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We want to boost non-tax revenue to at least five percent by the end of this financial year

By Guardian Reporter

THE government intends to establish an investment fund specifically for investing in state-owned enterprises or corporate entities. Nehemiah Mchechu, the Treasury registrar,

said at a meeting with media editors in Dar es Salaam yesterday that this innovation is part of ongoing institutional reforms. Setting up the fund is a component of the proposed new law aimed at changing the Treasury Registrar to the Public Investments

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Treasury Registrar Nehemiah Mchechu makes a presentation in Dar es Salaam yesterday at a working meeting with editors from various media houses. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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'World Bank accords, laws vital in land tenure project'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE implementation of the \$150m Land Tenure Improvement Project (LTIP) has to abide by the country's laws and World Bank terms agreed for the issuance of the loan funds, the government has declared. Jerry Silaa (pictured), the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister, made this affirmation in remarks he attributed to Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa for a stakeholder meeting on implementing the project. The project will be implemented for five years, with priorities which include strengthening security of tenure, information systems and building infrastructure for proper land management, he said. The project seeks to benefit individual and communal land holders and users, both women and men, in specific re-

gions, similarly drawing public land sector professionals, he stated, noting that they will gain the skills needed to support land administration. In the long term, beneficiaries will also include public and private sector entities



using the data gathered for improved planning and investments, he said, elaborating that the government will benefit from increased tax revenues and land related levies intended to fund the land administration system. The project, if well executed, will offer

opportunities to most groups, elevating contributions to social and economic growth, he said, citing the construction of 25 land offices in the regions. This will facilitate proper land management, increase efficiency and promote transparency in land ownership while assisting in land record management, he stated.

He urged institutions tied to the project, especially local government authorities, to allocate funds for the land sector to promote proper implementation of the project. Anthony Sanga, the permanent secretary, said that implementation of the project started back in March, with collaboration having been intensified with various municipal and district councils.

In 2022, the World Bank approved a new International Development Association (IDA) credit to finance a project to

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Illegal fishing: Minister removes acting director

Fishermen extensively use dynamite, a major threat to small-scale fisheries through degradation of coral reefs and other critical habitats and multiplying zones for fish

By Guardian Reporter

FAILURE to come up with bold strategies to stop illegal fishing across the country has led to the suspension from office of the Fisheries director Stephen Lukanga. Abdallah Ulega, the Livestock and Fisheries minister announced the move

to suspend the director yesterday in Dar es Salaam when handing over eleven fishing boats worth 1.85bn/- on loan to fishermen in Dar es Salaam Region. The loan was provided by the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB), he said, opting to suspend the acting director after hearing complaints from fishing sector stakeholders.

They talked of escalation of illegal fishing activities in the coastal zone, especially in Dar es Salaam, about which the minister had handed a one month ultimatum to the director to come up with bold strategies to stop illegal fishing countrywide. Visiting the Lumumba market in Mwanza last month, the minister asked the acting director to issue such strategies, explaining that illegal fishing has for a while been an obstacle to the sector's development.

The minister said the director didn't heed the public directive, thus his position will be occupied by Prof Mohammed Sheikh, the ministerial director for research, training and extension. Earlier in July, a police report indicated that the city coastline leads in illegal fishing activities using explosives, putting in peril blue economy strategies taken up

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Varsities quality platform uplifting digital networks

By Henry Mwangonde

UNIVERSITIES in Africa need to collaborate in exploring quality assurance potential in advancing excellence in higher education to ensure optimal outcomes.

Prof Adolf Mkenda, the Education, Science and Technology minister, issued this appeal when opening the 2023 forum for the African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN) in Dar es Salaam yesterday, affirming that there is a need to strengthen quality assurance network collaboration across various universities.

"We need to jointly discuss the quality assurance challenges and opportunities in the pursuit of digital education for quality outcomes," he stated, urging continental partnerships in building quality assurance infrastructure.

African higher learning institutions must identify specific obstacles and potential solutions to post graduate education and research in African higher education institutions, with quality assurance mechanisms to advance the research agenda, he declared.

"We must also work together to disseminate continental quality assurance standards, guidelines and practices, fostering collaboration to advance the culture of quality in the higher education arena across the continent," he asserted.

The conference is a unique opportunity to share best practices and experiences on key issues related to quality assurance in digi-

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Authority, he said, elaborating that the fund will have an advisory committee and an investment committee.

The chief secretary, who also serves as cabinet secretary, will be the chairman of the board, while the Treasury registrar is billed to serve as secretary to the board.

It will have nine board members drawn from key institutions like the Treasury, the legislature, planning and the Attorney General's Office.

He said the fund, which is expected to be solid, will be charged with channelling funds to public enterprises, wholly owned or partially owned by the state, instead of seeking such funds from the Treasury.

The proposed advisory committee will take decisions on the limit on disbursements to state enterprises and other institutions, with any decision on overstretching such finances being left to the cabinet, he stated.

Upwards of 268 enterprises and corporate entities are run by the government, with the registrar saying the number of such entities is slated to reach 306 during this financial year.

The government has majority stake in 248 enterprises and minority stakes in 58 others, of which 40 are domestic and 10 firms are located in other countries, he explained.

A sizeable majority of 213 state enterprises are involved in social businesses (services), while 35 firms are commercial, being 86 per cent and 14 per cent respectively, he said.

The changes are designed to increase the contribution of public enterprises and corporate entities in revenue collection, from three percent of total revenues at present to 10 percent in the next five years, he said.

The changes will also involve changing management settings, sell-

ing corporate or company stakes at the stock market depending on the performance record as required by capital markets regulations law, including government exit or opt for increase in stake holding, he stated.

"We want to boost non-tax revenue to at least five percent by the end of this financial year," he stated, explaining this drive as a wish to reduce pressure on tax revenue collections.

The Treasury Registrar's office is also seeking to increase its shareholding in multilateral organisations especially international financial institutions to expand its voting rights and allotments in borrowing, he asserted.

Total investments in enterprises and institutions partly or wholly owned by the government have a book value of 73trn/-, with the equivalent of three trillion shillings invested to 50 companies where the government holds a minority stake.

These include mining companies, where the government has acquired free carry interest of 16 percent, he said.

Total revenue from public investments stood at 777bn/- as at the end of 2022/2023 financial year, with minority shares sources input jumping to 238bn/- from 58bn/- during the previous year.

Changing of management will involve scouting the best talents from within the public sector and outside it, with public enterprises and institutions expected to perform better with the right leadership (board and management), operational space or autonomy, resource adequacy and key performance measurement demanded from the management, the registrar explained.

Under the current set up, the Treasury Registrar is entrusted to oversee public investments, taking up all tasks of investment, supervision and advisory roles without explicit legal capacity, he added.

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tal education, research and higher studies in Africa, creating synergies between quality assurance agencies and professional networks, the minister noted.

Participants will endeavor to use the platform to discuss the potential of quality assurance in supporting the advancement of excellence in African higher education, he pointed out.

Discussions also focused on quality assurance aspects in digital education, higher degrees instruction, research, partnerships and other avenues of collaboration.

Participants will explore thematic potentials of quality assurance in advancing excellence in higher education in the digital era, with a focus on masters and doctorate level in-

structions and conduct of research.

Prof Charles Kihampa, executive secretary for the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), said the meeting brings together quality assurance top executives in various countries, explaining how they can collectively regulate quality levels in universities across the region.

He said that African universities have agreed on some issues, for example the qualities a graduate should have, along with the qualities of a lecturer are also clearly outlined.

This is meant to ensure that education delivered is uniform such that the quality of graduates and that of education offered in African countries can only be assured if there is a big network among countries, he added.

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strengthen the national land administration system.

The project is also expected to enhance land tenure security for at least two million land holders and users, with the \$150m project being implemented by the ministry.

It targets 14 regions, covering upwards of 40 districts, envisaging the issuance of one million certificates of right of occupancy (CROs), 500,000 certificates of the customary right of occupancy (CCROs) and one million residential license (RLs), he added.

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by the government.

Dar es Salaam is closely followed by Lindi, Mtwara and Coast regions in the malpractices, the report noted.

Fishermen extensively use dynamite, a major threat to small-scale fisheries through degradation of coral reefs and other critical habitats and multiplying zones for fish,

it stated.

The ongoing use of illegal practices is extremely destructive to the surrounding ecosystem as explosives destroy the underlying habitat, as the improvised explosives as well as undetonated charges pose dangers for fishermen and divers who at times meet with accidents, suffering injuries, the report intoned.



Information, Communications and Information Technology deputy minister Mathew Kundo (R) views newspapers exhibited at the venue of the commemoration of the 36th anniversary of Tanzania Media Women's Association (Tamwa) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is Nipashe newspaper managing editor Beatrice Bandawe. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

TAWIRI plans thorough wildlife research on endangered pangolins

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Arusha

THE Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) is planning to conduct the first and thorough study on pangolins, the hardly mentioned but equally endangered species, known locally as 'Kakakuona.'

Pangolins that come in different types and sizes happen to be elusive wildlife species whose main threat comes from ongoing mass trafficking of the scaly animals from Africa to Asia and the Far East.

"Pangolins are elusive species of wildlife, it is hard to trace them and so far very few if any studies have been conducted on them," explained the Director of Research at the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI), Dr Julius Keyyu.

According to Dr Keyyu there are three types of such species, including the Long-tailed Pangolin, Tree nesting Pangolin and the Giant Pangolin.

Apparently these kinds of animals usually stay out of sight in Tanzania and whenever they appear in public, people get excited as most locals believe the pangolins can predict the future thus the name 'Kakakuona,' which loosely translates into 'Brother Seer!'

The actual number of Pangolins that the country has as well as their habitat, lifespan and behaviour are some of the issues that TAWIRI scientists and other researchers will soon be setting out to discover.

Pangolins are essentially solitary animals; primarily nocturnal feeders that are easily recognized by their bodies covered with a full armour of scales. They are also called

scaly anteaters because of their preferred diet.

In Tanzanian pangolins are usually revered as some sort of holy creatures which means they will always be safe as long as they remain in the country.

However, pangolins are currently the most sought after wildlife species by traffickers. In fact, wildlife experts say the scaly mammals are so far the most trafficked species in the world.

The animals are reportedly now being illegally hunted in Africa then get shipped to Asia and the Far East countries, especially China and Hong-Kong.

"Pangolins are already extinct in Asia and now wildlife traffickers have started smuggling the creatures from Africa taking them to Asia where they are being killed, mostly for their scales," stated the

Director of Lusaka Agreement task-force, Edward Phiri.

Phiri was speaking in Arusha earlier during the recently held Regional Training on Reducing Maritime Trafficking of Wildlife between Africa and Asia, organized by the Lusaka Agreement Task Force and the Grace Farms Foundation - USA.

According to the Director of the Lusaka Agreement task force some of the pangolins get shipped to the Far East, especially China where they happen to be popular delicacies in hotels and restaurants, while others are taken to India where their scales are used to create some medicinal formulas.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) says there is also demand in the United States for pangolin products, particularly for their leather to be used in boots, bags, and belts.



Dar es Salaam regional commissioner, Albert Chalamila (R) exchanges documents in Dar es Salaam at the weekend with Li Mingyuan, Director General of the United Front Work Department of the Community Party of China (CPC) in Shaanxi Province. It was moments after they had signed an MOU on cooperation between the Chinese province and Dar es Salaam city in respect of investment, education, tourism, trade, industry and transfer of technology. Photo: Carlos Banda

Tanzania commends TMA for boosting business environment

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has lauded TradeMark Africa (TMA) for their contribution in improving various systems that contribute to the strengthening of the business and investment environment in the country.

Dr Natu El-maamry Mwamba, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Finance made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam when opening the NOC joint meeting that involved chairpersons, TMA board of directors and development partners.

She said that in the Fiscal Year 2022/2023, the government witnessed major systemic and operational reforms following the completion of some projects including the project to set up a cargo measuring scanner at the Tunduma border post.

Dr Mwamba also cited other pro-

jects as the system for issuing investment permits, and the system for issuing permits for traders of livestock and livestock products, which has increased the efficiency of service delivery.

Dr Mwamba is also the chairperson of the National Oversight Committee (NOC) that manages the implementation of TMA projects.

She said that the installation of a scanner system at the Tunduma border has reduced the time for testing and unloading cargo from an average of 5 days to one day, while the single electronic investment window project has reduced the time to obtain permits for investors and reduced the cost of obtaining investment permits in the country.

Another success resulting from the investment of Trademark Africa include strengthening of access to markets for vegetable and flower products by connecting 964 farm-

ers with reliable markets who sold 2.1 million kilos worth 3.6bn/-.

According to her, Trademark Africa, enabled Tanzania through the Tanzania Mercantile Exchange (TMX), by building an online system that enables farmers to sell their agricultural products and livestock at a profit through that system and enable farmers to get profit and the Government to collect subsidies," she said.

Dr Mwamba said that Tanzania has reviewed and improved its tax systems, a step that contributed significantly to improving the business environment and attracting investment and called on the members of the conference to strengthen cooperation, especially in the area of promoting business and improving the investment environment in order to raise business and people's lives.

Allen Asimwe, TMA Chief of Programmes said that in the past dec-

ade, TMA has invested 1.2 billion US dollars as an effort to improve production, strengthen business and the investment environment in member countries.

She said that these efforts together with those of the member countries, great efforts are still needed for the member countries to improve the export of goods as well as to strengthen the digital systems that can stimulate trade and investment.

She assured the members of the meeting that TMA will continue to invest in the construction of infrastructure for its member countries, while for Tanzania, along with other projects, the Institute expects to invest in the construction of the infrastructure of the Port of Dar es Salaam to further increase the efficiency of the Port, which is important for development of the country and the entire Great Lakes region.



Edward Byampanju (in white-&-red T-shirt), Vodacom Tanzania Plc's channel acquisition and activation manager, briefs the firm's freelance staff during their recent visit to the mobile phone service provider's headquarters in South Africa. The tour was in implementation of the firm's reward programme launched earlier this year and meant as a gesture of appreciation to incentivise top-performing freelancers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

Tanzania overruns Kenya, Nigeria, SA in offering high level of cyber security

TANZANIA ranks second after Mauritius in guaranteeing a high level of cybersecurity on the African Continent.

That was revealed here by the Principal Corporate Communications Officer of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) Semu Mwakyanjala during the just ended National Financial Services Week held at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha, where it also came to light that, majority of Tanzanians heavily rely on online platforms for almost everything nowadays.

Only 15 African countries have a level of cybersecurity preparedness above the global average. Mauritius has remained the leader on the continent since 2014. Tanzania is now holding the second position after climbing up gradually from number 8 then taking the third position and eventually now slotted

at number 2 ahead of Egypt.

Essentially Tanzania is the most Cyber secure Country in the entire East, Central and Southern African Region, beating digital giants like Kenya, Nigeria and South-Africa.

About twenty countries on the continent still have a basic cybersecurity level; these include DR Congo, Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, and Djibouti (which is already connected to more than eight submarine fibre optic systems).

According to Verified Market Research, the Middle East and Africa cybersecurity market which was valued at USD 5.92 billion in 2018 is expected to reach USD 17.30 billion by 2026.

On the other hand, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Google estimate in their

joint report revealed that the digital sector could generate USD 180 billion in revenue for the African economy by 2025 and USD 712 billion by 2050.

However the joint report points out that if it continues, the poor reliability of African digital platforms, coupled with threats of cyber-attacks, could jeopardize this promising prospect.

Meanwhile to capitalise on that, Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is rolling technological opportunities for local creators, especially the tech savvy youth to share their inventions with the entire national as well as global community through digital clubs.

Digital clubs means a group of pupils or students with a common interest of building digital

skills through discussions and performing various activities using digital tools and technology.

The TCRA creates a platform from which a variety of technologies and innovations will be introduced and used to enable the next generation of digital leaders, including young men and women as well as boys and girls to learn and share expertise.

According to the TCRA official the digital clubs are specifically focusing on Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills among pupils and students.

They also aim at fostering interdisciplinary learning, among the youth, boost critical thinking, creativity, and innovation as well as developing their skills in science and technology, through creating an environment that fosters curiosity and hands-on learning.

Bus drivers in Dodoma vow to spread education on AMR

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

CROSS SECTION of commuter bus drivers in Dodoma City have vowed to help spread public education on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), saying they are also at risk.

Speaking during a sensitisation seminar on AMR, they argued that based on their activities, most of them resort to taking drugs through the counter without a health doctor's prescription.

The training was part of the global celebration to mark the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, (WAAW) 2023 held between 18th and 24th November, 2023, and brought together over 50 commuter bus drivers and other stakeholders.

The event was organized by Roll Back Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative (RBA Initiative), a non-governmental organization in Tanzania whose aim is to fight back antimicrobial resistance.

The organization promotes the rational use of antimicrobials, conducts research on antimicrobial resistance AMR, and promotes behavioural change, with the aim of reducing the rate of infection due to the problem.

Speaking during the training, the AMR National Coordinator from the Ministry of Health, Emiliane Francis noted that drug resistance is increasingly becoming a big problem not only in Tanzania but globally.

She said there is need for continued public education and awareness on the problem, calling on the participants to spread the message. "Let us agree that use of drugs without a doctor's prescription is wrong" he said.

According to the coordinator, in 2019 alone, over 12,500 died of this silent killer problem globally, noting that the government welcomes more stakeholders to join efforts in fighting the problem.

Tereza Evarist from the Regional Medical Office, noted that there is great improvement of awareness

among students in the city, thanks to the RBA Initiative. She hailed efforts of the organization that has made the students understand the importance of rightful medication.

The organization established AMR clubs with at least 50 members in three schools of K-Ndege, Meriwa and Mkonze secondary schools in the city and has also engaged some three others in Bahi district.

"RBA Initiative is doing a great thing in spreading awareness on misuse of drugs and help improving people's health" she said, adding that the education should be widely spread to other parts of the region and the country.

RBA Initiative Chair, Michael Masha on his part that the organization holds annual meetings in marking the week, adding that many residents have been reached.

He cited evident cases where parents of students where there are AMR clubs have called to thank the organization for the right knowledge impacted on their children. "Through the week-long campaigns we have managed to distribute over 1200 leaflets with information on AMR to people" he said.

He added that last year, RBA Initiative introduced the WAAW Bajaj (try cyclists) campaign in the city as part of the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week. (WAAW) 2021, before engaging motorcyclists in 2022 and commuter bus drivers in 2023.

This campaign used the three-wheeled motorcycle "Bajaj" to transfer the AMR messages to the community through the advert with a key AMR message in the Swahili language, placed behind the 'Bajaj'.

Furthermore, the Bajaj drivers were trained on AMR and distributed AMR flyers to their passengers and the general population.

According to the coordinator, the post-activity survey showed an increase in respondents who had heard about antimicrobial resistance from 37.3 to 44 per cent.



REBID ANNOUNCEMENT

Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) is collaborating with the Government of Tanzania through PORALG in implementation of a 'Project for e-Health System (GoToHMIS) Expansion in Dodoma Region'. The project will be contributing to the efficient operations of Primary Health Care services. One component of the Project is to procure ICT equipment for the expansion of the Health and Operations Management Information System. Therefore, KOICA invites eligible bidders registered by relevant authorities to bid for the tender below.

1. Bidding Schedule

Schedule	Time and Date	Place
Bid Announcement	2023.11.29.(Wed)	Office homepage /KOICA Electronic Procurement System/ Procurement portal in Tanzania
Bidding Clarification Question	(Query period) 2023.11.29.(Wed)~11.30. (Thur) 15:00pm (Reply for Query) 2023.12.1.(Fri)	All Queries will be Consolidated and Replied by email. Reply for Query will also be posted on KOICA Tanzania office website.
Submission Deadline	By 2023.12.04.(Mon) 15:00pm	KOICA Tanzania Office
Bid(Price) Opening Date	2023.12.05.(Tue) 10:00am	KOICA Tanzania Office All bidders must attend.
Qualification Screening	TBD	-
Selection of the most favorable bidder and notification		
Contract Signature	Within December of 2023	-

2. Pre-Bid meeting : No, Queries and Reponse are only accepted via email

3. Inquires

- To provide the same information to all bidders equally and fairly, KOICA Tanzania Office will not respond to telephone inquiries.
 - Email to tzkoica@gmail.com
- Inquiry deadline : 2023.11.30.(Thur) 15:00pm
- Response: Response will be posted on KOICA Tanzania Office website on 2023.12.01. (Fri)

4. Bid Submission

- Submission: Visit
- Deadline (date) : 2023.12.04.(Mon) 15:00 pm
- Place (address) : 31370 8th Floor, Alfa Plaza Plot No. G6 Charuma Road Kinondoni, Dar es Salaam TZ
 - Person in charge : Heo eun deputy country director, Suma Mbatiani Program manager
 - Contact details : +255 764 463 745

① Submission of price (sealed) : Lump-sum

- Bid price shall be provided in the bid form 3 and it shall be signed or sealed before submission.

② Bid attachments : 2 copies (Please visit our website for bid documents)

5. Bid Opening

- Date : 2023.12.05.(Tue) 10:00am
- Place : KOICA Tanzania Office
 - Bid opening must be attended by Bidders or their representatives.
 - In accordance with Article 11.1. of the [Regulations for Procurement and Contract in Grant Aid Projects], the bid limit is equals to the expected price.

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TANZANIA INVESTMENT CENTRE (TIC)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBMISSION OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS SEEKING PARTNERSHIP

The Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) was established by the Act of Parliament No. 26 of 1997, Which was repealed and replaced by the Tanzania Investment Act No. 10 of 2022 Cap 38.

The Centre is a Primary Agency of the Government mandated to Coordinate, Encourage, Promote and Facilitate Investment in Tanzania and to advise the Government on investment Policy and related matters. Among key functions of the Centre is to facilitate partnership between Tanzanian investors who are looking for suitable partners with the view of implementing their projects effectively and efficiently by acquiring new technology, capital Injection, operational expertise, and Employment creation.

In order to facilitate these ventures through partnerships/joint venture, the Centre is hereby inviting the general public to submit their investment projects which are seeking partnership. Through our day to day work, TIC will promote these ventures to incoming investors and provide match-making service to all Tanzanian existing investments that seek partnerships. The submission of the said Projects should include the following information: -

The Company name, name of the project, Project location (village/Street/road, ward, District); sector, size of the project area; project description including project overview, infrastructure (land size, support facilities, connection to social services such as roads, water, electricity etc.), project cost estimates, current Project implementation status (operational/construction stage), project value (confirmed funds, funds needed for financing of the project, owner's contribution), communication (name, title, email and landline and mobile phone); copy of copyright if any and project photos. The designated format for project submission can be accessible on the TIC website www.tic.go.tz

The submitted projects will be collated in a project inventory (which is in digital and physical form) and shared with investors across the world during TIC outgoing investment missions.

The relevant information should be submitted to:

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Anti-GBV war gets support after mining firm joins the campaign

By Guardian Reporter

BARRICK Gold Corporation has promised to work closely with the Tanzania Police Force and various other stakeholders in educating people on the negative impacts of gender-based violence in the society.

Georgia Mutagahywa, Barrick Tanzania corporate communications and country liaison manager made the pledge yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking during the launch of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) of the Police Force Gender Desk in Kinondoni Police Region.

The function was held at the Mango Garden Police post.

The 16 Days of Activism is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. This year's campaign is themed: "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls".

The campaign was accompanied by providing training on GBV conducted by experts on gender issues and laws from the Police Force who manage gender desks.

Georgia said that Barrick will continue to be at the forefront of collaborating with various stakeholders who provide education on human rights violations including GBV and "that is why once again this year it has decided to collaborate with the Police Force to deliver education against acts of sexual violence in society in all districts of Dar es Salaam and other regions."

"In these sixteen days we'll collaborate with the Police Force Gender Desks to deliver this education in various parts of society including schools and we will always be at the forefront to team up with the various stakeholders and I'm sure we'll win this war," she said.

Kinondoni District Administrative Officer, Stela Msosse admitted: "The community is facing a high level of physical, emotional and economic violence, so it is not only the Police Force's job to fight this challenge but it is everyone's responsibility."

She asked all people to join together to raise their voice at all times against GBV in parallel with providing education in the community as well as lauding human rights activists and various stakeholders who support the government's efforts in this struggle at all times.

"I call on each of us not to turn a blind eye to these acts because they exist and continue and the large group that is affected is children, so parents we have a great responsibility to ensure that we protect this generation," she said.

Kinondoni Regional Police Commander, Mtatiro Kitinkwi said that the Police Force will continue to cooperate with various stakeholders in providing education against acts of sexual violence in parallel with ensuring that all those found to be involved in these acts are brought to the attention of the law enforcement agencies.

RPC Kitinkwi called on citizens to come forward and provide information at gender desks that have been established to address the challenges of incidents related to acts of gender violence.

16 days against sexual violence starts on November 25 and culminates on December 10 every year with the aim of eradicating acts of violence in society. This year's slogan is "Invest to prevent sexual violence".

"I call on each of us not to turn a blind eye to these acts because they exist and continue and the large group that is affected is children, so parents we have a great responsibility to ensure that we protect this generation"



Kinondoni district administrative secretary Stella Msosse (L) has a quick word with Kinondoni District Police Commander Mtatiro Kitinkwi (C) and Barrick Tanzania corporate communications and country liaison manager Georgia Mutagahywa at the launch of this year's edition of the global campaign "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence". The event was sponsored by Barrick Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Arusha

MONEY stolen from African countries and stashed in overseas vaults will now be reclaimed and streamed back into the continent

Official reports from the 'African Union Advisory Board against Corruption (AUABC),' whose members are converging in Tanzania, reveal that the mostly liquid assets in the process of being recovered apply even to the swindled cash and valuable minerals hidden in numbered Swiss Accounts.

Clarifying the issue, the Chairperson of the AUABC Seynabou Ndiaye Diakhate said the board has already set proper guidelines for the recovery of illicit acquired assets from the African Continent, that were smuggled

African monies stolen, stashed in Swiss accounts to be brought back

abroad by leaders, their relatives or accomplices and other influential people in the member countries.

"And most countries are very cooperative which means eventually much of the stolen treasures will be recovered and restored back to the states where they were looted from in the first place," stated the Board Chair, Seynabou Diakhate.

She was speaking at the threshold of the 45th Ordinary Session of the African Union Advisory Board against Corruption Activity which concluded on November 28, 2023 in Arusha.

The sessions, among other things, considered the report of the bureau, Re-distribution of

country rapporteurs, Work plan progress report and the update on the Common African Position on Asset Recovery (CAPAR), as well as reviewing the Report from Egypt, among others.

For many years since their respective independences, many African countries have experienced their domestic treasures being siphoned out of borders to overseas destinations where a number of leaders on the continent have been known to be concealing their looted wealth.

The Board which has been conducting its 45th Ordinary Session in Arusha, between November 20 and 28, 2023, has

assured that that many African countries have been cooperating towards this end as well as taking steps towards curbing corruption or at least reducing cases of draft within and without their borders.

"Tanzania for instance, was among the first to establish the national anti-graft body in the form of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB)," said the Chairperson.

But among the agendas, the Board reported to have been taking key interest in pioneering the Common African Position on Asset Recovery (CAPAR) and collaboration with other key stakeholders in the fight against Corruption.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Rikolto, an international network organization, with over 40 years of experience in fostering partnerships across the food chain, is embarking on a 4-year horticultural program in Tanzania's Southern Highlands. The program, named "Building Inclusive and Competitive Horticulture Businesses in Tanzania's Southern Highlands (BICHOBS)," is generously funded by the European Union under the AGRI-CONNECT Programme, focusing on improving market competitiveness in the horticultural sector from 2020 to 2023.

Rikolto and its partners (MIICO and Inades Formation) are actively contributing to the reduction of malnutrition and stunting rates by increasing the consumption of highly nutritious diets through the involvement of women and youth in the sustainable, nutrition-sensitive horticulture value chain in targeted regions. This is achieved through a comprehensive approach, including training on the significance of a rich-nutritious diet, enhancement of extension services and provision of inputs to farmers, adoption of innovative production technologies, increased participation of youth and women in the horticulture value chain, public nutrition campaigns through mass media, distribution of seedlings, and creating consumer awareness through leaflets, home gardens, billboards, cooking shows, school nutrition clubs, and school gardens.

Rikolto invites eligible contractors to submit quotations for the proposed drilling of boreholes in Songwe, Katavi, Iringa, and Njombe. The objective is to enhance water availability in schools for irrigation, thereby promoting the cultivation of vegetables and fruits in schools. The tendering process will adhere to open competitive procedures as outlined in Rikolto's procurement guidelines and Tanzanian law.

For more information about the tender please visit our website: <https://eastafrica.rikolto.org/en/news/tender-proposed-drilling-borehole-support-school-garden-songwe-katavi-iringa-and-njombe-regions>

Interested bidders are required to submit the complete set of bidding documents in English via email to eastafrica.procurement@rikolto.org before **Friday, December 13, 2023, at 17:00 Hrs.** The tender opening is scheduled for **December 14, 2023, from 12:00 to 13:00 pm.**

Science, technology projects to be showcased in Dar next month

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FORTY five out of 361 best science and technology projects are set for exhibition at the coming National Young Scientists Tanzania (YST) 2023 exhibition scheduled for December 5, this year in Dar es Salaam.

YST Co-founder Dr Gozibert Kamugisha briefed journalists in Dar es Salaam over the weekend that the

45 projects were selected at regional exhibition and will be presented at the YST 2023 National exhibition.

Dr Kamugisha said that this year, students lodged 979 science projects applications requesting for an opportunity to participate in the YST programme.

The projects include use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in irrigation systems to minimize water wastage, optimal

distribution of nutrients in the soil, bio stimulants and anti-fungal solution for minimizing stunted growth in plants.

Others are mechanisms for reducing effects of climate change, safe water supply and detection of leakage in underground water pipes using sensors and rats, driver drowsiness detection and alerting system, use of AI and solar energy for collection of waste from the sea.

He said YST has been spearheading the efforts for nurturing scientific talents among young people in secondary schools for the past thirteen years.

The co-founder said YST provides an opportunity for the young people to be trained in scientific methodologies, conduct research and eventually showcase their technological innovations after a long process of robust research," he said.

"Unlike in previous years, there is a significant

increase in the number of innovations based on Artificial Intelligence (AI).


"This is an indicator that our young people are trying to sail along with the rest of the world which is witnessing a dramatic increase in the use of AI related innovations," he said.

Karimjee Foundation Jivanjee Foundation (KFJ) Executive Officer Caren Rowland said that the foundation will continue to support efforts to create a bright future for young Tanzanians through education and empowerment.

"Since we started supporting YST, we have awarded 41 scholarships to outstanding students who have demonstrated exceptional skills and dedication in their science endeavors. In keeping our commitments to education and empowerment, we announce that four additional scholarships will be awarded this year. Furthering our mission to invest in the future leaders of Tanzania," she said.

According to her, as KJF celebrates the milestone, the foundation remains dedicated to its vision of fostering a culture of innovation, education and sustainable development.

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(Legal Representative of Lala Godfrey).....APPLICANT
VERSUS
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Finance ministry Permanent Secretary Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba delivers opening speech at a meeting of the chairpersons of TradeMark Africa's board of directors and development partners held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The thrust of the meeting was on opportunities and challenges relating to the implementation of projects sponsored by TradeMark Africa and meant to facilitate and strengthen business in member countries. Also under discussion was the strengthening of infrastructure, systems as well as business and investment laws, especially during the execution of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) programmes. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Invest in technology, RC advises SACCOS

By Henry Mwangonde

DAR ES SALAAM Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila has called upon Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOS) to invest in technology to match with changing global trends and attract more members for individual economic growth.

Chalamila was speaking over the weekend when launching a special Visa card for Tanesco Saccos in Dar es Salaam.

"I have been told that the

performance of the SACCOS has been strengthened by shares from members despite the decrease in members and capital," he said.

He said cooperative societies need to embrace technology to increase performance and efficiency to match changing global trends but also allow members to access services wherever.

"I commend you for the desire to try embrace technology in your endeavours, we all know the advantages of technology and what it can do, therefore I call upon other

Saccos to borrow a leaf from what you are doing," he said.

He said there is need to ensure technology takes a bigger part of the plan to launch the 2024/2028 strategic plan.

Earlier, chairman of the board for Tanesco Saccos Somoe Nguhe said the cooperative's fund grew from 41.9bn/- in 2022 to 44.1bn/- in 2023 which is an increase of 5.2-percent.

She said the capital grew to 2.9bn/- in 2022 from 2.4bn/- in 2021 which is an increment of 22.7percent. Deputy Registrar of cooperatives

Collins Nyakunga said there is need for other cooperatives to embrace what Tanesco Saccos has done including owning a visa.

He said challenges in every cooperatives need proper ways to address them saying Tanesco Saccos was an example worth embracing.

"The government has created a better environment for operations of cooperatives and Saccos and now most of them are flourishing which is a welcome move for our economy," he said.

Mkuranga residents see benefits of free medical checkups and treatment

By Getrude Mbago

A TOTAL of 886 residents in Mkuranga District, Coast Region have benefited from free medical check-ups in a special camp organised by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in collaboration with various partners.

The camp under KOICA Volunteer Cooperation Initiative (Health Promotion Project), involved health check-ups and medical treatment of various diseases including eyes, communicable and non-communicable diseases such as cervical cancer, Covid-19, Malaria and others.

Speaking during the event late last week, Dr Daedong Kim, Global Cooperative Doctor at KOICA Tanzania said the medical camp was conducted for three days from November 21 to 23 at Mkuranga District Hospital.

He said the medical screening aimed to identify various health challenges including eye diseases such as those with visual impairment and cataracts where 351 got screening on eye challenges with 20 undergoing surgery and others received medicines and eye glasses.

"This has also gone along with educating the residents on the importance of conducting regular medical check-ups and adhering to safe lifestyles," he said.

Dr Kin noted that only healthy and happy students reach their full potential. Being in good health is hence an integral component of a child's education and his or her future.

He said the eye screening camp was conducted by Vision Care Tanzania staff while the cervical cancer, vaccination of polio and others were provided by experts from World Health Organization (WHO) Tanzania.

Specialists from Muhimbili

National Hospital (MHN) were also at the camp providing outpatient care services along with those at the Mkuranga District Hospital who also supported some medical tools.

Dr Joachim Kilemile, an ophthalmologist from Muhimbili National Hospital commended KOICA for their continued support which had greatly helped improve the health of people through several medical camps.

He said the medical camps provide great support to underprivileged people who usually fail to access medical services.

"Apart from cataract surgeries, the residents have been offered with medical check-ups and counselling for a number of health conditions including dental conditions, cervical cancer, eyesight, malaria, diabetes, ear, nose and throat and skin conditions," he said.

Amina Salum, one of the residents thanked KOICA and the medical team for organising the free health camp which has benefited them greatly.

"It is very hard to access quality medical services if you don't have money, this our greatest challenge here, so this camp has been a blessing to us as we have benefited from specialised medical check-up and treatment, I am very happy because all my three children have also received the services and we have been provided with medicines to take at home," she said.



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Normet Spraymec Specifications:

- 1 x Normet Spraymec SF 050 D - (Spec DOC064088) Engine Mercedes - Benz OM 904 LA - 90 Kw /2200rpm - Tier3; Rotating spraying nozzle head; Nordoser XEP hydraulic pilot control system for the concrete pump with peristaltic pump; One wired remote control: 10m cable control with 2 joysticks (default); Open cabin ROPS/FOPS approved (default); Extra display for the dosing system (Nordoser) in cabin; Wall washing hydraulic piston to piston pump 460bar/50L (Dynaset); Automatic lubrication system for concrete pump; Automatic lubrication system for carrier and spray boom (n/for nozzle head); Form oil system 24 VDC electric driven pump with hose reel; Remote control system; Front support legs; Reversing camera; Electric pump for break release; commissioning and operator training.

Key documents:

- Clear and detailed Quotation.
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- A written statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018.
- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required.
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgement of submission from the Mining Commissioner.

Submission of Quotes:

Please submit your quotes via email to bulytender@barrick.com. The reference "BUL-RFQ-23-11-06 - SUPPLY OF NORMET SPRAYMEC SF 050 D" must be quoted in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit a quote through this advertisement.

If you do not hear from us in 21days after the deadline date, please consider your bid/quote unsuccessful.

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Toyota Landcruiser types and specifications:

- 14 X Toyota Landcruiser 79 (Single Cab); Standard 4x4; SFX E1; Engine 4.2 diesel; CCM 4164; Power 131/96 HP/KW; Torque 285NM; Transmission 5M/T; Consumption 8L/100KM
- 1 X Toyota Landcruiser 79 (Double Cab); Standard 4x4; SFX E1; Engine 4.2 diesel; CCM 4164; Power 131/96 HP/KW; Torque 285NM; Transmission 5M/T; Consumption 8L/100KM

Key documents:

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Vodacom posts growth in service revenue at 18.7pc

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania yesterday announced that the successful execution of its strategy has led to significant financial results, resulting in a growth of service revenue by 18.7 percent.

The growth has been announced in published interim condensed consolidated financial results for the period ended September 30, this year.

Philip Besimire, Vodacom managing director, stated that the growth was driven by positive outcomes in the expansion of data usage areas and M-Pesa services, in alignment with continuous investments in their network.

"We have achieved service revenues of 29.6bn/-, equivalent to an increase of 2.1 percent, despite the fluctuating costs due to several global challenges, specifically in energy prices and foreign currency shortages. The M-Pesa service has contributed to revenue growth of 26.4 percent, with new growth areas such as lending, insurance, and digital services tailored for businesses doubling during this period, contributing over 35 percent of M-Pesa revenue compared to 11 percent two years ago.

"This growth has been facilitated by the removal of levies for mobile money transfers since July 30, 2023, as part of the government's efforts to promote financial inclusion across the country. Currently, M-Pesa users have increased by 20.5 percent, adding 1.1 million people in the past six months," he explained.

According to him, Vodacom is committed to connecting Tanzanians to a better tomorrow. In the quarterly report published in July, the company won a bid to provide network coverage in 190 rural and special-purpose suburbs in collaboration with the government and the Universal Communication Service Access Fund.

"These joint efforts aim to reduce the digital divide among

underserved communities in alignment with the company's mission."

"In growing our business, we have invested 93.1bn/- in our network and information technology infrastructure. We focused on improving customer service through the expansion of services and the capacity of our network, adding 276 more 4G network towers during this period. This investment, along with efforts to promote mobile phone usage, has contributed to a significant 60 percent growth in 4G network usage. It has led to a 31 percent lead in customers in the communication sector and is the most favoured company by 18 points more than other competitors through the Net Promoter Score (NPS) measurement," Besimire added.

The report also highlights Vodacom Tanzania's various efforts to benefit communities nationwide through the use of its digital services and products. To support the access of emergency transportation for pregnant women and newborns, the m-mama service was implemented nationwide and launched by the President Samia Suluhu Hassan, in partnership with USAID and the Vodafone Foundation.

In contributing to the financial service inclusion for Tanzanian farmers, the M-Kulima service, which provides farmers with a convenient and secure mode to receive payments for their produce sold from agricultural marketing cooperatives via M-Pesa, has successfully disbursed a total of 30.3bn/- to 20,000 farmers within the past two and a half years.



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Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening a Tanzania Commission for Universities workshop attended by African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN) stakeholders. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

TMA to farmers: Go into smart agriculture to save environment

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) has asked smallholder farmers to venture into using smart agriculture methods to avoid environmental effects which can cause rain shortage.

Dr Isack Yona, TMA manager meteorology services (agriculture) made the call when speaking during the 2023 Tanzania Agriculture Stakeholders Learning Event (TASLE), organised by Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) in collaboration with other partners.

The three day event themed: "Connect, Sustain and Scale

Innovation in Agriculture Market Systems', TASLE 2023 drew more than 100 stakeholders in the agriculture sector to discuss the best ways to add value in production so as to boost the country's economy.

Dr Yona said meteorology services play a crucial role for the development of agriculture in Tanzania.

"We urge farmers to use smart agriculture where they can cultivate a small area for production to avoid climate change which could affect the sector," he said.

He said TMA as a custodian of meteorological services has an obligation to provide timely and

correct information to the public including farmers.

"We have various challenges because we deal with a dynamic and complex system that requires people to follow us more closely," he said, noting that TMA installed five modern radars in various regions which will help to provide weather forecast services.

Charles Ogutu, AMDT chief executive officer urged farmers to use modern irrigation technology during the dry season so as to improve harvest and income.

He said his organization has decided to sensitize seed farmers on irrigation farming since it can help

them economically.

According to him, the main aim is to help seed producers in the fight against climate change.

"Some areas have witnessed little rainfall which affects production, we hope mobile irrigation would help boost output," he said.

He said his organization has been taking various steps to help farmers to conduct agriculture more commercially.

"We facilitated field visits for farmers where they learnt various methods we want to make the agriculture sector commercially driven so that they can invest at their own costs," he concluded.



Supply of Furniture for Enduimet and Makao WMA

INTRODUCTION

The World-Wide Funds for Nature (WWF TCO) is an international non-governmental organization which is working to ensure that humans live in harmony with nature. In Tanzania, WWF is implementing various projects in the priority landscapes i.e., SOKNOT, Water Tower, Ruvuma, and RUMAKI Seascape. WWF is working in collaboration with various stakeholders i.e., governments at different tiers which includes local, regional and central, communities, private sectors, media and civil society organizations.

WWF Tanzania Country Office has received financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to implement the projects in the SOKNOT landscape that stretches from Lake Victoria to the Indian Ocean, the Southern Kenya - Northern Tanzania (SOKNOT) transboundary area covers some 134,000 square kilometers. SOKNOT is famous for its wildlife, indigenous cultures and the variety of internationally renowned and iconic conservation areas, including among others the famous national parks of Serengeti, Masai Mara, Mkomazi, Tsavo, Kilimanjaro and the Ngorongoro crater, two UNESCO world heritage sites (Serengeti, Kilimanjaro), one RAMSAR wetland (Lake Natron), one UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (Amboseli), important bird habitats (Lake Natron, Loita, Amboseli, West Kilimanjaro) as well as 39 communal conservancies and four wildlife management areas.

WWF Tanzania for **this tender**, it aims at procuring furniture for the operationalization of the Enduimet and Makao Wildlife Management Areas Multipurpose Buildings at **Longido and Makao respectively**.

WWF Tanzania invites eligible Tanzanian Suppliers registered by relevant Authorities/Bodies to bid for the tender.

Application Procedure & Submission of Applications

WWF TCO invites applications from competent, qualified and experienced bidder(s) through the following address:

Secretary, Procurement Committee
WWF Tanzania
Kiko Street, Off Mwai Kibaki Road Plot 252, Mikocheni
P. O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 277 5346/277 2455/270 0077

All applicants should direct their electronic copy to the procurement e-mail at **procurement@wwftz.org**

Interested applicants may access the Full Detailed Tender Document through the following website:

https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/

All applications should reach us **by or before 10:00am** Tanzania local time on **Tuesday, 12th December, 2023**.

WWF has a principle of zero-tolerance to fraud and corruption, if you encounter such incident, report by sending an email to **fcci@wwftz.org**

NMB Bank Plc, Oryx Gas sign strategic MoU to accelerate LPG use in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Oryx Gas Tanzania geared towards accelerating the use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in Tanzania.

Speaking during the signing ceremony held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the NMB Bank's Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi said the strategic partnerships with Oryx Gas compliments the Government's strategy for ensuring access to modern, clean and safe energy sources.

Mponzi said the move will help Tanzanians to reduce exposure to unhealthy wood-smoke and decreased pressure on the depletion of forest resources.

He noted that the MoU envisages the bank's sustainability strategy and aligns with SDG 7 that addresses universal access to modern energy services for all by 2030.

"Our collaboration with Oryx Gas will increase the supply of LPG at discounted prices for our customers across the country. As a bank, sustainability of the environment is one of our top priorities and we

believe this campaign will act as a pathway to enable people make a quick energy transition," Mponzi said.

He noted that the bank's customers across the country will now purchase complete LPG starter-packs at discounted prices of 150,000/- and 43,000/- for 15kg and 6kg respectively through the bank's digital payment solutions.

Mponzi noted that the partnership with Oryx Gas also seeks to develop the entire LPG value chain through provision of cheap loans to LPG wholesalers, retailers and distributors across the country.

"As a bank, we will provide loans at low interest to people in the LPG value-chain to ensure that their businesses prosper. Our aim is to take center-stage in closing the gap of access to clean cooking solutions for unreached populations in Tanzania," Mponzi said.

He noted that the bank during the 2013/2014 Financial Year set aside 2bn/- that will be used to accelerate the implementation of projects across the country that contribute to reducing carbon emissions.

"We earlier launched an

ambitious one million tree planting campaign earlier this year as part of our efforts to reduce carbon emissions across the country and as we speak, the project is progressing well and all indicators show that we will surpass that target," he added.

Earlier, the Oryx Gas Managing Director Benoit Araman said his company has been committed to development of Tanzania's energy sector for the last 25 years.

"We are glad to sign this MoU with NMB Bank and we believe this new partnership will not only help to bridge the existing LPG but also ensure that people right at grassroots level have access to affordable LPG," he said.

He noted his company presently commands the biggest LPG market share at the moment in Tanzania adding that the company has 57 distribution channels across the country.

"As a market leader, we are committed to provide affordable LPG to households across the country. I take this opportunity to thank the NMB Bank management for its consideration to partner with us in taking LPG agenda right at grassroots level," he added.



Tanzania Investment Centre executive director Gilead Teri (R) and Azania Bank Limited's director of legal services, Charles Mugila, sign an agreement on cooperation in trade and investment facilitation meant to make TIC tap from the bank's experience and offer better services to the public. The event was held in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Verification starts on Pemba Island to pave way for airport construction

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR government has started verification of citizens who will be compensated to pave the way for the construction of Pemba International Airport.

Minister of State, president's office Finance and Planning in Zanzibar Saada Mkuya made the sentiments when speaking to senior government officials from various institutions in a special meeting held in Pemba.

The Minister said the ministry of works, communication and communication has already finalized the verification exercise for phase one saying the government will soon start disbursing compensation.

The minister said that in the first phase more than 800 citizens will be paid money soon after the verification exercise is completed.

At the same time, the ministers together with leaders have visited Mvumoni and Mfikiwa streets on the island to provide education to the people and to review the progress of the verification exercise.

Speaking after the visit, the Minister of works, communication and communication Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed and the Minister of Land and Housing Development Rahma Kassim Ali and the Minister of State in the Office of the Second Vice President Hamza Hassan Juma said that the ministerial visit aims to implement the government's promise to pay compensation to

the people before the construction begins.

In addition, they said there are some small challenges that emerged and promised to take them to work on them for further action.

The visit included ministers from four Ministries including the Ministry of State Office of the President Finance and Planning, the Ministry of State Office of the Second Vice President, the Ministry of Works Communications and Transport and the Ministry of Land and Housing Development.

The construction of the Pemba Airport is going to open up the island economically where planes from different countries will carry passengers on the island including tourists.



Mkinga district commissioner Col Maulidi Surumbu (2nd-R) symbolically hands over a house at Songa Kibaoni village in Muheza District yesterday to Philipho Mpika (3rd-R) and his wife Amina Ally (4th-R). The house is one of several houses built by the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project as compensation for local residents relocated to pave the way for the construction of the pipeline to run from Hoima in Uganda to Tanga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

India's ICCR president in Tanzania for two-day visit

By Guardian Reporter

DR. VINAY Sahasrabudde, President of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is on a 2-day visit to Tanzania.

According to a statement issued by the India High Commission to Tanzania, Dr. Sahasrabudde is responsible for cultural diplomacy of India as Head of Indian Cultural Centres abroad.

ICCR is also responsible for offering long-term scholarships to students from different parts of the

world to pursue higher education in India.

During the visit, Dr. Sahasrabudde, would be inaugurating the Tanzania-India Alumni Association of Tanzanian students who completed their higher education in India.

Dr. Sahasrabudde is a well-known political and social figure in India. He was a Member of Parliament from 2016-2022 and has also served as Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women,

Children, Youth and Sports. He has also held the responsibility of National Vice President of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and is holding the current position of President of ICCR since January 2018.

His visit is going to strengthen the cultural and education cooperation between India and Tanzania. During the State visit of President of Tanzania to India in October 2023, a MoU on Cultural Exchange Program was signed between the two countries.

By Correspondent Daniel Sembeya

HUMAN Rights activists have suggested the need to heavily invest in data generation to curb gender-based violence (GBV in the country.

They were speaking in Dar as Salaam over the weekend during Policy Forum's Breakfast Debate on the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2023."

Fundikila Wazambi, head of programme research at the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), said that accurate data is critical to addressing gender-based violence because: "We need to understand the scale of the issue, and exactly who is most affected, where, and for what reasons."

Wazambi noted that according to the World Bank, in some countries,

Rights activists call for data generation to combat GBV

violence against women costs countries up to 3.7 percent of their gross domestic product (GDP), noting that in Tanzania women do experience physical, sexual, economic, and psychological violence.

According to LHRC's Femicide Study, intimate femicide is the most prevalent, followed by non-intimate femicide.

Maduhu William, LHRC's Advocacy Officer advised the government to improve the area of data interpretation so as to meet the demand.

He said: "All over the world countries are informed by the

available data."

William said that it takes too long for a researcher who intends to carry a research to get permission from the authority, which at the end forces them to depend on second data, like newspapers.

"Data is the first criteria of advocacy."

He said that economic dependence of some women contributes to gender based violence.

Emma Kimambo has urged NGOs defending girls against GBV to also defend and speak for the boys who face the same situation from close relatives whom they trust.

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has urged Tanzanian youth to seek and get useful information and friendly services on reproductive health and safe sex, including prevention of sexual violence and HIV infection so that they can protect themselves and protect others.

Dr Majaliwa Marwa, UNFPA assistant to the resident representative made the call yesterday at the opening of the Young and Alive Summit 2023.

He said that in the interest and well-being of the nation, young people should ensure that they get information and friendly services on reproductive health and safe sex, including prevention of sexual violence and HIV infection.

He explained that the young population were the vital pillar for the national development, but also, the group plays a key role in producing the country's future leaders, entrepreneurs, employers

UN agency wants youth to seek info on reproductive health and safe sex

as well as the sportsperson, insisting that the group cannot be ignored.

Dr Marwa noted that, according to the 2022 population and housing census, Tanzania has 61 million people, whereby almost half of all Tanzanians are under 18 years old, also young people aged 15-35 are one third of the population.

"The latest report shows a grim revelation that teenage girls aged between and 19 are estimated to have 3.4 percent of HIV infection with three times the rate of infection for young men of the same age," he unveiled.

Sesilia Shirima Young and Alive Initiative, chief executive officer (CEO) said that the goal of the organization is to bring about positive changes in the health sector, especially reproductive health for groups of young adults and young people in general.

"The organization's vision is to see Tanzania with healthy young

people who realize using their rights to reproductive health and safe sex can protect themselves from unexpected pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections including HIV and fight for gender equality," she said.

She said that since 2017 they have been working to promote reproductive health and safe sex among the young population across the country. The event attracted 300 young people from mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar who are motivated and eager to strengthen the health of their communities from different parts of Tanzania.

Speaking at the event, the Project Officer, Maternal and Child Health Division from the Ministry of Health, Edith Senga said young people have been facing various challenges, as the Government has been cooperating with various stakeholders in providing education to face the challenges they face.



ZANZIBAR FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION



IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER NOTIFICATION IN RELATION TO THE ACQUISITION OF SHARES OF OCEAN LEISURE COMPANY LIMITED (TARGET FIRM),

BY

KENDWA LIMITED (ACQUIRING FIRM)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ZANZIBAR FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION

(Made under Section 5(1)q, 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 **Kendwa Limited** intends to acquire hundred percent shares and loan of **Ocean Leisure Company Limited**.

Kendwa Limited is a private company limited by shares registered under the law of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar deals with the hotel business and its affiliated services.

Ocean Leisure Company Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated under the laws of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. The target firm was engaged in the business of hotel and its affiliated services located at Matemwe in Zanzibar.

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

Based on sale and purchase of all of the Shares and Loans Agreement submitted between the by the Merging parties. The Acquiring Firm intends to acquire all shares and loans of the target.

ZFCC is currently investigating the intended acquisitions in line with the provisions of the Fair Competition and Consumer Protection 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.

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Mining sector plays a decisive role, but what of the lot of small players?

It would be safe to assume that anyone who knows anything about mining knows that, however well-paying the job may be, being a miner is just not a task that simple or enjoyable.

We made comments much similar to these, on this very issue, more than a decade ago. We are back for the very simple reason that we know little has changed for the better for huge numbers of our small-time miners, and particularly casual labourers some engage in the backbreaking business.

Anyone who has ever worked as a miner will confess to the fact that, unless one is excellently positioned, it often means indefinitely long periods away from home, family, relatives and friends - with the periodic reunions not necessarily that happy or heart-warming.

This is what commonly applies irrespective of whether one is formally engaged by a leading mining firm or is digging a pit a mere one hundred or so metres deep and hoping to chance upon a precious stone to help make some form of life go on at least for a while.

Yes, there may be miners in what one could call the formal sector who make enough money in salaries and fringe benefits to lead a comfortable life even within the very first few years of their employment.

Of course, for as many reasons as one could imagine, not all end up that comfortable - but that is another matter.

Of greater relevance and importance here is that mining can be back-breaking drudgery, and measures ought to be taken to make it not only much less so but also more profitable to the miners themselves, those they work for, the local community and the larger nation.

The long drawn-out differences of opinion one might witness in most mining areas in the country both emanate from and revolve around

the realities, myths and assumptions associated with the value attached to these precious stones drawn from the bowels of the earth.

Most of the spotlight is often on the wealth it takes the sweat and toil of thousands of committed and enterprising workers to dig up, sometimes from several kilometers underground.

But one can hazard a guess, and it is that it is not always that society stops to reflect on the plight of these unsung heroes who make it happen beating truly daunting challenges.

We might elect to ignore miners engaged by big firms, saying they are much better taken care of and therefore unlikely to complain too loudly or that often.

Fair enough, going by the situation in most of these firms, particularly those with strong trade union representation - decent pay packets, a conducive work environment complete with 'basics' like requisite tools and equipment, square meals and ready access to modern healthcare facilities.

But talking about the mining industry in Tanzania is a lot more than thinking only about the giants in the business, some of which have won public acclaim chiefly thanks to their corporate social responsibility gestures. Perhaps even more crucial is the need to focus attention on, and direct assistance to, small-time miners and the poor people who do the terribly taxing job for them.

Fact: Most of the latter are engaged in a game of sure, embarrassing death in horrendous conditions, and the most finally take home is usually a pittance. They deserve emergency assistance because their lives are, truly, on the line.

It is that serious. Fortunately, there are big mining firms and various other players ready to chip in with support, including financial. They had better do so - and the earlier, the better.

Specialised skin surgery brings happiness to many households

INITIATIVES where people with skin injuries including those resulting from fires and other accidents along with scores of other cases of disfigured body appearance being treated by specialist doctors can lead to massive breakthrough.

Such situations are often a lifetime 'curse' for those who can't collect millions of shillings for specialised surgery.

Fortunately, a team of Tanzanian doctors and their foreign colleagues are setting out to alleviate the misery among a section of the population.

Doctors from the Aga Khan Hospital, the Muhimbili National Hospital and a cluster of specialists from Europe and the United States are setting out to conduct surgeries on 25 young and older women without charge, the organisers say.

Those listed for the surgery are those with deformed bodies, among them victims of gender-based violence, as well as some who have had their breasts removed in the wake of a cancer treatment.

Doctors from auxiliary referral hospitals like the Lake Victoria Zone leading hospital, Bugando, as well as the Mnazi Mmoja referral hospital in Zanzibar will also be involved in the five-day operations.

A leading hospital administrator at the Aga Khan Hospital in Dar es Salaam explained the effort as intended to restore body functions and improve the lives of women and girls in acute need. Basically it is part of a training programme for specialists, he stated.

A specialist with Reconstructive Women International, a medical charity, has meanwhile said this was the fourth year they are collaborating with the two Tanzanian hospitals in the specialised surgeries.

The collaborative programme has facilitated an extensive transfer of skills to local specialists, with the operations involving people from various parts of the country who would otherwise have had a less appreciable life and remained depressed for the rest of their lives.

These people may not fully recover their original looks, or indeed spirits, but chances are that much of the pain they may be enduring will be rubbed away after having surgeries.

While everyone knows that young and older men often meet with similar challenges, there is no doubt that in the case of women there is a wider array of threats - for instance, the phenomenon of breast cancer and breast amputations.

This specific difficulty is among the more notable priorities of reversing negative life situations where a woman loses confidence and peace with herself and where only a reversal of physical appearance or its improvement promises anything tangible in return.

The fact that global communities are bringing up such acts of solidarity regularly is one of the innumerable positive aspects of globalisation, even as a number of publicists or opinion makers.

In fact, these acts of charity meant to find - and benefit - women around the world who face debilitating mental and social space strictures on account of diseases or ills conducted on them at times by those close to them compare astutely with habits in many parts of traditional society, where such acts of violence are seen as normal.

The liberties that at times appear too permissive are a minor blemish compared with the charity one gets from global communities - and the faster we take note of this, the better.

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By Tobias Dennerlein

Why managers' attempts to empower their employees often fail - and even lead to unethical behaviour

A majority of American workers right now are not feeling very motivated on the job, a new survey suggests.

Management experts often encourage business leaders to motivate employees by empowering them. The idea is that when workers are free to make decisions and manage their workday they become more motivated, perform better and work more creatively.

However, for decades, employee empowerment initiatives have often failed or fallen short of expectations. Zappos, for example, was once hailed for its no-bosses structure, but that experiment has largely been dismantled and abandoned in recent years.

As a leadership scholar, I have studied the effects of leader behaviour on employee motivation for over a decade. I have learned that when companies design and implement empowering leadership initiatives, they often overlook key factors that are necessary for empowerment to work.

As a result, their efforts to empower employees often result in little impact or are entirely ineffective. In fact, they can even lead employees to engage in unethical behaviour. My research shows that there are four ways in which a company can avoid common pitfalls to empowering leadership initiatives.

One: Provide all needed resources. Empowered employees need to know that they can access whatever resources they need to succeed. For example, a marketing professional might need access to information databases, planning software and a sufficient budget for market research.

Employees should also feel that additional resources to support new

ideas are readily available if and when needed. To do this, companies can plan and budget jobs in ways that guarantee that employees have additional, or excess, resources to draw upon.

Additionally, companies can communicate frequently - verbally in team meetings and also via digital communications - not only that resources are available when needed but also that these additional resources can be obtained easily and quickly.

Two: Set clear goals and strategies. "People can't be self-managing without information," business management expert Gary Hamel once noted, adding: "The goal is to provide staffers with all the information they need to monitor their work and make wise decisions."

In other words, companies can more effectively empower their employees if they divulge or communicate how their responsibilities fit into the bigger picture or strategic direction of the business.

For example, the marketing professional mentioned above might benefit from an understanding of how a new product fits into the organisation's overall product portfolio. Firms can also offer regular check-ins or meetings at which everybody in the organisation can ask questions about the strategic goals and vision of the company.

Three: Signal clear and unwavering support. Employees who are truly empowered believe that they have the emotional and physical support needed from colleagues - including supervisors, peers and subordinates - to do their jobs well. This entails verbal encouragement as well as offers to assist on tasks and projects.

Like wise, managers can emphasize that they believe in employees'

capabilities and are there to enable employee growth and autonomy. Organisations can create a company culture of support by rewarding supportive actions that promote employee self-direction.

My research along with management professor Brad Kirkman shows clearly across several studies that when employees do not have access to resources, information and support, they are not in fact empowered.

As a result, the desired performance-boosting effects on their job performance, proactive behaviour and creativity do not take place.

Four: Remove red tape and other 'bad' stressors. Unnecessary red tape, office politics, ambiguity and interpersonal conflict create a lot of negative stress for employees - and this hinders work performance. These "bad" stressors are different from "good" stressors that can encourage growth. For example, the marketing professional from the previous examples might have to fill out multiple lengthy forms just to request access to an information database.

Or perhaps they have to play political games to garner support for the funding of a much-needed planning tool. Conflict, meanwhile, can take the form of unspoken rivalry with co-workers about perceived unjust promotions or resource allocations.

Another study that Kirkman and I conducted showed that an empowering leadership style paired with high amounts of "bad" stressors can actually backfire and be detrimental to a company.

We found that employees in those situations are more likely to disengage

morally from their work and act unethically than employees who work with less empowering leaders.

For example, in one of our experiments, participants were asked to solve unsolvable anagrams as part of their fictitious job.

Among participants who faced higher amounts of "bad" stressors before attempting to solve the anagrams, those exposed to an empowering leader were 75 per cent more likely to lie about solving their puzzles for the sake of their organisation than those who were exposed to a leader who was described as not empowering.

Empowering leadership instills in employees a mindset to get things done and a desire to pay back the organisation for the empowerment received.

But without the information, resources and support to succeed - or when there is a lot of negative stress in employees' work environments - people seem to switch to an expediency mindset whereby anything goes.

If business executives truly want to empower their employees, they cannot merely encourage managers to empower their subordinates. They must go the extra mile and address the four factors identified above. Otherwise, employees can feel left dangling in the void, struggling to prove their ability and even tempted to take actions that could eventually harm the company.

* A dispatch from The Conversation, an independent nonprofit news organisation dedicated to sharing the knowledge of academic experts. Tobias Dennerlein is Assistant Professor of Management at Purdue University in the US.

Poverty thrives where corruption is high

As seen from many reports of the Auditor General and even during the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, also known as the Zondo Commission, many of the people who enable corruption are in powerful positions and are highly educated and sophisticated.

This makes it even more difficult from a law enforcement perspective to prosecute them. This is especially the case where the country's law enforcement agencies are deliberately weakened to ensure that their investigative capacity is crippled," explains Prof Phago.

He elaborates: "The effects of corruption are usually devastating, especially to the integrity of governance processes and to the citizens who need public services to lead their lives with dignity."

"The examples are all around us where there is an annual budget allocation and the government makes a commitment to parliament about spending plans and priorities, without any meaningful implementation of those plans.

"Even in cases where the Medium-

Term Budget Policy Statements are made, they remain a talk show and have no material benefit for citizens.

"The reality is that citizens in developing countries such as ours need quality services such as education, health, water and sanitation, an effective police force, roads and infrastructure and mobile connectivity, among others.

"When these basic services are not provided, the dignity of the people is directly affected, which can lead to populist politics."

The NWU is committed to helping achieve the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which entail the eradication of poverty, the promotion of well-being, access to clean water and sanitation, economic growth and the reduction of inequalities.

Therefore, it is imperative to focus on the impact of corruption on communities and to identify ways to curb corruption.

The establishment of South Africa's National Anti-Corruption Advisory Council (NACAC) is a positive development for the country and ought to be supported. This body was established on the recommendation of

the Zondo Commission.

"Citizens have several options if they want to play a role in stopping corruption. For me, there are two main considerations," says Prof Phago.

He elaborated: "The first is the role of parliament in holding the executive authority to account, which remains an important avenue.

"Citizens need to use their relationship with public representatives in parliament to get involved in such matters. Second, citizens need to be organised, particularly through civil society and non-governmental organisations. "When citizens are divided along ethnic, racial, class, language and other lines, they often become susceptible to populist politics."

"In fact, it is usually populist politicians who exploit these elements to maintain their relevance instead of genuinely exposing corruption and advocating for investment-friendly policies that could help develop the country."

Corruption must be put to the sword if South Africa is to realise its potential, and it is through engaged, active citizenship that it can be dealt a fatal blow.

* Agencies

Lack of physical activity equals a warm welcome to ‘silent killers’

By Telesphor Magobe

NON Communicable Diseases (NCDs) associated with unhealthy lifestyles are referred to as “silent killers” due to their fatal effects on human life. This article is not about unhealthy lifestyles in general, but particularly about physical exercises that can replace sedentary life to mitigate NCDs. Although health experts advise that a person should do physical exercises to maintain recommended physical health and moderate body weight, not many people may heed this advice.

As a result, some people continue risking their health even where they would have avoided health costs of managing NCDs. It is up to each one of us to ensure we don't deplete family resources which would have been spent on the education of children or other family projects when we start prescribed health treatment as a result of entertaining sedentary life.

Nevertheless, we shouldn't stigmatise patients undergoing NCD treatment, thinking they are sick because they entertained sedentary life and for the very fact that we know nothing about their life history. Even if we knew it, when a person falls sick, we have the responsibility to take care of them without looking for reasons to condemn them. All sick people need comfort and we shouldn't be the cause of their suffering and regret.

To cultivate a culture of physical exercises and maintaining it needs self-discipline - that is, a person should plan his or her weekly activities well, including physical exercises, and should ensure no recommended physical exercise is skipped at will. Physical exercises in this context mean those exercises which make a person sweat. Engaging in daily or weekly physical exercises is choosing to keep one's health physically fit and increasing one's quality of life. Sedentary life has inherent human costs which are unbearable.

Mainland Tanzania Food-Based Dietary Guidelines for a Healthy Population: Technical Recommendations 2023 (FBDGs) suggest that physical activity undertaken throughout the life cycle reduces health risks associated with NCDs such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer and their risk factors such as raised blood pressure, raised blood sugar and overweight.

The recommendations have been made by the Ministry of Health through Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) with financial and technical assistance from FAO. Tanzanians of all ages are strongly advised to heed these health recommendations for healthy living.

According to FBDGs, to keep physically fit the following physical exercises are highly recommended, namely (1) aerobic activity such as walking, dancing, swimming and riding a bicycle, (2) strength (anaerobic) exercises such as push-ups, squats and pull-ups, (3) flexibility exercises - a range of motion such as yoga and stretching and (4) functional balance exercises such as standing with one leg and muscle strength exercises. It is always advised to try instead of failing to try what can be of benefit to us.

Citing WHO (2009), FBDGs suggest that sedentary life is the main cause of about 21-25 percent of breast and colon cancers, 27 percent of diabetes and 30 percent



of ischemic heart diseases. Sedentary life is defined as “any waking behaviour characterised by low energy expenditure, while sitting down, reclining or lying.”

Examples of sedentary life include doing office work, watching a movie or sports on a TV set, working or playing on a computer or mobile device, sitting down chatting, reading a book, selling goods in a shop or grocery and driving a car. To mitigate the effects caused by sedentary life, WHO (2020) recommends what can be done by six groups of people.

Pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers

Pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers are advised to do at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity weekly, while keeping themselves active daily. Light physical activity which includes walking or perform-

ing daily household chores provides health benefits. However, they are strongly advised to avoid intense exercises and consult their medical doctors or attendants for confirmation to prevent unnecessary side-effects. Limiting time spent being sedentary is extremely important.

Children aged 1-2 years

Infants aged 1-2 years should have at least 180 minutes (three hours) of physical activity spread throughout the day. Activities can include standing up, running and rolling, chasing-ball games, jumping and playing in water. Thus, parents should ensure their children meet health recommendations to maintain the good health of their children.

Children aged 3-4 years

Children aged 3-4 years should have at least 180 minutes (three hours) of physical

activities spread throughout the day. Of this, at least 60 minutes should be exercise of moderate to vigorous intensity.

Children aged 5-17 years

Children aged 5-17 years should have at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily. Having physical activity more than 60 minutes daily provides additional health benefits. Vigorous-intensity activities should be integrated, including those that strengthen muscles and bones, at least three times per week.

Young people and adults aged 18-64 years

Young people and adults aged 18-64 years should do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity spread throughout the week or at least 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity

aerobic physical activity throughout the week, or an equivalent combination of moderate and vigorous activity.

Adults aged 64 years should increase their moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity to 300 minutes per week or engage in 150 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity per week or an equivalent combination of moderate and vigorous activity.

Older persons aged at least 65 years

Older persons aged at least 65 years should do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity throughout the week or do at least 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity throughout the week, or an equivalent combination of moderate and vigorous-intensity activity. They should also increase their moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity to 300 minutes per week or engage in 150 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity per week, or an equivalent combination of moderate and vigorous-intensity activity.

Compliance with these health experts' recommendations minimises chances of getting NCDs and assures of healthy living. Since many people are busy working in office and in other places which limit them from engaging in physical activity, it is up to each one of us to make efforts to plan weekly activities which involve physical exercises. Remember, to succeed in physical exercises requires self-discipline.

Vaping: Australia to ban disposable vape imports from January

AUSTRALIA will ban imports of disposable vapes from January, in an effort to curb nicotine addiction in children.

New laws to stop single-use vapes from being made, advertised, and supplied in the country will also be introduced.

It comes amid a broader push to phase out recreational vaping completely.

Vaping has been marketed as a way to quit smoking, but Australia's health minister says it has created a “new generation of nicotine dependency”.

Vapes, or e-cigarettes, are lithium battery-powered devices that have cartridges filled with liquids containing nicotine, artificial flavourings, and a range of other chemicals.

It has been illegal for any Australian to purchase or import e-cigarettes or nicotine vapes without a doctor's prescription since 2021, but despite those restrictions rates of addiction have continued to skyrocket.

A study from the University of Sydney earlier this year found that over a quarter of teenagers aged 14-17 had vaped, while research from Australia's Cancer Council charity found that nine out of 10 teenagers in the same age group found it easy to access nicotine vapes.

“All Australian governments are committed to working together to stop



Studies suggest more young people are drawn to vaping

the disturbing growth in vaping among our young people,” said Mark Butler, the federal health minister who is leading the ban.

In May, the Australian government signalled its intention to phase out the use of single-use vapes, but until now it had provided no concrete timeline.

Mr Butler says that the import ban on disposable vapes will start on 1 January, and that by March refillable non-therapeutic vapes will also be banned from entering the country.

Importers and manufacturers supplying therapeutic vapes will also have to comply with tighter government regulation concerning the flavours, nicotine levels, and packaging of their products.

Experts have warned that not enough is known yet about the long-term impacts of vaping.

Research from Johns Hopkins University has linked the practice to chronic lung disease and asthma.

And in Australia, scientists who have studied the liquids used in vapes have warned that they contain “a suite of chemicals” known to impact lung health.

Australia's announcement comes just days after New Zealand's government scrapped its world-leading smoking ban to pay for tax cuts.

“The horse has bolted now, they are addicted,” says Chris, a high school teacher in New South Wales.

He's talking about students in his class, teenagers, who can't stop vaping.

He sees the effect of the candy-flavoured, nicotine-packed e-cigarettes on young minds every day, with children even vaping in class.

“The ones who are deepest into it will just get up out of their seat, or they'll be fidgeting or nervous. The worst offenders will just walk out because they're literally in withdrawal.”

Those who are most addicted need nicotine

patches or rehabilitation, he says, talking about 13 and 14-year-olds.

Earlier this month the government decided enough is enough and introduced a range of new restrictions. Despite vapes already being illegal for many, under new legislation they will become available by prescription only.

The number of vaping teenagers in Australia has soared in recent years and authorities say it is the “number one behavioural issue” in schools across the country.

And they blame disposable vapes - which some experts say could be more addictive than heroin and cocaine - but for now are available in Australia in every convenience store, next to the chocolate bars at the counter.

For concerned teachers like Chris, their hands have been tied.

“If we suspect they have a vape, all we can really

do is tell them to go to the principal's office.

“At my old school, my head teacher told me he wanted to install vape detector alarms in the toilet, but apparently we weren't allowed to because that would be an invasion of privacy.”

E-cigarettes have been sold as a safer alternative to tobacco, as they do not produce tar - the primary cause of lung cancer.

Some countries continue to promote them with public health initiatives to help cigarette smokers switch to a less deadly habit.

Last month, the UK government announced plans to hand out free vaping starter kits to one million smokers in England to get smoking rates below 5% by 2030.

But Australia's government says that evidence that e-cigarettes help smokers quit is insufficient for now. Instead, research shows it may push young vapers into taking up smoking later in life.

‘Generation Vape’

Vapes, or e-cigarettes, are lithium battery-powered devices that have cartridges filled with liquids containing nicotine, artificial flavourings, and other chemicals.

The liquid is heated and turned into a vapour and inhaled into the user's lungs.

Vaping took off from the mid-2000s and there were some 81 million vapers worldwide in 2021, according to the Global State of Tobacco Harm Reduction group.

Fuelling the rise is the mushrooming popularity of flavoured vapes designed to appeal to the young.

These products can contain far higher volumes of nicotine than regular cigarettes, while some devices sold as ‘nicotine-free’ can actually hold large amounts.

Some disposable vapes have also been shown to contain formaldehyde and acetaldehyde - which have been linked to lung disease, heart disease, and cancer.

There's also a suggestion of links to chronic lung disease and asthma, according to researchers at Johns Hopkins University, while the American Stroke Association presented research in 2019 that suggested an increase risk of stroke. Experts warn not enough is known about the long-term health effects.

Latin America heads to COP28 with insufficiently ambitious goals

By Emilio Godoy

THROUGHOUT 2023, Latin America has suffered heat waves, long, intense droughts, destructive floods and devastating hurricanes – phenomena related to the effects of a climate crisis derived mostly from the burning of fossil fuels.

Against this backdrop, the region will attend the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to be held Nov. 30-Dec. 12 in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. The region is bringing inadequate climate plans to address these phenomena and, at the same time, will voice demands for the international community to combat them.

Miriam García, associate director of Policy Engagement at the non-governmental CDP Latin America, said the mitigation plans are not adequate.

COP28 “should define a collective and quantifiable financing goal. To meet the NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) targets, six trillion dollars are needed,” she told IPS from São Paulo.

As in most of the world, the voluntary NDC climate targets undertaken by Latin America are inadequate or insufficient.

Although most of the region’s nations have plans to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, adapt to the aftermath of the climate emergency and promote renewable energy, they are still tied to the use of oil and gas, which means they fall short when it comes to meeting the challenge.

In the case of Mexico and Argentina, the international platform Climate Action Tracker described their NDCs and mitigation and adaptation measures as “critically insufficient”.

It ranked the plans of Brazil, Chile and Colombia as “insufficient”.

The NDCs are a core part of the Paris Agreement on climate change, adopted in 2015 and in force since 2021, aimed at limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, considered the minimum indispensable rise to avoid irreversible climate catastrophes and in consequence human disasters.

In the NDCs, nations must establish their 2030 and 2050 GHG emissions reduction targets, taking as a baseline a specific year; a path to achieve those targets; the peak year of their emissions and when they would achieve net zero emissions, absorbing as many gases as they release into the atmosphere.

Road to disaster

Overall, the Latin American NDCs, which contain net-zero emissions targets (with the exception of Mexico), would lead to global warming of between 2°C and 4°C, resulting in higher emissions.

By that count, GHG emissions from Mexico, the second largest polluter in the region after Brazil, would amount to between 807 million and 831 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the gas generated by burning fossil fuels and the main cause of the rise in global temperatures, in 2030, without including emissions from land use change, deforestation and forestry.

In the case of Argentina, its emissions, without counting forestry, are projected to grow to 398 million tons of CO₂ in 2030, approximately 25 percent above 2010 levels.

Meanwhile, Brazil’s pollutant emissions would reach 1145-1171 million tons in 2030, between 25 and 28 percent above 2005 levels.

Chile would be the only case where greenhouse gases would fall by 13-18 percent compared to 2021, to between 87 million and 104 million tons in 2030. Finally, Colombia would release 199-203 million tons into the atmosphere, 41-44 percent more than in 2010.

Since 2022, 38 countries, including Bolivia, Brazil, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Uruguay, have submitted an update of their NDCs to the UNFCCC Secretariat, while 157 countries have not revised their targets. Eight countries, including Mexico, have set less ambitious targets.

The State of Climate Action 2023 report, produced by several international climate monitoring organizations, found that progress has only been made in the deployment of electric vehicles, one of 42 indicators, leaving the planet far short of the Paris Agreement’s 1.5 degree Celsius temperature rise goal.

Suitcase of wishes

In this contradictory panorama of inadequate policies, unmet goals and financial and technological needs, Latin America is coming to COP28 with a variety of positions.

At the 23rd Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the



View of a solar power plant in Santa Marta, a favela or shantytown in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. One of the tentative commitments of COP28, to be held Nov. 30-Dec. 12 in Dubai, seeks to triple the growth of installed renewable energy capacity. CREDIT: Mario Osava / IPS

Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, which took place Oct. 24-26 in Panama, the delegations agreed to support the transformation of the international financial system, food for the “loss and damage fund”, the progressive reduction of fossil fuel subsidies, a gender focus and the promotion of renewable energy.

Some of these proposals contained in the final declaration are in line with the priorities chosen by the Emirati presidency of COP28, such as accelerating the energy transition to triple the installed capacity

of renewable energy to 11 terawatts (11 trillion watts).

They also agreed to double global annual average energy efficiency by 2030 and to curb methane emissions, which have increased over the past five years and have a greater heat-trapping capacity than CO₂.

In addition, COP28 will discuss voluntary commitments on hydrogen adoption, green public procurement from sectors that emit the most pollution, such as the steel industry, the Emirates’ declarations on sustainable agriculture, resilient food systems and climate action and on climate and health.

Adaptation actions and the scheme to address losses and damage from the effects of the climate crisis are the biggest differences between industrial and developing countries, because those in the South are demanding that the rich North, which has historically created more pollution, foot most of the bill.

The countries of the industrialized North appear to have met three years late the goal of contributing 100 billion dollars per year to the climate fight, which raises concerns about new commitments.

Pilar Bueno, an academic at Argentina’s National University of Rosario, said Latin America has a substantive role to play in climate negotiations. “There is a very powerful agenda. The key is seeking uniform positions in the global South in terms of mitigation-adaptation-loss and damage,” she told IPS from Buenos Aires, where she is also a researcher with the government’s National Scientific and Technical Research Council.

On other issues there are discordant positions within the groups that operate in the negotiations of the governmental delegations at the COPs, according to their specific interests.

For example, the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), of which Mexico is a member, does not support the abandonment of fossil fuels or coal, one of the hot topics in Dubai.

On the other hand, the High Ambition Coalition (HAC), to which 12 Latin American countries belong, considers “high priority” the elimination of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies, the doubling of financing for adaptation, the alignment of NDCs to meet the 1.5 degree target in 2035, peak emissions in 2025 and financial flows that follow the guidelines of the Paris Agreement.

HAC also maintains that the phasing out of fossil fuels and coal, the tripling of renewable energy capacity and improvements in energy efficiency are key.

Meanwhile, the Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC), made up of eight nations, prioritizes guidelines for fossil fuel phase-out and loss and damage assessment, as well as a mechanism for monitoring accountability regarding commitments.

Finally, the Like-Minded Group, to which six Latin American countries belong, says a high priority is for industrialized countries to achieve the goal of zero carbon and to pay increasing attention to adaptation measures.

María Paz, executive president of the Peruvian non-governmental organization Libélula, said it is imperative for the region to accelerate the implementation of measures.

“We must focus on a roadmap, to know where to go, the steps and the path to those goals. There is a lack of ambition and implementation. We are way behind,” she told IPS from Lima.



Transportation is one of the most polluting activities in Latin America. The deployment of electric vehicles is the only one of 42 indicators that has shown progress in reducing carbon emissions. CREDIT: UNEP

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Invest heavily in healthcare delivery African govts urged

By Special Correspondent, Lusaka

AFRICAN countries have been challenged to have a closer partnership and increased investment to improve healthcare delivery.

Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema made the call on Monday when opening the Third International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA), themed: "Breaking Barriers: Repositioning Africa in the Global Health Architecture".

The four-day conference brought on board researchers, policymakers, health ministers, among others to share scientific findings, collaborate on research and implementation as well as chart a secure future for the continent.

The conference has also provided a unique platform for the over 5,000 delegates to reflect on lessons learned in health and science and align a way forward for creating more resilient health systems.

President Hichilema underscored the importance of collaboration and leadership at all levels of the health system in Africa.

"Public health requires us to work in unison. The thing about health is that there is no territorial ground. You can't say this is my area and will do it my own way," he said, noting that collaboration will result in improved efficiency in

healthcare delivery even in times when resources are scarce.

According to him, the COVID-19 taught African countries lessons on the importance of working together.

Hichilema said leaders in Africa have agreed to work together to ensure that the continent gets the best of vaccines and other medical supplies to avoid what happened during the COVID-19 era when the continent was behind in receiving the vaccines.

He said it was time Africa started moving with the rest of the world even in areas of vaccine production and expressed happiness that some countries have already started manufacturing vaccines, calling for robust investments in health systems, adding that Zambia has increased budgetary allocation from 7 per cent per annum to 12 per cent in the past two years.

He, however, called for prudent utilization of resources in the health sector and the need to invest in areas that will ensure effective health delivery.

Namibian Prime Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila said there was a need for African countries to put in place robust, resilient and sustainable healthcare systems built on the foundation of primary health care.



Participants pose for a photo at the Third International Conference on Public Health in Africa in Lusaka, Zambia

She said good health was important as no country could prosper or develop if its citizens lacked access to good quality healthcare services.

According to her, there was a need for countries to put enough resources for the attainment of health for all goals.

Jean Kaseya, the director-general of the Africa

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), said the theme for this year's conference calls on African countries to start thinking beyond traditional healthcare systems.

He said it was important for countries to harness technology, embrace equity and social justice and foster principles of collaboration.

"It challenges us to look at issues that have

hindered Africa's progress in public health. It calls upon us to redefine our position in the global health architecture," he said.

According to him, there was a need for African countries to break the barriers that have hindered progress in the health sector and forge a new public health order which will be resilient, equitable and meet the challenges of the future.

Pan African University needs funding to keep its momentum

By Clemence Manyukwe

THE Pan African University (PAU) is facing a myriad of challenges, and its rector has implored Africa's business sector and other regional partners to assist the institution, which was established in 2011 as part of the African Union's (AU) Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education in Africa.

Prof Jean Kouliadiati, who was thrust into the PAU position of rector recently, told University World News: "The PAU is proof of African Union member states' commitment to bring state-of-the-art higher education to the youth so that they are well equipped to sustain the AU's efforts in achieving the goals of Agenda 2023."

"Also, it aspires to become a social problem-solving academic institution working for the continent's growth. Challenges are many - the most strategic of them being financial and tech-

nical resources that need to be injected to reach full operationalisation.

"Africa's business sector and other regional partners are kindly appealed to, to provide their contributions in making this African dream come true," said Kouliadiati.

In his opening remarks during PAU's recent council meeting in Cameroon, Professor Mohamed Belhocine, the AU commissioner for education, science, technology and innovation, also raised the issue of funding. He said key challenges facing PAU include consolidation of the rectorate, financial sustainability, infrastructure and equipment needs, accreditation and the operationalisation of the Pan African University Institute for Space Sciences (PAUSS). Its establishment is still subject to negotiations with the South African government.

Belhocine called upon AU member states and partners to

provide greater support to and advocacy for the university.

"I have never missed a single opportunity to advocate for PAU in all my ministerial and high-level meetings in Addis Ababa [in Ethiopia, where the headquarters of the AU is] and during my working missions," he said. According to Belhocine, work was being done on a new financial mechanism with support for host countries. "In this regard, Cameroon has already pledged to support PAU through this new mechanism. We are still waiting for the other host countries of PAU to pledge as Cameroon did," he said.

At the same meeting in Cameroon, the President of the PAU council, Dr Kenneth Matengu, said the number of young Africans who want to pursue their masters and PhD studies is still high, but the university cannot accommodate them all.

He said that, due to the high demand, the university needs

more funding to ensure not just geographical equality but also equity in access.

The PAU, which is managed by a rectorate and has a senate and a council, has four institutes, each led by a director and hosted in a different country. The Institute of Water and Energy Science with a focus on water and climate change is based in Algeria; the Institute for Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation is in Kenya; the Institute of Life and Earth Sciences, focusing on health and agriculture, is based in Nigeria; and the Institute of Governance, Humanities and Social Science is based in Cameroon. PAUSS will be the fifth institute.

The African Development Bank supported the first phases of the PAU's establishment.

Kouliadiati said that, in 2024, the focus will be on the consolidation of the PAU, as envisaged in the 2020-24 Strategic Plan.

"Consolidation means fully

operationalising the academic institution, both in terms of structure, governance and development utility for our continent. And so, 2024 will mark the end of this plan and will give room for proper evaluation and strategising for 2025, until we reach excellence," he said.

Kouliadiati said that, since its inception to date 2,027 students, including 647 women and 1,380 men, have graduated from the institution - which aligns with its aim to ultimately act as a reference on the continent in producing highly skilled human resources.

He said the pan-African nature of the academic institution is not an overstatement, as 51 member states are part of the initiative. Besides, in line with the AU's values, the university has provided a conducive multicultural environment where hundreds of African students from all walks of life will reinforce their bond to African

core values of peace, unity and integration, he added. The university's rector said the number of applications the institution keeps on receiving on a yearly basis every time a call for applications is launched, has been increasing, reaching tens of thousands of people. "This attests to the growing interest the Pan African University has instilled among African youth, he added.

"In terms of enrolment, the Pan African University has already awarded 3,474 scholarships, including to more than 1,000 women, from 51 AU member states," he said.

"To develop PAU students' entrepreneurial and leadership skills, we created four incubation centres in the four operational institutes. Scientific production and international recognition have been quite prolific these years: we have recorded already 391 publications from three institutes, 12

patents from one institute and nine international awards from another of the institutes."

According to AU Commissioner Belhocine, some of the other priorities the PAU has to address include continental and international accreditation and the appointment of vice-rectors to assist the rector. He said the PAU had to obtain continental and international accreditation.

In this regard, Kouliadiati pointed out there have been recent discussions with the African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education and the Association of African Universities as well as accrediting bodies in English-speaking African countries. According to him, memorandums of understanding with international partners - such as Japan, China, the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Italy, Russia, and other partners - are at various stages of development.

Experts develop drought-resistant, high-yielding sorghum varieties suitable for dry regions of Africa

By Zablou Oyugi

DROUGHT stress occurring during the critical growth stages of sorghum, including pre- and post-flowering period of the crop, has had a detrimental effect on grain quality.

In fact, surveys conducted in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, and Nigeria indicate that severe drought during the pre- and post-flowering growth stage is a major sorghum production constraint making drought stress the most yield-limiting factor for sorghum production in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).

As a result, concerted breeding efforts have been required to develop drought-tolerant cultivars to urgently mitigate the effects of drought stress and improve sorghum production in SSA.

And now, scientists drawn from the African Centre for Crop Improvement, the Institute of Agricultural Research (IAR), the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), and the University of Life Sciences have discovered drought-resistant, high-yielding sorghum varieties that have the potential to revolutionize agriculture in dry regions of Africa.

According to the researchers, the varieties thrive under adverse conditions, yielding promising results and providing hope for many farmers whom for a long time have grown sorghum, a staple food for millions in SSA.

In their study, Response of African Sorghum Genotypes for Drought Tolerance under Variable Environments, the scientists looked at 225 sorghum types in various conditions, including non-stressed conditions and pre- and post-flowering period drought stress.

In this, the researchers applied the most advanced statistical analysis such as the additive main effects and multiplicative interaction (AMMI) method, to identify the most resilient and high-yielding genotypes.

And the results revealed a vast diversity in the genetic resources of sorghum and provided a pathway for selecting promising genotypes for re-



New drought-resistant sorghum varieties bring hope to farmers in Africa

gions prone to drought.

Additionally, the study highlighted the significant impact of environmental conditions on grain yield, with the varieties showing variable responses to different growing environments.

For instance, genotypes (varieties) G56, G157, G8, and G152 were highly tolerant to pre-flowering period drought stress based on yield performance and drought tolerance ranking, while the genotypes G144, G115, G157, and G08 were selected with tolerance to post-flowering period drought stress.

Genotypes G144 (Kaura Short Panicle-1) and G157 (Kaura Mai Baki Kona) displayed higher grain yield in

drought-stressed environments and were among the top performers.

According to AMMI, appropriate genotypes for all locations or for specific locations were identified, with the following genotypes, G119 and G127, with grain yields of 5.6 t/ha and 6.3 t/ha, respectively, chosen as suitable for non-stressed conditions due to their stability and high yield.

Not only do these genotypes outperform registered cultivars, but they also possess traits valued by farmers, making them ideal candidates for future breeding programs.

Farmers in dry areas of sub-Saharan Africa that are

characterized by pre- and post-flowering period drought stress stand to gain a great deal from these newly identified sorghum strains.

Adoption of these high-yielding and drought-resistant varieties could enable African farmers, especially those in SSA, increase food production and strengthen their resilience against the effects of climate change.

BUSINESS

Perseus ups stake in OreCorp to 19.9 pct

SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA Stock Exchange (ASX) and TSX-listed Perseus Mining has increased its interest in Tanzanian gold miner OreCorp from 15.03 percent to 19.9 percent.

OreCorp owns the Nyanzaga gold project in northwest Tanzania, which has a probable ore reserve of 40-million tonnes grading 2.02 g/t gold for 2.6-million ounces of gold contained.

Notably, Perseus says it is not currently in active discussions with OreCorp and does not intend to submit a change of control transaction in competition to the current scheme that TSX- and NYSE-listed Silvercorp Metals has offered to OreCorp shareholders.

Silvercorp in August announced its intention to buy all ordinary OreCorp shares that it does not already own. The company in November raised the cash component of its takeover offer by 26.7 percent to A\$0.19.

The OreCorp board has approved the new offer and recommended shareholders vote in favour of the deal, provided there is no superior bid.

Perseus intends to vote against the Silvercorp scheme at the OreCorp scheme meeting, which is scheduled for December 8.

Perseus says it would also welcome the opportunity to engage with OreCorp to determine an optimal and expedited pathway forward for the development of the Nyanzaga project.

The Nyanzaga Gold Project is an advanced development project in the Archaean Greenstones of the Lake Victoria Goldfields of northwest Tanzania.

Nyanzaga is situated, approximately 60km southwest of the city of Mwanza, 60km east of the Geita Gold Mine (Anglo-Gold Ashanti) and 30km northeast of the Bulyanhulu Gold Mine (Barrick Gold).

The Project comprises the Special Mining Licence (SML) which covers 23.4km² and encompasses the Nyanzaga and Kilimani deposits and other exploration prospects.

In accordance with the Tanzanian Mining Act, the Government of Tanzania holds a 16 percent free-carried interest in Sotta Mining Corporation Limited, a subsidiary of OreCorp Limited and the holder of the SML.

The Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) for the project outlined the development case for a 4 Mtpa concurrent open pit and underground mining operation over a 10.7 year Life of Mine (LOM). The combined Probable Ore Reserve is 40.08 Mt at 2.02 g/t Au for 2.60 Moz.



Tanga Cement Company Limited premises in Tanga

Foreign investors' activities on DSE surge after TCCL's block trade deal

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN investors' activity on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) recorded the major milestone last week, following the trading of shares valued 106.1bn/-, involving Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL) counter, the historical transaction to happen on the market.

The DSE market report shows turnover from shares bought by foreign investors during the current quarter now amounting to 107.1bn/-, which is 84 percent of the market's total buying value.

DSE's market analysts consider the deal as "remarkable uptick" to be recorded at the DSE.

During the deal, which was conducted on Wednesday last week, a total of 43.5 million TCCL shares were traded on block trade pre-arranged market board at a price ranging from 1,920/- to 2,000/- per share in eight deals, constituting 99.42 percent of

all trading activities for the week.

On Monday this week, TCCL counter also recorded the transaction of 88,877 shares valued 179.5mn/- traded at a weighted average price of 2,020 per share in nine deals.

The market report shows, Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL) share price also gained by 4.17 percent to 2,000/- at the end of last week, from 1,920/- recorded during the end of previous week.

This deal also enabled the growth of DSE weekly turnover by 6,761.13 percent, from 1.5bn/- recorded during the previous week.

This surge came in the wake of significant news regarding TCCL acquisition.

Scancem International DA had earlier proposed to buy 43,504,403 Tanga Cement shares, equivalent to roughly 68.33 per cent of all issued shares.

Shareholders held its extraordinary meeting on November 10,

this year whereby the first resolution was to approve the acquisition of 43.5 million ordinary shares in Tanga Cement Company Limited by Scancem International DA from Afrisam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited.

The offer to buy TCCL shares was valid from October 31, 2023, to November 21, 2023 and shareholders had therefore the choice to sell their shares based on the conditions set by the acquirer during the set period.

The offer was open to any shareholder of Tanga Cement, including individuals, companies and institutions if it was permissible under the laws of their residency or location to participate the deal.

According to the offer document, the minimum and maximum number of shares that eligible shareholder was allowed to acquire was 43,504,403 shares.

The offer was initially priced at US\$42,492,369, which is equivalent

to 2,442.4/- per share at the exchange rate as of September 19, 2023 and the last date of the announcement of the result of the offer was set for November 22, 2023.

The second resolution of the EGM was to appoint the current chairman of Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC) Hakan Gurdal as well as Christian Mikli and Francesco Brambilla as the directors of Tanga Cement Company Limited.

Scancem International DA is indirectly owned 100 percent by Heidelberg Materials, one of the world's largest integrated manufacturers of building materials and solutions, with leading market positions in aggregates, cement, and ready-mixed concrete.

Heidelberg Materials has a long-standing presence in the cement industry in Tanzania through its subsidiary Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC), which was established in 1966.



Accounting, financial experts urged to lead Africa's sustainable development

By Guardian Correspondent, Johannesburg

ACCOUNTANTS have been urged to lead Africa's inclusive sustainable growth and economic recovery by ensuring the continent's place in the global arena, according to the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), as it readies for its annual conference held for the first time in South Africa.

Accounting professionals from across Africa are expected to gather at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, for the fourth Africa Members Convention (AMC 2023) from December 6-8.

According to a statement issued by ACCA, themed "Empowering Finance Professionals for Sustainable Development

in Africa" the conference will develop earlier conversations on innovative technologies, integrated thinking for sustainable business practice, international sustainability reporting to drive accountability, developing trade competencies towards supporting intra-Africa trade and enabling members develop careers toward building a better world.

"The accountancy profession has a fundamental role to play in the transformation of Africa's economy, as outlined in Africa's Agenda 2063 - The Africa We Want - which prioritises inclusive social and economic development, continental and regional integration, democratic governance and peace and security amongst other issues," said Jamil Ampomah ACCA Director Africa, responsible for im-



Jane Ohadike, Regional Head of Public Affairs for ACCA - Africa

plementing ACCA's strategy in the region and managing ACCA's relationships with key African stake-

holders - governments, regulators, policy makers, employers, international agencies and regional or-

ganisations.

Several African governments have issued policies toward meeting their sustainability commitments underpinned by environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations.

Their adoption indicates the increasing importance of the sustainability agenda in both the private and public sector in Africa.

According to the statement the conference will look at sustainability from many angles including financing sustainable development programmes, ethics and professionalism; technology and AI; support of developmental policy, corporate social responsibility and developing accounting career for the future.

The programme line-up brings together senior commercial and government financial professionals, from across the globe, including the World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and De-

velopment, and South Africa's Deputy Auditor General.

Jane Ohadike, Regional Head of Public Affairs for ACCA - Africa, responsible for setting the strategy for public sector and governments across the region said: "Accountancy and finance professionals are important agents of change and we have identified seven priority areas in which accounting professional have a role. There are building resilient economies, developing the talent of tomorrow, driving sustainable business, advancing standards and regulation, transforming the public sector, supporting entrepreneurial growth and strengthening ethics and trust.

"I really want to encourage accounting and financial professionals to attend the 2023 ACCA Conference to share their expertise and thinking while also using this platform to network and make strategic business connections.

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

Procurement, supply experts set for annual meet

MORE than 1,500 professionals in procurement and supply sector have so far confirmed their participation in the forthcoming 14 edition of the Procurement and Supply Professionals Annual Conference.

Scheduled to take shape at the Arusha-based International Conference Center (AICC) from 12 to 14 December, the key annually staged event which is being coordinated by the Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSPPTB) is projected to bring together over 2000 participants under the same roof.

Briefing The Guardian over the so far preparations ahead of the crucial conference, the

Director of Professional Development at TSPTB, Amos Kazinza informed that more 1,500 relevant professionals were registered for the event as of yesterday.

"Preparations for the event continues at good pace and standards, and we're remaining optimistic that everything will go as planned," he briefed.

According to him, the event has already attracted at least 20 potential sponsors and doors are still open for more others to chip in and bless the envisaged gathering.

"We're appealing to the esteemed professionals who have already registered to issue their participation fees before No-



Amos Kazinza, Director of Professional Development at Tanzania Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSPPTB), stresses a point in an interview with The Guardian. PHOTO: Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

ember 30, in order to stand a comfortable side to receive the conference's needed kits," he communicated.

Contrary to the past event, he informed that in this year's

event, provision of the conference kit will base on payment priority.

"The conference kits will be provided in 11th of December, based on those who paid first,"

he expressed.

And he added, as part to support President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan's initiative on tourism, the participants of the annually staged forum will have an ample opportunity to visit to the diverse tourism attractions found in Manyara Region.

Head of the Marketing and Public Relations Unit at PSPPTB, Shamim Mdee has expressed to have appreciated the time-heart cooperation so far demonstrated by the companies in readiness to support the envisaged gathering.

She added that, apart from the relevant professionals and the local stakeholders, the gathering will also feature partici-

pants from outside the country.

She unveiled some of the companies in the event's sponsorship list as Shades of Green Safaris Tanzania Limited, National Social Security Fund (NSSF), National Housing Corporation (NHC), Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), and Workers Compensation Fund (WCF).

Others, according to Mdee, include the South Tech Consultant, Dynatech Solutions, e-Government (e-GA), Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA), Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation (TTCL), National Insurance Corporation of Tanzania Limited (NIC) and Tanzania

Standard Newspapers (TSN).

She informed that online registration for taking part in the conference was continuing at good pace, urging those wishing to participate to timely turn out and apply earlier in order to stand a better side to benefit from the professional conference.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Management of PSPPTB, I would like to inform the general public, the esteemed professionals in the procurement and supply chain that the 14th edition of the Procurement and Supply Annual Conference has been scheduled to convene at the International Conference Center in Arusha's tourist City from December 12 to 14, 2024," she insisted.

TIC, Azania Bank partner to promote investments

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) has entered into an agreement with Azania Bank to improve investment activities in the country.

The agreement was reached yesterday between the TIC Director General Gilead Teri and Charles Mugila, Legal Director, Azania Bank, at the TIC headquarters in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking immediately after signing the agreement, Teri said one of TIC's responsibilities is to increase the efficiency of serving local and foreign investors.

"TIC has seen that if we want to go further, we must stand on the shoulders of

those who came before us and those who have more ability and knowledge than us. That's why we are collaborating with the bank," he said.

He thanked the entire leadership of Azania Bank for being ready to cooperate with TIC.

He said that Azania is one of the large banks with a wide scope to reach many Tanzanians.

"We expect our cooperation to start from our joint service center for all customers who pass through the Azania bank, will be able to be served by TIC like other investors," he said.

He said the Bank of Azania specializes in improving systems and they expect it to help improve the services



Tanzania Investment Center executive director, Gilead Teri (R) exchanges documents with Azania Bank legal director Charles Mugila after signing the MoU to facilitate investments yesterday. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

provided by the Tanzania Electronic Investment Window.

"We thank Azania Bank for this cooperation, we thank the shareholders of the bank for agreeing to cooperate with us

in serving investors when they come to the country," he said.

Teri said that for the past 10 months there has been a great awareness of patriotic investors and she thanked the journal-

ists for helping to convey to the public information about investment trends in the country.

The Azania bank legal director Charles Mugila said that the bank is relieved to reach an agreement with TIC to cooperate in various matters to achieve investment.

"When we got this opportunity after the detailed negotiations that led to the existence of this agreement, we felt very comfortable to be a part of this matter, this bank is 99 percent owned by public institutions, so we have seen this as a great opportunity for us," he said.

He said the aim of the Azania bank is to ensure that the number of investors in the country increases year by year, a situation that will help grow the economy which will also help increase employment opportunities for Tanzanians. "When we find investors, we find that we create many job opportunities and I promise we will make sure we implement all the agreements we entered into with TIC to help promote and encourage investment," he said.

Global central bankers warn of uncertainty amid rate debate

SYDNEY

CENTRAL bankers from Australia, the UK and Thailand warned that the monetary policy outlook remains uncertain, despite growing global expectations that interest rates are at or close to their peak.

The Reserve Bank of Australia is grappling with "a wide range of uncertainties and experiences," Governor Michele Bullock said at a monetary conference in Hong Kong. Economic activity has held up more than expected and services inflation is proving "a

bit sticky," she added.

Bank of England Deputy Governor Dave Ramsden noted that he's becoming more confident about the outlook, though many uncertainties remain. Markets have internalized that rates will remain higher for longer, he said, while noting the volatility of the rates markets and its sensitivity to data releases.

Higher interest rates have boosted bank profitability, but the effect will be short term, said Bank of Spain Governor Pablo Hernandez de Cos. He warned that at some point credit risks

may arise, and there may be losses in assets.

"We are sending the message that the banking sector should remain very prudent," he said, suggesting banks should use their high profitability to increase their resilience.

Bank of Thailand Governor Sethaput Suthiwartnareup expressed concern about the high level of household debt, which stands at about 90 percent of gross domestic product. Other factors complicating policy include that credit growth has turned negative for small and me-

dium-sized businesses, and tourism from China has not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

In addition, Sethaput said Thailand and some other emerging markets may end up with lower rates than in the US, something that hasn't been seen before.

"We're in a pretty decent position to handle the volatility," he said. "That said, I think it's important not to be too sanguine."

Hong Kong Financial Secretary Paul Chan gave the opening remarks at the conference organized by the Hong

Kong Monetary Authority and the Bank for International Settlements.

The trend toward deglobalization and de-risking is a concern, Chan said, warning it would hinder economic growth, limit access to markets and impact supply chains. On the plus side, a full-blown decoupling seems less likely due to a recent easing in geopolitical tensions.

Still, the change is sizable enough to alter the face of the global economy – and the way future economic crises unfold, according to Philipp Hildebrand, vice chairman of BlackRock

Inc. and former head of the Swiss National Bank.

Fragmented trade, along with aging populations and a move toward net zero means many countries will be facing significant supply-side constraints, Hildebrand said. "This means that we're going to constantly bump up against sticky inflation, even when we get to 2 percent."

Central banks should not be caught unaware by another inflation spike, the way many were post-pandemic, said Jacob Frenkel, ex-Bank of Israel governor.

Dar es Salaam, Chinese province forge co-operation agreement

By Carlos Banda

TANZANIA and China are set to take joint development efforts across crucial economic sectors in a bid to expand trade market, spur educational & technological prowess and industrial growth.

This was revealed on Monday evening by Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila during the signing ceremony of the letter of intent for developing sister provinces between Shaanxi province, China and Dar es Salaam city.

In his key note address to the 30 Chinese business delegates from the province, RC Chalamila acknowledged their visit citing that it presents room for both sides to establish vital engagement for market expansion and formation of partnership.

"Your visit here in Tanzania will enable both sides to establish contacts, experience exchanges, counterpart cooperation and deepen understanding on different sectors and hence setting an arena for market expansion and building new partnership," said the Regional Commissioner.

Chalamila also noted that the signing of the letter of intent of co-operation between Dar es Salaam and Shaanxi province comes as Dar es Salaam is Tanzania's trade gateway, center for diplomacy and is being predicted to become among seven potential metropolitan cities in Africa by the year 2030.

"We have come to such an agreement because Dar es Salaam is envisioned to become one among the seven metropolitan cities in the African continent by the year 2030. This is also with consideration that our region is the trade and investment gateway and the center for diplomacy," he stated.

The regional commissioner highlighted that the 30 delegates have expressed their keen commitment to invest in the country.

He attributed the visit as a result of the previous state visit by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in China in a bid to invite potential investors to come and invest in the open opportunities in the country and cement the diplomatic ties between the two nations.

"We also expect many industries to be built and there will be a large



Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Chen Minjiang

influx of investors from China in Dar es Salaam, which create a door-

way for more economic activities to take place," he said.

On her part, Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Chen Min-

jiang, said the cooperation covers from the politics, practical cooperation, people to people exchange at the national level and subnational level with the key intention of exploring more business opportunities.

"The cooperation covers from the politics, practical cooperation, people to people exchange and that is the national level and in the subnational level we have very sound cooperation as well Shaanxi is located in central part of China which is famous for education, industry and it is the east end of the ancient silk road," said Ambassador Chen.

Adding that, "we would like to explore more business opportunities together. So far as I know there is lot of businessmen who would like to invest in Tanzania and I believe Tanzania is the first one they want to choose. At the same time, you have a lot of universities and Shaanxi also has a lot of universities as well giving an opportunity for cooperation in education. We are looking forward to further cooperation".

Li Mingyuan, Director-General of the United Front Work Department of CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee, said that China and Tanzania relations have been brought to new heights and entered a new stage of building high-level China-Africa Community with a shared future where exchanges & cooperation between the two nations.

EACOP hands over 339 houses to relocated residents

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) has handed over 339 residential houses to 293 physically displaced project affected persons (PAPs) across the eight pipeline affected regions.

The project has been a cornerstone of the commitment to households affected by the land acquisition process.

According to a statement released yesterday by Wendy Brown, EACOP General Manager, Tanzania, the project beneficiaries are from the regions of Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga; spanning 21 districts and 102 villages.

He said in the statement that of the 339 replacement houses and

their ancillary structures, 43 were handed over to 30 PAPs affected by the early land acquisition for the main camps and pipe yards in 2022 in Missenyi, Muleba, Bukombe, Nzega and Singida Districts.

The 296 houses were for households affected by the pipeline route land acquisition covering 1143 kilometers across the eight regions.

The handover of the house concludes the long journey of the land acquisition process for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline - Tanzania section.

In Tanzania, Brown states, 344 of 9904 PAPs were physically displaced, and of these 293 selected replacement houses and ancillary structures as their preferred form of compensation.



The construction of the replacement houses followed rigorous engagement with PAPs, the valuation process, disclosure, and a one-to-one briefing on compensation packages prior to signing compensation agreements.

The statement asserts that re-

placement houses are built on land bought by the project and TPDC or the PAPs existing land. The site plan is laid out as per PAPs preference and technical guidance from EACOP.

As part of the housing package each PAP received with his/her

houses a 5000-litre water tank as well as a 400-watt solar array, complete with 200 ampere hour battery, inverter, and charger controller.

All project replacement houses are under a 1-year warranty period. Within this timeframe, the Project through their contractors shall be responsible to remedy any defects that may arise from with the replacement houses.

Eligible PAPs (with particular attention to the vulnerable) will be provided with transitional support (food baskets), relocation support (to help them to transport their belongings to the new location) and access to livelihood restoration programs, aimed at restoring livelihoods and standards of living.

The replacement housing

program is an integral part of EACOP's activities involving the construction and operation of an underground, cross-border pipeline.

This pipeline, designed to transport crude oil from Hoima Uganda to Chongoleani Tanga represents a significant advancement in regional energy infrastructure. EACOP's commitment to the replacement housing program reflects its commitment to innovation, environmental and social responsibility.

Demonstrating EACOP's responsibility to maximize local content, the construction of these houses was entrusted to three skilled local contractors namely SBS Limited, VJ Mistry and CF Builders. It has taken 15 months since their commencement to completion.

"Working with VJ Mistry, SBS and CF Builders on this program has been a really collaborative process. EACOP's commitment to engaging local contractors not only contributed to the success of the program but has also provided economic opportunities for communities," said Brown.

This approach not only ensured the highest quality construction but also contributed to economic development by promoting local entrepreneurship.

The project has brought invaluable benefits to the communities in and around Muheza Tanga Region. Local communities actively participated in the construction process, contributing to its successful completion, and simultaneously building their capacity through hands-on involvement.



have seen a notable decline of nine points since the preceding year.

Despite of these shifts in in confidence levels, East Africa CEOs expect to exploit the economic growth in their countries with 92 percent of them expecting that their companies will grow by at least five percent over the next three years.

However, only two out of ten CEOs are expecting higher growth rates.

According to the report, the prevailing cautious optimism is a shared perspective among a significant majority of CEOs (73 percent) leading the world's largest businesses.

Despite a slight decline from the 85 percent reported in 2022, these business leaders maintain confidence in the growth prospects of the global economy over the next three years.

Simultaneously, 77 percent express confidence in their company's growth trajectory during the same period.

Notably, this reflects an 8 percent decrease in confidence compared to the levels observed in 2022.

The report further showed that with the epoch of Artificial Intelligence (AI) which has become a way of life, East Africa CEOs have been prioritizing investments in generative AI at 72 percent citing benefits including fraud detection and cyber-attack response, increased profitability, innovation, and faster data analysis.

However, it was found that some East African CEOs have been conservative in their expectations with only 8 percent anticipating returns in one to three years while 54 percent expect returns in over five years.

As businesses continue to operate in a dynamic landscape, East Africa CEOs are mentioned to be re-evaluating their approaches for supporting and attracting talent over the next three years as a means to evolve talent approaches.

In line with their views in 2022 (78 percent), the report says they are supportive of pre-pandemic ways of working and anticipates full return to office for roles that were traditionally based in office in three years (80 percent). Furthermore, 80 percent of East Africa CEOs are likely to reward employees who make an effort to come into the office with favorable assignments, raises or promotions.

When asked about preparedness for cyber-attacks, the report showed that over half the CEOs say that their organizations are well prepared for cyber-attacks, with a third of East Africa's CEOs neither underprepared nor well prepared.

The reasons cited by those feeling underprepared include vulnerable legacy systems and lack of investment in cyber defenses.

On his part, Eric Khaemba, Partner and Head of Advisory, KPMG in Tanzania said: "

The insights from the latest KPMG Global CEO survey highlight a shared sentiment among CEOs globally and in East Africa – optimism in the growth prospects of both the global economy and their respective countries. However, despite this optimism, CEOs remain vigilant, recognizing the importance of constantly evaluating evolving risks and emerging trends that may present obstacles in their pursuit of success."

E. African CEOs optimistic on firms' growth amid challenges

By Carlos Banda

EAST Africa's CEOs have expressed optimism about the growth prospects of their companies over the next three years and their countries by 82 percent, despite the challenging macro-economic landscape marked by factors such as currency inflation, climate change and geopolitical pressures that continue to hit households and businesses in the region.

This was revealed yesterday during the launch of the 2023 KPMG East Africa CEO outlook in Dar es Salaam.

According to the outlook, seven out of ten leaders from various business and organizations showed a promising perspective into the future of their businesses and the general economic performance.

Speaking after the launch, Alexander Njombe, Partner & Country Leader, KPMG in Tanzania, said: "While navigating the ever-shifting business landscape, leaders are confronted with delicate balance requiring decisions to be made in a volatile environment, particularly under heightened ESG scrutiny.

Woven into business strategies, ESG principles emerge as potent catalysts for building brand reputation and enhancing employee engagement.

He also said that: "As CEOs from across the globe gear up for increased scrutiny, a prevailing majority has shown readiness and confidence in addressing multiple challenges in

the marketplace.

This is also reflected in the feedback provided by CEOs in East Africa including Tanzania".

He said CEOs stand poised at the intersection of optimism and risk, creating a compelling storyline of adaptability and strategic foresight amidst the complexities of a rapidly evolving business environment.

Nevertheless, their confidence in the economic growth prospects of their countries has experienced a marginal decline of 4 percent compared to last year when KPMG conducted a similar survey.

Furthermore, their optimism in the growth of their respective industries, six out of ten

Euro zone bond yields hold steady after sharp decrease

LONDON

EURO zone bond yields were little changed on Tuesday after falling sharply the previous day, although Italian yields ticked higher, with the focus on speeches from European Central Bank officials and inflation data due later in the week.

Germany's 10-year bond yield was last unchanged on the day at 2.555 percent, after falling 9 bps on Monday. Yields fall as bond prices rise, and vice versa.

Yields in Europe and the US have tumbled since hitting their highest levels in more than a decade in October, as a slowdown in inflation has made further interest rate hikes less likely. Germany's 10-year yield has dropped from a 12-year high of 3.024 percent in early October percent on Tuesday after falling 10 bps on Monday. It is down from 5.025 percent last month, an 11-year high.

The gap between Italy and Germany's 10-year bond yields was last up 3 bps at 177 bps. It fell to a two-month low of 170 bps earlier in November.

Strategists at Societe Generale said the rise in the spread was likely because ECB officials have started to talk more about the ECB's pandemic-era bond holdings. Maturing debt from the holdings is currently being reinvested, supporting euro zone bond markets.

ECB President Christine Lagarde said on Monday that the central bank may soon discuss whether to end reinvestments early in its 1.7 trillion euro (\$1.86 trillion) Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme, or PEPP. Current policy is that reinvestments continue until at least the end of 2024.

German central bank chief Joachim Nagel on Tuesday advocated a "significantly" smaller balance sheet.

"We say (the spread) is going to widen to 215 bps in the second quarter and then come down afterwards," as credit conditions tighten across the euro zone, said Sean Kou, rates strategist at Societe Generale.

Inflation data for the euro zone is due out on Thursday and economists expect that price growth cooled to 2.7 percent year-on-year in November, from 2.9 percent in October.

Lagarde will deliver a pre-recorded message at a conference on Tuesday, and ECB Chief Economist Philip Lane is also due to speak in the U.S. on Tuesday.

German inflation data will be released on Wednesday. US personal consumption expenditure inflation, the Federal Reserve's preferred measure, is due on Thursday after the euro zone numbers.

Germany's 2-year bond yield, which is sensitive to ECB rate expectations, was last down 1 bp at 2.974 percent.

Survey data on Tuesday showed that German consumer sentiment improved slightly heading into the Christmas period but remained at very low levels.

Separate figures showed that lending to euro zone firms dipped into negative territory in October for the first time since 2015.

France's 10-year yield was up 1 bp at 3.124 percent.

Investors expect around 90 bps of interest rate cuts from the ECB next year, according to pricing in derivatives markets. Expectations have bounced around that level since the start of November.



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TUESDAY 21 Nov			
5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo	13:00	Dakika 45 rpt
5:30	Uwajiza wa Mazoezi	13:55	Habari za saa
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WORLD

Russia starts free grain supplies to Africa – MFA

MOSCOW

RUSSIA has begun to supply grain free of charge to Africa, Special Representative of the Russian President for the Middle East and African countries, Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov said at the Primakov Readings forum.

"As part of ensuring food security

on the African continent, which is really of great interest to our African partners, the implementation of free supplies of Russian grain to a number of countries on the continent has begun," he said.

"Russian President Vladimir Putin named them [these states - TASS]: Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, Mali, Somalia, CAR (Central African Repub-

lic - TASS), Eritrea and other African countries," he added.

The 9th International Scientific Expert Forum Primakov Readings is underway on November 27-28 in Moscow. Its theme is "Postglobalization Horizons." TASS is the general information partner of the conference.

Agencies

India asking for evidence so that Canada can conclude its investigation, says Indian envoy

OTTAWA

INDIAN High Commissioner in Canada, Sanjay Kumar Verma said that, and India is only asking for "specific and relevant" evidence in the killing of India designated terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar so that it can help Canada in reaching the conclusion of the investigation.

He further said that instead of the differences, the India-Canada relations should focus on convergence, as New Delhi is still open for business relations and urges Ottawa to send more business delegations here.

In an interview with Canadian journalist Tahir Gora at TAG TV Toronto, the Indian High Commissioner said, "We have always said that India is ready to look into any specific and relevant shared by our Canadian friends and take it forward in a logical way that is legally defensible in both the countries".

On being asked if India is looking into the allegations and concerns made by Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, Verma said that India is only asking for relevant information so that New Delhi can help Ottawa reach the conclusion of the case.

"India is only asking for specific and relevant information so that we can help you. We can help the Canadian investigators to reach their conclusion, to the extent that it will be viable for them to go for the legal action...I will urge my Canadian friends and colleagues. I can assure them that we will certainly look into them," he added.

The Indian envoy further said that there is an understanding of New Delhi's concerns from the Canadian side but more action needs to be seen on the ground.

"We have voiced our concerns on various occasions and not only today from through our historical relationship which we have here. I believe that there is an understanding of our concern in the Canadian policy-making circles and decision-making circles. I have seen many statements coming from the Canadian leadership respecting Indian sovereignty and territorial integrity and I have no doubt about it," Verma said.

He added, "We need to see more on the ground and through the dialogue. I am sure we'll be able to see that convergence on the ground as well and we'll see any semblance of use of Canadian soil by Canadian citizens to target and challenge Indian sovereignty".

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Indian Ambassador to the US Tarunjit Singh Sandhu while offering prayers at Sri Guru Ravidass Temple in New York on Sunday. ANI

India calls for concrete action on climate funding, transfer of technology ahead of COP28

NEW DELHI

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman called for concrete action on climate funding and transfer of technology at the upcoming global climate summit COP28, where policymakers and governments will converge to chalk future strategy for climate mitigation.

The Finance Minister made the comments during a virtual session at the inaugural event of India Global Forum Middle East and Africa 2023 (IGF ME&A) held in Dubai on Monday.

"India will certainly be pushing forward to showcase what it has achieved with its own funds. The Paris commitment given by us has been funded by us. We didn't wait for the hundred billion that is never on the table. A lot of talk, but no money coming on the table. No pathways to show how technology is going to be transferred," Nirmala Sitharaman observed.

Climate finance typically refers to any financing that seeks to support mitigation and adaptation actions that will address climate change.

Demanding action instead of words, the Union Minister said, "Particularly for developing and emerging market economies, funding this is going to be a huge challenge. So, I would think the conversations can happen; a lot of talks can happen but eventually, COP28 should show the direction, both for the transfer of technology and for the actual funding."

The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, more commonly referred to as COP28, will be the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference, which will be held from November 30 until December 12, in Dubai.

While she admitted that there would be challenges, Nirmala Sitharaman said that the current geopolitical tensions in the Middle East would not affect the ambitious India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEEC) that was announced during the G20 Summit back in September.

"It is a vision for long-term considerations and it is going to be a long-term project. It's not just going to depend on one or another major event pertaining to the area.

It is going to be pursued because India has a very good relationship with each of the Middle East countries. So, IMEEC, or the India, Middle East, and Europe Economic Corridor is not going to be dependent on one or the

other major event of concern, but it is something on which the vision drives the implementation in the long run," she noted.

"So, it's going to face challenges alright, but it has got its own strengths, and countries who are directly or indirectly involved with this project are absolutely clear that this, through India, is going to be critical for global trade, global partnerships and also making sure that this corridor will benefit each one of these countries," she said.

Under the theme 'Unleashing Ambitions,' IGF ME&A convenes business leaders, policymakers, and thought leaders from India, the Middle East, and Africa to discuss opportunities for further collaboration and growth between these regions through a series of exclusive networking opportunities, panel discussions, and keynote speeches, covering a range of topics including trade, investment, innovation, technology, and sustainability.

UAE's AI Minister, Omar Al Olama, emphasised the indispensability of artificial intelligence and its impact on society.

"If anyone, whether it's in the UAE or another country, says we're going to stop or not allow you to use these tools, how will it impact your quality of life? It's going to have a detrimental impact on your quality of life. This is the fact of the matter. That's why countries like India, for example, went down the non-conventional path of creating their own platforms, which I think is very smart and really the way that many countries of that size need to go. In that sense, AI is driving the economy. AI is impacting society. And AI is today the technology that is enabling people to go into the 21st century in the right way. Governing it the right way, regulating it the right way and developing certain forms of the right way is really the only way to go," Olama said.

On AI regulation, Olama expressed his scepticism, saying, "Calls for regulation of AI are non-starters and I've been saying this for a few years and the reason why is it's as if I told someone I'm going to regulate a field of computer science or I'm going to regulate electricity. You don't regulate electricity; you regulate where electricity is used and what are the outcomes. And AI is a field of computer science. It is very difficult for you to have one set of regulations that cut across all its use cases."

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COP28 urged not to forget Gaza

HONG KONG

THE UN's COP28 climate conference in Dubai from Nov 30 to Dec 12 must not ignore the environmental disaster unfolding in the latest Israel-Palestine conflict, experts said, adding that environmental action and compensation must be incorporated into any rebuilding process of the Gaza Strip.

Salman Zafar, founder of EcoMENA, an environmental think tank in Doha, Qatar, told China Daily that the "round-the-clock bombardment" of impoverished Gaza has "led to an environmental disaster in more ways than one".

"The total collapse of waste management and water supply infrastructure, the relentless Israeli onslaught has caused irreparable damage to biodiversity, soil fertility, air quality, and public health," said Zafar.

World Health Organization spokesperson Margaret Harris said on Tuesday that more people could die from disease than from bombings in the Gaza Strip if its health system is not repaired.

Gaza health authorities deemed reliable by the United Nations say more than 15,000 people have been confirmed killed in Israel's bombardment of Gaza, around 40 percent of them children, with many more dead feared to be lost under rubble.

"Eventually we will see more people dying from disease than we are even seeing from the bombardment if we are not able to put back (together) this health system," Harris said at a UN briefing in Geneva.

She repeated concerns about a rise in outbreaks of infectious diseases, particularly diarrhoeal diseases. Citing a UN report on the living conditions of displaced residents in northern Gaza, she said: "(There are) no medicines, no vaccination activities, no access to safe water and hygiene and no food. We saw a very high number of cases of diarrhoea among infants," she said.

She described the collapse of Al Shifa Hospital in northern Gaza as a "tragedy" and voiced concern about the detention of some of its medical staff by Israeli forces during a WHO evacuation convoy.



A woman walks in an empty conference room ahead of the COP28 United Nations climate summit in Dubai yesterday. AFP

On Nov 8, the United Nations reported that attacks by Israel on targets within Gaza have destroyed or damaged 45 percent of all housing units.

The recent flare-up has further exposed compounded issues that range from a humanitarian crisis to the weaponization of life-saving resources like water, food, and electricity, alongside increased food insecurity.

Water has been both a source of conflict and a shared struggle for both Israel and Palestine as part of the world's most water-stressed region, the Middle East and North Africa. Some 83 percent of the region's population is exposed to extremely high water stress, the World Economic Forum said in August.

On Oct 31, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme published their latest outlook covering Nov 2023 to April 2024, which said that acute food insecurity "is likely to deteriorate further in 18 hunger hotspots".

Palestine was added to the list of countries or territories of highest concern due to the severe escalation of the conflict in October, joining Burkina Faso, Mali, South Sudan, and Sudan.

"The ongoing hostilities in the Gaza Strip are expected to further intensify and exacerbate the already dramatic humanitarian implications for the population in the outlook period, with the risk of potentially wider regional implications," the outlook said.

"Gaza and other Palestinian areas have almost total dependence on international donors for socio-economic development, and if the Israeli offensive ends in the near future, the focus will be more on reconstruction and rehabilitation, instead of building climate adaptation or resilience," said Zafar.

According to "The Climate Action Monitor 2023" by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Israel will also be at greater climate risk in the foreseeable future. Israel is expected to have 80 days each year between 2080 and 2099 where temperatures will be above 35 degrees Celsius, up by 45 days from the yearly average recorded in the two decades starting in 1995.

It is the highest expected increase among the 51 OECD countries and partner countries examined in the report, which also forecasts a significant increase in Israeli areas exposed to drought conditions.

Israeli forces have been conducting special military operations in Gaza aimed at the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), after Israel was caught off guard by the group's attack on Oct 7.

Fighting had been on a temporary pause during a Qatar-mediated four-day truce expiring on Nov 28. Xinhua News Agency reported that Israel and Hamas agreed to extend the pause by two days, citing a Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesperson.

Muslim Imran, director at the Asia Middle East Center for Research and Dialogue, a think tank in Malaysia, told China Daily that Israel's "apartheid policies included a lot of environmental injustice".

Agencies

East African bloc holds forum in Kenya to discuss forced displacement

NAIROBI

THE Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), an East African bloc, on Monday convened a high-level regional conference on forced displacement of refugees in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

The two-day conference that is being attended by IGAD member states, development partners, UN agencies, the private sector, refugees, and civil society is aimed at developing responses toward forced displacement in the region.

Mohamed Elduma, the head of the social development unit at IGAD Health and Social Development Division, said that the conference will help transform

the refugee status in the region. "We are looking at developing the refugee response model from a care and humanitarian approach to empowering them alongside the host communities," Elduma said.

While saying that IGAD member states are looking at developing more holistic and integrated long-term solutions to build their resilience capacity and that of the hosting communities, Elduma stressed that in times of crisis, emergency aid is necessary to save lives, but there is a need to create an ecosystem that builds local capacity in a longer-term and sustainable way.

Catherine Wiesner, the head of external engagement at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(UNHCR) regional bureau, lauded IGAD member states for enacting policies aimed at improving the living conditions of refugees.

Wiesner said these policies are helping refugees to build new lives and integrate in their new country as well as supporting hosting communities through social integration. John Burugu, the commissioner of Refugee Affairs in Kenya, said the government has gazetted refugee identification documents that allow them to open bank accounts and also have access to telecommunication services.

All refugees living in Kenya are now eligible to transact money transfer services using their own telephone numbers, and they also have access to

education and health. According to Burugu, 80,000 refugees have optionally gone back to their countries of origin, 62,000 have managed to relocate to third countries and 600,000 are now in refugee camps in Kenya since 2013.

The IGAD conference in Nairobi is expected to address long-term social, economic, infrastructural, environmental, and natural resource challenges that affect displaced persons and their host communities. The IGAD region hosts more than 20 percent of the global refugee population. According to IGAD, about 18.9 million are forcibly displaced, including 4.5 million refugees and asylum seekers and over 14 million internally displaced persons due to conflict and climatic shocks.

"NO way you make progress over the long term without China and the U.S. deeply talking to each other on something like AI," said the head of an American multinational technology conglomerate. "It has got to be an integral part of the process."

The recent meeting between the Chinese and U.S. heads of state in San Francisco has yielded multiple outcomes, including the establishment of government talks on AI, which, once announced, has greatly encouraged the international science and technology community.

It signified that the leaders of

Dialogue, cooperation the only right choice for China, US

both countries agreed to promote and strengthen dialogue and cooperation in various fields, which aligns with the common expectations of the two peoples and the international community. It will also help establish a stronger bond of interest between the two sides and increase international confidence in stabilizing and improving the China-U.S. relations.

Chinese President Xi Jinping pointed out during the San Francisco meeting that China and the United States have broad com-

mon interests in a wide range of areas, including traditional areas such as the economy, trade and agriculture, as well as emerging areas such as climate change and AI. Under current circumstances, the common interests between China and the United States have increased, not decreased.

This has laid a foundation for the two countries to carry out mutually beneficial cooperation. The important consensus and outcomes achieved during the San Francisco meeting once

again proved the mutually beneficial nature of China-U.S. relations, and demonstrated that dialogue and cooperation is the only right choice for the two countries.

The relationship between China and the United States is the most important bilateral relationship in the world, and it is also highly complex.

To accurately grasp the relationship between the two major countries, it is necessary to not only observe the phenomena and details but also understand the

essence and the overall picture, avoiding hasty generalizations or loss of essence.

In recent years, some people in the United States have been mistaken about the definition of the China-U.S. relationship, constantly emphasizing competition as if it was the dominant theme or even the sole focus of the relationship. This perspective not only deviates from the fundamental reality of China-U.S. relations but also carries the risk of pushing both sides toward conflict and

confrontation.

It is normal for China and the United States to compete in certain areas. But from the overall picture and a broader perspective, it is easy to see that competition is just a tributary, while common interests are the mainstream.

It is in their mutual and fundamental interest to prevent conflict and confrontation and achieve peaceful coexistence. The two economies are deeply integrated, and both face new tasks

in development. It is in their mutual interest to benefit from each other's development. It is also in their interest to promote post-pandemic global recovery, tackle climate change and resolve regional issues through China-U.S. coordination and cooperation.

Advancing mutually beneficial cooperation requires necessary conditions and atmosphere.

Cooperation should be a two-way journey, not a one-way street. Both sides need to respect each other, pursue mutual benefit, focus on the larger picture, and nurture a sound atmosphere for cooperation. **People's Daily**

UN chief: World leaders must break cycle of global warming

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres emphasized yesterday that world leaders attending the COP28 climate conference this week need to interrupt the perilous progression of global warming before a "critical tipping point" is encountered.

The UN chief was briefing reporters at the UN headquarters in New York after seeing for himself over the weekend the "profoundly shocking" speed at which ice is melting in Antarctica – three times faster than the rate in the early 1990s.

COP28, which refers to the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, is scheduled to be held in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, from Nov 30 to Dec 12.

Recent data shows that the current extent of sea ice at the South Pole is 1.5 million square kilometers less than the average for this season, an area equivalent to the total combined landmass of Portugal, Spain, France, and Germany.

"What happens in Antarctica doesn't stay in Antarctica," Guterres said. "We



United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (L) talks to journalists, accompanied by Chile's President Gabriel Boric at Chile's Eduardo Frei Air Force Base on King George Island, Antarctica, Nov 24, 2023. Guterres' visit to Antarctica comes days before nations converge in Dubai for COP28 to address climate change. AP

live in an interconnected world. Melting sea ice means rising seas. And that directly endangers lives and livelihoods in coastal communities across the globe."

He pointed out that the consequences ex-

tend beyond the impact of floods and saltwater intrusion on food and water resources, affecting the sustainability of small islands and numerous coastal cities around the globe.

"The movement of waters around Antarc-

tica distributes heat, nutrients and carbon around the world, helping to regulate our climate and regional weather patterns," he told correspondents outside the UN Security Council.

"But that system is slowing as the southern Ocean grows warmer and less dense. Further slowdown – or entire breakdown – would spell catastrophe."

With no let-up in fossil fuel extraction "we're heading towards a calamitous three-degree Celsius temperature rise by the end of the century," he warned.

"If we continue as we are, and I strongly hope we will not, the Greenland and West Antarctica ice sheets will cross a deadly tipping point," he said.

The vicious cycle means accelerated heating as ice diminishes and more extreme weather, said the secretary-general.

At COP28, "leaders must break this cycle," the UN chief declared.

"The solutions are well known. Leaders must act to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, protect people from climate chaos, and end the fossil fuel age."

Only a global pact to triple renewable energy use, a doubling in energy efficiency and access to clean power for all by 2030, will be sufficient, he said.

NATO aims to contain Russia, sacrifices Ukraine's people – Kremlin spokesman

MOSCOW

NATO serves to contain Russia and sacrifices the Ukrainian people in the fight against Russia, Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said.



"NATO considers Russia an adversary. NATO is an alliance that was created as tool of confrontation. It was so conceived. Its architecture was built in such a way that it is, in fact, an element of confrontation and an instrument of containment of our country in one way or another," Peskov told the media.

Therefore, in his view, "no matter whatever is invented there, no matter what statements may be made, the main purpose of the alliance is exactly that."

"Naturally, the alliance is analyzing the situation. The alliance sees the real state of affairs. For now, the alliance does not abandon its plans to contain Russia and, in fact, to use the Ukrainian people as a sacrificial lamb in the fight against Russia," Peskov stressed.

"We understand this perfectly well and are building our further policy precisely in accordance with these realities. The special military operation continues," Peskov said.

Earlier, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said ahead of the November 28-29 meeting of the alliance's foreign ministers in Brussels that Ukraine's inability to move the front line even with extensive NATO assistance confirmed that Russia should not be underestimated, but the North Atlantic Alliance should still continue to support Kiev.

He argued that it was not in [NATO's] security interests to let Russia gain the upper hand in the conflict in Ukraine.

In an interview with the Hungarian online media resource Index, Stoltenberg also said that the North Atlantic allies had provided 100 billion euros worth of assistance to Ukraine in the conflict with Russia and intended to continue supporting Kiev, because they believe that such an approach met their collective security interests

Public health conference in Africa opens in Zambia

LUSAKA

THE Third International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) opened here Monday with a call for increased partnership and investment to improve healthcare delivery.

Held under the theme, "Breaking Barriers: Repositioning Africa in the Global Health Architecture," the four-day conference has brought together researchers, policymakers, health ministers, among others to share scientific findings, collaborate on research and implementation as well as chart a secure future for the continent.

The conference has also provided a unique platform for the over 5,000 delegates to reflect on lessons learned in health and science and align a way forward for creating more resilient health systems. Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema underscored the importance of collaboration and leadership at all levels of the health system in Africa.

"Public health requires us to work in unison. The thing about health is that there is no territorial ground. You can't say this is my area and will do it my own way," he said. He said collaboration will result in improved efficiency in healthcare delivery even in times when resources are scarce.

According to him, the COVID-19 taught African countries lessons on the importance of working together. Hichilema said leaders in Africa have agreed to work together to ensure that the continent gets the best of vaccines and other medical supplies to avoid what happened during the COVID-19 era when the continent was behind in receiving the vaccines.

He said it was time Africa started moving with the rest of the world even in areas of vaccine production and expressed happiness that some countries have already started manufacturing vaccines. He further called for robust investments in health systems, adding that Zambia has increased budgetary allocation from 7 percent per annum to 12 percent in the past two years. He, however, called for prudent utilization of resources in the health sector and the need to invest in areas that will ensure effective health delivery.

Prime Minister of Namibia Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila said there was a need for African countries to put in place robust, resilient and sustainable healthcare systems built on the foundation of primary health care.

She said good health was important as no country could prosper or develop if its citizens lacked access to good quality healthcare services. According to her, there was a need for countries to put enough resources for the attainment of health for all goals.

Xinhua

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken to visit Israel, West Bank this week

WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will visit Israel, the West Bank, Belgium, North Macedonia and UAE this week. It is Blinken's third visit to Israel since Hamas launched an attack on southern Israel on October 7.

During his visit to Israel and the West Bank, Blinken (pictured) will discuss Israel's right to defend itself in accordance with international humanitarian law, continued efforts to secure the release of remaining hostages and protecting civilian life during Israel's counter-offensive against Hamas in Gaza. He will also discuss the principles he outlined in Tokyo on November 8, the US Department of State announced in a statement.

According to a statement released by the US Department of State, Blinken stated, "In Israel and the West Bank, Secretary

Blinken will discuss Israel's right to defend itself consistent with international humanitarian law, as well as continued efforts to secure the release of remaining hostages, protect civilian life during Israel's operations in Gaza, and accelerate humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza.

"The Secretary will also discuss the principles he outlined in Tokyo on November 8, tangible steps to further the creation of a future Palestinian state, and the need to prevent the conflict from widening," it added.

On Monday, Blinken expressed happiness over the release of hostages from Gaza, including a young American girl. He stated that US will continue to make efforts until all hostages are released.

Taking to X, he stated, "Good to see more hostages released today -- including a young Amer-



ican girl who turned four just days ago. Our efforts will continue until all hostages are set free."

Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden on Monday welcomed the additional two-day truce between Israel and Hamas. He thanked Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi and Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani for their commitment to this process and in reaching

the agreement

In a statement, Biden stated, "I have remained deeply engaged over the last few days to ensure that this deal-brokered and sustained through extensive US mediation and diplomacy--can continue to deliver results. Thus far, more than 50 hostages have now been released and returned to their families."

He said, "The humanitarian pause has also enabled a significant surge in additional humanitarian assistance to the innocent civilians who are suffering across the Gaza strip."

He noted that the humanitarian pause has enabled a significant surge in additional humanitarian assistance to civilians who are suffering across the Gaza strip.

"The United States has led the humanitarian response into Gaza--building on years of work as the largest funder of humani-

tarian assistance for the Palestinian people. We are taking full advantage of the pause in fighting to increase the amount of humanitarian aid moving into Gaza, and we will continue our efforts to build a future of peace and dignity for the Palestinian people," he added.

Apart from visiting the West Bank and Israel, Blinken will travel to Belgium to attend the NATO Foreign Ministers Meeting, including the first foreign ministers meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Council, according to a US Department of State statement.

He will highlight NATO's steadfast commitment to Ukraine in its fight against Russia's aggression, emphasise US support for democracy and regional stability in the Western Balkans, and discuss priorities for the Washington Summit in July 2024.

ANI

Niger repeals law aimed at slowing migration to Europe

NIAMEY

NIGER'S junta has revoked an anti-migration law that had helped reduce the flow of West Africans to Europe but which was reviled by desert dwellers whose economies had long relied on the traffic, it said on Monday.

The law, which made it illegal to transport migrants through Niger, was passed in May 2015 as the number of people traveling across the Mediterranean Sea from Africa reached record highs, creating a political and humanitarian crisis in Europe where governments came under pressure to stop the influx.

Niger's junta, which took power in a July coup, repealed the law on Saturday and announced



Migrants stuck in Niamey, Niger, pose in their makeshift camp, Aug 22, 2023. AP

it yesterday evening on state television.

The number of migrants mov-

ing through Niger, a main transit country on the southern fringe of the Sahara Desert, dropped

sharply over the years because of the law, but the change drained the lifeblood from towns and villages that had fed and housed migrants and sold car parts and fuel to traffickers.

In return, the European Union launched the 5 billion euro Trust Fund for Africa in 2015, aimed at eradicating the root causes of migration, but many felt it was not enough. Unemployment soared in places like the ancient city of Agadez, a popular gateway to the Sahara.

How European leaders greet the news, and the impact on migration to Europe, is yet to be seen.

But some welcomed it. Andre Chani used to earn thousands of dollars a month driving migrants

through the desert before police impounded his trucks in 2016. He plans to restart his business once he has the money.

"I'm going to start again," he said via text message from Agadez yesterday. "We are very happy."



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Chinese service robots achieve success in overseas market

CHINESE manufacturers of service robots are receiving orders from around the world, according to a report by Nikkei Asia.

The Shenzhen-based tech firm Pudu Robotics, founded in 2016, reported a revenue of \$100 million in 2022.

KEENON Robotics Co., Ltd., headquartered in Shanghai, is also preparing to accelerate its overseas expansion. By the end of 2022, the company had sold approximately 35,000 robots, with nearly 10,000 of them sold to destinations outside China.

In recent years, the Chinese robotics industry has experienced rapid development, with the service robot sector maintaining a fast growth rate.

Statistics show that in 2022, the operating revenue of the Chinese robotics industry exceeded 170 billion yuan (\$23.94 billion), making China the world's largest robotics market.

According to data released by the International Federation of Robotics, the Chinese robotics industry maintained steady growth in the first half of 2023. A total of 3.53 million sets of service robots were produced, representing a year-on-year growth of 9.6 percent.

In recent years, China has intro-

duced a series of policies to support the development of the robotics industry. According to an outline for the development of the robotics industry during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), China plans to build itself into a global source of innovation in robotics technology, a hub for high-end manufacturing, and a leading center for integrated robotics applications by 2025.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the Ministry of Education, and 15 other departments jointly issued an action plan on "robotics+" that aims to expand the use of robotics. The action plan is expected to further implement the goal of doubling China's manufacturing robot density by 2025 compared with that of 2020, and significantly increasing the use of service and special robots.

Service robots are an important category of robot products. They can replace human labor in performing certain daily tasks, improve life quality for consumers and reduce manual labor input. Based on specific needs, service robots can operate autonomously with minimal human intervention or be remotely controlled by



Robots dance at the 2023 World Robot Expo held in Beijing, Aug. 21, 2023. (Photo by Chen Xiaogen/People's Daily Online)

human operators.

Service robots can provide assistance in various fields and scenarios, including but not limited to the food and beverage industry, healthcare, hospitality, building services, and logistics. They can perform tasks such as greeting guests, meal deliveries, express parcel deliveries, cleaning, and providing medical assistance.

Jiao Ziyuan, a researcher at the Beijing Institute for General Artificial

Intelligence, told People's Daily that currently, service robots developed and produced in China are mainly used for food delivery, cleaning, and medical assistance. The overall domestic market is showing a positive trend, with a high rate of localization and an increasingly advanced level of technology.

This is attributed to the significant breakthroughs made by China in cutting-edge technologies such as ar-

tificial intelligence speech recognition and image recognition, Jiao explained.

Chinese manufacturers of service robots are accelerating their expansion into the global market. According to a report released by International Data Corporation in July this year, "going global" became an important source of growth for most manufacturers in 2022 because of the low market penetration, high labor costs, and higher profit margins for products sold overseas.

The report said the income made overseas by many manufacturers was on par with or even significantly higher than their revenue in the Chinese market.

In 2022, Chinese manufacturers of commercial service robot generated nearly \$200 million in revenue from overseas markets, representing a year-on-year growth of 103.4 percent.

Jiao said that China's service robots are leading in technology, price, and service. In terms of technology, China applies advanced artificial intelligence technology to service robots, resulting in higher stability and intelligence.

In terms of price, China has a relatively complete industrial chain related to robots, which leads to higher

cost-effectiveness. In terms of service, Chinese manufacturers can provide customized services based on different needs.

However, Chinese manufacturers of service robots, facing increasingly fierce competition in the international market, still need to continuously improve their technological and innovative capabilities, pay attention to cultural differences between China and foreign countries, comply with regulations and standards in various countries, provide excellent after-sales service and technical support, continuously optimize the industrial chain, and maintain their advantage in cost control.

Jiao pointed out that in the future, humanoid robots will be one of the mainstream directions for the development of service robots. Humanoid robots can better adapt to real-life scenarios, enabling service robots to transition from specialized to general-purpose.

For manufacturers, strengthening the technological research and development of humanoid robots and reducing costs may be an important direction in the future.

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Gee Soseji firm's Managing Director, David Minja.

Gee Soseji to sponsor 2024 Kilimanjaro Marathon's 5km Fun Run category

By Guardian Correspondent

THE organizers of the 22nd edition of the prestigious Kilimanjaro Premium Lager International Marathon have announced Gee Soseji firm as the new sponsor for the 5km Fun Run ahead of the showdown slated for February 25, 2024, in Kilimanjaro.

A statement issued by the organizers in Dar es Salaam yesterday said they are delighted and welcome Gee Soseji on board, adding that the race will now be known as the Gee Soseji 5km Fun Run.

"The 5km Fun Run is a big race that attracts 5,000 runners hence Gee Soseji is set to get good mileage and exposure out of this new sponsorship and we look forward to a long-term relationship that will take this race to another level," the Kilimanjaro Marathon organizers' statement read in part.

The organizers also called on other would-be sponsors to come on board and explore other sponsorship opportunities within the event, especially the water tables.

The Gee Soseji Managing Director, David Minja, said they are proud to be associated with the Kilimanjaro International Marathon, one of the biggest sporting events in the region.

"To us, this is the right platform to promote our products, engage with consumers in a fun way, and educate people on the benefits of eating healthy and how to live a balanced lifestyle," Minja revealed.

He said the Gee Soseji promotion teams will be stationed in Moshi at least a week before the marathon and engage consumers at different places such as bars and other places, making sure they

experience the true taste of Gee Soseji's product, sausages, and sharing nutritional benefits.

"We also intend to use the sponsorship to launch Gee Sausages and to ensure availability in Moshi, Arusha, Mbeya, Mwanza, and eventually all over Tanzania and worldwide," he said.

He called on the 5km Fun Run participants to register in numbers as they now have something more to look forward to on the ground before, during, and after the races.

"We will be sending a bus-load of staff, clients, and merrymakers to participate and have fun at the same time," he added.

Other sponsors include the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager (main sponsor) and Tigo-Kili Half Marathon while the water table sponsors are Simba Cement, Kilimanjaro Water, and TPC Sugar.

Official partners are KiliMedair, Garda World Security, CMC Automobiles, and Sal Salinero Hotel whereas official suppliers are Kibo Palace Hotel and Keys Hotel.

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager International Marathon is organized by Kilimanjaro Marathon Company Limited and locally coordinated by Executive Solutions Ltd.



Azam FC's head coach, Youssouph Dabo. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

Dabo delighted by Kipre's hat trick in PL match against Mtibwa Sugar

AZAM FC head coach Youssouph Dabo has poured praise on hat-trick hero, Kipre Junior, following the outfit's 5-0 win over Mtibwa Sugar in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League duel at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week.

The three points have seen Azam FC inch closer to the top-flight leader and defending

champion Yanga on the league log.

Other players who were on the scoresheet in the tie include Lusajo Mwaikenda and Feisal Salum, who added his tally to six goals and four assists in the NBC Premier League.

Dabo who has transformed Azam FC into a possession football team is elated with Junior's hat trick as well as

the collectiveness of the team with all players equally able to produce magic in their team and score goals.

The Senegalese coach revealed: "Kipre has continued to show why he is worth his praises, scoring a hat-trick and extending his goal tally, boasts his confidence and to keep achieving more because the team expects goals from him to

produce his impact every day."

Dabo said: "We are moving in the right direction as a team, winning by huge margin goals nowadays, something that has to be accredited to the attacking line which is picking orders and instructions correctly."

Kipre Junior scored in the 29th, 43rd, and 63rd minutes of the game held on Friday

under the floodlights of Azam Complex Stadium.

The winger consequently added his tally to seven goals this season, he joined Salum, Jean Baleke (Simba SC), and Stephane Aziz Ki (Yanga).

Azam FC has amassed 22 points in the league log having honoured 10 games ahead of Yanga who have played nine duels and sit

SPORTS

Tanzania's youths urged to fully exploit arts, creativity

By Correspondent Theresa Victor

TANZANIAN youths have been reminded to not only see the realms of arts and creativity as entertainment but also make them avenues for financing people's lives.

The realms of arts and creativity are not confined to mere entertainment, given they transcend into a powerful avenue for financing people's lives if they are well used.

Arts and creative skills play a pivotal role in shaping the youths, offering them a multitude of benefits that extend far beyond the canvas or stage.

In a rapidly changing world, cultivating artistic abilities is providing an essential tool for a person's professional growth.

Engaging in the arts fosters self-expression and individuality in an era dominated by technology and conformity, creative endeavours empower young people to discover and articulate their unique perspectives whether through music, painting, or literature.

These outlets become vehicles for self-discovery, allowing youths to explore their identities in a world that always demands conformity.

Edson Richard, a Form Six Student at Bagamoyo Secondary School which triumphed in the drama category of the festival, known as 'Uwezo Bonanza', held in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region early this month, issued the plea to his fellow youths.

Richard, aged 21, said that creativity is the cornerstone of innovation and modern youths are tasked with solving unprecedented global issues. The youngster revealed exposure to the arts fosters a mindset that embraces innovation and unconventional thinking.

He further added that the ability to approach a problem with creativity equips young individuals to tackle the multifaceted challenges of the 21st century with ingenuity and resilience, thus, artistic pursuit also contributes significantly to emotional intelligence.

"Through the exploration of different art forms, young people develop empathy and a deeper understanding of human experience whereby this heightened emotional intelligence not only enriches personal relationships but also prepares individuals to navigate a diverse and interconnected global society," he noted.

He further noted that modern youths have a lot of potential but they do not want to work towards embracing their talents, which is truly a loss for them, because there are several benefits they are bound to garner should they decide to polish a little bit of skills that they have.

The student pointed out: "Arts education nurtures critical thinking and problem-solving skills because the process of creating arts requires individuals to analyze, interpret, and make decisions."

"This analytical approach transcends artistic endeavour and becomes a valuable asset in navigating complex challenges across various domains- from science to business," Richard revealed.

He added that arts moreover have a lot of economic implications because the creative industries are burgeoning, providing a vast array of career opportunities.

Richard pointed out that fostering artistic skills not only cultivates a new generation of artists but also nurtures a workforce with innovative thinking and adaptability, crucial attributes in an ever-evolving job market.

He noted that arts are a powerful tool for social change in the world- grappling



Karimjee Jwanjee Foundation's Executive Director, Caren Rowland, presents awards to Bagamoyo Secondary School's students, winners of the drama category of an arts festival- known as 'Uwezo Bonanza' - following the conclusion of the festival in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region early this month. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT THERESIA VICTOR

with complex societal issues.

According to the youngster, young people, armed with creative skills, can use their arts to amplify voices, challenge norms, and advocate for positive change- whether through visual arts, performance, or digital media.

Richard stressed that this generation's youths have the potential to become powerful advocates for social justice and inclusivity.

"Arts also instill discipline and perseverance in youths as the process of creating arts always requires dedication, practice, and a willingness to learn from mistakes. These qualities are transferrable to all aspects of life- helping young individuals build resilience and a strong work ethic that will serve them well in their future endeavors," he said.

The youngster revealed: "Arts and creative skills are indispensable for the youths as they go beyond the confines of galleries and theatres, the cultivation of artistic abilities shapes well-rounded individuals equipped with tools necessary to thrive in a dynamic interconnected world."

"As the society continues to grow and evolve, the value of fostering creativity and artistic expression becomes increasingly evident, laying the foundation for a generation capable of tackling challenges with innovation, empathy, and resilience," he said.

Elisha Athumani, a Form Three Student at Nyumbu Secondary School, said: "I'm happy we showed our talents and won a trophy for our school in the arts category, I urge all youths with talents to come forward and show them because no one knows about tomorrow and what will save him/her in his/her life."

"While arts have traditionally been appreciated for their aesthetic and entertainment value, they have evolved into a robust economic force, providing livelihood for countless individuals and contributing significantly to global economies," Athuman, aged 17, stated.

"On the surface, arts captivate audiences- offering a form of entertainment that spans various media such as music, visual arts, literature, and performance."

"These expressions not only entertain but also serve as a reflection of the human experience, creating connections and fostering cultural understanding as the enjoyment derived from artistic endeavours is invaluable, providing solace, inspiration and a break from the rigours of daily life," he noted.

He further noted that beyond the cheers and applause lies a thriving economic ecosystem because the creative industries have emerged as dynamic contributors to national and global economies.

From the film and music industries to visual arts and design, creative sectors generate substantial revenue and employment opportunities in essence that what may start as a personal artistic pursuit can transform into a lucrative career-sustaining individuals and communities.

Boaz Henry, a Form Six student at Tambaza High School, the winner of the singing category in the 'Uwezo Bonanza', said: "I would like to give a vote of thanks to GHF for organizing this bonanza whereby students with different artistic and creative skills come together to showcase their skills- which will help them in the long run."

"Youths with different talents should not stay idle, they should rather get involved in different artistic and creative activities that will help them achieve success- they shouldn't be shy because their talents will only be acknowledged and help them live their desired life once showcased to the majority," Henry, aged 19, insisted.

"The film industry, for example, beyond its role in entertainment, is a colossal economic force in which

movies create jobs for actors, directors, producers, writers, technicians, and a myriad of other professionals, the same could be said of the music industry," he noted.

Henry revealed: "Arts and creativity serve dual roles as entertainment and a means for financing people's lives, and while the intrinsic value of artistic expression in entertaining and inspiring cannot be overstated, the economic impact of creative industries is equally profound."

The youngster noted: "As society continues to recognize and support the economic potential of creativity, individuals can increasingly pursue their passions while contributing to the vitality of the global economy."

Great Hope Foundation's founder Noelle Maonshuvi, who is also the initiative's Director, pointed out that 'Uwezo Bonanza' is another project that is run by the foundation.

Noelle revealed that the festival allows students to showcase various talents that are often seen through various forms of art. The project was launched in 2021, following requests issued by students to have a platform for showing their talents.

This year, 50 groups from various schools in Dar es Salaam and Coast Region have battled it out in nine categories.

They entail dancing (seven schools), traditional dances (three schools), 'singeli' (three schools), singing (12 schools), rapping (seven schools), drama (three schools), acrobatics (two schools), fashion show and design (seven schools), and drawing (six schools).

Winners and runners-up in all categories were presented with prizes while each of the categories' winners walked away with a cash prize of 300,000/-.

games, players have lost the focus of the game and what to fight for in getting results, I have to work on it quickly and turn the corner around."

"Previously I worked with the players on the same issue during the international break but it seems the players did not understand what I needed from them, I know we still have time but at the same time we are running out of time," Katwila added.

Ten Hag urges Man Utd to keep calm in Galatasaray cauldron

LONDON

ERIK ten Hag has urged his Manchester United players to keep calm in the Galatasaray cauldron as they fight for their lives in the Champions League.

United are bottom of Group A and will be eliminated if they lose in Turkey in their penultimate group fixture today.

Even if they beat Galatasaray and defeat group winners Bayern Munich at Old Trafford in their final game, two wins for Copenhagen would send the Danish side through instead of Ten Hag's team.

United, three-time European champions, have never won at Galatasaray – drawing twice and losing once.

They were famously greeted by Turkish fans in 1993 holding a banner that read "Welcome to Hell", while others threw missiles and menacingly drew their fingers across their throats.

That game finished in a 0-0 draw, which sent United crashing out of Europe on the away goals rule after a 3-3 draw in the first leg.

Speaking at a pre-match press conference on Tuesday, Ten Hag insisted his men would travel with confidence despite their predicament and the hostile reception awaiting them in Istanbul.

"We know how to deal with it and I'm sure tomorrow it will be a confident team on the pitch," said the Dutch manager. "You have to stay calm in your head and don't get too emotional. You need emotion but you have to control it. Don't give them anything, or the referee as well.

"You have to stay away from such moments. We know how to deal with it. You have to play confident and you have to make it your game so it's not that important how the opponent is playing, it's important how we are playing." Ten Hag said United had improved since their shock 3-2 defeat to Galatasaray at Old Trafford early last month despite their inconsistent results this season.

They beat Everton 3-0 on Sunday to record their fifth Premier League win in six games.

"It's good progress," he said. "We are stepping up, we are more stable, we

are winning games, so definitely there is a big difference from the first time we played them."

United captain Bruno Fernandes said he was looking forward to playing in Galatasaray's "intense" atmosphere.

"The atmosphere will be intense but I think everyone, as a kid, you enjoy and you want to be in these big stadiums with a big atmosphere so you just have to enjoy the challenge," he said.

Well aware of the prestige that comes from playing in Europe's elite club competition, Fernandes acknowledged the importance of United avoiding elimination on Wednesday.

"It's really important to be in the competition, we want to be in the middle of the best clubs in Europe," the Portugal midfielder said. "It's disappointing if we don't go through but I'm not thinking about that at the moment. I'm just focused on the game against Galatasaray because the only way we can go through is winning against Galatasaray and going to the last game with a chance to go through."

Rasmus Hojlund and Antony are in the squad after recovering from injuries, providing attacking options for a United side that will be without Marcus Rashford due to suspension.

Meanwhile, Bruno Fernandes says he is relishing the prospect of playing in a hostile atmosphere at Galatasaray this week as Manchester United seek to keep their slim Champions League hopes alive. Erik ten Hag's side appear unlikely to reach the knockout stages after defeats in three of their four Group A matches left them rooted at the bottom of the table.

The three-time European champions have lost away to Bayern Munich and Copenhagen and at home to Galatasaray, meaning another defeat in Istanbul on Wednesday would end their Champions League dreams with a match to spare.

But United captain Fernandes said the players were confident they could turn things around, with Wednesday's match at Galatasaray followed by a home game against already-qualified Bayern. **AFP**

Welcome back to 'Hell': Man Utd braced for Galatasaray cauldron

LONDON

THIRTY years after Manchester United left Galatasaray with their Champions League hopes in tatters on one of the most notorious nights in the club's history, they will return to 'hell' for another do-or-die clash with the Turkish team.

United sit bottom of Champions League Group A and will be eliminated if they lose to Galatasaray in their penultimate fixture today.

It is a predicament that brings back painful memories for United players and fans who ran the gauntlet of hate in Istanbul back in 1993.

Finally crowned English champions the previous season, United were confident of a long run in their first European Cup campaign since 1969.

A surprise 3-3 draw against Galatasaray in the second round first leg at Old Trafford put that ambition in peril, but even then United were not fully aware of the cauldron that awaited them in Turkey.

United were greeted at the airport by thousands of Galatasaray fans, one waving the infamous banner that said "Welcome to Hell", while others threw missiles and menacingly drew their fingers across their throats.

Alex Ferguson, United's manager at the time, described the intimidation as being "exposed to as much hostility and harassment



Erik ten Hag

I have ever known".

The nightmare was only just beginning as United, clearly unsettled by the volcanic atmosphere in the Ali Sami Yen Stadium, failed to get the result they needed.

Galatasaray held on for the draw, knocking out United on away goals and sparking an appropriately chaotic finale.

United's star striker Eric Cantona was attacked by a Turkish police officer wielding a truncheon after being sent off following the final whistle.

When United midfielder Bryan Robson tried to come to Cantona's rescue, he was left with six stitches in a cut arm after being thrown down concrete steps that led to the dressing room.

"The hatred was unbelievable. Even the police started to pick

fighters with us. I remember one of the Old Bill just smashing Eric on the head," United midfielder Paul Ince said.

Ince's team-mate Gary Pallister said the atmosphere in United's matches at Anfield, home of their arch rivals Liverpool, seemed like "a tea party" in comparison to the vitriol they endured at Galatasaray.

United's team bus was bombarded with bricks and rocks on the way out of the stadium, prompting the shell-shocked Ferguson to exclaim: "I never want to go back there again".

But he had to do exactly that a year later for a damaging 0-0 draw that played a role in United's failure to advance from the Champions League group stage.

Galatasaray has been a house of

horrors for United, who have failed to win any of their three visits, losing their most recent encounter there 1-0 in the 2012-13 Champions League group stage.

Although the Ali Sami Yen Stadium closed in 2010, a visit to the banks of the Bosphorus remains one of the toughest assignments in European football.

There is little doubt Galatasaray's fans will be able to replicate the wall of sound that greeted United three decades ago when they meet at the 52,600-capacity Rams Park today.

Erik ten Hag's side can take heart from the way they survived a hostile atmosphere at Goodison Park to beat Everton 3-0 in the Premier League on Sunday.

Visits to Merseyside are always volatile occasions for United and Everton's recent 10-point deduction for financial breaches made their fans even more raucous than usual.

But Alejandro Garnacho's stunning overhead kick in the opening minutes was the perfect way to take the sting out of the occasion.

United eased to their second successive victory, keeping Ten Hag's critics at bay after a difficult spell for the under-fire Dutchman.

Emerging unscathed from their latest visit to the Galatasaray inferno would be another significant step in the right direction for Ten Hag and his troubled team.

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Chinese Super League: From bidding for Bale to selling the team bus

By Sophie Williams

IN June 2016, hundreds of fans gathered at Shanghai airport to watch one of the most famous footballers in the world make the city his home.

Hulk, a 29-year-old Brazil international at the peak of his powers, had been signed by Shanghai SIPG manager Sven-Goran Eriksson for more than £46m and would earn reported wages of £320,000 a week.

As he strode through arrivals, a welcoming bouquet of flowers was thrust into his arms and a Shanghai SIPG scarf draped over his neck.

Over the next three years, he was joined by other big names, signed for even bigger price tags.

Chelsea star Oscar arrived six months later. The transfer fee was about £60m, while his wages were believed to be £400,000 a week.

Carlos Tevez, who had won the Premier League with Manchester United and City, reportedly earned even more when he joined.

Paris St-Germain star Ezequiel Lavezzi, Liverpool target Alex Teixeira and Colombia striker Jackson Martinez were also lured with astronomical transfer fees and bumper pay cheques.

The rise of the Super League came alongside President Xi Jinping's wish to turn the country into a footballing nation. In 2011, he announced plans for the men's national team to qualify for a World Cup and for China to eventually host the tournament.

As the Chinese Super League began spending large sums of money, his ambition to turn the nation into a football super power started to look very real.

"The Chinese market is a danger for all teams in the world, not only for Chelsea," said the Blues manager Antonio Conte at the time on seeing Oscar head east.

"China looks to have the financial power to move a whole European league to China," said Arsenal counterpart Arsene Wenger.

Less than a decade on, though, and the movement is in the opposite direction, with the bubble bursting and players leaving.

Jack Sealy was not one of the big-name arrivals. The son of former QPR striker Tony Sealy, he signed for CSL's Changchun Yatai in December 2015.

Sealy, then 28, had been playing in Hong Kong and was drawn to



Hulk, who had enjoyed prolific spells with Zenit St Petersburg and Porto, was a marquee signing for Shanghai SIPG. Agencies

the Super League by the big names, the higher standard of football and the money that came with it. "I went out there while it was still growing so it was very exciting to be around," he told the BBC.

"People had kind of heard about it before but no one really knew about it. And then as soon as you said to someone who knew football, they were like: 'Oh wow, you're going to the Super League.'

"I have no regrets about it at all. It was amazing."

Amazing, but also strange.

"You kind of have to just completely forget who they are," he added of some of his big-name opposition.

"I've made the step up or they made the step down, however you see it, and you just have to see them as equals and try your best. But it was pretty surreal.

"Oscar - I've watched him play with Chelsea - and obviously from playing Fifa, you know all of the players. It was pretty incredible."

By 2019, the league had become so big that Real Madrid's Gareth Bale - at one point the most expensive player in the world - was tipped for a move to Jiangsu Suning on a three-year, £1m-a-week contract.

Less than two years later, Jiangsu Suning ceased operating with their financial situation so bad that they even auctioned off the team's bus for cash.

How did the Chinese football scene implode so spectacularly?

Things went downhill when China's Football Association, which had already introduced a 'luxury tax' that made big-money transfers prohibitively expensive and banned sponsors from naming teams after themselves, announced a salary cap in December 2020.

At the time, the CFA said it hoped the move would "curb money football" and provide an "investment bubble" in the Chinese national team.

For some time, China's sport administration had been wary of the league's spending. In 2017, it vowed to curb spending and control "irrational investment", accusing clubs of "burning money" and paying foreign players with "excessive salaries".

The salary cap certainly had the desired effect. The limit meant overseas players would only be able to earn a maximum of £52,000 a week,

far lower than the contracts previously offered to star names.

Some teams needed such restraints having piled up debts via their big spending.

A large number of clubs' troubles were also exacerbated by their owners' growing problems in China's real estate sector with several home-building giants running into cash flow problems.

On top of everything, the Covid pandemic hit.

China's strict containment policies reduced fixture lists and kept whatever games were staged behind closed doors for more than two years. Broadcast and sponsorship revenues duly plunged.

Bosnia-Herzegovina defender Samir Memisevic played for Hebei FC from February 2020 - but by his second season at the club, could tell there were issues behind the scenes.

"The second season, I thought that something was wrong," he told the BBC.

"After a few months, financial problems started. Then they had a big problem with the Chinese players - they didn't pay them for a lot of months and I was sure that at the end of that year Hebei would not exist any more."

Memisevic received and accepted an offer to go on loan to Beijing Guoan, one of the top clubs in the league.

Hebei, who had signed Lavezzi and former Premier League regulars Javier Mascherano and Gervinho during the CSL's boom times, scrapped their youth teams in a desperate bid to survive.

Some employees, furloughed without pay for months, offered to work for free as the club, owned by a debt-ridden real estate company, struggled to pay its utility bills.

Ronaldo tells ref to overturn penalty he won in AFC Champions League

RIYADHI

CRISTIANO Ronaldo convinced the referee to change his mind after awarding him a penalty in Al Nassr's AFC Champions League 0-0 draw with Iran's Persepolis.

The 38-year-old former Manchester United and Real Madrid great appeared to have been brought down by Soroush Rafiei inside the box and Chinese referee Ma Ning pointed to the spot.

Ronaldo leapt to his feet and approached the referee, wagging his finger, shaking his head and telling him there had been no foul.

After consulting VAR, the referee was sent to the pitch-side monitor and reversed his decision in the Group E clash in Riyadh.

The Saudi Pro League side had to play most of the match with 10 men after Ali Lajami was given a straight red card for a shin-raking challenge in the 17th minute.

They also lost Ronaldo to a neck injury with 13 minutes remaining, caused by Persepolis goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand landing on the Portuguese star when claiming a high ball.

But the 2018 and 2020 Champions League runners-up from Iran were unable to capitalise, the point proving enough for Al Nassr to seal their place in the knockout stages as group winners.

Ronaldo has little time to recover with Al Nassr facing Al Hilal on Friday in a top-of-the-table league clash.

Saudi Arabian champions Al Ittihad are two points clear at the top of Group C after a 2-1 win at Uzbekistan's AGMK FC.

Moroccan Abderrazak Hamdallah scored twice in four first-half minutes before Martin Boakye pulled one back for the hosts with 12 minutes remaining.

Two-time winners Al Ittihad, under new manager Marcelo Gallardo, need to avoid defeat at home to second-placed Sepahan in the final round of matches next week to go through as group winners.

The Iranian side defeated Iraq's Air Force Club 1-0 at the Azadi Stadium in Tehran, despite having two players sent off.

Sepahan's Farshad Ahmadzadeh scored the only goal from close range in the fourth minute before Mohammad Hosseinnezhad was sent off just before half-time.

Hadi Mohammadi was then red-carded on 90 minutes forcing Sepahan to hold out with nine men for 12 minutes of added time under an Air Force bombardment to secure the three points.

Uzbekistan's Nasaf Qarshi moved top of Group B with a 3-1 win at home to Jordan's Al Faisaly, and Qatar side Al Sadd kept their hopes alive by beating Sharjah 2-0 in the UAE.

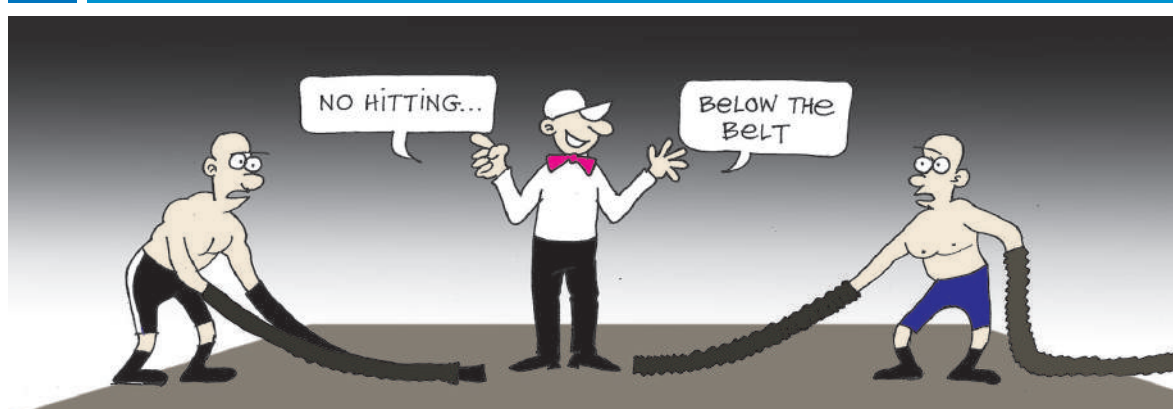
Nasaf are top on 10 points ahead of their final match against Al Sadd, who are third on seven points with Sharjah, who face a trip to Al Faisaly, second on eight.

The group stage this year returned to a home-and-away group format for the first time since 2020 and expanded to 40 teams.

It rounds off in the West Zone next week with the five winners from Groups A to E and three best runners-up going through to the last 16 in February.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the final two rounds of East Zone matches kick off to decide the other eight teams in the last 16 from Groups F to J.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Wilson Charles (L), presents a medal to one of the top finishers in the ATF Marathon held in Morogoro last weekend, as the Acting Executive Director of Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS), Jerome Kamwela (2nd L), looks on. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Out-of-form Prisons and Dodoma Jiji FC aim to end winless runs in PL

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA Prisons host Dodoma Jiji FC at the Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya in the afternoon, hoping to register their first win since early October.

The warders' last victory was a 3-2 home victory against fellow strugglers Mtibwa Sugar.

Having failed to record victory in their previous five games, the side takes on the city councilors looking to rediscover their winning touch.

Three draws and two losses in their last five matches have seen the Mbeya side slide to the second bottom side.

Prisons head coach Hamad Ally, who is taking charge of his second game since his appointment, is keen to address the team's form ahead of an important month, with five fixtures to play before the new year.

He will have to fix the leaking defense. Prisons have conceded 16 goals in 10 games, only rock-bottom Mtibwa Sugar have conceded more goals so far this season.

In their last game, they were the better side but somehow a defensive lapse handed Coastal Union maximum points.

The lack of ruthlessness at the other end of the pitch is another issue Ally has to fix. Their performances have been generally OK and this is not a team showing signs of losing confidence.

The reaction in Sunday's second half pointed to that, as they managed to take the game to Coastal Union before shooting themselves in the foot with poor finishing.

A win against Dodoma Jiji FC could take Prisons out of the relegation zone, as they trailed the 12th-placed Coastal Union by three points and Mashujaa FC in 13th place by two points.

Visitors Dodoma Jiji FC had been on a three-match winning run, having beaten Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, Kagera Sugar, and JKT Tanzania, but were beaten by Singida Fountain Gate FC in their last outing.

That home loss also ended their five-match unbeaten streak that had pushed them to fourth on the table.

Not only is Dodoma Jiji FC looking to move level on points with Singida Fountain Gate FC, but they are also looking for their third consecutive victory on the road.

In head-to-head stats, Prisons and Dodoma Jiji FC have met in six league matches since 2020/2021.

Prisons have claimed four wins compared to two for Dodoma Jiji FC. There has been no draw between the two sides.

In 2022/23, Prisons did the double over Dodoma Jiji FC, claiming a 2-1 away victory in August 2022 before cruising to a 2-0 home win in the reverse fixture played in December 2022.

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Abdelhak Benchikha arrives in Dar to take charge of Simba SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ALGERIAN coach Abdelhak Benchikha has arrived in Dar es Salaam to take charge of Simba SC.

The Algerian was appointed as the Simba SC head coach following the dismissal of Brazilian Roberto Oliveira.

Benchikha arrived in the country on Monday night and was received by Simba SC officials. He was accompanied by his assistant Farid Zemit and fitness coach Kamal Boudjenane.

The well-traveled Algerian, who was hired on a one-year renewable contract, says he is aware Simba SC supporters expect much from him from what they have heard recently and assured them he is here to deliver success.

The gaffer noted: "I am very happy to be here in Tanzania. Simba SC is a big club, I know what I have to do. I am here for winning, I am here for success."

"We are here for Simba SC. All Simba SC supporters must be strong and patient, we are here for a good performance," Benchikha disclosed.

"I know how Simba SC fans think about me, what they expect from me. I must make them happy. Without supporters Simba SC is nothing. Without the supporters I am nothing. We must perform, when our supporters are happy we are also happy," the Algerian stated.

Benchikha is remembered for guiding USM Alger in clinching the CAF Confederation Cup last season.



Simba SC's new head coach, Algerian Abdelhak Benchikha.

USMA claimed the title on away goals rule following a 2-1 victory in Dar es Salaam and a 1-0 home loss against Young Africans in the two-leg final.

Apart from handling USM Alger, he has tutored CR Belouizdad, MC Alger, the Algeria national team, and Raja Casablanca among others.

Simba SC will host ASEC Mimosas in the CAF Champions League Group B fixture at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Simba SC aims to at least do better than the quarter-finals which they have reached three times in the recent five editions of the CAF Champions League.

Since the exit of Robertinho, they have been training under the tutelage of interim coach Daniel Cadena and Selemani Matola.

In the two games that followed the 5-1 humiliation in the hands of arch-rivals

Young Africans SC, Simba SC drew with Namungo FC and Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League.

They are now preparing to face Botswana champions Jwaneng Galaxy in the CAF Champions League Group B in Gaborone on Saturday.

Benchikha's immediate task will be to end Simba SC's three-match winless run. He needs to engineer a victory against Jwaneng Galaxy to kickstart Simba SC CAF Champions League group stage campaign after the opening home draw with ASEC Mimosas. In the NBC Premier League, Simba SC is placed third with 19 points after eight matches.

The Msimbazi Street club trails league leaders, Young Africans, by five points albeit with a game in hand against Mashujaa FC. Benchikha's league debut will have to wait until mid-December.

TBS team dominates tug-of-war in SHIMMUTA Games

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) team has ended as the runner-up in the tug-of-war game in this year's Inter-Parastatal and Non-Parastatal Sports Federation of Tanzania (SHIMMUTA) Games at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma recently.

Speaking to journalists in Dodoma on Monday, TBS sports chairman, Lucas Gwila, said intensive training and the presence of experienced players are the secrets for the squad's success.

The official disclosed the squad went for serious training so it could be better.

Gwila said that in last year's showdown, the organization's tug-of-war team reached

the quarterfinals but, this year, the squad entered the semi-finals, so he believes that next year the team will be champion in tug-of-war.

He said that the TBS team lost out on progression to the final in tug-of-war because it was narrowly outsmarted by its opponent in the knockout tie.

Commenting on the success achieved by the organization's teams in this year's SHIMMUTA Games, Gwila said apart from taking second place in the tug-of-war game, the TBS outfit performed well in women's category of basketball event, in which the side made it to the last eight.

In volleyball, the TBS team ended up in the group stage, and, in men's football, the

organization's team crashed out of the top 16 teams stage.

Gwila said the SHIMMUTA Games are getting better compared to the previous years if this year's showpiece is anything to go by.

The official noted: "The showdown has got better over the years and the institutions have grown and the teams have strengthened."

The TBS official expressed his satisfaction over the showdown, which was used as an opportunity for participants to improve their health, as well as boost relationships among the workers.

This year's SHIMMUTA Games started on November 12 and were opened by the Deputy Prime Minister, Doto Biteko.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



Geita mine donates 17m/- to ATF Marathon

By Guardian Reporter

GETTA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has donated 17m/- to the just-ended ATF Marathon, held in Morogoro, as part of the national commemoration of World AIDS Day slated for December 1 this year.

The ATF Marathon was sponsored by GGML to complement the government's efforts in the fight against the spread of HIV & AIDS.

Stephen Mhando, GGML's Relations and Communications Manager, said: "Geita Gold Mining Limited has handed over 17m/- to the ATF Marathon because, true to its value of sustainability, ensuring that the community surrounding its operations is better off, these funds will directly touch the lives of people living with HIV."

The official revealed: "With Geita having a large number of miners who live within the key and vulnerable populations (KVP), it's almost impossible that we would shy away from such a responsibility."

Wilson Charles, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, commended the GGML and other stakeholders for their support of the race.

"I commend the efforts of our stakeholders including GGML and citizens for their participation in this race which is aimed at strengthening the AIDS Control Fund (ATF) and supporting the policy of 'Eradicating AIDS, Tanzania without AIDS is possible'," he said.

He said that people should cooperate with the government in the fight against the new AIDS infection that is slowing down the country's development.

"I congratulate you for coming out in large numbers to participate in this race because you seem to be moved and interested in cooperating with the government to ensure that the goals of eliminating the infection of the AIDS virus by 2030 are achieved," he added.

Neema Matheo, one of this year's ATF Marathon runners, said exercise is important for the human body because if people do not exercise, their bodies become more susceptible to developing non-communicable diseases including heart disease and diabetes more quickly.

The 21km race's winner walked away with 300,000/-, the second-placed runner was presented with 250,000/-, and the third performer took 200,000/-.

In Tanzania, World AIDS Day will this year be commemorated nationally in Morogoro under the slogan 'Society should lead the eradication of AIDS'. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa is expected to be the official guest of the commemoration.

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