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Z'bar seeks investors in renewable energy

By Francis Kajubi

ZANZIBAR welcomes investors in clean energy sources especially solar power to reach people in remote areas of the archipelago, a top official has stated.

Dr Mgereza Mzee Miraji, the permanent secretary for Energy, made this observation in Dar es Salaam yesterday, during the winding up of a three-day energy access investment forum, organized by the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE).

The government had opted for solar power in remote areas to avoid costs of grid extension, as the power is mainly for household needs.

"I would like to use this Forum to make a dedicated call to investors in the clean energy sector to come to Zanzibar and invest in solar plants projects as consumers increase in remote areas of the islands," he said.

The Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access (ZESTA) programme has since last December rolled out an 18 megawatt solar energy project billed at \$142m, he affirmed, elaborating that the World Bank funded project is set for completion in 2026.

ZESTA is expected to connect 308,000 households in Unguja Island, the most important solar project to be implemented in Zanzibar, he stated. Over 50 percent of households in remote areas are far connected to solar energy.

So far 130 kilowatt solar energy is being generated through the Zanzibar Energy Sector Support Project which ended nearly two months ago, he said, outlining efforts to connect households to clean energy sources.

The project dating from 2016 was intended to supply 80 kilowatt power to households in Njau Island and a further 50 kilowatt supply to households in Kokota Island in Pemba.

Norway disbursed NK 470,000 (Norwegian kroner) for its implementation, via the Zanzibar Electricity Corporation (ZECO). More investments in solar energy sources will enable most people in rural Zanzibar to have access to reliable energy, he added.

'Local firms can manage bulk fuel import tenders'

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government has said it is working on plans to enable local companies to compete in tenders for bulk importation of fuel.

Erasto Mulokozi, acting executive director for the Petroleum Bulk Procurement Agency (PBPA), told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the government was consulting with major commercial banks to enable local companies to borrow and participate in the bidding.

He was conducting the bidding to get winners of tenders for fuel importation for August, where he stated that local companies lack the levels of capital required. "Now we want banks to form syndicates which will extend capital to local companies to facilitate bidding for fuel importation," he said.

A total of 480,000 tonnes of fuel, sufficient up to mid-October for all kinds of fuel needs like diesel, petrol, jet fuel and kerosene was on the bidding, he said, noting that world fuel prices rose from \$700 per tonne back in December to \$1,200 per tonne at present, touching off a spate of price increases pushing the government to intervene.

The price of fuel quoted by companies winning tenders changed from \$62 per tonne earlier to \$99 at present, the floor prices available in world markets, he said.

Bulk procurement started in January 2012 to mitigate supply and price unpredictability in the matter, showing a positive impact since then. It curbs excess costs in fuel imports, enables retail price control and curbing supply cartels and smuggling.

A study by the University of Dar es Salaam showed that the system enabled a significant reduction in fuel prices, along with increased tax compliance and retail trade

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Commander-in-Chief President Samia Suluhu Hassan swears in newly appointed Chief of Defence Forces Gen Jacob John Mkunda (R) at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

More households leave Ngorongoro

As PM Majaliwa spoke, 25 households were embarking on their journey

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the voluntary relocation of people from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA)

was proceeding well with 293 households harbouring 1,497 people agreeing to move and restart at Msomera area in Handeni District, Tanga Region.

This follows accords involving observation

agencies, the residents and regional authorities in meetings held in Loliondo and Ngorongoro divisions, which the premier followed closely.

Adjourning the marathon Budget meeting of the National Assembly yesterday, premier Majaliwa said the households are being provided with food for three months, with allowance to cover their needs, and a supply of mattresses.

"Today, June 30, a total of 25 households of 105 people are on their way to Msomera, moving with their livestock, while others will continue to arrive in phases," he told an enthusiastic chamber.

He said the objective of this operation from the outset was to ensure that those being settled here will find better standards of social services.

He said that 103 houses have been already constructed and 400 more houses are in

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RAS, DAS told to scrutinise school joining instructions

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

ADMINISTRATIVE secretaries at the regional and district level will henceforth have to check and approve joining instructions for those selected to join secondary schools, to check abusive contributions that the government wants them stopped immediately.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa issued this directive yesterday when adjourning the Budget session of the National Assembly, reacting to observations by MOs on the burden of contributions as undermining the government policy of free education.

The premier explained that most of the areas where contributions are supposed to cover, including electricity or paying guards are in

actual fact budgeted for in what the schools obtain from the government.

Regional and district secretariats will have to do more to monitor the use of funds directed to schools by the government, tasking the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) to work closely with the regional and district secretariats to monitor the use of the government stipend.

This is tied up with ensuring that no arbitrary contributions are demanded from students, pointing out that the government has been delivering funds directly into primary and secondary schools' accounts to cover learning and teaching tools, renovations, internal examinations and administration. Parents should not be charged to cover these needs, he stated.

Up to 10 percent of the stipend is used to fund electricity, water and security services, so no one is required to be charged to cover the same.

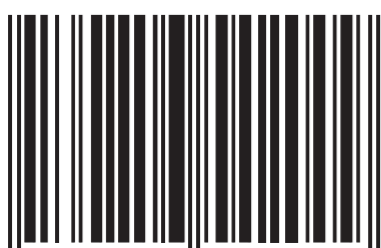
Emphasizing on the proper use of disbursed funds, the premier underlined that the government had decided to remove school fees with good intention to facilitate education for all.

On Wednesday, when closing the question and answer session in the House, Deputy Speaker Mussa Azzan Zungu cautioned that despite

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CRDB Bank Plc Group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (L) and the US Ambassador to Tanzania, Donald Wright, exchange documents in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after signing an agreement under which USAID and DFC will inject 100bn/- into the Tanzanian bank to help it expand its lending capacity to women and youths alongside extending loans to support the country's education, health and informal sectors. DFC, the US federal government's international development finance agency, invests in development projects primarily in lower- and middle-income countries. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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formal abolition of fees in primary and secondary education, parents still have to find multiple contributions for the children to attend school.

He said that these contributions hurt parents, and puts at issue the sincerity of the government in removing school fees at all levels.

"Parents were expected to feel actual relief from implementation of

the free education policy, but they are burdened with contributions to cover expenses of school supplies, food, power, employing guards and other costs," he stated, a situation which routinely compels poor parents to beg that their children remain in school.

District councils have the ability to cover such expenses but they shift the responsibility to parents, he stated, wondering why the responsible ministry was allowing them to do so.

Preparations of formulation of national policy on project monitoring and evaluation is ongoing, PM informs MPs

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has started preparations for the formulation of a national policy on monitoring and evaluation which will help closer control of spending and supervision of various projects in the country, the House heard yesterday.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa revealed this yesterday when adjourning the Parliamentary Budget session.

According to him, once completed, the policy will help to further strengthen transparency and efficiency in implementation of all development projects.

"We are doing this by engaging regulatory bodies responsible for monitoring and evaluation so as to analyze the areas they oversee and ensure all key areas are included including the management of development plans," he said.

He said in line with this, the government has already finalized the National Development Projects Management System which will come into effect in July, 2022 where among other things, will assist the government to strengthen monitoring and evaluation in the implementation of development projects and thus increase productivity and value for public spending on relevant projects.

The premier further said the government has also streamlined the structure and allocation of responsibilities of the office of the prime minister especially in terms of policy, coordination and parliament so as to strengthen the role of monitoring and evaluation.

"The aim is to ensure that monitoring and evaluation reports from government ministries and institutions are thoroughly analyzed as well as provide feedback on government

performance," he added.

"I call on the Minister of State, President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance to work closely with the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments, and the Ministry of Finance and Planning to address the shortage of monitoring and evaluation staff," he said.

The premier also said that preparation of the 2022 national Population and Housing Census had reached 87 percent where the pilot census has already been conducted and proved futile.

He said the government works to ensure no one is left behind in this important exercise calling on the lawmakers to also support the exercise by educating the citizens.

He also said that implementation of the residential address exercise is progressing well and had reached 95 percent.

The prime minister however wanted responsible ministries and authorities to continue supervising well the exercise which include addressing land conflicts which have occurred during the implantation of the programme.



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President has new task for newly retired CDF

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has already found new tasks for former Chief of Defence Forces General Venance Mabeyo, who has just retired after more than 40 years of service in the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF).

Speaking yesterday after swearing in the new Chief of Defence Forces General Jacob John Mkunda as new CDF and Lieutenant General Salum Haji Othman as new Chief of Staff at State House, president Samia said the new tasks will be announced by the Chief Secretary anytime soon.

"You have served the army with dedication, and you are retiring but very strong, we will still use you in fact I have directed the chief Secretary to let the public know your new tasks anytime soon," he said.

The Head of State said in her brief speech that she will have close talks with the new army leaders saying they ought to start from where their predecessors had stopped.

President Samia on Wednesday, appointed General Mkunda as new CDF. Prior to the new appointment Mkunda was the Chief of Operations and Training at TPDF headquarters.

A statement issued by the Directorate of Presidential Communication at State

House in Dar es Salaam said General Mkunda replaces outgoing CDF General Venance Mabeyo.

Gen Mkunda replaced Gen Mabeyo after the latter has reached his statutory retirement age.

At the same time, President Samia promoted Major General Salum Haji Othman to Lieutenant General and appointed him as new Chief of Staff of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF).

Prior to the appointment, Othman was Commissioner for Research and Military Development at the Defence and National Service ministry.



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Vodacom Tanzania Foundation project officer Salome Mtali (R) briefs Vodacom Tanzania Plc executives including heads of department on Wednesday on how m-service works. This was at the company's pavilion at the on-going 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair Dar es Salaam. The service is of immense utility to mothers in that it provides them with transport in case of emergencies associated with pregnancy or childbirth. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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various stages of construction so as to ensure that all the residents are well accommodated.

Building residential houses and putting up other services in the new area was apace, each house having three acres of land. Pasture areas have been set aside along with cattle dips, farming areas and adequate water

sources, he stated.

There is also a primary school and a secondary school, a dispensary and supporting infrastructure to ensure that the families start conducting income generating activities upon arrival, he elaborated.

The government was covering costs of the ongoing relocation exercise, sending buses and trucks to carry people and their belongings,

compensating the residents for houses they are leaving in Ngorongoro, he said.

A rapid rise in the population in the conservation area, environmental degradation arising from large numbers of livestock was threatening sustainability of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro, demanding that relocation be conducted, he explained.

Relocating the residents is coupled by rolling out social and

economic opportunities that lacked in the conservation area they left, he emphasised.

Voluntary relocation was gathering pace as local leaders and groups of women and youth meet with senior government officials to explain income generating activities, improving farming and livestock keeping opportunities in the new area, he added.



Macon Dunnagan (R), Tanzania's Goodwill ambassador for Tourism in the US, poses for a photo with a friend and fellow American, Les Hendricks, during his recent 47th Mount Kilimanjaro Climb (at Gilman's Point -5,685 metres above sea level). They were heading for the mountain's summit, Uhuru Peak (5,895m above sea level), under ZARA Tours. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka



Finance and Planning Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (L) and the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities) Patrobas Katambi, shake hands in Dodoma city on Wednesday during the presentation of dummy cheque for 11.85bn/- in CRDB Bank Plc dividend to the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF). Second left is PSSSF director general Hosea Kashimba. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt mulls revising laws, policies and regulations governing PwDs

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to review laws, policies and regulations relating to people with disabilities in effort to enable them fully access their rights, it has been revealed.

It also intends to soon start visiting the private sector employers to see if they comply with the requirements for the people with disabilities at work places.

Deputy Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), Patrobas Katambi made the statement here, adding that while the law is quite clear, some employers fringe people with disabilities of their rights. He said while the Persons with Disabilities Act, No 9 of 2010 clearly stipulate the rights, most employers do not adhere to it, adding that even some offices do not have friendly infrastructures and equipment.

Speaking while officiating the opening of a meeting to discuss challenges facing people with disabilities in public offices, the deputy minister stressed that the push to revisit matters of PwDs is spearheaded by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The meeting convened by Ikupa Trust Fund brought together over 150 people with disabilities from across the country to discuss challenges facing them.

He said the president has directed the ministry to do all the needful to help solve challenges facing PwDs.

According to the deputy minister, it is on that spirit that she has approved a 3bn/- budget for the renovation of colleges of people with disabilities and similar amount for construction of two new ones in Mwanza and Kigoma.

"Leaders at all levels including local government authorities should implement the people with disabilities act failure of which tantamount to discrimination" said Katambi.

He added that the government considers establishing special fund for the support of people with disabilities in the country.

Earlier, the chairperson, workers with disability group, Hamisi Sekejo, procurement officer at the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) in Mtera aired several challenges facing PwDs at work.

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He cited lack of support equipment and infrastructure in most public offices, negative perception that PwDs should be given light duties or easy tasks and lack of database of people with disabilities, their levels of education and expertise.

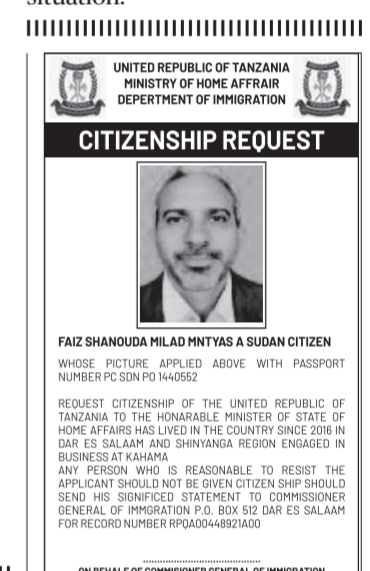
Other challenges, he said include lack of experts to empower PwDs to cope and benefit at different environments in the country and the need for special allowances to enable them attend training, seminars and courses.

This, he said should enable them pay for upkeep of their assistants.

Founder and Executive Director, Ikupa Trust Fund, Stella Ikupa said the meeting was to focus on success and challenges facing PwDs at work places.

She noted that despite efforts put in place to improve the working environment, PwDs still face several challenges with infrastructure leading on the list.

However, she thanked the government for the understanding and renewed initiatives to improve the situation.



By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

Govt tasks RCs, DCs to identify areas ideal for wheat farming

AGRICULTURE Minister Hussein Bashe has instructed regional commissioners countrywide to identify all wheat farms and the number of wheat farmers to enable the government's goal of attaining 400,000 hectares under cultivation in the next three years.

In addition, the ministry has also provided 50,000 tonnes of wheat seeds to spur wheat production in the country.

Speaking here on Wednesday to wheat stakeholders from various regions in the country including those producing the crop, Bashe said this is among strategies to spur wheat

farming that will see the increase of wheat farmers.

"400,000 hectares of wheat had existed but farmers were not keen to farm the crop that is why the government has decided to intervene to make sure they are identified and farmers must cultivate them," said Bashe.

He also stressed that districts and regions that have good farming areas for wheat should concentrate in the cultivation of the crop as the wheat is

still in great demand in the country.

"To stress on the importance of the crop, we have come to an agreement with wheat farming firm - Ngano Limited and already they have opened up 27,000 acres for this season," Bashe said.

He added that last year they had a meeting with wheat stakeholders and started trials in Manyara Region that had shown good results.

Meanwhile, Songwe Regional Commissioner, Omary Mgumba

said that in the past, Igamba and Magamba areas in the region used to grow wheat in abundance, but farmers stopped cultivation after finding out there were other crops that had better economic returns than wheat.

"There are large land areas in my region but people invade reserve forests and to be certain, the Lands ministry should make an assessment in regard to areas that are fit for wheat cultivation," Mgumba added.

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US agency extends food donation to two refugee camps in Kigoma region

By Francis Kajubi

THE United States Embassy in Tanzania through its International Development Agency (USAID) has provided a food donation to serve for refugee camps in the Kigoma region.

The donation of 12,000 metric tonnes of fortified maize flour worth US\$9million (20bn/-) was handed over to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) office in Dar es Salaam yesterday to be supplied to refugees in the Nyarugusu and Nduta camps in Kigoma Region.

Receiving the donation, apart from thanking the USAID, WFP Country Director and Representative Sarah Gordon-Gibson declared that WFP Tanzania has faced significant funding shortfalls since 2020 when rations had to be reduced to 68 percent of the minimum required needs.

"We are grateful for this continued and timely assistance from the US. This contribution is critical not only because of the value of food going to refugees but also because of the economic impact it will make to Tanzania through the local procurement of food," said Sarah.

According to her, prolonged ration cuts compromise refugees' food consumption, nutrition and health. Despite the new donation, she said, WFP is still unable to provide full rations for refugees due to chronic funding shortages related to the scale and number of humanitarian crises globally.

She asserted that USAID is the largest donor to WFP's refugee operation in Tanzania, providing approximately one-third of its annual refugee budget. WFP had in February this year received a donation worth US\$4million from the USAID for related purposes.

In his remarks at the event, the United States Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Donald Wright urged the government

to ensure that the humanitarian needs of all vulnerable migrants in-country are met.

"Problems such as lack of access to better livelihood opportunities, limited healthcare and education services and malnutrition are exacerbated by instability and rises in prices as a result of Russia's unjust invasion of Ukraine.

The invasion has largely contributed to straining global food supplies, increasing fuel prices, and making the lives of refugees residing in Tanzania more expensive," said Wright.

According to him, the donation will make it possible for the WFP to provide an estimated 204,000 refugees in Nyarugusu and Nduta camps.

WFP provides each refugee with a monthly food basket containing fortified maize flour, pulses, vegetable oil and salt. It further provides nutritional assistance to pregnant and lactating women and children under five years old.



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The US Ambassador to Tanzania, Donald Wright (R), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting to the World Food Programme's Representative in Tanzania, Sarah Gordon-Gibson, 12,000 tonnes of maize flour worth US\$9 million. It was meant as assistance to refugees living in two camps in Kigoma Region. Left is Director of Refugee Services in the Home Affairs ministry, Sudi Mwakibasi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

70 students cheat death in fire accident

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

AT LEAST 70 students of Bwiru Boys Secondary School in Ilemela District, Mwanza Region have escaped death following a blaze that destroyed their dormitory at around 9:00 pm Wednesday night.

Mwanza Regional Commissioner, Robert Gabriel calmed the students saying the regional government will make sure they get all their items that were destroyed by the fire for them to continue with their lessons.

"Just calm down, defence and security organs are here, warn the students that the building has fallen apart due to great pressure at the top, hence it is not fit for use, investigations have to be conducted to know the cause of the fire thereafter we will demolish it," the RC said, adding that the students will be provided with all their belongings destroyed by the fire.

Commenting on the incident on behalf of fellow student, Jamal Iddy said when they were in class doing

homework, they heard the ring of the emergency bell and when they went out they saw fire engulfing their dormitory.

"So far we do not know the cause of the blaze," Jamal said.

Meanwhile, Mwanza Regional Fire Brigade and Rescue Services Commander Ambwene Mwakibete explained that there was no death from the incident and that after receiving the report they took immediate steps to extinguish it so that it does not spread to other

buildings. He said they are conducting investigations to identify the cause of the blaze; the fire destroyed the building and students' belongings including books, clothing, beds and mattresses.

"The school has a total of 11 dormitories, we succeeded to put down the fire so that it did not spread to other buildings, no one was hurt as at that time the students were awake, in class doing homework," said Mwakibete.



Date: 1st July 2022

Reference: PAT/EOI/GE0-02/2022 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) FOR SUPPLY OF PROCESSING OF A 3D NODAL MARINE, TRANSITION ZONE AND LAND SEISMIC DATA SERVICES TO PANAFRICAN ENERGY TANZANIA LIMITED

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential bidders to express their interest and provide a quote for the supply of the following Services.
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SERVICES

Processing of a 3D nodal marine, Transition Zone and Land seismic dataset of approx.180 full fold km2 to be acquired in Q2/Q3 2022. Over the shallow marine part, a 4C OBN survey will be acquired using airgun sources. Over the land area a 3C land OBN survey will be acquired using vibrators as sources.

The processing of this survey requires a high level of technical expertise from the Bidder as various technical challenges will need to be addressed to deliver the best value for the COMPANY in a timely manner. For the Bidder, this project will be a unique opportunity to showcase their technical capabilities given the complexity of the acquisition and the processing challenges at hand.

It is currently envisaged that the acquisition Contractor will commence mobilisation in July with the aim to commence test shooting in August/September.

The Bidder is expected to allocate resources to participate in the analysis of the line testing. The scope of work can be summarised as follows:

- Full processing of the 3D Land/Marine OBN survey from field tapes to final product.
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 - Produce a Final 3D Pre STM volume for initial interpretation use.
 - Produce a Final 3D PreSDM volume, both in time and depth suitable for further AVO work and rock/fluid analysis.
 - Produce a 3D fully anisotropic velocity model, calibrated to the available well tops and quality controlled against the available sonic logs and check shot data.
 - Produce a set of Radial and Transverse gathers, accompanied with a recommendation for further PS processing.
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 - The Potential Bidder should be a well-established and reputable company and shall indicate that it is willing, capable, experienced and competent in supplying the said Services preferably to the Oil & Gas Industries. Failure to clearly so indicate may result in disqualification.
 - Potential Bidders must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience as a minimum.
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 - Proof of financial capability (provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years) and a Letter from your Bank.
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 - Quotation to include withholding tax at the prevailing rates for local company or foreign as applicable.

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All physical responses to be delivered before 3pm Friday, 29th July 2022 to Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director, PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, (all electronic copies of the RFQ to be sent to the email (bntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com) and a copy to (vedward@panafricanenergy.com) on the last day of submission).



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Consultancy: Development of standards and guidelines for best practices in FLR, incorporating environmental and social safeguards, the concept of Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) and fair access to land resources

Background

Forest landscape restoration best practices are designed to ensure that restoration is successful, long lasting through generation of tangible economic and ecological benefits. IUCN and WRI (<https://afr100.org/content/best-practice>) have categorized best FLR practices as constituting the following-1) they involve trees and other woody plants in landscapes where appropriate, 2) possible to scale up successes from individual sites, 3) able to restore functionality, ecosystem services, not "original" forest cover, 4) balance local needs with national and global priorities, 5) employ a range of restoration strategies, 6) adapt to circumstances over time, 7) avoid strategies that lead to the conversion of natural ecosystems. Whereas this is the ideal situation, in reality, investment needs and divergent stakeholder interests makes it hard for delivery of restoration in a way that attains all the seven categories. As a result there is danger of proliferation of substandard, low quality restoration implementation, leading to dilution of the very definition of FLR which is - the ongoing process of regaining ecological functionality and enhancing human well-being across deforested or degraded forest landscapes (<https://www.iucn.org/theme/forests/our-work/forest-landscape-restoration>).

The lack of standards in the current FLR implementation regime in many landscapes across Africa presents a risk of delivering low quality results that provide little if any ecological and economic benefits to the local people and national economies. Further, without building social safeguards and FPIC principles, the restoration efforts risk contributing to resource conflict and human rights violations which are negative attributes a well-designed FLR ought to resolve in the first place. With the standards and guidelines in place, WWF offices and partners implementing FLR can fine-tune their interventions and deliver restoration at scale that answers ecological and climate needs while delivering economic needs and aspirations of local communities and national economies.

Objective of the consultancy

To undertake an analysis of FLR practices undertaken throughout Africa to help develop best standards and functional guidelines to help restoration initiatives across the continent with the incorporation of Environmental and Social safeguards

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Speak up on the importance of census, Dr Tulia advises clerics

By Correspondent James Kandoya

NATIONAL Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson has appealed to clerics to use part of their homilies to emphasize on the importance of participating in the coming National Population and Housing Census.

She made the appeal in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday when speaking at the religious leaders' convocation about this year's National Population and Housing Census (PHC) that was organized by the Inter-Religious Council for Peace Tanzania (IRCPT).

She also called on parents or guardians not to hide children with disabilities and register them for the future record.

She said religious leaders have a direct link with their believers and therefore they must now take part in their homily to talk about censorship.

"We really depend on you as an important link in the coming exercise. I call upon all of you to use part of your homily in mosques and churches to address the importance of censor," she said.

According to her, the censor will help to set the coming 10 year national development vision when the previous ends in 2025.

She clarified that the coming censor has no relation with tribe, denomination, politics ideology and tax and therefore people should give the facts to the censor clerks.

IRCPT chairman, Alhad Musa Salum said religious leaders were ready to collaborate with the government to ensure the exercise becomes successful.

The cleric called upon Tanzanians to be ready to participate in the coming censor scheduled to kick off from August 23th this

year.

He, however, expressed gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her outstanding performances.

"Census has no religion, it is about all people. I call on all of you to ensure participate in censor," he said.

The commissioner of the 2022 PHC, Anne Makinda said the results of the census will be released to the public after one month.

She said it was the responsibility of everybody adding that this year censor will involve sub-villages.

"Census is important since among others will help to reduce bank interests," she said.

Former Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Alex Malasusa said that scriptures insist on obedience to leaders and therefore the public must participate in the coming censor.

"Census is about being obedient to the authorities to enable them to make future plans on behalf of the majority," he said.

He said further that census was about future development adding that it signifies patriotism and unity.

On April 09, this year, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, the chairman of a committee coordinating the census, said preparations for the census had reached 79 percent.

The last PHC was conducted in Tanzania in 2012. It is estimated that Tanzania has nearly 60 million people.

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Work harder to ensure food security, land experts urged

By Guardian Reporter

ENABLING experts from various districts on projects for reversing Land Degradation Trends and Increasing Food Security in degraded ecosystems of semi-arid areas of Central Tanzania (LDFS) are required to bolster agriculture projects in their districts.

The call was made Tuesday this week in Morogoro by the director of environment in the Vice President's Office, Dr Andrew Komba when opening a training seminar on assessing and monitoring of projects' indicators.

Komba said implementation of the projects faced many challenges, including their delay hence the experts undergoing training will have the chance to make improvements.

However, Dr Komba added that many projects have stalled due to various reasons including internal aptitude and lack of accountability in projects areas hence, he added it was the right time for seminar participants to closely monitor them to

attain intended goals.

LDFGS Projects Coordinator, Joseph Kihale said it is the responsibility of the enabling experts to fully supervise the infrastructures built from projects.

He cited water dams, wells and farming technologies as examples which they should regard as part of their lives as they assist them to strengthen irrigation and therefore increase food security in their areas.

Edson Apon, the training facilitator of the seminar said it was important to impart this education to the experts because many projects being implemented produce hazardous thermal energy.

For that reason, he said it was essential to make an assessment on the contribution of the projects in order to reduce gaseous emissions hence minimizing the effects of climate change.

The training was given to experts from districts councils of Kondoa (Dodoma Region, Mkalama (Singida), Magu (Mwanza), Nzega (Tabora) and Micheweni (Unguja).



Carol Koeh (C), Schneider Electric East Africa's president in Tanzania, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday on the launch of solar hybrids Homaya pro and Mobiya original. She is with the firm's Anglophone cluster business development manager Geraldine Sande (L) and business development vice president Olivier Jacquet. Photo: Mary Kadoke

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

OVER 100 children in Dar es Salaam have been rescued from the streets and returned to their families between January and May this year.

The Railway Children Africa (RCA) through its three-year care reform project rescued the children with the support from the government and stakeholders.

Speaking during the care reform project closure workshop in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Clara Fulgence RCA project officer said they have been reaching and protecting children living and working on the streets for over a decade.

"Through the project, we managed to rescue 128 children, among them 79 boys and 49 girls in five months. The number has dropped from 526 in 2021," she said, adding that investing in children is investing in the country's future.

Clara said children who have stayed for a long period at care houses have been taken back to their families as the centres are only short time

Over 100 'street children' returned to their families

shelters.

Wilfred Swai, RCA project officer said that before children are taken back to their families they are provided with life and entrepreneurship skills to help them establish income generating activities.

She said: "We also give them small grants that are used as capital for improvement of their businesses."

He said most of the street children have been forced into the situation due to various reasons such as poverty and conflict at family level as well as sexual abuse.

A social welfare officer from Dar es Salaam, Lilian Chillo said the partnership between the government and RCA under the police special desk for children has managed to educate a

good number of street children.

"We build friendship with the vulnerable children so that we can be able to get all the required information from them. Such kind of information is useful when preparing rescue plans," she said.

Bonephace Mrosso from Village of Hope (VOH) in Mwanza said: "Our mission is to bring lasting hope to orphans. We provide shelter, education, health care service and behaviour change sessions. We are serving 47 children who are still dwelling at orphanage centres."

Mrosso declared difficulties in helping and convincing children to move from orphanage centers to their families. He said there are challenges where some families refuse to take them back.



Lairumbe Mollie, chairman of Kiteto District pastoralists, addresses them yesterday on ways to tackle the various challenges commonly facing them. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

TAEC, IAEA in a five-year strategy to improve country's health sector

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC) in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is implementing a five-year health project, the key initiative which has seen installation of radiation therapy machines at Mwanza-based Bugando Hospital.

The five-year project (2017-2022) which has so far made great strides in ensuring radiation and treatment planning systems at Bugando Hospital are available targets to help provide cancer treatment services to the people of the lake region who have been struggling for a long time to pursue such treatment at Ocean Road Cancer Institute in Dar es Salaam.

Giving an exclusive interview to The Guardian, TAEC Director General (DG), Professor Lazaro Busagala informed that the project has already spent a total of 52.95bn/- over five years (2017-2022).

"During the same period, at least 33.4bn/-

medical equipment was procured along with nine professionals from the industry who attended a long-term fellowship training where 23.8bn/- was used to fund the training," he detailed.

Together with that, he added that, through the project, IAEA in cooperation with TAEC, ministry of health and the Institute of Food and Nutrition in human nutrition is conducting a special research using nuclear technology to diagnose nutritional problems in young children.

"The nuclear technology provides accurate diagnostic information compared to the use of other methods," he unveiled.

And he detailed that, in a period of the mentioned five years, the robust project spent at least 1.2bn/- to procure varied modern equipment for the improvement of human nutrition.

"Apart from the equipment, various training were provided such as meetings as well as various seminars done locally and abroad

whereby a total of 211.7m/- was spent," he revealed.

The Don added that in the human resource development sector, workers from various sectors have been trained through the International Atomic Energy Agency project in various areas including livestock, human health, agriculture, water resources management, nutrition and energy and industry.

The training provided, according to him was for a short-term for period of one to three weeks and long-term training, from six months to three years, so for a period of five years (2017 - 2022), a total of 3.2tn/- was spent by IAEA to fund training and research materials for students from various ministries and institutions in the country.

The vital project has been implemented under the Country Programme Framework (CPF).

CPF is a technical partnership program between Tanzania and the International Atomic Energy Agency which reflects the developmental needs and priorities of the member state on one hand and access to resources to implement those priorities on the other.

In addition, these priorities are essential for identifying all areas where nuclear technology can make a significant contribution to economic and social development.



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Faw Trucks & Equipment Ltd marketing officer Lukolo Juma (L) briefs small farmers and entrepreneurs on the quality of FAW-CA1073 vehicles launched at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Photographer

EACJ ups jurisprudence on protection of human rights

By Guardian Reporter

EAST African Court of Justice (EACJ) has built jurisprudence on the protection of rights of individuals in East African Community under Articles 6 (d) & 7 (2) of the EAC Treaty on fundamental and operational principles of the community, which include protection of human rights and freedoms.

EACJ President Justice Nestor Kayobera made the remarks in Zanzibar when speaking during the official opening of a three-day first Tripartite Judicial Dialogue held in Zanzibar, which was organised by the three Courts, that is the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR), the EACJ and ECOWAS Community Court in collaboration with various partners led by the Roul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

He said that the court has handled over 600 cases which are not enough due to limited awareness on the court by the public.

AfCHPR President Lady Justice Imani Aboud said that Judicial Dialogue has become a critical tool to achieve justice in an increasingly globalized world, the purpose and gains are now established and undeniable.

Justice Imani stated that recent developments in Africa's social - political and legal landscape unequivocally demand that African leaders reaffirm their commitments to justice, whether to terrorism, armed conflicts, famine, and political violence, under development or poverty, justice continue to stand as the agreed solution. "We as judges and courts need to engage in consistent trading of legal and judicial solutions," said African Court President.

ECOWAS Court President represented by Lady Justice Dupe Atoki said that, the court was initially strictly an interstate court without individual's direct access to the court. However, in 2005, a Supplementary Protocol was adopted which amended the initial protocol on the court, expanding its initial mandate into four distinct mandates and these include; as Community Court; an Administrative Tribunal for ECOWAS Public Servants Human Rights Court and an Arbitration Tribunal.

Justice Dupe added that it's significant to note that the said Supplementary Protocol granted the court's jurisdiction to determine cases of violation of human rights that occur in any Member State and gave individuals direct

access to the court in respect of human rights violations.

The Roul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law a leading partner in organizing the dialogue, represented by Prof Morten Kjaerum said that, the development of the mandates of both the regional and sub-regional courts in Africa, has not only contributed to the advancement of human rights in Africa but also to the harmonization of human rights standards in the region and for the unity and effectiveness of the African human rights system. The jurisprudence developed at this continent contributes greatly to the advancement of international law at all continents.

Konrad Adnauer Stiftung a partner represented by Dr Stefanie Rothenberg said "We don't have to go back far in time, if we want to see how essential the role of the courts with regard to guaranteeing the fundamental rights of access to justice for African citizens is."

Representing the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Maymuchka Lauriston said that enhancement of human rights protection throughout the world is a common goal for the United Nations Systems and its international human rights mechanisms as well as for many regional mechanisms dealing with human rights matters. She added that regional and sub-regional bodies make important contributions to the process of domestication of international and regional human rights law through adjudication of legal norms and standards.

The judicial dialogue which commenced on 27th will go on up-to 29th June. Various discussions on judicial issues on promoting and protection of human rights, adjudication, jurisprudential issues related to women rights and indigenous people, execution of decisions of the three courts, challenges and prospects of cooperation in the implementation of the decisions as well as institutional cooperation among these courts.

The dialogue brought together judges from the three courts, legal and academic professionals, registrars and staff of the 3 courts. Other dignitaries in attendance were the Chief Justice of Zanzibar (designated), Minister of Justice, Attorney General, Regional Commissioner, and Judges of the High Court of Zanzibar among others.

'Solution to child pregnancies now in sight'

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

SOLUTION is now in sight in regard to under-age pregnancies in Shinyanga Region following the provision of training to girls on life skills, entrepreneurship and maternal health education.

The training is coordinated by the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, employment and People with disabilities) being given to special groups of youth in the region, including people with disabilities, those living with HIV and under-age girls who had been pregnant.

Speaking on Wednesday when opening

the training, Shinyanga Region's Acting Administrative Secretary, Beda Chamatata, said the training given will help many girls to assert themselves and realise their life dreams instead of engaging themselves in sex that could make them contract HIV among other things. "I praise the PM Office for initiating the programme on life skills for the youth who we hope will correctly assert themselves and make the right decision in regard to their destinies," said Chamatata.

"I am also told that through this training, the youth will be trained on entrepreneurship, I beseech you when you finalise all the required procedures utilise

the 10 per cent loans from the local councils provided to vulnerable groups including the youth, women and people with disabilities as capital," he added.

Meanwhile, the Director of Youth Development department in the PM Office, Julius Tweneshe said the training's specific aims is to make sure the youth realise their dreams in life by showing them various opportunities from the councils' loans.

Some of the youth, including Happiness Kasembo said the training has helped them to assert themselves and make the right decisions in regard to their lives, by engaging in profitable activities.

SGA Security keeps its international certification

By Guardian Reporter

SGA Security has maintained its status as the only company in the country that is internationally certified with Security Operations Management System - ISO 18788 after undergoing a surveillance audit by the United Kingdom Accreditation Services (UKAS).

The exercise was done on behalf of the UK firm Intertek of Belgium this week in Dar es Salaam and led by Dr Nick Yordanov.

Dr Yordanov said this certification requires utmost competency in the provision of security services to customers, with strict observance of human rights and observation of all relevant laws.

"Key requirements include awareness of the context of the organisation, so as to design plans to take care of all stakeholders in the delivery of security operations," he remarked.

He commended the leadership for demonstrating high levels of compliance and consistency in the application of the requirements of the ISO standard, adding they sampled sites randomly and concluded that there was a high level of awareness of human rights, situation awareness and practical application of key concepts.

Dr Yordanov added: "I have raised a few areas to help you continue improving but overall, you have demonstrated that the security operations management system is optimized." SGA Tanzania Managing Director, Eric Sambu, congratulated his team for demonstrating high levels of professionalism in

the delivery of security services that include guarding, cash-in-transit, alarm response, security installation and courier services.

"We take pride in our ability to add value to our customers as we practice the provision of this certification," he said.

Sambu said the firm focused on empowering employees through continuous training and awareness, especially on the aspects of human rights in addition to competency in delivering services to customers.

SGA security was certified under the ISO 18788 standard in 2020, for a period of three years, and in between, a surveillance audit is carried out to ensure that the requirements of the standard is continuously maintained,

with evidence of continual improvement.

The security firm began its operations in Tanzania in 1984, being the first security company to be registered here, as Group Four Security, and then later changed its name to Security Group Africa (SGA).

It employs about 6,000 people in Tanzania, and it is part of the group operating in East Africa with over 18,000 employees. SGA is also a certified member of the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association (ICoCA), an international body based in Switzerland that promotes upholding best practices and human rights by states and companies in the provision of security services across the globe.



High Commission of India
Dar es Salaam

Date: 01.07.2022

Subject: Tender for Supply and installation of LED Panel Display for indoor usage for the High Commission of India Dar es Salaam

High Commission of India, Dar-es-Salaam invites sealed quotations from reputed, experienced and financially sound Companies registered under relevant Tanzanian Companies Law which can supply and install the LED Panel Display in the Multipurpose Hall of the High Commission of India, Dar-es-Salaam Building. The Tender document inviting bids for this work can be downloaded from the Mission's website <https://hcindiatz.gov.in> in the What's New Section under the heading "Tender for Supply and installation of LED Panel Display for indoor usage for the High Commission of India Dar es Salaam"

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We need to come closer together in taming crime

SOMETIME around mid-August 2013 we used this very same column to express worry and fear upon having witnessed a series of criminal incidents, particularly violent attacks on influential people and even ordinary citizens.

We noted that several of the incidents had occurred - and were occurring - in broad daylight at political rallies, in open streets, etc., at times involving the splashing of people with acid and leaving them with various degrees of injuries.

We cited a month during which there were two incidents of the kind - one in Arusha Region in which an Arumeru District resident was the victim and the other with a Dar es Salaam businessman as the target.

A month or so earlier, a man was the victim in a brutal attack while on his way home in Zanzibar, while another was hit during a political rally in Igunga District.

We rightly noted that there was every reason for our country, which has enjoyed decades of peace and harmony, to refuse to earn the disgraceful label of criminal elements having a field day with some finding acid attacks on innocent citizens people fashionable in an undeclared war.

We wondered why acid threatened to become a weapon of choice in such assaults, one idea being that it was all because literally anyone could readily or effortlessly access it.

Indeed, it was true that one didn't need to have some special permit to be able to buy the chemical. And we found this strange in that, for most lethal weapons often "misused" by criminals, one would need a permit to possess one.

On second thoughts, we reminded ourselves that there were after all lots of real weapons out there whose accessibility did not call for the need for permits.

This made us wonder whether cases of the misuse of acid were on the rise simply because criminals could use the chemical to effect and get away with their evil ways without trace.

While it is quite some time since the last reported case of acid-aided assault, we cannot rule out a recurrence of the same or other incidents using whatever weapons criminals can decide to apply

in their evil ways.

We sincerely believe that not only have our police and other law-enforcement agents most of the expertise and other resources they need to forestall and combat all manner of crime but also most have been doing what most they could to get hold of criminals and ensure the law takes its course.

However, time is now for the agents and other relevant authorities to forge closer links with the citizenry in combating the rising wave of what one could refer to as rare crime.

We have in mind cases of violent crime including homicide which are usually a tragic culmination of romantic relationships gone sour.

While it is clear that there are various time-tested ways of handling such incidents before the worst comes, the fact is that the frequency with which we have been witnessing cases of the kind lately is very real cause for concern.

For one thing, the need for enhanced vigilance in the way we store and handle weapons and other items likely to add the tragic or deadly nature of the incidents in question cannot be overemphasized.

Yet, how often is the importance or relevance of this consideration belittled or ignored?

Going by the ease with which "small" but in effect deadly arms such as machetes, kitchen knives and pangas are sold along our urban streets and other places, one can only wish for tighter preventive and remedial intervention.

Acid-aided attacks of the kind we have cited above appear to have become long-forgotten history - and whoever are to be credited with the laudable development have done us all proud, and we have plenty to learn from all this.

But we are not there yet, at least not what with what we see and know about the way we store and handle chemicals and weapons, etc. - however apparently safe or harmless.

Still, we have the capacity to conclusively address some of the challenges needlessly giving us a hard time. Let's go on and do more in taming the tide of crime using the resources in our hands and supported by all the legal means at our disposal.

Contributions not suited to free education policy

ENTHUSIASM with the generalisation of free education from primary school to high school in our country's public or government educational facilities is frequently marred by frequent contributions.

While these vary from one place or institution to another but, in large measure, they have similar characteristics in that they are demanded for services whose costing is quoted far above market prices.

For instance, a primary school seeks to employ a guard, which may not be surprising if there is no such provision in the regular vote. However, do all pupils contribute 15,000/- per year to pay the school yard guard?

It was along these lines that National Assembly Deputy Speaker Mussa Hassan Zungu has recently raised the issue of disquiet among parents, leading to a mitigated reception of government efforts to provide free education.

Professionals' interest in the sector has traditionally been difficult to weave in that direction, as they usually see the universal primary school and secondary school education drive as sharply compromising the quality of the teaching, by overloading schools, etc.

Outside the complaint about quality, there is a professional insistence that there is nothing like free education but 'fee-free' education, which deliberately

mixes up costs that parents would have to meet anyway even if they paid fees, with the concept of free education as such.

The concept remains valid even if there are uniforms to be bought or, as obtained previously, boarding school pupils were asked to report with mattresses.

When one is immersed in the 'fee-free' education concept, piles of charges that school administrators or district authorities bring up are seen as normal, as they haven't charged fees.

The idea is that fees were supposed to cover other costs, not augmenting the salaries fund from the government.

The prevalence of such contributions indicates that it isn't just school authorities imposing them but that they are accepted by ministerial authorities overseeing local governments.

In that this is essentially what the deputy speaker suggested, even if the government isn't in a position to abolish all contributions and meet all basic expenses of pupils in schools, it must allow parents to buy those things on their own.

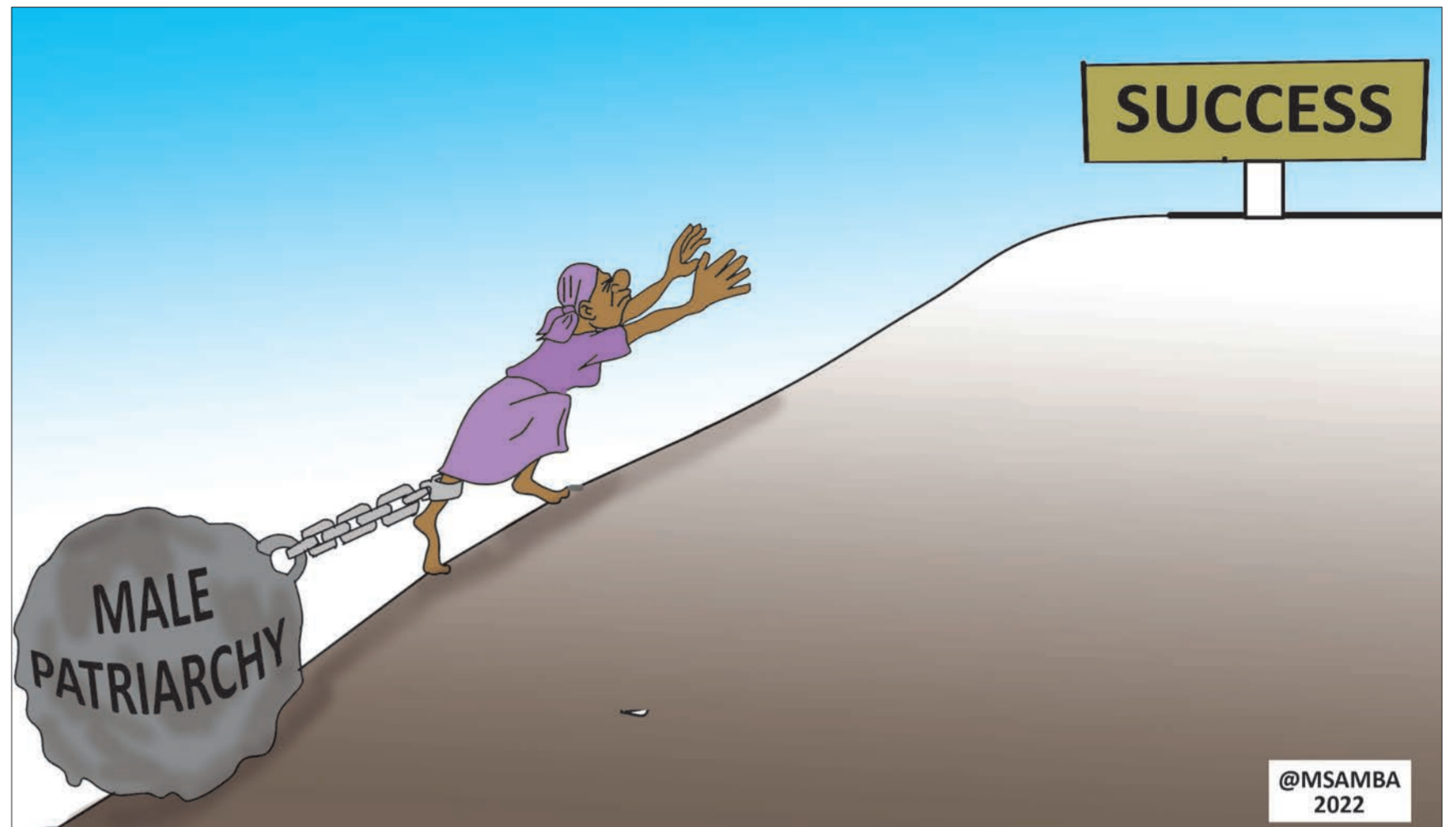
Central government action will come in handy, or local governments and education sector professionals risk seeing their school colleagues move differently.

Should that be the case, the popular feeling could be that it is the government's plan or wish - even if that is not the case.

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IT'S the "magic" number just about everyone knows: 120/80. If your blood pressure isn't at - or below - that, you'll land smack in the prehypertension group.

And if, heaven forbid, you venture up to 140 on the top reading, you'll definitely be told it's time to start a "treatment programme". Code words for taking dangerous high blood-pressure drugs.

But more and more research coming out is telling us that's just plain wrong, wrong, wrong. The most recent study on aggressive blood pressure control out of Italy found that patients in a memory clinic who had the lowest systolic (top) number (achieved by taking blood pressure drugs) also had the most "cognitive decline".

And before that, a study published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society discovered that higher blood pressure in those aged 85 and older was connected to "resilience" in both physical and mental decline.

Another study, from the Netherlands, found that older people who were on blood pressure medication were more likely to suffer from dementia. The researchers said that the reason may be because, as you age, too low blood pressure can cause your brain to get an insufficient supply of blood.

Add this to that the fact that a review of four recent drug trials involving over 9,000 people with a systolic reading going up to 159 found that treating them with drugs does very little to prevent heart disease.

But it looks like some bad advice is amazingly sticky. And what we've been told all along about blood pressure seems to be made out of superglue.

Even new guidelines published in 2015 in the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association haven't caused the shakeup it was expected to.

It was the first time that the top number in what is considered "high blood pressure" actually went up, the biggest difference being for those aged over 60.

A committee - one made up of many of the most well-respected heart doctors you can find - said that there was no reason for people who are 60 or over to start on drugs unless their blood pressure was 150/90 or higher. (It had been 140/90). And for people under 60, the numbers also got bumped up to 140/90.

Now this isn't to say that having a lower blood pressure reading isn't healthier. But it's all how you get that lower reading that really counts.

Dr Paul James, co-chairman of the panel that issued the new numbers, said someone whose top number is 120 will "have lower health risks" than, say, someone with a reading of 140.

But getting to that number with drugs

Facts and myths about blood pressure conditions



didn't show the same health benefits as being able to achieve it naturally. A big part of that reason could be that drugs to lower blood pressure are some of the riskiest ones out there.

For example, drugs in the "ARB" family can cause lupus, hypersensitivity and acute eye problems, including glaucoma. And if taken during pregnancy they can actually kill an unborn baby.

[Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that can cause vision loss and blindness by damaging a nerve in the back of the eye called the optic nerve. The symptoms can start so slowly that one may not notice them. The only way to find out if one has glaucoma is to get a comprehensive dilated eye exam.]

In addition, people on ACE inhibitors - that is, medications that help relax the veins and arteries to lower blood pressure - can develop sudden, life-threatening swelling of the face and neck.

And all these meds can cause blood pressure to fall too low, leading to dizziness and falls. So if your doctor is still clinging to the old party line about your blood pressure number, it's time to break the news to him or her that 120/80 has gone the way of eight-track tapes and rotary phones.

Feeling and looking younger than you are in years is not only possible -

it's easy! And today we're going to give you a very special sneak peak into the ONLY way you can do it right...

It all begins with one secret that combines cutting-edge alternative medicine with time-tested common sense. It's the formula guaranteed to create A WHOLE NEW YOU!

Meanwhile, despite all the bad things you've heard by now about diet soda, maybe you still think it will help you lose weight. But if you're looking to get rid of that muffin top, it's actually the last thing you want to drink.

A new study of 729 people 65 and older found that regular diet soda drinkers ended up with three times as much belly fat after nine years. And that's the riskiest kind of fat, linked to heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

And those who fared the worst were the ones who were overweight to begin with. These people "are really in double or triple jeopardy", said senior author Dr Helen Hazuda. She said while they thought they were helping themselves, "it's actually totally counterproductive".

The new study seems to jibe with one done in Israel in 2015 on both mice and nearly 400 humans. It found that the three most widely used non-caloric synthetic sweeteners altered gut bacteria in a way that resulted in increased glucose intolerance.

Dr Hazuda also believes that artificial

sweeteners fool our bodies. She said instead of satisfying us, they actually cause us to crave sweeter and sweeter foods.

Whatever the reason, this study is further evidence that diet drinks aren't the magic weight-loss elixirs (medical potions designed to cure) which advertisements make them out to be.

And then there's the "side-effects" that have been associated with aspartame, the main artificial sweetener they contain - including migraines, dizziness, seizures and vision problems.

What should be clear is that drinking diet soda is a losing proposition. When it comes to everything but your weight, that is.

Come to think of it, do you feel like you've tried countless products to bring back your youthful glow? You know the ones... the greasy creams, expensive oils and even those "beauty" pills you have to pop morning, noon and night... they're such a waste of time and money!

However, doctors warn that this information is offered as a general guideline and is not one-size-fits-all medical advice. They stress that it is important for people to consult their doctors before making any changes in their personal health care schedules.

Agencies

Five career lessons that can work magic for you if prudently followed

WE celebrated Father's Day a fortnight ago and it occurred to me that I should commend all the fathers who have raised their children so well and have been there for them always.

Albeit belated, I'd like to give kudos to all fathers out there who have played their role which is so important to a child's physical as well as psychological development. It is because of importance of fathers' presence that parenting experts recommend even a responsible stranger to be around children without fathers just to play father figure role.

In a special way, I'd like to express my gratitude to my father for the many lessons he's taught me throughout the years. I've used some of my life's lessons in my job, and they've led to great success.

He taught me these five principles while I was growing up, even though I spent 15 years of my life in school learning how to get a profession that would allow me to live the life I wanted, my father played a significant role in nurturing and shaping me as an individual. His pool of goldmine lessons can be summarized five times.

Don't let your past dictate your future. Small scale miners have been in my father's family for decades. In fact, every living male relative of my father worked as a one at some point. My father, on the other hand, had no desire to venture into mining.

My studied hard and became the first member of his family to attend higher learning institution and then earned the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in civil engineering as an escape route. To break the family cycle of miners, he landed an excellent job at a construction company.

As a reminder that anything is possible and that we should set our goals based on our desired destination rather than our current location, my father would relate this story to me regularly. "Don't let your past dictate your future," he would often say.

Treat everyone as if they're a high-



value customer. Everyone in his construction company, from the janitor to the MD is treated with dignity and respect by my

father, who is a modest man. "No matter how successful you become, remember that you still put your pants on one leg at

a time, like everyone else." That was his catchphrase and he added: Don't anticipate or demand special treatment from anyone."

When someone feels beneath you, never treat them cruelly. You never know who you'll meet or what they'll become, so treat everyone with respect. It's remarkable how much this can affect people, including yourself. It helps develop trust and respect, and it also encourages others to assist you achieve your goals.

When the stakes are high, do the hard things. A sports enthusiast like my dad was always fascinated by the players who were able to get the job done when the going got tough. They were the folks you could rely on, he told me so. When things are going well, it's simple to shine, but those who are genuinely the best shine when the going gets difficult. That's what sets you apart.

As a result of following this advice, I vol-

unteered for the difficult projects that no one else wanted to take on, and when we completed them effectively, I was able to stand out and advance in my career ahead of my peers early on.

Enter quietly, do a great job, exit loudly. Never tell me what you can do; show it to me. That was my father's adage when I was growing up. It was individuals who boasted about their abilities and then came in and failed that he despised. Come in softly, under promise, over deliver, then leave loudly since it always leaves a better impression, he would say.

As a child, he was taught by his father that it was better to talk about what you've accomplished rather than what you plan to accomplish. Use this advice to keep yourself on the correct side of the border between arrogance and confidence. In the wrong hands, arrogance may alienate others, but in the right hands, confidence encourages others to have faith in you.

You're able to sleep well at night, knowing that you've done the right thing. For, as long as I can recall, my father's mantra is it's never too late to do what's right. In terms of values, this was the most important one for him. He said it's easy to know the right thing to do; just ask your conscience, and if you always do the right thing, you will sleep a lot more soundly.

Decisions that can have a significant impact on the lives of others must be made frequently in business. These decisions aren't always easy, but if you can be sure you did the right thing, not only will you be able to look yourself in the mirror but also your coworkers. Having a clean conscience is a priceless commodity.

Following this advice has helped me achieve some amazing goals, things that others thought were impossible. It has allowed me to remain humble, earn trust and respect, and it has allowed me to sleep soundly at night.

I owe a debt of gratitude to my father for providing the solid foundation upon which I have built my life. I'm grateful for everything he's taught me and is still teaching me. When it comes to my children, I want to impart to them the same lessons. You can do the same too if not doing already.



BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

Cashewnuts: The 'white gold' the government is all set to see grow

GLOBAL cashewnut trade is a multibillion business annually which attracts heavy investments not only from the private sector but governments to enable farmers get input to increase productivity and revenues.

Cashewnut has tremendous potential of production and marketing in Tanzania especially for export to other countries. It is termed as 'white gold' to describe its importance in the economy.

Because Tanzania is one of the countries with land suitable for cashew growing, the government is not taking chances. A total of 5,623 tonnes of farm input arrived at the Port of Mtwara last week to be distributed free to cashew growers in the country.

Sulphur dust subsidy imported from Turkey is a key pesticide since it prevents cashew powdery mildew disease—the most serious biological constraint in cashewnut production because the fungal disease attacks young panicles and flowers with consequent effect on the apple and the nut, resulting to losses of between 70 to 100 per cent.

Speaking at the reception of BOSS7 Vessel which docked with the consignment last Friday, Mtwara Regional Commissioner Brig Gen Marco Gaguti said the move follows a directive by President Samia Suluhu Hassan that cashew growers be provided with essential input to boost their productivity and incomes.

The RC said the shipment which was being offloaded just hours after the docking of the ship, would be distributed to all cashew-growing regions under strict supervision and coordination.

Mtwara District Commissioner Dunstan Kyobya who was also at the port appealed to relevant authorities in the cashew belt to ensure the in-



Consignment of 5,623 tonnes of sulphur dust pesticide which arrived at the Port of Mtwara last Friday will be distributed to cashew growers in the country free of charge. File photo

put is distributed to farmers equitably.

Norbert Kalembwe, Acting Manager Port of Mtwara said the input is expected to boost cashewnut production and incomes not only in Mtwara but in other top producer regions such as Lindi, Ruwuma, Coast as well as the emerging ones.

Francis Alfred, Acting Director General of the Cashewnut Board of Tanzania (CBT) said the government prioritizes sulphur as key pesticide because of its ability to control the most dangerous cashew disease.

The Port of Mtwara has increased its capacity from 400,000 tonnes to over 1

million annually, thanks to a 157bn/- injected into its expansion recently, the officials said.

On Wednesday last week, a ship destined to Vietnam left the port with 15,800 tonnes of cashewnuts and according to officials, the facility is now ready to ship out all the cashewnuts from Mtwara, Ruwuma and Lindi regions which account for 70 per cent of total production in Tanzania.

The sulphur dust received last week is just a fraction of the subsidy the government is injecting into the crop as CBT races against time to attain 400,000

tonnes in the 2022/23 farming season set by the Ministry of Agriculture as well as 700,000 tonnes by 2025/26 season outlined in the CCM's election manifesto. CBT also targets to increase Cashewnut contribution to the GDP from the current 500bn/- to 1trn/- annually.

According to Observatory of Economic Complexity (OEC), in 2020, cashewnuts, fresh or dried were the world's 430th most traded product, with a total trade of USD6.87 billion (over 15trn/-). Between 2019 and 2020 the exports of cashewnuts decreased by -6.78 from USD7.37 billion to USD 6.87 billion mainly due to COVID-19 disruptions. Trade in cashewnuts represents 0.041 per cent of total world trade, says OEC.

Following the docking of the ship, cashew growers in the Southern Zone hailed the ongoing government support through free input but asked for more to be done to boost their productivity and earnings.

The farmers said distribution of free pesticides provided by the government in the 2020/21 and 2021/22 seasons has been a big shot in the arm for them but access to loans remains a big challenge.

From tilling the land, planting, pruning, weeding (four times per season), pesticide spraying (five times

per season) and harvesting and sorting, the farmers said this is a labour-intensive undertaking that requires reliable financing for enhanced productivity.

Said Abdallah who owns a 27-acre farm with 1,000 trees in Magengeni Ward, Mtwara Region, told reporters that for instance, even with the free pesticides, he pays spray pump operator 300/- per tree.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has done a fantastic job so far. Without input subsidy the situation would have been very bad for me and my colleagues," he said.

"However, we have a big challenge when it comes to reliable access to loans. The available commercial banks hesitate to lend us money and even when the loan is approved, the money reaches us too late, mostly off the season."

The farmer added that the lenders currently working with farmers have capped the maximum amount to 1mn/- which he said is peanuts for his 27 acres.

Rashid Kamkumba who owns 10 acres located in Naliendele in the region said he currently relies mainly on the input subsidy because he has no access to financing to expand production.

The 31-year-old said he cannot dig deeper into his pockets to buy input because prices of cashewnut

which range from 1,400/- to 1,900/- per kilo are too low compared to the cost of production.

"I understand no one gets satisfied with money but going by the cost of production, a kilo should fetch between 3,500/- and 4,000/-," he said.

"The government should do more to attract investors in cashewnut processing locally as this will lead to competition and good prices for farmers."

Khadija Matipa, Manager at Masasi-Mtwara Cooperative Union which also serves Nanyumbu District, said the government input subsidy in the two seasons upped production in Mtwara, Masasi and Nanyumbu districts from 65,000 tonnes (2020/21) to 69,000 tonnes in 2021/22.

"Our projection is to increase the tonnage to 85,000 in the 2022/23 farming season because the input has come in time," she said.

But according to Brig (ret) Aloyce Mwanjile, Acting Chairman of CBT, huge chunks of cashew farms have now turned into dense forests because of abandonment by farmers who are not willing to invest both energy and resources.

"We are working with councils to use bylaws to get people to clean these abandoned farms," he said.

In May this year, CBT announced plans to increase production which includes provision of 25,000 tonnes of sulphur dust and 1.5 million litres of liquid pesticide to farmers for free.

CONSERVATION

A voice for African wildlife: A conversation with Kaddu Sebunya

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The CEO of the Nairobi-based African Wildlife Foundation, Kaddu Sebunya - in London to mark AWF's 60th anniversary while fundraising and lobbying - shares his thoughts with IPS on the climate and food crises, how Africans have their voice, why western countries need a 'reset' with Africa, what Prince Charles should say to the Commonwealth, how China is eating western 'cake', and what worries him more than anything else.

(IPS) How are the crises of climate and food security impacting AWF across Africa?

"It has a huge impact because everything is interconnected. In Kenya, we lost about 78 elephants to drought in Tsavo National Park [in the nine months to April]. That's more than any poaching, higher than any cause of death of elephants in the last 15 years. Elephants are a key species - when they suffer, we know what's going to happen to the plants, the frogs, the butterflies, the trees. They are a key we use to measure the health of the ecosystem. The elephant can tell you a lot about what is going to happen to all other species, including humans.

Drought and food shortages: people are going to make different choices. They are going to change the way they live. In many cases, the resources suffer. Smaller choices mean a different diet, so they use more firewood, they are going to cut more trees. When there is food scarcity and drought they are going to rely on hunting for protein... For many Africans, 70 per cent plus are in agriculture - that's their livelihood. If there is drought they are going to pick other options. If the Maasai have lost 40 percent of their livestock in northern Kenya they are going to look for alternatives... The nearest resource is going to be wildlife.

Governments are sourcing from the same budgets. If there is drought they will change priorities. Always environment and conservation are going to be the last choice. Education is going to suffer. All these other sectors suffer because the budgets are being reprioritised to drought and health.

And at the global level, you see in central and west Africa the impact on migra-



Kaddu Sebunya, CEO of the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), in the Serengeti. His current role entails spearheading the vision of a modern Africa where human development includes thriving wildlife and wildlands as a cultural and economic asset for Africa's future generations. Credit: AWF

tion. We see rural areas emptying and young people moving to urban areas with no skills. Especially women and young girls suffer more. The young boys are recruited into terrorist groups or trafficked to Europe. So the repercussions of this are not just natural resources... it distorts the whole set-up, entire cultural systems, the entire social network and safety nets, and breaks down government systems... It's larger than just food... Societies are broken down. Bringing food in risks destroying local agriculture. This is why Ukraine is so important, raising the question of dependency on imported food."

What is AWF's response?

"Our work is to represent the voice of wildlife. Animals don't speak. Someone has to do that for them. We take that responsibility very seriously, in all these changes for us to be at the table, whether a board room, in corridors of parliament or community meetings, to be that voice for wildlife... The only long-term solution for drought is how we can manage nature better. But in most cases that is not factored in when we are talking about addressing famine so [the UN] bring in biscuits from Europe and elsewhere, high energy food... That's not a solution, that's a band-aid ... I was talking to someone from Ethiopia, he said the problem we have is all these NGOs and INGOs are bringing plastic into villages in Ethiopia and it doesn't come with the education of how you are going to dispose of all this plastic.

Historically it has been easier for international communities to talk to international NGOs who have been working on the continent or to talk government to government. It hasn't given us good solutions to our problems historically. And that's what we are asking that needs to be changed. It's going to take

Africans to take ownership and responsibility and leadership, to permanently solve the problems Africa has. We don't have very good results where things have happened without African leadership. There are very few cases. Where that has been successful it has been very expensive, especially in our sector... They are either training thousands of rangers, they are bringing guns, they are buying and fuelling vehicles, and carrying on training to protect 1500 elephants. What we are doing, it is actually cheaper if you are supporting Africans who don't need guns to protect wildlife, they use a relationship with wildlife, who can be supported in developing their wildlife economies...

Sometimes we think our work is to make it cheaper and sustainable. Models that have been used are not sustainable. Governments cannot sustain areas that require thousands of rangers and vehicles, I mean Serengeti is the size of a country in Europe... Everything I am telling you is coming from our experiences, what works and doesn't work. The challenge we have now over the next 10 years is how do we scale it up. A project we have been running in northern Rwanda for 30 years, the conservation of mountain gorillas, and how we have mobilised communities for them to have a stake in the tourism. Thirty years ago eco-tourism was an investor coming to the area, gets a concession, builds a wonderful lodge and he just had to hire local Africans and get a group of local women to dance for tourists, get a few households to sell crafts at the lodge and that model still exists... We said it's not enough. We raised the bar. Now we are talking about equity - communities must have equity in the tourism business and so in the lodges we build, like in Rwanda, Kenya, Namibia, Botswana, the communities own the lodge. The private investor is

a management firm.

The hard work in that formula is how to mobilise communities in that business unit. What works for that is our relationships with government. You can't do that in isolation to policies and laws... the conservation approach is political, economic and social. It's not about the science of conservation. It's not about the behaviour of elephants and rhinos. You have to get involved in the political discussion, the social discussion, the economic discussion and that's how you start moving... We flipped the investment model. It takes a lot of time but it's extremely successful.

How is China's growing role in Africa affecting conservation work?

We are part of the groups that helped China ban the ivory trade about six years ago... I was in Beijing. The day that China announced it, the price of ivory fell by 70 percent. Demand fell 65 percent for our African ivory... it was huge. We are working with China on mainly three fronts: it's the Chinese footprint on our continent: the infrastructure they are building, farming, the industries they are setting up in Africa. We are asking them to be responsible in doing that. We are not stopping it... Initially, they were telling us it was not their responsibility, that's African governments' responsibility, it's the contracts they signed with the African governments and African governments need to tell them what they want and African governments are not telling us we care about the environment so we are not going to care about it. We talked to them, we called them out. It was so important, they told me after huge arguments that went

on for a year, to hear from an African NGO directly. So we are succeeding in that. The other approach we used is that making sure that African governments are making these conditions so we spend a lot of time with African ambassadors in Beijing... The last thing that China wants to hear is Europe asking them to do better in Africa or US asking them to do better in Africa... Right now we have a technical advisory role to the African delegation on the Convention on Bio-diversity [in talks hosted by China].

Our third thing is people to people, especially the youth. If anything good comes out of this COVID it is Zoom, so we have created platforms where African youth interact with Chinese youth and they are having very very interesting conversations about Africa, about wildlife, educating each other. That's where the future is... Culturally we are very connected, family and extended families, cousins and aunts and uncles, it's so common between Chinese and Africans. The connection culturally is just so real. To the young people this is a globalised world... Culturally it is changing, we have seen that with consumption of African wildlife. We talk to older Chinese and they still think that owning ivory is a big deal, an investment. The young people want a Polo shirt and an Apple watch for their status, and so do the young Africans. They want to drive a Porsche, not have tonnes of ivory in their homes like their grandparents.

We have a very good relationship with Beijing zoo and Shanghai zoo where every year we have an exhibit for three months. One in Beijing, before COVID, 300,000 people were going in a day. The numbers in China are mind-blowing. They go with their families, they learn about the species and the habitat, they watch the videos. These are young middle-class families, they start questioning things. We have seen change in China.

How can the UK/EU change Africa policies and deal with China's growing presence?

[An] example is the Commonwealth. I think the UK has the opportunity to reset... I think the UK has an opportunity to change their role from big brother to maybe an uncle who sometimes is invited to a dinner and is sometimes left out of

a wedding. But it's a huge opportunity for UK, and I don't see that happening as quickly as it should.

I told the European Union parliament and some folks here in the UK in the discussion about China that it's tiring when you hear UK officials or EU officials complaining about China. For an African it's really tiring. And I have been telling them: look China is not eating Africa's cake, China is eating UK, French and German and Italian cake in Africa... because for the UK to whine about China in Africa when half of Africa speaks your language, half of Africa believes in you and have common values. Seventy percent of African leaders attended Oxford, Yale, Harvard, London University and you sit in London and complain about China? A huge population of Africans are British. I'm yet to find a Chinese African or a community of Africans who speak Chinese.

The western world has to think deeper to understand the options China has given Africans. And look in the mirror and ask why, and counter offer and have a serious conversation. The Germans are doing that by the way - they are rethinking their engagement and I hope that actually with the war in Ukraine is going to change the relationship between Africa and Europe. You have a continent that has the richest minerals and richest industrial resources on the planet and you rely on Russia and for food? It's mind boggling. You rely on a country you define as enemy. It's total neglect of a continent that is so rich, because it's easier for Africa just to be exploited and do it that way and do the trade with Russia who is the enemy. But 'we' don't want to trade with Africa, we just want to continue exploiting. And see what's happening now. It's that reset. It can be led by the UK, especially now as it has exited the EU. But I don't see that thinking here. If I was to address the Commons that is what I would tell them. I don't see them taking on that opportunity the UK has through the Commonwealth which is coming up. I don't know what Prince Charles' address is going to be but that's what it should be.

'Africa's resources are above, not below, the ground'

Our work is to tell Africans

that our wealth is above the ground. It's not underground as UK, France and others have told Africans. It's only when I come to Europe and North America where I hear Americans and Europeans say Africa is mineral-rich. Out of 54 countries, there are less than 10 countries that are mineral-rich, so where is this idea that Africa is mineral-rich? And somehow Africans bought into that because Europe and North America only want the minerals in Africa. But the wealth of the continent is above the ground. We can feed Europe with organic food... you [the West] can achieve two objectives with one approach: you can get organic food out of Africa, stop the famine going on, but also you can offer Africa a better model of development, because if you don't, what happens in Africa won't stop in Africa, it will reach London and then the streets, whether in terms of refugees or in terms of flooding because of climate change, or just loss of biodiversity... It is so important that we start treating Africa as the last frontier for global solutions, whether it's health - the next virus is going to come out of Africa, no doubt. Africa is the last frontier of animals. It is in all our interests that the virus stays in the wild lands and the wildlife and that's the work of conservationists...

You want to solve climate change, you need to do something in a country that absorbs carbon... The source of energy for Congolese should be the most important solution for UK climate change policy. Because the Congolese population is growing - you know the largest French-speaking city is Kinshasa, it's not Paris. If those folks continue to rely on firewood as their energy source, you will have more carbon in the air and temperatures rising.

I sound cynical but you don't have to change your [western] way of life drastically, but if you help Africa to leapfrog [in technology and development] that change shouldn't be so drastic but the more you don't help Africa leapfrog, the harder it will be for everyone... So the choices Africans are making to their prosperity is so crucial to the rest of the world... guess what, Africa is chasing the western world... they want London in Kenya just as it is. They want to drive big cars, they want to own a village house and a summer house, planes.

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TARI to boost Igeri centre for production of wheat

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) is planning to effectively utilize the land under its centres and sub-stations for increased research and production of improved seeds for strategic crops.

The research institute wants to make improved seeds of all crops adequate and available on time for the farmers in the country. The strategy seeks also to encourage local farmers to increase production and reduce the country's dependence on imports of some of the strategic crops like wheat.

Winding up his tour of TARI Igeri in Njombe which is the sub-station of Uyolet centre in Mbeya, TARI director general Dr. Geoffrey Mkamilo said for the 2022/2023 financial year, TARI is expected to increase research activities and production of improved seeds by utilizing very effectively the land that was not used before.

"Our goal is to contribute to increased agricultural productivity through development and deployment



TARI director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo (L) talks to TARI-Igeri researchers to increase production of wheat, pyrethrum and potatoes. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

of improved agricultural knowledge and technologies by adopting innovation systems approach. Therefore we want to see this is happening in this financial

year," he said.

He said given this year's ambitious agricultural budget and the budget for research and development in particular, TARI's priority

is going to be increasing production of improved seeds.

Citing an example, he said requirement of wheat for one year is one million tonnes, but the nation

produces almost one hundred thousand tonnes or less than that which is less than ten percent. The rest is imported. In recent years there have been increasing

consumption of wheat but the country is still facing low domestic production which causes this importation.

"So the current direction of TARI is to increase production of the improved seeds so that the farmers can get them adequately and on time. We believe this will enable the country stop importing wheat from outside.

The Ministry of agriculture through TARI has many areas for research and production of improved seeds like wheat and one of them is Igeri which is located in Njombe region.

Igeri sub centre has a total of 816 hectares out of this there are 450 hectares which are suitable for research and production of improved seeds.

"I direct TARI Igeri and Uyolet that the current plan and strategy is to conduct effective research and production of improved seeds. The Ministry of agriculture has set aside enough funds for research and production of the improved seeds. For wheat alone there are more than 400m/- leave alone other strategic crops, he said.

I have talked to researchers here and they have said

the climate of this area also allows massive production of pyrethrum and Potatoes. We are therefore going to take advantage of this climate to set aside more than 200 hectares for production of wheat and more than 20 hectares for production of pyrethrum and the remaining will be used for production of potatoes," he said.

This time around, the budget has reinforced our hope to effectively and efficiently utilize our resources including research and production of improved seeds.

TARI-Uyolet centre acting director Leonard Sabula said his centre is targeting the Ministry's agenda of 2030 in terms of improved seeds for the farmers by utilizing its centre's vast land across its sub stations.

"In agriculture, one of the problems many farmers face is the availability of improved seeds. So, we are working around the clock so that our centre produce enough improved seeds. We want our centre to contribute to the main goal of the Ministry we want to achieve. We also want to see agriculture sector grows by 10 percent," he said.

He said the centre in collaboration with the

private sector will be able to produce enough improved seeds and supply them to the farmers.

He said as a public research institute, it has built strong and good relationship with the farmers around many areas who are also benefiting from different technologies from TARI such as the improved seeds.

TARI Igeri substation in-charge Elia Nyangasi said the climatic condition of the centre is almost comfortable all the year around for research and production of various crops such as wheat, pyrethrum and potato.

"We have received directives from Ministry of agriculture through TARI. We will make sure that we utilize the land which is under the centre to conduct fruitful research and production of the improved seeds for the farmers," he said.

In Tanzania, more than 90 percent of wheat production comes from either large-scale commercial farms in the northern highlands of Arusha, Kilimanjaro, and Manyara regions or small and medium-sized family farms in the southern highlands of Iringa, Mbeya and Rukwa regions.

WHO intensifies response to the looming health crisis in the greater Horn of Africa with food insecurity growing worse

By Special Correspondent

THE World Health Organisation (WHO) is scaling up its operations in eastern Africa as the region faces acute food insecurity caused by conflict, extreme weather events - including the worst drought in 40 years - induced by climate change, rising international food and fuel prices and the impact of the pandemic.

Over 80 million people in the eastern African region are food insecure and resorting to desperate measures to feed themselves and their families. Acute malnutrition is high, especially among children.

As malnutrition increases, the health needs in the region are mounting, especially among children, and clean water is becoming scarce. As people leave their homes in search of food, they can no longer access health services, and become more at risk from disease outbreaks.

"The cost of inaction is high," said Dr Ibrahim Socé Fall, WHO Assistant Director-General for Emergency Response. "While the clear priority is to prevent people from starving, we must simultaneously strengthen our health response to prevent disease and save lives. Even one life lost from a vaccine-preventable disease, diarrhea, or medical complications from malnutrition in today's world is one life too many."

Dr Fall was speaking in Nairobi where WHO convened a two-day meeting [26-27 June 2022] to plan its response across the seven countries affected by the health emergency - Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda - and coordinate with other UN agencies and partners.

WHO's emergency response is focused on ensuring affected populations can access essential health services, treating sick children with severe malnutrition, and preventing, detecting and responding to infectious disease outbreaks.

WHO is setting up a hub in Nairobi, from where it will coordinate the response and organize the delivery of life-saving medical supplies to where they are needed most. These supplies include medicines, vaccines, as well as the medicines and equipment needed to treat children who are severely malnourished. Other than providing this critical supply, WHO is working with ministries of health in the affected countries to set up robust disease surveillance systems to be able to quickly detect and respond to disease outbreaks.



TAMWA-Zanzibar director Dr Mzuri Issa, right, follows progress at a professional workshop.

By Guardian Reporter

DR MZURI Issa, the Director of Tanzania Media Women Association for Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar) has said the community with the ability to identify challenges that hinder the accessibility of their rights is the foundation in attaining equal opportunities for development via democracy in the community.

Mzuri explained that many communities are faced with various problems that hinder justice and their own development but they fail to solve them due to lack of a strong will in speaking about them at the relative levels for them to be addressed in time.

Mzuri was in Pemba Wednesday this week addressing community activists to demand for their rights, and women in particular to participate in leadership issues and democracy through the project for women to involve themselves in leadership that is being implemented by TAMWA-ZANZIBAR in collaboration with Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFE-

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LA) and Pemba Environmental and Gender Organisation (PEGAO) under the sponsorship of the Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania.

She explained that if the community will have the ability to raise their problems and take appropriate steps, it will spur accountability in the provision of their rights.

Earlier, Mzuri called on the activists working in all districts of Pemba - Micheweni, Wete, Mkoani and Chake Chake to make sure they implement their responsibilities in helping the people by having the capacity to solve the challenges they face.

"The concept of the project in establishing mobilizers in the community is to make sure the citizen at the lowest level to raise the challenges

he/she faces so as to take steps on them as well as to be bold enough to sit on one table with appropriate authorities to find the solution thereof in a democratic way," Mzuri said.

She also explained that the existence of the mobilizers in the community aims to make provide providers in various institutions to increase the pace in the accountability in regard to solving obstacles people face in their areas.

Micheweni District Community Mobilizer Ali Othman explained that through meetings held in various shehia they identified some challenges including a limited understanding of women in issues that will enable them to enter leadership positions which hinders their full participation in those positions.

He also noted that another challenge is the presence of fake birth certificates for some citizens of Shumba Shehia, Micheweni District, North Pemba Region, which leads many citizens to lose their basic rights including leadership positions.

"The problem of the presence of fake birth certificates for the residents of Micheweni District, North Pemba Region is one of the biggest challenges we have raised in the community, as in our meetings in the shehia many citizens especially Shumba Urban Shehia their cry was to get fake certificates," Explained the mobilizer.

He added that the presence of these mobilizers in the community has helped to build the capacity of the community to have the courage to speak out

about the problems they face openly.

And Husna Khamis from Wete District explained that, after realizing the existence of the illiteracy problem of many citizens, especially women, they partnered with the community to establish adult classes to give citizens the opportunity to overcome the problem that deprives them of their basic rights.

He said, "Through the shehia mobilization, we have successfully launched 6 adult classes with a total of 130 people to enable them to read and write in Mlindo Shehia, Wete District and many of them are already learning to read and write."

ZAFELA's evaluation and monitoring officer, Rajab Hamad, commended the ef-

orts made by the mobilizers for achieving monitoring of challenges and barriers that delay access to citizens' rights.

"I would like to congratulate the community mobilizers in Pemba for successfully monitoring the challenges of the people and ensuring that all our follow-ups have positive results from the monitoring you have done at various levels, and this is because the goal of this SWIL project is not only to raise issues but also to help collaborate and the community to find solutions to these problems."

The project to promote women's participation in leadership and democracy is a project aimed at promoting women's participation in leadership which is implemented by the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA-Zanzibar), Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) and Pemba Environment, Gender, and Advocacy Organization (PEGAO) with funding from the Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania.

The urgency to ban all wars

BRUSSELS

On Sunday 19 June, we gathered in Sezano, municipality of Verona (VR), at the Monastery of the Common Good to affirm the need and urgency to ban war, all wars, and build peace without yes or no buts.

To the powerful world leaders who want to continue the war in Ukraine (USA, Russia, NATO member states, the European Union which has become



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a war front, Ukraine) we say STOP your new world war for world domination, of which the one in Ukraine is a dramatic expression.

Why do you still need tens of thousands of dead in the war camps you call liberation camps and tens of millions of people starving to death because of your economic sanctions (countersanctions, retaliations) that only benefit the profits of your big global corporations?

Enough of Putin, Biden, Stoltenberg, Von der Leyen.... the world does not need your war in Ukraine. Stop spending over 2.1 trillion dollars on armaments under the hypocritical pretence of saving the peace.

For 70 years, the United States has been at permanent war on every continent with some 800 military bases of occupation in hundreds of countries around the world-and, following the collapse of the Soviet Union- trying to establish themselves in Ukraine as well.

China has only one military base abroad and Russia has only three!

One must know how to lose the victory to know how to build peace.

Because war has never solved problems, it is pure destruction.

War itself is a crime- and if you keep proposing wars, you are a criminal.

The greatest victory is to make peace, because the right to life is a universal right, for everyone and because it shows that you want and know how to live with others, and do not want to dominate others, but live together in the present to promote a future ever more just and united, in common.

Because the world emergency is to put an end to the profits and enrichment of the strongest and collaborate in building hospitals (not tanks), schools (not fighter planes), food production (not fighter planes), to the production of food (not missiles), of drinking water (not toxic gases), to the toxic gases, to the promotion of fraternity (not arms trade).

We must Stop All Wars that are currently martyring and killing people in Syria, Yemen, Congo, Palestine, Western Sahara, Kurdistan, among others.

The cynical silence of the West on the new military invasions by Erdogan's Turkey in northern Iraq and north-eastern Syria inhabited by Kurdish populations is intolerable.

Inhabitants of the Earth, defend peace and the rights of all! Denunciation is necessary. Building peace, starting with an immediate cessation of hostilities, is even more necessary and positive for all.

Listen to the Intergovernmental Panel on United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which predicts that global warming is three and a half years away to exceed 1.5 degrees.

Do not listen to the US, Russia, France, Britain, China, North Korea, Israel,

India and Pakistan who are building nuclear weapons.

Listen to the 130 UN countries that support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Reimagining ageing: Senior citizens as development agents

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Older persons are highly visible across Asia and the Pacific: they work in agricultural fields producing our food supplies, peddle their wares as street vendors, drive tuk-tuks and buses, exercise in our parks, lead some of the region's most successful companies and form an integral part of our families.

Indeed, population ageing is one of the megatrends greatly affecting sustainable development. People now live longer than ever and remain active because of improved health. We must broaden the narrow view of older persons as requiring our care to recognize that they are also agents of development. With many parts of the Asia-Pacific region rapidly ageing, we can take concrete steps to provide environments in which our elders live safely, securely and in dignity and contribute to societies.

To start with, we must invest in social protection and access to universal healthcare throughout the life-course. Currently, it is estimated that 14.3 per cent of the population in Asia and the Pacific are 60 years or older; that figure is projected to rise to 17.7 per cent by 2030 and to one-quarter in 2050. Moreover, 53.1 per cent of all older persons are women, a share that increases with age. Therefore, financial security is needed so older persons can stay active and healthy for longer periods. In many countries of the region, less than one-third of the working-age population is covered by mandatory pensions, and a large proportion still lacks access to affordable, good quality health care.

Such protection is crucial because older persons continue to bolster the labour force, especially in informal sectors. In Thailand, for example, a third of people aged 65 years or over participate in the labour force; 87 per cent of working women aged 65 or over work in the informal sector, compared to 81 per cent of working men in the same cohort. This general trend is seen in other countries of the region.

Older persons, especially older women, also make important contributions as caregivers to both children and other older persons. This unpaid care enables younger people in their families to take paid work, often in metropolitan areas of their own country or abroad.

Older persons should also have lifelong learning opportunities. Enhanced digital literacy, for example, can close the grey digital divide. Older women and men need to stay abreast of technological developments to access services, maintain connections with family and friends and remain competitive in the labour market. Through inter-generational initiatives, younger people can train older people in the use of technology.

We must also invest in quality long-term care systems to ensure that older persons who need it can receive affordable quality care. With the increase in dementia and other mental health conditions, care needs are becoming more complex. Many countries in the region still rely on family members to provide such care, but there may be less unpaid care in the future, and care by family members is not always quality care.

Finally, addressing age-based discrimination and barriers will be crucial to allow the full participation of older persons in economies and societies. Older women and men actively volunteer in older persons associations or other organizations. They help distribute food and medicine in emergency situations, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, monitor the health of neighbours and friends, or teach each other how to use digital devices. Older persons also play an active role in combatting climate change by sharing knowledge and techniques of mitigation and adaptation. Ageism intersects and exacerbates other disadvantages, including those related to sex, race, and disability, and combatting it will contribute to the health and well-being of all.

Older persons are valuable members of our societies, but too often they are overlooked. Let us ensure that they can fully contribute to our sustainable future.



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CUBA PLEDGES TO BUILD FERTILISER AND PESTICIDES PLANT IN TANZANIA



Industry, Trade and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji (R) has a word with the Cuban Foreign Minister, Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, during a joint session with Tanzania Investment Centre and the National Development Corporation in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said importation of fertilizers from foreign countries would probably end if plans to bring Cuban investors to invest at the Kibaha based Labiofam plant.

Speaking to journalists yesterday shortly after meeting with Cuban Foreign Minister, Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade, Dr Ashatu Kijaji said they have agreed that Cuba will send a team of experts to sign contracts with the National Development Corporation (NDC) to increase production of pesticide and fertilizer to reduce imports.

"The government imports 90 percent of locally used fertilizer, the Cuban investment at the Labiofam plant will significantly boost fertilizer production in the country," Dr Kijaji.

He said a team of experts from Cuba are expected into the country from next weekend whereas among other things, it will be discussing with Tanzania authorities on obtaining accreditation for the factory to start operating.

Dr Kijaji added that the factory, which is run in partnership by Tanzania and Cuba has been successful in the fight against malaria as its products are going to be used to kill mosquito breeding grounds.

She said that malaria prevalence in the country is low, especially in Zanzibar.

Tanzania's Ambassador to Cuba, Valentino Mlowola promised to continue working to strengthen the relationship between Tanzania and Cuba for mutual benefits.

"The on-going discussion is a continuation of the positive fruits of the cooperation between the two countries which was initiated by the founders of the two nations," said Mlowola.

He added: "The current fertilizer demand in the country is high; production at the Kibaha factory would facilitate its availability as one of the important agricultural inputs."

NDC Director, Dr Nicolaus Shome said the factory plays a key role in boosting the country's economy as most Tanzanians are engaged in agriculture.

"Benefits of this factory in the agricultural sector are huge as the demand for fertilizer is high," said Dr Shome, adding that the government is determined to bring about major reforms in the agricultural sector.

Dr Shome added that the factory started with eight technicians but the number has been growing. He said Tanzanians working at the factory will benefit with expertise brought by Cuban technicians.

Vodacom donates equipment to girls' secondary school in Dar es Salaam

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania Foundation has donated equipment and furniture to Bethesda Girls Secondary school in Dar es Salaam that it won in Vodacom Group's Global Wellbeing Challenge.

Speaking yesterday at the event, Vodacom Tanzania HR Director Vivienne Penessis said: "Education is the only foundation with the potential to build a better life for the recipient. This is especially true for orphans who are entirely dependent on education for their future success."

Bethsaida Girls Secondary School was selected to be the recipient of this donation because it is one of very few schools offering secondary education to orphaned girls in the country.

The Vodacom director and representatives handed over 100 chairs, over 300 books and 20 solar panels to the school.

Penessis expressed her faith that the donations would be put to good use as Vodacom had satisfied itself as to the professionalism and dedication of Bethesda School staff.

This donation is in line with Vodacom Tanzania's purpose pillar of inclusion in education.

The company has recently rolled out the national scale up of the E-Fahamu platform that provides free access to international standard educational content that is compliant with national syllabi and educational guidelines.

CBE set to have building in Fumba town

By Guardian Reporter

THE College of Business Education (CBE) will in the coming financial year start construction of its 10bn/- new buildings at Fumba town, a new developing city in Zanzibar.

The college management led by Board Chairman, Prof Wineaster Suria Anderson are in Zanzibar for an official tour which involved meeting with leaders of the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA).

CBE Director of Planning and Development, Dr Japhet Mtaturu said yesterday that the authority has already handed over to them a land plot at Fumba for construction of the Zanzibar branch.

Dr Mtaturu said that construction of college buildings at Fumba would spur business and

investment opportunities as well as creating a good environment for the society's development socially and educationally.

He said the college will also provide business advice and conduct research that would boost businesses.

He said following Isles fast economic growth, it is important to have a good number of professional business advisers. He said the experts will provide support towards Zanzibar's endeavours to attain its targeted goals in tourism and the blue economy.

"We are prepared to operate in Zanzibar and produce a good number of professionals," he added, noting the college presence in the Isles will also strengthen the entrepreneurship sector.

He said there are many self-employed people in the private sector who do various businesses

but they lack professional support to further grow their business.

He said establishment of the college will help elevate the private sector in the areas of entrepreneurship, thus contributing to economic growth.

The director said that CBE will also stimulate the tourism industry through visitors from mainland Tanzania and abroad considering that the college has good programs that are offered at standards required in the East and Central African region.

ZIPA CEO, Sharif Ali Sharif was impressed with the college's decision to build its branch in Zanzibar as it will make it easier for citizens to access business education.

He urged the college leadership to continue promoting it to attract more students from outside the country.

The chairman of the college leadership board, Prof Wineaster Suria Anderson, said it was high time to have the college branch in Zanzibar to continue providing business and entrepreneurship education.

"CBE presence in Zanzibar will boost businesses considering that we have sufficient expertise to help businesses to flourish," he noted.

He commended the Zanzibar government for providing the college with land for the construction of its Fumba branch, adding the decision will bring development changes in education and business sectors.



Lamine Diallo, Head of Natural Resources at the European Delegation in Tanzania, speaks at a workshop organised yesterday by the International Trade Centre (ITC) to review the results of the international bee products buyers' perception analysis and SMES profiling studies. The beekeeping value chain support programme is funded by the European Union and implemented by ITC and Enable. It covers Tabora, Kigoma, Katavi, Singida, and Shinyanga regions as well as Pemba Island.

Women miners complain of misleading beliefs attributed to them

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

SMALL women gold miners at Mwime-Iindi mine have complained for being prevented by the men to go down the gold mine pits on reasons that once they do so

the minerals will disappear.

This was revealed yesterday by the Acting Secretary of Women Miners Association (WMA), Pili Michael when briefing newsmen at the Mwime gold mining area in Kahama District saying misleading beliefs among

miners have contributed to poor economic growth among women miners.

Pili said in many mining areas a woman cannot engage in mining activities in belief that they get dismal benefits once they are together with men in the mine

pits and that is why they prevented to involve themselves in mining activities.

"There is a saying that spread around that once a woman is in her menstrual period and descent down the mine, no gold is found due to the belief," she added.

She said traditional herbalists' beliefs among gold mining areas reign and show that women chase away minerals.

She said as for now they continue to educate miners that both genders have equal opportunities in so far

as mining is concerned.

Pili added that women miners take these acts as gender based violence in the gold mining areas, the issue that should be admonished.

For her part, Indra John, the Association's Treasurer said the government is sup-

posed to look into the plight of women miners as many have been mining without tangible returns.

A male mine at Nyamishiga Mine, Paul Godfrey said mines managed by women miners do so well and the government gets its reve-

nues and also support development initiatives in areas surrounding such mines.

Another male gold miner, Rashidi Nicodemus admitted that some hold these misleading beliefs regarding women miners chasing away the minerals.

GGML PROMISES TO CONTINUE WITH FIGHT ON HIV AND AIDS

By Guardian Correspondent

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGM) in partnership with the Tanzania National AIDS Commission (TACAIDS) expects to raise US\$1 million (2.3bn/-) through this year's GGM Kili challenge campaign starting July 15 to 21.

GGML Senior Co-operative Manager, Manace Ndoroma made the statement in Dodoma on Wednesday when addressing journalists on the launch of the GGM Kili challenge campaign for 2022.

The campaign aims to fund the fight against HIV/Aids by raising funds to assist the government in its efforts to achieve the three zeros. The three zeros target mean a complete reduction to zero per cent of new infections, zero stigmas as well as zero in AIDS-related deaths.

"We will also involve foreign stakeholders in our campaign. Participants will climb Mount Kilimanjaro from Machame gate on foot and others by bicycle and then down to Mweka gate in Kilimanjaro region. We sincerely invite our stakeholders and various companies to contribute and participate in the campaign," he said, thanking the government for its support since the introduction of the campaign in 2002.

"National statistics on people living with HIV include even those living in Geita Region, which is why we are making a concerted effort to eradicate new infections across the country," added Ndoroma.

The GGM Kili challenge has made great strides since its inception in 2002 to become an international fund, comprising more than 700 mountaineers and cyclists from six continents and more than 20 countries.

He said the campaign is one of the responsibilities of the company in contributing to various social projects where each year it spends between



GGML's senior cooperative manager, Manace Ndoroma (R), briefs journalists in Dodoma city on the launch of the GGM Kili Challenge 2022 Campaign aimed at raising funds for the fight against HIV/AIDS. He is with TACAIDS Director, Dr Leonard Maboko.

9bn/- and 11bn/-.

TACAIDS Director-General, Dr Leonard Maboko urged people to pay taxes in support of efforts to fight against HIV/Aids. He said the government has amended the tax law where debtors or companies taxed by Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), can get tax exemp-

tions by contributing to the fund.

He added that the government has taken the steps because despite successes achieved in the fight against AIDS, the problem is not yet over hence the need to support the fund towards eradicating the scourge.

He said statistics show an in-

crease in new HIV infections, especially for specific groups at high risk. By 2020 the number of Tanzanians living with HIV in the country reached 1,700,000 while 68,000 people are infected annually.

He said in 2020 the Kilimanjaro challenge fund provided 800m/-

to 20 non-governmental organizations.

The organisations have implemented various projects targeting young people, people living with HIV, orphans and vulnerable children. More than 1,000 people have benefited from the funding.

TWCC calls for research on the impacts of 10 pct district council loans to women, PwDs and the youth

By Beatrice Philemon

The Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) has tasked the government to conduct a country-wide survey to see if the 10 percent loans issued by district councils to women, youth, and people with disabilities have an impact on them.

TWCC chairperson Mercy Sila made the challenge in an interview on Wednesday saying: "There is a need to survey so that we can have a proper data on how many women have benefited from these loans. This survey will make the government come up with the best solution."

She said: "We want to see if the business they carry out has brought positive changes to their lives, empowering them economically and socially as well as identify if their companies are growing or dying."

"As TWCC we want to see women take loans to benefit from it or they just take it for loan repayment because the majority of women-owned businesses are not growing. This study we'll make us see what's happened to them may be the district councils can change the loan procedure and allow more women benefit from it."

Sila also called on the TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) to assist them in conducting another research that will help them to identify constraints and impact of the 4 percent allocated for women by the district councils, provide recommendations and the way forward because the majority of women are not benefiting from those funds.

"You request 10m/- you get 500,000/- that is not enough because everyone has her business idea and when they issue loans they ask women to be in groups, we want them to consider individuals because other women have a big business that can help them to take loans individually instead of groups," she said.

TWCC is an umbrella organization uniting sector businesswomen associations, companies, and groups to exploit existing opportunities and address challenges that may prevent them from reaching their full potential.

TWCC was registered in 2005 and members of the chamber are enterprises and women's organizations.

The chamber also has been advocating reducing constraints women face in cross-border trade with great assistance from UN women through Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) and other organizations.

TWCC was set up to create women's enterprises that are competitive locally, regionally, and internationally through advocating and tapping onto opportunities available.

Govt allots 17bn/- for building road to Kibaha industrial park

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

The government allocated 17bn/- that will be used for the construction of a 12.5km road at tarmac level at the Zegereni industrial area in Kibaha District, Coast Region.

Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) manager in Coast Region, Eng Leopold Runji made the remarks yesterday when briefing Regional Commissioner, Abubakar Kunenge who was on a one-day tour to inspect the ongoing road construction project.

Eng Runji said once the road is completed it will facilitate smooth transportation services for vehicles entering and leaving the industrial area, noting that the road improvement would attract more investors in the area.

He also informed that the Visiga-Zegereni project, which is currently being constructed at gravel level, has reached 10 percent.

According to Eng Runji, TARURA in the Coast Region through its revenues has allocated 28.2bn/- of which 21.1bn/- will

be used to implement the Visiga-Zegereni road project.

"TARURA through its road maintenance projects has allocated 8.2bn/- for improvement of the roads whereas some 873.98 kilometers equivalent to 99.99 percent have been repaired. A total of 302.16 kilometers have also undergone minor repairs," he said.

RC Kunenge also commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for allocating funds for road construction in the region, saying such improvements would attract more investors as they will be sure of transportation services.

Kunenge also inspected the Tamco-Mapinga road from Tanita-Magengeni to the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School.

The RC also inspected the progress of the implementation of a road from Lulanzi at Kibaha District Hospital and the Visiga-Zegereni road.

"We are going to take care of all these roads as part of our strategy to promote investments. We've also asked the President to help us improve access



to energy, infrastructure, and water, which are all going to be implemented accordingly."

Kunenge added: "We will make sure that President Samia's intention and goal

to open up the country and Coast Region as well as improving people's lives is achieved within a short period."

One of the Kibaha residents, John Bella commended the

ongoing road construction project at the Tamco-Mapinga area and the road to the district hospital, saying upon completion the two roads will be passable throughout the year.

Rwanda lands deal to host AfDB-backed drugs foundation

KIGALI

RWANDA has landed a deal to establish a pharmaceutical body, funded by the African Development Bank, to support the region in the making of vaccines, drugs and patent applications.

The African Pharmaceutical Technology Foundation is part

of the bank's commitment to spend at least \$352.95 billion (\$3 billion) over the next 10 years to support the industry under its Vision 2030 Pharmaceutical action Plan.

The bank said global efforts to rapidly expand the manufacturing of pharmaceutical products including vaccines in developing countries had

been hampered by intellectual property rights protection and patents on technologies and trade secrets.

"No institution exists on the ground in Africa to support the practical implementation of Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights on non-exclusive or exclusive licensing of proprietary technologies,

know-how and processes," the Bank's statement read.

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, some African countries including South Africa had called for patent rights waiver on medical products and vaccines to ensure accessibility.

"The African Pharmaceutical Technology Foundation

provides a practical solution and will help to tilt the access to proprietary technologies, knowledge, know-how and processes in favour of Africa," said Akinwumi Adesina, group president at African Development Bank.

The establishment of the foundation will benefit the East African region by promot-

ing bilateral trade, especially since Rwanda has been an importer of Kenya's medical supplies. According to the bank, 35 companies signed a licence with America's Merck- a multinational pharmaceutical company to produce Nirmatrelvir, a Covid-19 drug and none of them was African.

The foundation seeks to

bridge the gap between companies globally by acting as a broker for the interests of the African pharmaceutical sector to access intellectual property-protected technologies and waive patent barriers.

The foundation also aims at strengthening the regional pharmaceutical and vaccine innovation in Africa.

CONSTRUCTION

By Guardian Reporter

AGRICULTURE is the primary source of food production, raw materials for industries and employment in Tanzania. This critical sector is not only a source of jobs and income for 65 percent of Tanzanians, but it also contributes 27 percent to the national GDP.

Whilst this sector is termed the backbone of the country's economy, it is still faced with a problem of accessing funds hovering on farmers' economies nationwide.

Lending rates, for example, have been one of the key challenges for farmers, an issue that brought the government to farmers' defense, urging commercial banks to resort to single-digit agro-sector lending rates.

Most commercial banks are now addressing the alarming lending rates limiting the sector's investment and productivity.

In the same line of thought, Serengeti Breweries Limited is coming to the frame set by the government with a thoughtful action that goes directly towards the heart of the problem - an agro-scholarship program titled "Kilimo Viwanda".

The SBL's program comes to the fold with a mindful note of supporting the government's strategy in developing competitive industry and building the capacity of local commercial farmers via extensive

SBL PROMOTES FARMERS' PRODUCTIVITY DEFEATING FINANCIAL ACCESS ODDS



training of agriculture experts.

Through the Kilimo Viwanda initiative, which began in 2019, more than

200 students have benefited from the extensive agro-scholarship program, studying in four colleges across the nation.

SBL's Kilimo Viwanda extends its empowerment hand to unprivileged young professionals, who ultimately return

to farming communities and transform agri-business practices soon after graduating.

Multiple reports, in-

cluding from the World Bank, have shown that most farmers lose money or get discouraged due to inadequate knowledge of consumption shifts, market updates and farming skills.

Local commercial farmers seek out agro-loans from commercial banks to procure farm equipment, purchase supplies and pay for land and operational costs.

These spending habit onfarm activities will be in vain if farmers lack appropriate farming knowledge to produce crops for business and economical outputs.

In that vein, SBL's Kilimo Viwanda is not only a scholarship program that levitates the unprivileged agro-professional aspirations but goes deeper into the heart of enhancing farming by imparting skill-sets to experts who, in turn, assist farmers

improve productivity and incomes.

SBL's agro-scholarship program empowers farmers with the necessary skills set to expand their commercial farming aspirations. It also complements SBL's raw material demand and supply as at least a network of 400 farmers grow and sell cereal to the company.

"We need more raw materials yearly. For instance, in 2021, we bought 18,000 metric tonnes of grains, which met 80 percent of our annual raw material demand," SBL's Corporate Relations Director, John Wanyancha, commented at a graduation ceremony for the 2021/22 scholarships recipients earlier this month.

Agriculture demands a whole package of investments to germinate sustainable profits and value to communities - agro-loans are one of them.

Several investors are contributing to the improvement of farmers' agro-loan take up, and Commercial banks in Tanzania are stepping up to the plate by offering better lending rates, at single digit interest rates, which stimulates production for the sector that employs over 65 percent of Tanzanians.

In the same vein, SBL, an

investor with more than ten years in Tanzania, uses Kilimo Viwanda to spring-board farmers' ability to execute larger farming projects and supply large quantities of high-quality products to buyers across the market.

The competitive beer maker contributes to the sector's transformation from a strategic vantage point.

As one of the largest consumers of the country's produce of maize, sorghum and barley, SBL's program inspires agriculture experts to expand their professional horizons.

The young agriculture experts are assisting hundreds of farmers in employing better farming practices and consuming relevant farming knowledge, empowering them to utilize the agro-loans much more effectively.

On a broader scale, lower agro-lending rates to a single digit are one way to improve productivity in the agriculture sector. On the other hand, with available programs like Kilimo Viwanda, commercial farming communities will be knowledgeable of the right technology and information, adequate for them to make sound financial decisions to use such credit instruments.

SADC out to increase renewable energy generation to reduce carbon emissions

WINDHOEK

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) is developing the Regional Gas Masterplan to enable the utilisation of the abundant gas reserves in the region to reduce its reliance on coal in the wake of the global commitment, including the Paris Agreement's ambition to decrease carbon emissions and maintain global temperatures below 1.5° Celsius.

This was said by Dr. Theminkosi Mhlongo, the SADC

Deputy Secretary for Regional Integration, on June 23, 2022, in Gaborone, Botswana, during a meeting with Ms. Yuko Fujino, the Chargé d'affaires of the Japanese Embassy in Botswana. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD-8), as well as other issues of mutual interest to the two parties.

Dr. Mhlongo highlighted SADC's efforts to expand solar energy generation output to increase its power generation capacity, corridor involvement, and economic prosperity while also reducing



the Region's carbon footprint.

He said that in light of the recent increase in the number and severity of disasters, there was a need for increased collaborative efforts with partners to put in place mechanisms, including the operationalisation of the SADC Humanitarian and Emer-

gency Operations Centre that will aid the Region in mitigating disasters and monitoring all disaster risk factors. Dr. Mhlongo underscored the importance of the existing cordial relations between the Japanese government and the SADC Region, in particular the technical assistance

offered by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which has successfully assisted in the implementation of several programs in the Region, including the recently built Kazungula bridge which connects Botswana and Zambia and supports towards the implementa-

tion of the SADC Forestry Programme, as evidence of Japan's dedication to serving the SADC community.

Fujino emphasised the Japanese government's willingness to collaborate with SADC and the entire African continent as part of its international policy. In addition, the envoy underlined the significance of working on engagement mechanisms to promote a more inclusive relationship.

Fujino stated that her government will spearhead the 8th TICAD, which will be held in Tunisia on the 27th and 28th of August 2022, with the participation of heads of state and government from African countries, as well as co-organisers from the African Union, United Nations, United Nations Development Programme, and World Bank.

She noted that the forum will provide Japan with the opportunity to strengthen its engagement in Africa. She expressed her regret that given the limitations posed by the need to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, participation at the upcoming TICAD-8 will be limited, and as such regional organisations, including Regional Economic Communities, may not be able to participate.

Since 1993, Japan has pioneered an international forum for Africa through TICAD to foster partnerships and develop-

Businesses hit hardest by liquidations under way in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

NEW data from Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) shows that the total number of liquidations decreased by 1.6% in May 2022 compared with the same period a year ago.

Voluntary liquidations decreased by eight cases, while compulsory liquidations increased by five cases, the stats body said. The total number of liquidations decreased by 8.9% in the first five months of 2022 compared with the first five months of 2021.

The percentage change between March to May 2021 and March to May 2022, was -10.1%. Total liquidations amounted to 188 in May, up from 138 liquidations in April, and 182 in March.

Total liquidations to date amount to 788, down from 788 in 2021.

Total liquidations according to industry

The trade, catering and accommodation sector continues to struggle post the pandemic, while financing, insurance, real estate and business services also saw a relative high number of closures in the reporting period.

The Bureau for Economic Research (BER) said in a research note on Monday (27 June), that while South Africa's hospitality sec-

tor has seen a post-Covid rebound from a low base, both hotels and restaurants still haven't seen a full return to normal.

In the second quarter, activity expanded strongly in the hospitality sector for the third quarter in a row, albeit at a slightly slower pace compared to the first quarter, the BER said.

The very high year-on-year growth rates for activity are due to the low levels of a year ago when few people went out to eat or travel due to Covid-19 fears and restrictions, the group said.

The BER also pointed to Stats SA data that showed continued weak hotel room occupation rates, while the real income of restaurants was still 35% below pre-pandemic levels.

Commercial property activity

The second quarter of the 2022 FNB Commercial Property Broker Survey saw two of the three major commercial property sectors - office and retail - showing declines in perceived market sales activity levels, with only the industrial property market's activity rating rising further.

The percentage of broker respondents perceiving business conditions to be satisfactory declined slightly in the second-quarter

survey. This decline comes after a prior rising trend, remaining at a mediocre level, said John Loos, property sector strategist at FNB Commercial Property Finance.

This reflects an economy battling to fully recover from the very deep recession of 2020, and more recently pressured by rising interest rates, he said.

When asking brokers for their ratings of market activity levels on a scale of 1 to 10, we see that the group of respondents is still most upbeat about the industrial and warehouse property market. The industrial property market's second quarter 2022 activity rating rose from 6.2 in the prior quarter to 6.35.

The retail property activity rating declined from 4.87 to 4.60 over the same two quarters. The office property market activity rating remained the weakest.

Rising interest rates may have begun to dampen the spirits of the market, said Loos. Global supply chain disruptions had been contributing to building global inflationary pressures, and more recently the war in Ukraine, and resultant sanctions and boycotts on Russia, have further exacerbated the problem, the strategist said.

The result has been 125 basis points' worth of interest rate hikes by the SARB since late 2021, while a further 100 basis points' worth

of hikes are expected this year, said Loos.

The FNB Commercial Property Broker Survey surveys a sample of commercial property brokers in and around the six major metros of South Africa, namely, City of Joburg and Ekurhuleni (Greater Johannesburg), Tshwane, Ethekwini, City of Cape Town and Nelson Mandela Bay.

Loos noted that this survey response gives a perspective of business confidence in the commercial property sector, which may be starting to reflect the recent business confidence trend for the broader economy, the latter having weakened since a few quarters ago.

The RMB-BER Business Confidence Index for the second quarter of 2022 showed a similar 42% of survey respondents across the economy expressing satisfaction with business conditions, and this was a weakening from the prior quarter's 46 reading.

FNB also asked brokers about their perceived decline, increase or no change in activity levels compared to six months ago.

In the second quarter 2022 survey, even the industrial and warehouse market showed signs of losing strengthening momentum. "This implies that the respondents perceiving a strengthening in activity in this sector over the prior 6 months exactly

equals those that perceived weakening," said Loos.

The retail market returned a small negative reading, while the office property market reading was mildly positive.

"These indices in all three markets thus point to very little activity growth momentum having been perceived of late, interest rate hiking this year possibly having been the main cause of demand growth running out of steam," the strategist said.

Poor business confidence continues to weigh heavily on the commercial property market which has seen a marginal decrease in the number of commercial tenants in good standing in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the previous quarter.

The latest TPN Credit Bureau's Commercial Rental Monitor showed that tenants in good standing are those that have paid their rent in full and on time at the end of each month.

TPN's data showed that although the first quarter of 2022 indicates a small improvement compared to the last quarter of 2021, more than 10% of commercial tenants did not make any payment towards their rental expenses in the first quarter of this year, indicating the extent of their financial struggles.

WORLD

NATO summit opens amid controversy, internal discord

MADRID

THE 2022 Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization opened here on Wednesday amid mounting criticisms of the military alliance's aggressive security policy and lingering conflicts among its members.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told a press conference Wednesday afternoon that the leaders had decided to "transform and strengthen" the alliance at a "pivotal time for our security."

The decisions include strengthening NATO's forward defenses, enhancing the bloc's battle-groups on its eastern flank and increasing the number of high readiness forces to over 300,000, the NATO chief said, adding that the leaders had also agreed on a "comprehensive assistance package" for Ukraine.

At Wednesday's meeting, NATO invited Sweden and Finland to join the alliance, following Turkey's decision to lift a veto on the two countries' membership applications a day before.

"In any accession to the alliance, it is of vital importance that the legitimate security concerns of

all allies are properly addressed," NATO leaders said in a joint declaration.

Turkey had initially been blocking the Nordic states' membership bids citing their ties with the Kurdistan Workers' Party and Syria's Kurdish People's Protection Units, which Turkey labels as terrorist groups.

But Turkey changed its position on Tuesday after a meeting of the leaders from the three countries together with Stoltenberg.

Despite Turkey's green light, the NATO chief acknowledged on Tuesday a lingering discord, saying "there will still be conflicts within the defense alliance."

With the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and the increasingly tougher western sanctions on Russia, strains among NATO allies have also intensified as the prices of energy and other essential commodities continue to soar, analysts have said.

The 30 NATO leaders on Wednesday also approved the military bloc's new strategic concept, which outlines its priorities and core tasks in the next decade. The document calls Russia the



From right French President Emmanuel Macron, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama and his wife Linda Rama visit the Prado Museum in Madrid on Wednesday. AP

"most significant and direct threat" to NATO's security.

Analysts say while NATO is portraying other countries as its imaginary adversaries, it is NATO itself that has been expanding its influence at the expense of other countries' security and inciting bloc confrontation with an outdated Cold War mentality.

Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, noted on Tuesday that NATO's five eastward expansions after the Cold War have not only failed to make Europe securer, but also sowed the seed of conflict.

"The Cold War ended a long time ago. It is necessary for NATO to reconsider its own positioning and its responsibilities, completely abandon the Cold War mentality that is based on bloc confrontation, and strive to build a balanced, effective, and sustainable European security framework in line with the principle of indivisible security," he said.

Before this week's NATO summit, thousands of demonstrators took to the streets in Madrid on Sunday to call for peace and protest against the alliance, which they see as a threat to peace.

Macao industry leaders expect closer cooperation with HK

MACAO

INDUSTRY leaders in the Macao Special Administrative Region are expecting closer and complementary cooperation with the Hong Kong SAR in the future given the two cities' proximity and similar histories.

As Hong Kong is to mark the 25th anniversary of its return to the motherland today, the industry leaders in the Macao SAR expressed confidence that the two cities can work closely together and better integrate in building the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area by leveraging the advantages of the "one country, two systems" principle.

Kevin Ho, president of the Industry and Commerce Association of Macao, said that Hong Kong, an international financial center, and Macao, which is striving to build itself into a world tourism and leisure center, can seek complementary cooperation and development.

"The two SARs are both our country's windows to the world," Ho said. "They can join hands in the industries of conference and exhibitions, tourism, and finance."

Alan Ho, president of the Macao Association of Convention, Exhibition and Tourism Sectors, hoped that the convention and exhibition industries in Hong Kong and Macao can take the initiative in participating in regional cooperation and promoting cooperation in the Greater Bay Area through inter-city and smart conventions and exhibitions.

"As a major center of conventions and exhibitions in the Asia Pacific region, the industry in Hong Kong has developed fast since its return to the motherland, particularly in the sectors of jewelry, clocks and watches, and beauty products," he said.

In the past years, scientists and researchers in the SARs have also widely participated in the country's major scientific and technological projects.

Pang Chuan, vice-president of the Macao University of Science and Technology, said universities in Macao and Hong Kong have cooperated closely in personnel exchanges, scientific and research cooperation, exchanges of laboratories and the joint education of students.

"Universities in Macao and Hong Kong are generally more international with more opportunities to take part in international cooperation," Pang said. "However, they are faced with a lack of supporting industries in the SARs."

Pang suggested that universities in the SARs combine their advantages in research and development with hi-tech enterprises in the Greater Bay Area to better convert international scientific and research fruits.

Ma Chi Seng, a member of the Macao Sports Committee, lauded Hong Kong's sports achievements since its return to the motherland, noting that the Hong Kong SAR government has been dedicated to promoting Hong Kong as a city of international sports events, offering experiences that Macao could learn from.

"The 15th Chinese National Games to be co-hosted by Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao in 2025 will provide an excellent opportunity to increase public participation in sports in the SARs and enhance in-depth cooperation between the sports industries in the three places," Ma added.

Russia's operation in Ukraine going to plan, no need to squeeze it into deadlines – Putin

ASHGABAT

RUSSIA'S special military operation in Ukraine is going according to plan, and there is no need to meet any deadlines for ending it, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday wrapping up his visit to Ashgabat.

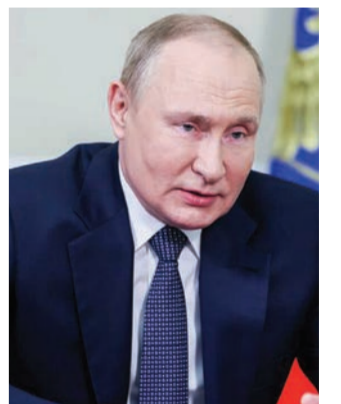
According to Putin, the goal of the special military operation is to liberate Donbass, to defend the people living there, and "to create conditions that will guarantee the security of Russia itself."

"The work is proceeding in a calm and rhythmic way. The troops are advancing and reaching those endpoints that are assigned as a task at a certain stage of this combat work. Everything is going according to plan," Putin stressed.

When asked about a possible deadline for finishing the operation, the Russian president said, "There is no need to talk about any deadlines. I never talk about it, since this is life and these are real things. It is not right to squeeze that into any deadlines."

"It is linked to the intensity of combat operations, which is directly linked to potential casualties, and we must think above all things about protecting our guys' lives," the president emphasized.

Agencies



Marcos sworn in as Philippines' 17th president

MANILA

FERDINAND Romualdez Marcos, 64, was sworn in as the 17th president of the Philippines yesterday at the National Museum in Manila with thousands of people witnessing the inauguration.

Wearing a native Barong Tagalog formal shirt, the son of former president Ferdinand Marcos took his oath of office, as his 92-year-old mother Imelda and family members look on.

Marcos said ensuring food sufficiency for a country battling soaring inflation will be among his top priorities as he began his six-year term.

"The role of agriculture cries for the urgent attention that its neglect and misdirection now demands," he said after being sworn in.

More than 15,000 police and security personnel have been deployed across the capital for the inauguration. Foreign dignitaries, diplomats, and three former Philippine presidents - Fidel Ramos, Joseph Estrada and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo - attended.

Ahead of the swearing-in, outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte received Marcos at the Malacanang presidential palace.

On May 25, the Philippine Congress proclaimed Marcos winner of the May 9 presidential election, with over 31 million votes or more than 58 percent of the votes cast. He succeeded Duterte who has finished his six-year term. The Philippine constitution permits the president to serve a single six-year term.

The Marcos administration needs to address a slew of problems besetting the country, such as unemployment, inflation, a high debt-service ratio to the gross domestic product (GDP), as well as rocketing gas and oil

prices.

Last week, Marcos said he would serve as the secretary of agriculture temporarily after taking office as the problem of food supply "is severe enough".

Managing inflation is also on the top of Marcos' to-do list. Government data showed that 23.7 percent of the country's nearly 110 million population lives in poverty.

The new administration will also inherit over \$240 billion in accumulated debt by the end of March, mainly due to the COVID-19 expenses. Bureau of Treasury data showed that the country's debt-to-GDP ratio stood at 63.5 percent as of end-March, well over the internationally recommended threshold of 60 percent.

"The priority is economy," Marcos said earlier this month, assembling his economic team to steer the economy.

The Philippine economy grew by 8.3 percent year on year in the first quarter of 2022. The government is optimistic that the solid first-quarter 2022 GDP growth will help the country attain its target of 7 to 8 percent growth this year.

In a speech early this month, Marcos vowed to foster "stronger and deeper" Philippines-China relations.

He said the relations with China are "very important" and "advantageous to both countries," while considering China as his country's "strongest partner" in pandemic recovery.

"We look forward to continuing fostering this relationship. Making it stronger. Making it deeper and to the advantage of our two great countries," Marcos said, adding that he sees the future of Philippine-China relations "developing in many ways."

On Wednesday, outgoing Pres-



President-elect Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos (right) is sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo during the inauguration ceremony at National Museum yesterday in Manila, Philippines. AP

ident Duterte also agreed with Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan to further promote bilateral relations and advance cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

Under the guidance of the two countries' leaders, the relations between China and the Philippines have achieved a complete turnaround over the past six years, said Wang.

The two sides have redefined their relationship as comprehensive strategic cooperation, enhanced good-neighborly friendship and coopera-

tion, properly managed differences, and jointly worked for common development, which have ushered in a new era for furthering cooperation in various fields, he said.

Resident planners speed up beautiful countryside construction in East China

"IT'S a routine for me to work in the countryside two days a week," said "slashie" Jin Yuhang.

Jin is a designer of a state-owned architectural designing institute in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province. He has been employed as a part-time resident planner for Tianmushan township in Hangzhou's Lin'an district since October 2018. Every week, he drives to work in the township 80 kilometers away from downtown Hangzhou for two workdays.

In Baihe village of Tianmushan township, neatly built new houses show a unique and attractive style belonging to canal towns in the lower reaches of the Yangtze River.

Jin joined the planning, designing, and construction of these houses, making them well integrated into the natural environment and surrounding structures in the village.

Villager Wang Zhihong is one who has benefited from the facelift. He has earned nearly 6,000 yuan (\$893.4) by renting out the spare rooms of his house, which was designed and built by Jin.

According to Zhao Haifeng, deputy mayor of Tianmushan township, some rural structures in the township were once oversized and encroached on neighboring properties or roads, and some didn't fit into the surrounding natural landscape or traditions.

To solve the problem, Zhejiang province, starting from June 2017, encouraged townships and subdistricts to invite resident planners to offer whole-process and multi-dimensional technical services and guidance on the planning, construction, and management of local structures.

Since 2017, Lin'an district has completed layout planning of 13 townships under its administration. Under the instruction of resident planners, the structures in all 222 local villages were built according to design drawings and fit well into the surroundings.

"Planning and designing are not just about office work. Great plans are made in the field," Jin said, adding

that many of his design plans were improved as a result of on-site investigations.

In early 2021, Tianmushan township planned to demolish an idle school building and construct a neighborhood service center at the original site. After a field trip was made, Jin suggested converting the main body of the school building into the neighborhood service center. He also came up with detailed transformation plans, including reinforcing the main body, installing elevator, and elderly-oriented modifications.

Finally, Jin's plan was adopted for it avoided mass demolition and construction, shortened construction pe-

riod and lowered general cost.

During the construction of the service center, Jin visited the construction site frequently to provide suggestions on the details of the construction chores, based on extensive solicitation of villagers' opinions, such as the gradient of the ramp on road and the height of the fence for the playground.

Jin has also played a significant role in the transformation of Yueliangqiao village of Tianmushan township, which has been turned from an obscure mountainous village into a popular tourist destination featuring vintage-style B&B hotels and pleasant natural environment.

He has taken part in every step of

the village's transformation, from the formulation of development plan to the arrangement of ornamental tree species. He also inspected construction sites to make sure the project make steady progress, and participated in the acceptance inspection and evaluation of projects.

"The value of planning lies in implementation," Jin said, explaining that resident planners must do a good job in the tasks following planning, such as reviewing construction drawings, management of construction, long-term operation, and maintenance, so as to ensure the smooth implementation of planning.

People's Daily

Russian division of Nokian Tyres will continue to operate

MOSCOW

THE division of Nokian Tyres in Russia will continue to operate, the plant in Vsevolozhsk will maintain the production, the company said in a statement on Wednesday.

However, the company noted that the final decision on the mechanism of further operation has not yet been made, negotiations with the parent company will be completed during the third quarter of this year.

Andrey Pantyukhov, General Director of Nokian Tyres in Russia, noted that "the sanctions restrictions adopted by the EU made it impossible for us to continue working in Russia as part of the Nokian Tyres concern."

"The management of the Russian company Nokian Tyres prepared and submitted a proposal on the future format of the company's operation in Russia in an autonomous mode to the board of directors of the concern," he added.

"We believe that the approval of this proposal will allow us to continue operating in Russia. However, the Board of Directors needs more time to make a decision. Also, the Board of Directors may consider other potential decisions as part of a controlled exit from the market. In any case, the goal is to implement the decision, which will ensure the continuation of the company's sustainable activities in Russia," Pantyukhov said.

He added that the company will continue its work in Russia, including the production of tires at the Vsevolozhsk plant, and does not plan further lay-

offs, despite the decrease in the production of the plant, whose products were mainly exported.

"Meanwhile, Nokian Tyres in Russia will continue its work, including production at the plant in Vsevolozhsk, and will fully fulfill all its obligations to employees, customers, consumers, suppliers, other partners and tax authorities," Pantyukhov said.

He explained that after the EU introduced fifth package of sanctions the company will no longer be able to export tires manufactured at the the Nokian Tyres plant in Vsevolozhsk after July 11.

"There will be a significant decrease in production of the Russian plant. The company does not plan to further reduce the number of personnel in Russia. Currently, we are working on how to provide the plant with raw materials amid sanctions restrictions to continue operating activities," Pantyukhov said.

On Tuesday, Nokian Tyres announced on its website that it has decided to initiate a controlled exit from the Russian market due to the situation in Ukraine.

The company stressed that this process will be done with due consideration to local employees and legislation. The Finnish tire maker notified the authorities of Russia's Leningrad region that it will lay off over 300 employees of its local plant in July.

Also on Tuesday, the French tire manufacturer Michelin announced that it would cease operations in Russia by the end of 2022 and transfer the Russian division to local management.

Agencies

Tokyo to raise COVID-19 alert level to 2nd-highest - report

DHAKA / HANOI

THE Tokyo metropolitan government will on Thursday raise its alert level for new coronavirus infections to the second-highest of four levels due to a sharp rise in cases, Fuji News Network reported.

The Japanese capital recorded 3,803 new coronavirus cases on Wednesday, up 63 percent from the previous week.

Australia

The Australian state of Queensland eased several of its remaining COVID-19 restrictions on Thursday, despite the high community transmission of the virus.

Queensland health authorities reported 5,286 new cases in the daily update yesterday, bringing the state's overall tally to 1,292,709.

Despite such high numbers, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk was quoted by the national broadcaster ABC as saying Queensland had remained strong so the restrictions have been eased in sensible stages.

"I once again pay tribute to the resilience of Queenslanders for the strength of response to this pandemic," Palaszczuk said.

Under the new guidelines, visitors to vulnerable groups such as residents of aged-care facilities, disability accommodation, and correctional facilities will no longer need to be vaccinated.

Likewise, staff in high-risk settings, such as childcare centers and schools and airports, will be able to remain unvaccinated, unless requested by their bosses to get the jabs.

Visitors entering Queensland from overseas will no longer need to complete a COVID-19 test on arrival and people at airports will



People wearing face masks walk through the Shibuya scramble crossing in Tokyo, Japan, Jan 21, 2021. File photo

be able to leave their masks off, although they will still have to wear them while on public transport.

Bangladesh

Bangladesh has decided to start administering COVID-19 vaccines to children aged 5-12 amid a fresh surge in COVID-19 cases.

Bangladeshi Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque made the announcement on Wednesday, saying the initiative will start next month.

"We'll start the vaccination program in the last week of July," he said at a news conference.

"We'll soon procure vaccines and syringes suitable for children," Maleque said.

In order to receive vaccination, children aged 5-12 will have to register using their birth certificate on the government's (Surokkha) app.

Bangladesh's Cabinet Division on Tuesday issued a circular with the

six-point directives to contain the fresh outbreak of the pandemic.

In line with the directives, people must wear masks at all gatherings, shopping malls and restaurants under the "No mask, no service" policy.

Those who bear any symptoms are encouraged to get themselves tested for COVID-19.

The directives are aimed at limiting the fresh spread of the new wave of COVID-19 as Bangladesh is again seeing a surge in fresh cases after a respite of several months.

Bangladesh reported three fresh deaths from COVID-19 on Tuesday, the highest number of daily deaths confirmed in about three months.

Meanwhile, the country reported over 2,000 COVID-19 cases for the third consecutive day with the daily test positivity rate jumping to 15.47 percent in the 24 hours till 8:00 am local time Tuesday.

Indonesia

Indonesia has seen an increase in the number of newly-confirmed COVID-19 infections in the past weeks after the emergence of the

Omicron sub-variants BA.4 and BA.5 in the country.

The Southeast Asian nation initially detected its first cases of the two sub-lineages on June 10 with more than 1,000 daily cases having been recorded in the past two weeks.

On Wednesday, health authorities confirmed 2,149 new cases with more than 16,000 active cases in the past 24 hours. Active cases mean those people are still considered to be infectious.

Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin recently forecasted that peak cases of Omicron sublineages BA.4 and BA.5 in the country would take place in the second to the third week of July.

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Police in northwest India ban public gatherings after man slain

MUMBAI

FEARING outbreaks of religious violence, police in the Indian state of Rajasthan banned public gatherings and suspended internet services a day after two Muslims posted a video claiming responsibility for slaying a Hindu man.

"We are under strict orders to prevent any form of protests or demonstrations scheduled to condemn the murder," Hawa Singh Ghumaria, a senior police officer in the northwestern state told Reuters on Wednesday, adding that the crime had sent "shockwaves through the country."

Brandishing a meat cleaver, two bearded men said in the video that they were avenging an insult to Prophet Mohammad caused by the victim.

They also alluded to Nupur Sharma, a former spokeswoman for the ruling Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, whose remarks about the Prophet earlier this month triggered domestic and international outrage.

Ghumaria described the bloody attack on Kanhaiya Lal as his tailorshop in the city of Udaipur as "an act of terror", and said two suspects were being interrogated by federal investigators.

Two assailants slashed Lal's head and throat in an attack while he taking measurements, according to Bhawarlal Thoda, a city administrator in Udaipur.

According to Thoda, the tailor had been detained over a social media post in support of the BJP spokeswoman that was traced to his mobile telephone, and that after being released Lal had told police on June 15 that he was being threatened by some group.

Authorities said they had suspended Internet services in several parts of Rajasthan to prevent circulation of the video shared by the accused.

"The mood is tense and almost all shops are closed today," Thoda said. The city of around half a million people is one of the major tourist draws in the desert state, and is known for its luxurious hotels, including the famous

Taj Lake Palace.

In another video clip posted online, one of the assailants also went on to threaten Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying their blade would find him too.

India has a ghastly history of religious violence, and thousands of people have been killed since the country became independent from British colonial rule in 1947.

But, Modi's pursuit of a "Hindu first" agenda since coming to power in 2014 has stoked tensions in a country where Muslims account for around 13 percent of its 1.4 billion people.

Earlier this month the BJP suspended Sharma from the party and expelled another official but the furor has not died down.

"We can only urge people to stop sharing the video of the heinous crime committed in Rajasthan and put an end to rising communal tension," said a senior BJP official in New Delhi, requesting anonymity to avoid being drawn into the controversy.

Prime Minister Modi has not commented on the issue.

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Xi inspects Wuhan, stresses sci-tech innovation, COVID-19 control, community management

WUHAN

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping has stressed building up China's strength in the science and technology sector, sticking to the dynamic zero-COVID policy and improving community management.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks during his inspection in Wuhan, capital city of central China's Hubei Province, on Tuesday.

Xi underscored the need to foster more advanced technologies and sectors, blaze new spheres of economic development, and create new advantages in international competition.

While inspecting HGLaser Engineering Co. Ltd, a laser equipment company based in Wuhan, Xi noted that optoelectronic information is a high-tech industry in which China has the conditions to take the lead in achieving breakthroughs.

He urged efforts to strengthen the relevant technological research and development, master more core technologies with independent intellectual property rights, expand innovation chains, and improve industrial chains.

Breaking through bottlenecks in core technologies in key fields has been a pressing task, Xi said, calling for speeding up the realization of the country's scientific and technological self-reliance.

High-end manufacturing is an important pillar of high-quality economic development, Xi said.

Xi had cordial conversations with the employees of the company. Noting that China is the world's second-largest economy but still has some weak links, Xi said further development must be based on innovation.

He then visited a residential community named Zhiyuan in the Wuhan East Lake High-tech Development Zone.

Xi said that Wuhan has swiftly controlled several COVID-19 cluster infections over the past two years since the city won the battle against the outbreak in 2020.

This shows that the epidemic response measures laid out by the



Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, communicates with residents at a residential community in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on Tuesday. (Xinhua)

CPC Central Committee are correct and effective, and must be upheld unwaveringly, Xi noted.

Communities play a very important role, whether in emergency epidemic response or in routine epidemic prevention and control, said Xi.

Highlighting the importance of early detection and swift response, as well as the unity of the general public, he noted that communities are the foundation of the fight against COVID-19.

Urging improvements in community-based COVID-19 prevention and control on a regular basis, Xi underscored carrying out decisive, science-based and strict measures at the community level when new infections are detected.

Communities are the basic units of a city's governance system, Xi noted. One advantage of China's state governance system is the strong primary-level communities across the country's urban and rural areas, he said, calling for efforts to strengthen Party organizations, IT application, emergency response capabilities and services at the community level.

Speaking to community residents, Xi said that the people in the heroic city of Wuhan have always been close to his heart, praising the contribution of community workers who have been

on the front line of the fight against COVID-19 since early 2020 and extended his greetings to all community workers across the country.

Speaking about the country's overall fight against COVID-19, Xi said China's response measures and anti-epidemic policy have protected people's lives and health to the greatest extent.

If China had adopted the "herd immunity" policy or a hands-off approach, given its large population, the country would have faced unimaginable consequences, Xi said.

China's dynamic zero-COVID policy was formulated by the CPC Central Committee based on the Party's nature and purpose, as well as the country's national conditions, Xi noted.

"Even if there are some temporary impacts on the economy, we will not put people's lives and health in harm's way, and we must protect the elderly and the children in particular," Xi said.

"If we make an overall evaluation, our COVID-19 response measures are the most economical and effective," he said.

With the leadership of the Party and the grassroots foundation formed by communities, China has the capability and strength to implement the dynamic zero-COVID policy until the final victory is secured, Xi said.

Noting that the pandemic is not yet over, Xi warned against any tendency to lower the guard, grow weary of the fight, or slacken prevention and control efforts.

The utmost efforts must be made to promote steady and sound economic development, Xi said, urging Party committees and governments at all levels to help address people's difficulties and reduce the impact on the economy and the work and lives of the people.

"We are confident in our ability to strike a balance between COVID-19 response and economic and social development, and strive for a relatively good performance in this year's economic development," Xi said. *Xinhua*

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Zoran Manojlović

Simba SC leadership issues clarification on handing coach short-term contract

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC leadership has clarified the one-year contract it has handed new head coach Zoran Manojlović that was announced on Tuesday.

The Msimbazi Street side announced the Serbian coach after parting ways with Spanish coach Pablo Franco Martin at the end of last month, following the latter's failure to take the side to this season's CAF Confederation Cup semi-final.

Simba SC Information and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally said before signing a one-year contract, the side's management and the new tactician reached an agreement, so the decision led to the existence of the contract.

He said the contract signed by the coach, who has also coached Al Hilal of Sudan, has a provision of contract extension if the tactician achieves the goal set by Simba SC management.

The leader pointed out: "It is one year, he will have the opportunity to extend another year to his contract, this is all due to the agreement that both parties have agreed to, so it is very common."

"Simba fans should be aware that this is a process of agreement, we have great trust in the coach and he should prove it to us in action which will begin immediately after the official handover," Ally disclosed.

Ally also said that the Serbian coach will remain outside Tanzania until the time of preparation for the new season.

He said coach Zoran is currently working closely with Simba SC management in the player registration process, which is underway at the club, so he is aware of everything that is going on on the side.

"Coach Zoran will continue to be at his current break, arriving in Dar es Salaam a few days before the start of preparations for the 2022/23 season," he said.

The official stated: "The biggest job he is doing right now after being announced as head coach is to work with the management to register players, an exercise which is in progress in our club, so everyone who is registered will have received the blessings of this coach."

Ally disclosed: "We believe in preparation time, the coach will have a good time preparing his squad, before starting the pursuit of success in our club, which everyone aspires after losing this season."

In addition to coaching Sudan's Al Hilal from 2020-21, Zoran has also worked with Primeiro de Agosto - Angola (2017-2019), Wydad AC - Morocco (2019-2020), CR Belouizdad - Algeria (2021), and Al Tai - Saudi Arabia (2021).

Coach Mgunda offers Coastal Union psychological boost ahead of Federation Cup final

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

COASTAL Union's head coach, Juma Mgunda, says his charges need mental strength when they lock horns with Young Africans, alias Yanga, in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final at Sheikh Amri Abeid Memorial Stadium in Arusha on Saturday.

In a recent interview, Mgunda said the Saturday final is a test of character for his side.

He said that Wednesday's NBC Premier League last-round tie against Geita Gold FC was the last preparatory match for his club.

Coastal Union was held to a 1-1 draw by Geita Gold FC in the league tie which took place in Tanga, leaving the former placed seventh whereas the latter took the fourth place.

Mgunda noted before his outfit's match against Geita Gold FC: "We are playing our last NBC Premier League today (Wednesday), the game is very

important as I will use it to prepare for the ASFC final against Yanga."

"The final will be very tough but we need mental strength to beat them," the coach insisted.

Recently, Coastal Union has never beaten Yanga but Mgunda said he is confident his side can end the newly crowned NBC Premier League champions' dominance only if the squad has mental strength.

"We need to put up a gallant fight to prove that we are no pushovers, we need to work hard, it is possible to beat Yanga and I'm confident we can do that," he said.

He further said though Yanga has a slight technical advantage and many talented players compared to his side, the Jangwani Street squad is not invincible.

Mgunda stated: "We are also aware that our supporters are eager to see us deliver against Yanga...this is why I have told my players to give their all and fight for their pride."

Let Yanga celebrate the Premier League championship, it has been a long wait

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

MEMBERS and the fan base of Dar es Salaam Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, are soaked into a month-long, countrywide celebrations for having won the Mainland Tanzania Premier League 'NBC Premier League' title for the 2021/22 season, a huge sigh of relief from what they have felt for four years when the domination of their next street archrivals, Simba SC, was unquestioned.

It is, all the same, a massive celebration tinged with trepidation, as no one knows what lies in store in the not-so-far future when the rivalry of the two clubs is projected for the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

It is a sphere where, as it were, the Jangwani Street outfit must 'cut its teeth' there too.

Despite clear weaknesses, Simba SC has demonstrated resilience in those tournaments, where it has made a mark for several years, but faces new challenges as its ability to retain the squad seems to be clipped on its wings.

It has lost out on several registration potentials, apparently on account of letting the cat out of the bag far too early, and then other clubs, with bigger offers to make, rushing to clinch a deal.

Pundits who know the state of club finances from one year to another appear to be agreed that its capacities are diminishing, which contrasts with club imagination, to attain higher CAF runs.



Yanga's players and the outfit's officials hold the 2021/22 NBC Premier League trophy parade in Dar es Salaam last Sunday, having received it after taking on Mbeya City FC in the top-flight match that took place in Mbeya on Saturday and ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

This kind of situation sort of recalls what happened at Azam FC, which started with great ambitions and clinched the Premier League title to start with, but it did not make a vivid impression beyond East African competitions.

Such success levels have also been the case of the newly crowned Premier League champions, and it stands to be seen if they have the financial clout to register and mould a team for higher output at the continental level, even within a shot of what their next street rivals have done so far.

They face dissimilar risks compared with either Simba SC or Azam FC, namely limited investor capacity, for once.

Simba SC appears to be in an investment cycle that has been noticed at Azam FC, namely an apparent slackening of interest on the part of the top investor after a spirited run when such investor

would also be the 'team leader' as de facto chief executive.

A time comes when 'the second law of thermodynamics' takes its course, namely that everything in life loses heat, ages, and is no longer as interesting as at the beginning.

When this stage is attained, the club leader is soon replaced by sit-in leadership, who make decisions knowing they do not have a free hand when it comes to the money, not being the top investor.

Yet there is a sharp difference between the situation at Azam FC and at Simba SC as the former is a family business that is well entrenched in sports advertising and plenty of other products, thus there is a financing level that is consonant with prudent business activity as a whole, its brand image department if you wish.

At the top African tournaments side that has just dropped the Premier League title, the chief

executive is an ardent club fan, and he desists from continuing as de facto chief executive for reasons of time constraint, as managing isn't just watching over technicalities. It is also to be available for intrigues.

What this means is that the relative decline of financing for Azam FC and its situation at number three or at most four in the league standing is likely to persist, as the need for a club side to boost interest in the myriad scene of the company's products has now been eclipsed by Azam TV, etc.

With this medium, it sponsors tourneys including premier league runs of nearby countries where its brands are popular.

So its specific position in the local scene isn't something the group is working excessively hard to improve.

What is learned is that one can't cut into the fan base of the dominant sides - but create auxiliary interest.

These problems are constantly facing big clubs, as to how much they need to pay to remain at the top - in the sense of local Premier League ambitions - and in tandem with this quest, how much they need to invest to climb to the middle of the CAF championship, and remain there. Resilience is group-level run, thrice...

This is where the Msimbazi Street outfit has attained and faces problems of realizing the dream of climbing higher than that, as even remaining there isn't easy - as last year's run demonstrated.

The same matrix, applied to Azam FC is that they have surrendered the dream of excelling in continental tourneys as the level of investment would be forbidding, meanwhile, at the Jangwani Street club side their continental ambitions are thoroughly uncharted, and their total preoccupation relating to local hegemony.

It is to win over their archrivals at times and take the Premier League title more frequently.



Netballers feature in one of the sports tournaments which were organized to vouch for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in Arusha recently.

Dar to host Netball Super League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Netball Association (Chaneta) has announced that the Netball Super League will be held at National Indoor Stadium in Dar es Salaam later this month.

Rose Mkisi, Chaneta Secretary-General, said 36 teams from across the country have confirmed to compete in the tournament which will run from July 9-19.

Rose revealed the association has extended an invitation to Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to grace the opening of the tournament.

She mentioned women's teams that have confirmed to battle it out in the league as Tamisemi, Uhamiaji, JKT Mbeni, Mgulani, Jeshi Stars, Magereza Morogoro, Eagle Queens, Kampala University, and Nyika Queens.

Others are Makutupola Dodoma, Polisi Arusha, Polisi Kigoma, Polisi Tanga, Polisi Morogoro, MVRFC Queens, Ihumwa Dream Team, Mbozi United, Mbeya City netball team, UDSM, Tarime Sisters, Jiji Tanga, Jiji Arusha and Mabibo Queens.

The men's teams lined up for the showdown are Smart, Hapa Kazi, Muungano, Jiji Arusha,

Bright, and Ushirika.

Rose pointed out: "Preparations for the Netball Super League are going on very well, we are urging all teams to keep on training intensively."

"We have invited the Prime Minister to grace the opening of the tournament, his office has not communicated to us whether he will make it or not," she said.

She said the tournament will among others be used to identify new players set to form the senior national women's netball team, Taifa Queens, as well as turn into a platform for exposing new talents.

The official stated that Chaneta has lined up several international games which will help the team be fit and active, and gain experience and international exposure.

After many years of absence from international events, the Taifa Queens competed in the Africa Netball Championship which took place in Namibia last year.

Taifa Queens did not perform well in the showpiece, the squad is consequently placed 40th in the recent INF rankings.

Recently Chaneta president Devotha Marwa

told The Guardian that the country will compete in the two international events which will be held in South Africa this year and next year.

She said there is a need for Taifa Queens to start the transition and the side must play many international friendlies.

Devotha said Chaneta plans to organize several training camps whereby selected youthful players will be playing against the senior team to learn the ropes.

Chaneta, she stated, also plans to organize many junior tournaments which will be used to identify new talents for the senior squad given many Taifa Queens players are in the twilight of their careers.

The boss Chaneta stated: "Now the time has come for a broader-based talent identification process that includes, but not limited to, participation in all youth tournaments from regional, continental and world stage and when the players are identified, the technical panel should be given sufficient time to assess them."

"Many nations are using young players who are energetic, young players are good as they have both the stamina and speed which are vital in the game," she revealed

R. Kelly sentenced to 30 years in sex trafficking case

NEW YORK

DISGRACED R&B superstar R. Kelly was sentenced Wednesday to 30 years in prison for using his fame to sexually abuse young fans, including some who were just children, in a systematic scheme that went on for decades.

Through tears and anger, several of Kelly's accusers told a court in New York City, and the singer himself, that he had misled and preyed upon them.

"You made me do things that broke my spirit. I literally wished I would die because of how low you made me feel," said one unnamed survivor, directly addressing Kelly, who kept his hands folded and his eyes downcast. "Do you remember that?" she asked.

Kelly, 55, didn't give a statement and showed no reaction on hearing his penalty, which also included a \$100,000 fine. He has denied wrongdoing, and he plans to appeal his conviction.

The Grammy-winning, multiplatinum-selling songwriter was found guilty last year of racketeering and sex trafficking at a trial that gave voice to accusers who had previously wondered if their stories were being ignored because they were Black women.

Victims "are no longer the preyed-on individuals we once were," another one of his accusers said at the sentencing.

"There wasn't a day in my life, up until this moment, that I actually believed that the judicial system would come through for Black and brown girls," she added outside court.

A third woman, sobbing and sniffing as she addressed the court, also said Kelly's conviction renewed her faith in the legal system.

The woman said Kelly victimized her after she went to a concert when she was 17.

"I was afraid, naive and didn't know how to handle the situation," she said, so she didn't speak up at the time.

"Silence," she said, "is a very lonely place."

Kelly's lawyer, Jennifer Bonjean, said he was "devastated" by the sentence and saddened by what he had heard.

"He's a human being. He feels what other people are feeling. But that doesn't mean that he can accept responsibility in the way that the government would like him to and other people would like him to. Because he disagrees with the characterizations that have been made about him," she said.

The sentence caps a slow-motion fall for Kelly, who is known for work including the 1996 hit "I Believe I Can Fly" and the cult classic "Trapped in the Closet," a multipart tale of sexual betrayal and intrigue.

He was adored by legions of fans and sold millions of albums even after allegations about his abuse of young girls began circulating publicly in the 1990s. He beat child pornography charges in Chicago in 2008, when a jury acquitted him.

Widespread outrage over Kelly's sexual misconduct didn't emerge until the #MeToo reckoning, reaching a crescendo after the release of the documentary "Surviving R. Kelly."

"I hope this sentencing serves as its own testimony that it doesn't matter how powerful, rich or famous your abuser may be or how small they make you feel — justice only hears the truth," Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Breon Peace said Wednesday.

A Brooklyn federal court jury convicted the singer, born Robert Sylvester Kelly, after hearing that he used his entourage of managers and aides to meet girls and keep them obedient, an operation that prosecutors said amounted to a criminal enterprise.

Several accusers testified that Kelly subjected them to perverse and sadistic whims when they were underage.

The accusers alleged they were ordered to sign non-disclosure forms and were subjected to threats and punishments such as violent spankings if they broke what one referred to as "Rob's rules."

Some said they believed the videotapes he shot of them having sex would be used against them if they exposed what was happening.

According to testimony, Kelly gave several accusers herpes without disclosing he had an STD, coerced a teenage boy to join him for sex with a naked girl who emerged from underneath a boxing ring in his garage, and shot a shaming video that showed one victim smearing feces on her face as punishment for breaking his rules. "The horrors your victims endured," U.S. District Judge Ann Donnelly said as she sentenced him. "No price was too high to pay for your happiness."

Lizzette Martinez was a 17-year-old aspiring singer when she met Kelly at a Florida mall. She was promised mentorship but quickly ended up "a sex slave," she said Wednesday outside court.

Asked whether Kelly's 30-year sentence was sufficient punishment, she paused before answering.

"I, personally, don't think it's enough," she said, "but I'm pleased with it."

At the trial, evidence also was presented about a fraudulent marriage scheme hatched to protect Kelly after he feared he had impregnated R&B phenom Aaliyah in 1994 when she was just 15. Witnesses said they were married in matching jogging suits using a license falsely listing her age as 18; he was 27 at the time.

Aaliyah worked with Kelly, who wrote and produced her 1994 debut album, "Age Ain't Nothing But A Number." She died in a plane crash in 2001 at age 22.

Kelly didn't testify at his trial, but his then-lawyers portrayed his accusers as girlfriends and groupies who weren't forced to do anything against their will and stayed with him because they enjoyed the perks of his lifestyle.

His current lawyers had argued he should get no more than 10 years in prison because he had a traumatic childhood "involving severe, prolonged childhood sexual abuse, poverty, and violence."

As an adult with "literacy deficiencies," the star was "repeatedly defrauded and financially abused, often by the people he paid to protect him," his lawyers said.

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Trades work in American sports, so why not in soccer?

By Ryan O'Hanlon, ESPN.com writer

The Los Angeles Dodgers are baseball's answer to the question: "What if Manchester United were one of the smartest clubs in the league?"

In 2014, the Dodgers hired Andrew Friedman, something of a Billy Beane 2.0, away from the Tampa Bay Rays, something of an Oakland A's 2.0, to be their president of baseball operations. Friedman helped build a Rays team that made the World Series in 2008 and consistently featured in the playoffs despite running one of the lowest payrolls in the league.

The Dodgers hadn't won a World Series since 1988, but they lured Friedman away by making him the highest-paid executive in the sport — and then giving him a ton of money to spend. Over the past eight years, Los Angeles has built up one of the league's biggest analytics departments, created one of baseball's top farm systems, developed an impressive track record of improving flawed players, and spent as much money on salaries as just about any other team. They finally won it all in 2020, and they're pretty much the favorites to win the World Series every season at this point. That trend doesn't seem likely to change any time soon, either: They began the current season with a league-record \$310.6 million payroll and still have one of the league's five-best collections of prospects, according to MLB.com.

That all probably sounds pretty good to Chelsea fans, but at least for now, the Premier League club's new owner, Todd Boehly, hasn't hired another Friedman to overhaul the latest sports team in his ownership portfolio. No, he's currently serving as his own Friedman. In the same statement detailing the departure of longtime director Marina Granovskaia last week, the club



A consortium led by Los Angeles Dodgers part-owner Todd Boehly has completed its takeover of Chelsea in a deal worth up to £4.25 billion. (Agencies)

announced that Boehly would be its interim sporting director.

A handful of early reports suggest that Boehly wants to exploit a mechanism that his baseball team frequently uses but soccer teams almost never do: player trades. All of which raises a question that perhaps even Boehly himself is wondering: Why don't Premier League clubs trade their players more often?

Well, because trades don't exist

In most American sports, players can be traded whether they like it or not. While a small number of stars have "no-trade" clauses negotiated into their contracts, the majority of players can be traded from one team to another, so long as their contract fits into their new team's roster in a way that doesn't violate the league's salary cap structure.

"In order to move a player in European football, it requires player consent," said Jake Cohen, a sports lawyer. "So a player has to agree to any transfer, whether that be permanently or on loan, which makes it a little more difficult for teams to move players as they do in American sports. In European football, it's mandatory that players consent to move, and that's not something that can be negotiated away. That's sort of a fun-

damental right guaranteed by FIFA."

For example, the Dodgers acquired MVP outfielder Mookie Betts from the Boston Red Sox (owned by Fenway Sports Group, the owners of Liverpool) via trade in early 2020. They then signed him to a 12-year, \$356m extension that employs him through 2032, when he'll be 40 years old. Betts' contract does not have a no-trade clause, so if for some reason the Dodgers eventually decide to trade him to, say, the Kansas City Royals, then Betts won't be able to do anything about it. He'll still get paid the same amount, just by a new team. Hope you like barbecue.

Compare that to the Romelu Lukaku situation. Not only did Chelsea pay Inter Milan a transfer fee of \$124.3m to acquire the player in 2021, they then gave Lukaku a five-year contract worth around \$85m in total. If the soccer world operated under the same conditions as MLB, perhaps Chelsea could have traded Lukaku for some other star player this summer, but they still would have had to find a team that wanted to acquire Lukaku at that same contract. Instead, Lukaku first had to agree to move to Inter Milan on loan for a season, and then Chelsea and Inter Milan had to separately negotiate a loan fee.

What about swap deals?

So, yes, there have been what the European soccer world refers to as swap deals, where two players exchange teams, typically with an extra monetary amount being paid by the team who is acquiring the more valuable player. In 2009, Inter Milan and Barcelona swapped Samuel Eto'o and Zlatan Ibrahimovic, with the Catalan club paying an extra €45m to acquire the Swede. In 2011, Chelsea acquired David Luiz by paying €20m and sending Nemanja Matic, who would rejoin Chelsea three years later, to Benfica. In January of 2018, Manchester United swapped Henrikh Mkhitaryan for Alexis Sanchez, and the pair were reportedly considered equally valuable by both clubs because Sanchez's deal expired at the end of the season. And most recently, in 2020, Juventus paid €12m to acquire Arthur (valued at €72m) from Barcelona while sending Miralem Pjanic (€60m) the other way.

Again, it's important to remember that these moves only happened because all of the players agreed to leave their current clubs and sign new contracts with their new teams.

"When there's a transfer, it's usually a player moving in exchange for money,

and there's a couple negotiations going on," said Cohen. "There's the negotiation between the buying club and the selling club over the value of the player, or what the transfer fee is going to be. And there's a second negotiation going on concurrently between the buying club and the player over what the player's new employment contract is going to look like."

This is why so many transfers fall apart and become grist for the rumor mill: Two negotiations have to succeed. Let's just hypothetically say there's a 50-50 chance that any given negotiation is successful. Then the likelihood of a given transfer coming to fruition — the two clubs agree and the player and his new club agree — would be just 25%. (For the non-math-inclined out there: $0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25$.) If you're doing a swap deal, you now need four separate negotiations to work out, and that drops the likelihood of success in our hypothetical world down to just 6%.

"Instead of two concurrent negotiations going on," said Cohen. With Player A, you have the negotiation between the buying club and that player's value. With Player B, you have a second negotiation over what that player's value is. You need the two clubs to agree to what the valuations are and how they're going to offset each other. Then, Player A and Player B both need to agree to new contract terms to their respective new clubs."

However, there's also a fifth and sixth variable on both sides.

"If agents get wind that there's a potential player swap in the mix, they're going to attempt to leverage that for the benefit of their own player," Cohen said. "They know that, 'Oh, if Player A is moving, then Player B is the key to this whole thing so we want a 20% increase in the overall compensation package.' If Player B doesn't move, that impacts the potential of Player A to move."

On top of all the transactional complications, there's also just a simple question of logic beneath all of this. None of the major American sports leagues have more than 32 teams. If you're a top team, then about one-third of those teams aren't going to trade with you because you're a competitor. And another third of those teams probably don't have players you'd be willing to trade for.

In the soccer world, there are literally hundreds of other teams that you could theoretically sign valuable players from. The two best teams in the Premier League, Liverpool and Manchester City, just landed two players (Darwin Nunez, €75m, from Benfica and Julian Alvarez, €17m, from River Plate) from teams that don't even belong to the five biggest leagues in Europe, while Real Madrid brought Champions League-winning goal scorer Vinicius Junior in from Brazilian side Flamengo for €45m in 2018. Given all of that, what are the chances that the best player Chelsea could acquire for a given amount of money plays for a team that feels the same way about one of the players Chelsea currently employs but also would be willing to get rid of?

If the club's new ownership wants to remain competitive atop the Premier League without the massive transfer losses that Roman Abramovich funded every year, Chelsea are going to need to get more value out of the money they spend on signing players. Limiting your potential acquisition pool to transfer listed players on teams who would also want your players just isn't the way to get the most out of what you spend. It's not how the Dodgers won the World Series, and it's probably not how whoever Boehly hires to replace himself will do business either.

Ronaldo seeks \$626K from lawyer in rape case

LAS VEGAS

CRISTIANO Ronaldo is asking a U.S. judge to order a woman's lawyer to pay the international soccer star more than \$626,000 after claiming in a failed lawsuit seeking millions of dollars that Ronaldo raped the woman in Las Vegas nearly a decade earlier.

In a bluntly worded court document, Ronaldo's attorney, Peter Christiansen, asks U.S. District Judge Jennifer Dorsey to make the woman's attorney, Leslie Mark Stovall, personally responsible for the amount.

Stovall did not immediately respond Wednesday to telephone and email messages. Text messages to associate Larissa Drohobyczer were not answered. They are due to file an answer with the court by July 8.

Dorsey on June 10 kicked the case out of court to punish Stovall for "bad-faith conduct" and the improper use of leaked and stolen documents to pursue the case.

Stovall "crossed the

border of ethical behavior before he filed this action, and his disregard for the rules of this court has continued unabated," the judge found.

Dorsey said in her 42-page order that dismissing plaintiff Kathryn Mayorga's case outright with no option to file it again was a severe sanction, but said Ronaldo had been harmed by Stovall's conduct.

The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they are victims of sexual assault, but Mayorga gave consent through Stovall and Drohobyczer to make her name public.

The bid for court costs and fees for Ronaldo's attorneys, filed Friday, dwarfs the \$375,000 hush-money payment that Mayorga received in 2010 to sign a confidentiality agreement and drop a criminal complaint alleging she was sexually assaulted.

"Given Stovall's abuses and flagrant misconduct, Stovall should be made personally responsible for ensuring Ronaldo is reimbursed for having to defend against his vexatious

and bad faith conduct," Christiansen's request for reimbursement said. He tallied attorney fees at between \$350 and \$850 per hour for nearly 1,200 hours of work.

Mayorga's civil lawsuit — filed in 2018 in state court and moved in 2019 to federal court — eventually sought more than \$25 million in damages, plus attorney fees for Stovall.

It alleged that Ronaldo or his associates violated the confidentiality agreement

before a German news outlet, Der Spiegel, published an article in April 2017 titled "Cristiano Ronaldo's Secret" based on documents obtained from what court filings term "whistleblower portal Football Leaks."

Ronaldo's attorneys accuse Stovall of obtaining stolen material containing privileged attorney-client communication and then trying repeatedly to make them public by attaching them to court filings.

A second court filing on Friday asks Dorsey to seal part of the court record containing confidential documents.

Mayorga is a former model and teacher who lives in the Las Vegas area. Her lawsuit said she met Ronaldo at a nightclub and went with him and other people to his hotel suite, where she alleged he assaulted her in a bedroom. She was 25 at the time. He was 24.

Ronaldo's legal team

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Arts, sports promotions set to get boost

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AMERICAN company Vulcan Inc. has confirmed that it is, through its Vulcan Arts and Entertainment firm, ready to work with Tanzania's government to promote arts and sports in the country.

The company, founded by one of Microsoft's co-founders Allen Paul and based in Seattle, has already invested billions of dollars in the sports and arts sector in the USA.

The investments include owning one of the best football sides in USA's Major League Soccer (MLS), Seattle Sounders FC, the American football team, Seahawks, and National Basketball Association (NBA) League's outfit Portland Trail Blazers.

The firm has as well more than 20 stadiums including the Lumen Field Stadium with a capacity of more than 70,000 people, owned by Seattle Sounders FC.

The venue has also been appointed for use for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The company moreover owns several museum facilities including the Great Museum of Hip Hop Art and History.

Speaking in Seattle on Wednesday, Luke Grothkopp, the company's Senior Marketing and Partnership Director, disclosed to Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Hassan Abbas, that the firm wanted to invest in Tanzania for the past 10 years but, for reasons beyond its control, the partnership did not continue.

Abbas was accompanied by the ministry's Director of Arts Development, Emmanuel Ishengoma, representing Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, Mohamed Mchengerwa, during the visit.

The official revealed: "The founder of these companies came to Tanzania and was a man focused on science and environmental issues and loved to work with Tanzania but it was not possible."

Grothkopp pointed out: "Today we are ready to develop his ideas by entering into a partnership to support sports and the arts in Tanzania."

He further commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for participating in the Royal Tour film, saying it has informed Americans and other people around the world about the beauty of Tanzania in tourism and investment.

The official disclosed: "I have watched the film and will watch it again, it is a completely international content, we are also ready to partner with you to promote Tanzania through our sports clubs and stadiums."

Abbas invited the company to partner with Tanzania as it is a country full of sports and artistic talents and promised that all key stakeholders in Tanzania will cooperate with the firm.

Yanga leader rubbishes claims on Fiston Mayele's move to Kaizer Chiefs



Fiston Mayele

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, has quashed reports that its attacker Fiston Mayele is closing in on a switch to South African giants, Kaizer Chiefs on a three-year contract.

Transfer journalist, Nuhu Adams, reported that Mayele to Kaizer Chiefs on a three-year contract will soon be confirmed.

He wrote on his Twitter handle: "South African giants Kaizer Chiefs have completed the signing of Young Africans'

Fiston Kalala Mayele (28) on a three-year contract, announcement soon."

"Mayele was the second-high-

est scorer in the Tanzania Premier League this season with 16 goals. Here we go."

Yanga's Chief Executive Offi-

cer, Senzo Mbatha, quickly came out to deny that report through a series of tweets and later on in a local radio station interview.

"They must have done a serious magic to sign him while he is still contracted at Young Africans," Mbatha fired back at the initial tweet linking Mayele to Kaizer Chiefs.

Mbatha disclosed: "Fiston Mayele is a Young African player and will continue playing for the club next season."

The Yanga leader added: "There is a Ghanaian reporter who claimed online that Mayele has signed for Kaizer Chiefs, there is no truth in the reports."

Kaizer Chiefs Director of Sports Kaizer Motaung Junior also appeared to rubbish the Mayele deal, describing it as 'silly' reporting about Mbatha's response.

"It's the season of speculations and rumours which is a common occurrence before the start of the new season," Mbatha tweeted.

The DR Congo international was one of Yanga's star players as they clinched the 2021/22 Mainland Tanzania Premier League (NBC Pre-

mier League) title.

His exploits attracted interest from both Chiefs and Pirates as the two Soweto giants look to reinforce their striking departments.

Mbatha, later on, confirmed interest from South Africa's two biggest football clubs, Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates, but he made it clear that the player is not for sale.

Yanga is keen on forwarding the Congolese forward for his outstanding contribution since arriving from AS Vita.

He has scored 19 goals and registered a further five assists across all competitions to help the team clinch the league title and also reach the Federation Cup final.

Ahead of the new season, Yanga has extended the contracts of several players over the past few weeks, including Kibwana Shomari, Zawadi Mauya, and Farid Mussa.

On Saturday, Mayele that was beaten to the Premier League's golden boot by Geita Gold FC's George Mpole on the top-flight final day is expected to lead Yanga against Coastal Union in the Federation Cup final in Arusha.

2022's National Junior Championships contenders to compete in 82 disciplines

By Guardian Correspondent

EIGHTY-two disciplines will constitute the third edition of the National Junior Swimming Championships scheduled for tomorrow and Sunday in Dar es Salaam, the showdown's organizers have announced.

The two-day event has been organized by Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) and will take place at the Shaaban Robert Secondary School's swimming pool (Champion Rise) in the city.

The competition will see swimmers below 12 years compete in various swimming styles.

The styles are Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley (IM), Backstroke, and Breaststroke.

Speaking yesterday, TSA organizing committee chairperson Hadija Shebe said they have decided to put many disciplines aiming to gauge the skills and endurance of swimmers that are also preparing for international competitions.

Hadija said that they are happy to see nine clubs that will generate more than 200 swimmers competing in the event sponsored by Kilombero Sugar Company Limited as the main sponsor.

Burger 53, Rap & Roll, Pepsi, and F & L Juice are the showdown's other spon-

sors.

Clubs that will compete in the event include Bluefins, Champion Rise, FK Blue Marlins, Lake Swim Club, MIS Piranhas, Mwanza Swim Club, Pigeon, Dar es Salaam Swim Club and Talisist Swim Club.

She said the event will have age categories including U-7, eight, nine, 10, 11, and 12.

She noted that open events will be 400m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, and 200m Individual Medley (IM).

She explained that points for 400m Freestyle, 200m IM, and 200m Freestyle open events will be allocated to an individual swimmer, and medals will be handed over to winners based on a final place rather than an age group.

She said trophies will be presented to the top three swimmers in each age group while medals will be presented to the top three swimmers.

The medals are gold, silver, and bronze for the first, second, and third places finishers.

"Points will be allocated to first to 10th places, the top swimmer will get 20 points, second (16 points), third (14), fourth (12), fifth (10), sixth (eight), seventh (six), eighth (four), ninth (two) and 10th will get one point," she said.



Bluefins outfit swimmer Maryam Iplinga battles it out in a past event that took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Flexibles by David Chikoko

