CESSA is focused on forming partnerships to address various challenges in African seed systems. A one-stop center to accelerate the building of functional seed systems, CESSA was launched by AGRA in 2021 to address glaring challenges, and help improve upon with lower-than-average yield gains in SSA compared to the rest of the world.

"The CESSA side event at AGRF2022 aims to anchor the initiative in Africa by introducing it to key African and international stakeholders working towards improving Africa's food systems. CESSA will present the results of high-level studies of key seed system areas in the continent, with the intention of fostering collaboration between various actors in the seed systems value chain to find and work on solutions," reads the statement.

The event will be led by AGRA President, Dr Agnes Kalibata and Interim Deputy Director, BMGF, Lauren Good. The AGRA Deputy Vice President- Program Innovation and Development Dr George Bigirwa will present on CESSA which will include its functions, offerings,

and benefits to the African seed systems.

Jane Ininda, Head of Seed Research & Systems Development at AGRA, said: "It is critical that efforts to put quality seed in the hands of smallholder farmers, who represent 70% of Africa's agricultural production, are accelerated. Seed significantly influences the quality and quantity of farmers' output, so ensuring appropriate access to and transparency of seed systems is one important way in which we can accelerate a needed transformation of Africa's agriculture sector, in light of the immediate food crisis."

Other key speakers will include Mark Nelson of Context Global Development who will give a presentation on "An Assessment of Africa Seed Company Performance". Dr Ian Barker, Lead One CGIAR SeedEQUAL program will shed light on the "One CGIAR work in Africa, collaboration with AGRA and how SeedEQUAL fits in CESSA". Prof. Edward Mabaya, Senior/International Research Professor Cornell University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, will speak on "TASAI - Formalizing seed systems for evidence-based decision making and predictable production".

Feedback from the various stakeholders and collaborators will be collected through an interactive Q&A panel discussions consisting of key panelists representing Seed Systems Group (SSG), One CGIAR, TASAI, Syngenta Foundation, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF), and seed company representation.

'Tanzania's commitment on fighting effects of climate change still intact'

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Ambassador Liberata Mulamula has said the government's commitment to fight effects of climate change is still intact and that is why it making various efforts to make sure a solution is found against the challenge.

Mulamula made the remarks at the weekend when closing the Climate Change and Development Conference organised by the government of Tanzania in collaboration with that of UK.

She said Tanzania has performed its responsibility against the effects of climate change, among them the launching of the 2021 National Environmental Policy.

She said in the Climate Change and Development Conference various issues were discussed including reminding developed nations to abide by their pledges of dishing out funds towards the efforts.

Amb Mulamula said the said pledges were made during the COP26 conference of November 2021 in Scotland to assist Tanzania and other developing countries' fight against the effects of climate change, adding that it was time to implement the pledges.

"I hope that the two-day conference has enabled you to contribute hugely in the provision of funds for the fight against effects of climate change. I also believe this conference will be the beginning of better relations with various other nations," she told the gathering.

Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office, Dr Omar Dadi Shajak said the Zanzibar Government 2022/23 Budget allocated 4.1bn/- for the fight the effects of climate change.

He said the islands face these effects in all areas, thereby affecting farming activities as salt water spill into rice farms.

In the circumstances, Dr Shajak said Tanzania's participation in the Climate Change and Development Conference will help in coming up with a solution on the challenges in regard to the Isles.

The Conference that opened September 1 2022 by the Minister of state in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Selemani Jafo was in preparation of COP27 slated for Egypt in November this year.

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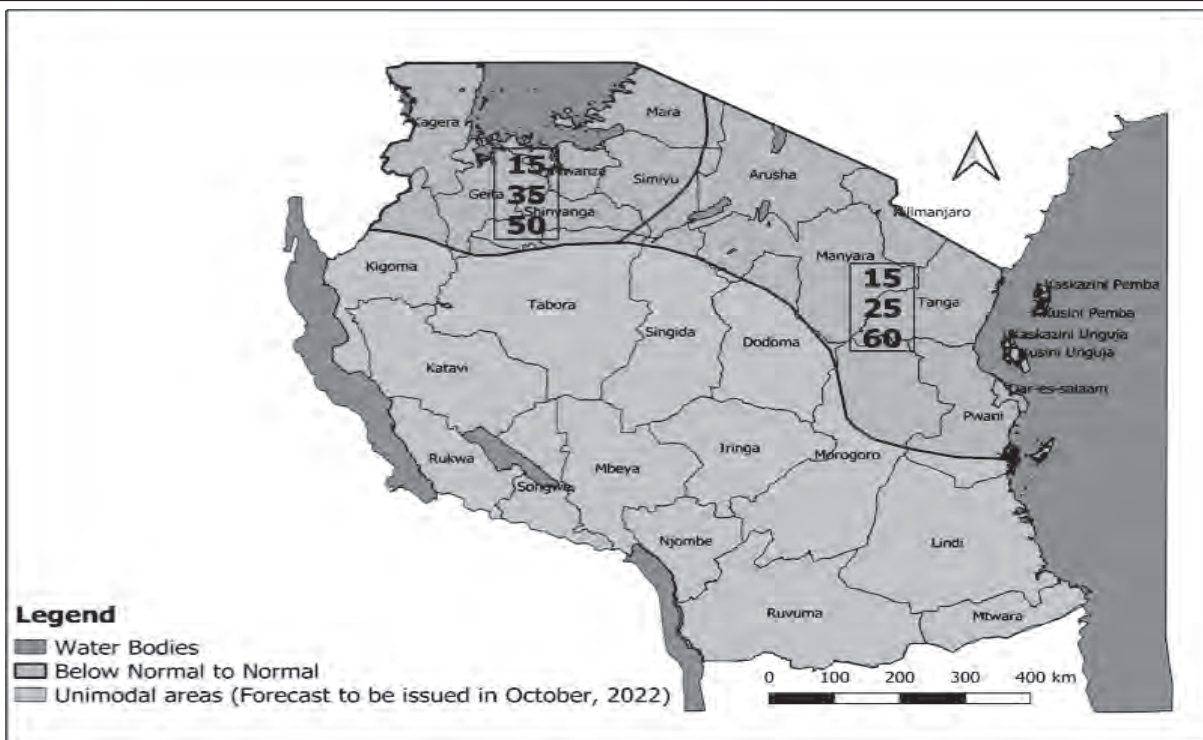




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CLIMATE OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER, 2022 (VULI) RAINY SEASON



Highlights for October –December, 2022 (Vuli) rainfall season

This statement describes the evolution of the climate systems and the outlook for the October to December, 2022 rainfall season, advisories and early warnings to various weather sensitive sectors including agriculture and food security, livestock and fisheries, natural resources, tourism and wildlife, energy and water, transport (land, marine and aviation), local authorities, health and disaster management. This season is more significant for the areas of the northeastern highlands, northern coast, Lake Victoria Basin and the northern parts of Kigoma region. The key message contained in the outlook indicates that:

(a) The Vuli, 2022 seasonal rains

- The Vuli rains are expected to be below normal to normal characterized by late onset, poor distribution and prolonged dry spells.
- The Vuli rainy season is expected to start during the fourth week of September, 2022 over Lake Victoria Basin. Otherwise, over north-eastern highlands and northern coast rains are expected to start between the fourth week of October and the first week of November, 2022.
- Warmer than usual temperatures are expected during the Vuli rainy season particularly over the northern coast and the north-eastern highlands.

(b) Expected Impacts

- Soil moisture deficit is expected over most areas.
- Limited access to clean and safe water may trigger disease outbreak.
- Inadequate pasture and water can result into conflicts between pastoralists and other land users.
- Water levels and discharge are expected to decrease leading to water scarcity for various uses.

(I) SEASONAL RAINFALL OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER, 2022

The Vuli rainy season is specific for bimodal rainfall areas which include north-eastern highlands (Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions); northern coast (northern part of Morogoro region, Pwani (including Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba isles); and Lake Victoria basin (Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mara regions) and the northern part of Kigoma region (Kibondo and Kakonko districts).

Based on the current and expected climate systems (as indicated in part III of this statement), generally, below normal to normal rains are expected over most parts of bimodal rainfall areas. The season is likely to be characterized by late onset accompanied by poor temporal and spatial rainfall distribution. Prolonged dry spells are expected during October and November with noticeable rainfall improvement during the third and fourth week of December, 2022. Normally, the Vuli rainy season ceases during December. However, during this season rains are expected to extend in January, 2023.

Beside the below normal to normal rainfall condition, warmer than usual temperatures are expected across bimodal areas during the Vuli rainy season, in particular the northern coast and north-eastern highlands.

1. Lake Victoria Basin (Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mara regions) and northern part of Kigoma region (Kibondo and Kakonko districts):

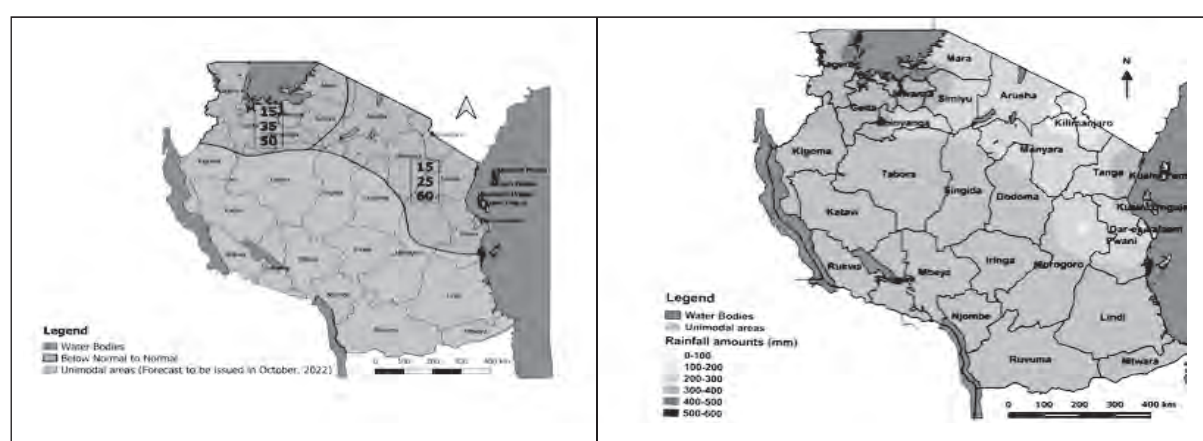
The seasonal rains are expected to be below normal to normal over most parts of the Lake Victoria Basin. The rains are expected to start during the fourth week of September, 2022 over Kagera, Mwanza, Mara and Northern part of Kigoma region (Kibondo and Kakonko districts) while over Geita, Shinyanga and Simiyu regions rains are expected to start during the fourth week of October, 2022. The cessation is expected during the month of January, 2023.

2. Northern Coast and its Hinterlands: (northern part of Morogoro region, Pwani (including Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba isles):

Rains are expected to be below normal to normal over most areas of the northern coast. The rains are expected to start between the fourth week of October and first week of November, 2022. However, the onset is likely to be late and affected by frequent dry spells. Rains are expected to cease during the month of January, 2023.

3. North-eastern Highlands: (Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions):

Below normal to normal rains are expected over most areas of north-eastern highlands. The onset for these rains is expected to be between the fourth week of October and first week of November, 2022 and characterized by prolonged dry spells and poor spatial rainfall distribution. The cessation is expected during the month of January, 2023.



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Climatological long-term average (normal) rainfall for the October to December

4. Downscaled Forecast to District Level:

Tanzania Meteorological Authority has continued to provide the downscaled outlook at district level. A total number of eighty-six (86) districts located within the bimodal rainfall regime are going to receive the downscaled seasonal. In addition, the rainfall forecast in all these districts reveals that below normal to normal rains are expected in most areas.

It should be noted that events of heavy and short duration of rainfall might occur over few areas despite the expected suppressed rainfall condition.

(II) LIKELY IMPACTS AND ADVISORY

The impacts and advisories of the outlook were jointly developed with experts from respective sectors during the stakeholders meeting that was held on 30th August, 2022.

(a) AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

During Vuli, 2022 rainy season, reduced soil moisture is expected to occur in many bimodal rainfall areas. The situation is expected to affect agricultural activities such as land preparation, planting and use of agricultural inputs. Moreover, an increase in crop diseases and pests such as ants, armyworms, locusts and rodent are expected to occur during the season and thus affect crops and production in general.

Farmers are advised to practice timely planting, plant early maturing and drought tolerant crops such as cassava, sweet potatoes, sorghum and legumes. Farmers are further advised to apply climate smart agriculture practice and technologies. In addition, farmers are advised to seek technical advice from extension officers on the application of good agricultural practice.

The relevant authorities are advised to provide awareness and agricultural advisory on effective use of available water and adoption of good rain water harvesting practice.

The community is advised to use food sustainably at household level and National at large.

(b) LIVESTOCK AND FISHERY

The below normal to normal rainfall outlook during the season is likely to affect water and pasture availability for livestock and food for fish. This condition is likely to affect the production of fish and livestock products. In addition, livestock diseases and fishery products (such as fish and algae) are anticipated to decrease during this season. Moreover, animals are expected to suffer due to water and pasture scarcity. Likewise, due to insufficient pasture and water there is a likelihood of emerging conflicts between pastoralists and other land users. The community is advised to put in place good plan for the use and conservation of water and animal feeds. In addition, pastoralists and fishers are advised to use weather forecast updates from Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) and adhere to the advice provided by extension officers.

(c) TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

Below normal to normal rains are expected to reduce the availability of pastures and water resulting into conflicts between communities surrounding the reserve and wildlife. Likewise, outbreaks of wildlife diseases are expected to occur due to water and pasture scarcity. The transmission of diseases from wildlife to livestock is expected to occur due to interaction between them when searching for water and pasture. The relevant authorities are advised to provide education to the community at risk to take appropriate action. On the other hand, the community at risk is advised to provide information to the relevant authorities about the invasion of wildlife in their areas.

(d) TRANSPORT AND TRANSPORTATION

The transport and transportation sector including land, marine and aviation are expected to benefit from the expected dry spells. In addition, construction activities and infrastructure rehabilitation are expected to benefit during this season. However, it is advised that the operation of transport facilities and infrastructure rehabilitation plans should be implemented by taking into consideration the daily weather forecast to reduce possible impacts.

(e) ENERGY, WATER AND MINERALS

Expected decrease in water levels in rivers, reservoirs and decrease in aquifer recharge is most likely to occur in most of the areas forecasted to receive below normal rainfall. Water levels are expected to decrease and impair water availability for various uses. The production of minerals (especially for small scale miners) and hydropower are expected to be affected.

Water users may be affected and lead into conflicts between large- and small-scale water users. However, the implementation of hydropower projects includes construction, exploration and extraction of oil and gas is expected to be favoured. Moreover, stakeholders are urged to consider the sustainable use and conservation of water resources in mineral processing activities, electricity production, industrial and domestic use. Likewise, the relevant authorities are advised to have effective plans for the production of electricity from other sources other than water such as solar, wind and gas.

(f) LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Due to the expected rainfall deficit, local authorities are advised to implement strategic infrastructure rehabilitation plans to improve buildings, electrical lines, waste collection points and clean water and sewage systems.

Also, local authorities are advised to ensure that water sources are maintained, to seek for alternative water sources such as underground water, to control the arbitrary use of water for livestock keeping and agriculture, to set up rainwater harvesting infrastructure to prevent water loss for sustainable water use.

Local authorities are advised to cooperate with other development stakeholders in ensuring food security, certainty of pasture and water as well as providing guidelines to reduce the impacts of rainfall deficit.

(g) HEALTH SECTOR

Expected few rains during the season may lead into limited access to clean and safe water which may cause water related disease outbreaks such as scabies, trachoma, cholera and typhoid. The relevant authorities are advised to take appropriate measures to reduce negative effects, including encouraging the public to treat drinking water use, drink clean, safe, and sufficient water to avoid dehydration and to improve personal as well as environment hygiene.

Moreover, the relevant Authority is urged to provide health education to the community, including paying attention to personal hygiene and the surrounding environment.

(h) PRIVATE SECTOR

Large scale farmers may be affected due to insufficient rainfall resulting into high energy consumption in irrigation and storage of perishable crops and products. The anticipated below normal rainfall may trigger trees sprouting into more branches that will affect poles and timber quality. The private sector is advised to partner with various experts including meteorologists to mitigate potential impacts. Steps to reduce the number of tree branches should be implemented regularly. Banking and Insurance Institutions are advised to prepare and provide specific services to stakeholders to build resilience in business.

(i) DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The expected rainfall deficit is likely to lead to a shortage of pasture and accessibility of water. The relevant authorities are advised to cooperate and ensure food security, pasture, water and provide guidelines on dealing with disasters to prevent and reduce the impacts that may arise. Sectoral ministries and various institutions are advised to take specific measures to deal with potential impacts.

(j) MEDIA

Media is advised to obtain, make regular follow-up and disseminate weather and climate information and warnings including updates as provided by TMA. Journalist are advised to seek and make use of sectoral advice from experts to prepare and disseminate sector-wide articles and reports in simple language which is understandable and does not cause panic with the aim of informing and educating the public on the use of the forecasts in mitigating the effects of adverse weather conditions.

(III) CLIMATE SYSTEMS OUTLOOK

The current observed cooler than average Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs) over the Central Equatorial Pacific Ocean (CEPO) signify the presence of La Nina condition which is expected to persist during the October to December (OND), 2022 season. On the other hand, SSTs over the West Indian Ocean, WIO (east African Coast) are expected to be cooler than average while over the Eastern Indian Ocean (EIO) is expected to be warmer than average. This condition is expected to reduce the flow of moist air from the Indian Ocean towards the coastal areas and north-eastern highlands of Tanzania. Likewise, warmer than normal SSTs are expected along the north-western Indian ocean, which is likely to favor the occurrence of low-pressure systems within the domain. The above sea surface conditions are expected to suppress precipitation making mechanisms over the aforementioned areas.

Meanwhile, slight cooler than normal SSTs are expected along the eastern Atlantic Ocean (off-Angola coast) coupled with cooler than average SSTs over the West Indian Ocean (east African Coast), this condition is likely to lessen the flow of moist westerly winds from the Congo Basin towards the western areas of the country especially the Lake Victoria Basin.

Tanzania Meteorological Authority advises all users of this climate outlook including farmers, livestock keepers, wildlife conservation authorities, hydrological and health sectors to continue seeking and utilizing experts' advice on their respective sectors.

NB: The current status of seasonal forecasting allows for prediction of spatial and temporal averages over larger areas and may not fully account for all physical and dynamical factors that influence short-term climate variability. Users of this outlook are, therefore urged to make good use of daily, ten-day and monthly updates issued by TMA.

TMA will continue to monitor developments of the weather systems and issue updates whenever appropriate. Users are encouraged to consult TMA for specialized outlooks on relevant sectors so as to suit their specific needs.

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By Tanzania Meteorological Authority:

TBCF calls on women to test against breast, cervix cancer

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Director of Tanzania Breast Cancer Foundation (TBCF), a non-governmental organisation (NGO) engaged in providing breast cancer services, Sharon Kuzilwa has called on women countrywide to get cervix cancer examination to ensure permanent cure.

Kuzilwa made the remarks at the opening of initial free testing services for breast, cervix and prostate cancer provided by TBCF under Songas sponsorship held at Sabasaba health centre in Morogoro municipality.

He said since cervix cancer leads in causing more fatalities on women, it would be better for them to come up for testing for early diagnosis in order to begin treatment.

He also called on women to understand the disease's symptoms as including restoration of menstruation for women who stopped giving birth, discharging foul smelling liquid and unexplained pains.

For his part, Khasimu Chande, a Dar es Salaam resident said he was completely cured of prostate cancer that had troubled him since 2016 following early testing and diagnosis.

Hence, he advised fellow men to build a habit of early testing when they reach 40 years of age.

Another former breast cancer sufferer, Asha Kunti, a Dodoma resident said she was diagnosed with the disease in 2009 at Dodoma Regional Hospital and referred to Muhimbili National Hospital (MHN) where she had one breast removed and other treatments.

Earlier, Acting Morogoro Municipal Medical Officer, Dr Felister Stanislaus said the aim of early examination is to deal with the disease when it is still in early stages as many people go to hospital when the disease has developed thereby making it hard for patients to be cured.

He called on the people to come up to the health centre, or other health centres countrywide for early testing and treatment from specialized doctors.



Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima (R, in head cloth) has a feel of an assortment of food products processed and packaged by entrepreneurs held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Utilise ICT online services for economic benefits - TCRA

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

IN order to reap benefits from Information and Communication Technology (ICT) residents of Morogoro have been called to utilise online opportunities provided to boost their farming, entrepreneurial and education activities to attain individual and the nation's economic development in general.

The remarks were made by TCRA communications officer, Robin Ulikaye when providing education to the people who came up to buy various goods at the Sabasaba Sunday auction market here.

Ulikaye said the Authority came to Sabasaba auction market to educate the people on ICT issues including opportunities obtained from the cyber space.

He said that TCRA, through its "Kwea Kidijitali" campaign aims to make sure all Tanzanians get appropriate education on the safe online use including identifying opportunities therefrom.

"The cyber space has immense opportunities, including education for children, learning about and accessing to markets, farming, business and

many others, hence TCRA stresses that when you use the network make sure you have verified your sim cards if they are duly registered with the mobile networks," he said.

He explained that if you find the number you are not aware of visit the mobile service provider to remove it at once.

He also told them to report to the

police station of any defrauding messages they receive in their phones by reporting the number used via SMS to 15040 which is toll free.

Speaking about the involvement of the police in the campaign, Morogoro region's Assistant Inspector of Police in charge of UICIT Division, Fadhili Ally Magombela said the aim of the police is to make sure members of the public

get in-depth education on their own safety when using social networks.

"Life in ICT does not differ very much with ordinary life, hence we like to stress to the general public that you should be alert at all times when online as crime is real, and report immediately to the police of any criminal activities you find online to rescue yourselves from fraud," he added.



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Nafasi Ya Kazi: Mama Msaidizi (Nafasi mbili 2)
Kituo cha Kazi: Arusha
Anaripoti Kwa : Mratibu wa Malezi Mbadala

Dhumuni ya kazi

Mama Msaidizi analo jukumu la kuzungukia nyumba za malezi za SOS, kufanya kazi za akina Mama wakiwa likizo na kutoa msaada unaohitajika kwa walezi wakuu pale inapobidi. Mama Msaidizi hufanya kazi kwa kushirikiana na Mama ili kuhakikisha wanatoa huduma za uhakika za kimalazi kwa watoto walio chini ya uangalizi wao. Mama Msaidizi ni sehemu muhimu katika familia za SOS; hivyo hana budi kuwa mtu anayejali, muelewa, mkomavu na mwajibikaji ili aweze kuaminika na watoto kama mlezi wa kweli.

Majukumu ya kazi ya Mama Msaidizi.

- Anamsaidia Mama Kwa kufanya kazi kwa karibu na Mama na Kuhakikisha kuna Ustawi miongoni mwa Watoto wanaowalea.
- Anabeba majukumu ya Mama wakati hayupo, anaishi kwenye nyumba za SOS na kufanya kazi zote anazopaswa kufanya Mama, majukumu haya ni pamoja na kufua na kunyosha nguo za watoto, kupika, kuwaogeshwa na usafi wa jumla wa nyumba.
- Anamsaidia Mama katika kusimamia maendeleo ya kielimu ya watoto, mfano kuwasimamia watoto wakati wakisoma, kuwasaidia watoto kufanya kazi wanazopewa na walimu.
- Anaelewa na kusimamia haki na wajibu wa kila mtoto.

- Anamsaidia Mama kupanga na kusimamia shughuli za burudani, michezo au kufanya ziara za nje ili kujenga umoja na mshikamano.
- Anatoa taarifa sahihi kwa mama juu ya jambo lolote ambalo limejitokeza kwa mtoto lisilo la kawaida kwa hatua zaidi.
- Anamsaidia Mama kufanya kazi kama kupanga bajeti, ununuzi wa bidhaa, upangaji wa mlo na utoaji wa hesabu za fedha kama inavyotakiwa.
- Anawaongoza Watoto ili waweze Kujitegemea, anashauri watoto kujiendeleza kielimu na kimapfunzo ili kuwawezesha kukabiliana na maisha baada ya kuondoka kwenye Kijiji cha Malezi cha SOS.

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- Awe yuko tayari kuishi katika Kijiji cha SOS kama mama wa watoto wanaohitaji malezi.
- Uwezo wa kuongea kwa lugha ya Kiingereza ni sifa ya ziada.
- Kama hana cheti cha sekondari awe na cheti chochote cha malezi ya watoto au barua yoyote ambayo inamthibitisha kuwa amekuwa akijihusisha na malezi ya watoto wanaofanana na hawa.
- Mama aliyemaliza kidato cha nne atapatiwa kipaumbele.

Ili kuomba nafasi hii, tuma barua yako ya maombi ikieleza uzoefu na sifa na uwezo ulio nao ikiambatanishwa na vivuli vya vyeti, Wasifu (CV), na majina ya wadhamini watatu (Referees) kwa anuani;

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DC partially right on rating civil servants

A DISTINCTIVELY different idea for reform given what we usually hear about institutional or constitutional reform was heard from Kigoma lately, where the district commissioner recommended changes to the Public Service Act. The idea is to provide for performance-based evaluation for key civil servants, by which the DC was referring to those assisting the district executive director, and implicitly the DC. The same could be said at the regional level, with necessary adjustments.

The occasion was somewhat special as it also involved the CCM vice chairman (Mainland) but the key remarks were from the DC, who previously worked in the private sector.

She knows the difference between timely delivery in the private sector as it quickly tells on a business, and public sector 'business as usual' where it is not too urgent to achieve anything in particular. All is focused on the goodwill.

Improving efficiency is a thorn in district administration or local governments as they are called, though the 'mother of all inefficiency' used to be cooperative societies.

Plenty of systemic innovations have been initiated in that sphere and the public no longer hears so much about what isn't going right, and the situation, that sort of anxiety, gradually moved up the ladder into district authorities. For decades they have been the focus of project financing, delegated from central government.

The DC was of the view that for government operations to be efficient, a good number of cadres must not enjoy job security on permanent and pensionable terms.

This arrangement shifts the burden of inefficiency from the civil servant to the one who su-

pervises him or her, such that bureaucratic inefficiencies amid extensive decision making powers can derail efforts of administrators like DEDs, DCs and RCs. There is a point in there but it isn't sufficient, as to why the supervising authority saw no reason to demand that this or that issue be properly followed up.

The idea that if a DED is revoked from his/her position over poor performance the heads of department (who aren't appointed by the president) should similarly be removed due to their role in the situation is only partially right.

It's true they are part of a problem but like a football side, the one to be removed is the coach, and once another is on the job, he picks whatever assistants he wants. So it is true that civil servants have overall job security as state employees, but not of post or rank.

That is why it isn't a straightforward proposition that servants in some cadres to work under short term contracts to create a sense of urgency and improve performance as the DC underlined.

Admittedly, short term contracts create a sense of urgency but the government is too vast to entertain many short term methods of hiring, as that could spawn an industry of hiring and replacing.

Only upper level cadres like executive directors and commissioners are on 'short term' contract, that is, with appointing authorities. If they are keen in their work, the rest will perform.

The public service isn't an achievement optimiser but is susceptible to pushing.

Shaking things at the top suffices, or altering procedures, as lower officials have to satisfy their supervisor. If he is satisfied and things are bad, he is fully responsible.

Crime suspects deserve fairness but society wishes them out of the way

EFFORTS launched by a strident appeal by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to the police force and prisons department to be more observant of the rights of those suspected to have committed criminal offences are reverberating among the legal aid community. Supportive voices are being heard from human rights groups and some political parties, urging systematic reform of the criminal procedure system. Some want an independent oversight agency to curb excesses of law enforcers.

There is no doubt that a watchdog agency would alter the conduct of police officers and enhance fairer treatment of suspects but it is uncertain if this is what the breadth of society wants to see happening. During the final stages of his long career in the public service, the late Augustine Mrema as chairman of the parole board brought the government to release hundreds of inmates or prisoners for whom a strong case for parole was evident. It didn't have the results anticipated.

Listening to the outpouring of sympathy for those in remand prisons whose cases are yet to be investigated, and trying to seize up the principle that investigations need to be completed before anyone is arrested, there will be a lot of unease in various quarters of society.

Often even a limited time in remand prison helps to moderate the behaviour of an individual who has lost bearings for proper conduct. Neighbourhoods acutely realize the use of arresting a person before investigating.

If anything, the only investigation that could warrant someone being presented to court must include the circumstances of suspicion and arrest, in which case the person could

still be freed by the court for insufficient evidence. Many cases that are left to rot may have an auxiliary explanation rather than lack of investigation, as unless there is a social conflict that involves a police officer, or is interested in a social matter, there is always a valid cause for being arrested. It isn't iron cast evidence but it is not true that police just go about arresting people, aimlessly.

As it is the case for other debates where human rights precepts are involved, there is at times a feeling that what pointedly rhymes with United Nations human rights conventions is the best way to do things.

That is a formula often put to question, for instance in the maxim that 'democracy isn't Coca-Cola' where one size fits all. In countries where criminality is low and even strange when it happens, or say in specific communities, being copious about procedure is vital, as committing an offence is often just human error, not habitual criminal tendency; it is forgivable.

This is what the late parole board chairman singularly succeeded in arguing, but soon a good number of those freed on this or that national day were back behind bars.

At the turn of the year, after President Samia ordered the release of scores of remand prisoners along with those finishing their terms, a spate of random roadside criminality came up, with juvenile thugs known as 'panya road'.

Looking at the situation it was evident some of their more notorious peers who up to that point were in remand prisons had been freed and welcomed back as heroes. They hence started organizing new street ambushes with the confidence of a college instructor.

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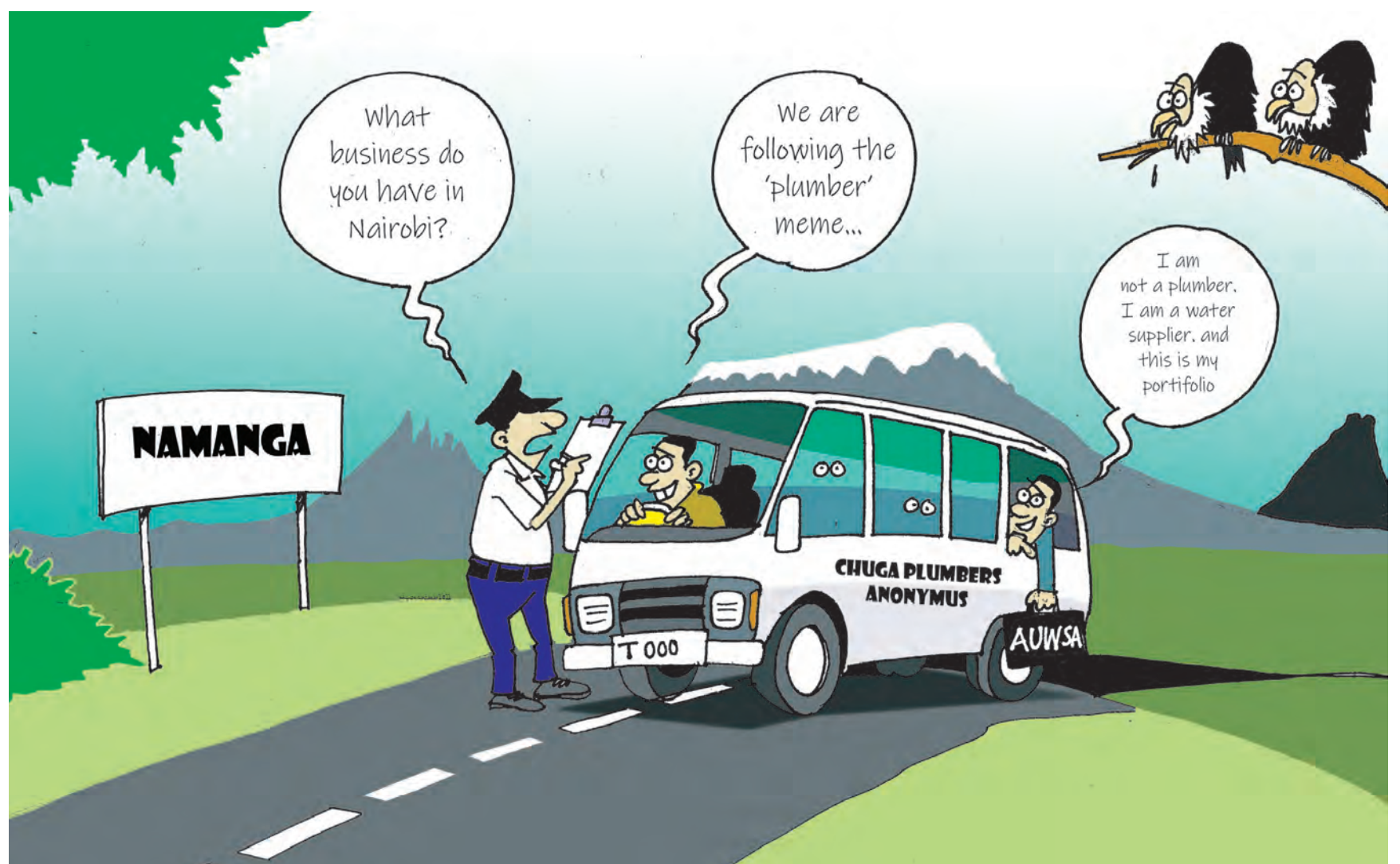
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Ethiopia's war in Tigray risks wiping out centuries of the world's history

By Special Correspondent

THE human carnage and heritage destruction in Ethiopia's Tigray region that began in November 2020 has been devastating.

Thousands have been killed, millions displaced and several historical monuments damaged by invading forces in the East African country's north.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched a military campaign against the Tigray People's Liberation Front on 4 November 2020.

As troops from the Ethiopian military and Eritrea, as well as Amhara militia groups, brutally attack civilians, they have also destroyed religious, historical and cultural sites of immense value.

Sites are cherished

Some of the damage to these sites has been documented through calls made by Tigrayans using satellite phones.

The region's heritage sites have been deliberately targeted. To appreciate the weight of these attacks, the role and influence of the church in Ethiopia needs to be understood.

The church underpins historical and modern claims of political and military authority in Ethiopia. It has shaped community identity and informed cultural narratives.

Therefore, the bombing and destruction of churches, as well as other religious sites, strikes at traditional power structures.

These sites are cherished, multi-functional gathering places and sacred spaces. Looting and attacking them is a grave dishonouring of cultural values.

A report from the Tigray Orthodox Church Diocese three months into the war in February 2021 found 326 members of the priesthood had been killed.

There is no clear data on how many members of the clergy have been killed since then. While at least 40 churches and monasteries have had a general assessment of damages, my analysis finds hundreds of such sites have been affected by the war.

I have received confidential local reports from those with satellite phones on the scale of devastation.

This is a result of the network I have established over the past decade during visits to several historical sites in Tigray to carry out manuscript assessments and digitisation.

Monuments of civilisation

Ethiopia is the source of various civilisations in sub-Saharan Africa. It is believed to have more than 3,000 years of history. Most of the historical artifacts the country is famous for are originally from today's Tigray.

For example, the Aksumite civilisation, one of the four known civilisations established in the first century CE (in addition to Rome, Persia and China), was in today's central Tigray.

In the Bible, Qur'an and inscriptions in South Arabia, terms like "Ethiopia" and "HBT" (Abyssinia) exist. Almost all the city-states and centres of civilisations prior to 13CE were found in today's Tigray, Eritrea, and Agaw (a highland in



today's northern Ethiopia).

The Aksumite Monuments and Lalibela rock-hewn churches, both UNESCO-registered heritage sites, are among the treasures of East African civilisation.

The alpha-syllabic Aksumite writing system, G z/Fidäl, is the only ancient writing system still functional in modern Africa. G z script is still used in Ethiopia, illustrating that Africa is not only the cradle of people and culture, but also of literacy.

Tigray is the foundation for hundreds of thousands of manuscripts, and hundreds of inscriptions written in G z. The world's oldest extant Christian manuscript (from 6CE) - The Gospel of Gärima - is preserved in central Tigray.

Abrahamic religions were introduced in the early ages - Christianity before the 4th century and Islam in the first half of the 7th century - in Africa through Tigray.

Its early introduction to these monotheistic religions and its writing system saw Tigray preserve a huge amount of religious and cultural artefacts.

This heritage documents the history of the Ethiopian state and its religious institutions.

Complex political culture

Ethiopia is a country of rich anthropological value and complex political culture. It is also known for wars with foreign invaders, as well as civil conflict. In these clashes, countless cultural heritage

items have been destroyed.

In the current war, many of Tigray's heritage sites have been targeted by invading troops. The region has thousands of churches, monasteries, mosques and symbolic Islamic settlements, archaeological sites, museums and ritual centres.

These spaces are popular with tourists from around the world and pilgrims from across the country.

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Hundreds of these heritage sites have been destroyed in the ongoing war. For instance, the Church of Aksum Tsion is the head of Ethiopian churches and monasteries.

It is symbolised as the dwelling place of the Ark of the Covenant. It was vandalised after hundreds of civilians were massacred around its yard by Eritrean soldiers in November 2020.

The al-Nejashi Mosque, a symbol for the first introduction of Islam in Africa, was bombed in December 2020.

Precious medieval manuscripts have been burned and vandalised. Thousands of artefacts have been looted and smuggled for an international market.

The impact

Heritage artefacts offer historical evidence and are a means of tourism development. But more than that, they are a social ingredient, upgrading human existence and

giving it more meaning.

People are emotionally connected to their heritage, beliefs, language and identity.

Religious objects and ecclesiastical materials are transcendent, emotive instruments between believers and their God/creator. They are also a display of genetic memory between descendants and their ancestors.

In this conflict, the people of Tigray have been denied their natural and human rights. They have had both their existence and meaningful life challenged.

The global community needs to step in to address the continuing loss of human lives and salvage Tigray's cultural heritage. The destruction of the region's tangible heritage and vandalising of its monuments of intangible value may lead to irreversible cultural shocks and social collapse.

While many international agencies have expressed their concern about the situation in Ethiopia, there hasn't been practical action taken to save the lives of Tigrayans or their inheritance.

The African Union put up its headquarters in Addis Ababa in a nod to the Battle of Adwa (in Tigray), which was against colonialism.

Yet, in a stroke of historical irony, the union has been slow to condemn the brutal killing of Tigrayans and the destruction of historical artifacts.

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

Activists want ecological farming to replace chemical fertilisers in Africa

AFRICAN civil societies, faith groups and farmer leaders held a meeting last week ahead of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) 2022 which kicks off tomorrow in Kigali Rwanda, calling for shift from fossil-fuel-based fertilizers and chemicals.

Instead, in the virtual meeting, the groups called for promotion of self-sufficient and ecological farming that they said revitalizes soil and protects ecosystems.

In the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)'s annual forum which starts tomorrow, corporate executives, governments and donors will gather under the theme 'Bold Action for Resilient Food Systems'.

But the alliance representing a network of food producers and faith leaders in Africa said that the 'bold action' they want is for AGRA and donors to do more in supporting initiatives that improve productivity, incomes and food security.

Speakers raised concerns that current models of development to a certain extent reinforce dependency on foreign inputs such as expensive fertilizer hence undermining the resilience of African food systems.

Last year, over 200 organizations signed on to a letter from the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) supporting move towards agroecological farming. AFSA is a movement bringing together farmers, pastoralists, fishers, indigenous peoples, faith groups, women's movements, youth and consumer associations in a united voice for food sovereignty. It is a network operating in 50 African countries, representing 200 million people.

Gabriel Manyangadze, Climate Justice Coordinator at Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI) said during the press conference that it's time governments and donors directed their funds towards systems which are eco-friendly for agriculture such as agroecology.

"We are calling upon all the funders to direct funding towards systems that enable people to have their dignity for all to have an equal chance to live, where there are no chemicals in our water, in our ground, and in our food," said Manyangadze.

He said that traditionally, chiefs were supposed to cater to the food needs of the widowed and the orphaned but the current industrial system not only inhibits small-scale productivity but also takes away the land that is both the home and the livelihood of the African smallholder farmer.

Ferdinand Wafula from Bio-Gardening Innovations said: "Food is critical for human survival. We must stop poisoning our food and our soil. Our survival depends on how we care for the soil and pass it on to future generations."

Leonida Odongo from Haki Nawiri Afrika said that currently, African continent is suffering from multiple crises including climate change, COVID-19 as well as war in Europe whereby the poorest suffer the



most due to high cost of living.

"All these crises are from outside this continent. Droughts destroy our harvests, staple food imports are disrupted, fertilizer prices have tripled. How is it possible that Africa, so rich in natural resources, is dependent on others to feed its people?" questioned Odongo.

Odongo added that Africa has expertise that can solve its problems, arguing that there is a need for afro-centric solutions within the continent and not from outside as is the case now.

Anuradha Mittal, Executive Direc-

tor of the Oakland Institute, said that recent donor-commissioned evaluation confirmed that the current model of developing agriculture has failed to increase farmers' yields, incomes and food security and that studies show that food insecurity has been steadily increasing.

Mittal said that the current model has failed to achieve maize yields in over half of the countries studied except a handful that have experienced an increase in net maize sales in which crop diversity has declined.

She said that nutritious, climate-resilient indigenous crops such as

millet and sorghum have significantly fallen in production where by very few can prove to have benefitted were wealthy, large-scale male farmers, not small-scale farmers or women.

She added that with fertilizer prices at double or triple their levels in just two years ago, the model has only enriched agrochemical multinationals with record profits while hunger in Africa has surged to alarming levels.

She gave an example of the past Green Revolutions in India, Mexico and the Philippines which have created similar problems: erasure local food systems, high dependency on costly inputs, the resulting farmer suicides, and destruction of local ecologies.

"Given such backgrounds, it's shocking that some continue to prioritize corporate profits over people, leaving the necessary transition to sustainable agroecological practices underfunded," she said.

AFSA says it has its own answer to large increases in fertilizer prices: a network of 15 farmer-managed centers across Africa producing bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides using low-cost, locally-available materials.

According to the group, ample evidence and case studies on agroecology have led to widespread calls by farmers, civil society organizations and the United Nations agencies to transition towards these more sustainable models. These systems and practices demonstrably improve soil fertility, increase productivity with lower costs and higher incomes for farmers while building climate resiliency.

Financial literacy to farmers can unlock the potential of our agriculture

By Thomas Lyimo

LET us discuss the elephant in the room today: Why is it that our agriculture is predominantly substance despite huge potential in massive arable land and manpower?

The good starting point is this blame game between farmers and lenders. Multiple sources quote farmers say that they find it difficult to access loans while financial institutions also lament that the find it very difficult to recover loans extended to farmers.

I'll leave what banks in Tanzania can do to avoid non-performing loans to experts in the area. Instead, allow me to comment one thing I believe the government and other interested private sector stakeholders can do to help farmers.

Agriculture which involves crop cultivation and animal keeping employs more than 75 per cent of the Tanzanian population, making it the backbone of the economy.

Regarding the fact that agriculture employs most of Tanzanians, it is justifiable to assess how the sector's performance is affected by lack of financial literacy. This is the ability to understand and effectively use various financial skills, including personal financial management, budgeting and investing.

Most of the farmers who are of small scale nature engage in agriculture as a culture and for subsistence purposes but not something that can change their lives through earning reasonable amount of money from their undertakings. This practice limits development in the agriculture sector as less is expected from it and hence less efforts as well in improving the sector. The result of this practice is most Tanzanians failing to benefit much from the huge arable land that the country boasts.

The manifestation of lack of financial literacy is when you hear a person arguing that if you work out the costs involved in agriculture, you will stop farming or keeping livestock. This is a wrong argument which holds us back when we aim for big results in whatever pursuits we engage in.

We need to understand costs involved in production so that we can devise means of reducing them and hence

maximizing profit. Also, we need to know minor and unnecessary costs we can avoid in our undertakings which eventually predispose us to incurring huge spending which unnecessarily make us believe that life in agriculture is miserable.

Lack of financial literacy in our economic activities is again manifested when people engage in entrepreneurship as optional or subsidiary and not as an activity to stand by. Some entrepreneurs confidently argue that they engage in entrepreneurship as a way of getting a chance to interact with other people.

This kind of perspective makes an entrepreneur put less attention to the undertaking and hence little results at the end. Normally, a definite purpose which can motivate goal setting aids in valuation of time and financial resources; things which are to foster economic development but the absence of clear finance management makes the situation less promising.

Building capacity for the farmers to understand and apply the concept of financial literacy in their agricultural activities will mean a lot as far as agricultural development is concerned. For, understanding concept of finance will demand planning and eventually evaluation of what has been implemented.

Planning beforehand enables a farmer to prepare a budget. If at the end of a season a farmer can have a list of all costs involved in the farming process, he or she will be able to understand whether there will be profit or a loss at the end.

Many Tanzanians have engaged in small scale businesses in what they wrongly or rightly call entrepreneurship. Some of these businesses prosper while others don't see the light of day. The quest for knowledge in this area starts with the question seeking to unravel why a certain business came to an end.

When asked why their businesses collapsed, some respond that they used the capital in expenditures not directly related to the business in question. If someone says they used the capital that way, there is a big possibility that they are not inclined well to the concept of

financial literacy.

Putting business undertakings in a financial perspective helps one to protect the capital even if they are hit by uncertainties. The deciding question that would justify not embarking on capital as recourse is: What if I didn't have this sum and I was to solve this problem?

It is a good thing that the government is aware of the importance of agriculture to the national economy as it has tremendously increased the budget for the sector and subsidizing fertilizers, making the price more affordable compared to the previous ones which pushed Tanzanian farmers to near stopping farming as others stopped use of fertilizers.

What the government has done in agriculture is commendable but it should be in line with provision of financial literacy to farmers to enable them put their undertakings in agriculture in a financial perspective which can push forward economic development of our country.

If the government and probably other stakeholders extend financial education to farmers and all those engaged in agri-business, including value addition, we can register tremendous improvement in our economic endeavours and improve livelihoods of farmers on one hand collect more taxes from the sector on the other.

Succeeding in spreading the concept of financial literacy among farmers and entrepreneurs in the country will see some grow into big businesses that create much-needed employment and taxes.

As agri-businesses grow, specialization emerges. For instance, instead of having many weak businesses in the area of crop production, others may opt for marketing and hence making agriculture more productive by eliminating lack of market which has always been impeding progress in agriculture.

American author Earl Nightingale famously said "We become of what we think about." Let us think of instilling financial literacy in our farmers and see how it can push forward economic development of our country.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS FOR SERVICES

1. Tanga Cement Public Limited Company is hereby soliciting bids from interested eligible companies and individuals to render services listed in the schedule below commencing 1 November 2022.
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Tanzania**

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4	TCPLC-12-2022	Provision of refractory work services
5	TCPLC-13-2022	Supply of Technical personnel

Financial Inclusion: A step forward with NBC



President Samia Suluhu Hassan shares a light moment with members of Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos located in Unguja South Region, Zanzibar, during the inauguration of the saccos's office building that went hand in hand with the receipt of furniture donated by the National Bank of Commerce (NBC Bank) to the Saccos at the weekend. Others include NBC Managing Director Theobald Sabi (R).

President Samia Suluhu in a cheerful mood with some other senior officials from the government and NBC Bank immediately after cutting the ribbon to mark the inauguration of Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos office building located in Unguja South Region, Zanzibar. Others are the Minister of State in the Zanzibar President's Office (Constitution, Legal Affairs, Civil Service and Good Governance), Haroun Ali Suleiman (R), South Unguja Regional Commissioner Rashid Hadid Rashid (2nd-R), NBC Bank Managing Director Theobald Sabi (3rd-L), and the saccos' Coordinator, Said Ramadhani Mgeni (2nd-L).



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President Samia Suluhu (seated) listens to the NBC Bank Managing Director Theobald Sabi explaining about the bank's commitment to helping the community through its social responsibility programs during the inauguration of the Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos office building located in Unguja South Region, Zanzibar, at the weekend.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan in a group photo with senior officials of NBC Bank led by Managing Director Theobald Sabi during the inauguration of the Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos office building located in Unguja South Region, Zanzibar.

President Samia Suluhu addresses residents of Kizimkazi Mkunguni, Unguja South Region, Zanzibar during the inauguration ceremony of the Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos office building at the weekend.



President Samia Suluhu greets some of the senior officials of NBC Bank during the inauguration of the Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos office building located in Unguja South Region, Zanzibar.

NBC Bank Managing Director Theobald Sabi (C-seated) in a group photo with members of Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos, located in Unguja South Region, Zanzibar led by saccos Chairman Said Hamad Ramadhan (2nd-L, seated) during the inauguration of the saccos' office building at the weekend.

Bank embarks on women upgrading for positions

By Guardian Reporter

IN support of the government's efforts to incorporate more women into decision making positions in the country, KCB Bank Tanzania Limited has embarked on a program to complement such efforts.

Speaking during a graduation event for the second cohort of the programme in Dar es Salaam on Friday, KCB Bank Tanzania's managing director, Cosmas Kimario said leadership skills remain critical for a successful business hence the bank's decision to invest in women who constitute a significant number of employees.

Kimario said the bank's programme complements an initiative by the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania dubbed, 'CEO apprenticeship programme (CAP) designed to train talented Tanzanians through mentorship and coaching sessions to equip them with skills to become future CEOs.

"We want to get many women leaders because we have seen their benefits hence our investment into this group graduating today. As a bank we will sponsor many more in the coming cohorts," he said.

The CEO Roundtable of Tanzania in partnership with Strathmore University Business School (SBS) has been providing the CAP which is aimed at reducing the gap between men and women occupying senior management positions.

"Many studies have proven that institutions led by women are in a better position to make more profit," the KCB Bank Tanzania chief executive noted arguing that leadership needs skills to



KCB Bank Tanzania's head of legal affairs who is also the bank's Secretary, Antonia Kilama receives a certificate from acting Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Lawrence Mafuru (2nd R) during a graduation ceremony of the second cohort of the CEO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME held in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Left is CEO roundtable chairman, David Tarimo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

manage people and systems in order for the bank to remain profitable.

"You cannot be a leader who is telling employees to report early on duty while you come in late, that is the reason we want to train our managers to lead by example," he added.

Antonia Kilama, the head of legal department and bank's secretary who was one of the graduates said the trainings were useful especially in understanding customers, staff and advising the company on legal matters.

"It is not only about abiding by the laws but also going beyond by helping customers through creation of a friendly system," Kilama said. According to her, the training will have an impact on KCB Tanzania's business especially in improving staff performance.

Addressing the graduates, acting Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Lawrence Mafuru insisted on the need to prepare enough young management leaders to senior positions in private companies and institutions saying the government appreciates investors who implement its women empowerment programmes.

Seed agency building irrigation scheme to boost production

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) is constructing an irrigation scheme at its Msimba seed multiplication farm in Morogoro Region in a bid to increase production and distribution of improved kernel varieties.

Dr Sophia Kashenge, ASA Chief Executive Officer said here at the weekend that the states owned agency is currently working on three major water dams as part of the project.

She said with the irrigation scheme, the 300-hectare farm will precipitate the Agency's seed production pace, the move which will automatically

play a meaningful role to assist smooth metamorphosis of the key sector within the country.

"We're very determined to speed up our seed production levels with an eye to comply with directives from the ministry of agriculture to ensure we install irrigation schemes at all our farms, that's why we have embarked on this exercise to start installing irriga-

tion schemes at our farms Dr. Kashenge revealed.

With a major focus to increase production of sunflower seed varieties, she stated, the government has tasked the Agency to improve the production from current 1000 tones to at least 5000 tones come next year. She stated that the seed production farms where the irrigation schemes will be

installed in this fiscal year as Msimba (Morogoro), Mwele (Tanga), Ngara Mtoni (Arusha) and the Kilimi seed farm at Tabora Region.

"We've decided to start with the said farms but the general target is to ensure all seed production farms of ASA, with totally 10,000 hectares are installed with irrigation schemes in order to push for increased

production of varieties within the country," she added.

Kilosa MP Prof. Palamagamba Kabudi appreciated efforts being implemented by ASA in the quest to spur seed production within the country, noting that the country's agriculture sector was for many years been troubled with a major challenge of deficit of improved seed varieties, the challenge

which refrains many farmers from realizing pumper harvest.

"Installation of the irrigation scheme at this farm is a momentous stride by the government to improve the seed production sector within the country," he said, stressing that the government has allotted 900bn/- to facilitate seed research, and production.



Tanga Regional Commissioner, Omar Mgumba speaking during the launch of Self Microfinance Fund's new branch in Tanga City over the weekend.

RC Mgumba salutes Self Microfinance for sustained growth of capital

By Guardian Reporter, Tanga

SUSTAINED growth of the Self Microfinance Fund's capital for the past six years has attracted praises from Tanga Regional Commissioner, Omar Mgumba who described the performance as remarkable and impressive.

The Fund's capital has grown from 57bn/- in 2016 to 59.8bn/- by June this year.

Mgumba said this over the weekend here after officially opening

four new branch offices of the Self Microfinance Fund in the region.

He said that unlike many public institutions and enterprises which have collapsed due to mismanagement, the Self-Microfinance Fund has maintained good performance.

"Let me congratulate Self Microfinance's management and employees for a job well done. The government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan is happy to continue financing you to reach out to the public as a way of eco-

economic empowerment," he said.

He explained that the government will continue investing in profitable institutions like Self Microfinance because they are delivering well.

Mgumba called upon other State enterprises and economic empowerment funds to emulate this entity which has invested heavily to provide affordable loans to small businesses especially those that are owned by women and youth.

Self-Microfinance Fund chief executive officer, Mudith Cheyo said

the fund has been expanding its branches nationwide to respond to the growing demand by businesses of all types.

He said since 2014, the Fund has increased its branches from eight which were mainly in Dar es Salaam to dozens more in upcountry.

"As we open this branch in Tanga today, three branches are also being opened in Iringa, Morogoro and Mtwara to extend our services to the majority Tanzanians in line

with President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directives," Cheyo said.

He added that the fund also offers loans to medium and large scale enterprises as well as investing in community projects as a way of giving back to the public.

"This year alone so far, we have donated 80 beds and mattresses to Yombo based disabled college all valued at over 29.3m. Investment in community projects remains a priority of the fund," he added.

Over 685 dead in Zimbabwe due to measles outbreak

HARARE

THE measles outbreak in the African country of Zimbabwe is wreaking havoc, whereby 685 deaths have been reported.

According to data released by the health ministry, the total caseload was more than four times compared to the numbers recorded a fortnight ago.

"Measles Update: As at 02 September 2022, Zimbabwe had 6,034 confirmed cases, including 4,266 recoveries and 685 deaths," tweeted the Zimbabwean Health ministry.

It is pertinent to note that the infections started in the eastern Manicaland province, which borders Mozambique at the beginning of August. Sensing the urgency of the situation, the government invoked Civil Protection Unit Act.

"All the victims had not received vaccinations against measles. Government has invoked Civil Protection Unit Act to deal with the emergency, and the Ministry of Health and Child Care is on the ground carrying out an intensive vaccination program. Cabinet has directed the Ministry of Health and Child Care to engage traditional and faith leaders for their support on the vaccination program," said Mutsvangwa.

Primarily, it is the kids between the age group six months to 15 years that are succumbing to the disease. The initial symptoms of the viral disease include fever and a red rash. However, if not treated or given the vaccine, the disease turns fatal.

Notably, the Zimbabwe government is trying to vaccinate children in the aforementioned age group with the help of UN agencies such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Zimbabwe's information minister, Monica Mutsvangwa, last month stated that the onus for the rapid spread of the infectious viral disease lay on the religious sects who were refusing to get vaccinated.

Reports have it that apostolic sects do not believe in vaccination and rely on prayers. The government is trying to reach the apostolic church leaders in an attempt to persuade them and act rationally.

BUSINESS



The government owns a 16 percent undiluted free-carried interest shareholding in Faru, with 84 percent owned by Black Rock via its wholly owned UK subsidiary company, Mahenge Resources Limited. PHOTO/FILE

Black Rock gets special licence for Mahenge graphite project

PERTH

Graphite developer Black Rock Mining has been awarded a special mining licence at its Mahenge graphite project, in Tanzania.

Speaking at the last day of Paydirt's Africa Downunder conference, in Perth, Black Roc MD John de Vries said the special mining licence was a "major empowering document" for the company that would allow Black Rock to move ahead with the Mahenge project quickly.

"So the development timeline considered under the special mining licence will see us commence the finance process shortly, with the view that we'll get into construction at the end of this year, early next year."

De Vries said that construction time would likely be between 15 and 18 months, depending on the wet season, with the company now starting work on debt financing to develop Mahenge.

Black Rock in February reported a 25 percent increase in the measured resource at Mahenge, where the mineral resource is estimated at 213.1-million tonnes, at 7.8 percent total graphitic carbon, with the measured resource making up 31.8-million tonnes, and the indicated resource estimated at 84.6-million tonnes.

A 2019 definitive feasibility study estimated that Mahenge could produce 340 000 t/y of graphite during Stage 1 operations, for a capital investment of \$116-million.

Air China, Rolls-Royce announce joint venture

BEIJING

Air China and the British engineering giant Rolls-Royce announced they are entering into a new joint venture of engine maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) in Beijing at the ongoing 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services.

The new joint venture, Beijing Aero Engine Services Company Limited (BAESL), will provide MRO support on the Rolls-Royce Trent 700, Trent XWB-84, and Trent 1000 aero engines.

Air China currently has all three engine types in its fleet.

Air China and Rolls-Royce each hold 50 percent of the shares in the joint venture with the contract amount of about 2.61 billion yuan (about \$378.2 million).

At full capacity, expected to be achieved in the mid-2030s, BAESL could support up to 250 shop visits per year. The facility will offer MRO services to Air China and other airline customers.

De Vries said that Black Rock was working to update the feasibility study estimates as part of the front-end engineering work being undertaken at the project.

In December last year, Black Rock Mining Limited signed the Framework Agreement (Agreement) with the Government of Tanzania (GoT) to jointly develop the project.

Through the agreement, the government own a 16 percent undiluted free-carried interest shareholding in Faru, with 84 percent owned by Black Rock via its wholly owned UK subsidiary company, Mahenge Resources Limited.

The Mahenge Project is spread across 324 square kilometres of exploration tenements in Ulanga district, approximately 250 km north of the border with Mozambique, 250 km west of the coastal port city of Mtwara.

The main lithology in the area include medium to high-grade metamorphic rocks, predominately a graphitic mica schist and hornblende gneiss. Other lithologies include marbles, muscovite gneisses/granitoid gneisses and amphibolites.

Black Rock's Definitive Feasibility Study for the project considers a four-stage construction schedule to deliver up to 340,000 tonnes per annum of 98.5 percent graphite concentrate for 26 years of 98.5 percent LOI premium graphite flake concentrate with the ability to produce Ultra Purity flake of 99 percent LOI.

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

The appreciation of East African Breweries Limited (EABL) share price pushed the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange All Shares Index (DSEI) green during the closing of last week.

The market report shows DSEI closed 2.06 points up on Friday last week at 1,904.91 points from 1902.85 points recorded on Thursday's close.

This happened despite of decreasing prices of other cross listed companies including Nation Media Group (NMG) by 2.82 percent, Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) by 4.17 percent and KCB Group by 1.27 percent.

EABL share price gained by 2.76 percent to 2,980/- on Friday close from 2,900 recorded during the previous day close, pushing its market capitalization to 2,356.51bn/- from 2,293.25bn/- respectively.

This has enabled the EABL to become the second largest listing at DSE, behind Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) with 3.2trn/-. The second position was previously held by KCB Group, which has been pushed to third largest.

The report shows the remaining listed companies' shares prices remained unchanged during the reviewed period of which also caused the Tanzania Share Index (TSI), which measured the performances of locally listed companies to remain flat at 3,914.41 points.

Meanwhile, the domestic equity market continues to sustain after posting total equity turnover of 7.46bn/- during last week's trading session from 3.926bn/- being a 90 percent increase compared to the preceding week, data show.

The impressive performance was attributed to five pre-arranged block trades by TCC, SWISS, TPCC and NMB.

Available data indicates that TPCC/Twiga dominated the overall market turnover figure accounting for 57.04 percent of the week's trade. Other active counters during the week were NMB, SWISS, TCC that accounted for

EABL share price gains push DSEI green on last week close



EABL brewery in Kenya. PHOTO/FILE

13.7 per cent, 11.6 per cent and 10.6 per cent respectively.

Price movement was recorded on seven domestic traded equities during the week with the TOL stock appreciating the most, registering a 769 per cent increase closing the week at 700/- per share.

The NMB stock also registered a 3.57 per cent increase closing the week at 2,900/- per share while the CRDB stock appreciated by 1.25 per cent closing the week at 405/- per share.

The TPCC/Twiga registered a 1.05 per cent gain

closing the week at 3,860/- per share.

The TCCL/Simba counter on the other side had a slight sell-off during the week depreciating by 1.39 per cent to close at 1,520/- per share while the DSE counter ended its bullish run after losing 8.26 per cent of its value closing the week at 2,000/- per share.

NICO stocks price depreciated by 1.39 per cent closing at 355/- per share.

Total market capitalization during the trading session last week went up by 0.53 percent to 15.87bn/- while the Domestic market capi-

talization went up by 0.6 percent closing at 10.34bn/-

According to the Zan Securities Chief Executive Officer Raphael Masumbuko, "The domestic equity market continues to sustain a bullish run for the second consecutive week as signaled by the benchmark indices' week-on-week (w/w) performance (DSEI +0.53% TSI +0.6%)"

He added, "We are of the opinion that a number of counters are trading with favorable valuations with further upside potential. In fixed income, we expect activities in the secondary market to marginally slowdown

in the coming week partly due to investors pricing in rising inflation, and the prospects of a tighter monetary policy to be deployed by the Bank of Tanzania."

Masumbuko urged that in light of the tight liquidity, there will be sustained low subscription rates for medium term papers and an aggressive bidding in upcoming auctions more so on the longer term papers.

"We expect investors to continue preferring safer asset classes given the possibility of crystallization of the prevailing market risks," Masumbuko said.

EPZA, cereals board agree to undertake joint investment

By Guardian Reporter

Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Cereals and other Produce Board of Tanzania (CPB) in a business partnership aimed at undertaking various investment activities in the country.

Speaking at the signing of the agreement, the EPZA Director General, Charles Itembe said in Dar es Salaam at the weekend that, "This is one of the many issues discussed in the past meetings with CPB and found the need to make guidelines that will lead to forming a roadmap on how EPZA and CPB can work together on areas of investment."

He added that, "There many areas that we can work together bearing in mind that recently EPZA was handed over eight defunct industries by the Treasury Registrar to find investors to revive and develop."

This will bring new investors to revive and develop the industries, create jobs and contribute economic growth.

"In this MoU, we have started with cashew nut factory located in Nachingwea District, Lindi Region. This will lay the foundation of the business cooperation between the government entities and it is expected that it will open new areas of cooperation," Itembe said.

"CPB is specialised in agriculture investment and has conducted detailed feasibility study on how they can transform the cashew factory in Nachingwea to become a modern cashew processing industry to add value to cashew that will help fetch high market value."

The MoU aims at looking in the best way for which the two government institutions can work together, CPB as investors in Special Economic Zones under EPZA and EPZA as an agency with the mandate to manage investments that follow SEZ policies as per legal requirements that founded the institution.

And in this initiative, CPB as a government entity to be the first to see and come in forefront to grab this



opportunity and after making detailed feasibility study they have come to the decision to invest in this cashew processing industry in Nachingwea.

"Our obligation as EPZA is to provide cooperation in this decision, policy and implementation so that the agreement signed can produce the expected results," he said.

The factory is currently used by the Lindi District council as a storage facility of cashew.

CPB will not only use this factory for storage purposes but more importantly for processing of cashew as it is well known that the country has had few such processing facilities and thus selling raw cashew in the global markets.

It is from this backdrop that farmers have not been getting the true value of their investments in the fields because of selling raw cashew.

Also the absence of cashew processing factories has been denying the country from earning much needed foreign currencies. With this deal, CPB will be

processing and adding value to cashew-nuts thus guaranteeing the country sufficient foreign exchange, employments and speed up economic growth.

This is important particularly in this period of time where the nation is continue to attract foreign investors, we also attract local investors where CPB may be a very important stakeholder and even the first to grab opportunity in cashew processing industry through the EPZA windows.

This is just the beginning of our journey in this business partnership with CPB to cooperate and work together in reviving and developing other industries.

This partnership will follow the SEZ legal requirements in view of attracting and investing through SEZ and EPZ windows.

CPB Director General Dr Anselm Mushi said the factory will have the capacity to process 10,000 tonnes per year.

"This is the beginning of the many

deals to come with intent of making sure that our cashew and other products are processed in order to fetch high market value," he said.

He said CPB has taken all precautions to make sure that this investment in cashew processing is sustainable to avoid falling in the traps that made most of the industries fail to continue with production activities.

"We have already made detailed feasibility study, prepared business plan and handed them to the Tanzania Agriculture Development Bank (TADB) and have discussed with them and were ready fund the project by buying the new machines," he added.

The factory will be run in collaboration with the bank in sense we will renovate the factory the existing infrastructures and bank will provide funds for buying new and modern machines.

The factory will be run together with the bank until when all the money are paid back then the factory will be owned completely by CPB.

CEOrt targets apprentices from public sector

By Francis Kajubi

THE CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) has announced plans to enroll apprentices from the public sector in its third cohort of the CEO Apprenticeship Programme (CAP) which starts before the end of this year.

David Tarimo, Chairman of the CEOrt said on Friday evening at a graduation ceremony of the second cohort held in Dar es Salaam.

"We are going to enroll 18 apprentices for our third cohort starting before the end of this year. Of these apprentices four will come from the public sector," said Tarimo.

Since the first cohort graduation in 2020, five apprentices of the program have made it to CEO positions and other top managerial positions.

"For instance, Songas managing director Aneal Samuel is a graduate from the programme. Unguu Sulay managing director at Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd, Julius Ruwaichi, CEO of AccessBank Tanzania and Faru Graphite Corporation Tanzania CEO Alimiya Osman," said Tarimo.

The 12 months leadership programme designed to attract experienced Tanzanians both within the public and private sectors to establish peer and CEO networks through training, coaching and mentorship to prepare them to become future CEOs.

Tarimo said the CEOrt recognized the existing leadership gap and need for additional investment in Tanzania's human capital and with deserved support from



Apprentices of the CEO Apprenticeship Programme second cohort pose in a group photo with CEOrt leaders after a graduation ceremony held in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Photo Courtesy of CEOrt.

the government, worked in partnership with Strathmore University Business School (SBS) of Nairobi Kenya to launch the specialised leadership programme for the first time in 2019.

"Now graduating its second cohort and looking forward to the introduction of Cohort 3, the main objective of the CAP initiative is to facilitate the succession of CAP graduates into CEO positions over time, and in turn create a pipeline of ethical, competent, experienced, and visionary leaders in Tanzania," he asserted.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in

the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Lawrence Mafuru said that the impact that CAP has delivered thus far is evident, with a fifth of the participants who graduated in the first cohort having been promoted to CEO or other senior positions.

"The appointment of Resham Vassa, a Cohort 2 participant, as Chief Executive Officer of Reni International is also testament to the programme's impact in terms of both developing visionary leaders and championing gender inclusivity," said Mafuru.

Dr Angela Ndunge, Deputy Ex-

ecutive Dean at Strathmore University Business School Nairobi said CAP is delivering socio-economic impact in our communities, through the implementation of projects that stemmed from the programme. The CEOrt takes this opportunity to thank the CAP Executive Committee and programme sponsors who have been instrumental in identifying exceptional talent to participate in CAP Cohort 2.

"We are working with the CEOrt through this programme to make sure those senior executives from within government, private sec-

tor and non-profit organisations are eligible to participate in the programme and bring more locals to top positions in both private and public institutions," said Dr Ndunge.

According to her, the two institutions recognize that visionary leadership within the public and private sectors is a cornerstone of Tanzania's sustainable development.

Therefore, through CAP, the organisations contribute to the vision of a transformed country and continent, as it is visionary leaders that will move development forward.

She asserted that Alumni of the inaugural CAP cohort will also be sharing insights on the impact the Programme has had on their professional development journeys. CAP will continue to pave the way to leadership excellence through core developmental interventions.

Shreekesh Karia, apprentice graduate of the second cohort who is the managing director at Spedag Interfreight Tanzania Limited said as a fellow of the African Leadership Initiative (ALI), the CEOrt recognizes that the CEO Apprenticeship Programme closely mirrors the ethos of the ALI fellowship programme, which is committed to developing leaders who can move from success to significance, whilst addressing societal challenges both individually and collectively in an ethical manner.

"I feel like I'm the luckiest man joining this programme and learning from the experience of alumni during the twelve months of the course," said Karia.

SBL staff share experiences in climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

Climbing mountains is an experience that is hard to put into words. You are in a beautiful environment, and you feel incredible when you reach the top.

But also, you must climb down, which is when most accidents happen - people are tired, it gets dark, it's more complicated.

But against all odds, a team of 28 committed staff from Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) started a five-day brave journey to climb Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro.

Out of 28 climbers, 22 were able to make it to the highest point, Uhuru peak.

Data suggests that of the 35,000 individuals who attempt to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro annually, nearly 50 percent do not reach the peak. For 22 staff out of 28 to make it to the peak is an outstanding achievement.

The expedition aimed to promote domestic tourism and, simultaneously, take the company's flagship trademark, "Serengeti", to the peak of the world's tallest free-standing mountain.

Climbing Kilimanjaro is the experience of a lifetime. It's certainly not



SBL employee on the peak of Mountain Kilimanjaro PHOTO/COURTESY

hard to see why this trek is a top-notch bucket list for most travelers worldwide.

The mighty Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa at a staggering 5,895 meters and the world's tallest free-standing.

It was the first time for most of the staff, but that could not make them fear. Everyone strongly believed it was possible in high spirits, and they

made it!

Elivina Tarimo, one of SBL's employees who climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, has a story to share regarding her interesting mountain climbing expedition.

Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is a tedious exercise. It takes plenty of physical and endurance training for a climber to be bold enough even to make it to the start point and ultimate

goal of getting beyond the base camp to the summit.

Being aware of this fact, Elivina had a four-week consistent running as she wanted to ensure that nothing was holding back her dream of reaching the peak.

"I knew I must be physically fit to win this journey, and I had to do running exercises consistently. The exercise was beneficial," Elivina said.

When asked what the most challenging part was and how she managed to conquer that part, she responded, "The hardest part for me was the day I got to the top of the mountain from the Ice camp. However, I was happy because I had made it. Being able to reach to the top relieved me from the pain I had," she says with a light smile on her face."

Elivina learned a great lesson in her journey to climb Africa's tallest mountain. She says, "sustaining momentum in anything a person does is not an easy task. Someone needs to push harder and prioritize self-improvement without losing focus or direction. I remained focused on my goal despite high altitude fatigue, harsh and cold environment, and everything."

Another successful climber Matiko Waryana says the most challenging part for him was going from Barafu camp to Uhuru summit.

He acknowledges the support he received from the tour guide and his fellow staff that made him reach the peak.

His experience is that in life, people need each other. Without support and encouragement from other people, he would have probably given up.

Lindi Jumbo still on track - Walkabout

PERTH

Construction of the Lindi Jumbo graphite project, in Tanzania, remains on track for first production for the first half of 2023, despite owner Walkabout Resources' recent funding woes.

Walkabout recently launched a \$33.17-million capital raise to complete the construction of the Lindi Jumbo project, following a delay in debt drawdown from CRDB Bank, in Tanzania.

Speaking to delegates at the last day of Paydirt's Africa Downunder conference, Walkabout MD Andrew Cunningham admitted that there had been a 'hiccup' in the debt drawdown, but said the company was working with the bank on providing alternative security options for the funding.

He pointed out that the company had the option to scale back the capital raise currently under way, in the event that the debt issues were solved in the interim.

In the meantime, construction at the Lindi Jumbo project continued unabated, said Cunningham.

"The civils is planned for completion before the end of the year, the mechanical construction of the plant will be

completed early in 2023, and then we'll go into the dry and wet commissioning of the plant and first production in the first half of next year.

"As from the start, there's been a very aggressive timeline to date. We've, unfortunately run a bit behind time because of our funding issues and draw-down of the debt facility from the bank. But this is as we see fit as we see it now. With the funding to be completed by the end of this month," said Cunningham, pointing to the target of starting production in the first half of 2023. Over its 24-year mine life, the Lindi Jumbo project is expected produce 40 000 t/y of graphite concentrate.

Last week, the company said it has secured commitments from shareholders for \$1,000,000 in the form of limited recourse loans to fund short-term working capital.

The repayment date of these loans is 31 December, 2023 but the lender may offset the repayment of the loans against any money due to them against any future capital raising by Walkabout.

The lenders receive options at \$0.25 cents for the value of the loans and the 6.67 million options expire on 30 April 2023.



The company says it has been working with the bank on providing alternative security options for the funding. PHOTO/FILE

India, UAE to partner on health projects in East Africa

NEW DELHI

India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are working on a joint initiative to establish health projects in Kenya and Tanzania and taking forward cooperation in food security within the I2U2 framework that includes the US and Israel.

These issues figured in the India-UAE joint commission meeting that was co-chaired by external affairs minister S Jaishankar and his UAE counterpart Sheikh Abdulla bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi on Thursday.

The meeting also reviewed cooperation in diverse sectors such as energy and investments. A team comprising representatives of the Indian and UAE governments recently visited Kenya and Tanzania to identify opportunities for joint projects in the health sector, the external affairs ministry said in a statement on Friday.

Both ministers expressed happiness at the forward movement in healthcare and education cooperation. Discussions between the two countries on establishing an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in UAE have moved forward with the setting up of a joint working group between institutions on both sides.

'It can only happen if Babar shows big heart and leaves his comfort zone', Hafeez's huge remark ahead of IND-PAK clash Hindustan Times

The ministers reviewed ongoing discussions between the two sides in the field of food security, including within the India-Israel-US-UAE (I2U2) framework, the statement said.

The first I2U2 Summit held in July unveiled initiatives focused on food security and clean energy, including investments of \$2 billion by the UAE to develop a series of integrated food parks across India and a \$330 million hybrid renewable energy project in Gujarat.

Jaishankar and Sheikh Abdulla bin Zayed expressed satisfaction at the entry into force of the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) on May 1 and the organisation of activities and events for effective implementation of the pact. They reiterated their commitment to achieving the goal of \$100 billion in bilateral trade in the next five years.

"They also positively assessed the investment partnership between both countries and the growth of UAE investments in India in diverse sectors," the statement said, adding the next meeting of a bilateral high level task force will be held shortly in India.

The ministers reviewed progress in elements of bilateral cooperation identified in a Vision Statement adopted by the leaders of the two countries at a virtual summit on February 18. The two sides have made progress in discussions on different aspects related to renewable energy and green hydrogen.

The two sides emphasised the importance of promoting start-ups and entrepreneurship in fields such as fintech, edutech, healthtech, agritech, logistics and supply chains. They also discussed the possibility of linking instant payment platforms in both countries, such as through India's United Payment Interface (UPI).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan last met in Abu Dhabi on June 28, following their virtual summit in February. They also participated in the virtual I2U2 Summit in July.

President Samia lauds banks on financial inclusion, empowerment



President Samia Suluhu shares a light moment with the members of Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos during the inauguration of the Saccos over the weekend. Others right is the NBC managing director Theobald Sabi. PHOTO/ A CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

President Samia Suluhu has congratulated financial institutions on their continued supports to the government's efforts to expand financial inclusion.

President Samia made the remarks over the weekend in Zanzibar during inauguration ceremony of the Kizimkazi Mkunguni Saccos office building located in Kimzikazi, Unguja South.

The event went hand in hand with receiving various office furniture donated by the National Bank of Commerce (NBC Bank) to the Saccos.

She appreciated the institutions' economic efforts especially in empowering the community, especially women and youth groups, while expressing her sincere gratitude to NBC Bank and other institutions for their commitment in helping the community through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs.

"The just inaugurated SACCOS will enable Kimkazi residents to create economies of scale in bargaining with banks and other financial institutions. It will also provide access to sustainable financial services and provide low-income families with safe place to save their income at their area or village and issuing reasonably priced loans, thus bring economic liberation to its members," she said.

President Samia called on the citizen to make good use of the cooperation offered by the financial institutions in various areas including educa-

tion, health, sports and economic support by making sure that the kinds of supports are being used according to the intended goals.

NBC Bank, Managing Director Theobald Sabi, said that the donation was a continuation of the bank's move in supporting the government's efforts in establishing inclusive financial system by bringing services closer to the people.

"NBC bank believes that the effectiveness of the just launched Saccos will be of great benefit to all members and residents of this area, including women and youth as will enable them to get loans easily for the development of their businesses and families," he noted.

According to the MD, it is not the first time for the bank to implement a social development project in the area, citing a number of previous projects include the construction and renovation of classrooms for the Kimzikazi Mkunguni nursery school and donation of Mobile Clinics that provides free emergency services in Zanzibar.

Briefing about the Saccos development, the project coordinator Mr Said Ramadhani Mgeni said that the project that started in 2015, but was stuck for a while due to lack of funds, until when President Samia who is also a member of the Saccos rescued the situation by donating funds amounting to 55mn/- that helped them to complete the project.

"The completion of this project provides an opportunity for members and residents of the neighboring villages to save money close to their homes," he said.

Will OPEC+ cut oil output as of today?

RIYADH

Saudi Arabia's signal from two weeks ago that OPEC+ could decide to cut production at any time, in any form, managed to lift Brent oil prices to above \$100 per barrel for around a week.

But this week, fresh lockdowns in China, intensified fears of recession, and guidance that the Fed will continue with the large key rate hikes sent oil prices tumbling to the low \$90s.

While OPEC insists that oil demand is robust and will be so through the end of the year, data suggests that demand in the world's top oil importer, China, has been weak this summer amid COVID lockdowns and slowing factory activity.

Overall Asian crude imports are estimated to have slowed in August from July, with imports in India, the world's third-largest crude importer, also down month on month, according to Refinitiv Oil Research data cited by Reuters' Asia Commodities and Energy Columnist Clyde Russell.

OPEC+ is meeting today (Labour day) for its regular monthly gathering to assess market conditions and decide how to proceed with the pact which currently expires in December this year. The group, in theory, rolled back by the end of August all the massive cuts from May 2020, but it's estimated to be 2.9 million barrels per day (bpd) below the collective target.

Now the million-dollar question is: Will there be new cuts? And will cuts help support what looks like a softening physical crude market?

Per a Bloomberg survey of 19 industry analysts, OPEC+ is expected to keep the oil output target for October at the same level as in September when they meet next week.

Moreover, refiners in Asia expect Saudi Arabia to slash the price of its flagship grade to Asia for October amid lackluster fuel demand and increased competition from crude from other regions.

If next week Saudi Aramco indeed slashes its prices, it would be an admission of a weakening demand for Middle Eastern crude in the key oil importing region, Asia.

OPEC insists that oil demand is strong. Global oil demand is still robust and will be such through the end of this year, OPEC Secretary General Haitham al-Ghais told Reuters

last month, noting that the recent sell-offs didn't reflect fundamentals and were driven by fear.

But the latest data compiled by Refinitiv paints a different picture.

Chinese imports in August are expected to be only slightly above the July arrivals, and the June-August overall imports are estimated at around 1.5 million bpd below the 2021 average rate of purchases, Reuters' Russell notes.

In July, crude throughput at Chinese refineries slumped to the lowest level since the height of the pandemic in March 2020, amid unplanned facility outages and lower processing rates at independent refiners due to declining refining margins. A new round of tax probes on private refiners, the so-called teapots, could slow down further the crude processing rates at the world's top crude oil importer, while this week's new lockdowns in several large cities are not helping demand, either.

Fears of demand destruction with slowing industrial activity not only in China, but also in Europe and the U.S., sent this week oil prices down to the levels from before August 21 when Saudi Energy Minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, said that OPEC+ was ready to cut production at any time in any form if it believes it would bring stability to the "schizophrenic" oil market.

If OPEC+ surprises most market observers and does announce cuts on September 5, it could support oil prices for some time.

However, the more likely outcome of Monday's meeting could be a wait-and-see approach and a vague statement of readiness to do whatever it takes to "stabilize" oil prices, which in OPEC+'s parlance typically means "lift" oil prices.

Two large uncertainties are hanging over the market apart from where demand will go from here, and they could prompt OPEC+ to wait for more clarity ahead of announcing possible production cuts.

These are the so-called Iranian nuclear deal and the oil supply from key OPEC+ member Russia, which could dip from very resilient current levels once the EU embargo on seaborne Russian crude and fuel imports comes into full force in early 2023 and countries announce a price cap on Russian oil.



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WORLD

Kenya's top court to rule on disputed presidential election

NAIROBI

KENYA'S Supreme Court will decide today whether to uphold or nullify the result of last month's presidential election, a ruling anxiously awaited in a country scarred by previous bouts of poll-related violence.

The seven-member court will rule following three days of oral arguments last week by lawyers representing the two main candidates and rival camps of election commissioners.

Opposition leader Raila Odinga, making his fifth presidential bid, says Deputy President William Ruto's narrow win was the product of massive fraud. Four out of seven election commissioners disowned the result announced by the commission chairman, saying the tallying had been opaque.

The Supreme Court made history in the last election in 2017 by annulling President Uhuru Kenyatta's victory over Odinga because of pro-

cedural irregularities.

Kenyatta prevailed in a re-run that Odinga boycotted.

About 100 people were killed in election-related clashes that year. This time, protests briefly broke out in several Odinga strongholds after the election commission chair declared Ruto the victor on Aug. 15, but Odinga urged supporters to stay peaceful and the streets have remained calm since.

Tempers have mainly flared online, where Odinga and Ruto's partisans have bombarded social media with often outlandish claims and counter-claims.

Fraud accusations

Odinga, who was backed by the term-limited Kenyatta in this election, has alleged that a team working for Ruto hacked into the commission's system and replaced genuine pictures of polling station result forms with fake



Kenya's Supreme Court judges led by Chief Justice Martha Koome (centre) flanked by her deputy, Philomena Mwili (second left) and judges (from left) Isaac Lenaola, Smokin Wanjala, Mohamed Ibrahim, Njoki Ndung'u and William Ouko arrive to begin hearing the day's submissions from counsel representing president-elect William Ruto at the Supreme Court of Kenya in Nairobi on Sept 1, 2022, where the result of the national poll is being challenged by the Raila Odinga led Azimio political coalition. AFP

ones, increasing Ruto's share.

"The evidence that has been presented by the petitioner shows a well orchestrated and fraudulent scheme that was executed with military precision," Odinga's lawyer, Philip Murgor, told the court on Friday.

Odinga and the four dissident commissioners also accuse commission chairman Wafu Chebukati of violating electoral law by unilaterally carrying out the vote tally and declaring the result. The official numbers showed Ruto receiving 50.49 percent, enough to avoid a second round run-off.

Ruto and Chebukati have rejected all of these allegations. Ruto's legal team dismissed Odinga's claims as a "shock and awe" strategy that lacks

concrete evidence.

If the court nullifies the result, a new election must be organized within 60 days. The court's decision is final, read more

Kenya is a key Western ally in an unstable region, contributing troops to peacekeeping missions in Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. It also hosts the regional headquarters of many global companies and organizations.

While generally stable, it has seen repeated instances of election-related violence, often along ethnic lines.

More than 1,200 were killed in clashes after the 2007 election, when Odinga accused then-President Mwai Kibaki's party of massive rigging.

Agencies

FBI found more than 11,000 govt records at Trump's Florida home

WASHINGTON

THE FBI recovered more than 11,000 government documents and photographs during its Aug 8 search at former US president Donald Trump's Florida estate, as well as 48 empty folders labeled as "classified," according to court records that were unsealed on Friday.

The unsealing by US District Judge Aileen Cannon in West Palm Beach came one day after she heard oral arguments by Trump's attorneys and the Justice Department's top two counterintelligence prosecutors over whether she should appoint a special master to conduct a privilege review of the seized materials at Trump's request.

Cannon deferred ruling immediately on whether to appoint a special master but said she would agree to unseal two records filed by the Justice Department.

Former US Attorney General William Barr, who was appointed by Trump, questioned the usefulness of such an appointment.

"I think at this stage, since they've already gone through the documents I think it's a waste of time" to have a special master,

Barr said in an interview on Fox News.

Barr, who left the post in late December 2020, defied Trump by not backing his false claims that the presidential election that year had been stolen from him.

In the interview, Barr added that he saw no "legitimate reason" for Trump having documents at his Florida estate if they were classified.

He added, "I frankly am skeptical of this claim (by Trump) that I declassified everything." Because frankly I think it's highly improbable and second, if he sort of stood over scores of boxes not really knowing what was in them and said 'I hereby declassify everything in here,' that would be such an abuse, show such recklessness that it's almost worse than taking the documents."

One of the records, released on Friday, provides a little more detail about the 33 boxes and other items the FBI found inside Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, as part of its ongoing criminal investigation into whether he illegally retained national defense information and tried to obstruct the probe.



An aerial view of former US president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate is seen, Aug 10, 2022, in Palm Beach, Florida. File photo

It shows that documents with classification markings were at times co-mingled with other items such as books, magazines and newspaper clippings.

Also found were unspecified gifts and clothing items.

Of the more than 11,000 government records and photos, 18 were labeled as "top secret," 54 were labeled "secret" and 31 were labeled "confidential," according to a Reuters tally of the government's inventory.

"Top secret" is the highest classification level, reserved for the country's most closely held secrets.

There were also 90 empty folders, 48 of which were marked "classified," while others indicated that they should be returned to staff secretary/military aide.

It is not clear why the folders were empty, or whether any records could be missing.

The other record that was unsealed is a three-page filing by the Justice Department updating the court about the status of its investigative team's review of the documents seized.

That filing, dated Aug 30, said investigators had completed a preliminary review of the mate-

rials seized and will investigate further and interview more witnesses.

The Justice Department's criminal investigation could be potentially put on pause if Cannon agrees to appoint a special master to come in and conduct an independent third-party review of the seized records.

However, Cannon signaled at Thursday's hearing she might be willing to permit US intelligence officials to continue reviewing the materials as part of their national security damage assessment, even if a special master is appointed.

The Justice Department has previously said in court filings it has evidence that classified documents were deliberately concealed from the FBI when it tried to retrieve them from Trump's home in June.

The Justice Department also opposes the appointment of a special master, saying the records in question do not belong to Trump and that he cannot claim they are covered by executive privilege, a legal doctrine that can be used to shield some presidential communications.

Agencies

Russian embassy bashes US for condoning neo-Nazi crimes in Ukraine

WASHINGTON

THE United States fails to realize how dangerous the ideology of Nazism is and has been encouraging crimes by neo-Nazi nationalists in Ukraine, the Russian embassy in Washington said in a comment on Friday.

"We have taken note of the condemnation by the US State Department of violence

and hate 'everywhere' with regard to the assassination attempt on Argentine Vice President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner.

However it's obvious that American diplomats intentionally turn a blind eye to the extreme beliefs of the alleged criminal, his 'black sun' neo-Nazi tattoos typical of the Azov battalion (outlawed in Russia)," the Russian embassy wrote on its Telegram channel.

According to Russian diplomats, their American counterparts "forget that the shooter, accused of killing 10 people at a Buffalo supermarket (New York - TASS) in May 2022, had the same tattoos." The embassy emphasized that "very concise declarations regarding the blatant manifestation of radicalism in Buenos Aires show that Washington is not willing to draw inconvenient conclusions."

"A question arises: how many more people around the world must be affected by the actions of Nazi ideology supporters before the US realizes its dangers and stops condoning the nationalists' crimes. That is exactly what the US is doing in Ukraine where the Kiev regime fighters continue to intentionally exterminate the civilian population," Russian diplomats concluded.

Agencies

China builds world's largest 5G network with 475 million users

CHINA has built nearly 1.97 million 5G base stations and reached 475 million 5G mobile users by the end of this July, said the country's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), constituting the world's largest 5G network.

The 5G base stations currently in operation in China account for over 60 percent of the world's total three years after the issuance of 5G commercial licenses, and the country's 5G users make up more than 70 percent of global 5G users.

The construction of 600,000 5G base stations will be completed this year, the MIIT said.

China's 5G commercial license has been officially issued for three years, with record-breaking base stations scale and constant breakthroughs in key technologies. The 5G devel-

opment in China not only promotes leapfrog growth of the information and communication industry, but also injects a strong impetus to the digitalization of the economy and society.

"The 5G connection was poor on the ship when I came here last year, but this time I'm always connected," said a man surnamed Yang taking his family to the Putuo Mountain, one of the four famous Buddhist mountains in China located in east China's Zhejiang province.

On the ship to the mountain, Yang could even watch sports games in high definition on his mobile phone.

The improved network experience was attributed to a 5G base station

built on an uninhabited island in Zhoushan, Zhejiang province.

Following coordinated plans and taking a moderately proactive approach to advancing infrastructure investment, Chinese telecommunication carriers have constantly expanded the number of 5G base stations.

According to statistics, by 2021, all cities above the prefecture level across China have been covered by the 5G network, while the 5G signal has been available in over 98 percent of county seats and 80 percent of townships.

China Unicom and China Telecom, two major carriers in China, jointly built the world's first co-shared 5G SA network, which has now achieved

coverage in urban areas, counties and key townships

China Mobile, another major carrier in the country, has built over 200,000 base stations in rural areas in cooperation with China Broadnet, a new telecommunication carrier.

The co-construction and sharing have not only speeded up the building of the 5G network, but also tremendously saved capital and resources, contributing to the green and low-carbon operation of enterprises.

It is reported that the co-construction of 4G and 5G networks by China Unicom and China Telecom alone has saved over 210 billion yuan (\$30.65 billion) of investment in the past

two years. It is expected save over 20 billion yuan in operation costs, 10 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity consumption and 6 million tons of carbon emission annually.

Apart from the accelerating network construction and sharing, China has made breakthroughs in technological innovation in key 5G technologies. It has constantly narrowed the gap with global industry leaders in terms of 5G chips, mobile operating systems and other core technologies.

For instance, China Mobile has led 156 international 5G international standard projects and applied for over 3,600 5G patents, which makes it one of the leading carriers around

the globe.

While making constant progress in 5G technologies, China has also strengthened its 5G industry.

In 2021, the country shipped 266 million 5G phones, up 63.5 percent year on year. As of April this year, there were 1,334 models of 5G devices in the world, including 677 mobile devices. Over 80 percent, or 558 of these mobile devices came from China.

The 5G technology, with large bandwidth, low latency, wide connectivity and other features, is being merged with technologies such as high-definition videos, augmented reality, virtual reality and artificial intelligence, to create massive application scenarios in the audio and video sectors.

People's Daily

Rwanda names 20 endangered baby mountain gorillas

KIGALI

RWANDA on Friday gave names to 20 baby gorillas born over the last 12 months in an annual gorilla conservation event held at the foothills of the volcano mountains in the Northern Province.

The annual baby gorilla naming ceremony, commonly known as Kwita Izina, was held for the 18th time.

The highly anticipated conservation annual event was presided over by Rwanda's First Lady Jeannette Kagame and Edouard Ngirente, Rwandan Prime Minister as well as thousands of Rwandans, members of the diplomatic corps, foreign dignitaries, sports personalities, celebrated musicians, philanthropists and conservation enthusiasts from across the world.

"Today, we are pleased that we are able to meet again in person for the celebration of Kwita Izina after two virtual editions due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Ngirente at the naming event in the Musanze district.

"The act of naming baby gorillas is a demonstration of Rwanda's commitment to conservation and a role this plays in our country's social economic transformation," he added.

Ngirente said that the 20 baby gorillas and the newly formed gorilla family that were named on Friday and hundreds of others named over the last 18 years are the results of decades of Rwanda's conservation efforts.

"Rwanda protects its natural heritage by investing in people that is why our tourism revenue sharing scheme is such an important part of our conservation strategy," he said. Ngirente called on the communities surrounding national parks to continue supporting the government's efforts to conserve wildlife.

"Our mountain gorillas are part of this unique heritage found only in three countries in the world, seeing them is a unique bucket list experience for many from all over the world," said Clare Akamanzi, chief executive officer of the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) at the event.

This year's baby gorilla namers included notable partners, conservationists, international celebrities, dignitaries and friends of Rwanda. According to her, in 1996, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) classified mountain gorillas as critically endangered facing a threat of extinction.

"The good news, however, is that in 2018 mountain gorillas were really classified from critically endangered to endangered, a recognition of their improved wellbeing owing to collective conservation efforts by all of you represented here today," said Akamanzi.

The annual event has become a major tourism ceremony in the small central African country. It has boosted efforts to conserve endangered mountain gorillas which have enabled Rwanda to tap tourism revenues hinged on conservation.

The ceremony's main goal is to help monitor each individual gorilla and their groups in their natural habitat, according to the RDB. Since the inception of this annual event in 2005, 354 baby gorillas have been named in the gorilla conservation event.

Tourism revenues increased by 25 percent from 131 million U.S. dollars in 2020 to 164 million U.S. dollars in 2021.

This year, the tourism sector is showing signs of going back to pre-pandemic levels, with the sector generating over 168 million U.S. dollars between January and June compared to 55.6 million U.S. dollars that were generated during the same period last year, according to the RDB.

Kenya's forex reserves fall to five-year low as shilling depreciates

NAIROBI

KENYA'S foreign exchange reserves fell by a record 28 billion shillings (233 million U.S. dollars) this week to settle at a five-year low amid a sustained decline of the local unit against global currencies, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) said in its weekly update of the financial markets released on Friday evening.

The apex bank noted that the reserves fell from 7.61 billion dollars to 7.37 billion dollars.

The last time the reserves stood at such a level was in October 2017, underpinning the pressure the Central Bank is facing in a bid to shore up the forex reserves amid the decline of the shilling and increased demand for dollars by importers.

The east African nation's foreign exchange reserves have sustained a downward trend in the past weeks as the apex bank uses part of its stockpile to stabilize the shilling against falling to a level that may disrupt the financial markets.

During the week, the shilling declined to exchange at an all-time low of 120.05 against the dollar, down from an average of 119.72 the previous week.

Against the Euro, the shilling closed the week at a low of 120.08 and the Sterling Pound 140.94, said the bank. The new reserves cover 4.2 months of import cover, down from 4.46 months the previous week.

Xinhua

Over 81% of Russians trust Putin, and over 78% approve of his work

MOSCOW

THE proportion of Russian citizens' confidence in President Vladimir Putin stood at 81.1% at the end of August, while 78.1% of those polled approved of the president's work, according to the All Russian Public Opinion Research Center that published the results of a survey conducted from August 22 to 28 among 1,600 respondents aged over 18.

"The approval rate of the Russian president's work from August 22 to August 28, 2022 was 78.1% (-0.3% over the week). Positive assessment figures for the Prime Minister and the Russian government over the past week dropped to 51.8% (-0.8%) and 50.8% (-0.1%), respectively," the report noted.

When asked about their confidence in Vladimir Putin, 81.1% of Russians polled answered positively (-0.1% over the week), while Mikhail Mishustin

was trusted by 62.5% of respondents (this figure remained unchanged over the week).

Those surveyed also expressed their confidence in the heads of various parliamentary factions. The Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) leader Gennady Zyuganov was trusted by 33.6% of respondents (-3.1%), Sergey Mironov, the leader of A Just Russia - For Truth, received 31.7% (+0.2%), the leader of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia (LDPR) got 17.5%, and the leader of The New People party Alexey Nechaev procured 10.9% (+0.7%).

The poll also revealed that the level of support for the United Russia party stood at 40.2% (+0.3% over the week), with the CPRF supported by 10.2% (-0.5%).

The LDPR got 8.1% (-0.5%), A Just Russia - For Truth was supported by 5.7% (+0.3%), and The New People party's figures came to 4.8% (+0.5%).

Long-term outlook cloudy for world food prices - FAO

ROME

WORLD food prices declined slightly in August, despite rising energy and transportation costs and disruptions to supply chains, the Rome-based United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported on Friday.

Meanwhile, long-term prospects for the global food situation remain negative due to a combination of cost, logistical, and environmental factors, FAO added.

The overall FAO monthly index of food commodity prices fell 1.9 percent in August compared with July, which is a more modest decline than a month earlier when it dropped 8.6 percent. It was the fifth consecutive month the index contracted, though it still remained 7.9 percent above its levels a year ago, the report said.

The declines come despite an overall increase in prices in several major economies.

Earlier this week, the European Union reported prices in August were 9.1 percent higher than a year earlier, a record for the euro currency zone.

The United States has not yet released August inflation figures, but it reported last month that prices had climbed 8.5 percent over the year in July.

The biggest component in the index, grains and cereals, saw a 1.4-percent decrease in prices, building on an 11.5-percent decline a month earlier after grain exports from Ukraine resumed.

FAO said major factors in the decline in August were prospects for a strong

harvest in Canada, Russia, and the United States, and continued but limited exports from Ukraine despite the ongoing conflict there.

Despite the consecutive decreases the Cereal Price Index was still 11.4 percent above its August 2021 value.

The sub-index for vegetable oils was down 3.3 percent month-on-month, pushed in part by lower palm oil prices; dairy prices were 2.0 percent lower, as strong production from New Zealand helped keep inventories full.

Meat prices were 1.5 percent lower due to lower domestic demand in some key producing countries, while sugar prices slipped 2.1 percent due largely to higher exports from India. However, the long-term prospects for food prices remain dim, due partly to high prices of fuel, transport, and fertilizer.

Heatwaves like the ones that gripped China, much of Europe, and the western United States are likely to become more intense and frequent in the coming years, according to climate experts.

Growing levels of global food waste is another significant factor, according to the World Bank, while media speculations also point out that too much power in the hands of too few private food companies create inefficiencies in the global food system.

According to the UN estimates, food prices could rise an additional 8.5 percent from current levels by 2027. FAO's Food Price Index is based on worldwide prices for 23 food commodity categories covering prices for 73 different products compared to a baseline year. *Xinhua*

South Sudan approves over 700 mln USD on road project

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan's government on Friday approved 713.53 million U.S. dollars for the construction of the 392-km Juba-Terekeka-Rumbek road which is being constructed by a Chinese firm, Shandong Hi-Speed Group Co. Ltd (SDHS).

Michael Makuei Lueth, the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, said the money will cover the construction of bridges, cross points, and compensation for members of the public affected during the construction of the road that started in 2019.

"Upon thorough studies, the committee discovered that there were some items which were missing, bridges were missing, and crossing points were also missing including compensation for those who will be affected by the construction of the road," Makuei told journalists after the weekly cabinet meeting in Juba, the capital of South Sudan.

The Chinese firm already completed tarmacking of the 63-km Juba-Terekeka section of the road and is currently working on the Terekeka-Rumbek stretch that will connect to the entire Bahr El Ghazal region.

Makuei expressed optimism about the company completing the remaining section of Terekeka-Yirol-Rumbek that connects to Ramshel where the proposed capital is planned for construction by the government.

"The Juba-Terekeka section is already completed and it is being used now by the population and the clearance of the

Terekeka-Yirol-Rumbek has started," he revealed.

In March 2019, SDHS was granted a contract by the government to start the construction of major roads across the country.

The Chinese firm as part of its social responsibility to the community has also established a secondary school in Ladu County, built a health center in Terekeka, and constructed at least 29 boreholes and several feeder roads.

Schools, health centers, and businesses have mushroomed along the 63-km Juba-Terekeka stretch that has been completed.

This stretch was once swampy and difficult to navigate due to huge potholes since the independence of South Sudan in 2011.

The road is designed to link up Central Equatoria state which hosts Juba, the capital of South Sudan with other six states across the vast east African country. *Xinhua*



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Fuel leak to delay first launch of NASA's moon rocket for weeks

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla

FOR the second time in a week, NASA on Saturday aborted an attempt to launch its giant, next-generation rocketship, citing a stubborn fuel leak that the space agency said could delay the debut mission of its moon-to-Mars Artemis program by at least several weeks.

Preflight operations were called off for the day about three hours before the 2:17 pm EDT (1817 GMT) lift-off time targeted for the 32-story-tall Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and its Orion capsule from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The uncrewed test flight, aimed at launching the capsule out to the moon and back, was to have marked the inaugural voyage of both the SLS and Orion a half century after the last lunar mission of Apollo, forerunner of the Artemis program.

The countdown was scrubbed after Kennedy Space Center technicians made three failed attempts to fix a "large" leak of supercooled liquid hydrogen propellant being pumped into the rocket's core-stage fuel tanks, agency officials said.

The initial launch try on Monday was likewise foiled by technical problems, including a different leaky fuel line, a faulty temperature sensor and cracks found in insulation foam.

Mission managers proceeded with a second launch attempt on Saturday once the earlier issues had been resolved to their satisfaction. And NASA had reserved another backup launch time, for either Monday or Tuesday, in case a third try was needed.

But after a review of data from the latest difficulties, NASA concluded the new hydrogen leak was too tricky and time-consuming to finish troubleshooting and fix on the launch pad before the current launch period allotted to the mission expires on Tuesday.

The delay means the earliest opportunity to try again would come during the next launch period that runs Sept 19-30, or during a subsequent October window, an associate NASA administrator, Jim Free, told reporters at a late-afternoon briefing.

He said the postponement also would involve rolling the spacecraft back into its assembly building, un-



The Artemis I unmanned lunar rocket sits on the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center on Sept 2, 2022. (CHANDAN KHANNA / AFP)

der Cape Canaveral "range" rules limiting how long a rocket may remain at its launch tower before undergoing a new round of safety checks indoors.

Mike Sarafin, NASA's Artemis mission manager, said efforts to resolve the latest technical snag would entail "several weeks of work."

NASA chief Bill Nelson said earlier in the day that a rollback would postpone the next launch attempt at least until mid-October, in part to avoid a scheduling conflict with the next International Space Station crew due for launch early that month.

Launch-day delays and malfunctions are not uncommon in the space business, especially for new rockets such as NASA's Space Launch System, a complex vehicle with a set of pre-lift-off procedures that have yet to be fully tested and rehearsed by engineers without a hitch.

On average, the odds of scrubbing a launch on any given day for any reason, including foul weather, are about one-in-three.

"We're not going to launch until it's right, and that is standard operating procedure, and will continue to be," Nelson said at the briefing.

The last-minute setbacks on the launch-

pad came at the tail end of a development program more than a decade in the making, with years of delays and billions of dollars in cost overruns under NASA's respective SLS and Orion contracts with Boeing Co and Lockheed Martin Corp.

Moon to Mars

Apart from its technical challenges, Artemis I signals a major turning point for NASA's post-Apollo human spaceflight program, after decades focused on low-Earth orbit with space shuttles and the International Space Station.

Named for the goddess who was Apollo's twin sister in ancient Greek mythology, Artemis aims to return astronauts to the moon's surface as early as 2025, though many experts believe that time frame will likely slip.

Twelve astronauts walked on the moon during six Apollo missions from 1969 to 1972, the only spaceflights yet to place humans on the lunar surface. But Apollo, born of the US-Soviet space race during the Cold War, was less science-driven than Artemis.

The new moon program has enlisted commercial partners such as SpaceX and the space agencies of Europe, Canada and Japan to eventually establish a long-term

lunar base of operations as a stepping stone to even more ambitious human voyages to Mars.

Getting the SLS-Orion spacecraft launched is a key first step. Its first voyage is intended to put the 5.75-million-pound vehicle through its paces in a rigorous test flight pushing its design limits and aiming to prove the spacecraft suitable to fly astronauts.

If the mission succeeds, a crewed Artemis II flight around the moon and back could come as early as 2024, to be followed within a few more years with the program's first lunar landing of astronauts, one of them a woman, with Artemis III.

Billed as the most powerful, complex rocket in the world, the SLS represents the biggest new vertical launch system NASA has built since the Saturn V of the Apollo era.

China an indispensable part of international cooperation

MANKIND'S experience of combating COVID-19 in the past more than two years once again proves that no country is able to cope with global challenges alone, and to enhance international cooperation is the only way out.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has reiterated on multiple occasions the necessity and urgency to strengthen multilateral cooperation. As a supporter and promoter of multilateralism, China is playing a more and more important role in the global arena. It is an indispensable part of international cooperation especially when protectionism and unilateralism are rearing their heads.

At present, international cooperation needs to be further restructured, and each party should seek to jointly establish a fairer, more inclusive and more efficient global governance system. The vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by China will help establish such a governance system.

China has played a vital role in promoting global recovery relying on its huge economy and important position in the global industrial chain.

China's fast economic recovery was a result of the adequate and effective measures taken by the Chinese government to fight the disease. Besides, the country has also shared its successful experience in pandemic control with other countries and actively provided COVID-19 vaccines to the rest of the world, in a bid to help the international community tide over difficulties.

Over the past few decades, China has achieved remarkable



Sarah Rose G from Belgium is vaccinated in Hefei, east China's Anhui province, becoming one of the first batch of expats in the province to receive a shot, May 12, 2021. File photo

progress in its economic and social development. To maintain continuous opening up is an important experience for China's success. The current reform measures rolled out by the Chinese government indicate that China will keep pursuing a path of opening up.

I'm very optimistic about China's future development. The country has completed its poverty alleviation task as scheduled. I believe its next development goal will be met successfully, too.

China is building a new development paradigm with domestic circulation as the mainstay and domestic and international circulations reinforcing each other. This marks an important innovation in economic development made by the Chinese government based on China's conditions and the international situation. China has entered a new stage of development, and the building of the new development paradigm comes right on time.

China will gradually strengthen its internal impetus to economic development and improve its trade structure and development

quality by raising the proportion of high technologies and high-quality products and services in its total supply.

Over the recent years, China has been filing an increasingly larger number of patent applications, which explains that the economic development of the country is turning more and more technology-intensive.

Eurasia possesses an important position in global economy. The European Union (EU) and China are the most important economies at the two ends of the Eurasian continent. To enhance cooperation between the two sides bears important significance for solving global challenges.

In recent years, the EU and China have maintained stable trade growth and constantly expanded the scope of economic and trade cooperation, with green economy, healthcare and technology becoming new areas of growth.

It conforms to the interests of both sides to safeguard multilateralism and the international trade order and prevent EU-China trade

from being impeded by external environment.

The EU-Asia Connectivity Strategy and the Belt and Road Initiative have provided important platforms where countries on the Eurasian continent can enhance cooperation, and the China-Europe freight trains have offered a significant channel to enhance East-West exchanges and improve the efficiency of cross-border logistics. The EU and China should believe that their common interests are bigger than their differences.

The Eurasian continent now sees a pressing need for a new security framework. The Global Security Initiative proposed by President Xi is quite creative and constructive. It helps build new regional security frameworks and solve geopolitical crises.

As a matter of fact, China has already gained rich experiences in regional and global security governance. For instance, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization has set a good example in safeguarding regional stability, promoting trade and cultural exchanges and providing humanitarian aid. The international society should keep enhancing communication and cooperation, and make the world peaceful again through dialogues.

(Yves Leterme is a former Prime Minister of Belgium.)



Deputy Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Said Yakub, speaks at the MultiChoice Showcase 2022 event which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Govt clamps down on content piracy

By Guardian Correspondent

THE government has received several complaints regarding infringements, especially content piracy in broadcasting, and urged the relevant authority, especially the Copyright Society of Tanzania, to take up the matter and ensure law enforcement.

Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Said Yakub, said so during the 2022 MultiChoice Showcase held in Dar es Salaam on Thursday evening.

He said they have been informed of serious content piracy, especially sports and film content, and they understand that there are broadcasters with exclusive rights on certain content, so it is important that such rights are respected by all players to avoid chaos in the market.

Yakub said that every industry has its challenges, and they have been informed that one of the biggest challenges in the creative industry is copyright infringement, whereas content piracy troubles broadcasters.

"I would like to assure you that the government is working tirelessly to address this issue and, as you are aware, the government recently formed a special committee to review matters related to copyright infringement and content piracy," he said.

He thanked all stakeholders, including MultiChoice, who submitted their comments to the committee and insisted that the government is working on the matter, and it hopes that it, with collective efforts, succeeds.

The Deputy Permanent Secretary urged all operators and individuals to refrain from copyright infringement, saying the issue of copyright is guided by international laws and treaties which Tanzania did ratify so all are obliged to adhere to such treaties.

Conveying greetings from the Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa, who was supposed to officiate the event, Yakub said the ministry recognizes the role played by MultiChoice Tanzania in the fields under the ministry, notably in the creative industry.

The event was attended by various dignitaries that include Noluthando Mayende Malepe, South African High Commissioner to Tanzania, Hussain Ahmad AlHomaid, Qatar's Ambassador to Tanzania, Barzan Ahmad Al Jarba, Second Secretary at the Embassy of Qatar in Tanzania, and Stella Dhlomo Imeika, Counsellor at the South African High Commission to Tanzania.

Ahmad Abdullah Al-Dosari, Third Secretary at the Embassy of Qatar in Tanzania, Nehemia Mchechu, MultiChoice Tanzania's Board Member, Jacqueline Woiso, MultiChoice Tanzania's Managing Director, and representatives from Tanzania Arts Council, COSOTA, and Tanzania Film Board as well attended the occasion.

"I would also like to extend my appreciation to the invited dignitaries for taking the time to attend this event. I can see we have ambassadors from different embassies in Tanzania, CEOs, and leaders of different organizations, editors, and journalists from our media houses without forgetting our artists and content producers. This is a very good indication that there is a very good relationship between our private sector players," he said.

He was asked to note the deliberate efforts made by MultiChoice Tanzania to invest heavily in Tanzania's creative industry, especially in the film industry and content production in general.

Yakub stated: "I was earlier briefed that apart from the company being owned by Tanzanian (by majority shareholding) MultiChoice Tanzania is 100% managed by Tanzanians and its workforce is made up of 100% Tanzanians."

The Deputy Permanent Secretary noted: "I understand that the company is doing very well in gender parity. This shows that the company has made great efforts in equipping its staff with the relevant skills to run the company. I congratulate MultiChoice for this achievement."

"I have also been notified that the company employs (directly and indirectly) thousands of Tanzanians across the country. This is encouraging as the government continues to facilitate private sector in job creation in the country," he said.

He added that people now have seen huge improvements in the fields of sports, arts, and culture and it is an open secret that DSTV is among key stakeholders in the fields.

Yakub revealed: "We all know that DSTV is leading in local film acquisition with several dedicated channels for local content. Channels like Maisha Magic Poa and Maisha Magic Bongo have over 90% of their content being local... this is unquestionably a commendable determination."

"Apart from acquiring content, MultiChoice has gone a step further and introduced MultiChoice Talent Factory Project which gives advanced training to young filmmakers."

"I have been informed that since its introduction three years ago, 13 young Tanzanian filmmakers have graduated and five more are aligned with the 2022 cohort. This capacity-building undertaking is very crucial as we strive to elevate our creative industry to international levels."

"As a result of this investment, we have seen a notable improvement in our film industry and to testify we have just been informed that now our local production are competing in global markets and we have started scooping awards in international film awards such as 'ZIKOMO' in Zambia, Africa Magic Viewers' Choice Awards as well as the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF)," he added.

World Cup finals qualification results building the case for African coaches

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

REjuvenation of spirits is at the local level on the way local coaches, or African coaches at least, now that we have several Burundi or Zambian professionals in Mainland Tanzania Premier League can be relied upon for top-level soccer.

The first order of reference is the national team, especially with the recent replacement of veteran Kim Poulsen as head coach of the senior national side, Taifa Stars, and a replacement who fits the profile of a local coach (due to having coached Namungo FC). His nationality is also quite localized or simply regional.

There is an external environment for boosting this sense of reference, not just the latest appointment, as without some facilitating background images or view of reality such a change would be seen somewhat skeptically.

It is easy to doubt the ability to perform on the part of local coaches, while those hired from outside have actually to show that there is something inadequate, or that we do not expect them to struggle or fight to achieve more.

That is why Tanzania Football Federation felt that winning over Uganda in the return match did not seem as urgent with Poulsen.

The point here is that had it just been a matter of creating a sense of urgency, it would scarcely have sufficed to change the coach hurriedly, and instead perhaps seek to impress on the coach differently, as well as the players.

When some background factors weigh with the fans and the upper echelons of the soccer fraternity, a change in that direction can be fomented and carried out if it is evident there is sufficient consensus.

That needs an appropriate climate of opinion or frame of sentiments among a good number



Geita Gold FC's head coach, Fred Felix 'Minziro'. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GEITA GOLD FC

of those whom TFF officials routinely meet, exchange ideas, or make assessments of what is going on, etc.

There was for instance a meeting of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) in Arusha a few weeks ago, where a lot would have been discussed about the progress African football is making.

There are not many details of what may have been aired or absorbed by those present but a few pieces of data are visible as to the sort of influences that can make an impression on continental administrators of the sport.

An outside event can be cited as the short tenure of renowned South African coach Pitso Mosimane at Egyptian giants Al Ahly, and just as the latter sought a different outlook as they were third in the past league season,

he is asked to take over at Wydad Athletic Club who saw the better of his earlier club.

What this singular event means is that when a coach fails, the replacement does not have to come from Europe but from the neighbourhood, in seeking to make the top-rated South African coach the hallmark of a principle.

Some could say that this is to make a mountain out of a molehill, but there is ample reason why such a view is not necessarily right, in the sense that despite that Mosimane having individual credit or achievement, there is always a generational aspect.

It is that aspect that links up with other top-level coaches taking African qualifiers to the World Cup finals in November, that for at least three teams they are own nationals and thus African coaches - for Cameroon,

Senegal, and Morocco. That shows Mosimane is not alone.

In a sense, this reference board is just rekindling the local coaches' lobby but arguably from a more professional viewpoint, more tested situations, as we also have considerable experience with neighbouring club coaches with clubs or with the national team, like James Sianga in the past, Cedric Kaze, Etienne Ndayiragije or George Lwandamina, among the more recent ones.

Even if we do not as yet have anyone like Mosimane, why can't we trust that it is just a matter of time to arrive?

What cannot be doubted in this train of experience is that coaches in African states are sharpening their skills just as club soccer is improving and national teams' performance is not easily predictable as in the past, as improvements are noticed all over the place.

There was a time being defeated by Uganda in a keenly contested qualification tie would have taken not with greater ease but less desperation had club soccer not given the fan base an impression that plenty is possible.

The idea that clubs are one thing and the national side is another isn't sinking well as yet.

That is, all the same, the reality, that achievements in the CAF Champions League cannot be extrapolated to African Nations Championship, with the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations qualification gathering dust as a point of reference.

Surprisingly that event similarly attests to the 'African coaches' argument, which is hard to pull close enough to enshrine the local coaches' standpoint, despite that finally this is what is being targeted.

All the same, its reasoning is far too simple, trying to create a class of coaches - that they are African based, and ipso facto the local ones can do as well!

Simba SC midfielder yearns for resoluteness in squad

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC's Zambian attacking midfielder Clatous Chama has said that there is a need for the side to work hard this season.

The Msimbazi Street squad owes a lot to its members and enthusiasts after failing to defend the 2021/22 Mainland Premier League title and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC), which were won by an age-old rival, Yanga.

Chama stated that the side should do well this season to restore its dignity and value, and the plan should be seen in action, not just in words.

According to the midfielder, Simba SC has what it takes to excel and get the victory which will bring back the joy of the club's members and followers, and that is why the club's leaders entered the market and signed quality players.

"This season, Simba SC needs to do well and win all titles, it will not be possible without the players being at their best as it is not an easy task due to the existing competition," Chama disclosed.

The footballer stated: "What I showed in the previous games has already passed. I have planned to do better so that the team can win every game, this will be possible should there be cooperation."

"If you look at the quality of the players we had last season and the new ones signed this season, we will do better than last season in all competitions."

He revealed he has returned to Simba SC with renewed vigour, having been sold by Morocco's RS Berkane at the beginning of last season.

Simba SC will return to this season's NBC Premier League on Wednesday, locking horns with Kiondoni Municipal Council FC at



Clatous Chama

the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The Premier League's powerhouse has already collected six points after winning two top-flight

ties against Geita Gold FC and Kagera Sugar.

Meanwhile, newly signed attacker Dejan Georgijevic has asked Simba SC fans to continue to believe in

him as he plans to continue scoring in Premier League matches.

Georgijevic was signed by Simba SC in August from Domale Club in his native Serbia after the footballer was recommended by the Tanzanian outfit's current head coach, Zoran Maki.

The 28-year-old striker said he knows that Simba SC fans are eager to see him score and enable the outfit to garner good results.

He disclosed having realized that, he has to assure them that he is ready to prove his worth, adding that if he is given a chance by coach Maki he will fight to achieve the goal.

"Simba's fans have been showing me love and I owe them happiness by doing well," Georgijevic noted.

The Serbian goal-getter has already scored one goal in this season's NBC Premier League, notching the second in his club's 2-1 win over Kagera Sugar in the second round game played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium at the end of August.

However, he has never started in his side's first team in Premier League games this season, other than being part of the side which battled it out in friendly ties organized by Al Hilal in Khartoum.

Simba SC cruised to a 4-2 win over Ghana's Asante Kotoko in the opening tie, before conceding a 1-0 loss to the hosts in the following match.

In the friendlies, the Msimbazi Street squad was missing a section of its dependable performers that got a call-up for Tanzania's national side which had taken part in African Nations Championship qualifiers' first-round clashes against Uganda.

FIFA, Qatar agree to beer sales at World Cup

DOHA

ORGANISERS of the World Cup in Qatar have finalised a policy to serve beer with alcohol to soccer fans at stadiums and fan zones in the Muslim-majority country.

FIFA said Saturday fans will be allowed to buy Budweiser beer with alcohol within the eight stadium compounds – though not at concourse concession stands – before and after games, and during evenings only at the official “Fan Festival.” That is being held in a downtown Doha park.

Game tickets promising access to champagne, wine, liquor and beer for hospitality clients at Qatar stadiums have been on sale since February 2021 as part of corporate packages offering “premium beverages.”

The beer policy affecting most fans was announced just 11 weeks before the first game and finally fulfills an expectation since Qatar campaigned 12 years ago to be the first World Cup host in the Middle East.

Budweiser has been the exclusive World Cup beer brand since 1986 and parent company AB InBev renewed its deal through 2022 with FIFA in a 2011 signing after Qatar was confirmed as host.

FIFA said Saturday that Budweiser with alcohol will be sold “within the stadium perimeter prior to kickoff and after the final whistle.”

“Inside the stadium bowl ticket holders will have access to non-alcoholic Budweiser Zero,” soccer’s world body said. “At the FIFA Fan Festival, Budweiser will be available to purchase from 6.30 p.m.”

Qatar’s organising committee and AB InBev declined comment Saturday on the issue.

Alcohol is more available in Qatar than some Middle East states though it is served only in hotel restaurants and bars that have licenses. It is illegal to consume it elsewhere.

Still, Qatar has had to relax its regulation of alcohol for the 29-day tournament starting Nov. 20. It is expected to attract more than 1 million visitors, including fans from 31 other nations, to the tiny Emirate.

Qatar has tested its alcohol policies at soccer games including the 2019 Club World Cup that featured Europe’s then-champion Liverpool, South American champion Flamengo and Mexican club Monterrey.

Qatar is not the first World Cup host to ease its stance on alcohol. Before the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, pressure from FIFA led local lawmakers to pass a special bill exempting the tournament from a ban on selling alcohol at stadiums.

Qatar beat four rival bids, including the United States, to win a World Cup hosting contest where candidates were expected to respect FIFA’s deals with commercial partners.

At the time of the FIFA hosting vote in 2010, those World Cup deals included MATCH Hospitality selling corporate packages and AB InBev. Both firms re-upped with FIFA one year later.

“It is important to remember,” MATCH Hospitality executive chairman Jaime Byrom told The Associated Press in a recent interview, “that the entire bid process of the FIFA World Cup is designed to deliver the kind of World Cup experience that all fans from around the world have a reason to expect and to look forward to.”

(Agencies)

West Ham manager Moyes ‘embarrassed’ for VAR after Chelsea loss

LONDON

WEST Ham manager David Moyes said he felt “embarrassed” for VAR official Jarred Gillett following a controversial finish to his team’s 2-1 defeat by Chelsea in the Premier League on Saturday.

Moyes was involved in a furious confrontation with referee Andy Madley at the end of the match after the Hammers were denied a late equaliser when Maxwell Cornet had a goal disallowed by VAR.

Madley gave the goal, having no issues regarding Jarrod Bowen’s contact with Edouard Mendy after the Chelsea keeper spilled the ball.

VAR, however, instructed Madley to review the incident on the pitchside monitors and the goal was chalked off.

An angry Moyes gave vent to his feelings during a post-match news conference following a London derby where Michail Antonio’s opener just after the hour mark was cancelled out by Chelsea substitute Ben Chilwell’s equaliser before Kai Havertz won the game for the Blues two minutes from time.

The Scottish boss insisted he had “lost faith” in “weak” Premier League refereeing standards.

- ‘No excuse’ -

Reflecting on Cornet’s disallowed goal, Moyes said: “The goalkeeper comes to take it, and actually fumbles it out of his hands five or six yards, so he could never recover it.

“Then he acted as if he had a shoulder injury. I’m amazed that VAR sent the referee for him to see it...It was a ridiculously bad decision.

“I’d question VAR today as much as the referee. But the referee should have stuck to his own guns today.

“There’s no excuse for VAR today, there is no excuse for that to be a goal, none whatsoever. The sad thing is this is the level of the weak refereeing at the moment.”

He added: “Look, ultimately, I make loads of mistakes, referees can make loads of mistakes. But I would hope if the referee made a mistake that’s why it’s corrected by VAR.

“But if you’re saying today that the referee’s mistake was corrected by VAR, I’m saying I do not see that in a million years.

AFP

Let Serena define her legacy as she leaves tennis

NEW YORK

AFTER all of the many tributes to Serena Williams were done, the celebratory words and the video montages, the standing ovations and the shouts of her name, it seemed appropriate that she herself would provide the defining look at her legacy.

So the last question at the news conference after her last match of the U.S. Open – and, it seems clear, of her career – offered Williams the chance to say how she’d most like to be remembered.

“I feel like I really brought something, and bring something, to tennis. The different looks. The fist pumps. The just crazy intensity. ... ‘Passion,’ I think, is a really good word. Just continuing through ups and downs,” she responded Friday night. “I could go on and on. But I just honestly am so grateful that I had this moment – and



Serena Williams, of the United States, waves to the crowd after losing to Ajla Tomljanovic, of Australia, during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, in New York. (AP Photo)

that I’m Serena.”

That captures so much about her so well.

And to think: Williams, who turns 41 this month, did not even mention anything about being an elite athlete or any of the statistics that help define what she did with a racket in her hand.

The 23 championships at the Grand Slam tournaments that have come to define success in her sport. Another 50 singles titles

elsewhere. The 14 majors in doubles with her sister, Venus. The 319 weeks at No. 1. The four Olympic gold medals.

So, sure, it’s impossible to assess Williams without considering her place in the pantheon of superstars, as worthy as anyone – woman or man, this generation or any other, this sport or any other – of the honorific “Greatest of All Time” (one clever spectator at Williams’ 7-5, 6-7 (4),

6-1 loss to Ajla Tomljanovic held up a poster with, simply, a drawing of a goat).

“She is an all-time great. Obviously, that’s an understatement,” said Martina Navratilova, an 18-time major winner who certainly is part of that whole conversation.

But Williams is also about a lot more than that.

No Black woman had won a Slam title since Althea Gibson in the 1950s until Williams came along and collected her first at the 1999 U.S. Open at age 17. Over the more than two decades since, Williams and Venus, who earned seven major singles trophies of her own, get credit for inspiring Coco Gauff and Naomi Osaka and countless others to play tennis, yes, but also for pushing plenty of others to change their views about what can be done and what can’t.

“She embodies that no dream is too big,” Tomljanovic said. “You can do anything if you believe in yourself, you love what

you do and you have an incredible support system around you.”

There’s more.

She won a Grand Slam title while pregnant, went through scary health complications after giving birth to her daughter, Olympia, in 2017, and would return to the tour and reach four more major finals.

She has a venture capital firm that raised more than \$100 million.

“Everyone looks at her and tries to be like Serena,” said Caroline Garcia, a Frenchwoman seeded 17th and into the fourth round at the U.S. Open. “And I’m sure that’s going to be for years to come.”

Williams wore what she wanted on a tennis court. She reacted how she wanted, during and away from her matches. She said what she wanted, sometimes addressing social issues, sometimes not, but there always was a sense that she was the one who decided.

There were those who criticized her, of course.

Those who wondered whether she was doing things the right way. Just as there were those who thought it was a mistake for her father, Richard, to keep his young daughters away from the junior tennis circuit.

Um, seems as if that worked out, huh?

“I will definitely (be) missing her on the courts,” Tomljanovic said, surely echoing the thoughts of many. “It will not be the same.”

No, tennis most definitely will not be the same without Williams. Not even close.

That’s OK, though. It’s time, as Williams famously wrote, for her to be “evolving” away from her days as a player. It’s time for her to devote extra energy to being a mom and a businesswoman and whatever else life brings her way.

As Williams observed after hitting one last shot: “I have such a bright future ahead of me.”

AP

Serena Williams: 23 Grand Slam singles titles and much more

By HOWARD FENDRICH

SERENA Williams’ quarter-century professional tennis career came to end with a 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-1 loss to Ajla Tomljanovic in the third round of the U.S. Open on Friday night.

Williams turns 41 on Sept. 26 and says she wants to grow her family – she has a 5-year-old daughter, Olympia – and pursue business interests.

Williams leaves the sport with 23 Grand Slam singles titles, another 14 major championships in doubles with her older sister, Venus, plus hundreds of weeks at No. 1 in the WTA rankings, four Olympic gold medals, dozens of other trophies and millions of dollars.

A look at some key moments in her career:

PROFESSIONAL DEBUT

Williams’ first tour-level match came on Oct. 28, 1995, about a month after her 14th birthday. It was in the first round of qualifying for an event Quebec City, Canada, and Williams lost 6-1, 6-1 to Annie Miller, who was 18 and ranked 149th at the time.

GRAND SLAM DEBUT

Williams won the first Grand Slam match of her career, at age 16 at the 1998 Australian Open, beating No. 6 seed Irina Spirlea 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-1. Williams then lost in the second round to – guess who? – her older sister, Venus.

GRAND SLAM TITLE NO. 1

Williams claimed her first Grand Slam title at age 17 by beating Martina Hingis 6-3, 7-6 (4) in the U.S. Open final on Sept. 11, 1999, becoming the first Black woman to win a major tennis championship since Althea Gibson in 1958. The next day, Serena and Venus defeated Chanda Rubin and Sandrine Testud 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 in the doubles final for the first of their 14 women’s doubles Grand Slam trophies as a pair.

PRIME TIME

The U.S. Open women’s final moved to prime time in 2001, a move widely attributed to the Williams sisters’ ascension in the sport; nearly 23 million viewers tuned in as Venus beat Serena for the championship, the largest TV audience of any program that night, including a college football

game between Notre Dame and Nebraska.

GRAND SLAM 2

Serena beat Venus 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the 2002 French Open, the first time in 11 Grand Slam matches between two sisters in the professional era that the younger one won.

GRAND SLAM 3

Serena Williams again beat her sister in an all-in-the-family final at a major tournament, winning 7-6 (4), 6-3 against two-time defending champion Venus at Wimbledon in 2002. “My dad always said that one day we’d be playing in the finals of Wimbledon, in the finals of the U.S. Open, just the big ones,” Serena said that day. “And here we were, 10, 15 years later.”

DEBUT AT NO. 1 IN RANKINGS

Serena Williams first appeared at No. 1 in the WTA rankings on July 8, 2002, two days after winning Wimbledon. She would go on to spend 319 weeks there – the third-most of anyone – including a stretch of 187 consecutive weeks, tied with Steffi Graf for the most in a row.

GRAND SLAM 4

A third consecutive all-Williams major final produced a third consecutive title for Serena, this time via a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Venus in the 2002 U.S. Open final.

GRAND SLAM 5

Wrapping up a so-called “Serena Slam” – four major titles in a row – Serena beat Venus yet again in the 2003 Australian Open final. The score was 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4. That made Serena the fifth woman to hold all four Grand Slam titles at once, adding to the titles she won in 2002 at the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open.

GRAND SLAM 6

Serena successfully defended her Wimbledon title in 2003, defeating her sister 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; Venus was bothered by a strained abdominal muscle.

GRAND SLAM 7

After missing time because of surgery on her left knee, Williams came back to beat Lindsay Davenport 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 in the 2005 Australian Open final.

GRAND SLAM 8

Again returning after being sidelined for a stretch because of her knee, Williams overwhelmed Maria

Sharapova 6-1, 6-2 in the 2007 Australian Open final. Williams was ranked just 81st after missing much of the previous season and became only the second unseeded woman in the professional era to win the Australian Open.

GRAND SLAM 9

Williams won her third U.S. Open title by getting past Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 7-5 in the 2008 final.

GRAND SLAM 10

A 6-0, 6-3 defeat of Dinara Safina gave Williams her fourth Australian Open trophy in 2009.

GRAND SLAM 11

Serena beat Venus 7-6 (3), 6-2 in the 2009 singles final at the All England Club for her third Wimbledon title – each title match coming against her sister – and then they went back out on court and teamed up to win the doubles trophy, too.

GRAND SLAM 12

A 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Justine Henin in the 2010 final gave Williams her fifth Australian Open championship.

GRAND SLAM 13

Williams defeated Vera Zvonareva 6-3, 6-2 in the 2010 Wimbledon final for her fourth title at the All England Club.

SERIOUS INJURY

Williams’ career has seen its share of injury interruptions; one of her most difficult moments came a few days after her 13th Grand Slam title, when she cut her feet on broken glass while leaving a restaurant in Germany. She eventually needed two operations on her right foot and spent 10 weeks in a cast, then 10 weeks in a walking boot. Then she got blood clots in her lungs and a pool of

blood under the skin of her stomach.

FIRST-ROUND EXIT

The first first-round Grand Slam loss of Williams’ career came against Virginie Razzano at the 2012 French Open. Soon after that, Williams began working with coach Patrick Mouratoglou; that partnership ended this year after about a decade and 10 major titles together.

GRAND SLAM 14

Williams ended a two-year Grand Slam drought at Wimbledon in 2012 with a 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 win against Agnieszka Radwanska in the final.

GRAND SLAM 15

Two points from defeat, Williams turned things around and grabbed the last four games to edge Victoria Azarenka 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 for the 2012 U.S. Open title, her fourth at Flushing Meadows. It was the first three-set U.S. Open women’s final since 1995.

GRAND SLAM 16

A year after her early exit at Roland Garros, and more than a decade after her first title there, Williams won the 2013 French Open by beating defending champion Sharapova 6-4, 6-4 in the final.

GRAND SLAM 17

Williams beat Azarenka in a three-set final in New York again, 7-5, 6-7 (6), 6-1, to collect a fifth U.S. Open title in 2013.

GRAND SLAM 18

Never dropping more than three games in a set, including a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Caroline Wozniacki in the final, Williams equaled Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova with 18 major championships by capturing the 2014 U.S. Open. Williams won a third straight

title at Flushing Meadows and sixth overall.

GRAND SLAM 19

Williams beat Sharapova 6-3, 7-6 (5) in the 2015 Australian Open final to improve to 6-0 in title matches at Melbourne Park.

GRAND SLAM 20

Williams overcame a lingering illness to defeat Lucie Safarova 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-2 in the 2015 French Open final for a third trophy in Paris.

GRAND SLAM 21

Williams stretched her Grand Slam winning streak to 28 matches and completed a second “Serena Slam” of four majors in a row by beating Garbiñe Muguruza 6-4, 6-4 in the 2015 Wimbledon final.

NO CALENDAR-YEAR GRAND SLAM

Williams’ bid for the first true Grand Slam in tennis since 1988 – winning all four singles championships during one calendar year – came up just short: She lost in the 2015 U.S. Open semifinals to 43rd-ranked Roberta Vinci 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

GRAND SLAM 22

Williams equaled Graf’s record for most Grand Slam titles in the professional era (also known as the Open era, it began in 1968) by collecting No. 22 at Wimbledon in 2016 with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Angelique Kerber in the final. It was a seventh Wimbledon trophy for Williams.

GRAND SLAM 23

Williams surpassed Graf by getting record No. 23 at the 2017 Australian Open with a win, fittingly, against Venus in the final, 6-4, 6-4. Only Margaret Court has won more Grand Slam singles titles in tennis history, 24, but only 11 of hers came

during the professional era.

No one knew it at the time, but Williams was pregnant at Melbourne Park; her daughter, Olympia, would be born on Sept. 1. Williams dealt with health complications after the birth.

RETURN TO TENNIS

Williams returned to Grand Slam action at the 2018 French Open and made it to the finals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open that year – and at both tournaments again in 2019. She was the runner-up all four times.

SAYING GOODBYE

After being injured in the first round of Wimbledon in 2021, Williams was off the tour for a year. She returned to singles action at Wimbledon this June and lost in the first round. She announced via an essay in Vogue magazine released on Aug. 9 that she was preparing to close out her playing days. She said she was “evolving” away from tennis and did not like word “retirement.” Williams indicated the 2022 U.S. Open would be the final tournament of her career.

2022 U.S. OPEN

The tournament instantly became a celebration of Williams’ career and she thrilled the loud fans who filled Arthur Ashe Stadium by winning twice, first against Danka Kovinic, then against No. 2-ranked Anett Kontaveit. But the run came to an end in the third round against Ajla Tomljanovic, a 29-year-old Australian ranked 46th. The Williams sisters lost in the first round of doubles.

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Janza: Taifa Stars did not take chances against Uganda



Tanzania's national soccer side 'Taifa Stars' interim head coach, Honour Janza.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Taifa Stars interim head coach, Honour Janza, was left to rue several missed chances from his side in a 3-0 away defeat to Uganda in the African Nations Championship qualifiers' return leg played at the St. Marys Stadium, Kitende on Saturday afternoon.

Goals netted by Moses Waiswa, Richard Basangwa, and Rogers Mato ensured Uganda eliminated Tanzania for the third time in the African Nations Championship qualifiers.

Taifa Stars, in search of an equalizer, dominated possession, but were short on any clear-cut chances, as

Uganda cruised to a halftime 1-0 lead before adding two more in the second half.

Forwards Danny Lyanga and Habib Kyombo passed up two glaring opportunities either side of halftime, while midfielder Feisal Salum was also wasteful with speculative shots as Taifa Stars failed to

score any goal in both legs against Uganda's Cranes.

The Zambian coach noted: "We came not to get this result, we came to get the victory but something did not go positively, especially in the first half."

The gaffer pointed out: "Sometimes it happens where

you don't anticipate second decisions but we have to accept it because it is football."

"It was difficult to come back but we were able to in the last 25 minutes of the first half, we created chances. And in the second half, we tried to look for an equalizer but it could come though we created chances."

The gaffer disclosed: "I think it is only that we did not make the best out of our chances but our colleagues utilized theirs and that is the difference between ourselves and ourselves and that is what football is all about."

Uganda's Cranes head coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic boasted of his side's supremacy over Tanzania, calling it a habit.

Micho was in charge in two previous campaigns where Uganda eliminated Tanzania.

Micho revealed: "When we won 4-1 on aggregate against Tanzania in 2013, people said it was an accident. When we defeated them again 4-1 in 2015, some could call it a coincidence, but with this 4-0 aggregate, it's a habit."

The gaffer disclosed: "In my entire coaching career, I've not enjoyed working more than I am with this group of players. It's a pleasure working with them."

"I believe we have shown an enormous amount of mental strength, and fitness while technically, we have been effective," he added.

Uganda joins Sudan and Ethiopia as the CECAFA region representatives at the 2023 African Nations Championship finals which will take place in Algeria.

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Mwakinyo in need of rematch with Smith

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN pugilist Hassan Mwakinyo has defended himself after suffering Technical Knockout (TKO) loss to England's Liam Smith in an international non-title fight at Echo Arena in Liverpool last weekend.

The East African country's number one Super Welterweight boxer was beaten by Smith in the fourth round of a 12-round Super Welterweight fight and, according to him, there are numerous reasons why he lost his bout.

Under pressure in the fourth round, Mwakinyo had his right knee on the canvas in his corner and that prompted a count from the referee.

As Smith closed in, Mwakinyo went down again and the Liverpool-born pugilist opened up with punches, belting the latter to the ropes.

The referee had taken it as a sign of surrender from Mwakinyo, waving the bout off at 1.46 minutes of the fourth.

Mwakinyo, though, quickly rose to remonstrate, seeming to want to continue once the referee's verdict was in.

"I was given new ring shoes that squeezed me, and made me uncomfortable every time I boxed," Mwakinyo said shortly after the fight.

The pugilist noted: "I lost my bag at the airport when I came to England, when I got here I was given another pair of shoes that when I was fighting were very tight and I got a problem we ankle."

"I had to spit out the mouth guard, the referee asked me if I could continue and I said yes, but as time went on I failed and was beaten by TKO."

"But I don't count the result as a TKO loss since everyone has seen the fight, however, I will talk to the promoter to see if I can get a rematch with Smith," he said.

Mwakinyo, the former International Boxing Organization (IBO) champion, is best known for his shock win over England's Sam Eggington in Birmingham four years ago.

He was working a bit better than expected against a man in 'beefy' who had previously shared plenty of rounds with him before Saturday night's encounter at the M&S Bank Arena.

Mwakinyo slipped at the end of the third round and it appeared that he injured his ankle but then continued fighting with a rally of hard shots.

Until yesterday morning, the Tanzanian has continued to remain in the 40th spot in the world in the Super Welterweight category, in 2018 when he beat Eggington and became number 14 in the world.

Twiga Stars plot Botswana's downfall in 2022 COSAFA Women's Championship

By Correspondent Joseph

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TANZANIA'S national women's soccer squad 'Twiga Stars' will this afternoon face Botswana in the ongoing Hollywoodbets COSAFA Women's Championship at Madibaz Stadium in South Africa.

Bakari Shime, Twiga Stars' head coach, said his charges are ready for the encounter.

Twiga Stars, the show-down's defending champions, come into today's duel having notched a 3-0 win over Comoros in the opening clash on Friday, while Botswana comes from a 1-1 draw in a clash against Malawi.

Eneka Kasonga netted two goals and Donisia Minja recorded one goal as Twiga Stars garnered the resounding victory over Comoros girls, while Botswana's women's squad's goal was scored by Ganyadiwe Ontlametse.

While the odds appear to be in favour of Tanzania's women's squad, the side's coach Bakari Shime said they will not underestimate Botswana's women's team, nicknamed 'Mares', saying in football anything



Tanzania's national women's football team 'Twiga Stars' midfielder, Irene Kisisa (L), challenges Comoros' footballer as the sides faced off in the 2022 COSAFA Women's Championship tie held in South Africa on Friday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

can happen.

He said he expects Botswana to start the game at full throttle as they did with Malawi in last weekend's clash.

"We are ready for tomorrow (today's) encounter, everyone is focused and

believes we can get the desired outcome, our opponents are a good side and we expect a tough match," the gaffer pointed out.

"I though believe the players will work extremely hard to execute our game plan to perfection,"

the Twiga Stars' coach stated in a monitored radio interview.

After today's game, the last fixture of Twiga Stars in the 12-team showdown will see the squad lock horns with Malawi on Wednesday.

It will be a repeat of last edition's COSAFA Women's Championship final which saw Twiga Stars emerge as winners after commanding a 1-0 victory over Malawi.

Comoros' women's squad has shown a rapid improvement in recent

years and might have gotten a more positive result had they taken their chances in the match against Twiga Stars.

It was just three years ago that Comoros conceded 35 goals across their three pool games at the COSAFA Women's Championship, but they look a much more composed and organized side this year and gave the Twiga Stars a run for their money.

Donisia put the East African guest nation ahead on 14 minutes with an effort from the edge of the six-yard box before Eneka fired in a superb shot to make it 2-0.

That goal was with her right foot, but Eneka added a second with her left as he drilled the ball home from a tight angle in 51 minutes.

The action returned to Group A on Saturday when hosts South Africa looked to make it back-to-back wins when they came up against Mauritius at the Madibaz Stadium (kick-off 15h30 CAT).

The youthful Banyana Banyana eased past Angola 3-0 in their opener, while Mauritius was beaten 5-0 by Mozambique.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

