



PROPERTYWATCH
DISCOVER INFORM INSPIRE

ACORN TO BUY LAND IN JUJA, NAIROBI FOR MORE HOSTELS

Start-up hybrid: How misfits out-innovate established companies

India-Tanzania friendship cup returns purpose to foster bonds through golf

Vodacom pledges to grow Lesotho's digital economy

EDUCATION



8BN/- TO BOOST SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PAGE 3

EMPLOYMENT



STEPS TO CURB YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT PAGE 4

HEALTH



PLAN ON HIV/AIDS FINANCE SUSTAINABILITY PAGE 6

AGRICULTURE



ORGANIC FARMING IN MVOMERO PAGE 11

Samia: Fast-track identity number issuance

Governance barometer shows public optimism

By Henry Mwangonde

MOST Tanzanians are optimistic about the direction of the country, mainly due to high government performance on various aspects but are concerned with rising prices of commodities and youth unemployment, a recent survey has indicated.

Dr Lucas Katera, a principal researcher at REPOA think tank in Dar es Salaam, said this yesterday in outlining findings of a new Afrobarometer survey in its ninth round, unveiled at the outfit's premises in Regent Estate, Dar es Salaam.

The survey covered economic issues, overall future direction, corruption and crime, rule of law, preferred form of government, democracy and freedom of expression as well as trust in public institutions.

The Afrobarometer is a Pan-African non-partisan survey network that provides reliable data on experiences and evaluations in various topics gauging

“We have cordial relations with all the countries involved in the opening of the China-Africa Centre and similar centres in the various continents,

leadership performance and popular expectations.

Around 21-percent of those surveyed, by implication a similar percentage of citizens, said they were happy with the government performance as to keeping prices low.

Upwards of 45 percent of citizens are happy with the government's performance in job creation while 59 percent said they were happy with overall direction of the country, the researcher noted.

The survey indicated that 61 percent of citizens are happy with the overall governance of the economy while

TURN TO Page 2



President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Airtel Africa Ltd CEO and managing director Olusegun Ogunsanya (2nd-L) unveil plaque to launch the Airtel 2Africa communication fibre centre at Mbezi Tangi Bovu in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on: Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye (L) and Airtel Tanzania managing director Dinesh Balsingh (R). Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday directed the Home Affairs ministry and the Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology to fast-track the process of introducing unified identity card numbers.

Launching the Airtel 2Africa submarine cable and 5G internet facilitation in Dar es Salaam, she said the National Identification Authority (NIDA) needs to work together with the two ministries in supervising the harmonisation of digital identification systems in public institutions.

The president tasked Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa with the work of overseeing liaisons between the respective ministries to bring up the 'lifetime identifier'.

This involves ensuring that government offices and other public services go digital, with the comprehensive digital ID expected to contain detailed information on the holder.

That will enable all users to electronically access critical government services and services based in the private sector, she said, adding that the IDs will also help the public know one another and thus strengthen security.

"I have said this two times and this is the third time, so I want to see implementation of this," she stated, emphasizing the need to ensure that the country's systems are harmonised.

"We should not be preaching on podiums everyday on digital services while we are not utilising them," she said, urging the public to ensure that they have national IDs (NIDA cards) bearing correct information to avoid disturbances when seeking services in various areas.

She said the submarine cable and 5G internet

High Court rejects DP World petition

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE High Court of Tanzania (Mbeya Division) has thrown out a petition demanding a declaration of constitutional non-compliance of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between Tanzania and the Emirate of Dubai focused on cooperation in operating the Dar es Salaam Port.

The decision was handed down by a panel of three judges, led by Judge Dunstan Ndunguru, alongside Judge Mustafa Ismail and Judge Abdi Kagomba, who were unanimous that the agreement between the two governments was within the law, and thus the petition lacked merit.

The two core issues that were given a decision by the court include the

“If the plaintiffs see that TPA (Tanzania Ports Authority) entered into such procurement, then they should have joined TPA in this case

demand that Article 2, 4(2), Article 28(1) and Article 3 of the agreement violates Articles 1, 8, and 28(1) and (3) of the 1977 constitution, demanding to determine if the IGA "is a contract in the context of the law of contract".

The court ruled that the IGA is not

a contract within the confines of the law of contract, adding that the panel concurred that the Emirate of Dubai has authority to enter into such agreements.

"The plaintiffs have not stated whether Dubai is barred from entering into an investment partnership agreement, as it is a matter of evidence," the presiding judge noted, agreeing with the state attorney that the Emirate has the ability to enter into investment cooperation agreements.

Regarding whether the IGA violates Section 64 of the Procurement Act, the panel rejected that argument, saying that the IGA is an international agreement and that no purchases were made in that accord.

TURN TO Page 2

“The launch of this high technology by Airtel Tanzania is the best example of public-private partnership,” she said, affirming that the government alone cannot achieve technological goals and needs collaboration

facility are great developments likely to transform the country's communication and digital services and thus enabling use of opportunities generated by the 4th Industrial Revolution, moving from mechanical automation to artificial intelligence.

The submarine cable will further underpin strong and fixed broadband with improved connectivity even for the underserved and rural areas. It will greatly stimulate an inclusive digital economy and make Tanzania a centre of excellence in the sector, she further noted.

"The launch of this high technology by Airtel Tanzania is the best example of public-private partnership," she said, adding that the government alone cannot achieve technological goals and needs collaboration.

TURN TO Page 2

USAID extending \$24m in food storage campaign

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

MORE than 0.9m farmers, among them youth and women small-scale holders, will benefit from a \$24m food security, focusing on proper harvest and storage, a farmers' organisation said yesterday. Dr Jacqueline Mkindi, the Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA) chief executive officer, affirms that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is

financing the project, working with the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) secretariat. The five-year project seeks to empower youth and women, scale-up agricultural commercialisation, increase smallholder farmers' resilience, and address impacts of climate change with climate-smart agricultural technologies, she stated. TAHA announced the signing of the project at the climax of the Farmers'

Exhibition, noting that SAGCOT will supervise its implementation, with TAHA in a consulting role for synergies relating to export crops, she said. Declaring that the project marks a defining moment, she said that it is a substantial leap for the country's efforts to shift from conventional subsistence farming to commercial agriculture. It is also a step forward in enticing the youth and women to

engage in agriculture in an assured manner, as project objectives include supporting over 370,000 youths and 279,000 women to venture into agro-based projects, she said. The projects involve high-value crops production, processing and marketing for them to access well priced markets, she stated, elaborating that the new project is geared to facilitate extensive adoption of climate-smart

TURN TO Page 2



Governance barometer shows public optimism

FROM PAGE 1

the government's performance in the provision of social service is perceived to be high, he said.

It shows that 82 percent of citizens approve government performance in addressing educational needs, with 69 percent approving basic health needs provision.

According to the Afrobarometer, government performance of fighting corruption is perceived to be high (65percent) despite a slight decrease from previous survey. However major improvements are recorded over the past 15 years.

Government approval for efforts to reduce crime is perceived by the majority (74percent) while 82 percent of citizens approve government measures to promote equal

rights and opportunities for women, the report reads.

The president is perceived to have respect for the other pillars of the state, thus respecting the rule of law, as 82-percent of citizens believe that the president respects courts of law. Similarly, 81 percent of citizens affirm that the president respects the legislature, the report specified.

Many citizens are sensitive about democratic institutions with participation in decision-making, in contrast with one-man decision making systems or military intervention. They are ardent on presidential term limits as at present, he said.

Dr Donald Mmari, the REPOA executive director, said Afrobarometer surveys stimulate debate among the general public on issues that affect their lives.



Salim Biman (C), the opposition ACT-Wazalendo's acting secretary general for Zanzibar and Information and Publicity secretary, leads the party's delegation at a meeting with officials from the Registrar of Political Parties Office led by Deputy Registrar Hollo Kazi. It was held at the party's office at Vuga in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

High Court rejects DP World petition

FROM PAGE 1

"If the plaintiffs see that TPA (Tanzania Ports Authority) entered into such procurement, then they should have joined TPA in this case," he said, affirming that the argument is similarly rejected by the court.

Regarding whether the public was informed and given enough time to express their opinion, the panel affirmed its recognition that Article 63 gives Parliament the power to ratify international agreements such as the IGA. The panel reemphasized that Parliament should not be interfered with in its internal

work, including that of ratifying such agreements, pointing out that this is a position based on decisions of various international cases.

"And our conclusion is that, despite the effects of the procedure, we refrain from seeing if any such deficiency affected the contract. The court refrains from overstepping its bounds," the lead judge stated, citing this as a premise to reject the issue of non-compliance with the constitution. However, the panel agreed that Article 20 (1) of the IGA violates the Asset Protection Law as it requires that even signed contracts, in the case of conflicts,

be arbitrated outside the country. "We are surprised at the writing of that Article. However, Article 22 of the IGA provides the opportunity to make amendments, so such a small defect cannot make the contract invalid," the judges declared. "If some articles violate the status of the country, that interpretation is not correct. Violation of defense and security is a wrong interpretation because Article 28 refers to military invasion, so we reject it in general," the ruling intoned, affirming the decision that the complaints brought by the plaintiffs are unfounded and are duly dismissed.

"Consequently, with that decision, the IGA contract is valid," the lead judge affirmed, whereupon Boniface Mwabukusi, the plaintiffs' lawyer said outside the court that they were not satisfied with the decision and intend to file an appeal to the Court of Appeal immediately. Alphonse Lusako, an advocate also cited as a plaintiff, said they have already instructed their lawyers to take the case to the Court of Appeal, asserting that the court "hesitated in deciding". "Since this court is afraid of telling the truth, then we will go to the Court of Appeal," he noted.

USAID extending US \$24m in food storage campaign

FROM PAGE 1

agricultural technologies. It will generate jobs and incomes for smallholder farmers to increase food and export crops through TAHA under USAID support, she said, in the background of raising horticulture industry export value from \$60m in 2006 to a staggering \$800m in 2019.

Reduce food loss and waste, the project will enhance food security, improve livelihoods, increase employment and generate export opportunities, she said, indicating that the urgency of the project is tied to official data showing that 40 to 50 percent of harvests are lost between the field and final markets.

The project was designed in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and aligns with its national post-harvest management strategy and is expected to be implemented in regions like Arusha, Mbeya, Morogoro, Njombe, Coast, Tanga, and in Zanzibar, she specified.

Craig Hart, the USAID country mission director said the agency was celebrating Tanzania's significant strides in the agriculture, livestock, and fisheries sectors.

Prior to designing the project, Tanzania received renewed designation as a 'feed the future' focus country, with USAID administrator Samantha Power visiting the country in June.

She reaffirmed US robust partnership with Tanzania in food security and nutrition, poverty reduction and agricultural growth.

African coffee nations push for intra-continent trade of coffee products

By Special Correspondent, Kampala

DELEGATES from Africa's 25 coffee-producing countries are meeting in the Ugandan capital of Kampala with the aim of influencing the African Union to make coffee a priority crop on the continent that will pull millions of people out of poverty.

Experts argue that once the continent's political leadership understands the power of coffee in transforming economies, it will bolster the continent's efforts to internally trade the "strategic commodity" but also speak with a united force on the international market.

The meeting, dubbed the 2nd G-25 Heads of State Africa Coffee Summit, is convening from Aug. 7 to Aug. 10 under the theme "Transforming the African Coffee Sector through Value Addition," which is in line with the theme of the 2023 African Union agenda that focuses on accelerating the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Ezra Suruma, Uganda's former finance minister and an economist, told Xinhua in a recent interview that the 25 coffee-producing countries meeting together to speak with one voice is a major step in efforts to influence the international market.



Prof Kitila Mkumbo (in sunglasses), Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), has a word with Tanzania Investment Centre executive director Gilead Teri (R) yesterday during a tour of KNAUF factory, which manufactures ceiling boards. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Samia: Fast-track identity number issuance

FROM PAGE 1

The president said that owing to the rapid growth of the ICT sector, the government was placing a conducive environment to facilitate investments. The development of digital services and investing in modern infrastructure will facilitate the provision of services promoting digital inclusion, she asserted. "Many Tanzanians are still unable to

buy smart phones," she said, pointing at the need for companies in collaboration with the government to install free WIFI services in public places, universities and markets.

Users who will benefit from free WIFI need to utilise internet access well by widening their knowledge, seeking opportunities and improving incomes, she said, citing the role of the National

ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) as reducing investment costs for service providers.

Dinesh Balsingh, the Airtel (T) managing director, meanwhile said that 5G will enable internet customers to access real-time gaming, streaming live content on an ultra-fast network for home internet.

Nape Nnauye, the Information minister, said that currently cables used in the

country are 16 terabyte per second while the Airtel2Africa cable has capacity for 180 terabyte per second.

He said the launch of the cable will greatly reduce costs and stimulate digital inclusion in the country, with the government moving to facilitate installation of free WIFI in various public places including inside rapid transit buses.

Three Tanzanian projects picked for artificial intelligence drive

By Guardian Reporter

THREE Tanzanian projects have been announced as part of the list of locally led innovation initiatives meant to build an evidence base for use of artificial intelligence (AI) large language models in low- and middle-income countries to improve the livelihoods and well-being of communities globally.

A statement released yesterday by Gates Foundation which supports the initiative, stated that the global call for locally led innovation will help build an evidence base for use of artificial intelligence (AI) large language models in low- and middle-income countries to improve the livelihood and well-being of communities globally.

Zameer Brey, interim deputy director for Technol-

ogy Diffusion at the Gates Foundation said the announcement is part of the foundation's Grand Challenges programme, a family of initiatives fostering innovation to solve pressing global health and development problems.

He noted that responsible and safe use of AI-driven LLM technology has the potential to help solve some of the world's toughest health and development challenges.

The three Tanzanians projects are part of a group of nearly 50 grant recipients who are developing global health and development solutions for their communities using AI-enabled.

According to Brey, the foundation received more than 1,300 proposals where more than 80 percent were from LMICs and nearly 50 selected projects from

17 LMICs are aligned with the foundation's goal of fostering a global innovation ecosystem in places where it will have the most impact.

Each recipient will receive up to \$100,000 to advance its research project, for a total of \$5 million in grants.

Brey said the vibrant energy, boundless creativity, and unwavering commitment from innovators to tackle the most vexing challenges has sparked a wave of interest and excitement in the positive impact AI can have in the lives of the vulnerable.

"Too often, advances in technology deliver uneven benefits in many parts of the world due to existing patterns of discrimination, inequality, and bias," said Juliana Rotich, co-founder of iHub, an incubator for Nairobi's young technology entrepreneurs and who

has agreed to serve on the foundation's new AI Ethics and Safety Advisory committee.

She noted: "AI is no different, with most of the tools being developed in the Global North using data from lower-resourced regions that is often incomplete or inaccurate. To realize the full potential of AI, it must be developed responsibly and ethically, with the needs of the end user in mind. Solutions can be transformative when they are locally inspired."

"For 20 years, the foundation has sought and seeded innovation to solve the world's hardest problems. We believe that accelerating progress in health and development requires collaboration among innovators from as many disciplines and as many countries as possible," said Kedest Tesfagiorgis, deputy director of Global Partnerships & Grand Challenges at the



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (C), who doubles as Mbeya Urban constituency legislator, pictured in Mbeya city yesterday receiving 610 bags of cement from Deusedith Maseke for use in the construction of a Cardiac and Neurosurgery building at the Mbeya Regional Referral Hospital yesterday. Left is the hospital's managing director, Dr Godlove Mbwani. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Tunduma border post officials urged to end bureaucracy to improve cross-border trade

By Guardian Correspondent, Tunduma

EXAUD Kigahe, Deputy Industry and Trade Minister has called officials at the One Tunduma Stop Border Post (POSBP) to perform their duties diligently and to avoid bureaucracy in order to boost the country's business environment.

Kigahe made the remarks on Wednesday this week after his visit to the border post's all institutions under his ministry as part of his two-day visit in Songwe Region.

Kigahe said all officials at the border posts implement their duties diligently, they will be building a great trust and make Tanzania Number one choice for countries using Dar es Salaam Port for import and export their goods.

"During my visit to the offices under my ministry I stressed on officials to stop bureaucracy by removing unnecessary and non-customs obstacles to simplify the conduct of trade between Tanzania and neighboring countries," he said.

The minister who was accompanied by the Assistant Director of Trade Development, Dr Anifa Mohamed and the Director of Weights and Measures Agency, Siraji Moyo, said Tanzania, through the Tunduma border post serves six neighbouring nations - including Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and DRC.

He lashed out at the bureaucracy by officials saying in doing so they will be undermining the gov-

ernment's efforts in its plans to boost trade and investment.

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister Kigahe has directed WMA to make sure they make frequent inspections to satisfy themselves whether goods entering the country through the border post are in the right weights and measures so as not to defraud consumers.

He also called upon the Agency to make sure they continue providing education to the people so as to empower them and see the importance of using products that are packed in appropriate weights and measures.

At the same time, he called upon the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) to make sure all products entering the country through the Tunduma Border post are inspected in order to protect the health of consumers.

Songwe Regional Commissioner, Dr Francis Michael told the Deputy Minister that apart from the region producing farm crops such as rice and maize, still it does not benefit from the crops by using illegal weights and measures.

Hence, he called for strengthening WMA to be able to perform its activities appropriately.

LINDI FORESTS LIMITED

The companies Act, 2002 (Section 334)
MEMBER'S VOLUNTARY WINDING - UP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that **TANGA FORESTS LIMITED** a company with registration number **54989** dully convened a meeting on 15th July, 2023 and passed a special resolution in accordance to section 333 (1) (b) of the Companies Act, 2002 that the company be wound up voluntarily.

All parties concerned and who have claims are hereby notified to submit their claims in a closed envelop within 30 days to **GODFREY BASIL MRAMBA of Basil & Alred, Ace Building, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 78661, Dar es salaam, Tanzania**, who is appointed Liquidator of the Company.

Any claims lodged after 30 days from this publication will not be considered for admission.

GODFREY BASIL MRAMBA
Liquidator
For **TANGA FORESTS LIMITED**

TouchFoundation Tanzania

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with Non-Governmental Organizations (Amendment) Regulation, 2018, Touch Foundation Tanzania is pleased to publish its financial statements and funding status for the six month period ending March 31, 2023. All funding has been provided by Touch Foundation, Inc. (a US-based NGO) except where otherwise noted.

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (numbers shown in '000 TZS)

| | FY2023 |
|---------------------------|---|
| | For the 6 Month Period Ended: 31 March 2023 |
| Revenue | |
| Contributions | 1,539,777 |
| Grand Challenges Canada | 183,535 |
| Other Revenues | 377 |
| Total Revenue | 1,723,688 |
| Expenditures | |
| Personnel | 546,700 |
| Grants | - |
| Construction | - |
| Equipment | 96,093 |
| Professional Services | 173,375 |
| Travel | 810,118 |
| Other Program Costs | 97,403 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,723,688 |
| Net Income | - |

Statement of Financial Position (numbers shown in '000 TZS)

| | FY2023 |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| | For the 6 Month Period Ended: 31 March 2023 |
| Assets | |
| Cash and Equivalents | 212,664 |
| Receivables | 243,220 |
| Prepaid Expenses and Insurance | - |
| Other Assets | 579,993 |
| Total Assets | 1,035,877 |
| Liabilities | |
| Accounts and Grants Payable | 29,413 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 17,506 |
| Refundable Advances | 988,958 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,035,877 |
| Equity | |
| Total Equity | - |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | 1,035,877 |

TEA to spend 8bn in FY 2023/24 to boost schools' infrastructures

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

TANZANIA Education Authority (TEA) is set to spend 8bn/- in FY 2023/24 for sponsoring projects for boosting education infrastructures at 81 schools.

Addressing reporters here yesterday TEA Director General, Bahati Geuzye said when completed the projects will benefit a total of 39,483 students and 169 teachers in both primary and secondary schools.

"The money will be used on 82 projects in 82 schools countrywide, 48 primary and 33 secondary," she said.

She explained that the projects will include the construction of 82 classrooms, 336 pit latrines, 10 dormitories and 18 laboratories for science subjects and 32 houses for teachers.

She further said during the financial year, the Nation Education Fund will provide sponsorship for the boosting of infrastructures and the purchase of teaching and learning tools in one institute of higher education in Zanzibar that will cost 300m/-.

LINDI FORESTS LIMITED
REG: 54989

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA - ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF LINDI FORESTS LIMITED HELD AT ITS REGISTERED OFFICE
ON 15 JULY 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. GODLISTEN MINJA | CHAIRMAN acting representative on behalf of Green Resources AS |
| 2. LILIAN KITOSY | MEMBER acting representative on behalf of Nortan AS |
| 3. ANNETTE KIRETHI | COMPANY SECRETARY |

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED that according to the Company activities, the Shareholders of LINDI FORESTS LIMITED (hereinafter called "the Company") is desirous of voluntarily winding up the Company.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED.

- That, the Company be voluntarily liquidated and dissolved as decided by members;
- That, Godfrey Basil Mramba be and is hereby appointed as a liquidator for the purpose of winding up the affairs and distributing the assets of the Company;
- That, the remuneration payable by the Company to shall be negotiated and agreed based on the man-hour spent on this assignment;
- That M/S Basil & Alred be and is hereby appointed auditor for the purpose of auditing the Liquidator's account of the winding up of the affairs of the Company;
- That the remuneration payable by the Company to M/S Basil & Alred as auditor shall be negotiated and agreed based on the man-hour spent on this assignment.

[Signature]
CHAIRMAN

[Signature]
COMPANY SECRETARY

Government lists steps to involve youth more in the nation's destiny

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has mentioned nine steps taken to involve the youth in the nation's destiny including empowering them to have required skills for the job market.

The observation was made here yesterday by Prof Jamal Katundu, Permanent secretary in the Ministry for Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities as he addressed reporters in regard to the World Youth Day observed every August 12.

He said through the programme to boost skills, the youth have been trained in various fields including ICT, masonry, carpentry, tailoring, pipefitting, welding, electrical, cookery and vehicle's panel beating. "Through this programme, 121898 youth have benefitted for the period 2017 to June 2023 and out of them, 91,106 gained their skills through apprenticeship training and 22,296 have been recognized and had their skills formalised," he said.

He added that another step is to review the 2007 National Youth development policy to invest more in quality educa-

tion, to continue providing both primary and secondary school education up to Form VI for free and to continue boosting the budget for students' loan for higher education.

Prof Katundu said the government has improved the guidelines for the Youth Development Fund and had new guidelines in 2022 and among the issues improved are opportunities for individual youths to be able to get loans and the increase of the loan amount from 10m/- to 50m/-.

"The time to pay the loans has also been increased from 24 to 36 months and a five per cent interest will be charged as operation costs for all the three years of the loan," he said.

He said through the new guidelines in FY 2022/23 the government, through the Youth Development Fund was able to issue loans totaling 1.88bn/- to youth's projects and in the current FY a total of 1.3bn/- has been set aside for the purpose.

"Hence, the total amount of loans issued for the period 2022/2023 up to August amounts to 3.2bn/- for 149 youth projects comprising 978 youth in the farming, industry, transport, business and services sectors," he said.



Bank of Africa Tanzania Limited staff pictured in Mbeya earlier this week attending to visitors at the bank's pavilion at the just-climaxed annual Nyanzele (Farmers' Day) Exhibition held at national level in the southern highlands city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mabula settles 22-year-old ELCT-villagers land dispute in Njombe

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

THE government has officially ended the long-time land dispute pitting the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) Southern Diocese Njombe and residents of Magoda Village in Njombe District.

The conclusion is a result of the

agreement reached between the two sides to the dispute after a team formed that involved representatives from ELCT claimants, experts from the regional and district Land Offices, PCCB, the Police and the regional security service office submitted their report.

Dr Angeline Mabula, minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settle-

ments Development on Wednesday said in ending the dispute, villagers who were the claimants are required to receive 400 land plots as consolation as well as official formalisation of the plots for those who had invaded the disputed area without following appropriate procedures.

The Minister also called on

ELCT Njombe Southern Diocese to make sure it protects its land area and in case any ELCT land is invaded, the issue should be referred to legal organs and not the Land Ministry.

Magoda Villagers told the minister of their long time laments regarding the land dispute that remained unresolved for 22 years.

They explained that the conflict had two faces - the areas they claimed to own inside the scheme and the area which ELCT over crossed its legal boundaries during its own land formalisation.

In addition, they called for their recognition as owners of the land area, and not invaders and called for compensation according to the

laws. Resolving of the land dispute had been going at various levels under the auspices of Njombe Regional Commissioner and reached a conclusion that ELCT should give up land plots as consolation to the claimants as well as a portion from the college which had claimants' houses.



PANAFRICAN
ENERGY an Orca Company

Reference: PAET003/EOI-NEW WELLS/2023 - INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FOR THE SUPPLY OF DRILLING AND COMPLETION SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF DRILLING NEW GAS PRODUCTION WELLS

Date: 11th August 2023

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songosongo Plant in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential suppliers to supply the following services to the Songosongo Island Gas Field.
- This call for EOI and RFI signifies the start of an open, transparent, and objective tender process which will commence from the date of this notice. The Contract for these works shall be for the duration of the 2024 New Wells Drilling Programme (mid/late 2024).
- The Potential Supplier should be a well-established and reputable company which can supply the following Services (equipment & personnel) to Company location in Tanzania:
 - New Well Drilling & Completion Services: including specialist equipment, supplies, and personnel to drill & complete directional gas well drilling & completions operations. Potential Supplier must have prior experience of onshore directional well drilling & completion operations, including but not limited to:
 - Downhole Drilling Fluids - design, engineering, testing and supply of necessary bulk and specialty chemicals along with onsite supervision.
 - Downhole Cementing Services - design, engineering, testing and supply of necessary bulk and specialty chemicals along with onsite mixing, pumping and high-pressure testing equipment plus associated operating personnel.
 - Directional Drilling - design, engineering, of directional well trajectories to reach offshore downhole targets, including supply of necessary downhole equipment with onsite supervision.
 - MWD/LWD - supply of specialist downhole, while drilling surveying and formation evaluation equipment with real time pulsed telemetry capability with onsite monitoring and supervision.
 - Wireline Logging - supply of specialist downhole formation evaluation equipment with real time multi-core telemetry capability with onsite monitoring and supervision.
 - Solids Control - supply of surface equipment and onsite operating personnel for efficient separation of drilled cuttings from drilling fluids at the wellsite.
 - Well Bore Clean Up - supply of surface and downhole equipment plus onsite operating personnel for filtering and cleaning completion fluids in preparation for production.
 - Mudlogging - supply of specialist surface equipment plus onsite operating personnel for real time monitoring of key parameters during the drilling and completion process.
 - Tubular Running - supply of specialist surface equipment plus onsite operating personnel for downhole installation of the range of OCTG required for the drilling and completion process.
 - Surface Well Testing - supply of specialist surface equipment plus onsite operating personnel for safe handling, monitoring, and separation of produced fluids (gas, water, solids) at the rig site.
 - Perforating - supply of specialist downhole explosives and deployment equipment (wireline and/or tubing conveyed) plus onsite operating personnel for the required length and specification of downhole casing perforating.
 - Drill Bits - supply and engineering/design of downhole roller cone and fixed cutter drilling bits ranging from 26" to 6".
 - Downhole Tools - supply of ancillary downhole equipment required for the drilling process.
 - Downhole Fishing - supply of specialized downhole equipment required to retrieve lost or broken segments of the drill string plus onsite supervision.
 - Casing Accessories - supply of ancillary downhole OCTG equipment required for the drilling process.
 - Blow Out Contingency Planning - specialised equipment and services to prepare for major well control events and relief well drilling.
- Potential Suppliers must have:
 - A minimum of 5 years prior experience of well drilling and completion activities.
 - Recognized Health, Safety and Environmental management system (ISO

- certified).
 - Recognized Quality Assurance management system (ISO certified).
 - Experienced personnel familiar with the specific drilling and/or completion services and where applicable qualified to International Well Control Forum (IWCF) standards.
- Potential suppliers must indicate clearly whether they can supply part or all services, and that they are willing, capable, experienced, and competent to offer and manage the abovementioned services; failure to indicate clearly so may result in disqualification from the bid list.
 - Potential Suppliers must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency, relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following:
 - Proof of experience in providing sustained scope of services in remote areas. Experience in offering such services in mining or oil and gas exploration or production areas will be an added advantage.
 - Registration as a Local Supplier and Service Provider with EWURA for Tanzanian companies; a JV or another arrangement with a local partner/s or a plan/willingness to team up with Local expertise for international companies as per the Tanzanian Petroleum Act, 2015 and the Local Content Regulations, 2017.
 - Proven technical capability.
 - Experience in similar works.
 - Proven HSE expertise and good record (attach relevant HSE policy, quality assurance documents, accident/incident records etc.)
 - Specific payment terms in Tanzania Shillings for Tanzania registered Companies and USD and Euro for International Companies. Payment should indicate clearly costs in each area of the scope of work. Potential suppliers are to be aware of the Tanzanian tax requirements including Withholding Tax, Value Added Taxes (VAT) etc. Quotations will be subject to the terms of the agreed Service Agreement.
 - Proof of registration with their respective authorities. For Tanzanian companies, this shall not be limited to a certificate of registration/compliance with BRELA, TRA (TIN & VAT), Valid Business License, current annual returns updated in the BRELA Online Registration System/ DRS Detailed Company Search Report. Form No. 128 will not be considered, etc.
 - Proof of having all necessary and valid permits from the relevant authorities for the required services.
 - Proof of financial capability. Provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years.
- Note: Potential suppliers may be requested to submit further information prior to being included in any final Bid List.
- All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail, facsimile, hand-delivery, or delivered by courier, otherwise the potential supplier may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.
 - Interested eligible suppliers may obtain further information by writing to the address below or e-mail to David Triptree (e-mail address: dtriptree@orcaenergygroup.com) with a copy to Rehema Shija (e-mail: rhshija@panafricanenergy.com).
- All responses to be sent to the following address before Friday, 1st September 2023 at 2pm.
- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Telephone: +255 22 292 3307.
- Attn: Rehema Shija; Procurement, Contracts, Local Content and Compliance Manager.



PANAFRICAN
ENERGY an Orca Company

Reference: PAET004/EOI-NEW WELLS/2023 - INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) AND REQUEST FOR information (RFI) FOR ONSHORE ROTARY DRILLING RIG FOR DRILLING GAS PRODUCTION WELLS.

Date: 11th August 2023

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songosongo Plant in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential suppliers to supply the following services to the Songosongo Island Gas Field.
- This call for EOI and RFI signifies the start of an open, transparent, and objective tender process which will commence from the date of this notice. The Contract for these works shall be for the duration of the 2024 New Wells Drilling Programme (mid/late 2024).
- The Potential Supplier should be a well-established and reputable company which can supply the following Services (equipment & personnel) to Company location in Tanzania:
 - New Well Drilling & Completion Services: including specialist equipment, supplies, and personnel to drill & complete directional gas well drilling & completions operations. Potential Supplier must have prior experience of onshore directional well drilling & completion operations, including but not limited to:
 - Downhole Drilling Fluids - design, engineering, testing and supply of necessary bulk and specialty chemicals along with onsite supervision.
 - Downhole Cementing Services - design, engineering, testing and supply of necessary bulk and specialty chemicals along with onsite mixing, pumping and high-pressure testing equipment plus associated operating personnel.
 - Directional Drilling - design, engineering, of directional well trajectories to reach offshore downhole targets, including supply of necessary downhole equipment with onsite supervision.
 - MWD/LWD - supply of specialist downhole, while drilling surveying and formation evaluation equipment with real time pulsed telemetry capability with onsite monitoring and supervision.
 - Wireline Logging - supply of specialist downhole formation evaluation equipment with real time multi-core telemetry capability with onsite monitoring and supervision.
 - Solids Control - supply of surface equipment and onsite operating personnel for efficient separation of drilled cuttings from drilling fluids at the wellsite.
 - Well Bore Clean Up - supply of surface and downhole equipment plus onsite operating personnel for filtering and cleaning completion fluids in preparation for production.
 - Mudlogging - supply of specialist surface equipment plus onsite operating personnel for real time monitoring of key parameters during the drilling and completion process.
 - Tubular Running - supply of specialist surface equipment plus onsite operating personnel for downhole installation of the range of OCTG required for the drilling and completion process.
 - Surface Well Testing - supply of specialist surface equipment plus onsite operating personnel for safe handling, monitoring, and separation of produced fluids (gas, water, solids) at the rig site.
 - Perforating - supply of specialist downhole explosives and deployment equipment (wireline and/or tubing conveyed) plus onsite operating personnel for the required length and specification of downhole casing perforating.
 - Drill Bits - supply and engineering/design of downhole roller cone and fixed cutter drilling bits ranging from 26" to 6".
 - Downhole Tools - supply of ancillary downhole equipment required for the drilling process.
 - Downhole Fishing - supply of specialized downhole equipment required to retrieve lost or broken segments of the drill string plus onsite supervision.
 - Casing Accessories - supply of ancillary downhole OCTG equipment required for the drilling process.
 - Blow Out Contingency Planning - specialised equipment and services to prepare for major well control events and relief well drilling.
- Potential Suppliers must have:
 - A minimum of 5 years prior experience of well drilling and completion activities.
 - Recognized Health, Safety and Environmental management system (ISO

- certified).
 - Recognized Quality Assurance management system (ISO certified).
 - Experienced personnel familiar with the specific drilling and/or completion services and where applicable qualified to International Well Control Forum (IWCF) standards.
- Potential suppliers must indicate clearly whether they can supply part or all services, and that they are willing, capable, experienced, and competent to offer and manage the abovementioned services; failure to indicate clearly so may result in disqualification from the bid list.
 - Potential Suppliers must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency, relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following:
 - Proof of experience in providing sustained scope of services in remote areas. Experience in offering such services in mining or oil and gas exploration or production areas will be an added advantage.
 - Registration as a Local Supplier and Service Provider with EWURA for Tanzanian companies; a JV or another arrangement with a local partner/s or a plan/willingness to team up with Local expertise for international companies as per the Tanzanian Petroleum Act, 2015 and the Local Content Regulations, 2017.
 - Proven technical capability.
 - Experience in similar works.
 - Proven HSE expertise and good record (attach relevant HSE policy, quality assurance documents, accident/incident records etc.)
 - Specific payment terms in Tanzania Shillings for Tanzania registered Companies and USD and Euro for International Companies. Payment should indicate clearly costs in each area of the scope of work. Potential suppliers are to be aware of the Tanzanian tax requirements including Withholding Tax, Value Added Taxes (VAT) etc. Quotations will be subject to the terms of the agreed Service Agreement.
 - Proof of registration with their respective authorities. For Tanzanian companies, this shall not be limited to a certificate of registration/compliance with BRELA, TRA (TIN & VAT), Valid Business License, current annual returns updated in the BRELA Online Registration System/ DRS Detailed Company Search Report. Form No. 128 will not be considered, etc.
 - Proof of having all necessary and valid permits from the relevant authorities for the required services.
 - Proof of financial capability. Provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years.
- Note: Potential suppliers may be requested to submit further information prior to being included in any final Bid List.
- All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail, facsimile, hand-delivery, or delivered by courier, otherwise the potential supplier may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.
 - Interested eligible suppliers may obtain further information by writing to the address below or e-mail to David Triptree (e-mail address: dtriptree@orcaenergygroup.com) with a copy to Rehema Shija (e-mail: rhshija@panafricanenergy.com).
- All responses to be sent to the following address before Friday, 1st September 2023 at 2pm.
- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Telephone: +255 22 292 3307.
- Attn: Rehema Shija; Procurement, Contracts, Local Content and Compliance Manager.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF JACKET FOR GLOBAL SAFETY AWARD TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Jackets and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this items as detailed below.

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

Scope of Supply:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|--|
| GGME01736 | SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF JACKETS FOR GLOBAL SAFETY AWARD TO GGML |

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

| PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY) COMMERCIAL | 20% |
|---|-------------|
| Company Profile | 2% |
| Company Code of Conduct and Ethics | 2% |
| Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license | 2% |
| Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return. | 2% |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate | 3% |
| Copy of company memorandum and article of association | 2% |
| Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate | 2% |
| List of directors and Company shareholding information | 2% |
| Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan. | 3% |
| FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE | 5% |
| Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier's experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis. | 2% |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any. | 1% |
| All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date | 1% |
| A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds. | 1% |
| SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS | 5% |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate | 1.5% |
| Environmental compliance certificate | 1.5% |
| Workers' compensation fund certificate | 1% |
| Safety and Environmental policy | 1% |
| OTHER POLICIES | 5% |
| Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment | 1% |
| Grievance Procedure | 1% |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program | 1% |
| PAST EXPERIENCE | 5% |
| At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed) | 1% |
| Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above) | 1% |
| Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable) | 1% |
| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients | 2% |
| TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01736) | 60% |
| Proof of supplying Jacket Soft Shell Brand (K-WAY BENJI SOFTSHELL HOODY MENS & K-WAY WOMEN'S DELUGE TECH HIKING JACKET) | 30% |
| Proof of Previous similar Supplies or projects references | 2% |
| Proof of Sourcing from OEM (dealership letter) | 28% |
| Total | 100% |

III. Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION "SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF JACKETS FOR GLOBAL SAFETY AWARD TO GGML" AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01736) ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why **GGML** is of interest to work with, what you have to offer and how your skills and experience are valuable to the company.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at **geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com** without copying any individual from GGML. Submission should not be later than **8.30AM of 29th August 2023**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline") Without copying any individual from GGML. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

=END OF ADVERTISEMENT=



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Medical Equipments and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for this service as detailed below.

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

Scope of Supply:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|---|
| GGME01732 | SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS TO GGML |

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

| PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY) COMMERCIAL | 20% |
|---|-------------|
| Company Profile | 2% |
| Company Code of Conduct and Ethics | 2% |
| Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license | 2% |
| Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return. | 2% |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate | 3% |
| Copy of company memorandum and article of association | 2% |
| List of Directors and Company Shareholding Structure | 2% |
| Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate | 2% |
| Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan. | 3% |
| FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE | 5% |
| Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier's experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis. | 2% |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any. | 1% |
| All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date | 1% |
| A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds. | 1% |
| SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS | 5% |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate | 1.5% |
| Environmental compliance certificate | 1.5% |
| Workers' compensation fund certificate | 1% |
| Safety and Environmental policy | 1% |
| OTHER POLICIES | 5% |
| Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour | 1% |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment | 1% |
| Grievance Procedure | 1% |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme | 1% |
| PAST EXPERIENCE | 5% |
| At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed) | 1% |
| Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above) | 1% |
| Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable) | 1% |
| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients | 2% |
| TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01732) | 60% |
| Proof of supplying same equipment's to other companies and providing after sale services support | 15% |
| Proof of registration as supplier of medical equipments in the field of Radiology, Medical Laboratory Intensive care, Dental, Occupational hygiene monitors, and Physiotherapy equipments. | 15% |
| Calibration certificate(s) for measuring supplied medical equipments | 10% |
| Quality test report for previous supplied goods | 5% |
| Quality management policy and procedure through proof of CV of experienced bio medical engineers. | 10% |
| Proof for dealership agreement with Major Manufactures for Medical and occupational hygiene equipments. (Casella, Nuve, Zoll, E.T.C) | 5% |
| Total | 100% |

III. Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION "SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS TO GGML" AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01732) ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why **GGML** is of interest to work with, what you have to offer and how your skills and experience are valuable to the company.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at **geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com** without copying any individual from GGML. Submission should not be later than **8.30AM of 29th August 2023**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline") Without copying any individual from GGML. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

=END OF ADVERTISEMENT=



Participants of training in wood bran charcoal production training conducted by the Youth Agency Mufindi project pictured yesterday packing charcoal they made during their practical stint at Mafinga Forestry College in Mufindi District. The training attracted more than 60 people, including 26 with disabilities. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

Eleven under-age children rescued from sexual abuse

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

MORE than 11 children under 18 years who were under threat of sexual abuse have been rescued from the threat and now continue with their education in safe homes.

Rose Njilo, the Coordinator of Mimutie Women Organization (MWO) revealed this here yesterday when observing the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

The day is marked on August 9, every year with the aim to promote the rights and needs of Indigenous Peoples while celebrating Indigenous communities and knowledge.

Rose said beginning January this year they have been able to rescue more than 11 children who had already been married off while under age.

However, she said MWO has to a great extent, (at 75 per cent) been able to fight gender-based violence (GBV) and child abuse for children especially the issue of under-age marriages.

She said in the process, they established a centre for those rescued from the threat, saying this has been possible owing to the provision of education to members of the community that in turn helped them to report to the centre on such threats.

"Right now, we have been receiving various

cases including women being severely beaten, conned of inheritance to land, but before we established the centre we had no place to take them to," she said.

She added that they have also been able to help girls, many of whom were now in school, appealing to the indigenous communities to use traditional means to resolve their disputes.

"These traditional organs include traditional leaders of the Laigwananai and Ingaiwanaki to raise voices in order to eradicate all oppressive customs," she said.

Iddi Ninga from Media Aid for Indigenous Pastoralists Communities (MAIPAC) said in marking the event they have come up with recommendations to eradicate these acts of GBV.

He said there are various traditional strategies if applied well they can help to eradicate the practices.

Neema Laizer, a Simanjiro resident in Manyara Region, reading a short statement at the event, appealed to the government to recognize the laws and judgments by traditional leaders for settling disputes in the communities.

She also recommended the traditional activities to oppose gender based violence including the 'Alamal' in order to have equal gender

Activists call on govt to end GBV acts in politics

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

STAKEHOLDERS on gender issues have appealed to the government to have in place systems and strategies that will help to fight against acts of gender-based violence (GBV) especially in the country's political arena.

The appeal was given here on Wednesday at a meeting organised by the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, that focused on the fight

against GBV in politics.

Speaking at the meeting, Special Seats Member of Parliament (NGOs) Neema Lugangira said there have been challenges regarding women participation in politics especially at villages and wards levels.

Citing statistics in regard to leadership men-female ratio in streets and wards level, Neema said at villages and wards levels, she said there are 4,117 women leaders out of 58,441 leaders, equivalent to 6.7 per cent,

while at streets level there are 528 women out of 4,117, or 12.6 per cent.

She said at homesteads level there are 246 women leaders out of 11,915, equivalent to 2.1 per cent while in regard to Councillors and MPs the situation is almost the same.

"Even though there are many efforts that have been done by the government and other stakeholders to ensure women participate

in vying for leadership positions in politics, still more efforts are still needed to address the issue of harassment and other degrading acts facing women when vying for leadership positions," she added.

She also urged women not to lose hope when vying for various leadership positions in politics.

Responding to some of the issues raised by stakeholders, Acting Permanent secretary in the Ministry of Community develop-

ment, Gender, Women and Special Groups Evelyn Makala said that the government welcomes various stakeholders to give their opinions, especially women political leaders in order to come up with correct statistics from those concerned in order to have robust plans for empowering women to contest leadership positions in politics.

She added that the government recognizes the small women-men leaders' ratio hence in collabora-

tion with sectoral ministries, they were putting in place various strategies to mobilise women to participate fully in contesting leadership positions at all levels in the country.

Sandy Quimbaya, Director of NDI Organisation said her organisation was ready to conduct various researches on acts of GBV especially in politics in order to have robust plans for making sure the government, in collaboration with other stakeholders eradicate these acts.

Int'l NGO vows more health support to Tanzania women

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

JHPIEGO—an international non-profit health organization has pledged to continue supporting quality health services for women, youth children in the country.

Alice Christensen, Jhpiego Tanzania Country Director made the pledge yesterday when visiting Bunju Health Centre located on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam city.

Bunju is among several health centres in Tanzania, the organization has been supporting towards reducing maternal and newborn deaths. The visit was part of the familiarization tour organized in honour of a visiting American actress, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Molly Sims.

Christensen noted that Jhpiego, being affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University, has been dedicated for over two decades since 1999 to support Tanzania's health sector and that more than 4.3 million Tanzanians have benefited under its programs.

This is an outreach programme cherished under the slogan titled, "saving lives, improving health and transforming futures" which has been targeted by the organization to improve quality health of women and children in all regions in the country.

Under the program the Jhpiego works with government's medical and health experts as well as with the community leaders to provide high-quality health care for their people so as to achieve national priorities and global development goals.

Medical Officer in-charge of the Centre Dr Wilfred Barinzigo said that the centre is among the oldest in Kinondoni District and serves an average of 27,587 people per year. He further noted that his center gives an average of 230 deliveries per month, this is equivalent to an average of 8 new born children per day.

According to him, the biggest challenge he is facing at the health centre is the lack of a medical van used as an Ambulance to take patients to referral hospitals once they are recommended by doctors for further treatments.

He has actually called upon the sixth phase government authorities to look at this matter the sooner the better so as to save the lives of pregnant women.



Azania Bank Limited's head of treasury, Gilbert Mwandimila (2nd-L), and Agricom Africa managing director Alex Duffar pictured in Mbeya city earlier this week signing a partnership agreement under which farmers will get soft-term loans from the Dar es Salaam-based bank for the purchase of agricultural equipment. Witnessing the event are the bank's head of agribusines lending, Augustino Matutu (L), and Agricom's Southern Highlands manager, Joseph Manoni. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NACOPHA to come up with plan on HIV/Aids finance sustainability

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE National Council of People Living with HIV in Tanzania (NACOPHA) in collaboration with development partners are set to come up with a strategic plan on HIV/Aids finance sustainability.

Deogratius Rutatwa, NACOPHA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam when briefing journalists on the fundraising event to mobilize funds ahead of the coming forum slated to be September 5th, this year in

Dodoma.

Rutatwa said that as a preparation, the council in collaboration with Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS), in the Prime Minister Office are today holding a mobilization campaign to mobilize funds for the coming national forum where President Samia Suluhu Hassan is to grace the forum.

He said in today's fundraising campaign, the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila will grace the event that brings together different stakeholders in-

cluding development partners.

"We call on all the public to participate in the fundraising event to mobilise funds ahead of the national forum to debate and come up with a strategic plan on finance sustainability in HIV/Aids) response," he said.

According to him, the decision of the council to hold the forum is to complement the government efforts to have zero prevalence.

Rutatwa said that the strategic future plan is to reduce dependency on HIV/

Aids relief support from the donor's countries who are contributing more to support the government efforts to reach zero prevalence by 2030.

Currently, 95 percent of the support towards fighting the virus and the largest supporter of HIV/Aids relief are from the US government through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

Jumanne Issango, TACAIDS'director of advocacy and information said that over 1.5 million HIV-positive Tanzanians

are on antiretroviral treatment enabling them to live longer, healthy lives.

He said the national HIV/Aids prevalence stands at 4.7 whereby the high HIV prevalence among adolescent girls and women is highly noted.

"We are finalizing the Tanzania HIV Impact Survey (THIS), and its results will be released December this year, the statistics we have are THIS 2016/2017," he said. According to the director, the government target is to reach zero HIV prevalence by 2030.



VACANCIES

CHIEF SECURITY ADVISOR

Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit a Chief Security Advisor to join Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited. This role is based at Dar es salaam Country Office. The Successful candidate is part of Tembo Nickel Management Team and will be responsible for developing Security strategies that comply with International Security standards as well as Tanzania Local Content regulations. This role will report to the Chief Operating Officer.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Oversee strategic and operational planning as it relates to the administration of TNCL. Ensure departmental structure, organization, and systems can sustain security operations.
- Provide leadership for TNCL to ensure it is strategically and efficiently structured and staffed to best serve our diverse visitor needs, safety, to meet operational financial guidelines and protect the Company.
- Ensure Tembo Nickel and all partners including contractors and consultants comply to international standards of Voluntary Human Rights principles.
- Review and maintain comprehensive strategic plans for all aspects of security TNCL including the Emergency Response manual.
- Oversee operational planning and implementation, including all aspects of managing the security staff, from hiring and training, to scheduling, and policy and procedures compliance audits.
- In conjunction with OHS, HR and Security Contractors, develop a comprehensive risk management program, in alignment with TNCL policies and procedures.
- Oversee management of integrated security system, including all hardware and software applications and development of and adherence to appropriate protocols. Ensure all equipment is up to date and in working order.
- Assure emergency response protocols and relevant documentation are current, all staff is appropriately trained, and required communications systems are in place. Conduct emergency drills regularly.
- Prepares, maintains, and assures adherence to budgets and schedule for all security department projects.
- Ensure compliance with all requisite regulations concerning employee and public health and safety.

Required Qualifications and Skills.

- BA/BS or the equivalent combination of education and experience. IFCCP Security certification preferred.
- 15+ years relevant leadership experience required. Experience as a member of a security team in complex environmental is desired.
- Demonstrated proficiency and accuracy using M365 products, including Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, and other software programs.
- In-depth knowledge of security systems and protocols.
- Demonstrated experience with diverse work environments and commitment to local content regulations.

Experience Requirements:

- 15 Years of work experience in Security, 10 years in Security Senior Management role.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER - KABANGA

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit an Electrical Engineer to join Tembo Nickel Project Team. This role is reporting to the Project Superintendent. The Electrical Engineer is responsible for designing, developing, and maintaining electrical systems for buildings, transport systems and power distribution networks and ensuring activities are carried out safely and adhering to Tembo Nickel safety standards, procedures, and policies.

Duty Station-Tembo Nickel Project site - Kabanga
Roster: 6/3

Duties and Responsibilities

- Ensure possible hazards on route and inside workplaces identified, rectified and/or reported daily when on shift and record kept.
- Conduct Field Level Risk Assessment completed accurately for every task done.
- Ensure Compliance to Standard Operating Procedures for safe work daily -Isolation, Lockout, confined space, working at height, lifting & rigging etc.
- Scheduling kitchen equipment inspections daily, weekly, Monthly & identified defects reported within the shift.
- Conduct Preventive Maintenance Schedule & work carried out accordingly daily.
- Ensure the appropriate PPE for the task at hand is used by all team members.
- Assist and conduct incident/accident investigations.
- Conduct Job Safety Analysis is conducted accurately for every task with a Standard Operating Procedure.
- Maintain a high standard of housekeeping in the work area both during and after completing a job.
- Ensure Emergency power generators switching, and connection well maintained.
- Installing and maintaining of all electrical equipment to reduce unplanned maintenance and optimize availability.
- Overhaul electrical equipment in accordance with set company policies and procedures.
- Carry out defined and necessary electrical equipment checks.
- Under the guidance of project superintendent, provide appropriate on-the-job training and coaching to colleagues.
- Implementation and execution of all tasks and instructions as instructed by superintendent.
- Prepare and file all always required records ready for auditing, electronic & hard copies.
- Ensure the camp powerhouse is well maintained to comply with required standards.
- Support the construction and connection of 33Kva and 220Kva power line for camp and plant.

Qualifications and Competencies

- Degree certificate in Electrical.
- Domestic and industrial electrical.
- Must be registered with ERB.
- Minimum of 5 years working experience on industrial and domestic electrical.
- Experience on Voltage switching from Generator to TANESCO.
- Emergency Power Generation is an added advantage.
- Valid driving license is an added advantage.

Tembo Nickel offers a competitive remuneration package and ONLY shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

How to Apply

Applicants are invited to send their resumes indicating the role title in the subject via email jobs@tembonickel.com

Application closing date is 18th August, 2023

Note: We are committed to provide equal employment opportunities based on merits and we do not charge candidates any fees in the whole recruitment process.

Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

For and on behalf of Tembo Nickel Corporation: Kabanga Nickel Project.



ZANZIBAR FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION



IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER NOTIFICATION IN RELATION TO THE ACQUISITION OF BUSINESS ASSETS OF TP COMPANY LIMITED (TARGET FIRM),

BY

ORYX GAS ZANZIBAR LIMITED (ACQUIRING FIRM)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ZANZIBAR FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION

(Made under Section 5(1), 49 and 50 of the Fair Competition and Consumer Protection Act No. 5 of 2018 and Regulation 48 of the Fair Competition Regulation 2019)

The Zanzibar Fair Competition Commission (ZFCC) is a government institution established under the Fair Competition and Consumer Protection Act, No.5 of 2018 to promote and protect fair and effective Competition in trade and to protect consumer from misleading market conducts.

The same Act, gives a mandate to the ZFCC to review, investigate and prohibits any proposed Merger and Acquisition which is contrary to the requirement of section 49 and 50 of the Zanzibar Fair Competition and Consumer Protection Act No. 5 of 2018 and regulation 32 of the Fair Competitions Regulations 2019.

The ZFCC has received merger notifications to the effect that **Oryx Zanzibar Limited** intends to acquire Business Assets of **TP Company Limited**.

Oryx Zanzibar Limited is a private company limited by shares registered under the law of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar deals with the business of importing, storing filling, distributing, marketing and selling liquid petroleum gas (LPG).

TP Company Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated under the laws of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. The target firm is engaged in the business of storing, filing, distributing, marketing and selling LPG at jetty and filling plant located at Mangapwani in Zanzibar.

The Acquiring Firm and Target Firm are collectively referred to as the "Merging Parties"

Based on Business Assets Purchase Agreement entered between **Oryx Zanzibar Limited** and **TP Company Limited** on 15th June 2023, The Acquiring Firm intends to acquire the Business Assets of the target.

ZFCC is currently investigating the intended acquisitions in line with the provisions of the Fair Competition Act No. 5 of 2018 and the Fair Competition Regulations, 2019. Pursuant to Regulation 48 of the Fair Competition Regulation 2019, parties (both legal and natural) who deem themselves as having sufficient interest in this merger, or, if the merger is not objected to, they will have or are likely to have material effect on their interests, are hereby, **NOTIFIED** to **Director General** their interests and or objections (if any) or file any information that will assist the ZFCC in reaching just and reasonable decisions with regard to **Acquiring Firm's** notification of the intended merger.

All such parties shall file and register such interest(s) or information by way of written submissions to the ZFCC within Fourteen (14) days, starting from the first day of publication of this public notice. Submission filed after the said deadline shall not be accepted.

Registration of the said interests or objections or information should be accompanied by a duly filled Form ZFCC No. 10 of the Fair Competition Commission Regulations, 2019. Failure to fill in Form ZFCC. No 10 will deny a party the right to make any oral submissions before the Commission and the presence of that party in the proceedings will be as an observer only.

Parties should take note that pursuant to Regulation 10 (4) of the Fair Competition Regulation, 2019 as applied to this Public Notice, ZFCC shall not entertain a subject of the petition where: (a) it does not fall under Act or Regulation (b) it has no material effect on competition; and (c) the same in whole or in part is before any court, tribunal, arbitration, judicial or quasi-judicial body or was previously determined by any court, tribunal, arbitration, judicial or quasi-judicial body

Form (ZFCC NO 10) can be collected at ZFCC office.

Submissions must be submitted to the ZFCC at the address below.

DIRECTOR GENERAL,
The Zanzibar Fair Competition Commission,
Kokoni Street,
P.O. Box 1066,
Telephone No: 0242232013,
E mail: info@zfcc.go.tz,
Zanzibar.

Regards,

ALIYAH E. JUMA,
ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL
FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION
ZANZIBAR

Creek road
ZFCC Building - 1214 C
Kokoni Street
P.O. BOX 1066,
Dana'jani-Zanzibar.

www.zfcc.go.tz

info@zfcc.go.tz

+255-242234609

The Guardian

www.ippmedia.com

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2023

**Taking A New Look
At The News**
ESTABLISHED IN 1995

Let us stop dragging feet on any of our obligations

EARLY April 2009 saw HakiElimu, a Tanzanian NGO the thrust of whose advocacy work and activities is on issues relating to the education sector, issue a research report that saying the obvious but with a very special emphasis.

It cited problems and challenges relating to infrastructure as among the major factors constraining learning by students with disabilities.

At the launch of the report, the NGO's executive director talked of the construction of a staggering 95 per cent of school buildings in the country not caring to remember that some of the people the structures or facilities were meant for had physical, mental and other disabilities - and, therefore, special needs.

In director's words: "As a result, many students with disabilities, especially those with visual and physical impairments, struggle in their movements from one point to another in school premises."

There were suggestions that some of the buildings referred to were put up in the course of the implementation of the national Primary Education Development Programme, and this made the whole scenario all the grimmer.

There have been persistent complaints that our construction industry has remained stubbornly unresponsive of, or awfully unfriendly to, people with disabilities. The most vulnerable victims have included children, senior citizens as well as the hard of hearing and the visually impaired of all age brackets.

There was much talk a few years ago of plans to make it mandatory for buildings in urban areas to accommodate the needs of all manner of people, including those in the above-named categories.

However, even the most fleeting of glances will show that hardly anyone has walked that talk and that most buildings and various other struc-

tures are still all but danger zones or out of bounds for hundreds of thousands upon thousands of people just because the people in question cannot scale staircases, cannot cross busy urban streets unaided, etc.

Yes, it surely often does not take long to forget. But it would still serve to recall the plight of people known to us who died terrible deaths or had to endure excruciating pain just because they had disabilities and could not safely move from a burning house or commuter bus before tragedy struck.

The government and various other establishments have devised mechanisms which, if in sustainably proper working order, could have gone a long way in helping people with disabilities and many others in vulnerable categories lead safer and more enjoyable lives.

Meanwhile, there are scores of international agencies set up specifically to help such needy people. These keep extending funds and other forms assistance for the purpose. If the resources at the disposal of these institutions were put to better use and all the respective players moved as true coalition forces, we would doubtless be talking about a much improved situation.

The likes of the ministries overseeing dockets or portfolios such as community development, gender & children; education & vocational training; and health & social welfare have cause to find more effective ways of helping these "disadvantaged" people in line with the demands of things like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

It applies much similarly for global or international agencies like Unesco, Unicef and HelpAge International. In sum, society ought to feel obliged to help these people - and do so as efficiently as expected. There should be no pretext for any form of foot-dragging.

AGRA, partners will achieve more with realism on nutrition, stunting

WITH Tanzania having recently hosted the Africa Heads of State Human Capital Summit, senior administrators in the country are working with partners around the world to stage another summit.

This is none other than a global convention of the African Food Systems Forum, whose director has lately been talking of extensive planning and groundbreaking vision behind the efforts to make it a pivotal moment in worldwide agriculture.

Too optimistic, maybe? Yet it could be understandable to be optimistic about a convention now close to a short four weeks away, depending on what one presumes it would take to realise such a vision.

That is where the shoe pinches, as to precisely what it is to rally stakeholders worldwide to reimagine and revamp the food system as the director reckons, urging all groups concerned worldwide to join in transforming the food system and fostering a healthier, more prosperous world.

Worries start cropping up when Tanzania is taken as a role model, more or less doing exactly what is needed to sort out the situation in Africa. It must be admitted that a similar picture was evident in the human capital summit.

Recent reports of UN agencies like the UN-FAO and the World Food Programme speak of up to 19 regions in the country needing food support. And in the 'grain basket' regions, more than one-third of children are meanwhile nutrition stunted.

While it is justified to take note of government initiatives on the food systems issue as happened with the youth bulge or human capital, it is another issue to call a global convention to celebrate these achievements.

It is not very clear the degree to

which the conference organisers are thinking of systematic stunting as a problem, but they must be wishing to pick up some positive initiatives as the premise for discussion, wishing that at least the rest of Africa could do just as much.

While Tanzania is largely self-sufficient in food at the moment, a whole one-third of school-going children are known to be stunted for lack of proper nutrition.

Just how far the conference will seek to achieve food self-sufficiency and then pose the issue of how to overcome nutrition stunting remains to be seen.

To seek to measure up to the role model position, how does Tanzania use its forward-thinking agricultural practices, abundant resources and dedicated leadership, or indeed display Africa's inventive solutions for food system transformation at the conference?

That may be a foregone conclusion for the food self-sufficiency part, though not necessarily proof of the pudding: our systems ought to tame stunting.

Appeals to the media to disseminate accurate messages highlighting opportunities within food system value chains will no doubt be observed so long as the vision remains food self-sufficiency.

It is unlikely, though, that the whole issue of agro-sector productivity and its link with family incomes, or the portion that goes to women and how it can suffice to remove stunting, malnutrition, can be adequately addressed at one conference or convention. So, the forum may indeed emerge as a success, but it would prove even more memorable if will have broached the more complicated issues.

The Guardian Limited Key Contacts

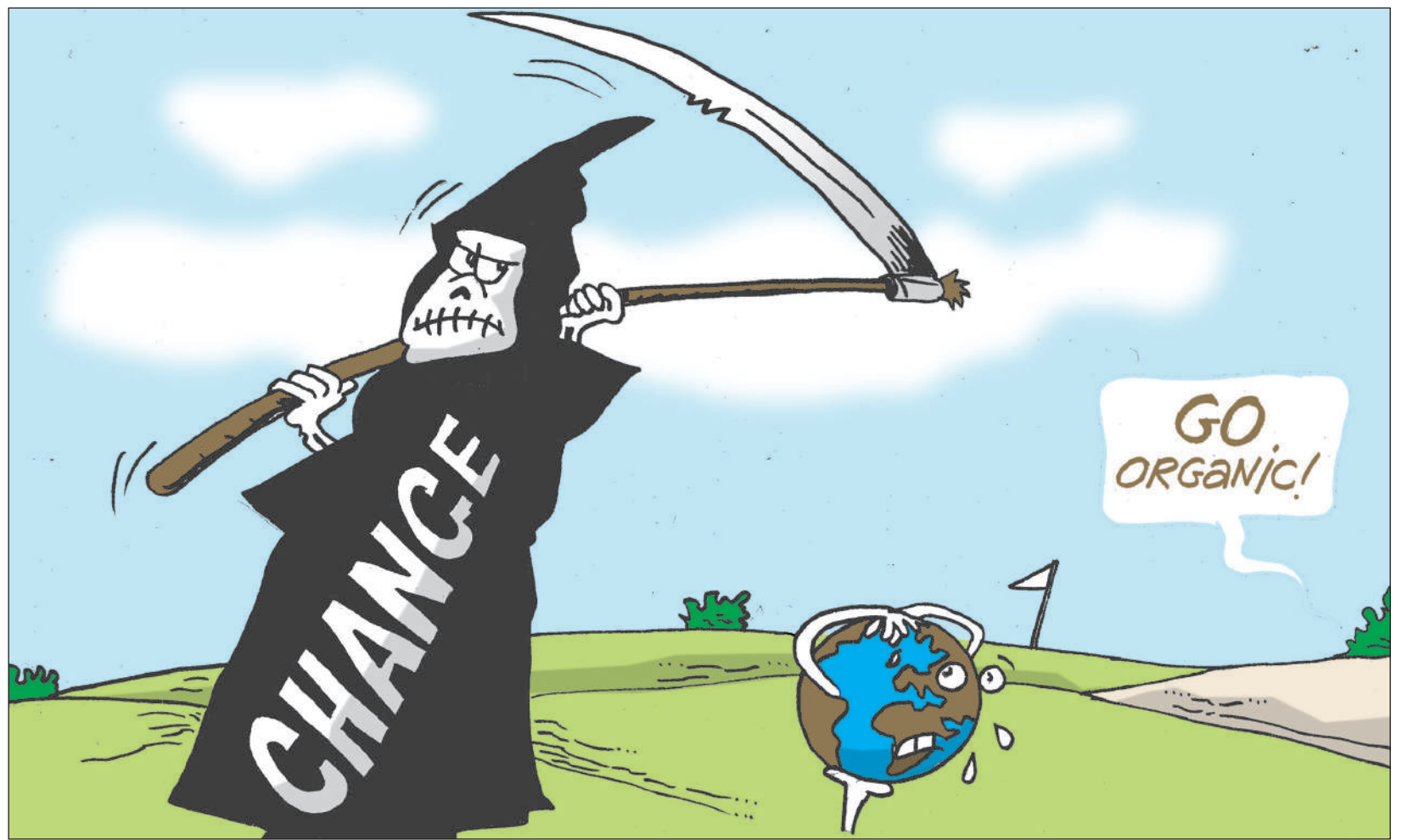
MANAGING EDITOR: WALLACE MAUGGO
CIRCULATION MANAGER: DENNIS NTAITA

Newsdesk

General Line: 0745 700710
News Editor: LUSEKELO PHILEMON
0757 154767
E-mail: guardian@guardian.co.tz

Advertising

Cel: + 0677 020701 E-mails: Advertise@guardian.co.tz
Website: lppmedia.com, epaper.ippmedia.com



SPECIAL INTERVIEW

Gender in South African newsrooms: Why representation does not equate to inclusion

LUBA Kassova, author of the recent award-winning solution-based report on gender and the intersectionality of gender and race in news From Outrage to Opportunity, speaks to WAN-IFRA External Contributor Qaanitah Hunter, Assistant Editor: Politics and Opinions at News24 in South Africa. The thrust is on the position of women in South African newsrooms, and Qaanitah's own experience as a woman in a senior position.

This post is based on a conversation that took place during a webinar organised by Emma Goodman in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Media Partnership's team. It dives into some of the issues highlighted by the Luba Kassova study.

Luba Kassova: South Africa is an interesting outlier in the research that we've done because it is almost there in terms of women's representation: we found that there is almost gender parity in the most senior roles in the political, health and business beats. So my question is: Does that translate into true inclusion of women in the newsroom? And what's your own experience as a woman of colour?

Qaanitah Hunter: South Africa is miles ahead of our neighbours on the African continent - and around the world - in relation to this issue of gender parity in the newsroom. I think there are a couple of reasons for this: the first is that the conversation around gender parity was structured into our conversations as a country when our democracy was founded 30 years ago.

We had conversations around gender parity in Parliament, for example, or in the National Cabinet, so there is an existing conversation in society about having women represented in different spheres.

The irony of South Africa, however, is that while we can boast about gender parity in terms of our Cabinet and Parliament, we are also a femicide capital of the world, and gender-based violence is more prominent in South Africa in comparison to any other country on the continent, if not the world.

So that's the broader environment that we work in as journalists - it is a microcosm of wider society. We've also done very well within the media landscape to first have gender parity in the newsroom, and now more so in management.

However, it's not a utopia or a per-

fect situation. In South Africa the challenges are vast, and representation and inclusion are not automatic.

One thing to look at is the separation of news leaders and news managers. Corporations prefer female managers to run newsrooms. Why? It's because we are damn good at our jobs. However, if you look at the declining rate of female editors-in-chief, you'll understand that corporations will not appoint female editors-in-chief except in exceptional situations. And so, the adage of 'we have to work twice as hard to get half of what our male counterparts get' is very alive and thriving within South African newsrooms.

The reality is that, yes, South Africa is doing well in terms of representation of women in serious beats. You go to a press conference with the President, and at least 60 per cent of the room will be female journalists. You go to the national Budget announcement and at least half the room are female journalists. But then, when the President is giving exclusive interviews, at least four out of five of those journalists will be men.

And that's what the conversation has to be about - not just about representation in a room, but true inclusion. My journey in journalism in South Africa was completely an anomaly in many aspects. Firstly, I joined the newsroom as one of the youngest journalists to be given a shift. Secondly, I was a woman of colour in South Africa; Thirdly, I was a visibly Muslim person wearing a hijab.

Now South Africa, for all of its problems, is a great country when it comes to just allowing people to be. It's not a far-fetched thing that a woman in a hijab regularly interviews the president, or regularly critiques the president. I think this is very much tied with our democratic project as a society.

But, again, it's not perfect and the reality is that the scale against which men and women journalists are judged is very different. We also have a huge gender pay gap in South Africa. The incentive for big corporations to hire a woman as a middle-level manager or a news editor is therefore higher because they can pay them less. So there's an irony here - it's both a win and a loss.

If there's a lesson that I would want to impart from this discussion today, it's that having bums

on seats is not enough. We have to look at it in a more nuanced way and appreciate that they're hiring all of these female middle-level managers because number one, they work harder, and number two, they can pay them less.

In the conversation around inclusion, we have to scratch beneath the surface - in my experience I had phenomenal opportunities as a young journalist in South Africa. When it came to big stories, front page stories, investigations, stories involving the former President - there's always male and female representation in who breaks the big story.

But if you look at awards: who gets the awards? Males. And if you scratch a little deeper: for example in 2013 when President Nelson Mandela died, this was a huge story that we as a country had planned for - we were literally camping outside the hospitals. I covered everything: I covered the death, the memorials, the reactions of heads of state, the family feuds, everything. But when the time came for the funeral, the big moment, the news editor came to me and said he's not sending me. He said: "We're going to send a male colleague [who has done absolutely nothing on the story], because it's easier for him to pee on the side of the road." This was a metaphor for 'we need to send a man, he'll be better at it'.

That silly, ridiculous statement and episode has stuck in my mind now as a manager, remembering that women work on the big stories not because they are given to them but because we have to go and fight for it. This is something that your report points to: - we're fighting internally, and we're fighting externally. So when the office of the President offers an exclusive interview, women journalists have to fight their male colleagues (who literally have not been covering the President at all) for that opportunity, and then go and fight with the newsmakers and the politicians.

What would you say are the things that work best for you and your colleagues in terms of making the bums on seats count - i.e., being included?

The first thing is, be intentional. This is a conversation we constantly have in our South African National Editors Forum among those who have made it into senior management in newsrooms - we have to be intentional in terms of recruitment. That's the bare minimum, and it's

something your report covers extensively.

The second thing about inclusion is creating a situation where we are not playing a man's game. So, in South Africa, as well as things like non-negotiable maternity leave, there are huge considerations that we have as women, for example safety considerations which maybe some of our colleagues in other countries don't have. Therefore, it's important to take the approach that a woman should cover the story by virtue of the fact that she is equipped to do it, but we don't discount the fact that she is more at risk by virtue of being a woman, so we send a male colleague to assist her (and not the other way around).

The third thing is to have open conversations with the newsrooms about not making gender inclusion conversation the responsibility of women and putting the onus on women alone. I think that once we bring these conversations to the fore, it allows us to share collective responsibility, because it's not our struggle alone.

Finally, inclusion makes financial sense. Once executives understand the value of not only putting bums on seats but actually empowering women journalists, and the financial sense of it, which your report deals with in detail - it just makes the battle so much easier to fight. Again, I cannot stress this enough - the fight for women's inclusion cannot be a woman's fight alone.

*** A dispatch by the World Editors Forum is the leading global community of editors and an integral part of the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA).**



We had conversations around gender parity in Parliament, for example, or in the National Cabinet, so there is an existing conversation in society about having women represented in different spheres

What to do when business partner breaches an agreement

IT is not uncommon to hear businesspeople complain about their partners not performing what was agreed despite the fact that they have already spent substantial sum of money to perform their contractual obligations.

This is very frustrating on the part of the person who has already performed his or contractual obligations. Reasons as to why the other party was not able to discharge their contractual obligations vary from one agreement to the other.

Some people deliberately opt to either discharge fully or partial and others might be restrained by good cause. This article points out some relevant issues to do when agreement entered is breached.

It is imperative to take note that main law which regulates commercial arrangement or agreement between parties is the Law of Contract, Cap 345 R.E 2019. Section 10 of this law it provides explanation as to what amounts to agreement.

That section demonstrates that all agreements are contracts if they are made by free consent of parties competent to contract for lawful consideration and with lawful object and are not expressly declared to be void.

The above explanation carries a number of legal meanings but for the purposes of this article, it suffices to say that an agreement which needs to be protected in the eyes of the law should be entered by parties at free consent, meaning parties should not be forced to enter into agreement in either way.

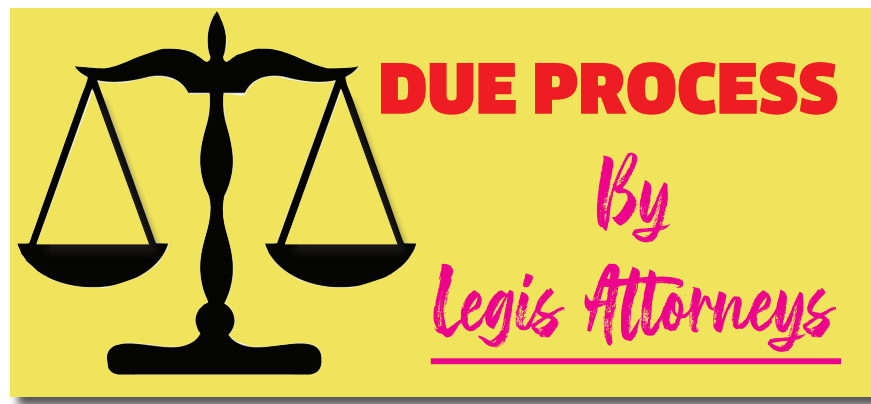
Parties who enter into an agreement should have the capacity to enter into agreement or permitted by the law in the sense that minors and mentally incompetent people are not capable of entering into valid agreements.

The object of the contract should be lawful or in other words, it should not be the one prohibited by the law such as one cannot enter into agreement to sale prohibited drugs and many other items which are prohibited by law.

Agreements can be categorized into two major parts, namely written and oral agreements. Both types of agreements are enforceable in law provided they are entered in compliance with conditions pointed out above, unless the law clearly states that such nature of agreement should be in written form such as sale of land, particularly surveyed plots.

Breach of agreement can either be total or partial. It can either be non-completion of the agreement or failure to pay the agreed sum either full or partial of it or at agreeable standards and time.

Circumstances of breach vary from one agreement to another but common ones are anticipatory breach, actual breach, material breach or minor breach.



We shall demonstrate herein how the same occurs and be categorized. Anticipatory breach is when one party notifies the other that he or she will not be able to fulfill part of his or her contractual obligation before agreed time lapses and the aggrieved party may opt to initiate legal claim before the actual breach occurs.

Actual breach is when the other party fails to discharge his or her contractual obligations within agreed time while material breach of contract is as good as nothing was discharged by the other party. In other words, substantial part of the contract is not discharged whereby remedy granted by court is also substantial upon proper proof because violation is significant fact in such circumstances.

The last one is minor breach which is the opposite of material breach or as the name depicts, it is when insignificant part of the agreement is not fulfilled. Despite the fact that it can be neglected, the other party may opt to claim for compensation because violation has occurred.

Now let us look at what can be done when your business partner or other person opts to breach the agreement entered. In the first instance, there is no hard and fast rule which defines what is required to be done when the agreement is breached unless the agreement provides what should be done in that circumstance.

Therefore, let us share our experience in handling commercial disputes upon being approached by our clients. The first thing is to examine

the whole commercial transaction or agreement entered between the parties and look at the remedies available and means of resolving the dispute particularly when it comes to an issue of written agreement.

In some of the agreements, parties may propose a forum which can be used to resolve disputes when they occur. This is important and the courts are always careful to ensure what the parties agreed is enforced provided it does not violate the laws of land.

Before resorting either to court or other dispute resolutions mechanism, if circumstances permit, demand notice should be sent to the party in breach to inform him or her on what you want to pursue.

There is no format of writing demand notice. Rather, it is a simple notice notifying the other party of your intention to pursue your rights, if situation is not remedied within certain period of time.

Further, depending on the agreement or circumstances, parties may agree that in the event of a dispute, then amicable discussion should be used as means of settlement of the dispute between them or mediation means and either person or institution may be appointed to deal with the settlement.

There are many advantages of dealing with a dispute at mediation stage. Some of the persons are experts in handling mediation and can be engaged to deal with such disputes.

Currently in Tanzania, we have accredited mediators regulated by the

Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs dealing with mediation.

Advantages of dealing with mediation of disputes are so many. However, at this stage, it is enough to say mediation is among easy ways of resolving disputes as compared to resolving the same in courts of law.

Further, it is the government's policy to see people use mediation forums to resolve their disputes before preferring the same to the courts of law. Courts of law also encourage parties to mediate and that is why it is mandatory for every civil case filed in court to go through mediation stage before commencement of hearing. Parties may mediate even the awarded sum provided they are in agreement of the same.

The other way of dealing with dispute is through arbitration. In most cases, parties may agree that in case of a dispute, the matter shall be referred to arbitration. Courts of law on several times ensure that parties comply with what was agreed to resolve the dispute either by staying the filed case to pave way for arbitration or striking out the case so that the parties can prefer the matter for arbitration or parties may apply to the court so that their dispute can be determined through arbitration means.

An agreement can either provide a manner of appointing an arbitrator but in case the same is silent, then provision of the law can be applied, including filing of application in court if there is disagreement between the parties as to who is required to be the arbitrator.

The last means is by instituting a case in the court of law for determination. In our experience, filing a case in the court of law should be last option in case parties failed to resolve the dispute in amicable way.

Disputes in courts of law take much time because this path involves various processes or stages in which the dispute must undergo before award of verdict. Therefore, it is time consuming since it involved of legal technicalities.

At the end, winner takes all in the court of law which is different from other ways of resolving disputes.

There is no room for mitigating damage. Settling commercial disputes at mediation stages is more preferable as it contains a lot of benefits as compared to courts of law.

Finally, let us point out what the aggrieved party can ask to be awarded in case an agreement is breached. There are so many remedies one can ask in case of breach, however, we shall point few of them which are very common.

Damages can be asked to be awarded mainly in two types namely specific damages which are requires to be proved specifically and general damages which are usually awarded at the discretion of the court but only upon examining the facts presented before it.

Another remedy which can be asked is cancellation of the agreement. Either party may opt to cancel the agreement in case they find the same no longer viable or impracticable to be performed by either party.

Also, an order of specific performance may be asked to be awarded in the court of law but circumstances must be analyzed to compel the other party to complete the agreement.

The last one is restitution which refers to returning the aggrieved party to the original position before the contract was entered. This always happens when the agreement is declared to be void from 'ab-nitio' (inception).

Note: the material and information contained in this article are for general information purposes only. They only provide either elementary or basic legal knowledge on the above subject. Anyone considering legal action should consult an experienced lawyer to understand current laws and how they may affect a case in question.

You can send questions or comments to our email info@legisattorneys.co.tz or postal address Managing Partner, Legis Attorneys, P. O. Box 3750, DSM. You can visit our website www.legisattorneys.co.tz

A flawed GDP bypasses women's unpaid care work

By Naila Kabeer

LAST week the IMF offered a cautious estimate of positive global economic growth for this year, warning 'we are on track, but not out of the woods'. But with the IMF and governments continuing to use gross domestic product (GDP) as the dominant measure of economic progress, a more appropriate warning might be that 'we' are failing to see the wood for the trees.

As multiple crises wreak havoc across the world, as inequality continues to rise inexorably, as we approach near irreversible climate breakdown, it strains credulity that governments remain fixated on a metric that is incapable of capturing these momentous changes and their profound consequences for our lives.

GDP was developed to measure the monetary value of the marketed goods and services produced in an economy but it rapidly became the predominant measure of national welfare. As such it is flawed.

We should recall the warning issued by Simon Kuznets, founding father of GDP, back in 1934: the welfare of a nation could not, and should not, be inferred from the measurement of its GDP.

GDP is blind to the distribution of the marketed goods and services it measures; it equates progress with growing wealth, even if that wealth is concentrated among a small minority of the world's population.

It fails to distinguish between market activities that harm people and planet and those that are beneficial. It ignores the value of unpaid care. And it only recognizes natural resources when they can be exploited for profit.

As the feminist economist Marilyn Waring put it, GDP embodies an economic system that counts oil spills and wars as positive contributions to growth but deems the unpaid care of children and families as valueless.

Take the example of unpaid care work, overwhelmingly carried out by women across the world. According to data cited in an Oxfam paper this week, almost two-thirds of women's weekly working hours - and forty-five percent of the total for all adults - do not enter estimates of GDP because they do not enter the market.

That means nearly 90 billion hours of unpaid care work, without which economic growth would come to a grinding halt, do not count as part of that growth!

History has shown us that fixation on GDP-oriented growth has led to government policies that directly harm women, particularly those at the intersection of multiple inequalities, such as race, class, caste and disability.

This is evident in the consequences of repeated and sustained austerity cuts to public services, here in the UK and elsewhere, including many countries in the Global South. These showed up clearly in the UK during the pandemic.



GDP ignores the value of unpaid care and only recognizes natural resources when they can be exploited for profit. Credit: UN Women/Zhanarbek Amankulov

Cuts in welfare services on which many women depended in order to take up paid work meant that they had to compensate with increased unpaid labour. Cuts to jobs and pay in the public sector where women workers made up most of the work force meant higher rates of female unemployment.

And where public services were retained, as in the health sector, women from poor and minority households made up the majority of frontline workers, were those most exposed to infection.

There are alternative measures of wellbeing to GDP. Some are based on indigenous conceptualizations that stress harmony between people and planet. Others seek to build on common values found across the world: values that stress care and capabilities, culture and leisure,

connections with nature and community and, very importantly, democratic participation and social justice.

What these measures all have in common is that GDP is no longer considered the primary goal of national efforts but just one of the means by which shared goals can be achieved.

This proliferation of concepts is indicative of the deep dissatisfaction with GDP on the part of many and the need to go beyond it. They include international organizations like the UN, the OECD and the EU, governments like New Zealand, Canada, Bhutan, Peru, Ecuador as well as numerous networks of activists and academics.

The fact that they have not arrived at an agreed alternative to GDP reflects at least two major challenges. The first is methodological but one that can be re-

solved through debate and deliberation. Do we want a single, multidimensional index to track how we are doing, more complex than GDP but closer to shared values?

Or should we opt for a dashboard of indicators that allow us to track where we are doing well and where we are falling behind? Should the alternative be nationally determined or internationally?

One argument in favour of an internationalist consensus is the need to factor in 'the wellbeing elsewhere' dimension: what we do within one country can have positive or negative repercussions for people in other countries.

The second challenge is political and harder to resolve, as economic elites have been able to capture political power. The richest 1% are not just the wealthiest, they have greatest political clout. They

also have strong vested interest in defending a measure of progress that ensures they can legitimately capture the bulk of the wealth generated by markets.

Conversely, those who have most to gain from alternative measures of progress are dispersed and divided - in no small way through the efforts of the 1%. The second challenge therefore is to find a bridge across these divisions and dispersions so that we can collectively engage in the task of revolutionizing the way we think about ourselves in relation to each other and to our planet.

Prof Naila Kabeer is a feminist economist, Department of International Development, London School of Economics (LSE).

Blockade in Nagorno-Karabakh: When bread and sanitary pads become luxury items

By Anush Ghavalyan and Siranush Sargsyan

TATEV Azizyan, a 28-year-old journalist from Nagorno-Karabakh, says she has explained to her child that they both have to switch to “energy save mode” to survive.

“Some bread and slices of tomato and cucumber, that’s all I can give my seven-year-old daughter for breakfast. Dairy products like sugar or eggs are long gone from our table,” Azizyan told IPS from her residence in Stepanakert, the provincial capital of Nagorno Karabakh.

Saving energy is far from easy when public transport hasn’t been working for weeks, because of fuel. Queues under the scorching sun also pose dangers.

“We often see the elderly and people with disabilities faint after spending hours in line just to get a kilogram of potatoes, or when mothers take their kids to a hospital on their arms,” stressed Azizyan.

She is among 120,000 Armenians currently under blockade in Nagorno-Karabakh. Also called Artsakh by its Armenian population, it’s a self-proclaimed republic within Azerbaijan which seeks international recognition and independence.

On December 12, 2022, a group of government-backed protesters identifying themselves as ‘eco-activists’ closed the Lachin corridor, the only road connecting the enclave with Armenia and the outside world with a demand to stop gold mining in the region.

Although mining was stopped two weeks later, the road remained closed. In April 2023 the eco-activists were replaced by Azerbaijani troops as Baku unilaterally installed a checkpoint in the



The ongoing blockade has forced thousands of citizens to stand in line for hours to get some minimal amount of food or basic necessities. Image: Siranush Sargsyan / IPS. Credit: Siranush Sargsyan / IPS

the United Nations Population Fund warn that restricting safe and affordable sanitary materials has contributed to health problems including depression, infections and other health risks.

However, in a traditional society like Nagorno-Karabakh, issues related to women’s reproductive and sexual health are not discussed in public, because they are deemed shameful.

Only a few of the women interviewed by IPS mentioned their right to manage their periods with dignity. None of them mentioned the lack of birth control pills or other items used to prevent sexually transmitted diseases.

No end in sight
On July 26, the Armenian government sent 400 tons of aid to Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh. Armenian officials expressed hope that Russian peacekeepers would escort the relief supplies.

But the convoy was blocked after Azerbaijan’s Foreign Ministry labelled the aid convoy a “provocation” and “an attack on Azerbaijan’s territorial integrity”

“Azerbaijan is trying to oppress us by forcing us to subjugate or leave our homeland, by depriving our people of humanitarian supplies and deliberately disrupting vital infrastructures. These are crimes that should be punished by the international community,” Gegham Stepanyan, Nagorno Karabakh ombudsman, told IPS from his office in Stepanakert.

Water outages, power and gas cuts are also a common currency in the enclave. The region’s vital infrastructure is fed by Armenia but all lines to the enclave pass through Azerbaijani-controlled territories. It’s up to Baku to open and down the valve of these vital supplies.

“My life is adjusted to a rolling blackouts schedule,” Luiza Sargsyan, 16, told IPS. The teenager has to look after her 10-year-old brother Levon after both were left alone in Stepanakert.

Luiza’s mother had to get surgery in Yerevan (Armenia’s capital) before the road was closed, and her father had to accompany her to provide care. Both parents are still in Goris -an Armenian town near the blocked road to Nagorno Karabakh- until they can finally go back home.

When that will be possible is still impossible to predict.

“I don’t even dare to say if classes will resume in September...,” admits this Armenian teenager. She’s blunt about the future.

“Coping with the blockade sucks all our energy now. It’s a daily challenge.”

only road.

In a statement released on July 25, the International Committee of the Red Cross -the only international humanitarian organisation operating in Nagorno-Karabakh- denounced civilians in Nagorno Karabakh population are facing “a lack of life-saving medication and essentials like hygiene products and baby formula.”

“Despite persistent efforts, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is not currently able to bring humanitarian assistance to the civilian population,” claimed the report.

Newborns at risk

Over the last three decades, the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan has resulted in nearly complete ethnic separation of the population. Hundreds of thousands of people from both sides have become refugees.

Russian peacekeepers were deployed in the region after a Moscow-brokered ceasefire ended a six-week war in the fall of 2020. The Azerbaijani side has prevented peacekeepers from passing through the corridor since June 15.

The U.S., the EU, Russia, the UK, and several European countries have called on Azerbaijan to open the Lachin Corridor for humanitarian and civilian traffic.

In December 2022, Armenia brought Azerbaijan to the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights. Although both courts ordered Baku to end the roadblock and ensure unimpeded traffic along the corridor, the lifeline remains closed.

Baku had proposed an alternative route across Azerbaijani territory, an offer declined by Nagorno-Karabakh Armenians, who said it was too dangerous.

On July 26, the EU’s High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell said supplies through Azerbaijan should not be seen as an alternative to the reopening of the Lachin corridor. This approach was stressed by the US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, during his last call with Azerbaijan’s President Ilham Aliyev.

Meanwhile, the situation inside the enclave worsens by the day.

“The number of miscarriages has increased due to a lack of medicines, stress and an unbalanced diet. Both mothers and babies are at increased risk,” Vardges Osipov, the executive director of the Maternity and Child Health Care Center in Stepanakert told IPS.

“In July alone, the number of miscarriages has increased almost three times,” the doctor warned.

Alyona Grigoryan a mother of two and pregnant with her third child is fully aware of the dangers. After facing problems with pregnancy, she was monitored by doctors at Stepanakert’s hospital for a month and a half.

She says the fetus is safe, but she needs a balanced diet, vitamins and medicines which are impossible to find.

“My 3-year-old child had a fever days ago and since we couldn’t find medicines, ee had to resort to traditional means to bring down the fever with cold soaks,” the Armenian told IPS.

Grigoryan points to “additional challenges” when it comes to pregnancy, but she is also concerned about the mental health of her two kids. “At just three and six years of age, they already know what war and a blockade are,” she lamented.

The acute shortage of individual hygiene products also poses a new danger to women in the besieged enclave.

International health organisations such as

IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)
AT DAR ES SALAAM

COMMERCIAL CASE NO. 71 OF 2023

AZANIA BANK LIMITED.....1ST PLAINTIFF
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.....2ND PLAINTIFF
VERSUS

THE COPY CAT (T) LIMITED.....1ST DEFENDANT
THE COPY CAT LIMITED.....2ND DEFENDANT
VISHAL PATEL.....3RD DEFENDANT
KIRUBAKARAN RAMAKRISHNAN.....4TH DEFENDANT
NAZIR NOORDIN TAYABAL.....5TH DEFENDANT
KETUL PATEL.....6TH DEFENDANT
NATIHWANI DEEN RASHMIKANT.....7TH DEFENDANT
NADEEM NAZIR NOORDIN.....8TH DEFENDANT
RAMILA RAJINDER KUMAR PATEL.....9TH DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO FILE WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DEFENCE;
(Under Rule 15, 20(1) of the High Court (Commercial Division) Rules, 2012)

To:
NADEEM NAZIR NOORDIN,
nnoordin@copycatgroup.com
P.O.BOX 1599, DAR ES SALAAM.

RAMILA RAJINDER KUMAR PATEL
vipatel@copycatgroup.com
P.O.BOX 1599, DAR ES SALAAM.

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff’s have instituted a suit against you upon the claim the particulars of which are set out in annexed copy of the plaint;

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you must file your WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DEFENCE in duplicate within **twenty-one (21)** days of service of this notice upon you. If there is more than one plaintiff, additional copies of your written statement of defence must be filed sufficient for service on each of the Plaintiffs. If there are more defendants than one and the defence is not joint defence, you must file sufficient copies for service on each of the other defendants.

AND TAKE NOTICE that if you default in filing the written statement of defence within the time specified, the court may pronounce judgment against you.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the case also has been fixed for Orders before Hon. Agatho, Judge on the 28th day of August, 2023 at 08:30 am

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COURT this 1st Day of August, 2023.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
COMMERCIAL DIVISION
DAR ES SALAAM.

CAPITAL RADIO

RATIBA YA VIPINDI

JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

| MONDAY TIME PROGRAMME | TUESDAY TIME PROGRAMME | WEDNESDAY TIME PROGRAMME | THURSDAY TIME PROGRAMME | FRIDAY TIME PROGRAMME | SATURDAY TIME PROGRAMME | SUNDAY TIME PROGRAMME |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS HALI HALISI 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS | 05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-21:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO) | 05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-21:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO) | 05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS SPORTS 21:00-23:00HRS MALUMBANO YA HOJA 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO) | 05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA 13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101 16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA 18:00-18:10HRS HABARI 18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME 20:00-21:00HRS SPORTS 21:00-23:00HRS KIPIMA JOTO 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO) | 07:30-10:00HRS DK 90 DUNIANI 10:00-11:00HRS KADOGOO 11:00-13:00HRS BONGO HITS 13:00-14:00HRS DW RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS ZAIDI YA UMJUAVYO 16:00-18:00HRS ALIYEVUMA 18:00-21:00HRS BUZUKI TIME 21:00-22:00HRS SPOTI 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO) | 07:00-09:00HRS HABARI NA MATUKIO YA WIKI 09:00-11:00HRS THE SUNDAY 11:00-13:00HRS TOP 20 13:00-14:00HRS DW RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS CAPITAL MICHEZONI 16:00-18:00HRS UKURASA WA MBELE 18:00-21:00HRS JIACHIE 21:00-22:00HRS SPOTI 22:00-01:00HRS LADHA LAINI 01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI (MCHAGANGANYIKO) |

Tembelea mitandao ya kijamii ya CAPITAL RADIO

CAPITAL RADIO

Afreximbank, EABC team up to maximise AfCFTA chances and boost intra-African trade

By Special Correspondent, Kampala

THE East African Business Council (EABC) and the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) have entered into strategic partnership aimed at fostering intra-African trade and regional economic integration by raising awareness about the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and maximizing opportunities under the agreement.

Under the partnership, backstopped with a USD178,530-grant from Afreximbank for EABC will promote the implementation of the AfCFTA by engaging in specific activities that strengthen the private sector's capacity, enhance trade facilitation and unlock new opportunities for businesses across East Africa.

John Bosco Kalisa, EABC CEO said: "The East African bloc has shown economic resilience despite COVID-19 and the Russia-Ukraine war."

He urged the Governments of EAC Partner States to continue improving the business environment for youth to be innovative and drive integration and prosperity in Africa.

He explained that Rwanda and Kenya are ranked second and fourth in terms of entrepreneurship in Africa. He stated that the AfCFTA Agreement puts women and youth in the driving seat of Africa's integration.

EABC - Afreximbank have kicked off the roll out sensitization workshops

to raise awareness among small and medium-sized enterprises and women in business about AfCFTA Protocols and their significance for business growth. Such workshops will focus on trade facilitation procedures and strategies to access markets effectively under the AfCFTA.

Pheona Wall, EABC Board Member, said: "Systemic barriers hinder the participation of women and youth in policy formulation despite composing 50% of Africa's population."

Okot Okeello Richard, Assistant Commissioner, Technological Research and Innovation/MSME - Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives Uganda, said, "Trade drives socio-economic growth, and AfCFTA will open markets for goods and services among African countries."

He mentioned that intra-Africa trade is low at 15% compared to other economic communities. Mr. Okeello stated that logistics, market requirements, customs documentation & procedures need to be reinforced to actualize commercially meaningful trade under AfCFTA.

He cited that Kenya's exports of batteries to Ghana under AfCFTA-guided trade initiative took 3 months, while the same consignment from China took 2 weeks. This underscores the need for the EAC region to relook at the time and costs of logistics and prioritize trading of low-volume, high-value products, as well as the establishment of national



EABC chief executive officer John Kalisa

trading companies to support the bulking of consignments.

"The East African Community Gazetted the bloc's tariff offers under AfCFTA last month," said Mr. Okeello Richard. He said the Ministry has developed a draft implementation strategy on AfCFTA for the country.

Stephen Asiimwe, Executive Director of the Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), urged SMEs to improve quality and product packaging to take advantage of the larger continental market of 1.3 billion people.

Evelyn Nsimire, Policy Advocacy Officer at the Uganda Manufacturers Association (UMA), said, "East African SMEs, women, and youth in business

need to enhance their competitiveness considering the competitive landscape created by AfCFTA."

Through the Afreximbank partnership EABC will also conduct comprehensive assessments to identify opportunities and potential challenges for the successful implementation of the AfCFTA, with a specific focus on trade in goods and services. Findings from those research papers will inform EABC's policy advocacy campaigns and engagements with policymakers in a bid to set up an enabling environment for businesses to expand across African borders. They will also provide valuable insights to the business community on AfCFTA markets.

"We extend our sincere gratitude to Afrex-

imbank for their generous support and belief in our mission of a borderless East Africa for business and investment," said John Bosco Kalisa, EABC CEO.

This grant will enable us to carry out crucial awareness initiatives and in-depth research that will empower businesses to harness the immense potential of the AfCFTA."

Kalisa said that the partnership with Afreximbank aligned with EABC's vision of fostering a vibrant and competitive regional business environment and expressed confidence that it would empower businesses with valuable insights into AfCFTA trade opportunities, best practices and strategies for growth.

Climate change impacts no longer a threat to organic farming in Mvomero

By Getrude Mbago

FINDING a green environment view at Vianzi village of Lubungo ward in Morogoro Region, especially during summer season is unusual and can be a surprise to the residents due to severe drought that has hit the area for years.

During summer, the area is mostly found as a bare land full of dust and sunny with trees being empty after uprooting their leaves.

However, efforts and commitment of some villagers and agro-ecological stakeholders including Mombeki Cleopha, a 37-year-old youth and other residents of the village which is located in Mvomero District, have now helped bring a greenish environment in some parts of the village.

Mombeki who has been working up daily to take care of his half an acre garden, has greatly changed the mindsets of many other youth who are also engaging in vegetable and fruit farming to increase their income, restore natural vegetation and fight climate change impacts.

Narrating about his efforts to support environmental conservation while also earning income through organic farming recently, Mombeki recalls five years back when he emerged one of the lucky villagers to receive training on organic farming and environmental conservation from Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT).

"I attended training at the SAT centre in Vianzi, Morogoro, while there together with other farmers from various areas, we were deeply trained on how organic farming is and what we can do to ensure that it produces positive outcomes," Mombeki narrated this in an interview recently.

According to him, after coming back from the training, he shared the knowledge and skills with other fellow attendants at the college as well as tutors and staff.

Mombeki, who leads a farming group of 17 members and a mentor of two other groups, says organic farming is cost effective as it uses little water with the fertilizer being found locally as well as plant booster which is made easily thus producing more profits than the modern one.

He thanks the government for bringing enough water to the village which allows villagers to establish small and big vegetable gardens in their areas.

"SAT experts have trained us and completely transformed our thinking to the better, we are now engaging in farming using simple methods of producing organic fertilizers and pesticides, these practices contribute to reduction in the use and release or emission of hazardous chemicals in the environment as well as providing us with healthy food products," he explains.

He notes that since he started practicing farming, he has attracted a number of customers whom they are now serving by sending them organic products such as bell peppers, amaranth, spinach and other veggies.

"Since I started learning on the techniques to improve soil fertility, I discovered the benefits of compost in boosting productivity and learned how to use mulch to preserve water and prevent water losses," he notes.

He also learned how to use bio-pesticides like neem trees, eucalyptus, and many more to combat pests and diseases.

"I can say that this garden pays me a lot because I don't spend a lot of expenses including water which I apply drip irrigation, but every day I sell vegetables to villagers who majority of them prefer my farm produce and vegetables than those grown using industrial fertiliz-



ers and other chemicals," Mombeki narrates.

According to him, a small pack of vegetables is sold at 500/- in his garden and others in the streets are sold at 300/- but people have been running towards his garden everyday claiming that the veggies are delicious.

"The market is really huge because within this short period, I have secured a lot of customers, they wake up every day giving orders so as to be delivered with their products of their choice," he adds.

Mombeki stresses that naturally grown vegetables and fruits have high demand as the majority of customers say they have good taste and more health benefits.

He further expresses his gratitude to SAT for implementing the project which has brought transformation in the farmers and pastoral communities.

The farmer however raised concern over the increasing incidents of elephants who have been storming in the village destroying crops and properties and called on the government to take serious measures on this problem.

This, according to him, has affected a majority of farmers who had established organic gardens in their homes and now are discouraged to continue due to regular invasion of the elephants.

Irene Anatory, programme facilitator from SAT says that what has been narrated by the garden attendants is the result of the implementation of the project dubbed: "Farmers and Pastoralists Collaboration (FPC)".

She says the six-year project from 2017 to 2022 has greatly helped to install organic farming knowledge and skills as well as smart livestock keeping within the communities by promoting natural and conservation farming which eventually helped to improve income and reduce farmers and pastoralists conflicts.

"In this, SAT has trained farmers on conservation farming as well as smart livestock keeping, thousands of farmers and herders from Morogoro and other parts of the country have benefited from various organised trainings and changed their mind-sets, we have projects that touches all groups and bringing positive impact in the communities and nation at large," she says.

According to him, the organization has been educating farmers on organic farming and other practices that conserve the environment and provide them with healthy products and income such as establishing backyard gardens.

"A backyard garden is a home garden that can give your family everyday access to fresh, green veggies. The garden features a variety of technologies, including an anthill garden, a tire garden, a hanging garden, and a table garden. Some of the benefits of a backyard garden include reliable access to fresh fruits and vegetables, save time and money from not having to go to the store anymore, and most importantly, keeping you and your family healthy by regularly eating healthy organic vegetables," she explains.

She notes that SAT Holistic Group Limited, a social business, co-owned by small-scale farmers in Tanzania and affiliated with the NGO "Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT)", directly connects farmers to lucrative local and international organic markets, promoting sustainable farming practices and reducing poverty.

Supported by Biovision and Liechtensteiner Development Service (LED), the project's major goal was to enhance sustainable livelihoods of farmers and pastoralists through agro-ecological practices creating a solution where both parties can create local circular economies, everyone benefits, and conflicts are drastically reduced.

Disappearing fish spell hard times for women in Zimbabwe

By Marko Phiri

ZIMBABWE'S ballooning informal sector has, in recent years, spawned the over-exploitation of the country's natural resources, with the fisheries taking some of the most felt battering.

Amidst challenges brought by economic hardships, fisheries—for long imagined to be an infinite resource by hawkers and fishermen—are providing women with livelihoods against odds brought by climate change and competition from male fishmongers who go into the water.

Selling fish has for years been a source of income for women, but with current unemployment levels, more and more women are trying their hand at anything that will provide income.

According to the International Labour Organisation, out of more than five million informal traders in Zimbabwe, 65 percent are women, throwing more women into sectors such as fisheries that offer hope for steady incomes.

However, comes with its own downside. Demand for aquaculture produce has not slowed amid dwindling fish stocks in the country's dams, according to the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, Climate, and Rural Development.

Officials say because consumers have no idea about underwater resource sustainability and management, the more nets are cast into the country's waters, the less efforts are done to conserve the country's fisheries.

Long touted as a cheap source of nutrition, with the price of fish bought directly from dams cheaper than that sold in supermarkets and butcheries, this has resulted in unintended consequences.

Janet Dube is a frustrated single breadwinner in Bulawayo.

She makes a living visiting dams surrounding the city of Bulawayo and used to travel as far as the Zambezi to purchase fish stock but now says she has watched as a growing number of people, especially women try their luck buying and selling fish.

And with huge numbers entering the fish trade, it has meant diminishing returns as fish in the country's waterways are not being repopulated fast enough.

"I don't get as many fish I used from my suppliers even in dams around the city where you do not have to travel to faraway places such as Binga to buy fish for resale in Bulawayo," Dube said.

Sitting on the pavement of Bulawayo's central business district, in the country's second city, Dube hawks fresh bream fish and laments that although her stock is low, she still must worry about the fish going bad because of electricity power cuts.

Zimbabwe is in the midst of a long-running energy deficit that has not spared anyone, with the fisheries sector feeling the strain.

"I only come to sell fish in the central business district late afternoon to avoid losses as fish goes bad pretty fast," Dube told IPS.

However, for other fishmongers, selling dried bream and kapenta has become the answer to these challenges.

At another bustling city pavement, Gracious Maruziva sells dried kapenta sourced in the Zambezi Valley.

"I don't go there myself but buy from some people who travel to Binga regularly, but they don't supply as regularly as they used to," Maruziva said.

The reason: Her suppliers are struggling to bring in the once-abundant delicacy.

"It's increasingly becoming tough selling fish as they say they are also not getting enough from their suppliers in the Zambezi," she added.

Local researchers and agencies such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) have raised concerns about the lack of sustainability efforts in the country's fisheries sector, that in recent years has experienced its own gold rush of sorts.

For years women in Bulawayo have travelled long distances to buy fish in bulk, creating long value chains along the way, but it is the current challenges that include low fish stocks in the dams and power outages that interrupt refrigeration that is exposing the risks that come with the fish business.



Overfishing is harming the informal traders who rely on it for income. CREDIT: Marko Phiri/IPS

And with those challenges has been little success in sustainability and conservation of natural resources, experts say.

"We have seen it in the resource-rich communities through our trade justice work com-

munities carry what is known as the 'resource curse'," said John Maketo, programmes manager at the Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development.

"Instead of adequately benefiting from the

availability of a natural resource around them, communities become overburdened with the negative consequences of having it," Maketo said at a time artisanal fishermen and miners are blamed for anything stripping

dams of fish and illegally exploiting gold claims across the country.

However, there are concerns that in the absence of robust conservation efforts, the country's fisheries could adversely affect rural communities relying on natural resources.

The Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (ZimParks) is on record lamenting the unregulated new entrants into the fisheries sector, a development that has further threatened already low fish stocks in the country's dams.

According to FAO's FISH4ACP, an initiative that seeks the economic and sustainability of fisheries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, Zimbabwe has over 12,000 dams, noting that despite this abundance, the sector continues to struggle.

To address this, FAO is "supporting an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable fish farming sector" amid weak regulatory mechanisms and sound implementation of existing fishing quotas.

For women who find themselves hawking fish in the streets of Bulawayo, the consequence of that struggle is being felt in their daily takings.

"Fish is profitable, provided I get constant supplies. For now, I'm making do with what I can get," said Dube.

Note: This story was supported by the Pulitzer Centre.

IPS UN Bureau Report



According to the International Labour Organisation, out of more than five million informal traders in Zimbabwe, 65 percent are women, throwing more women into sectors such as fisheries that offer hope for steady incomes.



RATIBA YA VIPINDI

JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

| MONDAY TIME PROGRAMME | TUESDAY TIME PROGRAMME | WEDNESDAY TIME PROGRAMME | THURSDAY TIME PROGRAMME | FRIDAY TIME PROGRAMME | SATURDAY TIME PROGRAMME | SUNDAY TIME PROGRAMME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM HABARI NYEPESI III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.10 AM YALIVOMO YAMO 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 21.00 HRS RADIO ONE DOCTOR 21.05 HRS NEWS BRIEF 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01.00-05.00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO) | 05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM HABARI NYEPESI III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.10 AM YALIVOMO YAMO 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.10 HRS MATANGAZO / MUZIKI 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.05 HRS CHAGUO LA DJ 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01.00-05.00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO) | 05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM HABARI NYEPESI III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.10 AM YALIVOMO YAMO 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.10 HRS MATANGAZO / MUZIKI 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.05 HRS CHAGUO LA DJ 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01.00-05.00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO) | 05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM HABARI NYEPESI III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.10 AM YALIVOMO YAMO 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.10 HRS MATANGAZO / MUZIKI 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.05 HRS CHAGUO LA DJ 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS AFRO TIZI 01.00-05.00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO) | 05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM MATANGAZO 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.10 AM MATANGAZO 07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI 07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI 07.40 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA II 08.00 AM HABARI NYEPESI 08.10 AM HABARI NYEPESI III 09.00 AM HABARI ZA BIASHARA 09.10 AM MATANGAZO 09.20 AM BRAND TALK 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.10 AM HIZI NAZO 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 13.30 HRS DJ SHOW 16.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.30 HRS HOJA YA LEO 18.30 HRS DIRA YA DUNIA BBC 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.10 HRS MATANGAZO / MUZIKI 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.05 HRS CHAGUO LA DJ 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS AFRO TIZI 23.00 HRS WEEKEND SHOW 01.00-05.00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO) | 05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM COMMERCIALS 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.15 AM NEWSPAPERS REVIEW 07.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA KISWAHILI 09.00 AM WATOTO SHOW 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.15 AM MIWANI YA MAISHA 11.00 AM MITA WA MAGOMA 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 15.00 HRS MUZIKI NA MICHEZO 16.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.15 HRS MIDUNDO MOTOMOTO 18.00 HRS BONGO TEN 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.15 HRS CHEMASHA BONGO 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.03 HRS WEEK END SHOW I 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS WEEK END SHOW II 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS WEEK END SHOW III 01.00-05.00HRS MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO) | 05.00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I 06.00 AM AMKA NA BBC 06.30 AM NIPASHE 06.50 AM COMMERCIALS 07.00 AM NEWS BULLETIN 07.15 AM NEWSPAPERS REVIEW 07.30 AM KUMEPAMBAZUKA - FAMILIA 10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF 10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 10.15 AM SUNDAY SPECIAL 11:00 HRS TOP 20 13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 13.10 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 15.00 HRS NANI ZAIDI 16.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 16.03 HRS DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS 16.15 HRS MIDUNDO MOTOMOTO 18.00 HRS MAMBO YA PWANI 19.30 HRS AFRICAN PANORAMA 19.30 HRS SPOTI LEO 20.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN 20.10 HRS MSAVU ZANGU 21.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 21.03 HRS MAMBO MSETO 22.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS) 22.15 HRS RAFIKI I 23.00 HRS NEWS BRIEF 23.03 HRS RAFIKI II 01.00-05.00 MUZIKI (MCHANGANYIKO) |

Tembelea mitandao ya kijamii ya Radio One




ACORN TO BUY LAND IN JUJA, NAIROBI FOR MORE HOSTELS

NAIROBI

Property developer Acorn plans to acquire additional land in Juja and Nairobi's city centre to construct student hostels.

The developer said in a semi-annual report for its development real estate investment trust (Reit) programme that it is looking to put up a new hostel in Juja under its Qwetu brand targeting students at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

Acorn is developing a hostel in Juja under its Qejani brand, which it said will have 1,116 beds.

In the Nairobi CBD, the developer expects to set up two separate units under the two brands on a piece of land, targeting institutions such as the University of Nairobi and the Technical University of Kenya.

"In a bid to continue its growth trajectory, the ASA D-REIT has identified another land parcel in Juja within the vicinity of the JKUAT main campus for a Qwetu offering. Similarly, a land parcel within the central business district has been identified for both a Qwetu and a Qejani," said Acorn.



"The Acorn Student Accommodation D-Reit continues to seek out suitable land parcels for expansion of both its Qwetu and Qejani offerings to address the unmet demand of the purpose-built student accommodation market segment."

By the end of June, the D-Reit had a total of 13 separate hostel projects in its pipeline, ranging from completed ones, awaiting transfer to the developer's investment Reit, to ones at land acquisition stage like the CBD and Juja Qejani units.

The 10 that are either completed or partially done under the D-Reit have a bed capacity of

10,060, while the I-Reit has five hostels with a bed capacity of 3,003 on its portfolio.

Acorn funds projects with a mix of about 65 percent debt and 35 percent equity. For the debt portion, the D-Reit borrows funds for specific projects and uses the proceeds to settle the obligations.

Acorn's income-focused Reit meanwhile absorbs the hostels from the development arm once they are completed, thereafter generating income from rent and utilities that are distributed as dividends to shareholders.

The rental fee for Acorn's student rooms ranges from Sh9,900 to Sh14,500 per month,

depending on the amenities and size of the space.

The most recent property addition to Acorn's I-Reit was the 697-bed Qwetu Aberdare Heights I near USIU, via a transfer from the D-Reit at a cost of Sh1.78 billion in October last year.

The D-Reit will transfer another two completed and occupied hostel properties in Hurlingham and near USIU respectively to the I-Reit by the end of this year, valued at Sh3.54 billion

In February this year student hostels developer Acorn Holdings planned to establish a new real estate investment trust (Reit) to venture into the development of apartments for young urban professionals.

The firm, which in 2021 raised Sh2.1 billion from investors in the debut Reit that had targeted Sh7.5 billion, now says it will return to the market for another issuance as it maintains its practice of funding projects with a mix of debt and equity.

Acorn currently has 11 properties with a capacity for 11,013 beds for students – either under development or operational – but says it now wants to transition those leaving colleges to new apartments suits

able for young professionals.

Chief executive at Acorn, Edward Kirathe, told the Business Daily that the property developer could float the Reit in the next 12 to 18 months, depending on the timings of clearance from the Capital Markets Authority (CMA).

"We will soon announce a new Reit focusing on young urban dwellers. We are still working on it. The Reit size will probably be bigger or the same size as the first one because we have to build up the assets. In the next 12 to 18 months, we are likely to be ready," said Mr Kirathe.

Acorn currently concentrates on developing students' hostels under the brands Qwetu and Qejani and currently serves students from over 140 colleges and universities.

Mr Kirathe, whose firm recently took a Sh6.7 billion Absa Bank Kenya loan to finance part of the Sh11 billion students' hostels projects with a combined bed capacity of 12,000, now wants to tap into the growing market of young professionals.

"Once students leave Qwetu or Kejani, the one single question they keep asking us is where they move to because there is no decent accommodation that is built for their needs," said Mr Kirathe.

Official data shows the student population in post-secondary education institutions including universities and vocational centres crossed the one million mark in 2020 – a 31 percent growth in five years.

The over one million population of students in post-secondary school institutions provides a rich pool for Acorn's students' hostels projects as well as the planned apartments for young professionals.

Start-up hybrid: How misfits out-innovate established companies

NAIROBI

"THE wise person doesn't give the right answers, they pose the right questions," to paraphrase Claude Levi-Strauss.

When a company wants to innovate what should they focus on?

For the budding entrepreneur, full of energy and drive, wanting to create a successful start-up business, what is the fundamental question they should ask?

Is there a way to create

a new business model? An approach that combines the resources of a large corporate, with the entrepreneurial imagination of a tiny start-up?

A good number of business plans don't survive their first contact with the customer. This is because they create a bright idea product or service, that they think the customer wants.

Only to discover no one wants their service offering, after investing a lot of money and time. Harvest problems



So what is the place to start? When thinking about introducing a new product ask - What is the problem that it solves? Look at it from the perspective of the problem that your customer faces. What is it that they want?

What is it that they are trying to do? Begin by understanding all the difficulties, pain points that your target customer faces.

Innovation guru, Clayton Christensen puts it slightly differently - Ask what is the job being done by the product.

Go out into the market, delve into the customers' muddy home ground, and begin by harvesting their problems. Entrepreneurial discovery begins but uncovering a true customer need, based on a problem.

The truth is that entrepreneurs do not usually do this by conducting surveys and focus groups, relying on 'second-hand' market research.

A better approach is to become like an anthropologist doing research. Spend a lot of time speaking with customers, just simply observing them, almost 'getting under their skin', understanding their experience.

Once the critical problem is identified, design the product as a solution, that is just plain simpler and faster. Overall, more effective than anything now on the market.

Hybrid start-up Very often it is the misfits with a laptop that can out-innovate established companies. While the corporates have the resources and capabilities that ought to give them a substantial lead, they lack enterprise zeal.

They lack entrepreneurial drive and creativity because they are trapped within the corporate box, with the mindset of 'this is the way we do things around here' that stifles blue-sky innova-

tion. In Christensen's management classic, The Innovators Dilemma, he suggested that the only way that a larger corporate could be truly innovative was to create a separate innovation unit, apart, outside of, largely divorced from the corporate, not encumbered with its more restrictive systems.

While this is a possibility, blue chips like Airbus, UPS, Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz have started hybrid start-ups.

This new business model combines the best of both worlds, the resources and capabilities of the corporate, and the 'batteries included' imagination, creativity and entrepreneurial drive of a startup.

Not the same old, same old

The approach of the hybrid start-up will be very different from traditional large organisation business practices.

India-Tanzania friendship cup returns purposely to foster bonds through golf

By Francis Kajubi

THE eagerly anticipated India-Tanzania friendship Cup is poised to make its triumphant return, heralding a vibrant convergence of golf aficionados and community members in celebration of the game.

The second iteration of this dynamic event is slated to unfold tomorrow at the resplendent Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Golf Course.

Conceived under the patronage of the High Commission of India in Tanzania, the India-Tanzania Friendship Cup has firmly established itself as a fixture on the golfing calendar.

Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, High Commissioner of India to Tanzania said yesterday that this year's installment is poised to elevate the excitement even further, boasting an array of engagements tailored to golfers across proficiency spectrums.

He said the Indian high commission is exhilarated to rekindle the India-Tanzania Friendship Cup for yet another year of camaraderie, spirited competition, and communal harmony.

"Our dedicated team has toiled ceaselessly to curate an indelible encounter that will resonate with participants and attendees alike," he said and highlighted the generous support extended by Kamal Steel as the event partner and the event's Tanzanian sponsors Automark -TOYOTA.

According to him, the event will feature tournament excellence. At the heart of the gathering, the golf tournament will be staged across four divisions, catering meticulously to diverse skill tiers. This ensures a platform for

nascent and seasoned golfers to showcase their prowess.

It will also feature professionally led clinics and workshops. In this regard, aligned with the commitment to nurturing the sport, the India-Tanzania Friendship Cup hosted insightful clinics and workshops by seasoned golf professional Nazeer Tajudeen - honoured by the World Golf Teachers Federation in the Top 50 Awards.

Participants benefited from the refined techniques and wisdom shared by the industry's crème de la crème.

The event will further focus on embracing community enrichment. It will be organized beyond the verdant fairways, the India-Tanzania Friendship Cup remains steadfast in its dedication to giving back to the community.

Through the first edition proceeds in 2022, Tsh 5 Million was donated for the Junior team to take part in the All Africa Junior Competition in Uganda.

Societal convergence will not be left out as the festivities are expected to extend beyond the greens, encompassing convivial social gatherings, networking junctures, and a gala dinner. Attendees can forge connections with fellow enthusiasts, share anecdotes, and foster new connections.

Avenues for sponsorship will be another part of the event where the India-Tanzania Friendship Cup offers comprehensive sponsorship packages tailored to enterprises seeking association with a prestigious golfing spectacle.

Numerous sponsors have affirmed their participation, aspiring to capitalise on brand visibility, networking prospects, and more.

Vodacom pledges to grow Lesotho's digital economy

MASERU

Vodacom and the government of Lesotho have joined forces to grow the digital economy and, in so doing, create employment opportunities for young people.

Shameel Joosub, CEO of the Vodacom Group, made the pledge during a two-day trip to Lesotho, this week.

According to the company, the purpose of the visit was to strengthen the relationship between Vodacom Lesotho and the Vodacom Group, the government, and the private sector in order to accelerate growth using inclusive

digital technology that could be leveraged to open markets for businesses, particularly small businesses.

During his visit, Joosub met with government officials, regulators, and business leaders to reaffirm Vodacom's commitment to Lesotho.

Joosub also met with the CEO of the Lesotho Communications Authority, Nizam Goolam, and the Minister of Communications, Science and Technology, Nthathi Moorosi, with whom he discussed partnerships to increase rural coverage, access to basic 'free' Internet, infrastructure sharing

to reduce deployment costs, and stronger partnerships and collaboration on cyber security.

In addition, Joosub met King Letsie III and the country's Prime Minister Samuel Matekane. Regarding the conversation with Matekane, Joosub said: "We discussed a number of issues, including digital and financial inclusion, cyber security, and how Vodacom planned to collaborate and partner with the government on its digitisation agenda, noting the need to unlock other opportunities that have the potential to create jobs for the youth within a digital economy."



AI'S COMING FOR THE FOREX SECTOR, BUT IT NEEDS TO GET THE BASICS RIGHT FIRST

By Josh Kotlowitz, PRETORIA

Arificial intelligence (AI) is riding high at the moment, in no small part thanks to the booming popularity of generative AI tools such as ChatGPT and Midjourney. Unsurprisingly, that means that people in almost every industry and sector are wondering how AI will impact them. The foreign exchange space is no exception.

And, like so many other industries, AI could play a significant role in forex. It could, for example, transform the customer experience, by providing live, human-like, support whenever needed.

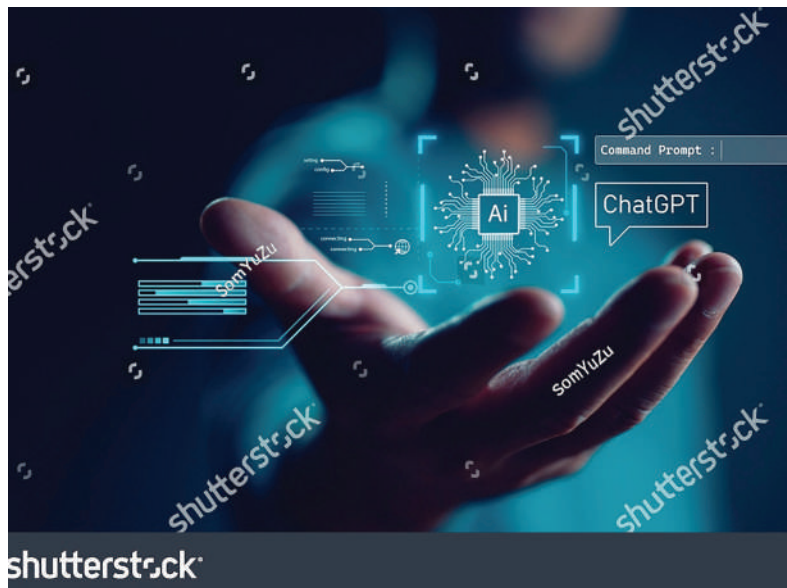
But as transformative as AI will undoubtedly be for the sector in the future, there are some things it needs to get right before that can happen. UX (User Experience) and Automation, in particular, should be a major focus in the coming years.

In our experience, most forex companies, but especially traditional banks, rely on outmoded models for facilitating foreign exchange transactions. And that's not just true for one or two parts of the transaction but across the entire process.

Traditional client onboarding processes can, for example, be complex and tedious. In fact, one survey found that as many as three-quarters of business clients have simply given up onboarding for a new financial product because they found it too complex. While that applies to banking in general, it's unlikely that something as tightly regulated as foreign exchange would be any better. Needless to say, traditional onboarding processes don't exactly contribute to a positive customer experience.

Additionally, many banks use outdated platforms and apps, making it difficult to find what you're looking for. That's a problem when you consider a 2021 study which found that 33% of bank customers have quit using an app because of poor user experience. The same survey also found that 71% of customers favour simple and easy digital experiences to dealing with even the friendliest and most useful in-branch staff. In the forex space, any company that can provide the kinds of experiences that banks struggle with therefore has a strong chance of success.

The fintech space, for all its innovation, frequently has similar



issues too. Some fintechs see as much as a 50% drop-off rate in the Know Your Customer (KYC) part of the onboarding process.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Large parts of the onboarding process can be automated. That not only removes a lot of the legwork on the part of the prospective client but also results in increased efficiencies for the organisations. It's something that we've worked on, using streamlined forms to gather information from clients, which can then fill in

the much more complex banking and regulatory forms. Giving people easy-to-use platforms that are quick and reliable is fundamental and providing them means that, ultimately, everyone wins.

The same kind of logic could be applied to various other processes that come with forex transactions. By using the available technology to automate these processes, it's possible that transactions can be made faster and cheaper, further benefiting both the customer and the organisation.

tion.

But that's not the only place where automation can make a big difference in foreign exchange transactions. It could also be helpful in eliminating human error. Have you ever paid someone R100 000 when you should have paid R10 000? Alternatively, have you ever transferred a significant amount of money to the wrong account? Either of those scenarios is frustrating at the best of times, but it can be doubly so when it comes to international payments. And if they're business payments, those errors can be a serious threat to revenues and profits.

Automation can help prevent that kind of human error by taking humans out of the process. That provides an added level of confidence to customers using forex services that have those automated guardrails in place, further enhancing the customer experience.

Another area where automation can make a big difference in forex is enabling seamless integration between different financial systems and platforms through APIs (Application Programming Interfaces). This integration reduces manual data

transfers and further reduces the risk of errors introduced during manual data handling.

Automation lays the foundation for AI

Make no mistake, though, AI is coming for the forex space. Some providers are already using AI-enabled chatbots for customer service, for instance. And, as I've already mentioned, it could prove incredibly helpful for a variety of functions within the organisation.

But it's the organisations that implement automation properly now that'll be best placed to utilise those AI tools effectively down the line. There's a good chance they'll have a better idea of which ones are worth implementing too.

So, before you sign up with a forex provider that talks a big game when it comes to AI, do some digging and find out how far down the road it is with automation. Moreover, are its automation efforts built with customer experience in mind?

Great automation lays the groundwork for great AI, but in order for both to be effective, they have to have customer experience as their North Star



Workers lay tracks for the standard gauge railway phase 2A at Suswa section in Narok, Kenya

Uganda, Kenya hope to raise \$6bn, restart stranded Mombasa railway

KAMPALA

Uganda and Kenya are seeking at least \$6bn to restart work on the standard gauge railway (SGR) to connect central Africa to the port of Mombasa.

China financed the first phases of the project but has been reluctant to back the continuation of the line to Uganda and beyond.

The East African news site report that the two countries hope to resume the project in December. Their transport ministers have agreed to work together on attracting investment over the next four months.

At present, the line runs from Mombasa to Nairobi, and then some 90km northwest to the town of Naivasha. The second phase of the SGR was to have laid track between Nairobi as far as Malaba, on the Ugandan border.

Meanwhile, Uganda is planning to build a \$2.6bn link between Malaba and its capital, Kampala. From there, the line will eventually branch out to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and South Sudan.

Kenyan transport minister Kipchumba Murkomen said his government was hoping to interest foreign lenders in the scheme.

"We are now going for financiers either from Europe or the UAE, or whoever comes with a

good deal for our people in East Africa," he said.

According to The East African, the UAE may invest in the line to Malaba in return for a stake in Kenya's Port of Mombasa.

Kenya has had difficulties repaying the Chinese loans it took out to pay for the \$3.6bn Nairobi-to-Mombasa line.

In Kampala, the line will be built by Yapi Merkezi, the Turkish contractor that is also building Tanzania's rival SGR to the African interior, in association with China Civil Engineering, China Railway Construction Company, and Portugal's Mota-Engil.

A deal on financing is hoped for by 1 November. Ugandan officials will seek help from export credit guarantee agencies, possibly led by the UK's Export Finance agency.

In November 2022, Uganda formally terminated its contract with China Harbour Engineering Company (see further reading).

The two countries are seeking at least \$6 billion from multiple lenders to jumpstart construction of the joint standard gauge railway (SGR) project, which stalled after the pull-out of the initial financier, China.

Late last month the two countries announced their intention to start construction of the line by December this year to im-

prove flow of cargo and make the Northern Corridor competitive against Tanzania's Central Corridor.

Transport ministers from the two states signed a deal to finalise a joint resource mobilisation drive in the next four months that will fund the railway line from Naivasha to Malaba to Kampala and from Kampala to Kasese to Mpondwe near Congo, with a branch line from Bihanga to Mirama Hills, near Rwanda.

Once the project is completed, goods from Mombasa to the Ugandan border with DRC, to Rwanda and South Sudan will be ferried by rail.

Now, the Northern Corridor partner states have tasked Kampala and Nairobi to ensure the project is on track.

In Kampala's plan, the first phase will be Malaba-Kampala and the subsequent legs are supposed to be fast-tracked to link the capital with the borders of its neighbours DRC, Rwanda and South Sudan, to guarantee the project's viability.

The search for financiers is on and Kenya and Ugandan officials say financiers from Europe and the Middle East are being drafted into the project although they did not immediately name the targeted lenders.

Unlocking the cloud-native architecture in South Africa

CAPETOWN

In the ever-evolving digital landscape, South African businesses must embrace innovative approaches to stay competitive. Cloud-native architecture, an approach to designing, constructing, and operating workloads that are built in the cloud and take full advantage of the cloud computing model, has emerged as a game-changer, offering scalability, agility, and elasticity by leveraging the power of the cloud. Its popularity is growing rapidly across businesses of all sizes and for good reason.

Scaling Agility

Unlike traditional on-premises applications, cloud-native applications excel at handling fluctuations in traffic and workload. Businesses can effortlessly scale their resources up or down as needed, enabling prompt adaptation to changing demands. This flexibility empowers South African businesses to respond swiftly to market fluctuations, meeting customer needs without compromising performance or overspending on unnecessary resources.

Furthermore, cloud-native architecture eliminates the need for significant upfront investments in hardware and software. Instead, businesses only pay for the resources they use through a pay-as-you-go model. This approach allows for precise cost optimisation as resources can be scaled based on actual demand. By avoiding overprovisioning and optimising



Sarthak Rohal, vice president of IT services at In2IT Technologies.

resource utilisation, businesses in South Africa can allocate their budgets more efficiently, focusing on areas that drive revenue and growth.

The consequences of downtime and service disruptions are significant, including lost revenue, damage to brand reputation, and dissatisfied customers. Features such as automatic scaling, load balancing, and distributed data storage within a cloud-native architecture minimise downtime, providing not only peace of mind but is an important component in ensuring service excellent. Even if one server goes down, cloud-native applications continue to function seamlessly, ensuring uninterrupted service for customers.

Whilst uptime is crucial, businesses also need to innovate in order to stay relevant and they are pressed to bring new products and services to market rapidly. Tools and capabilities within the modular nature of cloud-native architecture facilitates agile development, testing, and deployment. Components can be easily updated or replaced, enabling businesses to experiment, iterate, and respond swiftly to market demands. Embracing cloud-native architecture allows busi-

nesses to outpace competitors, foster a culture of innovation, and capitalise on emerging opportunities.

It also gives businesses access to cutting-edge cloud-based tools such as big data analytics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence. These technologies enable businesses to gain valuable insights, make data-driven decisions, and automate processes. Leveraging these capabilities optimises operations, enhances customer experiences, and drives competitive advantages within their respective industries.

Strengthening Relationships

Personalising customer experiences is vital for businesses to remain relevant and foster customer loyalty. Cloud-native applications empower businesses to collect and analyse customer data, allowing them to tailor their products, services, and marketing strategies to individual customer needs. This personalised approach enhances customer satisfaction and strengthens the bond between businesses and their customers.

By automating tasks and processes, cloud-native applications help businesses streamline their operations, freeing up time and resources

for more strategic activities. This improved operational efficiency allows businesses to focus on innovation, drive growth, and deliver exceptional value to their customers.

Cloud-native architecture significantly reduces IT costs by eliminating the need for on-premises hardware and software. By leveraging the infrastructure and services provided by cloud providers, businesses pay only for what they use. This cost optimisation allows businesses to strategically allocate their financial resources, investing in areas that drive growth and innovation.

Embracing Cloud-Native Architecture for South African Business Success

Embracing cloud-native architecture unlocks a world of possibilities for South African businesses. Its advantages, including seamless scalability, precise cost optimisation, uninterrupted operations, accelerated innovation, access to advanced technologies, personalised customer experiences, streamlined operations, and cost reduction, position it as a catalyst for success.

Businesses across various industries in South Africa should consider adopting cloud-native architecture to gain a competitive edge, drive digital innovation, and thrive in the dynamic digital landscape. Let's harness the power of cloud-native architecture together and embark on a journey of growth and prosperity in South African business.

CONSTRUCTION

EXPLAINER: EIGHT FEATURES THAT CHARACTERISE A GREEN HOME

KIGALI

Government has dedicated 14.4 hectares of land for the construction of 2,000 affordable 'green homes' through a public-private partnership in the Kinyinya, Gasabo District.

In July 2023, a private investor also announced plans to build 40,000 affordable green homes in Rwanda.

The price per unit in Nyarugenge district ranges between Rwf 16 million and Rwf 35 million depending on the size and features.

A local outlet has listed eight features characterising green (eco-friendly) homes.

Choice of construction materials: Green homes employ materials efficiently, resulting in reduced waste during construction and renovation. These homes incorporate recyclable or recycled materials, non-toxic paint, carpeting, and furniture with reduced volatile organic compounds.

The primary construction materials for green homes are sourced with consideration for environmental protection.

As an illustration, the Green Gicumbi project employs modern bricks that are fired using bio-waste in a contemporary kiln, minimizing emissions and alleviating stress on forests, as opposed to tradi-



Some of the housing units at Bwiza Riverside Estate in Nyarugenge District

tional wood burning.

Construction involving metals or planks is recommended over the use of immature trees.

Furthermore, there should be a rehabilitation plan for areas where clay extraction for brick-making takes place.

Energy saving: The design of green homes focuses on optimizing energy consumption. They are built with energy-efficient or saving appliances, lighting, heating, and cooling systems.

LED lights save energy since they consume less electricity and do not require bulb replacement for many years.

Smart lighting can turn off lights

you've forgotten when you left or be programmed to your routine.

Renewable energy: Green homes have solar panels to generate solar energy and can also use geothermal energy (heat within the earth) as well as wind energy.

Water saving: Green homes use water-saving fixtures and other measures. Toilets and other plumbing fixtures should provide dual flush toilets that allow selecting a lower water or higher flush rate as needed. Sinks and toilets must use significantly less water.

All plumbing fixtures, including faucets (devices that control the flow of liquid, especially water, from a pipe) and

showerheads (fixtures for directing the spray of water in a bathroom shower), can have decreased or low-flow water use.

Indoor air quality and cooling system: Green homes are built with high-performance windows to generate more sunlight and daylighting. Windows are purposefully designed and placed to give residents a connection between indoor and outdoor environments through the introduction of sunshine and views.

Having these types of windows can also provide natural heating with minimal to zero energy used. Low emittance (low-E) windows reflect harmful rays and heat from sunlight, keeping homes cooler.

Cooling roofs reflect heat and light away from the home, increasing the overall efficiency of the home's heating and cooling system. Green homes are often constructed with walls that moderate inside temperatures. Natural ventilation brings fresh air inside, helping people breathe easier.

Dust and other outside air pollutants are reduced using advanced air filters. Some homes also utilize thermal walls, a method that prevents heat, and double-glazing low emissivity glass to reflect heat out.

Such approaches reduce the usage of

air conditioning systems, which contribute to carbon emissions that cause climate change and also save energy bills, air conditioning costs, and money.

Smart thermostats can regulate the temperature in your home and adjust this based on your daily routine, turning the heat off while you're at work and back on before you're due home.

Rainwater harvesting: Water from the roofs is harvested in large underground cement tanks for home consumption and small-scale irrigation, allowing erosion control in the settlement.

Rainwater harvesting systems can be used for watering your garden, washing the car, and even for toilets, saving gallons of water. Rainwater harvesting controls soil erosion and flooding.

Waste management: Human waste management is done using waterless composting toilets that allow turning waste into organic manure. Wastewater is also recycled for reuse.

Eco-Friendly Location: Green homes are typically developed in patterns and neighborhoods that encourage walking, bicycling, or taking public transportation, reducing reliance on personal cars and their related environmental effects. The location must not be a high-risk zone and should have gardens and trees.

MultiChoice withdrawal frightens Malawi's govt

LILONGWE

THE withdrawal of pay-TV giant MultiChoice from Malawi has frightened the government, which is concerned about the loss of business, entertainment, education, and information for its citizens.

The government is currently pushing for a 'win-win' agreement with a pan-African pay-TV business founded in South Africa.

Moses Kunkuyu, a spokesman for the ministry of information and government, explained the government's concerns to a local radio station, Zodiak Broadcasting Station, stating MultiChoice's withdrawal will have a crushing impact on the economy, including tax revenue received by the government.

MultiChoice suspended broadcasting services in Malawi "with immediate effect" on Tuesday.

This comes after the High Court in Lilongwe imposed an injunction preventing pricing adjustments in a case involving MultiChoice

Malawi (MCM) and the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority.

As a result, the firm stated that the order handed down to MCM is incapable of being implemented by them but carries with it grave consequences for the directors and management of MultiChoice Malawi, including imprisonment. MultiChoice further stated that, given the implications of the judgement and an increasingly hostile regulatory environment, it is forced to cease the DSTv service indefinitely.

"Customers are hereby and immediately requested to discontinue payment for the DSTv service. Customers who have already paid for their new DSTv subscription will have their services honoured until the current 30-day viewing cycle finishes on or before September 10, 2023. No new memberships or reconnections will be accepted after Wednesday, August 9, 2023," said the company.

MultiChoice has been under pressure in its home market of South

Africa as pay-TV viewership continues to fall, and the company is increasingly relying on its operations in the rest of Africa to stay profitable.

During the fiscal year ending March 20, 2023, MultiChoice brought its Rest of Africa business to profitability and extended its consumer services ecosystem.

"We continued to grow our overall subscriber base and benefited from a strong performance in Rest of Africa, which delivered a trading profit for the first time since our initial public offering in 2019. Considering that the team has had to absorb nearly \$159 million (R3 billion) in currency losses over the last four years, it is a remarkable performance," stated Calvo Mawela, Chief Executive Officer at the time.

He added: "We increased the breadth and depth of services offered to our customers and continued to grow our entertainment ecosystem, most notably through our recent streaming partnership with Comcast.



Rwanda's Foreign Affairs minister, Vincent Biruta (L), announces decision to have a diplomatic presence in Amman on Wednesday, as Jordan's Deputy Prime Minister, Ayman Safadi looks on.

Rwanda to open diplomatic mission in Jordan's capital

KIGALI

RWANDA has decided to have a diplomatic presence in Amman, the capital of Jordan, Foreign Affairs Minister Vincent Biruta announced on Wednesday during his two-day official visit to the Middle East nation.

During his visit, it was also announced that Rwandan citizens traveling to Jordan no longer need visas as per a reciprocity deal signed by both countries' Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

"I wish to take this opportunity to announce that Rwanda has decided to have a diplomatic presence here in Amman. This is an important step to carry our cooperation forward for further collaboration in areas of mutual interest," Biruta said.

The two countries signed three agreements - a visa waiver for holders of ordinary passports, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on housing and urban development, and another MoU on diplomatic training.

Biruta and his delegation held a strategic dialogue with his counterpart from Jordan where a wide range of bilateral initiatives and projects were discussed.

In February, Rwanda and Jordan committed to enhancing bilateral ties when Biruta received the Deputy Prime Minister and Minis-

ter of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ayman Safadi, in Kigali.

That time, they signed three cooperation agreements and MoUs in political consultations, higher education, health and medical sciences, and visa waiver for diplomatic, service, and special passports.

The ministers also confirmed their commitment to continue cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

Rwandan citizens traveling to Jordan no longer need visas as per a reciprocity deal signed by both countries' Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

This comes after the two countries signed three agreements including a visa waiver for holders of ordinary passports, as announced by Rwanda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, on Wednesday.

Through a post on its Twitter page, the Ministry indicated that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on housing and urban development and another MoU on diplomatic training were also signed during Foreign Affairs Minister Vincent Biruta's two-day official visit to Amman - the capital and largest city of Jordan.

Biruta and his delegation held a strategic dialogue with his counterpart from Jordan where a wide range of bilateral initiatives and

projects were discussed.

On February 22, Rwanda and Jordan committed to enhancing bilateral ties when Biruta received the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ayman Safadi, in Kigali.

That time, they signed three cooperation agreements and MoUs in political consultations, higher education, health and medical sciences, and visa waiver for diplomatic, service, and special passports.

The ministers also confirmed their commitment to continue cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

For travel enthusiasts, the idea of obtaining a visa for every destination can be a hassle. However, for Rwandan passport holders, there's good news.

According to the latest Global Passport Ranking, Rwandans can travel to 63 countries without requiring a visa. Some of these countries may offer a visa upon arrival or an electronic travel authorization (eTA), making travel more accessible and convenient.

Rwandans have an array of African countries to discover, each with its unique charm and culture. From the wildlife-rich Kenya and Tanzania to the captivating beauty of Mauritius and Seychelles, the continent offers a rich tapestry of ex-

Everest gang hacks ZESA, Zimbabwe's power utility

HARARE

Zimbabwe's power utility ZESA Holdings has been attacked by the Everest ransomware group.

The ransomware group claimed yesterday that it has access to internal financial data, employee data, and customer data after breaching ZESA's systems.

Everest Ransomware is a group of cybercriminals responsible for creating and disseminating ransomware that encrypts files on a victim's computer and demands a ransom for their decryption.

On X (formerly Twitter), the group stated that the entire infrastructure of ZESA Holdings, including divisions ZET-DC, ZENT, and Powertel, was attacked.

"ICS, IPMP, Smartvend, various Oracle servers, big part of backups were also attacked. Terabytes of internal (and interesting) data has been exfiltrated to our servers.

"1. Internal financial data (including World Bank's data and Indian bank transactions and documents, 2. Various system documents, such as Indra(ES) and inhemeter(CN), 3. employee personal data and 4. Smartvend customer data and previous customer personal data.

"The general managers of the company were re-notified about this situation. In order to restore the systems and prevent the publication of data and subsequent damage, the person in charge should contact us using the instructions as soon as possible."

There was no immediate response from the company.

ZESA is the latest victim of the Everest ransomware operators, who also claimed to have compromised Eskom, South Africa's state-owned power utility, last year.

In March 2022, Everest ransomware operators announced the transfer of root access to the South Africa electricity company for \$125,000.

According to analysts, cyber-attacks on African institutions are increasing as the continent has become a focal point for cyber threats.

Nigeria increases its cyber security alert level earlier this week in response to attacks by a Sudanese hacker group. The National Information Technology Development Agency issued a warning to the nation, stating that its computer emergency readiness and response team had discovered a hacking group had targeted critical digital infrastructure.



WORLD

Niger junta names govt, African leaders to discuss next steps

NIAEMEY/ABUJA

NIGER'S junta named a new government overnight, forcing its agenda before a summit on Thursday of regional leaders who have demanded that they end their military takeover.

West African heads of state meeting in Nigeria aim to agree on a plan of action for Niger, where coup leaders have refused to stand down despite the bloc's threat that it could use force to restore democracy.

Since the July 26 power grab shocked the region, the defiant junta has rebuffed diplomatic overtures and ignored an Aug 6 deadline from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to reinstate ousted president Mohamed Bazoum.

Mahamane Roufai Laouali, cited as "Secretary General of the Government", read out 21 names on state television without specifying any further plans.

Three coup leaders were named ministers of defense, interior and sports. Former Finance Minister Ali Mahamane Lamine Zeine, who had been named

prime minister on Monday, was appointed finance minister for the new government.

Niger's previous government had 43 ministers. None of them were military officers.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres voiced concern about Bazoum and his family after his party reported that they were being detained at the presidential residence without electricity or running water, and had gone days without fresh food.

"The Secretary-General... once again calls for his immediate, unconditional release and his reinstatement as Head of State," a UN spokesperson said on Wednesday.

The meeting in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, could prove a pivotal moment in the standoff. The bloc's leaders are expected to agree on next steps, which could include military intervention - something an ECOWAS official has said would be a last resort.

Mixed feeling

In nearby Senegal, where the govern-



Demonstrators gather in front of the Embassy of Niger in Paris, in support of Nigerien President Mohamed Bazoum and ECOWAS, Aug 5, 2023. AP

ment has said it could send troops if needed, people's views about a military intervention differed.

"As long as we act to restore peace I'm a supporter," Lansanna Diedhiou said near a weekly market in the capital Dakar. "The objective of the organization is ... to act together for the African family."

Others, like Cheikh Niang, were concerned about the impact on regional ties and solidarity.

"We're all Africans and Niger is part of the African continent," he said. "We can't send Africans to wage war against each other."

Envoys of the Nigerian

president and ECOWAS chair Bola Tinubu met coup leaders in the capital, Niamey, on Wednesday, offering a glimmer of hope for dialogue after previous missions were spurned.

Any escalation would further destabilize West Africa's Sahel region, one of the world's poorest, where a long-running Islamist insurgency has displaced millions and stoked a hunger crisis.

The coup was triggered by internal politics but it has evolved into an international entanglement, with ECOWAS, the United Nations and Western countries putting pressure on the junta to stand down, while military governments

in neighboring Mali and Burkina Faso have vowed to defend it.

The military takeover has raised questions over whether the United States can continue the 1,100-strong military presence in Niger that officials and analysts say has been key to fighting Islamist militants in the Sahel region.

Niger accused France on Wednesday of violating its airspace, attacking a military camp and freeing "terrorists" to undermine the country, Paris denied the charges.

Agencies

China makes démarche to US over investment curbs

BEIJING

CHINA strongly deplores and firmly opposes the single-minded rollout of restrictions on investments in China by the United States and has made serious démarche to the US side, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

According to reports, US President Joe Biden signed an executive order on Wednesday on setting up screening mechanisms on outbound investments and restricting US entities' investments in the semiconductor and microelectronic, quantum information technology, and artificial intelligence sectors in China.

When asked for comments, a foreign ministry spokesperson said restricting US companies' investments in China, with national security concerns as a front, is a clear act of overstretching the concept of security and politicizing business engagement.

The spokesperson pointed out that real aim of the move is to deprive China of its right to develop and selfishly pursue US supremacy at the expense of others.

"This is blatant economic coercion and tech bullying, an act that seriously violates the principles of market economy and fair competition, undermines the international economic and trading order, destabilizes global industrial and supply chains and hurts the interests of both China and the United States and the global business community," said the spokesperson.

"This is de-globalization and a move to phase China out."

President Biden has made commitment to not seeking to "decouple" from China or halt China's economic development, the spokesperson said, urging the US side to follow through on that commitment, stop politicizing, instrumentalizing and weaponizing tech and trade issues, immediately cancel the wrong decisions, remove the restrictions on investments in China and create an enabling environment for China-US business cooperation.

"China will follow the developments closely and resolutely safeguard our rights and interests," the spokesperson added.

Xinhua

Ghana sets to begin nuclear power production by 2030 - official

ACCRA

GHANA has set the target to begin nuclear power generation by 2030 to ramp up its electricity generation and catalyze industrialization and economic development, an official said on Wednesday.

Stephen Yamoah, director-general of Nuclear Power Ghana, the state-owned entity leading the development process, disclosed this during a press briefing by the Nuclear Regulation Authority on the progress toward nuclear power development and regulatory readiness.

Yamoah said Ghana has concluded the first phase of the road map toward nuclear power generation and embarked on the second phase, which included identifying a site for the reactor, the type of technology to deploy, and the vendor whose terms are suitable for the country.

"Nuclear is the desirable energy source for Ghana because we do not have many options for power generation," said Yamoah, adding that nuclear power will provide reliable energy for the country's industrialization. "It is not just the power, but the potential to drive other industries is huge because of its durability," the official added.

Iraq bans media from using term 'homosexuality'

BAGHDAD

IRAQ has ordered a ban on the use of the word 'homosexuality' on all media platforms, reported CNN.

The official media regulator of Iraq on Tuesday ordered all media and social media businesses operating in the Arab nation to use the phrase "sexual deviance."

The use of the word "gender" was also prohibited, according to a document from the Iraqi Communications and Media Commission (CMC). It forbade the use of the phrases in any of the mobile applications of all phone and internet providers that it had granted licences to.

The regulator "directs media organizations ... not to use the term 'homosexuality' and to use the correct term 'sexual deviance,'" the Arabic-language statement said, according to CNN. According to a government official, the punishment for breaking the law has not yet been determined but may include a fine.

However, according to CNN, a government official later stated that the decision still required final approval.

Although gay sex is not criminalized in Iraq, members of the LGBT community have been targeted under vaguely interpreted morality articles in the country's penal code.

Major Iraqi political parties have increased their condemnation of LGBT rights in the last two months, and rainbow flags are routinely set ablaze in demonstrations by Shi'ite Muslim groups objecting to recent Koran burnings in Sweden and Denmark.

ANI

Japan value India's positive role in Lankan economic recovery, says Envoy Hiroshi Suzuki

NEW DELHI

HAILING New Delhi's role in Sri Lankan debt restructuring, Japanese Ambassador to India Hiroshi Suzuki (pictured) said that India's issuance of financing assurances to Sri Lanka at the time of its economic crisis was instrumental in accelerating the process of Sri Lanka's debt restructuring and that it appreciates India's engagement and forward-looking approach on the issue.

While speaking at the INDIA-SRI LANKA-JAPAN Trilateral Cooperation Event co-hosted by NatStrat, VIF, Pathfinder and CII the envoy also highlighted the role of India, Japan and Sri Lanka in the Indo-Pacific region.

"When Prime Minister Kishida visited Delhi and gave an address on the new plan of the free and open Indo-Pacific, he highlighted South Asia as one of the major pillars, one of the priority regions in his new plan. And Japan attaches primary importance to its relations with Sri Lanka and India as indispensable partners in order to realize the vision," said the Japanese

Envoy.

Speaking further about the Sri Lankan debt restructuring, the envoy stressed how 'Development Finance has been a major challenge for the Indo-Pacific region and how his country attaches importance to transparent and fair developmental assistance.

"In the Indo-Pacific region, there is a huge demand for development finance. Japan has been taking the position which attaches the highest priority to transparent and fair developmental assistance, and development finance, which abides by international rules and standards. More concretely, Japan has been pushing forward what is called quality infrastructure principles, which were indeed agreed upon by all the leaders of the G20 Presidents, and Prime Ministers when they gathered for the Osaka G20 Summit back in 2019," the envoy said.

"This high-quality infrastructure principle attaches importance to four major aspects. One, transparency, second, openness, third, economic viability and fourth, but not in least, debt sustainability.



So, these are the four key items that Japan feels are important in providing both infrastructure and viable development assistance," he added.

Talking about debt relief, the envoy stated that 'In terms of debt relief, Japan attaches importance to international rules and status'. The envoy also added how important it is to treat all creditors the same way.

"We place the highest priority on transparent and equitable debt restructuring where all creditor en-

ties, creditors countries, and organizations participate. An equitable treatment among all creditors.

"If one country is favoured over another, then the entire debt restructuring will fall apart. Sri Lankan President has made it public that Sri Lankan govt will never treat any country more favourably than others & Japan highly appreciates the public commitment that President made that 'Crystal clear', states the envoy.

Milinda Moragoda, the Sri Lanka High Commissioner also hailed the trilateral cooperation between the two countries and said that given the amount of investment required, it hence becomes an important aspect.

"This I would see as the next stage of our President's Ranil Wickremesinghe visit to India. As you know the joint economic vision statement that was given between Prime Minister Modi and Wickremesinghe and outlined three key areas. One was 'connectivity', the second was 'economic integration' and the third was investment. In that context, given the amount of investments that are required, tri-

Agencies

Russia confident of neighbours, dialogue unaffected by EU sanctions – diplomat

MOSCOW

THE EU obsessively attempts to sow discord in Russia's relations with other CIS countries, but Moscow is confident in its neighbors and that the EU's efforts will not affect cooperation with them, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Galuzin (pictured) said in an interview with TASS.

"In Brussels, they are obsessed with trying to sow discord in Russia's relations with its allies and neigh-

bors. The 11th package [of sanctions] adopted by the EU in June is directed not so much against Russia as it is against third countries.

The EU is blackmailing our key partners, including those from the Central Asian countries, with 'secondary' measures. There is no other term for this than 'sanctions terrorism.' At the same time, Brussels hypocritically claims to reject extraterritorial sanctions as contravening international law," Galuzin noted.



"All of the EU's efforts will in no way affect the cooperation of our country with partners in the CIS, particularly in Central Asia. We are confident in our friends,

who fully understand and share our assessment that the West's anti-Russian sanctions are illegitimate," the high-ranking diplomat emphasized.

According to Galuzin, the EU is trying to breathe new life into its unilateral restrictions by applying them extraterritorially.

However, the deputy foreign minister pointed out that Brussels does not intend to and cannot effectively compensate for the damage caused to third

countries by the gradual reduction of cooperation with Russia.

"Once again, the EU demonstrates that it only cares about its own well-being and the realization of unjustified political ambitions. In pursuit of this, Brussels is ready to take almost any steps, including gross interference in the affairs of sovereign countries, their trade and economic policies, and their relations with their closest partners," he concluded. Agencies

ANI

THE Chinese box office is extraordinary and unprecedented this summer. Multiple domestically produced films sparked waves of buzz as genre films reached new heights.

Gong Kanning in Beijing took her child to the animated film "Chang An" featuring some of China's most well-known poets. She told People's Daily that the audience in the cinema erupted into a standing ovation when the film ended, with some even reciting Tang Dynasty (618-907) poems.

Zhou Kun, a resident in southwest China's Chongqing municipality, watched the inspirational comedy "One and Only" with his child. While leaving the cinema, the child said that he had

developed an interest in learning street dance.

The above scenarios are just common this summer.

According to the China Film Administration, China's box office revenue this July reached nearly 8.72 billion yuan (\$1.22 billion), a significant 25 percent rise from the previous July record of 7.02 billion yuan set five years ago.

As of Aug. 6, the total summer box office revenue this year had hit 14.68 billion yuan, increasing 24.02 percent from the same period in 2018 and 20.01 percent from 2019.

These figures boosted industry confidence. Insiders estimated that the rebound of the film market would con-

Chinese film market booms this summer

tinued this August, with a high probability of shattering the summer box office record set in 2019.

"This summer's hits, spanning various genres and topics, are showing an impressive quality leap from previous years, and have effectively sparked moviegoers' enthusiasm," said Professor Yin Hong of Tsinghua University.

These films are expected to make the movie market bigger and lead it to a vicious cycle, he added.

One notable highlight is the record-breaking market share of China's homegrown films this summer, which

have won critical acclaim and popularity with their quality. Their exploration beyond the boundaries of conventional genres represents a significant advancement.

The animated film "Chang An" focused on the fine traditional Chinese Culture. "We wanted to create a story about the Tang Dynasty, about poetry and about the ideals and pursuits of poets, to showcase the spirit and artistic accomplishments of poets in the Tang Dynasty and their works," said Xie Junwei and Zou Jing, directors of the film.

progress of China's film industry.

Suspense thriller "Lost In The Stars" opened a brand-new narrative model. Its producer Chen Sicheng said that the movie creates information asymmetry for the audience, hoping to improve the audience's engagement. So far, the movie has surpassed 3.5 billion yuan in box office, the highest among all summer hits this year.

As a sports movie, "One and Only" has expanded the boundary of its likes. Its director Dong Chengpeng noted that the movie is inspirational for everyone, though it is themed with street dance. It hails ordinary people's passion for the things they love, Dong added.

People's Daily

Counteroffensive shows that Ukrainian conflict cannot be solved militarily, says German MP

BERLIN



THE summer counteroffensive by Ukrainian troops has shown that the conflict in Ukraine cannot be solved through endless weapons supplies, Sahra Wagenknecht, member of the Bundestag for The Left, wrote on her page on Facebook (prohibited in Russia due to its ownership by Meta, which has been designated as an extremist organization).

According to the politician, the now several-week-old counteroffensive has brought about nothing but "numerous victims and destruction on both sides."

"And this is despite the fact that as of the end of May, the West had supplied Ukraine with more than 73 billion euros worth of arms and ammunition, including cluster bombs, which are banned by international law because of their devastating effects on civilians," Wagenknecht emphasized.

In this regard, she wondered "how many more people will have to die until those in charge in the United States and Europe finally realize that this conflict cannot be solved militarily."

The parliamentarian lashed out at the Western leaders who "blocked the truce talks, which were already far along, between Ukraine and Russia in the spring of 2022" and called on them to learn from their mistakes.

"Instead of endlessly supplying Ukraine with weapons, the German government should finally push for a ceasefire and facilitate the start of negotiations to reach a peace agreement based on a compromise between the parties," she said.

Earlier, the mayor of Baden-Baden, Dietmar Spaeth, said that "in late August or early September," he would send the German government a formal proposal to make the world-famous German vacation destination a venue for peace talks between Russia and Ukraine.

Consultations on the prospects for a peaceful settlement in Ukraine were held in the Saudi city of Jeddah on August 5-6. Representatives from more than 40 countries took part. Russia was not invited to the meeting.

Indian envoy calls on Belarus Foreign Minister, discusses bilateral cooperation

MINSK



INDIA'S Ambassador to Belarus Alok Ranjan Jha (pictured) called on the Foreign Minister of the country Sergei Aleinik on Wednesday and discussed various aspects of bilateral cooperation between New Delhi and Minsk.

Taking to social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, the official handle of India in Belarus wrote, "On 9 August 2023, Ambassador called on the Foreign Minister of Belarus, HE Sergei Aleinik."

"The two sides discussed various aspects of bilateral ties as well as cooperation in multilateral fora," the tweet added.

Earlier in July, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar wished the government and people of Belarus on their Independence Day.

Taking to his official Twitter handle, Jaishankar stated, "Felicitations to FM Sergei Aleinik and the Government and people of Belarus on their Independence Day."

In June this year, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko took part in a solemn meeting to mark Independence Day, according to an official statement released by Belarus President's office. India's ties with Belarus have been warm and cordial and India was one of the first nations to recognize Belarus as an independent nation in 1991.

Formal diplomatic ties between the two nations were established and the Indian diplomatic mission was opened in Minsk in 1992.

In April this year, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with his Belarusian counterpart Lieutenant General Viktor Gennadiyevich Khrenin, on the sidelines of the SCO Defence Ministers' meeting in Delhi.

Rajnath Singh tweeted, "Had fruitful discussions with the Defence Minister of Belarus, Lieutenant General Khrenin Victor Gennadiyevich in New Delhi."

Earlier in December, Indian ambassador to Belarus Alok Ranjan Jha met Belarus's foreign minister Sergei Aleinik and held talks with a key focus on India's SCO Chairmanship.

FM Sergei Aleinik, Ambassador of #India@IndiaInBelarus discussed topical issues on Belarus-India bilateral agenda, interaction within Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in the light of #India's SCO Chairmanship," Belarus foreign ministry said in a tweet.

During the meeting, close attention was paid to the implementation of the agreements following the results of the 11th Session of the Belarusian-Indian Intergovernmental Commission, aimed at further expanding cooperation in the field of trade, economy, science, technology and culture." **ANI**

11 missing after fire in building hosting disabled people in NE France

PARIS

ELEVEN people were reported missing after a fire broke out early Wednesday morning in a building hosting disabled people in Wintzenheim, northeastern France, the Prefecture of Haut-Rhin said on Wednesday morning.

The fire in the private building broke out at around 6:30 a.m. local time (0430 GMT) and was quickly controlled despite the violent flames. Seventeen people were evacuated, the prefecture said in a press release. There could still be casualties despite the quick intervention of the firefighters, said French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin on his social media account. **Xinhua**

Sudanese suffer sexual violence on 'sickening scale' - UN

UNITED NATIONS

SEXUAL violence is being committed in Sudan on a "sickening scale," while fighting in the Darfur region is reopening "old wounds of ethnic tension" that could engulf the country, United Nations officials told the Security Council on Wednesday.

"The alarming accounts of sexual violence that are heard from people who have fled to Port Sudan are just a fraction of those being repeated at a sickening scale from conflict hotspots across the country," said senior UN aid official Edem Wosornu.

War broke out on April 15 - four years after the overthrow of former President Omar al-Bashir during a popular uprising. Tensions between the army (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which jointly staged a coup in 2021, erupted over disagreements about a plan to transition to civilian rule.

"The fighting in Darfur continues to reopen the old wounds of ethnic tension of past conflicts in the region," Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, a senior UN official on Africa, told the council. "This is deeply worrying, and could quickly engulf the country in a prolonged ethnic conflict with regional spillovers."

In the early 2000s "Janjaweed" militias - from which the RSF formed - helped the government crush a rebellion by mainly non-Arab groups in Darfur. Some 300,000 people were killed, the UN estimates, and Sudanese leaders are wanted by the International Criminal Court for genocide and crimes against humanity.

The current war has seen more than 4 million people flee their homes, of which 3.28 million are internally displaced and over 900,000 have crossed the borders into Chad, Egypt, South Sudan and other countries, according



Floodwaters surround houses, many of them badly damaged, in a village near the city of Meroe, Sudan, Aug 7, 2023. AP

to the International Organization for Migration.

"The humanitarian impacts are made worse by credible evidence to suggest serious violations of international humanitarian law by both the SAF and the RSF which could amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity," Britain's UN Ambassador Barbara Woodward told the Security Council.

Russia's Deputy UN Ambassador Anna Evstigneeva said Moscow was concerned by the situation in Sudan and pledged support for the Sudanese authorities. She accused Western countries of interfering with the Sudanese internal political process

and slammed the use of unilateral sanctions.

Both sides in the Sudan conflict have claimed military advances in recent days but there are no signs of a decisive breakthrough. Efforts by Saudi Arabia and the United States to secure a ceasefire have stalled.

US Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield told reporters after the council meeting that both sides were responsible for ethnic and sexual violence, adding: "There are no innocents here."

Sudan's UN Ambassador Al-Harith Idriss Al-Harith Mohamed told the Security Council that Sudanese troops "are not involved in any sexual or gender violence and the party involved in this atrocity is very well known."

In response to a request for comment, the RSF said allegations of rape by their forces were being promoted by supporters of Bashir's regime aligned with the army. The RSF would cooperate with any independent investigation into such allegations or into claims of violations against civilians in Darfur, the group's media office said. **Agencies**

China contributes its part to global biosecurity governance

THE Second Meeting of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) kicked off on Aug. 7 in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting is one of the outcomes of the Ninth BWC Review Conference held last year, and its aim is to further reinforce the effectiveness of the BWC and promote comprehensive compliance.

Biosecurity concerns the common interests of all humanity. Currently, global biosecurity governance faces both new challenges and important opportunities. On one hand, advancements in biotechnology promote productivity growth and the well-being of mankind. On the other hand, as the intension and extension of biosecurity are broadening, traditional biosecurity issues overlap with emerging biosecurity risks, making the global biosecurity landscape even more complex. How to strengthen global biosecurity governance and better balance security with development has become a common task for the international community.

Facing the new situation, challenges, and issues in the sphere of biosecurity, China adheres to systematic governance. While continuously fortifying its own biosecurity defenses, China actively par-

ticipates in global biosecurity governance and makes positive contributions with Chinese wisdom and solutions.

China has solemnly put forward the Global Security Initiative and officially released the Global Security Initiative Concept Paper, calling on all nations to stay committed to maintaining security in both traditional and non-traditional domains. It encourages all countries to practice the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits in global governance, and work together to address global challenges including biosecurity.

The BWC is an important cornerstone of global biosecurity governance. In over 50 years since it became open for signature, it has played a vital role in preventing biosecurity threats and promoting the peaceful use of biotechnology.

China has unequivocally advocated strengthening the BWC and vigorously promoted the establishment of a verification mechanism through multilateral negotiations to fundamentally ensure compliance.

The country has always advocated the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of all weapons of mass destruction, includ-



ing biological weapons, and firmly opposes the proliferation of biological weapons and related technologies.

China is firmly committed to the BWC's purposes and objectives, comprehensively and strictly fulfills its obligations, and actively participates in and supports multilateral processes to enhance the BWC's effectiveness.

In April 2021, China's Biosecurity Law formally took effect, providing a stronger legal and institutional basis for China to implement the BWC. China has also actively advocated negotiations on an international convention on the suppression of acts of bioterrorism to further address gaps in international

law.

In recent years, the risks of misuse and abuse of biotechnology have attracted great attention. China supports BWC State Parties to keep pace with the times, uphold the vision of universal security and shared development for all mankind, strengthen deliberations on biotechnology development under the BWC framework, promote responsible biological research, and formulate necessary voluntary codes of conduct.

Based on this position, China engaged in in-depth discussions with various countries and reached the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines for Codes of Conduct

for Scientists in July 2021, putting forward ten major guiding principles including ethical standards, laws and norms, responsible conduct of research, research process management, and international cooperation.

Covering the whole process and entire chain of biological research, the Tianjin Guidelines fully reflects the consensus of the international community and makes important contributions to promoting the healthy and orderly development of global biotechnology.

During the Ninth Review Conference and the Meeting of States Parties of the BWC, the Tianjin Guidelines received extensive atten-

tion and acclaim. Originating from a Chinese proposal but belonging to the whole world, the Tianjin Guidelines fully demonstrates the determination of the international scientific community to further standardize biological research activities. It also fully proves that science-based and highly representative international processes can become an effective approach to strengthening global biosecurity governance and related international cooperation.

Responding to the demands of developing countries for sharing the dividends of sci-tech development in biological and other fields, China proposed the resolution "Promoting International Cooperation on Peaceful Uses in the Context of International Security" at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

This launched an open and inclusive dialogue process under the UNGA framework, which is of great significance for building a more just and reasonable export control order, safeguarding the legitimate rights and interests of all countries for the peaceful use of science and technology, and addressing the security challenges posed by sci-tech advancements.

People's Daily

Events in Niger reflect worrying trend of return to era of coups in Africa

DUBAI

THE Niger coup contributes to an alarming trend of increased military takeovers across Africa, departing from the relatively stable period of the early 2000s, the UAE's newspaper Gulf News has said.

This coup, orchestrated by the presidential guard, aligns with a pattern of political instability witnessed continentwide, the newspaper said.

The coup, the seventh in a string of military takeovers across West and Central Africa within the past three years, has raised a web of interconnected issues that extend far beyond Niger's borders, posing challenges in the areas of geopolitics, economics, and security, and potentially destabilizing the fragile Sahel region, the newspaper believes.

Niger's strategic importance adds another layer of complexity to the situation. As home to substantial uranium deposits, the country plays a pivotal role in the global energy landscape, supplying 15% of France's uranium needs and contributing to 20% of the



EU's stockpile, the newspaper says. All this is evidence weak institutions, lack of checks and balances, and inadequate mechanisms for peaceful transitions of power continue to plague many African nations, the article reads.

Despite its resource wealth,

Niger grapples with economic struggles, consistently classified as one of the world's heavily indebted poor countries.

Its vulnerability, Gulf News remarks, is exacerbated by the fact that 70% of the energy it consumes comes from Nigeria.

Observers agree that the main reasons for the coup were "grievances over governance and the government's response to security threats posed by extremist groups."

In late July, a group of military officers from the Nigerien Presi-

dential Guard mutinied and announced the removal of President Mohamed Bazoum.

The National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland, led by the Guard's Commander Abdurahman Tchiani, was formed to govern the country.

Bazoum remains in custody at his residence but has been communicating by telephone with leaders and representatives of other countries.

The leaders of the regional group Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), which includes Niger, have demanded that the rebels release Bazoum by August 7, threatening, among other things, to use force.

However, neighboring Mali and Burkina Faso said they would see such a move as an attack on themselves.

Since the ECOWAS ultimatum was not fulfilled, the community's leaders will reconvene for a summit on August 10.

The organization intends to increase sanction pressure on Niger and says a diplomatic solution is preferable.

Agencies

The
Guardian

SPORT

Yanga fans laud Gamondi, delighted with Community Shield tie's victory

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

YANGA fans in Tanga have hailed the club's leaders for hiring Argentinian tactician Miguel Gamondi.

The supporters pointed out the outfit's current head coach has efficiently replaced Belgo-Tunisian coach, Nasreddine Nabi.

A section of delighted Yanga followers expressed their happiness shortly after the Jangwani Street club had garnered a 2-0 victory over Azam FC in a 2023/24 Community Shield knockout game that took place at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga on Wednesday.

The supporters shouted wildly after watching Yanga defeat Azam FC 2-0 to make it to the knockout event's final.

The final, scheduled for Sunday, will witness Yanga confronting the winner of another knockout clash between Simba SC and Singida Fountain Gate FC slated to take place at the same stadium yesterday.

The outcome has seen Azam FC suffer a second successive loss to Yanga in the two clubs' recent meetings.

Two months ago, Azam FC lost 1-0 to Yanga in the 2022/23 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final which was held at the same stadium. The triumph had Yanga defending ASFC's top honour.

The records further show that this is the fourth time that Azam FC have suffered a loss to Yanga when the two outfits face each other in the Community Shield duel, which is used as Mainland Tanzania's Premier League curtain-raiser.

Before the previous season's Community Shield tie loss, Azam FC lost 3-0 to Yanga in 2014, and, in 2015, Yanga cruised to an 8-7 victory



Yanga's forward Kennedy Musonda (L) dribbles past Azam FC's midfielder James Akamiko when the two outfits came up against each other in a 2023/24 Community Shield knockout clash held at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga on Wednesday. Yanga cruised to a 2-0 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

over Azam FC via penalties.

Some spectators who turned up at Mkwakwani Stadium to watch the Azam FC vs Yanga clash revealed they were satisfied with the tactics deployed by Yanga's head coach Gamondi.

The spectators pointed out that Gamondi has the techniques and skills of studying opponents' styles of play and making changes that bring positive outcomes to his club.

One of the soccer enthusiasts revealed: "Even though this is his first (competitive) clash ahead of NBC Premier League games since he joined Yanga to replace Nabi, we have observed something unique".

The other enthusiasts stated: "Actually, the game was tough for both sides, everyone worked hard to win, Gamondi assessed his starting XI's weaknesses and, in the remaining 45 minutes, he made substitutions that lived up to expectations."

Good coordination that was showcased by Yanga footballers- Maxi Nzengeli, Mudathir Yahaya, Kennedy Musonda, and Crispin Ngushidi not cause much harm to Azam FC early on even though there were several attempts made by the former.

Some of the Yanga players' shots went off

target and others were blocked by Azam FC defense and midfielders- James Akamiko, Feisal Salum, and Sospeter Bajana.

Gamondi opted to replace midfielder Farid Mussa and forward Ngushi in the 63rd minute and brought in midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki and striker Clement Mzize to improve the club's forward line.

The Argentinian later on substituted Zambian forward Musonda and midfielder Yahya for midfielders Salum Abubakar 'Sure Boy' and Zawadi Mauya. The tactician's changes helped Yanga have an upper hand in the clash and attack now and then. Yanga sought to open the scoring in the 71st minute when Mzize attempted but his shot went over Azam FC's crossbar.

In the 84th minute, Aziz Ki scored the opener for Yanga, and Mzize scored the second goal for the outfit in the 86th minute to send Yanga's followers into wild jubilation. The outfit's president Hersi Said as well celebrated with other leaders.

Azam FC attacking midfielder, Feisal Salum, found it difficult to outplay his Yanga counterparts, Mudathir Yahya and Khalid Aucho, while seeking to open up Yanga's defense.

Cameroon pundits, sports professionals in soul searching as Simba SC signs top stars

By Correspondent John Kimbute

RANKINGS now being enjoyed by top Tanzania soccer clubs are largely being consolidated, when it comes to either scouting or looking around for good players and being in a position to reach workable deals with them.

The city rivals are now acknowledged powerhouses in registering valuable players around Sub-Saharan premier league sides, with West Africa and in part Central Africa as the more coveted sources. Instead of this being a local truism, it is increasingly accepted.

It is all the same not surprising that the sort of admission coming up with the gradual building up of either registration or signing capacity is at times tinged with disaffection.

This sentiment has lately been registered, and with some aplomb, in Cameroon after Simba SC signed two of the country's best players featuring for the domestic league or just in the neighbouring premier leagues.

Midfielder Leandre Onana joined from Rayon Sports of Kigali, Rwanda, while Coton Sports center-back Che Malone Fondoh was the most valuable player in Cameroon Premier League.

Those who watched Simba SC's Simba Day event, held in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, with the local most ambitious side facing Power Dynamos of Kitwe, a Zambian mining city, and putting up a comfortable 2-0 win, were largely impressed with the center-back's abilities.

Pundits say many at his home base wonder why he should not be playing in Europe, and instead, he gets a reasonably good offer from the Msimbazi Street club.

It is an indication that there is a reasonably above-average investment in local soccer.

What is surprising is that when one compares the various countries by income per capita, Tanzania scores fairly low, well below the Cote d'Ivoire where ASEC Mimosas is based, with slightly over \$2000 per capita income.

Cameroon is just over \$1500 per capita level, which is still well ahead of our \$1,100 income level on average, but they are nowhere near our ability in club sponsorships.



Simba SC's newly-signed Cameroonian central defender, Che Fondoh Malone. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

In that case, it requires more than income levels to understand soccer financing, it is another story.

As if to underline the complete inability to figure out what is involved, a sports activist who advocates by profession is reportedly kicking the dust in courts there, demanding a better sponsorship deal from television rights.

Pundits just raised the matter that way and recited the position the lawyer enumerated in seeking court orders in the matter.

What this implies in our case is the implicit assumption that Simba SC and Yanga have Azam TV Limited to thank for their successes!

That observation or implicit assessment brings the matter to a clearer view, that Cameroon's and other countries' premier leagues are comparable to major regional premier league sides.

They parallel Singida Fountain Gate FC, Geita Gold FC (without the gold mining firm, just its corporate social responsibility turnover), Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, and other sides.

They do not compare with the top city sides, as they have overly commercial sponsorship from individuals the other sides are lacking.

To make matters worse for the Cameroonian situation, the television rights enterprise where they expect premier league

sides' pockets to be filled from its earnings is state television.

This is an unfavourable comparison concerning Azam TV as public television has operational authority and hegemony that cannot easily be negotiated by either civilian sports clubs or the soccer federation.

A private television outfit competing with others who can potentially take over is positive.

There is perhaps no need to delve into the social composition of sponsorships and implicitly, under what sort of scenario the country is likely to make it into heady days of African soccer.

Simba SC sponsor cum investor Mohamed Dewji told President Samia Suluhu Hassan that his goal is to see Simba SC win the CAF Champions League title in the future, while for this season the club has its feet on the showdown's Group Stage, seeking a semi-final appearance in the continental run. Yanga is even more cautious about what it can do.

The social mix that one sees in Dar es Salaam is finally what accounts for its ability to raise good sides, despite that the firmly anchored rivalry of two city sides is propitious for such investments.

Kenya has a similar social mix in its business community but the traditional rivalry there of AFC Leopards and Gor Mahia was in its earlier stages (and per-

haps even now) anchored in factious ethnic loyalties that do not invite nationwide appeals and frenzy commitment.

It is exactly the reverse in Dar es Salaam where the quasi-political tag, 'Wananchi', is now being countered by 'Wenye Nchi', a sort of superiority complex.

It fits the bill well, psychologically speaking, as being 'Wananchi' indicates a commoner, not really a pride gesture.

Some pundits, with an unending amateurish mentality, keep asking what next after the sponsors leave.

They prefer to say 'the so-called sponsors,' for they wish to believe they gain a lot in doing so while in fact, they spend their savings for social comfort and renown.

While Dewji is a well-known businessman, one would have to go into some narrow alleys at either Kisutu Street or thereabouts in Dar es Salaam to ask people who is GSM Group, even if the company's owner is a stockist of a chain of home shopping stores, etc.

It is similar to soccer sponsorship in Europe as the new fan club of Middle East oil barons, while Saudi Arabia took up the golf circuit with a frenzy.

The US professional circuit, oozing with hostility over top names golfing in Saudi Arabia, caved in, merging the two.

UDSM Outsiders all out to stun JKT in RBA League last eight

By Guardian Correspondent

THE UDSM Outsiders basketball side's secretary-general, Gerald Gulaka, is adamant his outfit has what it takes to overcome JKT when the two outfits lock horns in the 2023 Dar es Salaam Regional Basketball Association (RBA) League quarter-final stage tie.

Gulaka issued his comments shortly after the knockout round's fixtures were released by the regional basketball governing body, Basketball Dar es Salaam (BD).

"Our goal is to, first, win this quarterfinal tie, and qualify for the semi-final and later progress to the final," Gulaka noted, adding his squad has been well prepared to win the coming game.

The UDSM Outsiders leader disclosed his team previously suffered losses in the quarterfinals of the RBA League as the club was not well organized.

"After working through this, we sat together and set a strategy to ensure that this year we

win the title," Gulaka noted.

The leader revealed that after discovering their mistakes, they added a technical bench led by Ismail Mbise and, as a result, improved the club.

The RBA League quarterfinals are expected to start tomorrow with a game between Vijana Queens and City Queens, followed by a tie pitting Dar City vs DB Oratory, JKT Stars vs Pazi Queens, and Pazi vs Ukonga Kings.

The tournament will continue the following day, in which DB Lionesses will lock horns with Police Stars, JKT will face Mchenga Stars and the final game will see ABC confront Savio, with the sides taking on each other in a 'best-of-three playoffs' format.

In the women's category, the quarterfinalists are Vijana Queens, leading with 22 points, JKT Stars (21 points), DB Lionesses (19 points), and Jeshi Stars (18 points).

Other teams are Mchenga Queens with 18 points, Police

Queens (17 points), Pazi Queens (16 points), and City Queens (16 points).

Teams that entered the quarterfinals in men's showdown are Dar City leading with 26 points, Pazi (25 points), JKT (25 points), ABC (24 points), UDSM Outsiders (23 points), Ukonga Kings (22 points) and DB Oratory (21 points).

Tyrone Edward of the UDSM Outsiders team leads the rest of the pack having slotted in a total of 300 points followed by Abbas Omary of Chui who scored 253 points while JKT's Jonas Mushi (234 points) is positioned third.

Eric Lugola was Pazi's leading scorer after slotting in 47 points followed by JKT's Jonas Mushi with 40 points and Joas Maheta of Savio Club with 31 points.

Jordan Manang of Mchenga Stars is the rebounds leader with a total of 179 rebounds, followed by Sisco George of Ukonga Kings with 158 rebounds and Douglas Kandulu of Pazi that has 158 rebounds.



Fadhil Ngajilo (R), who sponsors a soccer league termed 'Fadhil Ngajilo Manispaa Cup', presents sports equipment to Africa Wanderers Club's leader, Said Chitalula, in Iringa yesterday. Ten football clubs in Iringa Urban have lined up for Fadhil Ngajilo Manispaa Cup League- scheduled to begin tomorrow. Others looking on include Iringa Urban District Football Association's Chairman, Joel Musiba (2nd R), followed by the association's secretary, Yahya Mpelembwa. The Vunja Bei shop has supplied the sports equipment. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT FRANCIS GODWIN

Man City begin bid for Premier League history, Liverpool face Chelsea test

LONDON

MANCHESTER City kick-off the new Premier League season at Burnley today to begin their bid to become the first side to ever win four consecutive English top-flight titles.

Arsenal appear best-placed to capitalise if City's grip on the English game is to come to an end and will expect to get off to a flier at home to Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

Liverpool and Chelsea face an early test of how they will bounce back from disappointing seasons when they face off at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

AFP Sport looks at the pick of the action from the opening weekend of the Premier League campaign.

- Kompany plans to burst City bubble -

City are still riding the wave of euphoria from the end of last season as they added the club's first ever Champions League to go with Premier League and FA Cup glory.

The summer has not been without its challenges for Pep Guardiola as captain Ilkay Gundogan departed to Barcelona and the riches on offer in Saudi Arabia was too much for Riyad Mahrez to turn down.

City have also had to fight to retain Kyle Walker and Bernardo Silva, while Croatian duo Mateo Kovacic and Josko Gvardiol are the new only two new arrivals in the transfer market so far.

Guardiola's opposite number in the dugout on Friday already has a statue outside the Etihad from his playing days, but Vincent Kompany has quickly established himself as one of the brightest coaching talents on the continent.

The former Belgian captain turned around a club in crisis during his first season at Turf Moor to return Burnley to the Premier League with seven games to spare.

The Claret's are a very different proposition to the side that punched above their weight to survive for six seasons in the top flight under Sean Dyche between 2016 and 2022.

Inspired by Guardiola, Kompany has transformed Burnley into a side that dominate the ball.

"I would play every week of every month of every year against a team the level of Man City," said Kompany. "That is the best way to improve."

"You won't get them all right, it's impossible with the quality of that team -- possibly the best team at the moment in world football -- but that's the best challenge so I wouldn't want it any different."

Burnley, though, did see the downside of opening up against City when they lost 6-0 in the FA Cup quarter-finals last season.

- Chelsea's Nkunku blow -

Optimism around Chelsea's positive performances in pre-season under new boss Mauricio Pochettino has been punctured by the news that Christopher Nkunku will be sidelined for up to four months after undergoing knee surgery.

The French international was brought to Stamford Bridge to ease the Blues' goalscoring woes after they finished 12th last season - their lowest since 1994.

Pochettino's time in charge gets off to a testing start when Liverpool visit looking to put their own disappointment from last season behind them.

But all is also not well at Anfield with fans frustrated at the lack of new arrivals.

Alexis Mac Allister and Dominik Szoboszlai are Jurgen Klopp's only two new signings to help fill the void left by the departure of captain Jordan Henderson, Fabinho, James Milner, Naby Keita, Alex Oxlade Chamberlain and Roberto Firmino.

The array of attacking weapons on offer to Klopp has shown in a free-scoring pre-season, but the Reds have also looked defensively weak with little protection for the back four from the midfield.

"I can understand some people having doubts," said new skipper Virgil van Dijk.

- Wolves in crisis -

Manchester United begin their quest for a first league title in a decade on Monday against a Wolves side who were left without a manager just three days before the season begins.

Julen Lopetegui stepped down on Tuesday after becoming disillusioned with the lack of resources to spend in the transfer market.

Gary O'Neil has stepped into the hotseat at Molineux tasked with repeating his success in keeping Bournemouth up against the odds last season.

United will expect to get off to a winning start at Old Trafford, but the home crowd will have to wait for their first sight of new striker Rasmus Hojlund.

The Dane is suffering a back injury that is set to keep him out for a few weeks.

Fixtures (all times GMT)

***Today**
Burnley v Manchester City (1900)

***Tomorrow**
Arsenal v Nottingham Forest (1130), Bournemouth v West Ham, Brighton v Luton, Everton v Fulham, Sheffield United v Crystal Palace (all 1400), Newcastle v Aston Villa (1630)

***Sunday**
Brentford v Tottenham (1300), Chelsea v Liverpool (1530)

***Monday**
Manchester United v Wolves (1900)

Japan and Sweden now brace for ultimate clash of styles at World Cup

AUCKLAND

JAPAN are the revelation of the Women's World Cup but they must brace themselves for the ultimate clash of styles when they face Sweden in the quarter-finals at Eden Park today.

The only side left in the tournament who have won the World Cup before, 2011 champions Japan have surged into the last eight with 14 goals scored in four games and one conceded.

One of the few teams to have lined up with three centre-backs, they have been devastating on the counterattack, surgical with their passing in behind the opposition defence and clinical in the final third.

In Hinata Miyazawa they have the leader in the race for the golden boot with five goals.

Sweden have built their success on a solid defence that has also let in just one goal, in their opening game against South Africa. Physically they are a handful for opponents and they are particularly dangerous at set-pieces.

Zecira Musovic meanwhile produced arguably the best performance of any goalkeeper at the competition as Sweden eliminated holders the United States on penalties in the last 16.

"This won't be like the physical game we had against the USA. It will be a lot more technical and fast-paced," Sweden coach Peter Gerhardsson told reporters on the eve of the match in Auckland.

"Very aggressive" - If Sweden are physical, Japan's approach is anything but.

They have conceded just 20 fouls in total, fewer than any other team left in the tournament, and have not picked up a single yellow or red card.

Sweden have given away 58 fouls, more than



Hinata Miyazawa

"When we get possession we will need to move the ball quickly and make the most of our physical advantage."

The most striking difference between the teams is in that physicality.

The average height of the Sweden side that started against the US was six centimetres (more than two inches) taller than the Japan team which lined up for their 3-1 win over Norway in the last round.

Amanda Hestedt, the centre-back who has scored three goals so far, and Barcelona forward Fridolina Rolfö both tower over any Japanese player at 1.78m (5ft10) tall.

Now they are very quick and whenever they get the chance to go forward, they do so," said Sweden's defensive stalwart Magdalena Eriksson.

"At the time, in Tokyo, they were more about possession, so now they have added that dimension to their game."

anyone else.

Eriksson, who recently joined Bayern Munich from Chelsea, was quizzed about how she and her central defensive partner Hestedt would stop the pacy Miyazawa from adding to her goals tally.

"The most impressive thing about the Japanese team is that it doesn't really matter who is on the end of their attacks," she said. "They are all in sync and have such a clear style of play. The whole team is the threat."

The winners of today's game will stay in Auckland for a semi-final against Spain or the Netherlands next Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Netherlands coach Andries Jonker says he "knows everything" about Spain ahead of their Women's World Cup quarter-final today, thanks in part to former Spanish international Damaris Egurola.

Egurola made one appearance for Spain in a friendly and was a regular in their youth teams, but the midfielder now

plays for the Netherlands and is contention to start in Wellington.

Jonker and his coaching staff have also been briefed about what to expect from defender Merel van Dongen, who plays for Atletico Madrid, while Stefanie van der Gragt and Lieke Martens both had spells with Barcelona.

"We know everything about Spain. We have a small book about them," Jonker said yesterday.

"We spoke with our players, and of course Damaris, who knows a lot about Spain. Our scouting team did its job. I think they (Spain) won't surprise us."

The Netherlands reached the quarter-finals by beating South Africa 2-0 in the last 16, while Spain booked their place with a 5-1 thumping of Switzerland.

The Netherlands reached the final four years ago, losing 2-0 to the United States, but a fluid Spain team full of individual quality are slight favourites in Wel-

lington.

"We have all the respect for Spain, for what they have achieved in the past, for the way they play, the way they intend to play," said Jonker, whose side is efficient rather than effervescent. "But we are not afraid at all. We'll play our own game and it's up to Spain to solve that."

Jonker said his team are coping with a tough travel itinerary having recently flown back and forth between co-hosts New Zealand and Australia.

If they reach the semi-finals they will be off to Auckland, against Japan or Sweden, with the final on August 20 in Sydney.

"It's so many airports, so many pitches, so many flights," he said.

"I think we are world champions at flying already," he joked.

Spain coach Jorge Vilda singled out Netherlands attacker Martens, who played in the 2019 final and is at her third World Cup, as a key threat.

"She has played very well at this World Cup. We haven't seen her play at this level for a long time," Vilda said. "She's a very potent player."

Spain have never got this far at a Women's World Cup. Defender Ivana Andres admitted feeling nervous, "but they are good nerves".

"These are the games we really love to play, life or death games," she said. "We are going to leave everything out there. We want to make history and we're going for it."

AFP

Mikel Arteta's dogged determination gives Arsenal winning mentality

By Sam Dean

THE annual pre-season broadcast media day can be a long slog for Premier League footballers. The rights holders need their material for the new campaign and players from each club are obliged, whether they like it or not, to take part in the photoshoots and promotional video clips that will be shown on television screens across the world.

It can be tiresome work, all that talking and modelling, but in the latter stages of Arsenal's media day this week, there was a special guest who instantly brightened the occasion. She arrived a little late but she is no diva, and she was fully prepared to pose for her own set of pictures.

Her name? Win. Her role? Club Labrador. One of the newest members of the Arsenal family joined the club earlier this year and she has quickly established herself as a key personality at the training ground. After all, as any Labrador-lover will know, the right dog can transform the atmosphere of any home.

Win was chosen by Mikel Arteta as a "representative of who we are right now", he has said,

and to develop the sense of family at London Colney. It is an interesting approach and, as another season looms for Arteta, his choice of name for their chocolate-coloured friend is indicative of the new level of expectation that surrounds the club.

"What are we here for? We are here to win, because we all love winning," Arteta said in a recent interview with GQ, when asked about Win's name. "It had to be Win."

For Arteta, that is it. Winning. It is all geared towards success, and for Arsenal that now means lifting trophies. The expectations have changed at the Emirates Stadium, following last season's surprise title challenge, and a new reality faces the club as they prepare for their Premier League opener against Nottingham Forest.

Twelve months ago, the consensus was that Champions League qualification would constitute a "good campaign" for Arsenal. Not any more. Not after last season and certainly not after spending more than £200 million on strengthening the squad this summer. Another title challenge is the minimum expectation for the club's supporters, who are dreaming of so much more than consecutive second-placed finishes.

All of which means that Arteta, especially, must now operate under a different level of external pressure. For much of his tenure there has been an acceptance within the club's fanbase that Arsenal have been rebuilding and recalibrating, but now the genuine ambition is to win every competition they enter. The keywords used to be 'patience' and 'process'. These days, they are 'points' and 'performance'.

Arteta knows this better than any fan or high-powered club executive, and he has never shied away from the need to ultimately lift silverware at Arsenal. After Sunday's victory over Manchester City in the Community Shield,

he said: "That is why we are here - to win trophies for this football club."

Saturday's meeting with Forest represents the start of a new phase of Arteta's career as Arsenal manager. It may sound harsh but the reality is that the Spaniard will find himself under pressure if Arsenal do not once again make a sustained push for the title. A memorable Champions League run, meanwhile, is more of an expectation than a hope.

Arteta has always made it clear that the club should never settle for anything less than winning major trophies. The difference between previous seasons and this new campaign is

that most observers, in the stands and in the media, now agree with him.

It will be curious, in the coming months, to see the reaction of the Emirates crowd. In the early stages of last season, Arsenal and their supporters were riding an unexpected wave of delight as the team claimed victory after victory. Few fans thought Arsenal would be at the top of the table by the World Cup break, and there seemed to be a collective agreement among them to simply enjoy the journey.

By the spring, though, the title race had become real. Suddenly, Arsenal had something to lose, and that could be felt within the stands. The atmosphere was consistently positive,

perhaps more so than at any other point of the Emirates era, but some of the impatient groans and irritated sighs of old began to creep back in as the trophy slipped from Arsenal's grasp.

This year, the hunger for the title will be greater than ever. Next May will mark the 20th anniversary of the last time Arsenal won the Premier League. For a club like this, two decades without conquering English football is two decades too long. History weighs on the current squad, along with the increased expectations of the outside world. With Win helping to ease the tension off the pitch, now is the time for Arsenal to win on it.

THE TELEGRAPH

Gwiji by David Chikoko



AFP

SPORT

Japan and Sweden brace for ultimate clash of styles at World Cup

PAGE 19



Simba SC's Zambian striker, Moses Phiri (L), is congratulated by Senegalese midfielder, Pape Sakho, as the former scored for the team in a 2022/23 CAF Champions League First Preliminary round clash against Malawi's Nyasa Big Bullets FC held at Bingu National Stadium, Lilongwe on September 10, 2022, and ended in 2-0 win for Simba SC. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBAS SC

Simba SC fans appeal for Moses Phiri's inclusion in first-team

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

SIMBA SC's fans in Tanga have requested the outfit's head coach, Brazilian Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho', to consider drafting Zambian striker Moses Phiri in the club's 2023/24 NBC Premier League clashes.

A section of Simba SC fans expressed their disapproval of the decision by 'Robertinho' to overlook Phiri when it came to the selection of the squad's footballers for various ties in the previous season.

The fanatics were among soccer enthusiasts that went to Mkwakwani Stadium to witness the 2023/24 Community Shield knockout event's clash between Young Africans SC (Yanga) and Azam FC.

The duel saw Yanga defeat Azam FC 2-0 to cruise to the showdown's final, slated for Sunday. Burkina Faso midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki and Tanzanian forward, Clement Mzize, scored for the Jangwani Street-based club in the clash.

Yanga will meet the winner of the showdown's other clash between Singida Fountain Gate FC and Simba SC that took place at the venue yesterday.

The enthusiasts said since 'Robertinho' took over the Msimbazi Street outfit's technical bench at the end of last season, he severally put Phiri on the substitutes' list, with the striker eventually turning into an unused substitute.

"Phiri was indeed suffering from injuries he picked last season but now the footballer is physically fit... the player is skilful and has what it takes to showcase his potential in various positions on the pitch," one of Simba SC fans, Austin Isaac, disclosed.

A Yanga member Ali Mohammed noted: "I'm a genuine supporter of Simba SC rival (Yanga) but Phiri is a brilliant player compared to Kibu Denis."

Mohammed added: "If Oliveira will field the two strikers in the starting XI alongside new signings the Msimbazi Street side will be sharp."

Before picking injuries, Phiri slotted in two goals and had two assists for Simba SC in five ties of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

Meanwhile, Simba SC's new signings- Willy Esomba Onana, Fabrice Ngoma, and Luis Miquissone- happened to be an attraction to many soccer enthusiasts in Tanga when the latter went to watch the club's morning training session which took place at Popatlal Secondary School's ground.

It has been a norm for Tanga soccer fans to turn up at various outfits' training sessions held in the region.

A bigger number of football fans went to watch Simba SC's training session at Popatlal Secondary School's ground, some of whom requested the side's footballers to don the new season's kits.

Other grounds at Galanos and Bisuza were as well used as venues for drills by the outfit.

Winners and losers as Yanga triumphs over Azam FC in 2023/24 Community Shield clash



Yanga's midfielder, Mudathir Yahya (L), negotiates his way past Azam FC's midfielder, James Akaminko (C), and goal-getter, Prince Dube, as the teams faced each other in a 2023/24 Community Shield match which took place in Tanga on Wednesday. Yanga notched a 2-0 win over Azam FC. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA secured the club's third consecutive win over Azam FC on Wednesday evening when the two sides took on each other in the 2023/24 Community Shield game at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga.

Both teams began the game at a slow pace in stark contrast to their clashes throughout last season.

Players on both teams took some time to settle into their rhythm as they knocked the ball around without significant urgency.

The referee found himself with work to do as he brandished four yellow cards in a feisty first period.

However, neither Yanga nor Azam FC could break the deadlock, with Azam FC defenders forced to rescue the situation three times after the inexperience of youthful goalkeeper Zubeir Foba put the outfit in trouble.

The teams went into the interval tied at 0-0. Yanga turned the heat on Azam FC to score two goals in the last five minutes to qualify for the Community Shield final.

Yanga's second-half substitutes Stephane Aziz Ki and Clement Mzize scored long-range goals in the 85th and 89th minutes.

Here's a look at the winners and losers from the clash in the coastal town of Tanga.

Winner: Max Nzengeli

The dynamic midfielder showed Yanga's fans exactly why he was added to the title-winning squad.

He made several excellent forward runs as Yanga transitioned from defense to attack, leading the charge and taking Azam FC's players out of the game with his drive.

Only a last-ditch heroic clearance executed by Azam FC's center-back Edward Charles denied Nzengeli adding his name to the score sheet. He later provided the key pass for Aziz Ki's opener.

Winner: Clement Mzize

Subbed on in the 67th minute, youngster Mzize ensured he made the most of his minutes by putting in an electric performance in front of Azam FC's goal.

He injected some much-needed drive and quality into the Yanga attack and even bagged a stunning goal in the 89th minute.

Winner: Stephane Aziz Ki

With his side looking flat going forward, Miguel Gamondi opted to bring Stephane Aziz Ki 22 minutes into the second half - and the Burkina Faso ace changed the game for Yanga.

He added some oomph to Yanga's attack and subsequently played a key role with a sumptuous finish to break the deadlock with less than six minutes left in the game.

Winner: Miguel Gamondi

Both coaches made substitutes in the second half as they looked to alter the course of the game late on.

Yanga's head coach Miguel Gamondi ended up better off as the substitutes he brought on played a crucial role by scoring both goals.

Winner: Sospeter Bajana

The defensive midfielder had a decent game and was booked for a sacrificial tackle, which had to be done to rescue the team from conceding.

He won his duels and made crucial clearances and interceptions to rescue Azam FC from dangerous situations.

Loser: Feisal Salum

Started promisingly before fading away later. The midfielder entered the referee's book on his Azam FC competitive debut for a high boot challenge on Yanga's Yahya.

A few minutes later he was lucky not to be sent off for another reckless challenge he opted for when attempting to keep a Yanga footballer in check.

There have been some suggestions the newly signed Azam FC midfielder, popularly known as 'Fei Toto', is yet to reach peak fitness, and time is needed for him to reach his level once more after spending more than six months without playing competitive games.

Loser: Zubeir Foba

The young goalkeeper was surprisingly picked over first-choice, Abdulai

Iddrisu, and second-choice Ali Ahamada.

Whether it was for technical reasons or not, it proved to be an unwise decision for Azam FC.

Foba had an evening to forget with an almost comical performance that could have gifted Yanga three goals in the first half if his defenders weren't alert to rescue him.

Loser: Youssouph Dabo

The Senegalese tactician picked an experimental lineup. While his tactical setup was not bad, some of his selections raised a lot of questions.

His tactical substitution of Abdulhamis Suleiman for Allasane Diao proved ineffective.

Loser: Prince Dube

The Zimbabwean striker had little to go on in terms of chances created for him, failed to make an opportunity for himself and never really stretched the Yanga defense in behind.

Loser: Chrispin Ngushi

Yanga was forced into an early substitution, with South African winger, Mahlatse Makudubela, limping off after only seven minutes of action following Azam FC midfielder James Akaminko's tackle on the former.

The exit of the South African winger was an opportunity for forward Chrispin Ngushi to stake a claim in the starting lineup.

However, Ngushi was largely anonymous. It was no surprise he was the first to be taken off in the second half as Gamondi looked to get more from his attacking options.

SportPesa extends sponsorship for Namungo FC

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA's leading sports betting company, SportPesa Tanzania, yesterday signed a contract for extending sponsorship for NBC Premier League club, Namungo FC, for the 2023/24 season.

The occasion was attended by representatives from SportPesa Tanzania, Board of Directors Chairman Tarimba Abbas, Head of Corporate Communications Sabrina Msuya, and Head of Legal Services Bibiana Kimako.

Namungo FC's Chief Executive Officer, Omar Kaaya, represented the Lindi-based club in the contract-signing event.

Abbas expressed his joy over announcing that SportPesa Tanzania has reached an agreement with Namungo FC to continue operating as the club's main sponsor for another season.

The SportPesa Tanzania boss stated: "I am pleased to announce that SportPesa Tanzania will continue to be the main sponsor of Namungo FC for the 2023/24 season. This sponsorship is part of our commitment to support-



Namungo FC Chief Executive Officer Omar Kaaya (2nd R) hands over the outfit's jersey to SportPesa Tanzania's Board of Directors Chairman, Tarimba Abbas (2nd L), after the officials had signed a sponsorship contract in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others are SportPesa Tanzania's Head of Corporate Communications, Sabrina Msuya (L), and the firm's Head of Legal Services, Bibiana Kimako. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

ing Tanzanian football."

"Since we officially started our business activities in 2017, we have been at the forefront of supporting our teams more than any other betting company in Tanzania," Abbas disclosed.

Abbas pointed out: "In this new contract, we have enhanced the rewards that Namungo FC will receive when the club performs well."

The SportPesa Tanzania boss noted: "In short, this

sponsorship will enhance Namungo FC's performance in various assignments, for example, if they reach a good position in the league and other competitions like the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) and CAF inter-club showdown."

"This contract worth 1,055,000,000/- will officially begin this season and run until 2024," he noted.

Namungo FC's Chief Executive Officer, Omar Kaaya,

thanked SportPesa Tanzania for agreeing to continue sponsoring the team and bringing competitive spirit to the league.

Kaaya pointed out: "As the CEO of Namungo FC, I want to thank SportPesa Tanzania for believing in us and deciding to continue sponsoring us."

"I also want to specifically thank Tarimba and SportPesa Tanzania for striving for the success of Tanzanian

football through the sponsorship efforts you provide," Kaaya said.

"What they have done today- continuing to sponsor us for another year- shows their confidence in us and will also motivate the coaching staff and players to ensure that the sponsor's logo gets more than what it deserves," the official disclosed.

Kaaya said: "I'm sure you've noticed how we are making progress, finishing the league in fifth place this year."

"This shows a high level of maturity and, with this contract, we can expect even better things... our goals include finishing the league either in the top three or higher," Kaaya added.

Th Namungo FC CEO noted: "To be clear, SportPesa has made a significant contribution to our success and the sustainable growth of the football industry."

The 2022/23 NBC Premier League season ended with Namungo FC finishing fifth in the standings, trailing fourth-placed Singida Fountain Gate FC.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

