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By A Special Correspondent, Zanzibar

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working on a heritage project have uncovered more striking finds in Zanzibar's world-famous Stone Town. Prof Tim Power, a researcher with the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU), said yesterday that the team at the world heritage site uncovered a 16th century Portuguese trading base that housed precious cargo such as ivory, spices and ceramics.

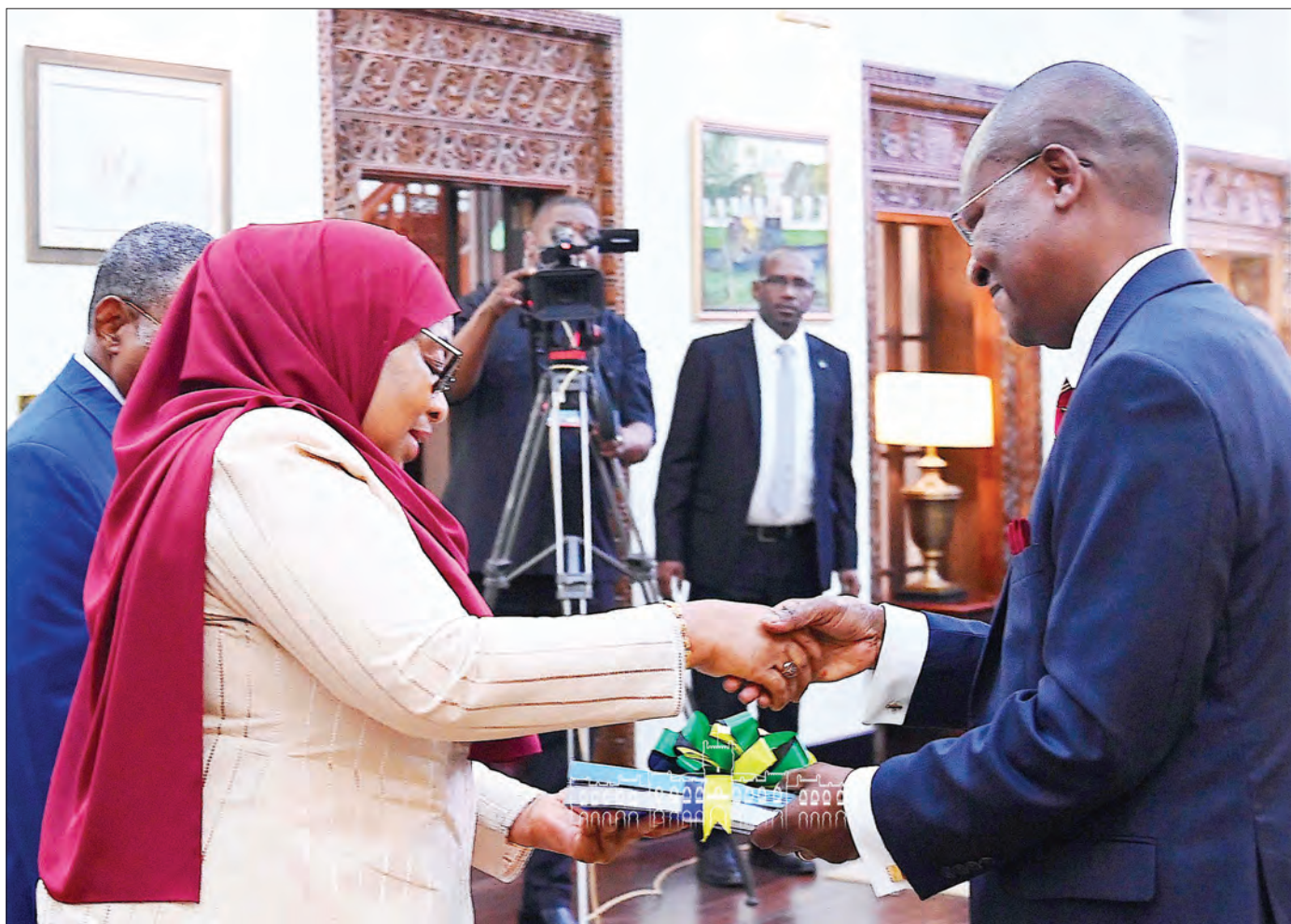
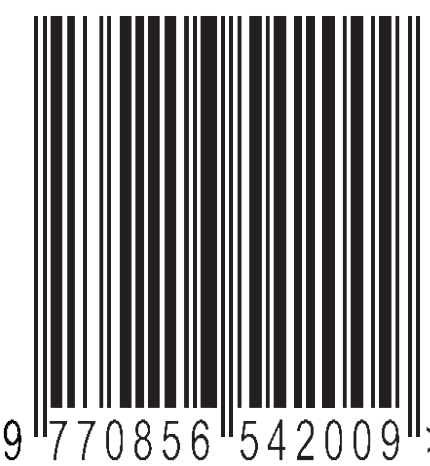
The UAE-led team found more evidence for the existence of a major Portuguese colonial-era church that was established in the early 17th century, unearthing a cemetery under its nave with at least 18 skeletons. It is thought many more were buried here as the graves were reused, he said.

The latest finds follow the discovery last month of an original settlement at the site that dates back to the 11th century. This proved that Stone Town – previously thought to be an 18th century Omani Arab urban area – was actually established much earlier by local Swahili people.

But the second part of their work completed in summer focused on the Portuguese legacy in Zanzibar and how interconnected it was with life across the Indian Ocean and into the Gulf.

"Portuguese colonial cemeteries have not received much attention from archaeologists so we are doing something exciting and new," he said.

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Prof Rwekaza Mukandala, who chaired the task force detailed to collect stakeholders' views on multi-party democracy, presents the panel's report to President Samia Suluhu Hassan at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday.. Photo: State House

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday received a report from the task force formed to collect stakeholders' views on how to improve democracy, promising to immediately work on issues raised and recommendations made.

In remarks at State House in Dar es Salaam, she said that the nature of the report necessitated the formation of a government team to analyse various issues touched on – including the constitution-making process.

"This will require us to form a team within the government which will consist of lawmakers, political analysts and others, also requiring us to request the help of members of this same task force," she added.

The president noted that there were issues raised in the report which are simple and could be implemented immediately, while others call for more time and consultation.

The task force, formed earlier this year with former University of Dar es Salaam vice chancellor Prof Rwekaza Mukandala as chairman, recommended the unbanning of political rallies and the reviewing of pieces of legislation relating to the enabling of rallies to resume.

"The task force proposes that political rallies be allowed according to the Constitution, and be conducted without constraints," Prof Mukandala noted when outlining the recommendations.

This also involves the review of other laws so that political rallies are held, examples including the Political Parties Act (Chapter 258 of the laws), the Police Force Act (Chapter 302) and its attached regulations and guidelines of 2019.

The task force recommends the review of legislation on political parties to empower governing councils to handle only disciplinary issues within parties, he said.

He said the panel similarly recommends a 40 per cent representation of women in political parties, brought together with people living with disabilities.

This supports current criteria for issuing subsidies to political parties, "but 10 per cent of total subsidies should be channelled to other registered parties".

The task force further recommends that the National Electoral Commission receive no directives from any person, government department or political party, and that operations should be questioned by the highest court of law in the land.

It similarly proposes a constitutional provision for a special committee to appoint members of the commission, "which should be chaired by the Chief Justice - with the Zanzibar Chief Justice as deputy chair".

Presidential election results should be questioned by the highest court in the land to promote good governance and transparency, the task force recommends.

It adds: "Electoral presiding officers should abide by ethics and should involve stakeholders when conducting their work. Officers violating what the law directs should be duly punished."

It meanwhile further recommends that a national debate or dialogue precede the resumption of the long-stalled constitution making process.

'Skip unapproved veterinary drugs'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

LIVESTOCK keepers in the country have been urged to use safe, approved veterinary drugs to treat their animals to avoid exposing meat consumers to health risks occasioned by counterfeit medicines.

Dr Stella Bitanyi, CEO for the Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency (TVLA), made this appeal here yesterday, in a media briefing on the current work plan of the agency.

"The use of drugs, especially antibiotics, can also affect humans due to eating of the remains of those drugs in foods," she said, urging that breeders should heed the advice given to control unapproved drugs.

The situation is a major problem facing the world at the moment, she said, noting that TVLA samples of blood of various animals for examination and diagnosis, had shown the presence of immunity against the parasite in their blood.

“ Since vaccines cannot be produced and wait for customers, the factory produces according to market demand. The full potential of vaccine production is more than 100m doses per year

Since 2017/2018 a total of 163,722 samples from various animals were received for examining and were diagnosed with diseases. Those identified in large numbers are Newcastle disease, East Coast Fever (ECF), chicken pox, swine fever,

anthrax, abortion disease, bovine respiratory disease (BRD), goats and sheep pneumonia, and rabies, she said

TVLA is engaged in the production and distribution of livestock vaccines through the Tanzania Vaccine Institute (TVI) at Kibaha in Coast Region, she said, noting that TVI is producing seven vaccines, where its 2021/2022 output stood at 65m doses.

"Since vaccines cannot be produced and wait for customers, the factory produces according to market demand. The full potential of vaccine production is more than 100m doses per year," she stated, pointing out that the TVLA facility produces heat-resistant vaccines.

Over 10m people are at risk of losing their lives globally due to consumption of meat from livestock with unapproved prescription of veterinary drugs which make pathogens build resistance and become dangerous to human health, she added.

AfDB launches urban youth MSMEs improvement drive

By Special Correspondent, Abuja

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) has launched a multinational project to create jobs and improve livelihoods for the youth in three African countries.

The plan for creating sustainable youth MSMEs through urban farming (SYMUF) will support young farmers in Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda, who are attracted to urban farming. The bank is partnering with a consortium of incubation centres in participating countries to implement the project, listed as the Africa

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Projects Development Centre (APDC) in Nigeria, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA-Bukavu) in the DRC, and the African Agribusiness Incubation Network in Uganda. Lamin Barrow, head of the AfDB's Nigeria department, said in a speech here yesterday that the SYMUF project has received \$937,000 in grant funding from the AfDB's fund for African private sector assistance, a multi-donor trust fund it manages. The three countries are in different regions of the continent but they all grapple with high youth unemployment and limited economic

opportunities, he said. Orison Amu, the bank's country operations manager for Nigeria, stood in for him, saying SYMUF is operated by the bank's initiative, 'empowering novel agribusiness-led employment' (ENABLE) youth program. It will use business incubators and financial products to help transform start-up micro, small and medium enterprises into bankable ventures, providing youths with agribusiness and

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"We have small skeletons, which are children or babies, so there is a human element to this. Mothers may have buried children and the photographs of the infant burials are quite moving."

DNA and strontium isotope testing will be conducted on bone samples in an attempt to determine who these people were.

"We have every reason to believe this will demonstrate a cosmopolitan community drawn from Africa, Asia and Europe," the researcher intoned, affirming that the Portuguese colonial cemetery in Zanzibar "thus presents us with a fascinating microhistory of the early modern Indian Ocean world."

The ongoing heritage project in Zanzibar is a collaboration between UAEU, New York University Abu Dhabi, the Royal Agricultural University in the UK and the Zanzibar Department of Antiquities, to explore links across the Indian Ocean.

Stone Town started as a small fishing village but grew rapidly on the back of trade networks that developed across the sea. It came under Portuguese, Omani and European influence with the Portuguese era starting in the 16th century and lasting for about 200 years.

The Portuguese made Stone Town a crucial East African base to keep an iron grip on its lucrative trade network of slaves and spices, prevent piracy, safeguard shipping routes linking their Indian Ocean holdings to their homeland and as a base for nascent missionary activities.

East Africa was a source of slaves, gold, ivory and ebony, while prized pearls came from the Gulf, ceramic and silk from Asia. The trading station uncovered was a type of fortified warehouse with accommodation that offered Portuguese merchants with these types of goods a safe haven for the night.

Mombasa, slightly further northward, became the main Portuguese centre along the East African coast at this time, with Zanzibar being an important part of that enterprise.

"They needed stations they could call at, refuel, replenish and sleep in safety with their cargoes," the UAEU-based researcher explained.

The Portuguese also exploited slave labour from East Africa to establish a network of forts from the coast across the Indian Ocean to the Gulf to protect shipping routes from attack.

"But it was done on the cheap," he affirmed. "They were heavily dependent on slave labour from East Africa to build the [forts] and heavily dependent on locally recruited troops to man them. These forts, including those in modern-day UAE, were manned by locals ... with one or two Portuguese officers."

Trenches dug in Stone Town's old fort also yielded more details about a major Portuguese-era Augustinian church first identified in 2017 and previously only known about in historical documents.

Prof Mark Horton of the Royal Agricultural University's cultural heritage institute said the Portuguese period in East Africa has been much neglected by historians.

"Our discoveries in Zanzibar of a massive Portuguese church in the remains of the fort is a really significant discovery.

"It is one of the largest Portuguese churches in East Africa. Only a handful of these churches are known about."

It is believed that two of the walls of the church were later used by Omani Arabs to build the fort walls, underlining how so many layers of history exist at the site. The work of the UAE-led team, which aims to return for more digging next year, also shows how the Portuguese oversaw a type of colonial cosmopolitanism, with trade taking place between people from East Africa and the Gulf.

Modern-day UAE also underwent a century of Portuguese rule from the 16th to 17th century so the Zanzibar dig shows how interconnected people were then.

"This is really exciting stuff," said Prof Power. "These regions were interacting with each other. We have a [Portuguese] fort in Fujairah near Bidya where there is a famous early mosque.

"So people from each region were settling and living with people from the other region. It is remarkable to think these regions were in contact with and relevant to each other 500 years ago," he added.



Dr Stella Bitanyi, Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency's CEO, briefs journalists in Dodoma city yesterday on the headway the agency has made thus far in executing activities lined up for implementation in financial year 2022/2023. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

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technical skills.

These include climate-smart agriculture practices, technologies, market networks and professional mentorship, he said, stressing the bank's commitment to promoting entrepreneurship.

"The bank is committed to creating jobs and providing incomes for African youth, who are attracted to urban agriculture but do not get jobs, capital, or credit to operate their agribusinesses," he explained.

This project will address unemployed youth and those in the early start-up stage who have not gained traction due to limited skills and financial resources, he further noted.

Alex Ariho, CEO of the Uganda incubation network, said the SYMUF project would help young African 'agripreneurs' overcome start-up incubation and management challenges.

"Working together with all the partners, we are committed to making the SYMUF project one of

the best projects sponsored by the AfDB," he stated.

Noel Mulinganya, IITA-Bukavu's project coordinator, lauded the bank as an important and tremendous partner over the years, while Chiji Ojukwu, managing director for APDC, Nigeria, devoted to agrobased enterprises, thanked the AfDB for trusting the consortium and giving it an opportunity to deploy its expertise in urban farming.

Edson Mpyisi, the AfDB coordinator for the ENABLE Youth Program,

said that the program is designed to empower youth at each stage of the agribusiness value chain as 'agripreneurs,' by harnessing new skills, technologies and financing approaches.

The bank has invested over \$400m in 15 African countries under the program, he said, with Damian Ihedioha, the bank's division manager for agribusiness, saying that the bank believes that Africa's emerging vibrant wave of entrepreneurship must be supported and nurtured for the continent's prosperity.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (R) exchanges greetings in Dar es Salaam on Thursday with UN Women's Representative in Tanzania, Hodan Addou, shortly after opening a leadership and politics sensitisation workshop for the Africa Region of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians. The two-day event attracted delegates from ten countries. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

Unicef warns of unprecedented children deaths

MOGADISHU

Children's Fund (UNICEF) warned on Tuesday, urging donors to step up support amid historic drought.

"Without greater action and investment, we are facing the death of children on a scale not seen in half a century," Spokesperson James Elder told journalists in Geneva.

A child is admitted to a health facility for treatment of severe acute malnutrition "every single minute of every single day," he said.

A looming tragedy

Latest rates reveal some 44,000 admissions since August, or one child a minute.

"Severely malnourished children are up to 11 times more likely to die of diarrhoea and measles than well-nourished children. With rates such as these, Somalia is on the brink of a tragedy at a scale not seen in decades," said Elder.

UN agencies have been warning for months about the looming famine in the Horn of Africa, where the worst drought in 40 years is affecting more than 20 million people across several thousands of severely malnourished boys and girls in Somalia are at risk of dying, the UN countries.

In Somalia, famine is projected in Baidoa and Burhakaba districts in Bay Region between this month and December, if aid does not reach those most in need, the UN humanitarian affairs office, OCHA, reported on Tuesday.

"When people speak of the crisis facing Somalia today, it has become common for frightful comparisons to be made with the famine of 2011 when 260,000 people died. However, everything I am hearing on the ground - from nutritionists to pastoralists - is that things today actually look worse," said Elder. AGENCIES

At least 150 killed in ethnic clashes in Sudan's Blue Nile State

KHARTOUM

At least 150 people have been killed in two days of fighting in the latest ethnic clashes triggered by land disputes in Sudan's southern Blue Nile state, a medic has said.

The fighting is some of the worst in recent months, and crowds on Thursday took to the streets of the Blue

Nile state capital Damazin in protest, chanting slogans condemning a conflict that has left hundreds dead this year.

Clashes in Sudan's troubled Blue Nile broke out last week after reported arguments over land between members of the Hausa people and rival groups.

The fighting has centred around the Wad al-Mahi

area near Roseires, some 500 kilometres (310 miles) south of the capital Khartoum. Residents on Wednesday reported intense gunfire and houses set on fire.

"A total 150 people including women, children, and elderly were killed between Wednesday and Thursday," said Abbas Moussa, head of Wad al-Mahi hospital. "Around 86 people were

also wounded in the violence."

On Thursday, hundreds marched through Damazin, some calling for the state governor to be sacked, witnesses said.

"No, no to violence," the demonstrators chanted.

The UN mission in Sudan said it was "alarmed" by the "resurgence of conflict" in Blue Nile, a region awash

with guns bordering South Sudan and Ethiopia, that is still struggling to rebuild after decades of civil war.

Sudan is grappling with deepening political unrest and a spiralling economic crisis since last year's military coup, led by army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan.

The military power grab upended a transition to civilian rule launched after

the 2019 ouster of strongman Omar al-Bashir, who ruled for three decades.

"Sustainable peace won't be possible without a fully functional credible government that prioritises local communities' needs including security, and addresses the root causes of conflict", the UN added.

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Benedicto Baragomwa (3rd-L), NMB Bank Plc's chief internal auditor, pictured on Thursday symbolically presenting to Mzumbe Secondary School second master Edwin Matenga (2nd-R) 50 chairs and as many 50 tables which the bank has gifted the school. It was at the school's 62nd Form Four graduation ceremony. Left is Tanga regional commissioner Omary Mgumba, who represented the graduands' parents. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Zanzibar boats to serve 1,500 seaweed farmers

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

MORE than 1,500 seaweed farmers in Zanzibar, mainly women, will be served by a boat to wade through shoreline waters.

Suleiman Masoud Makame, the Blue Economy and Fisheries minister, said the boat was part of the provision of equipment in the implementation of the blue economy policy.

The minister officiated the distribution of seaweed farmers' boats and other agricultural equipment in Kojani and Wete, on Pemba Island, remarking that the government's strategy is to commercialise the seaweed crop, using modern technology and professional methods.

The funds allocated for the blue economy by the government of Zanzibar involve a total of 36bn/- for such equipment, to enable the people to make great strides in the blue economy drive, he said.

A total of 500 boats will be built for seaweed farmers, currently facing major challenges, including changes climatic behavior, he said.

"The eighth phase gov-

ernment priority is the blue economy," he affirmed, laying accent on the need for the people to benefit from marine resources, including seaweed. The crop is up to 80 per cent cultivated by women, he stated.

The ministry was building 100 ponds intended to facilitate commercial fish farming, where sea roosters are a clear target, he said, underlining that the breeding of fish and sea chickens was a major priority.

It will enable the islanders to benefit from the proceeds, including the availability of the seasoning recipe, he said.

Dr Rahma Salim Mahfoudh, executive secretary at the Planning Commission in the President's Office, said the blue economy is one of the priorities of the Zanzibar government.

The government is in the final stages of reviewing the construction project of a seafood processing plant to increase the value of the products, she said.

The seafood market is now secure in the East African Community (EAC) zone including the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), she added.

NMB Bank reaffirms commitment for education sector development

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

NMB Bank has reiterated its commitment to continue working with the government as part of its efforts to create a conducive learning environment.

Speaking at the 62nd graduation ceremony for students with special needs held in Morogoro Region, the NMB chief internal auditor Benedicto Baragomwa said that the

bank-adding bank has been instrumental in offering various scholastic materials including desks every year adding that the education sector is among the bank's priority areas in terms of Corporate Social Investments (CSIs).

Baragomwa has said that the bank has handed over 50 chairs and 50 tables worth 5m/- to Mzumbe secondary school during the graduation ceremony as part

of efforts to address a shortage of furniture at the school.

"NMB has been working closely with the government in creating a better learning environment across the country and we are glad to hand over 50 chairs and 50 tables to Mzumbe secondary school today. It is our hope that the donated items will help address the challenge whilst creating a better learning environment for students," he

said. The Mzumbe secondary school deputy head teacher, Edwin Matenga during the event said his school has been performing well scoring in the top 10 positions among secondary schools in the region.

"Our students have been performing well in Form two, four and six national examinations and we have been in the top 10 best-

performing schools for both private and government secondary schools. We are grateful to NMB bank for providing 50 chairs and 50 tables and we pledge to make good use of the donated items," Matenga said.

Tanga Region Commissioner Omari Mgumba, who is also a parent to one of the form four students set to graduate from the school this year, urged students to

shift their efforts to serious revision so as to perform better in the upcoming national exams

"I have come to the Mzumbe secondary school graduation as a parent and I would like to congratulate the management of NMB Bank for donating desks and tables during the event. This is a big honour for us as a government to see institutions supporting our efforts," he added.

NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF TATEPA PLC AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

We are pleased to inform our esteemed shareholders and general public that the Capital markets and Securities Authority (CMSA), vide its letter with ref. CMSA/RPP/04/108/16 dated 12 October 2022 approved Information Memorandum of TATEPA PLC to raise TZS 14,925,803,200 by way of Rights Issue of 93,286,270 shares at a price of TZS 160 per share in ratio of 5 shares for every 1 share held.

Shareholders eligible to participate in the rights issue exercise shall be only those listed in the Register of Shareholders at the Rights Book closure dated 18th October 2022. Shareholders are entitled to buy 5 new ordinary shares for every 1 ordinary share held at the Rights Book closure date.

Timetable of Principal Events will be as follows: -

Submission of documents to CMSA	Monday, October 3, 2022
Expected Approval by CMSA	Wednesday, October 12, 2022
Close of the Register	Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Printing and Distribution of prospectus & Fliers	Friday, October 21, 2022
Opening & closing of 1 st window (Loan conversion)	Monday, October 24, 2022
Opening the 2 nd window - Rights Issue	Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Closure of the 2 nd window - Rights Issue	Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Allotment of new shares	Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Submission of Register to CMSA	Monday, November 21, 2022
Submission of Register to DSE CSDR	Friday, November 25, 2022
Crediting of shares to the CDS accounts	Friday, December 9, 2022
Refund cheques	Monday, December 12, 2022
Listing and commencement of Trading	Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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 - At least 4 years of working experiences in

(ii) Duties

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Arif Ahmed (2nd-L), Selous Jimbiza Camp's director, pictured yesterday briefing Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana (L) at the Swahili International Tourism Expo (SITE) 2022 in progress at Dar es Salaam's Mlimani City complex. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Over 600 teachers receive 5-day ICT training

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 650 public secondary school teachers have received training on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to equip them with skills for repairing ICT equipment in schools.

The trained teachers from across the country yesterday concluded the 5-day training conducted at the India-Tanzania Centre of Excellence in ICT (ITCoEIT) under the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), University of Dodoma (UDOM) and Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST).

The move is expected to help schools reduce costs on maintenance of ICT equipment, mainly computers' hardware and software systems.

Official event for closing the training in three institutions was held at the DIT in Dar es Salaam alongside commemoration of the DIT's 65th anniversary.

Speaking at the event, Minister for Information, Communication and Information Technology, Nape Nnauye said this was crystal clear that the government is gearing up to drive digital transformation in the country.

He made the statement in his speech read by the Director General of the Infor-

mation and Communication Technology (ICT) Commission, Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga. "The government is optimistic that participants would use the acquired ICT skills as a teaching tool to reduce costs on teaching and repairs as well as address the challenge of shortage of classrooms," he stated.

He further tasked the Universal Communications Access Fund (UCSAF) to up efforts in collaboration with stakeholders in ensuring that more schools get ICT facilities for teaching and learning purposes.

Earlier, Chief Executive Officer of the UCSAF Justina Mashiba said in this year a total of 635 teachers have been trained.

"We empower teachers because Tanzania is embracing digital transformation, so we can't leave teachers behind," Mashiba stated.

However, she said there is need to encourage more female teachers to participate because out of all participants female teachers were only 22.8 percent.

In improving communication, she said, the UCSAF has so far erected 1060 communication towers in rural areas.

DIT Principal, Prof Prekedis Ndomba, said the event was held co-currently with the 65th anniversary of the DIT.

Police start sensitising worshippers on illegal firearms

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

WITH only 11 days remaining for amnesty for people surrendering firearms acquired illegally, police in Mbeya Region have started visiting houses of worship to sensitize people on the risk and dangers of keeping possession of such weapons.

September this year, the government, through the Home Affairs Ministry gave two months to people in possession of illegally acquired firearms to voluntarily sur-

render them without conditions at police stations or other government offices.

It also instructed the police to conduct a crackdown and take legal steps against all who will be found with such weapons after the end of the amnesty period.

On Tuesday a forum was held at St Uzima Church in the City of Mbeya which the police officials attended to educate the people on the importance of surrendering illegal firearms before the end of the grace period.

A representative from Mbeya Regional Police Commander Office, ACP Sylvester Chimwaga said when some people own illegal firearms there are dangers for the increase of criminal activities in the community.

He called on the people to make sure they use the few days remaining to surrender their illegally acquired weapons so that procedures should be made for them to own the firearms legally.

He said whoever found with such weapons after the expiration

of the grace period, stern legal steps will be taken against them to act as a lesson to others.

"There are some people whose relatives owned such weapons but died, hence such weapons are inherited by relatives, in the same way as other property," said ACP Chimwaga.

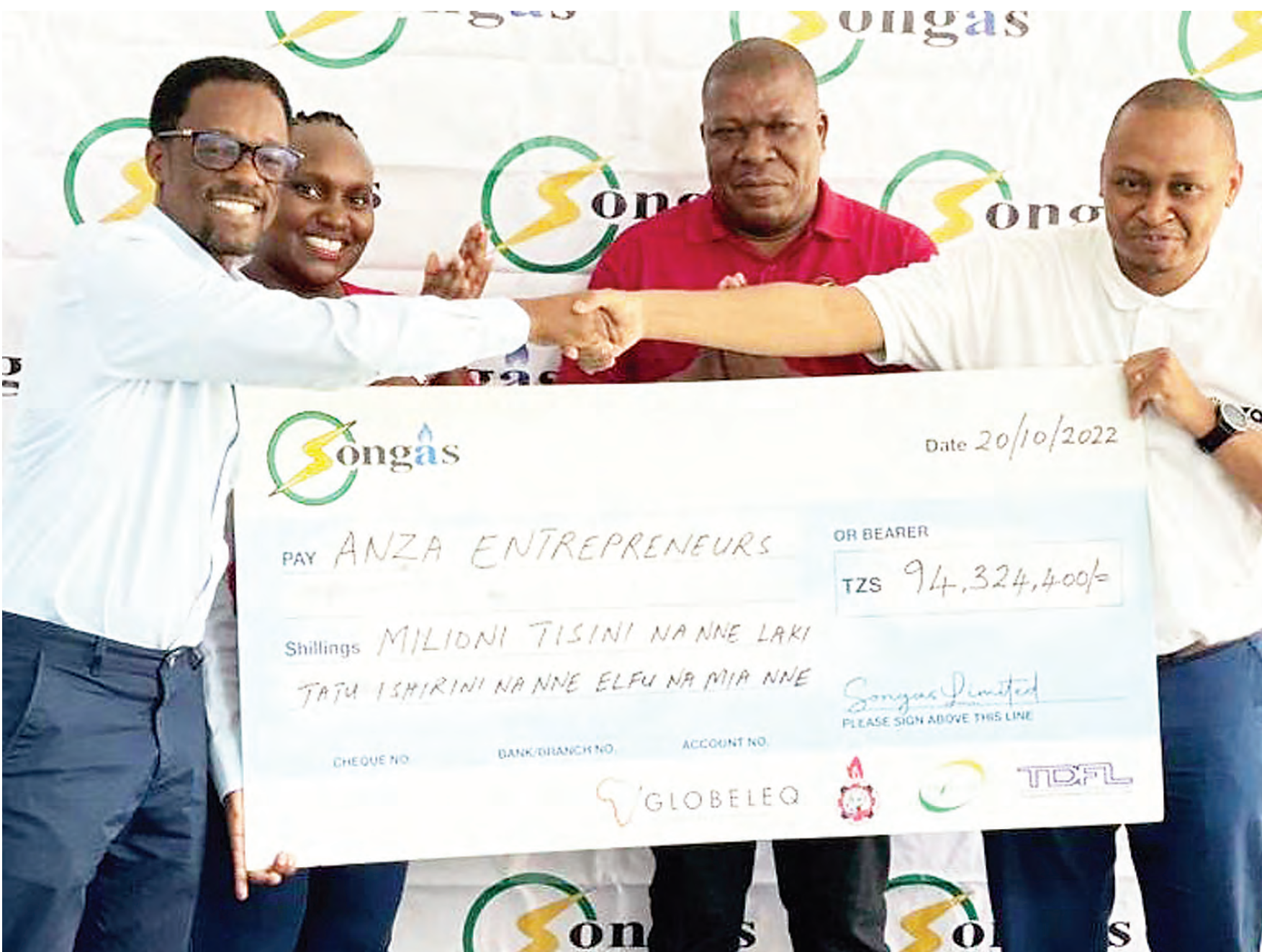
He said all firearms owned by deceased persons and now owned by other family members are required to be surrendered for procedures for such family members to own them legally.

Some clerics in Mbeya Region said the campaign was good and it will help to avert catastrophes awaiting the people and pledged that they will also assist in mobilising their congregations.

The Chairman of the Union of Apostles Services in Mbeya Region, Suleiman Masawe said the police had announced amnesty for the people owning illegal firearms to surrender them voluntarily, hence, he added the people should use well the am-

nesty. He said the amnesty also provides opportunity to religious leaders to participate in the mobilisation campaign on explanation that amnesty is part of prayers according to religion.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the reconciliation Community in Mbeya Region, Priest Oscar Ongere said some people owning such firearms can endanger peace and stability in the streets due to many of them not knowing how to use them correctly.



Songas Ltd managing director Anael Samuel (L) presents a dummy cheque for over 94m/- to his Anza Entrepreneurs counterpart, Edgar Masatu, in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. The money is meant to facilitate a six-month capacity building entrepreneurship programme to benefit more than 50 small businesses in Kilwa District, Lindi Region. Looking on are Songas socio-economic development manager Nicodemus Chipakapaka (2nd-R) and legal advisor Jacqueline Slaa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

RC directs Kalambo DC and DED to ensure timely completion of stalled health projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Sumbawanga

RUKWA regional commissioner Queen Sendiga has tasked the Kalambo District Commissioner, Tano Mwera and district council executive director Shafii Mpenda to make sure the stalled health projects are accomplished on time.

RC Sendiga gave the order yesterday during her working visit to inspect the health projects being implemented in the district as well as talk to the citizens to listen and give answers to the problems they have. Sendiga said that she has inspected the progress of construction projects of health centers which are Kanyezi health center which is being built at a value of 400m/-, Legeza Mwendo which is being built at a value of 700m/- but they are not yet completed.

She mentioned other health centers such as Mwazye which is being built with 500m/- as well as the Kalambo district hospital which is being built with 3bn/- which together have already spent more than 4.6bn/- but the services have not yet started to be provided.

She said that while the construction of health centers started in 2018, nothing has been completed so far. Although the government has been giving money for the implementation of the project she has found out that leaders and executives of the district government don't manage the projects properly. "District Commissioner and council executive director, you must sit down and think about what is the problem with this district, Kalambo has a big problem, projects are not completed on time...I cannot accept to see your projects stalled when the people need services," she said.

The RC gave fourteen days to the leaders of the district to ensure that health services are provided at the health centers in Kalambo district so that pregnant mothers and children can get services close to where they live.

According to the Kalambo District Council's statement signed by the Acting Executive Director, Sunday Wambura, it shows that the centers construction started in 2018 and so far it has been five years without construction being finished or services started to be provided.

Medical in-charge at Legeza Mwendo Health Centre, Emmanuel Matinda said the challenge for the health projects is the availability of local council funds to complete small works such as sewage systems, electricity, and the surgery building so that services to the people can begin to be provided.

NGO researching using plastic as props in mines instead of timber

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

INFODIGTECH, an institution involved in providing education on the use of social networks and environmental conservation has begun research on plastic to be used by small miners in mine pits as an alternative to wood, the practice that has been contributing to the threat of desertification.

The research is being done following residents of Geita Region, many of who are engaged in gold mining activities in various

areas of the region including neighbouring regions. He said the change by the miners to use alternative means will be beneficial to their area and the country in general in regard to the issue of environmental conservation.

This was revealed by Infodigtech Director, Msajigwa Alfred yesterday during the launching of the tree planting campaign and provision of education on environmental conservation at Pema Primary School in Geita Town.

The campaign is implemented by Infod-

igtech in collaboration with African Underground Mining Service (AUMS) working at Geita Gold Mines Limited (GGML).

"As an institution, we have begun doing the research in order for the miners to alternate to use of plastic instead of timber as props in the mines in order to control environmental destruction," said Msajigwa.

Speaking at the tree planting campaign, he said they have started providing education on environmental conservation and tree planting to primary school students.

Msajigwa said his institution plans to pro-

vide education to 3,500 students from 70 primary schools in Geita Town and plant 7,000 trees. Salum Omary, Geita District Assistant Conservator from Tanzania Forests Services Agency (TFS) said that the agency has a big responsibility in environmental conservation hence they have decided to work together with Infodigtech in the campaign on preserving the environment.

He added that human activities including farming and particularly gold mining in the region contribute to extensive environmental destruction.

"According to statistics from the Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment) every year more than 400,000 acres of forest land is destroyed and the only solution is to plant trees to restore the depleting natural vegetation," he said.

AUMS manager, Tom Sawyer who participated in the launching of the tree planting campaign said his institution has done a lot in providing education on environmental preservation to the students and pledged to continue working together to help the institution.

Needed: Guidelines and policies to help out construction sector

By Guardian Reporter

WORKS and Transport Deputy Minister Atupele Mwakibete has called upon the National Construction Council (NCC) to draft guidelines and policies to guide the construction sector in the country.

Speaking when launching the new NCC board in Dar es Salaam, Mwakibete said progressive development will be achieved when there is proper guidance in the construction sector.

“When there are proper guiding rules in the sector, there will be quality buildings which will help in the development of the country,” he said.

The minister directed that the exercise should be conducted immediately adding that it should also involve stakeholders.

The minister also called upon the NCC to prepare costs guidelines in various sectors such as roads and buildings to be used in the year 2023/24.

“As am speaking now we have no construction law, we have no guidelines to guide the sector, therefore

you have a lot of work to do,” he said.

The deputy minister called upon the NCC to work hard so that the intended goals are achieved, saying that the sector contributes 14-per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The chairman of the NCC Dr Fatma Mohammed said the board will work tirelessly to ensure the sector is regulated.



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Agriculture deputy minister Anthony Mavunde (2nd-R) moves to officiate at the free distribution of 3,000,000 Robusta coffee seedlings to farmers at Karenga village in Kyerwa District, Kagera Region, on Thursday. Right is JJAD Kagera Farmers (T) director Dr Albert Katagira. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Sub-Saharan Africa could be unsustainable by 2050 - study

By Special Correspondent

PROJECTIONS to 2050 show that much of sub-Saharan Africa will be unsustainable.

The main factors accounting for this unsustainability are high levels of air pollution, poor sanitation, high homicide rates and substantial ecological threats combined with high population growth.

The 77-page report highlights 27 ‘hotspot’ countries, which face the worst ecological threats and have the lowest societal resilience. 23 of the 27 are in sub-Saharan Africa and MENA.

41 countries are currently facing severe food insecurity, impacting economic development, public health, and social harmony. 830 million people living in these countries are at risk, with 89% residing in sub-Saharan-Africa, followed by MENA with 49 million.

According to the World Health Organisation, people facing severe food

insecurity have run out of food and go a day or more without eating.

The level of undernourished is also worrisome. The number of people affected has increased by 35% in 2021 to over 750 million people. Under nutrition is a malnutrition condition. It includes wasting (low weight-for-height), stunting (low height-for-age) and underweight (low weight-for-age).

Under nutrition is expected to deteriorate due to increasing ecological degradation, rising inflation, and the Russia-Ukraine war.

In addition to that, over 1.4 billion people across 83 countries now face extreme water stress, with more than half of these countries located in Africa.

Sub-Saharan Africa is the second region most impacted by natural disasters.

With natural disasters becoming more frequent, communities will struggle to recover before the next

one occurs. As it has already been observed, climate-related disasters often lead to forced mass migration.

In 2021, countries that experienced the highest internal displacements from conflict and natural disasters included Syria, Ethiopia, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan, and South Sudan.

Asia-Pacific is the first region the most affected by natural disasters. Central America and the Caribbean are other particularly affected regions. The latest multi-agency report on climate revealed that the number of weather, climate and water related disasters has increased by a factor of five over the past 50 years.

Regions exposed to the highest levels of ecological threat are on average the least concerned with climate change, with sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia ranking war, terrorism, crime, violence and livelihoods as of greater concern.

Since 2019 the world has become

less concerned about climate change, dropping by 1.5% to 48.7%.

Many African countries are counting on the 27th session of the UN Climate Change Conference will set to kick off on early November in Sharm el-Sheikh to tackle climate injustice.

Steve Killelea, the founder and executive chairman of the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) also views this event as a chance to seize in order to bring about changes.

“As we approach COP27, this report is a timely reminder that the costs of many of the existing ecological challenges will only be amplified by climate change”, he said.

“The world’s current approach to the countries suffering the worst climate-related issues is not working; ecological threats are increasing and have systemic causes that require systemic solutions”, Killelea pleaded.

The IEP executive chairman urged

“governments and international agencies” to “invest in building long-term resilience to avert future ecological destruction, forced migration and conflict.”

Steve Killelea also development programmes support SMEs: “Developmental programmes should focus on micro enterprises which capture water, improve agriculture and on value-added manufacturing. This will improve the lives of the people who are suffering the most.”

There are currently 33 megacities, with 2 located on the continent: Lagos (Nigeria) and Kinshasa (DRC).

14 cities are expected to become megacities by 2050 with 4 African cities joining the group.

Namely, (Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), Nairobi (Kenya), Khartoum (Sudan), Luanda (Angola). These very large cities with more than 10 million residents will face challenges as times passes.

Over 60% of current megacities are

in low peace countries. They have the highest population growth rates, poorest sanitation, higher levels of petty and organised crime, and substantial ecological threats—pervasive air pollution.

However, to cope with these challenges most of the poorer megacities “lack the financial capacity and governance”, the report found.

On the continent Kinshasa, Nairobi, and Lagos are the most likely to face the harshest challenges.

Dar es Salaam and Nairobi, predicted to grow their population by more than 100% within the next 30 years when Kinshasa, Lagos and Khartoum are likely to increase their population by more than 80%.

Their high population growth coupled with no adequate framework to address existing challenges highlights a “precarious relationship with unsustainability”. With low coping capacities, they “will struggle to manage ecological threats.”



Tanzania Revenue Authority customs officer Yusta Kaunda (R) sensitises a businessman in Mafia, Coast Region, yesterday during the agency's ongoing door-to-door taxpayer education campaign in the district. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Iringa DC issues seven days' ultimatum to dealers to give agents subsidised fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

IRINGA District Commissioner Mohamed Moyo has given seven days to fertiliser dealers in the district to provide agents with subsidized fertilizer so that farmers can get them on time.

DC Moyo issued the order here yesterday when speaking to fertiliser companies' representatives who have been authorized to distribute the farm inputs through the subsidized fertiliser scheme.

“I give them (companies that are authorized to distribute fertiliser) seven days until next Wednesday to have sent the fertiliser to the agents to deliver to the farmers because you must obey the agreement you entered into with the government,” he said.

DC Moyo reached this point after fertiliser agents complained that the compa-

nies that entered into a contract with the government to provide subsidized fertilizer do not provide them with the farm inputs as agreed.

Representatives of the fertiliser companies that have been given permission by the government to sell fertilizer at a subsidized price said that they are afraid of not being paid their money by the government while advising the government to increase their funds so that they can order the fertilizer abroad.

Lwiza Mchilasi, one of the fertiliser sellers said: “Due to the back debts that the government is unable to pay, many companies are afraid to provide the fertiliser, the problem is despite these back debts, but when the agent comes and gives the parameters we have to serve him as usual, so there is need for the government to look at this afresh so that companies have confidence in it.”

Choiseul business summit aims to redefine Africa's economic scope

CASABLANCA

THE Moroccan head of government kicked off the 2022 Choiseul Africa Business Forum in Casablanca yesterday.

Hundreds of the most influential decision-makers in Africa were present at the summit a positive gesture for Morocco that seeks to broaden its economic scope.

“It is quite natural, especially since

Morocco is a strategic African country and crucial since it has developed in recent years a real ambitious policy rightly and quite legitimately to French-speaking Africa, but not only sub-Saharan Africa but also in the broadest sense of the term,” said Pascal Lorot, the President of the Choiseul Institute.

“We are delighted with the success of the forum, the quality of the exchanges, the participants and the level of the

discussions we had. We are able to realize both the difficulties that others face and the solutions they propose. We were also able to exchange ideas on the difficulties and solutions we have, and evaluate the investment opportunities of the countries present,” said Mehdi Tazi, the vice president of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM).

Also present at this pan-African summit was Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina who participated in a special

panel exposing the investment opportunities in the country.

“It is an honor for Madagascar to be present already in Casablanca and at the same time to be guest of honor. It is a chance for us to present and share all the business opportunities that we could do in Madagascar,” said Joel Randriamandranto, the Malagasy Minister of Tourism.

“It is obvious that a country like Madagascar needs investments, to be known

and to acquire investors,” said Lalaina Randrianarivelo, the director of Communication at Filatex Group.

The African delegations had the opportunity to highlight various sectors through several panels that always placed Africa at the heart of the debates

This summit has indicated that it is time to turn to more horizontal structures and promote the emergence of Africa as a continent with a future and opportunities.

Arusha RC to entrepreneurs: Visit SIDO exhibition to improve quality of products

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

ARUSHA Regional Commissioner John Mongella has urged entrepreneurs to wisely grab opportunities to improve the quality of their goods at the ongoing Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) exhibition for northern zone regions.

According to Mongella, the exhibitions are part of the rare opportunities that entrepreneurs can use to meet with small and medium scale industrial owners to share and exchange experiences.

"Improving the quality of your goods would not only make them compete at international markets, but boosts individuals' income as well as the nation," said the RC after he visited the week-long exhibition at the Arusha Declaration Memorial grounds.

He said the exhibition is an opportunity for entrepreneurs because they can meet with industry experts and owners of small, medium and large industries.

"The small industries sector employs a good number of people compared to other sectors in the informal sector. It is the only area that can provide jobs to women, youth and other groups," Mongella added.

The RC noted that the exhibition has attracted over 200 participants including entrepreneurs, industrial owners, financial institutions and banks.

He said banks and financial institutions

would be providing education to people who wish to become entrepreneurs.

He said most of the developed and developing nations depend on small and medium scale entrepreneurs (SMEs) and small manufacturers to grow their economies and job creation.

Some of the locally manufactured products that will be displayed at the exhibition include soap, processed foods and leather goods.

SIDO Manager in Arusha, Jalphary Donge said the exhibition which is themed "Let's build industries for sustainable economic development and employment will be officially opened by the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Trade.



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Geita district commissioner Wilson Shimo (C) cuts the ribbon earlier this week to launch the services of the two ambulances Geita Gold Mine Limited and Rafiki Surgical Mission have donated to the Geita District Council. With him are the GGML managing director Terry Strong (R) and Geita District Council chief medical officer Dr Modest Buchad Rwakahemula. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mining firm, NGO donate two ambulances to Geita District Council

By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) and Rafiki Surgical Mission from Australia have donated two ambulances to Geita district council in Geita Region in a bid to strengthen good relations with the government and the surrounding communities.

Speaking during the handover ceremony at Nzera area in Geita, GGML managing director Terry Strong said in collaboration with the Rafiki Surgical Mission they decided to donate the two ambulances because they are highly needed in saving the lives of many patients at the Geita district council in Geita.

"The Geita District Council re-

quested two ambulances from GGML to help the community in that area because some patients had been suffering when referred to Geita Referral Hospital which is far from Nzera and other areas within Geita district council.

"GGML and Rafiki Surgical Mission positively responded to that request because they are good development partners who support health projects over the past 20 years," he said and added that GGML and Rafiki Surgical Mission have had a strong partnership since 2000 through Cleft Lip and Palate operation and more than 1700 patients have benefited from the Mission.

Terry further explained that

GGML spent over 5bn/- to support health infrastructures and supply of medical equipment for the past 20 years of its operation in Geita.

GGML supported with the construction of Geita referral hospital, the construction, and completion of over 10 health facilities in Geita Town, the construction of 4 new health centres, the upgrade of Kasota health centre and the completion of many other health facilities and supply of medical equipment for Katoro and Bukoli health centre in Geita District Council.

Geita District Commissioner Wilson Shimo, on behalf of the government, acknowledged GGML support in rescuing the lives of patients in Geita district council saying the

support would play a good role to reduce death rates in his area. He called upon other partners in Geita District Council to work with the government to curb health challenges in Geita.

"GGML has been a very good partner in supporting different health projects in Geita region and Tanzania at large. Last year, GGML donated a brand-new microscope to support the fight against TB in Geita Mining areas," he said adding that GGML has been running different health programmes in collaboration with the government to solve health challenges in Geita," he said.

Since its inception, GGML has been working closely with the government, particularly the Geita

District and Town Councils to support various sustainable community projects in Geita region. The company is also one of the leading corporate supporting national programmes through Public-Private Partnerships, including the Kilimanjaro Challenge against HIV and AIDS, which has grown to become the biggest private sector-led HIV-AIDS initiative in Tanzania.

Consistent with its core value of supporting the Geita community to attain sustainable socio-economic development that outlasts its mining activities, GGML has a comprehensive programme of direct investment in the local Geita community through a series of social infrastructure and service

improvement projects including clean water supply, education and economic development activities in the agriculture, construction, and service sectors.

Between 2018 and 2020, GGML also donated medical equipment to healthcare facilities in Geita and neighbouring regions worth over 300m/- whose beneficiaries include Katoro, Kasota and Bukoli health facilities in the outskirts of the Geita Town as well as Sekou Toure Regional Referral Hospital in Mwanza. GGML is the mining industry's leader, both in revenue generated for the government, employment of Tanzanians and investment into sustainable community development.



Fresh sea fish on sale at a makeshift roadside market at Ukonga-Banana in Dar es Salaam yesterday, with the going price ranging between 5,000/- to six times as much each - largely depending on size. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Prepare well before sitting for board exams, NBAA urges CPA candidates

NATIONAL Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) has urged Certified Public Accountant (CPA), candidates to get proper preparation before they enter into board examinations because most of them fail due to poor preparations.

This was said yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the Director of NBAA, CPA Pius Maneno, when speaking about the board's 50th anniversary since its inception in 1972 which will reach its climax on November 30th.

He said normally NBAA don't teach accountant and auditors but its main responsibility is to prepare and supervise examinations according to the existing syllabus so if candidates do not prepare themselves for the examinations they will fail.

"People complain that our examinations are tough, yes they are tough but not to that extent because there are some candidates who are doing better and they graduate every year. Our examinations seem to be difficult only because the one

who teaches do not prepare examinations and NBAA prepares examinations based on the syllabus so if the candidate did not complete the syllabus it is not our fault," said Maneno who is a CPA holder.

He said in the past years NBAA was teaching accountancy and auditors until 1991 when they decided to hand over that obligation to the private sector and remain with its core business of preparing and supervising examinations.

CPA Maneno said even Arusha Institute of Accountancy (AIA), was under the management of NBAA and the graduates were supposed to seat for examinations that were prepared by the board.

He said later, the board decided to hand over the institute to the government so that it can be independent to avoid conflict of interest.

"We came to realise that there pose to be a conflict of interest because this is a profession it is not academic so you cannot teach and prepare examinations

at the same time. We decided to hand over teaching obligations to the private sector so that we remain with our main task of supervising examinations," he said.

"People complain why some candidates fail, it is because some of them do not prepare themselves properly and some do not complete their syllabus so if a candidate did not complete the syllabus we are not the one to blame because that is not our task. Our core business is to prepare examinations based on existing syllabus and our aim is to get graduates of the highest quality," he said.

CPA Maneno said some of the candidates attempt the NBAA examinations because of the pressure they get from their offices for promotion but they do not prepare themselves properly and eventually, they fail and start complaining.

"You may find that some people need

promotion in their office and they are told that they cannot get the promotion if they don't have a CPA that is where you see an influx of candidates for NBAA examinations but they forget that you cannot pass these examinations if you are not well prepared," he said.

Either, Maneno said when accountancy students complete their studies in their respective colleges they need other training from tuition providers to increase their competence before they sit for NBAA examinations otherwise they cannot make it.

Speaking about the 50 years celebrations to commemorate its 50 years, he said NBAA intends to conduct various activities as cooperating social responsibility including the exhibitions where participants will be given free education concerning accountancy and auditing.

He said the celebrations started in August and will reach the climax on November 30 at APC Hall Bunju in the out-

skirts of Dar es Salaam.

CPA Maneno said the aim of the exhibitions is to educate the business community and the public at large on how they can prepare good financial reports, handle tax issues and help them in various areas.

"During these clinics, NBAA will be joined by its stakeholders like accounting and auditing firms, Tanzania Revenue Authority, insurance agencies and many others to tell the public about their obligations and services they offer," he said.

He said since its establishment 50 years ago, NBAA has done tremendous things including the registration of 26,000 accountants among them being Certified Public Accountants.

"And we have also managed to register 450 accounting firms and we are very proud of this achievement, we also managed to prepare accountancy and auditing standards for the public and private sector," he said.

Manyara RC urges TMDA to cooperate with defence, security committees on importation of fake medicines

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

MANYARA Regional Commissioner, Charles Makongoro Nyerere has called upon the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) in the northern zone in collaboration with the Defense and Security Committees to control traders who import and distribute fake and inferior medicines through the borders of neighbouring countries.

RC Makongoro made the statement this Thursday in Babati at a working session to look at the challenges of the distribution of medicines, medical equipment and reagents that involved various stakeholders including the regional defense and security committee and health and livestock experts from seven district councils in Manyara Region.

"That responsibility includes providing information to the TMDA about people who import and distribute

drugs without complying with the Food, Drugs Act, Cap 219 of 2003. I have been getting information on how the authority protects the health of the community," he said.

"I want you to continue to do so while taking legal action against all those who violate the law, all those who endanger the health of the people by violating the drugs and medical devices laws," he said, encouraging TMDA to continue giving them education and take action whenever necessary.

Dr Furaha Nyunza, TMDA acting manager in north zones said that the aim of the authority is to ensure that traders provide drugs and medical devices with quality that comply with the drug law chapter 219.

"The authority needs quality delivery and distribution based on legal principles and we as managers will ensure that the goals of service delivery are considered in accordance with the law."

Electric bus debuts in Nairobi in city's push for clean energy

NAIROBI

A Nairobi-based green transport company on Wednesday unveiled an electric bus.

Nairobi is referred to as the 'Green City in the Sun' because of lush parks surrounding the East African capital. Roam, a Kenyan-Swedish company now wants that epithet to also refer to the city's environmentally friendly mobility.

It unveiled Wednesday an electric bus in a city where polluting exhaust fumes contribute to a thick smog.

"It's the first electric mass transit bus in Kenya that we designed since last year and co-manufactured it with a global partner," Dennis Wakaba exclaimed.

"This represents a shift towards better public transport, where we can have people ride in comfort and enjoy the ride with a clear conscience, because we're talking about zero emissions," the Roam project coordinator said.

The brightly painted bus pulled out into the notorious morning traffic in the city of nearly five million, which lacks a state-run transport network.

Most commuter transport is privately operated in Nairobi and Roam said fares on the electric bus would rival those offered by its smog-gier competitors.

If only one charging station exists in the metropolis of nearly five million, the team Roam

was not deterred. They wanted to encourage green commuting in a city where smog-belching minivans are a far more familiar sight.

The 77-seat bus has a top speed of 70 kilometres per hour and a battery pack allowing it to travel 360 kilometres before requiring a 2-hour recharge.

It was also designed to be accessible and inclusive for all.

"It can accommodate people in wheelchairs, the elderly... So we have priority seats inside this bus," Wakaba reveals.

"Nairobi has been seen as a leader of innovation, and we see Nairobi as a good starting point and as an innovation hub to deploy these buses," he adds.

Roam - which also manufactures electric safari vehicles and motorbikes - says it plans to roll out 100 electric buses over the next year.

They have also started the designing process for a smaller bus to compliment the 77-seater.

Eighty percent of Nairobi's commuters use matatu***s - minivans that are poorly regulated and maintained, and known for frightening manoeuvres and trails of black smoke streaking behind battered chassis.

It is estimated that less than 500 of Kenya's 3.5 million cars are electric, despite the government making them cheaper than ever to purchase.



Masozi Nyirenda (L, with microphone), coordinator with the Tanzania Education Authority's Skills Development Fund, pictured on Thursday briefing Education, Science and Technology deputy minister Omary Juma Kipanga (R) when the latter visited the TEA pavilion at the climax of the commemoration of Adult Education Week held at the Dar es Salaam University College of Education grounds. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Non-involvement of experts results in poor execution of projects, AQRB told

By Guardian Reporter

POOR implementation of projects, including those of the government stems from the noninvolvement of experts in the relative fields including architects and quantity surveyors.

The observation was made in Dar es Salaam this Wednesday by the Chairman of the Architects and Quantity Surveyors Registration Board (AQRB), Dr Ludigija Bulamile at the 3rd two-day Annual General Meeting.

Dr Bulamile advised the govern-

ment that every construction project, including roads, buildings, water supply and port expansion should involve local experts of all categories in order for them to live longer.

He said the aim of the meeting is to refine the experts to go in tandem with building technology changes while the main topic is "Building Conservation in Present African Cities."

He said the topic reminds the importance of the conservation of inherited buildings and historical places in their daily work and that quality construction work is needed for the

buildings to remain sustainable.

"We should remember the buildings we now construct will be aged in the coming generations, hence as we build them we must remember to use appropriate experts for them to live longer."

"As for now we are building very many structures but if you closely look at them you will find that their quality will not withstand a long life. Basically, urban planning has its interim period divided into three parts - buildings that live 33, 66 and 99 years."

He said when they construct build-

ings to live 30 years, it should have low cost so that after 33 years the government can change the land use of the area for other buildings that can live longer.

He cited the example of the eight-lane Kimara-Kibaha highway, saying the aim was to make sure the vehicles should go faster due to road congestion, but since we did not involve all needed experts, the result is that every half kilometres or one kilometres there are areas for pedestrian crossing.

"In the past, if one wanted to go to the Mloganzila Hospital it was easy

to reach but since we did not involve experts, you are building a bridge on a mountain at a high cost, while you leave the valley which you could have used to let people go to Mloganzila," he said.

He said the government, through the Public Procurement Act, has permitted public institutions to implement projects by using its own internal experts aimed at reducing project costs.

He added that due to challenges that emerged from this arrangement is that some public institutions implemented big projects without uti-

lizing all their internal experts.

Deputy Works and Transport Minister (transport sector), Atupele Mwakibete, speaking on behalf of his Minister Prof Makame Mbarawa said the government has received all that was said at the meeting, saying quite often the Public Procurement Act has been used as a mere cover-up.

"I am pleased to hear that the board is making amendments to its law so that its experts, in particular architects and quantity surveyors fully participate in construction projects in local and urban councils using people's labour."



A scene captured yesterday by Correspondent Peter Mkwavila from the 'constellation' of tens of business stalls just next to Dodoma city's Sabasaba commuter bus stand, with vendors selling reed-based baskets, hats and brooms at an average of 3,000/-, 2,500/- and 1,500/- each, respectively.

Availability of potable water at health centre big relief for Kahama's women

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

SAFE and clean water availability at the Iyenze Health Centre in Iyenze Ward, Kahama Municipality has solved huge challenges that faced pregnant women when giving birth as they were required to carry their own pails of water for delivery.

This follows the implementation of a huge water project by world Vision Tanzania, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in the ward which supplies water to the health centre.

This was revealed here on Wednesday by Bertha Daudi, the chairperson of the Iyenze-Kilago water project during the inspection visit on health, education and water projects implemented by World Vision Tanzania in Kilago and Iyenze wards in Kahama Municipality.

Bertha said earlier, before the availability of piped water at the hospital, patients, in particular pregnant women used to take their own water used during and after delivery.

Meanwhile, Lucas Makulumo, the Ward Councillor said as for now, the people are using safe and clean water, as opposed to the past when they used to fetch water from ponds located in

rice farms and called on the NGO to also supply water to primary and secondary schools in the area.

Iyenze Health Centre Doctor in Charge, Dr Magembe Mfungo admitted that in the past there was an acute water shortage in the area, but this has disappeared after the completion of the water project by World Vision Tanzania.

Earlier, the Kilago-Iyenze Water Project coordinator, Dominick Mbamba said they have been implementing various development projects according to the needs of the people in relative areas hence what remained is to take care of the projects to last long.

He said all projects, when completed are handed over to the Council Executive Director for their operation who should make sure they allocate budgets for supplying water service to primary and secondary schools and to other health facilities.

Kahama Municipality Acting Executive Director, Robert Kwela said in the coming Financial Year they will make sure they set aside a budget for supplying water to primary and secondary schools that still lack piped water and called upon the people to take care the project's infrastructure.

Scientists rush to create vaccine for the world's biggest animal disease outbreak

By Special Correspondent

TUCKED between motorways in the west of the city, the drab brick building belonging to Madrid's Complutense University stretches the length of a football pitch. Inside, a series of sterile laboratories - capable of handling the world's most dangerous pathogens - can be found along a brightly lit hallway.

This is the frontline of the EU's battle against another, albeit lesser-known, global pandemic: the highly infectious African swine fever (ASF), which has swept through dozens of countries, forcing farms to cull millions of animals.

Long endemic to Africa, ASF is harmless to humans but often fatal to pigs. The current outbreak, believed to threaten around three-quarters of the world's herds, can be traced to the 2007 appearance of the virus in Georgia. Aided by the ability to survive up to 1,000 days in

frozen meat and persist for long periods on clothing and vehicles, it soon began to spread beyond the Caucasus.

In 2018, ASF turned up in China, home to around half of the world's pigs. By 2019, there were concerns that as many as 100 million pigs had been lost. Two years later the virus was confirmed to be in Germany, home to one of the EU's largest swine herds.

From Papua New Guinea to the Dominican Republic, reports of the virus rolled in from 45 countries across five continents, forcing the protective culling of pigs, leaving family farms devastated and markets reeling from export bans.

"This is the biggest animal disease outbreak we've ever had on the planet," says Dirk Pfeiffer, a veterinary epidemiologist at City University of Hong Kong. The only tool currently available to battle the virus, he adds, "is to emphasise

to farmers the importance of enhanced biosecurity".

Against this background, pressure has grown to create an ASF vaccine. "While it is possible to eradicate ASF without vaccination, it takes a long time to do it," says José Manuel Sánchez-Vizcaíno, a professor of animal health at Complutense University in Madrid. "You have to know the virus really well and understand where it hides and its tricks."

The Iberian Peninsula stands out as a singular example; after a strain of ASF was discovered in Portugal in 1957 - and again in 1960 - the Spanish and Portuguese governments waged a decades-long battle, using preventive culling and protecting domestic pigs from vectors such as soft ticks and wild boars, before declaring the virus eradicated in 1995.

The experience - along with the meteoric rise in Europe's wild boar population - has cemented Sánchez-Vizcaíno's

view that a vaccine is the best hope for halting ASF. The scientist is coordinating an EU-funded global consortium that, since its launch in 2019, has homed in on three vaccine candidates with the potential for use on domestic pigs and wild boars.

The focus is now on carrying out large-scale tests to see how the candidates interact with other illnesses or pregnant sows. Broad questions continue to hover over the investigation, such as whether the vaccine developed in Spain would be equally effective in other regions and how often it would need to be administered. The aim is to have the vaccine ready to roll out by late 2024, according to Sánchez-Vizcaíno.

Similar efforts are playing out around the world. Researchers at Harbin Veterinary Research Institute in China say they have made advances on a live attenuated vaccine, while the Catalan research in-

stitute CRESA-IRTA has found multiple potential vaccine candidates.

At the Pirbright Institute in the UK, a team focused on ASF has been refining its own potential vaccine candidate for the past two years. "People often ask why it is taking so long," says Linda Dixon, a virologist who leads ASF research at the institute.

"People are quite nervous about it because the thing with a live attenuated vaccine - which all of these are - is basically you're releasing a live virus into the field. And there's not enough of a history to know exactly what's going to happen."

With several promising vaccines now identified and rigorously tested for safety, the focus has shifted to large-scale trials. "Whenever you start to vaccinate hundreds of thousands of pigs, you might find out some things that weren't apparent from the smaller scale," Dixon says.

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Research most needed to ascertain efficacy and safety of medicinal plants in Tanzania

TRADITIONAL medicine, also known as indigenous or folk medicine comprises medical aspects of traditional knowledge that developed over generations within various societies before the era of modern medicine. The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines traditional medicine as "the sum total of the knowledge, skills, and practices based on the theories, beliefs, and experiences indigenous to different cultures, whether explicable or not, used in the maintenance of health as well as in the prevention, diagnosis, improvement or treatment of physical and mental illness".

In some Asian and African countries, up to 80 per cent of the population relies on traditional medicine for their primary health care needs. When adopted outside its traditional culture, traditional medicine is often considered a form of alternative medicine. Practices known as traditional medicines include traditional European medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, traditional Korean medicine, traditional African medicine.

The WHO notes, however, that inappropriate use of traditional medicines or practices can have negative or dangerous effects and that further research is needed to ascertain the efficacy and safety of several of the practices and medicinal plants used by traditional medicine systems. Ultimately, the World Health Organization has implemented a nine year strategy to support member states in developing proactive policies and implementing action plans that will strengthen the role traditional medicine plays in keeping populations healthy.

Tanzania is estimated to have over 80,000 traditional healers with varying specialties. The ma-

majority of them are herbalists using mainly plants and a few animal and mineral products in their practices. Traditional healers are likely to be first consulted as health providers due to socio-cultural settings in rural Tanzania.

Traditional medicines are an important part of healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa, and building successful disease treatment programmes that are sensitive to traditional medicine practices will require an understanding of their current use and roles, including from a biomedical perspective.

Since then the global herbal medicine market has grown to US\$60 billion, with Africa becoming the largest medicine export market for China in 2012. This figure is in addition to the domestic Chinese traditional medicine market, which accounts for 22.4 per cent of the national pharmaceutical industry, and one third of China's gross medicine production. Despite rising incomes and increased access to western medicine, China's growing middle class still prefers to consume Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) products: China's domestic TCM market has seen 20 per cent growth for the past five years and now stands at US\$114.2 billion.

With over a million Chinese experts in Africa, the number of TCM practitioners there is also increasing, serving both Chinese and local clientele. TCM often fills coverage gaps in African healthcare systems, as well as providing cheaper alternatives to government or private western medicine clinics. Financial restraints, existing traditional medicine usage and suspicions about the quality of medicine and care in mainstream facilities provide a ready potential consumer base for TCM.

We must boost palm oil production to reduce edible oil import dependency

TANZANIA, like other African nations along the equator in East and West Africa, is investing to boost the cultivation of oil palm and production of palm oil.

Currently, oil palm production in Tanzania is carried out primarily by smallholder farmers in Kigoma region, Kigoma rural district in particular, as well as in Mbeya region mostly Kyela district and some parts of Tanga region.

Tanzania has set aside 4.3 million US dollars to boost cultivation of oil palm as part of its strategy to end importation of edible oils.

Kigoma region accounts for over 80 per cent of palm oil produced in the country and given its soils and weather, it has the potential to make Tanzania one of the world's top palm oil producers and exporters.

Tanzania imports 55.5 per cent of its total edible oil despite having a vast and promising production potential in palm oil and sunflower sub-sectors. Despite the huge potential, the country relies on imported raw materials for producing edible oils and soaps.

Tanzania has similar weather conditions as Malaysia from where it imports most of its palm oil. Malaysia is the world's second largest producer of palm oil while Tanzania is not even on the list of palm oil producing countries. The private sector has been in the forefront to increase the production of the crop since 2017.

Palm oil is used in most oil-based products which consumers purchase and use on a daily basis. Palm Oil and its de-

rivatives are used in the manufacture of pre-packaged foods, cosmetics, cleaning products, hair care, soaps and personal care items.

Preliminary research verifies that the palm oil and kernel oil markets in the Kigoma region are highly constrained, lack transparency for actors, lack formal or informal groups to access expanded market function, and lack any standardisation or quality assurance.

The oil palm value chain is underdeveloped and faces several confounding constraints that can be categorised as low productivity from local trees, lack of investment in the industry, and weak market function. These are essential areas where Tanzania should focus efforts to improve market function and foster value chain development.

The palm oil market benefits from three fundamental features present in Kigoma conducive climate, fertile land, and political support for the promotion of palm oil. With limited remaining unused land in countries which have historically dominated the international oil palm market, Kigoma is a prime region to service its own country's demand for palm oil as well as the East Africa region.

We should encourage and provide incentives to local or foreign investors to provide their rural oil palm-growing communities with basic amenities such as housing, health facilities, schools and recreational centers in all oil palm regions.

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Health in Africa: The tree that hides the forest

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In August, World Health Organisation's (WHO) Monitoring Report on Universal Health Coverage in Africa revealed a 10-year rise in life expectancy between 2000 and 2019. This drastic increase is a consequence of the 37 per cent drop in mortality between 2000 and 2015 following the implementation of the 2000-2015 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Indeed, over the past two decades, Africa has made enormous progress in healthcare and these two essential indicators, markers of the health of a population, attest to this.

While it is certainly legitimate to rejoice in this increase for a continent plagued by so many ills, we must be cautious and avoid complacency because this positive news is a tree that hides the forest. It is therefore wise to remain vigilant and to pursue tirelessly the efforts to improve the level of health of African populations.

The Tree... The baobab that hides the forest

Numerous reports, studies, and evaluations, including those published by the WHO, show that this progress stems from advances in the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases (HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria), reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, particularly with the improvement in the coverage of essential health services, which reached 46% in 2019, compared to 24% in 2000.

While this progress is notable, it is unevenly distributed across Africa, between regions, between countries, and even within countries, and the slow reduction in infectious diseases indicates an epidemiological transition that deserves special attention because non-communicable diseases are a silent and deadly epidemic now and in the future.

This progress is also the result of the commitments made successively in the framework of the Millennium Development Goals 2000-2015 followed by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2015-2030. They have led national leadership to serve the greatest number of people to ensure lasting change.

At the national and international levels, these commitments have enabled a people-centered vision and planning for greater investment in health as part of national development programs. Good democratic governance, stability, and economic growth in African countries over the past two decades, as well as support for numerous initiatives, have also positively influenced health indicators.

To achieve Universal Health Coverage in line with the SDGs by the

year 2030, it is essential to build effective, inclusive partnerships between governments, the private sector, civil society and communities.

They must be built on common principles and values of solidarity and brotherhood that place all people at the heart of the process. In this context, Mercy Ships has been working with the people of Africa since 1990 to, in the words of French medical professor Marc Gentilini, "temper the pain of the world" through free access to high quality, very complex surgical care to those who would not otherwise be able to access it.

The Forest... Disorganised, fragile, and unbalanced health systems

Home to 17 per cent of the world's population, Africa has only two per cent of the world's total number of physicians and less than 1 surgical specialists per 100,000 inhabitants. The continent alone accounts for 25 per cent of global morbidity and one-third of clinical conditions requiring surgical, obstetric, and anesthetic care.

Today, the African health systems bring to light significant weaknesses, such as:

Insufficient funding and public health budget, and far too high "remaining costs" for the patients

Limited access of the population to quality, affordable healthcare and services, available at all times and in all places

Inadequate data collection and statistical systems that prevent the monitoring and evaluation of interventions, which is so useful for guiding public health action

An oversized centralization of the systems affecting the peripheral levels

Poor health infrastructures

Persistent inequalities in access to proven health interventions, especially in the coverage of key and vulnerable populations such as children, adolescents, women, and the elderly

Insufficient and inadequate health human resources

Inadequate surveillance and response systems for epidemics and pandemics

Poor access to essential medicines, vaccines, and technologies

Lack of transparency and leadership in governance, which does not always consider health as a fundamental human right.

At the same time, the Covid-19 pandemic has recently revealed the fragility of health systems in many African countries. Public health management must therefore be rigorous and efficient, transparent, and supportive, based on scientific evidence and respect for human rights.

At the center of the action, women and men of excellence, competent, of integrity, and responsible will

make it possible to achieve the SDG: "To live in good health and promote the well-being of all people at all ages, which are essential conditions for sustainable development".

Left-behind outskirts... Surgery, a neglected component of health systems in Africa

Over the past two decades, public health efforts in Africa have not been accompanied by similar progress in health systems, service integration, or hospital care, nor have they been equitably distributed among individuals of all socioeconomic statuses. Surgical and anesthesia care has been largely neglected in most African countries.

According to the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery, 93 per cent of the population of sub-Saharan Africa do not have access to safe surgery and more than 25 million additional surgeries are needed each year to save lives and prevent disability. The challenge of equity and the integration of surgical and anesthesia care into national health systems are prerequisites for achieving Universal Health Coverage in Africa.

Receiving appropriate care for hemorrhage in Africa, from childbirth or burns, for example, is a challenge for the individual, his or her family, healthcare personnel, and the community. A dystocia (birth injury) leads to the death of the mother and the newborn, a cleft lip and palate becomes an obstacle to the normal growth and development of a child, a broken bone leads to permanent disability for a young man who works to support his family. Access to quality, safe and affordable surgical, obstetric, and anesthesia care is a luxury in most African countries and especially for the poorest populations.

Africa, Mercy Ships and partners take up the challenge...

In commemoration of its 30 years of service on the African continent and to strengthen its advocacy for safe, quality surgery in Africa, Mercy Ships has engaged African governments, national and international partners, and health experts in a continent-wide, strategic and political action: from action research to political commitment. It aims to increase investment in upgrading surgical, obstetric, and anesthesia care systems by 2030 to achieve Universal Health Coverage.

The Research

The research consisted of an assessment of the inadequacies of surgical care systems in Africa. It led to the development of a priority action plan for scaling up and investing in strengthening healthcare in Africa, and a strategy for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. This unique study was conducted in 602 district hospitals in 32 sub-Saharan

African countries. Preliminary results show an alarming situation that requires urgent action in all countries. For example, one in four district hospitals has no water or electricity, and only one in twenty-five has an Internet connection in this century of computerization.

The strategic discussion
From May 4 to 6, 2022 in Dakar, experts from 28 African countries in the fields of surgery, obstetrics and anesthesia were brought together. The Ministers of Health, who pledged to improve the situation over the next 10 years, proposed a commitment called Access to Equitable, Affordable and Quality Surgical, Obstetric and Anaesthetic Care in Africa, as well as a Regional Action Plan 2022-2030. They submitted them to African Heads of State, including President Macky Sall, of the Republic of Senegal and Chairperson of the African Union.

Political commitment
On May 30 in Dakar, six African states (Cameroon, Comoros, Congo, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, and Senegal) adopted the Dakar Declaration. This Declaration announces nine strong commitments, and a Regional Action Plan 2022-2030 which includes 12 urgent and necessary actions, 6 strategic priorities, 16 key indicators and an annual monitoring scorecard.

This Declaration is ambitious and brings hope for filling the healthcare gap for most Africa's populations. This hope is that all African leaders, governments, and partners, will commit to the financial investment necessary to develop concrete actions for better health for the populations, especially the poorest.

But a political declaration is only the starting point for action. To make it a reality, there must be real political will and strong leadership for health. In Africa, so many declarations have remained in the starting blocks... The 2001 Abuja Declaration (allocation of 15% of the annual national budget to health), for example, is still being implemented, resulting in inconsistent health systems and the fact that surgery remains a neglected component.

The forest ranger... The solution
Just as a person drives the car, pilots the plane or the drone, designs and guides the artificial intelligence, people must be at the heart of the change. It is more useful today to have qualified, specialized, and dedicated doctors and nurses even without sophisticated equipment, than hospitals with expensive equipment without high-level health human resources to operate them.

Therefore, training programs are essential; one of the great challenges for health professionals on the African continent is to access advanced

By Telesphor Magobe

Legal loopholes can destroy happy families, cause massive losses

The Law and You



LAST week, we briefly looked at incompetence to marry by reason of a subsisting marriage and concluded that it is a nullity according to Section 38(1) of the Law of Marriage Act, 1970 (R.E 2019) to contract another marriage while the first one still subsists.

We did so keeping in mind the fact that there are people who, although have a civil or a marriage according to religious rites, secretly contract other marriages, thinking what they are doing is the right thing to do. However, any person who knows the truth about the subsisting marriage by virtue of sections 20 and 24 of the Act may lodge a notice of objection to an intended or purported marriage.

Today, I want to share two stories I recently heard from a friend of mine which I think is good to know and we can think about for the same may happen to any person.

A few years ago, a man found a fiancée from another country and started processing legal documents, including citizenship documents, with a view to marrying her. After having all legal documents, the fiancée came to Tanzania and the man and his fiancée planned to marry and indeed they did so according to Christian rites.

They were first renting a house in Dar es Salaam. Then, they bought a plot and built a house in which they were living for a few years. In some circumstances, a man may plan to build a house without involving his wife, as a way of saying "hands off" on this property and the wife could just take it for granted that what her husband does is for the good of the family.

So, the man may just process a title deed which bears his only name and makes sure he keeps it secret lest his wife sees it. I suppose this is done so that when problems arise and the marriage irreparably breaks down the wife may not be able to claim anything as joint property from her husband.

A few spouses, whose marriages have ended up in separation or divorce, have gone through this turmoil. This could be a wake-up call to spouses to know what to do when they believe the house they have

built is joint property so that they don't have to lose their rights later in life.

The person's story is that he too processed to buy a plot and wrote the name of his twin brother. His point was perhaps that if it happens that the marriage runs into problems and they separate or divorce, his wife may not be able to claim anything as joint property. The narrator of the story said the man did so because the wife was not a Tanzanian by birth although she had processed the Tanzanian citizenship.

Unfortunately, the man got ill and died before he changed the ownership of the house. He is survived by a widow and three children. Now, since the title deed of the plot bears the name of his twin brother, it is the latter to decide to keep it as his property - meaning depriving the widow and children of the right to plot ownership or decide that the plot belongs to his twin brother and in honesty will dispose of it and leave it in the hands of the widow and children. It's very sad, isn't it?

There is also another sad story I heard of recently. A man has just retired after working for so many years at several embassies in Tanzania as a driver of bosses. He has two wives and several children. His relatives claim that there are signs that he could be having a mental problem after retirement.

They suspect that he had invested so much money in a house he built, but the title deed of the plot bears the name of his second wife. After it was finished and after staying in the house for a little while, the second wife removed him from the house. She threw his belongings out and told him "you have no house here, so off you go!"

So, the man returned to his first wife where he also has a house, which was built a few years ago. Now, perhaps because of what the man has gone through - retirement and dissatisfaction - he feels out of place and this could be the cause of his "running mental". Although he is under medication, his relatives have gone with him to their home village to see how he is doing and if they find that the medication he is taking has not done any good to him, they can try herbal medicine.

There are many stories of this nature where some families after living so many years in love and peace of mind suddenly things change and all becomes hell. In the first story, death instead of uniting families, it ends up disuniting them and leaving survivors - usually the widow and her in-laws in enmity.

In the second story, when love diminishes, problems increase and life becomes so stressful that some spouses decide to divorce and leave children in uncertainties. We can learn from both stories and make our families strong enough to withstand such kinds of challenges. So, let each one of us keep the fire of love in our families burning!

Today's axiom: "Problems cannot be solved with the same mindset that created them." - Albert Einstein.

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Octopus galore: Fishers all smiles after three months of reef closure

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

WHEN the idea of temporary octopus reef closure was first introduced in Boma village, Mkinga District, Tanga Region in July this year, majority objected. For, those in attendance were artisanal fishermen depending on daily trips to the Indian Ocean to earn a living.

After a lot of convincing, they grudgingly agreed to suspend fishing activities for three months and waited with abated breath. This was a painful decision as full-time fishers had to look for other means of making money.

When the suspension period elapsed on 12th of this month and fishing resumed, every fisher came back to the shore smiling with record catch of octopus in hand. It was a jamboree of sort.

After three days of fishing from 12th to 14th of this month, the total catch weighed a record 1123.5 kilogrammes. Out of this, 833 kilogrammes were harvested on day one, 206kg on day two and 84.5kg on day three.

Ismail Kassim, Boma Beach Management Unit Chairman for said fishers forgot the pain of waiting for three months considering the fact that the record harvest came with instant cash that many had never put their hands on at a go.

During the sensitization which led to the decision, they were taught how to close reefs for 90 days consecutively which allowed one octopus to grow up to between 5 and 6 kilogrammes.

"Before this education a fisherman would spend a day in the ocean only to come back with between 200 and 700 grams of octopus," he said.

"But today, every one of us is going home with between 39 and 35 kilogrammes which translates into between 312,000/- and 280,000/- as one kilogrammes fetches 8,000/-."

The BMU chair who leads 120 fishers appealed to the government and other stakeholders to support them to maintain such initiative and help them acquire modern equipment and a security boat for day and night patrol to keep at bay greedy people who fish illegally in the closed area.

Jumanne Sobo, Project Coordinator at Mwambao Coastal Community



Elated fishermen line up to weigh their record octopus catches at Boma village in Mkinga District, Tanga Region last week after resumption of fishing following a three-month suspension. Photo/Correspondent Cheji Bakari

Network which conducted the sensitization said that once the fishing reef is closed, an octopus cannot move to other places because the reef is a cool and conducive environment for growing rapidly within a short period.

Siraji Juma, Marketing Officer at Al-phakrest Limited, a Tanga-based octopus processing factory, said his facility demands between five to six tonnes of octopus per day but the current supply is below two tonnes.

He commended the initiative by the Zan-zibar-based Mwambao Coastal Community Network, saying if the same is applied in

other octopus reefs in the coast of Tanga Region, processors like his firm and others can be oversupplied.

Artisanal octopus fishing has been an important activity for people living on the coastlines of the Indian Ocean. It is credited for sustenance of local livelihoods through nutritious food and income.

In Tanzania, octopus fishing is popular in Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Mafia (Coast), Mtwara and Kilwa (Lindi) in the mainland as well as Unguja and Pemba in the isles.

The Mwambao Coastal Community Network's mission is to create a network linking coastal communities and other partner

and stakeholders to build community resilience and implement improved sustainable coastal resource management and livelihoods.

It works in line with the National Fisheries Policy of 2015 which recognizes fisheries as among priority sectors in the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (NSGRP) with a big role to play in the national socio-economic development.

Fisheries sector provides employment, income, recreation, trade as well as economic wellbeing for the present and future generations. The sector has been growing at a rate of 5 per cent and contributing be-

tween 2.7 to 3 per cent of the GDP.

To make the sector more productive and profitable for the current and future generations, experts recommend sustainable fishing which require effective resources management and control mechanisms.

To that end, the government instituted various tools towards effective management of fisheries. Among them is the establishment of Marine Parks and Reserve Unit through Marine Parks and Reserves Act of 1994 which provides legal framework for conservation, management and sustainable use of marine resources.

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Busan: South Korea's mega port city seeking to host World Expo 2030

SOUTH Korean scenic port city of Busan has captured headlines as the leading contender to host the World Expo 2030. Its bid is taking shape months after the successful completion of the World Expo 2020 in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, in March 2022.

South Korea actively participated in the World Expo 2020 in Dubai under the theme 'Smart Korea, Moving the World to You.' The country used the theme to showcase its dynamism in leading the fourth industrial revolution and sharing the future vision with mankind.

If the city succeeds in its bid to host World Expo 2030, South Korea has announced to replace its Dubai Expo's thematic vision with a new theme 'Transforming Our World, Navigating Toward a Better Future.'

Sub-themes have also been selected to address the three global challenges namely climate change, downsides of the digital transformation and inequality among and within nations. Each sub-theme correlates with the three pillars of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals which are people, planet and prosperity.

As it seeks to host the World Expo 2030, South Korea is on the verge of making history by becoming the seventh country in the world to have hosted the three mega international events - the Olympics, the World Cup, and the World Expo.

In this group, there are France, the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany, and Italy, according to a historical analysis by Hae Kyung Ahn a Senior Advisor at the Korea Economic Institute. Korea hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympics 30 years apart in 1988 and 2018 respectively, and co-hosted the World Cup 2002.

In fact, the 2030 Busan Expo would not be the first international exhibition, at the caliber of an expo, to be hosted by South Korea. Daejeon and Yeosu cities held Specialized Expos in 1993 and 2012 respectively.

But if Busan is selected, it will be the first time for South Korea to host the World Expo. World Expo organizer, Bureau International des Expositions (BIE), is set to hold its general assembly in November 2023 where it will select the World Expo 2030 host city.

If Busan is selected, it will offer South Korea a good opportunity to showcase not only the global city that has grown to become a global tourist destination of choice and an international transport and logistics hub but also the transformative dynamism of a country whose high tech consumer goods have become a daily necessity for households, businesses and institutions the world over.



Members of South Korea bidding committee for city of Busan to host the World Expo 2030, including Prime Minister Han Duck-soo (fifth from left in front row), pose in Seoul in August 2022. Photo courtesy of Yonhap

As the second largest city in South Korea, Busan is a global megacity that is strategically located and connected through world-class infrastructure such as airports, high-speed railways and top-edged ports.

As a top Asian tourist destination, Busan receives 40 million travellers from around the globe annually. This is due to its captivating natural environment emanating from the harmony among the sea, including the seven beaches, several rivers and mountains.

As a well-developed city, Busan plays a leading role in the transformation process amidst the fourth industrial revolution. On July 23, 2019, Busan was designated as a regulation-free zone for blockchain technologies to test innovative technologies and foster related businesses.

A center for Korea's future industries, Busan Eco Delta Smart City, is becoming a logistics hub of Northeast Asia. This thriving

city now serves as a center for marine science and a home to important institutions such as the Korea Maritime Institute and the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology.

And when Busan is selected to host the World Expo 2030, it will not start from scratch as the city has a wealth of experience in holding high-profile international events, starting with the Asian Games in 2002 and the APEC Summit in 2005.

Other events that Busan has hosted include the 2011 Busan World Development Institute General Assembly, 2014 International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference and the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations World Congress in 2022.

Lately, Busan was rated among 13 largest Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) cities globally with outstanding talent pool and exhibition infrastructure.

The South Korean people have shown much determination

and the bidding committee very adequately prepared to conduct a competitive bidding process for hosting the World Expo 2030.

A hi-powered delegation led by South Korea's Prime Minister Duck-soo Han and the Mayor of the Metropolitan City of Busan, strongly presented the project to organizer of World Expo 2030 in Busan at the BIE in Paris recently submitting that Busan is an excellent choice for hosting the event.

President Suk-yeol Yoon also made an appeal to BIE delegates via a video message. South Korea's world famous boy band BTS was appointed as the honorary ambassadors for the 2030 Busan World Expo.

The other contending cities that have staked their bids on hosting this mega event include Rome (Italy) and Riyadh (Saudi Arabia). South Korea's neighbour Japan is set to host the World Expo 2025 in Osaka city.

The first ever World Expo which was dubbed 'the great exhibition' took place in London in 1851. The concept became popular and was repeated across the globe, demonstrating an unparalleled power of attraction and a record of world-class legacies.

Since the BIE was created in 1928 to regulate and oversee these mega events, World Expos have explicitly been organised around a theme that attempts to improve mankind's knowledge, takes into account human and social aspirations and highlights scientific, technological, economic and social progress.

In the modern era, World Expos are unrivalled among international events in their size, scale, duration and visitor numbers. They are large-scale platforms for education and progress that serve as a bridge between governments, companies, international organisations and citizens.

China sees accelerated development of 'happiness industry' over past decade

By Wang Wenzheng

OVER the past ten years, China has witnessed the rapid development of its tourism, culture, sports and health sectors, which are known together as the "happiness industry".

During this period, the country has moved from the low human development category to the high human development category, with its Human Development Index jumping from 0.699 in 2012 to 0.761 in 2020.

Empowered by digitalization, large numbers of new business forms in the culture sector have emerged in China. Cultural products launched by museums are sought after, becoming a new area of growth for consumption.

According to statistics released by the National Bureau of Statistics, the added value of China's cultural and relevant sectors hit around 4.5 trillion yuan (\$630 billion) in 2020, accounting for 4.4 percent of the country's GDP,

0.6 percentage points higher than in 2014.

In particular, the added value of the cultural service sector stood at nearly 2.9 trillion yuan, or 64.2 percent of the total of all cultural and relevant sectors, 15.6 percentage points higher than that in 2014.

Online exhibitions, online performing, livestreaming and immersive experience programs are on a rise. Road trips, camping, winter tourism, health tourism and seaside tourism have become trendy in the country. Besides, the cultural sector and workshops of intangible cultural heritage are constantly driving rural vitalization and in-depth integration between the culture and tourism sectors.

The National Fitness Program, upgraded to a national strategy, has increased Chinese people's enjoyment of sports.

In the just-ended week-long National Day holiday, many Chinese people participated in sports activities.

The total output of China's



A senior woman has her blood pressure measured at a day-care nursing home under the instruction of a staff member in Lianchi community, Wenfeng neighborhood, Yingzhou district, Fuyang, east China's Anhui province, October 2021. File photo

sports industry exceeded 2.7 trillion yuan in 2020, and the added value of the industry neared 1.1 trillion yuan.

In particular, the sports service industry reported an output of 1.4 trillion yuan. Its added value was 737.4 billion million yuan, accounting for 68.7 percent of the total in the general sports industry.

Between 2013 and 2021,

the average annual growth of sports enterprises above the designated size, or those reporting annual growth of over 20 million yuan from their main businesses, reached 8.4 percent. As of the end of 2021, there were 3.97 million sports venues in China, with a per capita sports area of 2.4 square meters.

Over the past 10 years, Chi-

na has vigorously promoted education, culture, health, social security and other livelihood programs that are inclusive, general and guarantee basic needs, to improve people's sense of happiness.

The country's cultural and educational sectors embraced prosperous development. The retention rate of nine-year compulsory educa-

tion and the gross enrollment ratio for high-school education were 95.4 percent and 91.4 percent in 2021, respectively, up 3.6 and 6.4 percentage points from the figures in 2012.

As of the end of 2021, there were 3,215 and 5,772 public libraries and museums across the country, up 139 and 2,703 from the end of 2012.

The country has made steady progress in building a healthy China. As of the end of 2021, the numbers of health organizations, hospital beds and health workers in China were 1.03 million, 9.45 million and 11.24 million, respectively, and the country's basic medical insurance covered over 1.3 billion people.

The country has accelerated the construction of its social service system for the aged. It has enhanced efforts to make its public facilities elderly-oriented and to better facilitate the transport for the senior group.

Over the past 10 years, China has built an elderly care service system that covers both rural and urban resi-

dents with an investment of nearly 30 billion yuan.

As of the end of 2021, China had a total of 340,000 nursing homes and other relevant facilities, whose number of beds had doubled from that in 2012. Community-based elderly care services were accessible to almost all communities across the country.

Efforts are being made to deal with the underdevelopment of elderly care services in rural areas, and all people living in dire poverty at the county level are covered by the country's relief and support system. There are currently over 130,000 mutual-aid elderly care facilities in China, providing entertainment, food, chronic disease treatment and other services to seniors. As of the end of 2021, the country's basic old-age insurance covered more than 1 billion people.

The speeding development of the happiness industry is constantly expanding people's access to elderly care, childcare, education and medical services.

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Tanzania, UK in new strategy to bolster education in schools

By Correspondent Devota Mwachan g'a

TANZANIA and UK governments agreed to address some of the greatest challenges facing public schools, teachers and pupils by coming up with a new national education programme to improve the quality, inclusiveness and safety of learning for girls and boys.

In the partnership, the two governments decided to invest in education through 'Shule Bora Innovative Programme', which will put in place lasting reforms that enable every child to get the best start to their education, giving them the opportunity to fulfill their potential and contribute to Tanzania's growth and development.

The Shule Bora will work directly with regional and district authorities and schools in nine of the most challenged regions, agreed with the government to improve education.

The learning outcomes are far below the national expected standard 92% of pupils do not reach expected standards for reading while 88% do not have basic numeracy skills (addition and subtraction) at the expected standards.

According to Annual Education Sector Performance Report (AESPR), 2021 the national average of Pupil Teacher Ratios (PTR) in government primary schools is 62 pupils to every one teacher. There are challenges contributing to school being unable to provide enough teachers to meet increasing number of pupils who can now access basic education.

Raymond Kanyambo, Cambridge Education Tanzania, programme communication manager said the initiative will support initiative that ensure children are in school, are safe, learning well and progress to secondary school. Inclusion to girls, children with special educational needs and those living in challenging areas is at heart of Shule Bora.

"The programme includes working with parents and communities to improve school safety and tackle violence; ensuring teachers are addressing gender and special educational needs in class; providing safe spaces and support for girls to share concerns; and to continue attending school during menstruation," said Kanyambo.

He said the programme is focused on four outcomes—Learning—all children are developing necessary skills and knowledge, so they can progress to secondary education. It also focused in teaching, whereby the school workforce is strengthened and teachers can deliver effective lessons, including all children and productive learning environments.

The programme also involve inclusion where

every child can access schools that are safe and appropriate for their learning needs, especially girls, children with disabilities and those living in deprived areas and it works on systems, where the government is supported to strengthen education service delivery systems and achieve better value for money at school, local government, and national levels.

Daniel Harris, Cambridge Education Tanzania's programmes communications adviser said the project's outputs including parents and communities are responsible to support the learning of all primary age children and hold primary schools to account; primary teachers are supported to improve the inclusion, safety and learning of all children.

"The program also involve education authorities at local and regional levels who are supported to better plan, manage and support primary schools and teachers. Primary schools are well managed and accountable to their stakeholders," he added.

According to him, the national institutions with responsibilities for primary education are supported to improve education service delivery; while inclusion - all children are in schools that are safe, offer an environment conducive to learning and that this enables children to complete primary education and progress to secondary education.

Mkoani Primary School is one of the schools whose pupils will benefit from Shule Bora programme. It has 885 pupils (52% boys and 49% girls), among them 35 pupils are with special educational needs, including physical disabilities, mental disabilities, hearing impairments, visual impairment and albinism. Some of these are severe disabilities that require close teaching and care.

Ester Richard, Mkoani Primary School head teacher said: "We have only four teachers qualified to meet special educational needs, trained in inclusion and we have inadequate strategies to identify children with learning difficulties—low vision, hard of hearing and limited assistive leaning devices, we are facing another challenge, not all children with special needs are enrolled to pre-primary and primary school level."

"The government has provided learning and teaching materials for children with special educational needs including puzzles, flash cards, an abacus, coloured math shapes math shapes, big books, beads and threads. We are expecting that the Shule Bora Programme will bring changes to our school," Ester said.

The Cambridge Education Tanzania organized communication workshop on "Shule Bora"



UK's Minister for Africa, Latin America and Caribbean Vicky Ford (C) observes what children with special educational needs we're doing at Mkoani Primary School located in Kibaha Town Council - Coastal Region, during the official launching of Shule Bora Innovative programme on April 2021, the function witnessed by were Minister for MoEST Adolf Mkenda and Deputy Minister for RALG David Silinde.

(Quality learning for all children) Programme to communication stakeholders from Nine regions, Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) and Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG). It believes that communication stakeholders have a role to create awareness on the access to education to all children.

Rukwa Principal information officer Revocatus Kassimba said the workshop was fruitful, and it is worth as the program intend to work with information officers to foster education quality, safety and more primary school pupils attain quality education.

"Our region will benefit alot with this program as it need more children especially in districts of Kalambo, Nkasi and Sumbawanga which are identified using Ward Education Officers (WEOs) so to enroll them to schools," he said.

Kassimba added the program should be supported to attain its target and ensure meet more children from rural areas are enrolled in primary schools.

Jamal Zuber who is information Officer for Tanga region commended the program saying: "This means much to Tanzanians children, thanks to Cambridge Education for organized this workshop in which most of us have got to know about the program."

Zuber urged the regional coordinators to collaborate with information officers to bring awareness to the public concerning the program for achieving better results.

Kisarawe District, acting head of government information and communication unit, Wazir Wazir explained the importance of educating and involving information officers in government projects.

"The act of including information and communication offic-

ers simply the monitoring of the project implementation. We are responsible in introducing and explaining the Shule Bora project to our communities, so that it brings positive changes to children, teachers and administrators in our areas."

President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG)'s information officer Fredy Kibano said: "The information and communication officers are the main spokespersons of issues going on in the council, it is true that they are complaining to lack cooperation from head of other departments, but we have already given instructions to them including involving information stakeholders in the implementation of the projects."

The Shule Bora programme was launched on April this 2021 at Kibaha district in Coastal region by UK Minister for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Vicky Ford in collaboration with Minister for MoEST Adolf Mkenda and Deputy Minister for RALG David Silinde.

The Shule Bora program is a seven-year programme (2021-2027) which will improve the quality and access to education for over four million children in Nine regions of Katavi, Rukwa, Kigoma, Simiyu, Mara, Singida, Dodoma, Pwani and Tanga supports innovative initiatives that ensure children are in school, are safe, learning well and progress to secondary school.

The Shule Bora program is the £ 89 million (equivalent to 271 / - billion) directly funded by UK aid from the British government, inclusiveness, and safety of learning for girls and boys in government schools in Tanzania. It implemented with technical assistance of Cambridge Education Tanzania, ADD International, International Rescue Committee and Plan international.

Energy ministry organises national debate on wood fuels use for cooking

By Guardian Reporter

IT is easy to enjoy the deliciousness of food cooked by experts be it your mother or anyone every day that goes to God. The food can be rice, beans, ugali or anything else. It is very difficult to know whether the food has been cooked with fuel wood or charcoal.

Health experts confirm that the use of fuel wood and charcoal contributes to the deaths of many cooks, especially women, who in many African communities, including Tanzania, are the main victims of the source of energy.

It is estimated that more than 33,000 Tanzanians lose their lives every year due to inhalation of carbon monoxide produced by burning fuel wood and charcoal as the main source of energy for cooking. The inhalation of smoke penetrates directly into their lungs which endangers their lives.

Energy Ministry has organised a national debate on challenges regarding the use of firewood and charcoal to enable the country to have safe energy for cooking by 2030 to attain sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The conference aims to review and put forward strategies for achieving affordable, clean, and reliable cooking solutions in Tanzania.

Held on November 1 and 2 in Dar es Salaam, the conference will bring on board policymakers, development partners, en-



Minister for Energy January Makamba

trepreneurs, investors, donors, academicians, and the general public.

It is estimated that 72 percent of the energy produced in Tanzania is used in homes and biomass accounts for close to 90 percent of the primary energy supply in households, whereby 63.5 percent of the households

use firewood as the main source of cooking and 26.2 percent charcoal. The remaining share comprises 5.1 percent liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and 3 percent electricity, while others are 2.2 percent.

Energy Minister January Makamba said recently that the debate will take place in Dar es

Salaam on November 1 and 2 at Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre and will be graced by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

He said it is the responsibility of national leaders to fight for the eradication of firewood and charcoal for cooking and efforts should be directed to natural gas

as an alternative, noting that toxins from wood fuel contribute to respiratory diseases during cooking.

"These are big health hazards which together we cannot let go of while the people gave us the mandate to serve them suffer. All those needing to participate in the debate are to register

themselves in various ways that have been put up," said Makamba.

He said in this year's government budget they have put up 12 subtle priorities, with one of them being clean energy for cooking and allocated 500m/- to the Rural Energy Agency (REA) to officially kick-start the process.

He further mentioned huge benefits to be realised in the management of the process including economic growth and empowering women in economic activities as well as making sure such debates also take place in five regions to be participated by regional officials as a way of expanding the debate.

According to Makamba, the debate will take in tandem with looking into how people will use natural gas for cooking as well as its ample availability and costs.

"The energy business needs creativity and we have decided to debate among ourselves to move away from unclean energy without disregarding employment opportunities and income during the transformation as there are bound to be people who will be out of employment for their daily livelihood," he added.

Dr. Pauline Chale, a medical expert on respiratory illnesses from Muhimbili National Referral Hospital said: "We treat patients affected by the use of firewood and charcoal in what we call the biomass fuel effect. Their treatment tends to be long

term and so they consume more resources that could have been used to treat other patients."

A move to more clean energy use for cooking is not only part of Tanzania's national obligation as per SDG 7, but also the National Energy Policy of 2015 directs the government to enable equal access to safe, affordable and modern energy for cooking.

In recognition of the need for action to be taken, the ministry was motivated to conduct this conference to facilitate national dialogue. In the upcoming congress, panelists from across the public and private sectors will dive into discussions about the state of cooking in Tanzania; share lessons, experiences, and opportunities influencing clean cooking solutions and; explore policy, legal, regulatory, fiscal, and technological interventions to tackle the clean cooking challenges. The congress is also expected to foster closer collaboration among stakeholders.

Such a move would have positive outcomes for people's health, their economy and welfare. Such a shift will result in new business and employment opportunities and will empower women to participate more fully in development activities.

Tanzania is currently one of the lowest in the world in terms of clean energy use at between 4-5%. Our goal is to raise that to 80% in 10 years. That will be a very successful outcome that is actually possible.

How big-bang economic plan and political turmoil sank Liz Truss

By Nick Eardley

LIZ Truss came to power promising a new economic and political era. It is 45 days since she became PM - the shortest premiership in British history.

Yet that period saw an historic economic gamble, an almost unthinkable number of U-turns and the junking of an entire political programme. It's been short. But not simple.

Over the summer, it all felt very different. As we travelled around the UK for hustings, it was clear Ms Truss was highly popular with Conservative members.

Her promises to slash tax and govern as a Conservative were exactly what they wanted to hear. She wasn't a flawless media performer, but she knew how to work a friendly crowd.

There were warnings from former Chancellor Rishi Sunak and his supporters that her economic plans were risky and could backfire. Some said it would be electoral suicide. But they lost the argument in the Conservative Party.

With victory imminent, along with her close friend and political ally Kwasi Kwarteng, Ms Truss got to work on formulating a plan for power which would be radical and bold.

They decided they had to rip up the rules, which had been followed by previous Tory prime ministers. The economic "orthodoxy" was to go out the window. The pair prepared what aides called a "big bang" of measures - to hit the ground running.

"We are not going to be tinkering at the edges," a senior figure in Team Truss boasted.

Ms Truss modelled herself on former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Her allies said that like the former prime minister, Ms Truss would be resolute in power; the lady wasn't for turning.

They made it clear she would make unpopular decisions and stick with them, whatever happened. Ms Truss wanted to be the new Iron Lady.

Within 48 hours came the first of a series of bold economic gambles, which went considerably further than almost everyone expected.

First there was the energy support package, which promised to cap the unit price for two years. For a candidate who had said there would be no more handouts, political reality had hit and the cheque book had been opened.

But within hours of being in Downing Street, politics had to take a back seat.

Ms Truss was told in the House of Commons that the Queen was ill. By the end of the day, a prime minister in office for two days was on the steps of Downing Street paying tribute to the longest-serving monarch in British history. Over the next few days, the government's focus was firmly on national mourning.

After the Queen's funeral though, Ms Truss had to make up for lost time. She went on her first and only major diplomatic trip to the United Nations in New York, where she told broadcasters she was prepared to make difficult decisions in pursuit of economic growth.

On her return came the economic "big bang" she had been thinking about for years.

Her mini-budget - which was anything but mini - was the most radical in recent history; taxes

were slashed, particularly for the higher paid. It would be funded by borrowing, despite warnings that could make inflation worse.

Senior figures in Number 10 believed they were about to launch a bright new era for the UK economy. Economic libertarians had their chance and they were determined to take it.

One told me: "Something different and bold needs to be done."

Team Truss believed the markets would give the country space to restructure the economy. But within days - it became clear they had been wrong and the wheels started to fall off their economic experiment.

There were few details on how the government would fund the package, which left financial markets reeling, sent the pound plummeting, and forced the Bank of England to bail out pensions funds.

Tory MPs began to panic quickly. Within 72 hours of the mini-budget, many were making it clear that they were unhappy. Conservative MPs spoke privately of the government already provoking a political crisis.

Over the coming week, that would only increase until a full-blown crisis emerged at the Conservative Party conference in Birmingham. By the time Ms Truss arrived, it was clear there was a significant rebellion brewing on the decision to scrap the 45p top rate of tax.

Under pressure from backbench MPs, Ms Truss buckled. The same day, she told the BBC she would not change her mind - she did. She sent the chancellor out to explain the decision.

The U-turn was supposed to show that Ms Truss was listening.



Prime Minister Liz Truss resigned after political and economic turmoil engulfed her government

Number 10 believed it would allow rebellious MPs to move on. Instead, it did the exact opposite; rebels smelled blood. "It feels like the last days of Rome," remarked one former minister.

Over the next few weeks, Ms Truss's authority collapsed completely.

She sacked her chancellor and scrapped a plan to keep corpora-

tion tax down. She appointed Jeremy Hunt to run the Treasury - someone who had backed Mr Sunak.

Mr Hunt decided on Saturday that the whole economic strategy had to go and told the prime minister at Chequers the next day. Weakened by events, she had little option but to agree.

"Jeremy Hunt is de facto PM," said one MP, speaking for many. "I don't see the point of her," added another.

By Sunday, the wheels were in motion for the end of Ms Truss's premiership. The BBC contacted many MPs and the mood was dark. Nobody was suggesting Ms Truss's authority would recover. One Ms Truss loyalist told me: "We've lost".

A senior party figure added as the mood turned: "People know that this is over. It's a question of how and when."

There was however, still a ray of hope for Ms Truss. Some MPs were nervous about bringing the prime minister down without having a unity candidate to replace her. They feared it would mean even more chaos, which nobody would be able to control.

Some of the PM's internal critics urged caution. As one senior figure put it to me: Ms Truss's future might be decided by what her opponents can't do at this stage.

But what followed was even more humiliation. On Monday, Mr Hunt took control and junked the economic plan. The prime minister was widely ridiculed for not speaking herself in Parliament. She dodged an urgent question from the Labour leader, then sat beside the chancellor briefly as he ripped up her economic plan in the Commons.

A couple of days later, the home secretary resigned over a breach of the ministerial code - but launched a blistering attack on the prime minister and her programme.

There was trouble brewing on the right of the party, which had campaigned so vigorously for Ms Truss over summer. And yet Prime Minister's Questions had ended without disaster, buying Ms Truss at least a few more hours.

The final straw for Conservative MPs was the chaos over a vote on banning fracking. MPs were told it was confidence vote - that by not voting with the government, they were saying they didn't want it to continue. Then they were told it wasn't a confidence issue. Then they were told it was - and those who rebelled would be disciplined.

It all meant that by Thursday morning, the Conservative Party had decisively turned. When the prime minister summoned Sir Graham Brady, the chairman of the 1922 committee, to test the mood of the party, it was game over.

The new economic era was over. Twenty-four hours after saying she was a fighter, she had resigned. Ms Truss had failed, her "big bang" plan in tatters.

Turmoil has defined Ms Truss's time in office. But it has also helped define 2022. In less than one year, there have been four chancellors, and by next week there will have been three prime ministers.

The Conservatives now have to choose a leader they think can bring stability. Whoever it is will want to last a lot longer than Ms Truss.

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In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

WORD-FIT

3 LETTERS: SAY, MAY, LUD
 4 LETTERS: BABA, ACID, ALUM, ROOM, INKY, MAID, (7 WORDS)
 5 LETTERS: SKULL, ASIDE, DRAMA, SMILE, MALAY, (5 WORDS)
 6 LETTERS: GANDHI, SALIVA, NILGAI, DANGER LEDGER (5 WORDS)
 7 LETTERS: PASCHAL
 8 LETTERS: MALAYSIA
 10 LETTERS: BARBARIANS

CLUES: Across

1 Urodela is their scientific name
 5 a large number of people
 7 a ring-shaped reef or chain of Islands formed of coral.
 8 the subject on which one writes
 10 to utilize
 11 calm, tranquil
 13 the connective tissue of the nervous system
 15 out of the way
 17 follow a winding course
 19 largest continent
 20 the lowest layer of ionosphere, able to reflect low frequency radio waves.

Down:

1 an amount of, not all
 2 the end, final
 3 an observation stuck in the mind
 4 to sign up
 6 a covering for the foot
 7 amoeboid
 9 a maize plant in South Africa
 12 Mexico city is her mother city
 14 a record of the events of one year
 16 a rush, a flow
 17 a diagrammatic representation of an area showing features
 18 help or support

WORD-FIT SOLUTIONS

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BUSINESS

BancABC extends loans amounting to 128bn/- in Q3, 2022

By Guardian Reporter

African Banking Corporation (BancABC) extended loans to various sectors of the economy amounting 128.24bn/- during the third quarter of this year, from 129.3bn/- recorded during the second quarter of this year.

The bank's unaudited financial statement for the third quarter of this year shows interbank loan receivable increased to 98.5bn/- during the third quarter, a slight increase from 95.4bn/- during the previous quarter.

The bank has also managed to reduce non-performing loans rate during the reviewed quarters to 13.03 percent from 13.23 percent while gross loans and advanced to total deposits increased to 67.87 percent from 67.63 percent respectively.

The statement shows customer deposits amounted 139.08bn/- in the third quarter from 142bn/- in the second quarter while deposits from other banks and financial institutions slightly went up to 67.3bn/- from 66.8bn/- respectively.

The banks total assets slightly decreased to 324.9bn/- in Q3, 2022 from 328.5bn/- in Q2, 2022 due to slight decrease of cash, balance with Bank of Tanzania (BoT), investment in government securities and balance with other banks and financial institutions.

Cash amounted 4.6bn/- during the third quarter of this year against 5.4bn/- during the second quarter, while investment in government securities reached 40bn/- against 43.35bn/- respectively.

The audited financial statement

shows balance with BOT was 12.1bn/- during the third quarter of this year from 13.7bn/- during the second quarter while balances with other banks and financial institutions amounted 9.75bn/- from 10.85bn/- respectively.

The statements show the bank managed to increase cumulative net interest income to 15.56bn/- during three quarters of this year from 15.33bn/- recorded during three quarters of last year. On quarterly basis, net interest income grew to 5.27bn/- in Q3, 2022 from 5.05bn/- in Q3, 2021.

Non-interest income also gained to 4.6bn/- from 3.4bn/- cumulatively while on quarterly basis, the bank recorded an increase of non-interest income to 1.85bn/- from 1.16bn/- respectively.

The report shows the bank also managed to cut its cumulative losses after income tax by nearly 60 percent to a loss of 1.3b/- during three quarters of this year from a loss of 3.5bn/- during three quarters of last year.

On quarterly basis, the bank also reduced losses after income tax to 500mn/- during the third quarter of this year from a loss of 1.54bn/- recorded during the third quarter of last year.

Number of employees increased by ten to 178 during the third quarter of this year from 168 recorded during similar quarter of last year, with number of branches remained six.

This is being recorded in a month after the bank launched the customer deposit campaign whereby they will get up to 11 percent interest upfront in one year on their structured fixed deposit accounts.

War in Ukraine, weather spur food price inflation, says WB



By Guardian Reporter

Ongoing war in Ukraine which has caused the increase of fertilizers prices and poor weather in key food producing countries have led to high global food price inflation, with most countries experiencing year-on-year increases of between 10 percent and 30 percent.

According to the most recent Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) Market Monitor, released in October 2022, global food prices have remained high and are subject to continued upward pressure.

In September 2022, the International Grains Council Grains and Oilseeds Index fell 1.0 percent from August.

Despite increasing fears of recession, world export prices for wheat increased by 2.4 percent in September, which may be linked to uncertainty surrounding Ukraine's newly resumed exports. The International Grains Council

maize sub-index indicated a slight increase in international prices of 0.2 percent in September, with the average climbing to a 3-month peak, which downgraded Midwest production prospects may have caused.

The average international price of rice increased by 3.1 percent month over month in September 2022, reacting to the 20 percent export duty on rice and the ban on broken rice exports from India.

According to the report, the international soybean prices decreased by 3.1 percent in September month on month, the lowest they have been in 8 months.

The Market Monitor highlights geopolitical risk as a major driver of price volatility.

"Geopolitical risks differ from traditional shocks (e.g., adverse weather events, high energy and transportation costs, government policies) in how they affect international markets. Geopolitical drivers such as the war in Ukraine can disrupt markets and upset international trade," said the high-

lights report.

"Despite a more competitive US dollar, Russian exports have not increased, indicating that some importers prefer low-risk, high-price products over high-risk, low-price Russian products."

In terms of the supply outlook, the wheat production forecast for 2022 increased month over month in October 2022 by 1.31 percent to 787.2 million tonnes, largely based on improved prospects in Australia, the European Union, Russia.

Maize production dropped sharply in October by 1.22 percent to 1.1677 million tonnes, with lower production prospects expected in the European Union and United States, lowering the global forecast to 3.7 percent below the 2021 output.

In October, production forecasts for rice also decreased slightly, by 0.33 percent to 512.8 million tonnes, with lowered prospects in China and Pakistan offsetting increases for Iran, Thailand, and some West African countries.

Soybean production forecasts remained unchanged in October, month over month, with increases in forecasts for Brazil and Ukraine compensating for decreasing prospects in the United States.

Spring wheat harvests are wrapping up under favorable conditions in Canada, China, Russia, and the United States, although in Argentina, dry conditions persist across most of the central and northern growing areas.

The report also said that in the European Union, the impacts of summer drought have decreased yield outlook for crops across the continent.

Conversely, favorable conditions for maize harvest are reported in Canada, China, Mexico, and Russia.

"Conditions are favorable for rice across all AMIS countries except China, where hot, dry conditions during the summer have limited yield potentials for single-season and late-season crops in the Yangtze River basin," the report adds.

FINCA clears losses by earning cumulative profit of 1.2billion/-

By Guardian Reporter

FINCA Microfinance Bank, recorded a cumulative profit after income tax of 1.25bn/- during the first three quarters of this year, compared with a cumulative losses of 3.09bn/- recorded during similar period of last year.

The microfinance bank's unaudited financial statement for the third quarter shows on quarterly basis, a profit of 745mn/- recorded during the reported quarter from a loss of 79mn/- recorded during the third quarter of last year.

The profit was generated after the increase of both quarterly and cumulative interest income, amid slight increase of interest expenses as well as slight increase of non-interest income.

The statement shows cumulative interest income grew to 15.37bn/- during three quarters of this year from 11.03bn/- recorded during similar period of last year against interest expenses of 4.1bn/- from 3.7bn/- respectively, which translated into net interest increase to 11.2bn/- from 7.3bn/- respectively.

On quarterly basis, interest income gained to 6.07bn/- in Q3, 2022 from 4.18bn/- recorded during similar quarter of last year, and after subtracting interest expenses, the net interest income amounted 4.5bn/- in Q3, this year from 4.18bn/- in Q3, 2021.

According to the statement, non-interest income slight wet up to 2.69bn/- during three quarters of this year against 2.67bn/- recorded during three quarters of last year. Basic earnings per share also



FINCA Microfinance Bank official attends a customer in one of the branches in Dar es Salaam. File photo

improved to a profit of 20/- during the third quarter of this year from a loss of 2/- during the third quarter of last year while cumulatively, earnings per share went up to a profit of 33/- from a loss of 85/- respectively.

Number of branches remained 20 during the reported period with number of employees slightly decreased by one to 231 from 232.

The microfinance total assets expanded to 75.5bn/- during the third quarter of this year from 63.7bn/- during the second

quarter, following the increase of lending, cash, balance with Bank of Tanzania (BoT) and balance with other banks and financial institutions.

Loans, advances and overdraft increased to 55.7bn/- during the third quarter of this year from 47.2bn/- during the second quarter while balance with BoT grew to 5.01bn/- from 2.8bn/- respectively.

The statement shows balance with other banks and financial institution went up to 8.2bn/- from 6.5bn/- respectively while

cash amounted 1.13bn/- during the third quarter of this year from 1.02bn/- during the previous quarter.

Customer deposits reached 39.8bn/- in Q3, 2022 from 35.6bn/- in Q2, 2022 while deposits from other banks and financial institutions slightly expanded to 13.1bn/- from 12.3bn/- respectively.

Total shareholders' fund increased to 9.2bn/- from 8.4bn/- due to increased retained earnings to 1.25bn/- from 252m/- respectively.

KCB digital pay deal allows easy diaspora remittances

NAIROBI

KCB Bank Kenya has partnered with a global digital payment provider to promote cross-border remittances where the lender's customers will receive funds from the diaspora to their accounts.

The partnership with Mobex - an affiliate company of TerraPay Group - will see KCB strengthen its position in the global payments ecosystem.

This is through giving its customers access to simple, competitive, and faster services leveraging the growing demand for digital channels.

"This is an exciting time for cross-border payments. We do not doubt that this new partnership with KCB Bank will help us remove the barriers around cross-border money transfers through seamless, secure, and real-time payments across Africa and Asia," said Ambar Sur, the founder, and chief executive of TerraPay.

Kenya has been a leader in embracing technology to enhance financial inclusion. TerraPay is a global company that provides infrastructure and supports

diverse payment instruments around the world.

The firm promised to enhance its relations with Kenyan financial institutions to capitalise on emerging technologies and better global transactions.

KCB's bank director of retail banking Annastacia Kimtai said the lender was committed to harnessing technology using partnerships to ensure their clients enjoy modern banking.

"What we are doing is we are utilising fintech capabilities to build linkages and strategic partnerships with like-minded partners to ensure that our customers have access to top-of-class remittance services," said Ms Kimtai.

Data from the Central Bank of Kenya indicates that remittance inflows into Kenya grew 13.2 percent in the year to September to \$4 billion (Sh484 billion) from \$3.5 billion (Sh427 billion) in the prior year.

The United States is the largest source of remittances to Kenya while other key source markets are the UK, Saudi Arabia, Australia, and Canada.



This file photo taken one month ago shows BancABC senior manager, retail and commercial banking Lilian Mwakitalima (L) and bank's operating officer Joyce Malai (R) displaying posters during the launch of the bank's new deposit mobilization campaign.

World Bank report reveals factors hurting recovery

By Guardian Reporter

According to the World Bank Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022 report, after a major setback in global poverty reduction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, rising food and energy prices, fueled by climate shocks, and conflict have halted recovery. The pandemic increased the extreme global poverty rate to an estimated 9.3 percent in 2020 – up from 8.4 percent in 2019, indicating that more than 70 million people were pushed into extreme poverty by the end of 2020, increasing the global total to more than 700 million.

By the end of 2022, as many as 685 million people could still be living in extreme poverty,

according to World Bank report.

This would make 2022 the second-worst year for poverty reduction in the past two decades (after 2020).

The report analyzes the current landscape of poverty in the aftermath of these shocks and describes the possible role of fiscal policy in addressing the current crisis and reducing extreme poverty.

Projections for 2022 cited in the report indicate that the pace of poverty reduction will further stall as global growth prospects diminish.

In the short run, it is likely that high food price inflation will affect poorer households more severely, as they spend a larger share of their income on food than wealthier households.

In the long run, the report says households will adapt to higher prices by changing consumption patterns.

For poor rural households, which are primarily engaged in agriculture, higher food prices may increase income growth.

An analysis of 300 different observations drawn from World Bank global poverty data found that increases in international food prices are correlated with reductions in poverty over the next 1 to 5 years, because of the agricultural supply response and, to a lesser extent, the wage response to higher food prices.

Despite the effect that higher food prices can have on income of rural poor households, urban poor households are more vulnerable to rising food prices.

Rising food prices are likely to affect regions in which large share of poor people live in urban areas (e.g., Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and Central Asia) more adversely.

Given that vulnerable groups such as the urban poor are more susceptible to increases in food prices, some fiscal policies are more useful than others in reducing the impacts of price shocks on consumption for these groups.

The Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022 report suggests that spending be reoriented away from subsidies toward support targeted to poor and vulnerable groups, because subsidies are often poorly targeted.

In contrast, programs such as targeted cash transfers are far

more likely to reach poor and vulnerable groups.

In addition to targeted cash transfers, public investment that supports long-term development is critical.

For instance, evidence from the Green Revolution indicates that spending on agricultural research and development can have large impacts for technology adopters on agricultural growth, investments in schooling, capital accumulation, and reductions in fertility and migration (locational and sectoral).

The same spending can bring benefits to non-adopters through lower food prices, environmental benefits from lower land use, and an increased pace of structural transformation.

China to ease share financing rules for property-related firms

SHANGHAI

Chinese authorities will ease share financing rules for certain real estate-related firms, fuelling hopes of more measures to aid a sector, whose outlook remains bleak due to a mortgage boycott, COVID curbs and a faltering economy.

The China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) will allow certain companies with small property interests to raise money by selling A-shares, but the proceeds cannot be invested in the real estate business, China Securities Journal reported.

For eligible companies, real estate must not be their core business, and should not contribute more than 10% of their profit, according to the article.

China has barred its property firms or property-related firms from financing via the domestic A-share market since end-2018, including both IPOs and additional or follow-up share sales.

CSRC did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

Analysts said the move is a positive signal, but what the sector needs most is an improvement in home buyer sentiment.

"This is the latest policy gesture... to stabilize the embattled sector, with the focus on striking a balance between reviving the market and defusing contagion risk," said Bruce Pang, chief economist at Jones Lang LaSalle.

"More time and more help is needed for developers to start to have a positive cash flow. What's more important is to move forward with sales and that depends on individual home buyers' expectations and confidence not only on the housing market, but also in the overall economic growth of the country."

Some companies with real estate-related businesses, including Zhongtian Financial Group Co Ltd, Jinan high-tech development co. ltd and Shenzhen New Nanshan Holding Group Co Ltd, saw their shares surge between 3% and 10% on Friday. Analysts say these companies will likely benefit directly from the rule changes.

They said the move could aid companies which are having difficulty obtaining financing via other channels, and allow them to invest in other areas of the economy.

The property sector, crucial to China's political and economic stability, slowed sharply in recent months with declines in prices and sales after policymakers imposed strict curbs on borrowing by developers in mid-2020.

China's central bank and banking regulator have taken steps to ease liquidity pressure in the property sector, where many companies are suffering from slumping investment and sales on top of mountains of debt.

Beijing is also seeking to stabilize markets during the ongoing, politically important Communist Party Congress.

However, there are few signs that the market will bottom out in the near term due to several adverse factors, including authorities' perseverance with tough anti-COVID restrictions.

"The resolution of China's property crisis will require the state to shoulder the losses of insolvent developers, Julian Evans-Pritchard, Senior China Economist at Capital Economics, said in a research note on Friday.

Oil prices on course for a second weekly loss

LONDON

Oil prices were flat early on Friday in Europe and were headed to a second weekly loss in a row, as fears of economic slowdown persisted and offset hopes of rising oil demand from China.

As of 2:58 a.m. ET on Friday, the US benchmark, WTI Crude, was marginally higher by 0.05% at \$84.57, and the international benchmark, Brent Crude, traded 0.13% higher at \$92.42.

Oil prices were on track to post the second consecutive weekly loss after comments from Fed officials that the interest rate hikes may need to become even more aggressive, considering that the current rate-hike pace is showing no progress in taming inflation.

This week's likely weekly loss in oil prices would follow last week's loss which was driven by new inflation data in the US that highlighted looming economic problems.

On Thursday, oil prices rose at intraday trade after China signaled an easing of its strict Covid policy, which has battered market sentiment in recent months. However, the gains lost momentum by the end of trading on Thursday as the market turned again to the fear of slowing oil demand growth amid an economic slowdown.

Philadelphia Federal Reserve President Patrick Harker said on Thursday that "we are going to keep raising rates for a while."

"Given our frankly disappointing lack of progress on curtailing inflation, I expect we will be well above 4 percent by the end of the year," Harker said in a speech at the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce in New Jersey.

"Crude futures were marginally higher mid-morning in Singapore on Friday after settling almost unchanged on Thursday. Brent and WTI futures had surrendered nearly all their sizeable intraday gains by Thursday's close, suggesting that the previous day's rally spurred by a bullish set of US oil stocks data did not have staying power," Vanda Insights said early on Friday.



Crude oil storage tanks in China



DCB Commercial Bank Plc Service Executive, Ulumbi Dyamo (left) explaining about the DCB's digital banking products to some participants of a week long innovation, technology and entrepreneurship conference dubbed 'Potential Unleashed' that held in Dar es Salaam on Thursday PHOTO BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

BMW production chief sees improved profit margins



BMW headquarters in Munich, Germany

LEIPZIG

BMW production chief Milan Nedeljkovic expects stabilising supply chains to lead to a clear improvement in profitability next year, he said in an interview at the carmaker's Leipzig plant in Germany.

From a production perspective, Nedeljkovic said he did not expect margins to fall.

"Repeated undersupply and needing to re-plan production brought a certain turmoil. A clear improvement in our margins should result purely from the stabilisation we are seeing on this front," he said.

The shortage of semiconductors would likely impact the carmaker until at least the middle of next year, Nedeljkovic added.

Asked about new US export curbs barring China from access to its semiconductor technology, Nedeljkovic said: "This tech decoupling is certainly increasing. But it will not be possible to make interdependence disappear in one go - the industry is too interconnected for that."

Europe is falling behind the United States in its ambitions to become more independent in semiconductor supply, the production chief added, with both expressing the same inten-

tion but less tangible action from Europe.

BMW cut its margin forecast in March for the cars division to 7-9% from 8-10% because of the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and said in August it expected slightly lower all-year sales than last year and a volatile second half.

Still, third quarter sales saw a smaller drop than the first two quarters, in part due to recovery in China.

But with Europe's energy market and supply chain situation uncertain, Nedeljkovic was hesitant to pin down forecasts for next year's output.

The carmaker has said it could re-

duce gas intake by 15% in Germany to help stabilise energy supply through measures like lowering temperatures, but Nedeljkovic cautioned this depended on how cold the winter gets.

A strong believer in hydrogen as an alternative to gas, Nedeljkovic said BMW was in discussion with several energy suppliers in Germany about offtake agreements for green hydrogen, made from renewable energy.

"Of course hydrogen is still more expensive than gas. There isn't yet a business case, but it brings us further technologically towards sustainability... if we and others create demand, it will come into its own," he said.

WORLD

Tory leadership race: Who could replace Liz Truss as prime minister?

LONDON

LIZ Truss has announced she will resign, which means there will now be another leadership election to decide who becomes the next Conservative leader and prime minister.

The contest to replace her is expected to be completed by the end of next week.

Would-be candidates need at least 100 nominations from fellow Tory MPs to get on the ballot, meaning no more than three of them will be able to stand because there are 357 Tory MPs.

In practice, there are likely to be two candidates; or even one, who would become leader without a vote by party members.

No-one has yet confirmed that they will stand, but here are some of the potential candidates.

Rishi Sunak

Rishi Sunak ran to replace Boris Johnson as leader earlier this summer and made it to the final two along with Ms Truss, having won the most support from Conservative MPs.

During the campaign he warned that his rival's tax plans would damage the economy, but his message failed to appeal to party members and he lost by 21,000 votes.

Mr Sunak only became an MP in 2015, for the North Yorkshire constituency of Richmond. Few outside Westminster had heard of him, but he was chancellor of the exchequer by February 2020.

He quickly had to grapple with the coronavirus pandemic, spending huge amounts of money trying to keep the economy afloat during lockdown.

This didn't come easily to a man who saw himself as a low tax and spend Conservative on the Thatcherite wing of the party but it did boost his popularity.

However, his reputation was dented following a controversy over his wife's tax affairs, and not long after that he received a fine for breaching lockdown rules.

Conservative MP Angela Richardson has already pledged her support for Mr Sunak saying: "Having spent the summer supporting Rishi Sunak's leadership bid, my views on his suitability have not changed. If anything, the past six weeks have brought them even more sharply into focus."

Penny Mordaunt

Penny Mordaunt had a taste of being prime minister earlier this week when she stood in for Liz Truss during an urgent question in Parliament.

She received good reviews for her confident performance at the despatch box and may fancy another tilt at the leadership.

She stood in the last contest, and secured strong support from her fellow MPs but just missed out on making it to the final two.

After backing Ms Truss, she was appointed leader of the House of Commons and Lord President of the Privy Council - which meant she presided over the Accession Council for the new king.

In 2019, Ms Mordaunt made history by becoming the UK's first female defence secretary - a natural fit for a naval reservist who had already served as armed forces minister under David Cameron.

Ms Mordaunt has so far received support from MPs John Lamont, Maria Miller, Bob Seely and Damian Collins.

Boris Johnson

With just a week to choose a new leader, many of the contenders are likely to be familiar faces, and none more so than the man who was prime minister just weeks ago.

Boris Johnson was forced to announce his resignation in July, after a mass revolt by ministers and MPs. It followed months of rows over Downing Street lockdown parties and other controversies, including his appointment of Chris Pincher as deputy chief whip, despite being aware of a formal complaint about the MP's "inappropriate behaviour".

The MP for Uxbridge faces an investigation by the Privileges Committee into whether he obstructed the Commons by telling MPs that lockdown rules had been followed at No 10. He and others were subsequently fined for Covid breaches.

However, he still has allies both in Parliament and the party membership in general. Long-term supporter Nadine Dorries has argued he should return, as he received a mandate from the British public in the 2019 election.

Other MPs who have already come out in favour of Mr Johnson returning to No 10 include: Paul Bristow, Brendan



Rishi Sunak



Penny Mordaunt



Boris Johnson



Ben Wallace



Kemi Badenoch



Suella Braverman

Clarke-Smith, Andrea Jenkyns and Michael Fabricant.

Ben Wallace

While many leading Tories divide opinion within the party, the defence secretary is widely seen by fellow MPs as a safe pair of hands.

Mr Wallace has drawn increasing attention since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as the UK made an early decision to support Kyiv with weapons and training.

Despite his opposition to Brexit, Mr Wallace has been a key supporter of Boris Johnson and was rewarded with a cabinet post in 2019.

Before becoming a politician, he served as a soldier in Germany, Cyprus, Belize and Northern Ireland, where he thwarted an IRA effort to carry out a bomb attack against British soldiers.

After Mr Johnson stood down, there had been suggestions Mr Wallace could run - particularly as he was topping polls run by the Conservative Home website - however he opted to support Ms Truss instead, describing her as "authentic".

Kemi Badenoch

Kemi Badenoch was the surprise breakthrough candidate of the most recent leadership race - and although she didn't win, the contest helped significantly boost her profile.

Although a relatively junior minister, she won the support of senior Conservative Michael Gove, and drew attention for her attacks on so-called "woke" culture.

Born in Wimbledon, south London, she grew up in the US and Nigeria, where her psychology professor mother had lecturing jobs.

Before arriving in Parliament - where she represents Saffron Walden - she worked for private bank Coutts and The Spectator magazine. Her most senior role in government to date has been leading the international trade department.

Suella Braverman

The former home secretary's resignation piled the pressure on Liz Truss, and the prime minister stood down less than 24 hours later. Although Ms Braverman's departure was ostensibly about a data breach, her angry resignation letter hinted at a disagreement over immigration.

Ms Braverman has sought to appeal to her party's right wing on social issues, saying it is her "dream" to begin transporting migrants to Rwanda, as well as criticising the "tofu-eating wokerati".

The former barrister is a Brexit supporter who was attorney general in Boris Johnson's government. She stood in the last leadership contest following his resignation but was voted out in the second round.

Her parents emigrated to the UK in the 1960s from Kenya and Mauritius, and both spent time in local politics - with her mother being a councillor for 16 years.

Braverman was the first cabinet minister to take maternity leave - after the law was changed so that cabinet ministers could receive paid maternity leave, having previously been expected to resign their posts.

Chinese official: Climate change concerns the global community

CLIMATE change is a prominent global challenge that concerns the common interests of the international community, Zhai Qing, vice-minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, said at a news conference on Friday on the sidelines of the ongoing 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

He said China has made climate change adaptation a major strategy of the nation's development.

In 2020, China's carbon emission intensity dropped by 48.4 percent from that in 2005, exceeding the commitments made to the international community, said Zhai.

Last year, the proportion of coal in China's total energy consumption fell to 56 percent from 72.4 percent in 2005, he said.



Last year, the installed capacity of wind, solar, water and biomass power generation ranked first in the world. "We have released a national strategy to adapt to climate change and have continued to carry out pilot projects to build cities that can adapt to climate change," he said.

Building green Belt and Road

Zhai also said that positive progress has been made in promoting the green development of the Belt and Road Initiative.

An international coalition for the Belt and Road green development has been established, which currently has more than 150 partners from over 40 countries, said Zhai.

The coalition has worked to strengthen policy dialogues and joint research, and support the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, he added.

Efforts have been made to improve the innovation and exchanges of green technologies and cultivate talent in environmental management.

"We have trained about 3,000 environmental management personnel, experts and scholars from more than 120 countries, building consensus and synergy for green development," Zhai said.

Proposed by China in 2013, the Belt and Road Initiative envisions trade and infrastructure networks connecting Asia with Europe and Africa along the ancient Silk Road routes. **Xinhua**

'Hungary govt firm to protect EU-China economic cooperation'

BUDAPEST- The government of Hungary rejects all proposals that would damage economic cooperation between the European Union (EU) and China, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Peter Szijarto said here on Thursday.

"There is a serious issue on the European agenda, and this is the possible destruction of the European-Chinese economic cooperation, which we definitely have to reject because, if the ties between European and Chinese companies and businesses were cut, it would have severe economic consequences for Europe," he told the participants in the second Hungarian Battery Day conference.



Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Peter Szijarto

Hungary's government will do its best to reject all proposals that would fracture economic cooperation between the EU and China, because those would also cause serious harm to Europe's automotive industry, the minister said.

Recalling that China was an important trading partner for the EU and referring to his government's "Eastern Opening" policy, he said that "We have made it clear since 2010 that our strategy is to be the meeting point between Western and Eastern investors and economies."

He noted that Hungary is the only country besides Germany and China to host

the production plants of Germany's three largest premium car makers (Audi, BMW and Mercedes), and that his country also has the third largest electric battery production capacity in the world, making it the world's fifth largest exporter of these products.

Two of the world's six leading electric battery manufacturers are already present in Hungary, he said. Chinese battery maker CATL has recently announced its largest ever investment in Hungary.

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China-aided satellite TV connects remote Ugandan villages to outside world

WAKISO

ACCESS to information in remote villages in Uganda is a daunting task as one has to walk kilometers to a neighboring trading center to find out what is happening in the rest of the country or the world.

Since 2018, China has been changing the situation by connecting remote areas especially schools, health centers, community centers and selected homes to satellite television.

The satellite TV project is one of the fruits of the resolutions of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Johannesburg Summit held in 2015 in South Africa. The "Access to Satellite TV for 10,000 African Villages" project in Uganda is implemented by Chinese satellite television, StarTimes.

On the shores of Lake Victoria in the central Ugandan district of Wakiso, rural communities have started reaping benefits from the project that has connected over 18,000 households to the rest of the world through satellite television, according to StarTimes.

At Wagagai Health Center, patients queue as they wait to see doctors. In the waiting area, a television set connected to the satellite has different channels both local and international.

Roy Kyabangi, the health facility administrator, told Xinhua that the television set is important to both the health workers and patients in terms of accessing information, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Ebola outbreak that the country is facing.

She said some of the patients come from islands where access to information is limited. "As health workers, it has helped us because since most of the time we spend it here at the health center, we need to get current affairs, what is happening in the world.

So we can get that information from our television, StarTimes," Kyabangi said. "We also get some medical updates, for example, now we have Ebola, if there are some medical people saying something about Ebola, we can get the information as health workers and also patients get current information about health services," she added.

In the health facility neighborhood, there is St. Luke Nkumba Primary School, with a population of about 500 pupils, some crossing to the mainland from a neighboring island.

Like the health facility, one can not miss the orange satellite dish fixed on the rooftop of one of the classes. Rebecca Namusisi, the deputy head teacher of the school told Xinhua that the school received a solar-powered projector and a decoder.



Pupils attend a class about Ebola using a StarTimes projector at St. Claire Primary School in Kampala, Uganda, Oct. 13, 2022. (Photo by Hajarah Nalwadda/Xinhua)

Namusisi said the projector and the education programs aired on some of the channels have eased teaching. "We connected to different channels where we get educative information such as when the president is addressing the nation about Ebola, we get the information," Namusisi said. She said the projector can also be used for other purposes, for instance, projecting images that would take long to draw on a chalkboard.

"It has added a very great impact on our learners as far as teaching and learning process (is concerned). First, with the teachers, it simplifies your work and with the pupils, they get a clear picture of what you are talking about," Namusisi said.

Doreen Asuru, 16, a pupil of the school,

apart from the education programs, can not hide her excitement about the entertainment programs. Asuru said she loves the cultural programs screened including Chinese kung fu. Some 40km north of the school, in the capital Kampala, there is excitement as pupils of another school, St. Claire Primary School, watch children's programs on the school projector.

The school is one of the beneficiaries of the "Access to Satellite TV for 10,000 African Villages" project. Fred Mpanga, the head teacher of the school said the projector has helped teachers to acquire more knowledge and skills.

Mpanga said besides the education purpose, the children, most of whom come from slum neighborhoods where there

are no television sets, get to watch children's entertainment programs. Wang Jijangnan, Marketing Manager at StarTimes Uganda, said the project is now coming to an end after connecting 900 Ugandan villages in different parts of the country.

The project was implemented in two phases. The first phase was in 2018 when 500 villages were connected. In the second phase, which started in August 2021, another 400 villages were connected to satellite television. Wang is optimistic that the project has and will continue to deepen Uganda-China ties.

"The whole project helps us to strengthen the relationship between China and Uganda. We get closer and closer because of this project," she said. **Xinhua**

Putin was open to talks on Ukraine from the beginning, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has been open to talks on Ukraine from the very beginning, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

This is how he commented on Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan's words that Putin is now allegedly "much softer and more open to dialogue than in the past".

"Putin, in fact, has been open to talks from the very beginning. The president has repeatedly said so himself," the Kremlin spokesman noted, commenting on this statement.

He recalled that Putin had tried to initiate talks with NATO, the US and the OSCE even before the special military operation began. "Putin was open to talks when the text of the document between Russian and Ukrainian negotiators was actually agreed upon. So here, in this respect, nothing has changed," Peskov pointed out.

According to the official, only Kiev's position has changed, because "the Ukrainian side has enshrined not continuing talks with Russia." "That is, the Ukrainian law now prohibits any negotiations," he noted.

The Kremlin spokesman also responded to a question about a possible new telephone conversation between Putin and Erdogan. "As for the phone conversation with Erdogan, so far it is not on the schedule. But they talk often, and conversations are sometimes coordinated literally in a matter of hours," Peskov concluded.



African countries urged to harness nexus between industrialization, continental free trade

ADDIS ABABA

The African Union (AU) has called on African countries to mutually reinforce the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement with the continent's industrialization so as to effectively realize Africa's critical develop-

ment aspirations.

"Advancing the AfCFTA and Africa's industrialization side-by-side with deliberate efforts to realize the mutually reinforcing interdependencies between the two will provide Africa's critical success pillar and condition for Agenda

2063," the AU said in a statement. The statement came ahead of the AU's high-level industrialization-themed continental gathering -- African Union Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification, slated for Nov. 20-25 in Niamey, the capital of Niger.

Trading under the continental free trade pact launched in January 2021. According to the AU, once fully implemented, the AfCFTA will create a single African market for goods and services, covering about 1.2 billion people with a combined gross domestic product of more

than 2.5 trillion U.S. dollars across Africa. "To achieve the aspirations of the AfCFTA, Africa's industrialization and transformation agenda needs to be supported at the highest national, regional, continental and global levels," the AU said.

Xinhua

Chinese assistance gives a boost to Timor-Leste's coffee production, enriches locals

HEYDAY AR Coffee in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste was once said to be a coffee shop offering the best roast in the world by Jose Ramos-Horta, President of Timor-Leste.

The coffee shop has been visited by many foreign guests and local celebrities. Taur Matan Ruak, Timor-Leste's Prime Minister, is a customer of it.

Coffee is the primary commercial crop and export of Timor-Leste. It accounts for 90 percent of the country's total agricultural exports.

The government of Timor-Leste attaches high importance to the production and sales of coffee. Ramos-Horta and other leaders of the country often visit coffee plantations and shops for investigation.

Timor-Leste has the world's best coffee, and its kopi luwak, gaining increasing popularity around the world, is well known on the internet, said Ruak.

Over recent years, Timor-Leste's government has launched a number of technical training courses on the trimming and planting of coffee trees and has constantly upgraded its production devices.

The Chinese Embassy in Timor-Leste made multiple donations to the Timor-Leste Coffee Association at the request of the latter, so as to support the sustainable development of the local coffee industry. On September 19, President Horta attended the donation ceremony of the Chinese Embassy and Yunnan Friendship Association to the Association Cafe Timor.

The remote village of Quirilelo was designated by the association as one of the villages receiving the Chinese donation. The donation later helped improve



Taur Matan Ruak, Timor-Leste's Prime Minister, visits Heyday AR Coffee in Timor-Leste, Oct. 11, 2022. (Photo by Sun Guangyong/People's Daily)

both the production and quality of the village's coffee, increasing villagers' income.

On a day in June this year, Costa, a major coffee grower in Quirilelo village, waited at the gate of the village early in the morning for the arrival of some Chinese guests.

"We've been expecting your visit," he said when meeting with Chinese Ambassador to Timor-Leste Xiao Jianguo.

He expressed his gratitude to the Chinese assistance, saying the donation had gained him and his fellow villagers tangible benefits.

Quirilelo village is located in Aileu, a major coffee-producing area of Timor-Leste. Coffee growing is a primary source of income for 300 households in the village. However, their income was not very satisfying due to the aging coffee trees, outdated growing techniques and a lack of professional devices.

With Chinese assistance, villagers trimmed old trees and cul-

tivated new varieties. They also learned new planting and processing techniques, and upgraded their devices. As a result, sales channels have been expanded, and the coffee business in the village has been vitalized.

Today, some old coffee trees in the village have produced new leaves and some have begun fruiting.

"The Timor-Leste Coffee Association has frequently sent experts to us since last year, who not only brought new devices, but also helped us trim and cultivate new seedlings. They taught us many planting and processing techniques," Costa said.

"We used to have little communication with the outside. Thanks to China's assistance, we are able to better plant coffee, improve the quality of it and live a better life," said Augustinho, a senior villager who has been living in Quirilelo village his entire life.

Evangelino, head of the Timor-Leste Coffee Association, told

People's Daily that coffee dealers in Timor-Leste see China as a prioritized export destination.

"The Chinese government helps us find business partners in China, so as to expand our market in the country," Evangelino added.

According to him, companies in Timor-Leste have attended four sessions of the China International Import Expo, and more and more coffee products from his country are now hitting the Chinese market.

Ruak said Timor-Leste's coffee export to China benefits farmers, processing plants and dealers. "The coffee, reinforcing the communication between the two peoples, is like a bridge that connects Timor-Leste and China," he said.

Domingos Lopes Antunes, deputy minister of Timor-Leste's Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry, noted that the huge Chinese market will create gigantic development opportunities for Timor-Leste's coffee industry, and China's assistance and support for Timor-Leste are of important significance for expanding Timor-Leste's pillar industries, developing the country's economy and improving the country's livelihood.

At the gate of Quirilelo village, there is a signboard of a China-Timor-Leste coffee plantation co-established by the Timor-Leste Coffee Association and the villagers.

Xiao noted that China will keep deepening its economic and industrial cooperation with Timor-Leste and keep supporting the latter's coffee industry development, so as to bring more benefits to the people of Timor-Leste.

People's Daily

US dodges New START negotiations, says diplomat

MOSCOW

US statements about their willingness to resume talks with Russia on an agreement to replace the New START were not backed up by any communication between the two sides and are intended to stir up propaganda, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said at a briefing on Thursday.

"The Americans do not back up this kind of goading with any substantive, business-like appeals through working channels. It all remains only in the media, it is done exclusively in the form of megaphone diplomacy. We understand that all this aims at some kind of propaganda," the diplomat said commenting on the words of Mallory Stewart, the Assistant Secretary for the American Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance (AVC), who announced the US's willingness to resume talks with Russia on the New START replacement agreement.

Zakharova stressed that Moscow remained open, in principle, to a dialogue with Washington on de-escalation, maintenance of strategic stability, and risk reduction measures, including the use of arms control approaches. According to her, this dialogue was possible only on the basis of equal rights and respect for Russia's interests.

The Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (the New START Treaty) was signed in 2010 and

went into effect on February 5, 2011.

The document stipulates that seven years after its adoption each party should have no more than a total of 700 deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM), submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM) and strategic bombers, as well as no more than 1,550 warheads on deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs and strategic bombers, and a total of 800 deployed and non-deployed ICBM launchers, SLBM launchers and strategic bombers.

The New START Treaty will remain in effect for 10 years, until 2021, unless it is replaced before that date by a subsequent agreement on the reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms. It can also be extended for no longer than 5 years (that is, until 2026) upon the parties' mutual consent.

In February 2021, Moscow and Washington extended the treaty, described by the Russian authorities as the gold standard in the sphere of disarmament, for the maximum possible five years.

The current US administration has repeatedly indicated that it considers the New START a very important document and wants to keep it in place.

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Town Classic Band's leader, Andrew Sekidia.

Dar music band releases new track

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

A newly formed dance music band, Town Classic, has released a song titled 'No Stress', and the song's video clip has been released on social media and viewed by more than 30 people.

The band's manager, veteran pianist Andrew Sekidia, said that the teaser is an introduction to the arrival of the Town Classic band, which will be officially launched at the end of next month.

Sekidia said that apart from 'No Stress' track, the band also has another song titled 'Shem Darling', adding the latter will equally introduce the arrival of the band that is currently in the camp.

He also explained that at the end of this week, they will start shooting a video for the song 'Shem Darling' so that the troupe's fans can enjoy the two songs in both video and audio formats.

"After that, we will introduce our band to the press, then it will perform at Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro during a tough boxing fight

pitting Tanzanian Twaha Kassim 'Kiduku' against Argentinian boxer," he said.

The manager said that in the show titled 'No Stress', and the song's video clip has been released on social media and viewed by more than 30 people.

"I believe that when the Town Classic band starts staging shows, it will bring strong opposition to other bands because it is well-organized and made up of musicians with great ability to work," Sekidia revealed.

While the band was shooting the video, African Stars Band, popularly known as 'Twanga Pepeta' also entered the studio to record its new song titled 'Chombo ya Fundi' composed by star singer Ally Choki, who returned to the band after a long break.

African Stars Band's Director Luziza Mbutu pointed out that the song is recorded in a studio in Dar es Salaam, adding that they have decided to prioritize the studio due to having turned out to be an attraction for 'Twanga Pepeta' fans.

Suleiman pleased with Manyara Stars' preps for AFCON U-23 qualifiers tie

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's national U-23 football squad 'Manyara Stars' head coach Hemed Suleiman has said that he is satisfied with the tactical adoption of his players towards the first leg of the 2023 U-23 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers' third-round match against Nigeria slated for today at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The team's camp resumed on Monday with 27 players earning a call-up, including foreign-based players.

The two countries are among eight battling for progression to the U-23 Africa Cup of Nations finals scheduled for next year in Morocco, with Egypt being the showdown's defending champion.

Nigeria, the AFCON U-23 champions in the 2015 edition, will provide a real test to Suleiman's boys, given the former consists of competent professional players playing their trade in Europe.

The Total Africa U-23 Cup of Nations is the main international football competition for CAF members, played by players aged below 23. It is held every four years with the top three teams qualifying for the Olympic Games.

In a recent interview, Suleiman said: "We are continually training to face Nigeria 'Dream Team', my players have arrived at the camp, the players are continuing to adapt well to the tactics I am giving them and they have been implementing them

fluently, we know the importance of the match so we are working to ensure that we get good results."

"I believe in my team, and I believe we will get good results, Nigeria is a good team but my players are better because many of them have gone through youth set-ups of U-17, U-18, U-20, U-21, and U-23 so it makes it easier for us to develop them, they have been very physical in training and it is something that gives me confidence," Suleiman revealed.

Lekan Salami Stadium located in Adamasingba, Ibadan will host a reverse fixture on October 29.

The TotalEnergies 2023 U-23 AFCON to be hosted by Morocco is being used as a qualifier for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The top three teams in the continental showdown automatically qualify for the Olympics while the fourth team plays an inter-continental friendly.

The tournament was founded in 2011. On 6 August 2015, the CAF Executive Committee decided to change the name of the tournament from the CAF U-23 Championship to the U-23 Africa Cup of Nations, similar to the senior's version, Africa Cup of Nations.

In July 2016, Total secured an eight-year sponsorship package from the Confederation of African Football (CAF) to support 10 of the confederation's principal competitions.

Due to this sponsorship, the U-23 Africa Cup of Nations is named the Total U-23 Africa Cup of Nations.

2023's Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon launched in Dar

By Guardian Correspondent

THE 21st edition of the prestigious Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon was yesterday unveiled in Dar es Salaam ahead of the event slated for February 26, 2023.

Speaking during the colourful event, the Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Nurdin Babu, who was represented by the Same District Commissioner Edward Mpogolo, said the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon has come a long way and the race's 21st Anniversary is a true reflection of how serious and devoted the organizers and sponsors are.

"We are proud of the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon, Tigo Kili Half Marathon, and Grand Malt Fun Run, they have proved to be one of the biggest international events in the East African region as it brings together over 12,000 participants from more than 55 countries... this is such a big milestone," the Regional Commissioner revealed.

He said the Kilimanjaro Marathon has added an enormous contribution to sports tourism and this has greatly helped the government in implementing the tourism and sports policies respectively.

"I congratulate all the sponsors led by the main sponsor Kilimanjaro Premium Lager, Tigo Half Marathon, and Grand Malt 5 km Fun Run for your enormous contribution. Without you and all the other water table sponsors and partners, it would not be easy," he said.

The official called on Tanzanians to prepare for the international event to ensure most of the prizes remain home.

Mpogolo also appealed



Same District Commissioner, Edward Mpogolo (C), who represented the Moshi Regional Commissioner Nurdin Babu, cuts the ribbon to launch the 21st edition of the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others are (L-R) Kilimanjaro Marathon main organizer, John Addison, Tigo Corporate Communications Manager Woinde Shisael, National Sports Council representative, Millinde Mahona, Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand Manager Irene Mutiganzi, and Athletics Tanzania Secretary-General Jackson Ndaweka. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

to participants and spectators to use the Marathon season to tour various tourist attractions, including the great Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Zanzibar, and other attractions.

He lauded other sponsors including Simba Cement, Kilimanjaro Water, TPC Sugar, and official suppliers GardaWorld Security, Keys Hotel, Kibo Palace Hotel, and CMC Automobiles.

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand Manager Irene Mutiganzi, who also doubles as the Grand Malt Brand Manager, said they are proud to sponsor the event for the past 21 years, making it one of the longest and most successful sponsorships in Tanzania, adding that they have all these years been inspired by the development of athletics, growth of tourism and culture as a whole - which the event helps promote.

The Brand Manager said they are well prepared for the 21st edition of the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon and have set aside 22, 760, 000/- in prize money, with the top winners in both the male and female categories walking home with 4.2m/-.

She called on partici-

pants to register in time as registration opens online on October 24 through www.kilimanjaramarathon.com and via TigoPesa by dialing *149*20#.

She further appealed to the 5km Fun Run participants to register early as numbers will again be limited.

She also appealed to fellow sponsors to register for the corporate challenge where they will get to run as a group and the organizers will calculate their average time and announce the winners after the race.

"This is a unique way of bringing us together as employees and also encouraging fitness and a healthy lifestyle in general," she said.

The Tigo Corporate Communications Manager Woinde Shisael said: "We are committed to sponsoring the Tigo Kili Half Marathon for the 8th year because this property remains a critical platform to nurture talents, and boost economic activities while promoting environmental conservation around Mt. Kilimanjaro."

She said Tigo is extremely proud of how this unique property has captured the imagi-

nation of runners from all over the world and continues to raise the bar, evidently seen in the meteoric rise in the number of professional and semi-professional athletes who register to participate each year.

"Participants who want to share moments, scenery, and experience of the 2023 Tigo Kili Half Marathon should register through Tigo Pesa and stand a chance to win amazing prizes on the ongoing 'Wakishua Twenzetu Qatar na Hisense' campaign," she said.

Organizers of the event called on participants to take advantage of the early bird entry fee from Monday till midnight of December 15 after which entries increase in all categories and all nationalities from December 16 until midnight of February 6, next year, or until they are sold out - whichever is earliest as there is limited space. Entries are guaranteed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The organizers stressed the importance of the exercise in terms of the logistics and management processes they need to put in place based on the number of

expected runners from both refreshments supplying planning through to safety and security on the route based on the road running capacity.

The organizers also said that the event will be supporting the Tumaini la Maisha (TLM) charity that aims at reaching every child in Tanzania who develops cancer, and treat them with high-quality cancer treatment free of charge with the hope for a continued and healthy life, adding that the event will set aside a percentage from every entry paid for and it will go towards the charity.

Through the various fundraising efforts by several runners and individual donations made when entering online, the 2022 Kili Marathon raised almost US \$10 000 and this money was donated to The Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) in Moshi to support the Children Cancer Ward.

"KCMC is an important partner to the marathon due to its medical support at the event and the finish area each year and the support on route as the runners pass by the hospital on race day," the organizers added.

Individual runners and corporates are encouraged to 'Run for a Cause' and fundraise or make direct donations to make a difference in the lives of these brave children. Further details can be found online on the official website at www.kilimanjaramarathon.com

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon, which will be held on February 27, 2023, at the Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU) ground, is organized by the Kilimanjaro Marathon Company Limited and locally coordinated by Executive Solutions Limited.

Black Mambaz clinches 2022 Nyerere hockey tourney title

By Guardian Correspondent

MOSHI's hockey side, Black Mambaz, has won this season's Nyerere hockey tournament's top honour, cruising to a 3-1 win over favourites Moshi Khalsa in the final played at Sikh Union Club ground in the district recently.

The Sikh Community of Moshi sponsored the tournament that was organized by Sikh Union Club's organizing committee in conjunction with Tanzania Hockey Association.

Moshi Khalsa and Black Mambaz displayed classic stick work which kept spectators on their toes, making it difficult for the enthusiasts to conclude the showdown's champion.

The final game started at a fast pace as both teams mostly consisting of junior performers were equally strong.

Black Mambaz opened the scoring within just eight minutes of the first half through their upcoming youngster Bahati Karebi, winner of the best player award in the 2022 Mapinduzi Hockey tournament played earlier in Tanga.

After sensing the danger,



Players making Moshi's Black Mambaz side are pictured before coming up against Moshi Khalsa in the 2022 Nyerere hockey tournament final played in the district recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Moshi Khalsa put on extra pressure and their efforts paid off, given their player Paul Damas notched an equalizer in the 36th minute of the third quarter.

The game was so tense and the scoreboard remained unchanged till the last minute despite the finalists fluffing opportunities.

Moshi Khalsa and Black Mambaz went for penalties to determine the champion, Black Mambaz' players namely Mark, Tony, and Jackson converted their penalties whereas Moshi Khalsa had Varinder Singh as

the only performer to have scored his penalty, whilst teammates Geoffrey, Rashid, and Steven missed their penalties and saw Black Mambaz win 3-1 to grab the prestigious title.

Other awards at stake were Most Disciplined Team presented to Zanzibar's Nyuki, and Best Youngest Player prize which went to 17-year-old Karebi of Black Mambaz.

The Best Goalkeeper prize was presented to Melchior Peter of Black Mambaz, and Temi Kisonga of Moshi Khalsa got the Best Player prize.

Moshi Khalsa and Black Mambaz were both tied on equal points in Pool B thus both went for penalties against each other to determine the pool winner. Moshi Khalsa beat Black Mambaz 4-1 and grabbed the top place.

In Pool A, Kili Vijana that performed tremendously well and won the hearts of the spectators was also level with Arusha Twigas and went for penalties which had Arusha Twigas notching a 4-2 win and becoming Pool A's winner.

The last four's round climaxed with Arusha

Twigas suffering a 2-1 loss to Black Mambaz, Moshi Khalsa defeated youthful Kili Vijana 1-0 despite a brave performance showcased by Kili Vijana.

Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Nurdin Hassan Babu was the closing ceremony's chief guest and presented the awards to the finalists and other best-performing players.

Tanzania Hockey Association's Secretary-General Kaushik Doshi said that the three-day showdown had brought together seven squads.

The awards were presented by the chief guest, who also made a speech, in conjunction with members of the Sikh community of Moshi.

The organizing committee's secretary Kanwarpal Singh appreciated all participating teams, sponsors, Tanzania Hockey Association, Sikh Union Club, umpires, and match technical officials for the efforts put up by all to make the tournament a success.

Ronaldo axed from Man Utd squad to face Chelsea after Spurs tantrum

LONDON

CRISTIANO Ronaldo's future at Manchester United has been plunged into fresh doubt after he was dropped from the squad for today's clash with Chelsea following his tantrum against Tottenham.

Ronaldo stormed down the Old Trafford tunnel with several minutes remaining in United's 2-0 win over Tottenham on Wednesday.

The 37-year-old star reportedly told United manager Erik ten Hag that he did not want to come on as a late substitute.

Ten Hag said after the Tottenham match that he would "deal with" the issue on Thursday and Ronaldo was seen driving into United's Carrington training headquarters before the announcement of his punishment.

It was not the first time Ronaldo had shown public dissent at his role in Ten Hag's team's and the United manager has finally responded by wielding the axe.

"Cristiano Ronaldo will not be part of the Manchester United squad for this Saturday's Premier League game against Chelsea. The rest of the squad is fully focused on preparing for that fixture," a United statement said on Thursday.

Ronaldo responded to his shock omission from the squad by claiming the Tottenham incident had come in the heat of the moment.

Pledging to keep working to win back his place, Ronaldo said on Instagram: "I started very young, the older and most experienced players examples were always very important to me.

"Therefore, later on, I've always tried to set the example myself for the youngsters that grew in all the teams that I've represented. Unfortunately that's not always possible and sometimes the heat of the moment gets the best of us.

"Right now, I just feel that I have to keep working hard in Carrington, support my teammates and be ready for everything in any given game.

"Giving in to the pressure is not an option. It never was. This is Manchester United, and United we must stand. Soon we'll be together again."

It is believed Ten Hag's decision to remove Ronaldo from the squad has the full backing of the United hierarchy.

United chiefs are said to be weighing up a decision on Ronaldo's long-term future after the disciplinary issue.

But whether there can be a way back for the unhappy Portugal striker remains to be seen.

United would have to wait until the transfer window reopens on January 1 before they could sell Ronaldo, whose huge salary could prove a stumbling block to potential buyers.

Disappointed by United's failure to qualify for the Champions League, Ronaldo has been trying to engineer a move away from Old Trafford since the end of last season.

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Gerrard sacked after Villa defeat, Leicester boost survival bid

LONDON

STEVEN Gerrard was sacked by struggling Aston Villa after a dismal 3-0 defeat at Fulham on Thursday, while Leicester climbed off the bottom of the Premier League with a 2-0 win against Leeds.

Gerrard paid the price after his team were booted off at full-time by Villa's furious fans after a wretched display extended their winless run to four matches.

Having won just two matches this season, Villa are above the relegation zone only due to their slight goals scored advantage over third-bottom Wolves.

Former Liverpool and England midfielder Gerrard won the Scottish title as Rangers boss in 2021, ending Celtic's long period of dominance.

But he has been unable to build on that impressive work since moving to Villa Park to replace the sacked Dean Smith last November.

Speaking at his post-match press conference, Gerrard had vowed to save his job.

"I'm a fighter, I will never, ever quit anything whether it's football or in life. We will see what happens. I'll continue to fight unless I'm told differently," he said.

However, just minutes after Gerrard had spoken to the media, Villa announced the end of Gerrard's first Premier League managerial role.

"Aston Villa Football Club can confirm that head coach Steven Gerrard has left the club with immediate effect," a statement said.

"We would like to thank Steven for his hard work and commitment and wish him well for the future."

Former Paris Saint-Germain and Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino has been linked with the Villa post, along with ex-Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel and former Burnley boss Sean Dyche.

Fulham kicked off without a win in their previous three matches, but Villa were unable to take advantage as Gerrard's final match produced a fittingly depressing result.

AFP

Explaining Super League's latest move, hiring new CEO: What does it mean?

By Gab Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

ON Wednesday, A22 Sports Management -- the company that launched the European Super League in April 2021 -- appointed a new chief executive, Bernd Reichart, who claimed it would be relaunched within three years. This comes against the backdrop of legal action taken by the three remaining Super League clubs (Barcelona, Real Madrid and Juventus) against UEFA in a case lodged with the European Union's Court of Justice (CJEU).

A preliminary verdict is expected in mid-December, with a final one in January 2023.

Q: So they haven't given up on this... what's different this time around?

A: Well, they have a new website where you can judge the merits of their arguments, but mostly, it's about winning over public opinion -- or as much of it as they can -- ahead of the verdict.

Their argument boils down to the fact that because UEFA regulates the sport -- licensing teams, appointing referees, registering players, etc. -- it is abusing its position by also organising competitions like the Champions League and redistributing revenue from them. It's an important argument and there may be some merit to it, but it's also not super-sexy to the average fan, so they bring up a bunch of other arguments they hope will resonate, like the fact that the game is unsustainable financially, that access to the game is too expensive, that there isn't enough investment in women's football and that too many young people are no longer interested in the game.

Q: I don't get it... if it's a bunch of independent judges ruling on a point of competition law, why do they need this PR blitz to go with it? Why try to win over hearts and minds?

A: Partly because last time, they did such a bad job of getting their case across, and partly because many view the CJEU as a "political court" -- one that is influenced by popular sentiment and politics. And if a majority of Europe fears the impact a pro-Super League ruling might have and is dead set against it, it might well influence their judgment. Plus, if you can show the sport itself is "sick," as Real Madrid president Florentino Perez says, and it's in real danger, then it might undermine UEFA's main argument, which is based around the "specificity of sport."

In other words, it's not just a business involving the top clubs, there's a whole pyramid of clubs beneath it right down to grassroots level and the best people to run it are elected officials.



Laporta, left, and Perez, right, are presiding over two of the three remaining teams still technically a part of the Super League. Both have mentioned the need for such a structure, but will it happen? (Agencies)

Q: Are their arguments convincing?

A: Some, frankly, are just nonsense. For example, Perez said European Football was losing the battle with the NFL and mentioned that the Forbes list of most valuable sports teams is now dominated by NFL franchises.

Barcelona president Joan Laporta voices his support to the creation of a European Super League.

Leaving aside the obvious "apples and oranges" comparison between a closed league in a different sport, and in a bigger, wealthier economy, with mechanisms designed to generate parity -- like the draft, salary cap, equal redistribution of more than 95% of revenue... all things Perez presumably wouldn't like -- the theoretical valuation of a club as deemed by a Forbes researcher is pretty irrelevant to the financial health of the European football pyramid as a whole. (Especially since a number of clubs, like the one Florentino runs, can't be bought and sold.)

Others are presented out of context, like the fact that 40% of 16-24-year-olds either have no interest in football or "hate the sport." OK, that same study found that a much lower percentage of even younger people (16% of 8-15-year-olds) had no interest or "hated" football. So what gives? Aren't they the future of the sport? (Oh, and the number who "hated" or "had no interest" in the game among over-25s was around 28%, suggesting that you can turn these numbers around to support any argument.)

As for "fan access to football" (their words) being too expensive, sure, it might well be, but it's not clear how "generating more fan interest" would "help moderate subscription prices." Even assuming that whatever they propose would generate more interest (and that's a big assumption), didn't we learn in Economics 101 that increased demand often tends to lead to increased prices?

Others, I think, are more valid.

Q: Like what?

A: Well, there's the legal one, which is the basis of their court case.

has details on a dossier sent to clubs that says the Premier League "is outgunning all continental leagues" and that English clubs "are backed by hedge funds, public investment funds, sheikhs, oligarchs..."

Q: Is that a valid argument? The Premier League did far outspend everybody else in the past transfer window, didn't they?

A: They did, though to be fair, it probably has to do with the fact that they have the second-highest average attendance of any European league and three times the TV revenue of other top leagues. Not to mention you have hedge funds in other countries, too, and for a number of reasons, several of continental Europe's traditional big clubs were hit harder by the pandemic than others. But the reference to "public investment funds, sheikhs and oligarchs" seems an obvious reference to Newcastle United, Manchester City and Chelsea (at least when Roman Abramovich was still around).

That's the sort of language that will resonate with fans of Europe's traditional big clubs, except it's not clear how some sort of Super League would fix this. Also, given that six of the 12 original Super League clubs came from the Premier League, I'm not sure why they would forgo their dominant position, unless they come up with some sort of competition format that is far, far more lucrative than what they have now... and maybe with a guarantee that there will be place for them in it every year. (Right now, the Premier League has a "Big Six," but only four places in the Champions League.)

Q: But don't the Super League insist that theirs won't be a "closed competition" like it was when they first proposed it back in April 2021?

A: Yes, although "open competition" can mean many things. Euroleague basketball has often been described as a model favoured by Perez (and, indeed, Real Madrid are a part of it, as are Bayern and Barcelona). It's "open" in the sense that anyone can apply for a "long-term licence" to play in it and if it's granted (based on a set of requirements, like the size of their home arena) they don't have to worry about qualifying.

In all, 12 clubs have long-term licences, four clubs have short-term "wild card" licences and two qualify via European competitions.

Q: Does it work?

A: I'm a basketball fan and sure, it's exciting to watch, and is probably the best basketball league in the world outside the NBA. But it doesn't generate much money: around €80m a season. Many of the clubs are funded by wealthy owners who do it for prestige or because they are fans, and here's the irony: Barcelona and Real Madrid know this.

Between 2015-16 and 2020-21, their basketball operations have lost money every single year, and not just because of COVID: Real averaged losses of €24m between 2015 and 2019 and Barcelona roughly the same. The club's other divisions, especially football, fund the basketball part.

Q: OK, so if they do this, the Super League will need to tweak their format and not copy the Euroleague?

A: I'd assume so, because the Euroleague is a tough sell if the goal is sustainability and revenue growth. I just don't know what they think they can come up with without alienating the Premier League clubs.

But maybe that's not their goal. Maybe the goal is simply to win over enough public opinion to sway the CJEU judges and win the court case. If they can do that, they can go back to UEFA with a stronger hand and more demands.

And if they don't get what they want from UEFA? Then they'll know they can simply form their own competition without UEFA or domestic leagues (like the Premier League) being able to sanction them.

Q: What might that look like?

A: I don't know. Maybe an invitation-only alternate Champions League, with Europe's 32 biggest and most popular clubs participating, regardless of sporting merit. Maybe with franchises in big cities that currently don't have football powerhouses like, say, Berlin or Moscow (post-war, obviously). It would probably generate more money and, from the clubs' perspective, they'd get to decide how to split the revenue and how much, if anything, to devolve down the pyramid in solidarity payments.

Those are, pretty much, the stakes here.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Tanzanian designer teams up with Nigerian film star to promote tourism

By Correspondent Mariagoreth Charles

A Tanzanian fashion designer Dominic Godfrey has collaborated with an award-winning, prominent UK-Nigerian screen actor, producer, and former fashion model Oris Erhuero to promote tourism and create more international opportunities for the Tanzanian fashion and film industry.

The idea has come about through the 'Tribe Called Africa' Safari collection by Godfrey which was launched last week and officiated by the Director of Arts Development in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports Emmanuel Ishengoma at the Tanzania National Museum in Dar es Salaam.

The event was attended by Kedmon Mapana, National Arts Council (BASATA) executive secretary, and Tanzania Film Board Director Kiagho Kilonzo, among other delegates.

Ishengoma commended the effort by Godfrey and his patriotism to ensure successful collaboration with an internationally acclaimed artist for the greater good of the country.

He also commended Oris' readiness to invest his time in the good course and assured him of the government's support for future related missions.

Erhuero emphasized: "This is only a contribution to build opportunities not for me and Godfrey but for generations to come and there is a lot to come following the launch of this year's collection."

He further explained that the journey to collaboration with Godfrey started about two months ago when he contacted around 40 African designers through digital media platforms to search for designers to participate in the London Fashion Week through its diversity department.

The decision came about after Erhuero convinced the department that if it wants diverse designers it should go to Africa and let people see real fashion.

Godfrey requested a collaboration with Erhuero asking him to become the face of his 2022/23 Safari collection aiming at promoting the country's tourism sector and supporting President Samia Suluhu Hassan's initiatives, especially through the 2022 Royal Tour film. Through this, Godfrey took Godfrey back to the fashion world after so many years of a career shift.

While in the country together with his family, Erhuero not only spent his time 'docu-modeling' the beautiful views of Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Kilimanjaro, and Zanzibar while dressed in Godfrey's Safari Collection but also served a bigger purpose by holding a session with Tanzanian models and actors through BASATA. The filmmaker visited the Tanzania Film Board and held a meeting with its Director, Kilonzo to build relations for potential future platforms.

Erhuero toured Kilimanjaro mountain, promoting the 'roof of Africa' in the 'Tribe Called Africa' Safari suit created by Godfrey.

During the event, Godfrey expressed his gratitude towards the government through the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports, BASATA, and the Tanzania Film Board for providing support to him and his entire team to ensure the success of this collaboration.

"When I had this vision, I did not know where to start from, thank you Mapana for your guidance and for playing a fatherly role from the day I stepped into your office, and thank you Ishengoma, even though we have just met today but you have been following up regularly on the progress and to encourage me," Godfrey stated. The Nigerian thanked Tanzania's government and all sponsors for supporting the initiative.

Mayanda called upon artists to join BASATA and benefit in several ways including accessing loans.

On October 19 2022 Erhuero posted on his Instagram Account that he was nominated by the London Chamber of Commerce for the Black Award Excellence on Outstanding Contribution to Stage and Screen. He attended the function dressed in a 'Tribe Called Africa' blazer.

Erhuero, now the face of Godfrey's Safari collection namely 'Tribe Called Africa' has worked for the largest fashion houses including Gucci, Dior, and Versace.

Currently, he is a full-time actor and producer appearing in notable movies such as 'Sometimes in April', 'Exterminate All the Brutes', and 'The Cursed Ones'.

Serengeti Girls ought to be cautious against Colombia, says Shime



Tanzania's national U-17 women's soccer team's defender Veronica Mapunda (L) jubilates with fellow players after she had notched for the squad during the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup clash against Canada that took place last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S national U-17 women's soccer team, Serengeti Girls, today plays the quarterfinal match of the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup finals against Colombia at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa, India.

Serengeti Girls created history by reaching the last eight of the U-17 Women's World Cup, holding Canada to a 1-1 draw in round robin tie to end second in Group D. Spain, Colombia, Nigeria, and Japan completed the quarterfinal line-up.

Before Serengeti Girls' crunch encounter with Canada, the former's head coach Bakari Shime noted a win would be a turning point for the women's game in Tanzania.

Last year, Tanzania's senior women's football team won the COSAFA Women's Championship but no Tanzanian team had ever made it to a World Cup until Serengeti Girls defeated Cameroon 5-1 on aggregate in African qualifiers to book their ticket to India.

The results will reverberate back home as Tanzania, playing at their first World Cup at any level, leave a mark on the global stage for the first time in history.

Shime pointed out that he has already directed the players and worked on the weaknesses he identified in previous matches so that they can perform well in today's game.

The coach said that he has looked at video footage of all of Colombia's duels so he is prepared to encounter

the South Americans differently to surprise them.

He said that the game will be very competitive because both teams need to make it to the semi-finals of the global showpiece.

Shime planned to have Serengeti Girls playing with caution and discipline to get rid of the pressure of allowing frequent attacks that can take them out of the game.

"Preparations for our match have been completed, we have worked on our shortcomings and will enter with great caution to progress to the next stage, we still believe we can do better," Shime added.

Shime has foreseen the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup can boost football, particularly the women's game in Tanzania.

"I hope this achievement will stimulate women's football in our country, it will change it a lot," he said.

Shime added: "Every girl in Tanzania needs to play football and play for the national team. I hope this is a turning point in our country, and the same for the CECAFA region, and Africa in general."

It is the second time that India has staged a major FIFA tournament, after hosting the U-17 Men's World Cup five years ago to bumper crowds with the host nation crashing out in the first round, a result that was repeated by the country's U-17 women's squad in this year's U-17 Women's World Cup finals.

Manyara Stars eye Nigeria scalp in U-23 AFCON qualifiers

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S national U-23 men's football team 'Manyara Stars' welcome Nigeria to Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today afternoon, as the hosts aim to take a first-leg advantage in the qualifiers for the 2023 U-23 Africa Cup of Nations set to take place in Morocco.

Manyara Stars' mission against Nigeria constitutes securing a victory and try not to concede an away goal to have a significant first-leg advantage against Nigeria.

Tanzania knocked out South Sudan on the away goal rule in the first round of the preliminary stage after drawing 0-0 in Dar es Salaam and winning 3-3 in the return leg played in Huye.

Nigeria was one of the 14 teams given a bye in the first round due to their rankings.

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has appointed Djibouti officials for the first-leg clash. Ahmed Djamel will serve as the center referee for the game.

Djamel will be assisted by his compatriots, Liban Abdou-razak Ahmed and Rachid Rais Bouraleh.

Manyara Stars head coach, Hemed Suleiman 'Morocco' is confident of the team doing well against Nigeria but acknowledges that it will be a difficult match against the West African nation.

"My Players are in good spirits and are ready to face the Nigerian Olympic team. We also



Manyara Stars' head coach, Hemed Suleiman.

have players who joined us from their clubs in Europe," Suleiman told FootballLive.

The tactician pointed out: "There's the experience in the squad to match the Nigerians, whom I assume believe they are favourites."

Suleiman disclosed: "It won't be as one-sided as many believe it would be but causing an upset won't be easy, but we have the entire nation behind us and we are highly motivated."

With the availability of Belgium-based duo captain Kelvin John and Novatus Dismas uncertain, Suleiman will be counting on the experience of South Africa-based midfielder Ally Msengi and Azam FC striker Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' to inspire the team to a positive result against the visitors who are sure to count on their overseas contingent.

The Nigerian squad boasts seven overseas-based play-

ers. They are Isaiah Ekeh (Mjallby, Sweden), Promise David (Sirens FC, Malta), Michael Ologo Inainfe (stanbulspor, Turkey), and Ogunniyi Oluwatimileyin Abiodun (FK Auda, Latvia).

Others are Adeyemo Oluwapelumi Emmanuel (FC Vizela, Portugal), Success Makanjuola (CD Diocesano, Spain), and Hezekiah Okirikpo (Dundalk FC, Ireland).

The reverse fixture is billed for the Lekan Salami Sta-

dium, Adamasingba Ibadan, Nigeria next Saturday.

The aggregate winner of the tie will face Guinea in the final round of the 2023 U-23 AFCON qualifiers.

Eight teams will join hosts Morocco in the 2023 U-23 AFCON finals.

Four nations from the tournament will make it to the 2024 Olympic Games men's football competition in Paris.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

