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NMB retains best retail bank award

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank has for the second consecutive year bagged the leading retail bank award in the country for basic value-added financial services.

The Best Retail Bank Tanzania 2022 accolade was accorded at the Global Banking and Finance (GBAF) awards ceremony organised by the Finance Review Magazine in London over the weekend.

The magazine set up those awards in 2011 in collaboration with Global Banking and Markets, an emerging markets-led, financing-focused business that provides investment and financial solutions.

The magazine monitors global financial trends and developments, catering to a readership of over three million worldwide.

NMB chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi (pictured) said at the ceremony that the recognition is a testimonial to the bank's commitment to empowering its customers, and serving the public with advanced banking services.

"At NMB Bank Plc. customer and financial inclusion is at the center of everything we do. We provide affordable financial services to over five million customers," he said

He said the NMB retail customer base is diverse, with small-scale farmers, civil servants, and salaried customers in the private sector, along with all types of companies.

It has a full coverage of administrative districts, in which case the footprint of the bank in the market is unrivalled, he stated, noting that the bank has the widest distribution network with 227 branches, 70 per cent located in rural areas.

The branches are supported by over 15,000 agents and upwards of 750 automated teller machines (ATMs), he said, elaborating that NMB was at the cusp of digitization, leading the pack in recruiting banking agents using mobile phones in their operations.

It also pioneered in extending digital

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'Country's development merits new mother law'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

LAWYERS and democracy activists have called for the resumption of the constitution-making process by starting afresh or picking up from the stalled 2012 Constitutional Review Commission draft.

Speaking at a public debate organized here at the weekend by the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) under the theme 'Reinstatement of Constitutional Review Process,' lawyers, representatives of political parties and other activists, said a new mother law is vital for the country's development.

Dr Elifuraha Laltaika, a law lecturer and director of research and consultancy at Tumaini University College, Makumira, said many people are still unaware that the constitution is part and parcel of their daily lives and welfare needs.

Qualifying the constitution as a 'sacred' document, he said that it determines the people's future survival, their rights as well as how they eat, dress, travel, talk or are served by their leaders.

Dr Rugemeleza Nshala, a past president of the Tanganyika Law Society, said that when it comes to writing the nation's new constitution, "the task should be left to the people with little if any interference from politicians as members of the parliament or government officials."

John Mnyika, secretary general for the leading opposition party, Chadema, insisted that the draft constitution submitted by the commission under ex-premier Joseph Warioba in 2014 "already have the required components, including public views and contribution on how the country should be governed."

"We, therefore, need to resume the process where the Warioba Commission paused, as so much has already been done by his team," he declared, implying that reviews and legislation tabled in Parliament after the review process was halted, as well as the final draft adopted in that session, are a nullity.

Other speakers sitting on the two panels of discussion included veteran advocates Harold

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Resident of Namalembo village in Msikisi ward, Masasi District, wait for their turns to draw water flowing at low pressure from a tap at a shallow well, as found yesterday by Correspondent Hamisi Nasri

Local leaders, hospital staff make drills to control Ebola

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

AUTHORITIES in Kagera Region have embarked on educating the public, ward and village leaders, training hospital staff on vital bits concerning Ebola disease, which has killed more than ten people in Uganda.

Dr Isessander Kaniki, the regional medical officer, said the campaign is part of measures to forestall its

outbreak as the region borders the affected neighboring country.

The regional authorities are boosting up testing for the disease at border points, with any person found to have the virus barred from entering the country, he said.

The deadly infectious disease was confirmed in Uganda's Mubende District last week while no Ebola case has been reported in the country so far.

Medical experts and the public authorities were emphasizing vigilance following the disease outbreak in the neighbourhood. Emergency spots have been identified for isolating individuals at border points if any case of virus positivity or infection is identified, the official noted

Mubende District is in central Uganda, northwest of the capital Kampala, and

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Bankers gratified with business environment

By Guardian Reporter

STAKEHOLDERS in the banking and financial sector have hailed efforts being taken by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, including several reforms to improve the business environment, opening up the country's economy.

The bankers showered the president with praise over the weekend at the Paris head offices of the French Development Agency (AFD) finance group that funds supports

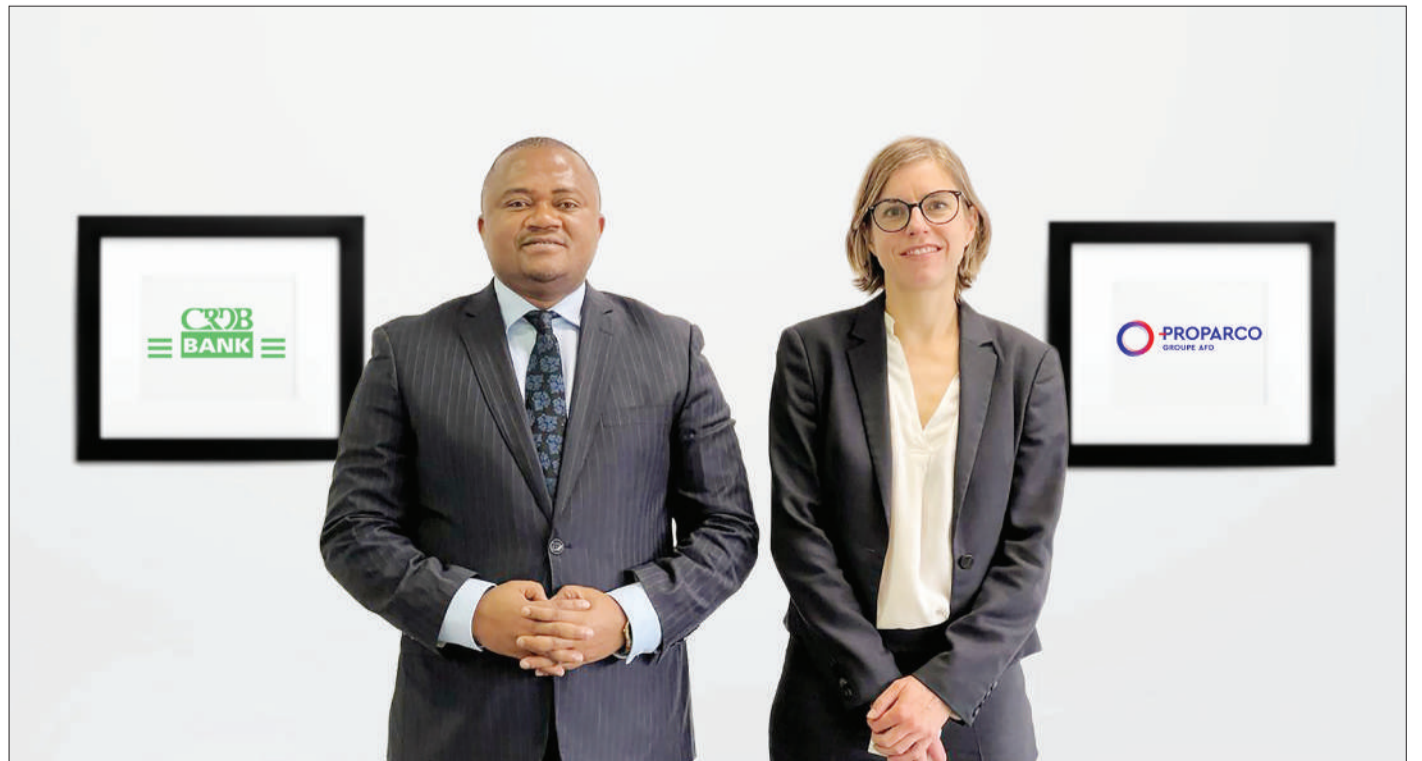
and accelerates the transition to a fairer and more sustainable world. Abdulmajid Nsekela, the CRDB Bank managing director exulted in what President Samia is doing to enable the country's economy to prosper. He led the bank's delegation seeking to strengthen the bank's loan portfolio via partnerships with the French development bank Proparco, the AFD's lending arm.

He said the president was doing a commendable job opening up the economy and hastening recovery, with the banking sector assisting government efforts in growing the economy by lending to the public and private sectors.

"I don't find it surprising that more investors want to take part in Tanzania's economy," he said, underlining the president's determination to transform the country and hasten the development of its people.

CRDB Bank has a collaboration agreement with Proparco and is seeking

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CRDB Bank Plc Group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (L) pictured with Proparco CEO Françoise Lombard during a visit to the agency's headquarters in Paris at the weekend, the thrust being on the possibility of cooperation in investment. Proparco, the private sector financing arm of Agence Française de Développement Group, has been promoting sustainable economic, social and environmental development with funding and support to businesses and financial institutions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle-East for over 40 years. Its action focuses on infrastructure, mainly with respect to renewable energies, agribusiness, financial institutions, health and education. The CRDB Bank delegation met with Proparco to discuss potential areas of collaboration and investment opportunities in the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





Jenista Mhagama (R), Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), presents an award in Dodoma city yesterday to Dr Moses Kusiluka, outgoing chairman of the national steering committee of the Tanzania Social Action Fund (Tasaf) in appreciation of his contribution to the Fund's growth. The event was held in tandem with the launch of a new committee for the Fund. Looking on is Tasaf managing director Ladislaus Mwamanga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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has no immediate proximity to Kagera Region districts of Kyerwa, Karagwe, Missenyi, or Bukoba.

Nor are Lake Victoria islands in Muleba District having any proximity to the outbreak area but nonetheless all have taken precautions in formal and informal crossing points where some monitoring facilities exist, the medic noted.

Examination centres have been installed at border crossing points, rushing medical equipment to assist in identifying any possible

Ebola virus bearer, while reaching out to villages all over the region to be on the watch.

In Murongo and Mtukula border points where relatively big numbers of people cross the border, an examination is being conducted on travelers while providing public messages on how to prevent being infected with the disease, he said.

A section of the public expressed worries about unsuspecting people receiving infected visitors into villages, urging that the government instruct people living in border areas not to allow visitors to enter

the country via unauthorized routes. "Ebola is a very deadly disease hence if we do not exercise effective early control it will be hard to fight the disease if it finds its way into the country," residents in Bukoba municipality cautioned.

Symptoms of the disease include high fever, nausea and vomiting, a running stomach, tiredness, loss of appetite, and bleeding through the mouth and nose.

Last Tuesday, Health ministry permanent secretary Prof Abel Makubi said that the government was strengthening surveillance

along borders, with teams screening people entering the country as a control measure against infectious diseases.

Surveillance teams have been stationed at main entry points in Kagera, Kigoma, Rukwa, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Mbeya regions.

Deputy Health minister Godwin Mollel urged medical officers to provide public education on the disease, place personnel to examine visitors, and be on the lookout for anything unusual in their respective areas.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana (R) follows a briefing at the weekend on activities implemented in Chunya District, Mbeya Region, under the Southern Highlands and Ruaha-Katavi Protection Programme after USAID reached the funding limit for the Southern Highlands and Ruaha-Katavi Conservation Programme (SHARPP) which was implemented by the World Wildlife Fund. Photo: Correspondent Tobias Mwanakatwe

TCCIA shareholders to meet virtually, mull cross-listing of company shares

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SHAREHOLDERS of the TCCIA Investment Plc (TICL) are in November this year set to meet to discuss various issues including cross-listing of the company shares to the Pan-African-Afrinex Exchange of Mauritius.

According to the TCCIA investment PLC company secretary, Peter Kifungomali, the 17th annual meeting of the company's shareholders will be held virtually on November 5, 2022.

"Other agenda to be discussed by shareholders are declaration of the Year 2021 dividend, to receive and appoint the External Auditors, to deliberate on the proposals received from Shareholders," he said.

Afrinex, a pan-African

international exchange, was launched last year by the Mauritius Prime Minister, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, in Ebène.

In his address, the Prime Minister was quoted expressing deep satisfaction and pride that Afrinex has been launched only a few days after Mauritius was removed from the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), well before schedule.

Jugnauth stressed that the setting up of the pan-African securities exchange in the country reflects his vision to consolidate the attractiveness of our jurisdiction as a leading international center of substance.

He recalled that the idea was first discussed with the department of Economic Policy Affairs of the Government of India in

February 2018 and soon after, with the unflinching support of the Government of India, the Bombay Stock Exchange was invited as a partner to support this Mauritius-India initiative.

The Project rapidly gathered momentum, Prime Minister Jugnauth underlined, and on 12th March 2018, Afrinex signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Bombay Stock Exchange for technical and skilled assistance.

He added that discussions were initiated with the Bombay Stock Exchange during his visit to India in 2019 to further develop and internationalise the capital market in Mauritius.

Furthermore, he congratulated Afrinex for becoming a new stakeholder of the financial community of Mauritius after nearly

thirty years to further establish the island among the newly developed emerging capital markets of the region.

This testifies that our capital market is expanding positively while assuming a large role in the development and integration of the regional capital market," Jugnauth said.

The Prime Minister appealed for a change of mindset if our full economic potential is to be realised and for this, it is imperative to increase our national level of savings, mobilise capital and channel financial resources into productive investments that create jobs and incomes.

Afrinex will also represent a major plus in our broader Africa partnership strategy where Mauritius has a role to promote the development of financial services that will benefit not only Mauritius but other African countries as well, he said.

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Sungusia and Awadh Ali Said.

Discussants included leaders of civil society organizations like Deus Kibamba, executive director for the Tanzania Citizens' Information Bureau, Dr Ananilea Nkya who is the current chairperson of the Tanzania Media Foundation (TMF) and Gratian Mukoba, a veteran

teacher; union leader and a leading voice in the 2014 constitutional assembly.

Advocates Beatus Malima and Iddi Mandi made contributions to the legal framework of the constitutional review process, with TLS president Dr Edward Hosea opening and closing the one-day platform on constitutional review.

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a broader partnership with the bank. He said that discussions with Proparco's CEO Françoise Lombard centered on boosting private sector financing.

Interest was directed at supporting business recovery from the impacts of COVID-19, bridging the financing gap for women entrepreneurs in both Tanzania and Burundi where the bank has a subsidiary, he explained.

Cooperation with Proparco targets sustainable and inclusive development, "to meet the ambitious agenda of supporting the growth of our people and the economy at large," he elaborated.

Within a few months of the

partnership with Proparco, CRDB Bank realized that there are numerous opportunities that are not exploited by the bank, highlighting the need for collaboration to increase the bank's capital, and grow its liquidity for lending across the economy.

Lombard said that cooperation between financial institutions is a key to supporting the development of the private sector and the growth of economies.

"I'm delighted by the CRDB Bank's willingness to enhance collaboration. It demonstrates their eagerness to support Tanzanian businesses and SMEs, which is in line with Proparco's objective," the CEO added.

Liberalise airspace to promote tourism in the EAC bloc, partner states advised

By Guardian Reporter

EAST African Community (EAC) Partner States have been urged to liberalise their airspaces and open up skies to promote the tourism industry in the region.

The chairperson of the East African Tourism Platform (EATF), Fred Odek, says that the existing different restrictive Bilateral Air Service Agreements (BASAs) among the Partner States were disrupting the harmonisation of air transport services in the region.

Odek, who was speaking during the official opening of the 2nd EAC Tourism Expo in Bujumbura, Burundi, called upon the Partner States to finalise the EAC regulations to facilitate the liberalisation of air travel in the region.

"The Partner States should also grant rights to each other the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th freedoms in line with the Yamoussoukro Decision of which all Partner States are signatories," he said, adding that by working together, Partner States could ease mobility to benefit travel in the region.

Odek said that airfares in the East African region remain extremely high due to the lack of open skies and heavy taxes levied by Partner States' governments.

The EATF Chairperson hailed the East African Single Tourist Visa and use of national IDs as travel documents across the region as some of the best policies that had been formulated by the EAC.

Describing the tourism sector as one of the leading sources of foreign exchange earnings for the region, Odek disclosed that based on GDP losses by region, EAC tourism was the second most affected region globally by the pandemic after Central America.

"Nonetheless, this sector is resilient and one of the most important to get our economies back on a growth path," he said.

"In 2022, we are experiencing a recovery as the COVID-19 pandemic has been contained in most of our key source markets and international travelers are now fully confident to travel. However, arrivals and revenues are still less than 2019 levels," Odek added.

He said that the hospitality sector had also suffered but was steadily recovering with COVID-19 health regulations having been eased and most Partner States now allowing tourists to enter without the COVID-19 test requirements.

The EATC official said that the Ukraine conflict has impacted negatively tourist arrivals in East Africa and especially for destinations like Zanzibar where Russia and Ukraine were the key source markets.

He said that the war in Ukraine has also affected air travel costs in the region due to the increasing costs of fuel and other commodities.

Burundian Vice President Prosper Bazombanza officially opened the expo that is expected to run up to 30th September 2022 with the last three days dedicated to an excursion across the country for tour operators and exhibitors participating in the expo.



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micro-loans where any company or business unit can accept digital payments through the quick response code mechanism, he said.

Leverage on digital technologies to drive financial inclusion is at the base of NMB's service strategy, seeking to offer affordable, convenient and easy-to-access lending services, he stated.

He lauded the regulatory role of the government and the Bank of Tanzania, creating supportive

conditions for NMB to thrive, underlining that NMB's initiatives and partnerships positively impact communities and cultivate trust in the market. Customer deposits went up 24 per cent last year to 6.5trn/-, he said.

Winning the award for two years running speaks well of the focus, dedication and commitment of the over 3,500 NMB staff "in ensuring that it is not only the best retail bank in Tanzania but also the overall best bank in the country," the top manager added



Jacqueline Lyatuu (2nd-L), Azania Bank Limited's director of finance and planning, pictured yesterday presenting litterbins to Arusha mayor Maxmillian Iranghe as a gesture of support to the city's environmental cleanliness efforts. Left is the bank's branch manager in the city, Bhoke Makore. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

World Bank, IMF happy with TASAF programme

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) is impressed by how beneficiaries of the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF)'s programme are working hard to transform their lives.

Members of the network, including those from Tanzania's newly launched chapter were on what they witnessed during a visit to Ikomboringa village in Chamwino district, Dodoma region at the weekends.

They were moved by how TASAF beneficiaries have managed to spend meager amounts of money to survive the high cost of living.

The network's chairperson, British politician and Member of Parliament for Birmingham Hodge Hill, Liam Byrne, termed the rest of the world can come and learn from how the government is transforming the lives of the poor.

He said the Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) programme in Tanzania is an important initiative, terming it a world-class approach that can be replicated anywhere to improve people's livelihood.

He explained that the Parliamentary Network provides a platform for parliamentarians from over 140 countries to advocate for increased accountability and transparency in International Financial Institutions and multilateral development financing.

Since 2000, the Network engages legislators to address development and macroeconomic challenges among other topics, in their home countries and abroad. Directed by a Board elected by their peers, the Network is an independent, non-governmental organization with a secretariat in Paris. Membership is free and open to all elected parliamentarians who hold a current mandate. Members represent themselves and their constituents, not their countries, parliaments, or governments.

"It is on this ground that we have decided to visit this village to see for ourselves the implementation of a programme supported by the World Bank, among other donors," said the British MP.

Byrne, who is also a former minister for Finance in the UK, said he was privileged to see the great work the beneficiaries are doing

to build themselves and the country.

"I have been impressed by what you and this is a lesson to the rest of the world," he said, adding that he will help spread the good message to other parts of the world.

According to the MP, the world has become like a small village, thus the need to share such success stories on how to change people's lives in all parts of the world.

The Network's Tanzania Chapter, Chairperson, Neema Lugangira said, "We are pleased to be here and have witnessed the good work the government is doing with support from the donors".

The Special Seats MP also applauded the Chamwino district council officials for strongly overseeing the projects under the programme.

She accompanied the foreign delegate to the village to see the realities and challenges of the programme.

The MP was also impressed by how the beneficiaries spend the little money they get and participate in the public work programmes.

"It is really interesting and pleasing to see such great work at Chaco dam, a reality of how villagers can change their lives," she said, referring to a dam that was recently rehabilitated by the beneficiaries through a public work programme.

Earlier, TASAF Executive Director, Ladislav Mwamanga maintained that throughout the years, the PSSN program has contributed to the economic growth of the country in many spheres.

Mwamanga pointed out that the achievement is hinged on the support the program has been receiving from the government and development partners.

Some 1.35 million households with six million people are registered in the Production Social Safety Net (PSSN) and normally engaged in several projects.

He said the aim of PSSN is to empower poor households to increase income and have access to social services such as food, education and health among others.

Speaking about the achievements of the programme in the district, Dodoma Regional Production Social Safety Net Coordinator, Bogit Samhenda said there has been timely cash transfer to beneficiary households all around.

Ministry to hold discussion on education sector review

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Education, Science and Technology is to hold a three-day closed discussion with education stakeholders including scholars aimed at reviewing the education sector and changing the curricula.

The meeting will be held in Dodoma today to September 28, this year and will involve university lecturers, employers, development partners, public and religious institutions, language management institutions, Members of Parliament and a team from Zanzibar dealing in policy and

curricula.

Briefing reporters yesterday here, Education, Science and Technology Minister Prof Adolph Mkenda said the stakeholders hail from various sectors in the country and the discussion stems from the step reached in the review of the 2014 Education Policy and Curricula thereto after collecting stakeholders' views.

"Professional bodies, science and research institutions will today launch closed discussions because we want to go through the drafts we already have right now, thereafter we will have an open three-

day forum with the date to be announced," Prof Mkenda said.

He mentioned other scholars including university vice-chancellors, regional education officers and quality education controllers.

He said even though education is not a Union issue, they nonetheless involve experts from Zanzibar who are members of the Curricula Review Committee.

"We have gathered a lot of views some of which are contradictory, hence we have decided to bring together education stakeholders," he added.

"We shall look into how we will get a final acceptable draft and at any time in October or December this year we will hold a three-day Education Forum in which we will table all the drafts," added Prof Mkenda.



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" LVIA and KIN Support to Mwalimu Nyerere Hostel of Kongwa-Dodoma, Tanzania."

THE SUPPORT TO PROMOTE THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION FOR THE GIRLS OF NYERERE HOSTEL OF KONGWA-DODOMA TANZANIA

Education is a basic human right that works to raise men and women out of poverty, level inequalities and ensure sustainable development. But worldwide, 258 million children and youth are still out of school for social, economic and cultural reasons. The right to quality education is already firmly rooted in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international legal instruments, including the 1981 African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights[12] and the 1990 African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child . As such, free and accessible education is a human right in Tanzania.

Despite different measures taken by the Government of Tanzania in ensuring the improvement of the education sector, including the introduction of a fee free education policy for primary and secondary government schools in 2016, the situation is still not ideal as some of the children, especially girls, failed to accomplish their education dreams. Many young people in the villages of the Dodoma region are forced to drop out of primary school because they cannot afford the cost of school fees and because of geographical distances. With the transition to adulthood, illiteracy and lack of education cause social marginalization and poverty. The poorest children, children with disabilities, children living in underserved communities and girls in general are most vulnerable to dropping out of school or never going to school. Early marriage and pregnancy keep girls out of school, with girls from poor families twice as likely to be married early than girls from wealthier homes.

In the 1990's, Kongwa Secondary school was the only secondary school available in



Girls at Mwalimu Nyerere Hostel attending computer course program as one of LVIA intervention within the Hostel

Kongwa town, and it was receiving a number of students from nearby villages. Due to this, most of the rural and poor students were required to walk a long distance (more than 40 kilometers per day) from their villages to the school, hence having an increased risk for drop out. In order to minimize this risk, in 1999 the Dodoma Diocese asked Lay Volunteers International Association (LVIA) to build a hostel in Kongwa in order to support the secondary school studies of young girls based in the district. The International Association of Lay Volunteers (LVIA) is an international solidarity and cooperation non-profit organization that was founded in Italy in 1966 with the aim of working for the promotion of human development and the fight against global inequalities and has been active in Tanzania since 1986.

The Hostel project has been developed in

order to balance gender opportunities and to strengthen young women's role in the society and is able to host a maximum of 80 girls. They come from hard personal situations like being orphaned, having a background of extreme poverty or living long distances from the high school of the district. The congregation of St. Gemma manages the hostel. Beyond the support for the studies, the Hostel offers activities like English extra-classrooms and entrepreneurial skills development like needlecraft courses. After many years of collaboration, the two partners can show many positive results. Some of the girls continued their studies at academic level and others took up entrepreneurial activities. LVIA built a new wing of the compound in 2015 with the purpose of hosting residential courses for young girls who are not already guests of the Hostel. Furthermore, LVIA introduced an IT training

course covering different modules, like basic IT knowledge for communication and about the usage of Excel spreadsheet.

LVIA continued to provide different types of support to the Nyerere Hostel through daily support, quarterly food purchases for both Hostel and the schools where the girls are studying (Kongwa and Mnyakongo secondary), but due to current challenges, such as the Covid-19 situation and the Ukraine war, food prices have increased over the past months, and parents are often unable to provide the necessary funding. In order to ensure funding, LVIA prepared a project proposal on the Right to school for female students in Kongwa District with the specific objective of contributing to fulfil the essential needs, and improvement of IT knowledge of students hosted in the Mw. Nyerere Hostel of Kongwa.

Thankfully, the Kinder in Not Foundation is ready to support this project. It is an international non-profit and non-governmental organization based in Switzerland that works to provide aid to children in need and has been a partner of LVIA for several decades. With the support of the Kinder in Not Foundation the project will ensure continued direct support, such as purchasing food and paying the school fees for the girls, and that necessary maintenance work will be done on buildings to bring them in line with fire safety regulations, and upgrades to the classrooms and courses to ensure that the girls can continue their learning the best way possible. Equipment for health protection, such as new mosquito nets and Covid-19 protective materials, will also be purchased.



Mwalimu Nyerere Hostel girls Pumping water from one of the Hostel hand pump system rehabilitated by LVIA

Increase in land conflicts due to ignorance of land laws - govt

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

The government associates the ever-increasing land conflicts in the country with ignorance of land laws among many Tanzanians, noting the need for intensified public education on the matter.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development, Dr Allan Kijazi made the observation here at the weekend.

Addressing a press conference Dr Kijazi argued that most of land conflicts are due to public ignorance of law and procedures to be followed before one purchase any parcel of land.

He gave the statement following experience from a special programme initiated by the ministries to settle land conflicts which have not been brought before the law, whose next phase starts in Dodoma today.

Dr Kijazi underscored the need for the public to seek legal advice and visit the council before buying a plot to see if it is genuine before entering any agreement to avoid land conflicts.

Dr Kijazi said they started the programme in Dar es Salaam where 380 complaints were solved saying most of them are due to public ignorance of laws and procedures whereas dealers are capitalizing on the weakness.

"Through this programme, we listen to land conflicts prove long-lasting solutions in all sectors in the country and we started in Dar es Salaam," he said adding that Dodoma is next.

He said they have chosen Dodoma as the next stop as it is among the regions with a big number of land conflicts and see how we can handle them for the better.

Dr Kijazi said they are settling the land conflict administratively and both parties are given written decision statements for further appeals in case they are not satisfied with the ruling.

He outlined other causes of the land conflicts if for the owners to desert their plots for a long time thus people invading the areas and starting construction.

"Once is issued with a land permits, they are supposed to develop the area within three years, some people leave the plots idle for between five or ten years, when unfaithfully dealers realize, they sale the plot," Said Dr Kijazi

"Then the owner resurfaces after five or ten years and finds out that the plots have been invaded, that is where the conflict starts when you look on the documents, you find he/she is a genuine owner" added the PS.

He said soon the ministry will start an operation to identify the land areas which have failed to meet the investment criteria and take back and give the plots to other interested parties since they have been the source of conflicts.

"I must admit that there are some unfaithful public servants who have been behind the land conflicts for making decisions which are not worth it, in dealing with the challenge with are working on good governance guidelines in decision-making system, so that we can identify them from the beginning," he insisted



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Information, Communications & Information Technology deputy minister Kundo Mathew (C, in specs) cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to inaugurate an ICT centre at the University of Dar es Salaam's (UDSM) College of Information and Communication Technologies (CoICT) developed with support from China's Huawei Technologies Co. The event was meant to coincide with the commemoration of the university's anniversary and the 10th anniversary for the college. He is with, among others, UDSM vice chancellor Prof William Anangisye (R, foreground), Huawei Tanzania deputy managing director Shang Xiaofeng (2nd-L) and CoICT principal Prof Joel Mtebe (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Government challenges IHI to launch the NEST360 programme at district hospitals

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has challenged the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) to make sure the Newborn Essential Solutions and Technologies (NEST360) programme reaches district hospitals to reduce the number of referrals.

NEST360 is a bundle of affordable medical devices and diagnostics selected to address problems that kill newborns with complications such as breathing difficulties, infection, jaundice and hypothermia.

Dr Seif Shekalaghe, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health made the remarks at Temeke regional referral hospital over the weekend after he toured

and inspected a neonatal ward built under the NEST360 to reduce deaths.

Dr Shekalaghe said once the programme is implemented at district hospitals it will reduce congestion at regional referral hospitals and save more lives.

"May I challenge IHI to start thinking of scaling the programme downwards to district hospitals to save more lives; you should select some district hospitals to start with as a pilot," the PS remarked.

He said capacitating district hospitals would reduce the number of neonatal mortality in the country.

Dr Shekalaghe advised the Temeke hospital management to ensure the equipment is properly

maintained.

NEST360 Liaison and Country Director, Catherine Paul said the institute joined the ministry of health, Temeke hospital and other partners in implementing the programme aiming to improve newborn care in the country.

She said the programme's first phase implementation started in 2019 and will end in 2023.

The programme worth \$4 million is currently implemented at regional referral hospitals namely: Amana, Temeke and Mwananyamala as well as Muhimbili National Hospitals (MNH), Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) in Kilimanjaro Region and Mbeya zonal referral hospital.

"We deliver a package of technologies and services that enable local governments to improve outcomes, save lives and empower the medical workforce," she said.

She mentioned some of the devices installed at the neonatal ward such as C-pap machines, respiratory machines, oxygen concentrators and baby coats.

Temeke Regional Medical Office, Dr Joseph Kimaro said the programme has reduced some challenges including referrals to the national hospital. He said the facility plans to procure surfactant to prevent avoidable deaths of newborn children.

Dr Kimaro said that last year, a total of 42 newborns needed surfactant to save their lives.

According to him, one dose of surfactant costs \$150, adding they will procure it from the Medical Store Department (MSD).



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

This publication of the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is made in accordance with regulation 13(a) of the Non-Government Organization Act (Amendments), Regulation 2018 which requires Non-Government Organizations receiving funds exceeding TZS 20 million to publish bi-annually the funds received and its expenditure.

DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT (TZS)
RECEIPTS	
Opening fund balance	279,342,931
Disbursement from Donors	1,303,929,130
Total Receipts for Donor implemented activities	1,583,272,061
PROGRAMMES EXPENDITURE	
Programme Administration expenses	(962,668,847)
OTHER PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE	
Personnel expenses	(410,331,151)
TOTAL PROGRAMMES EXPENDITURE	
FUND BALANCE	210,272,063

Programme Administration Expenses include depreciation charge for the year and other accrued expenses. Fund balance represents an obligation to conduct donor funded activities per contractual commitments made between donor/development partners and the organisation/recipient, where funds have not been transferred and such activities have not yet occurred.



MTANDAO WA JAMII WA USIMAMIZI WA MISITU TANZANIA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2021

This publication of the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is made in accordance with regulation 13(a) of the Non-Government Organization Act (Amendments), Regulation 2018 which requires Non-Government Organizations receiving funds exceeding TZS 20 million to publish bi-annually the funds received and its expenditure.

DETAILS	ACTUAL - TZS
RECEIPTS	
Opening fund balance	-
Disbursement from Donors	1,325,424,090
Total Receipts for Donor implemented activities	1,325,424,090
EXPENDITURE	
Programme Expenditure	915,092,939
Personnel	410,331,151
Depreciation	47,575,908
Total Programmes Expenditure	1,372,999,998
FUND BALANCE	(47,575,908)

Fund balance represent an obligation to conduct donor funded activities per contractual commitments made between donor/development partners and the organisation/recipient, where funds have not been transferred and such activities have not yet occurred.

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Huawei, UDSM set ICT practice centre

By Guardian Reporter

HUAWEI Tanzania and the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) have inaugurated the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) practice center at the University's College of Information and Communication Technologies (CoICT) located in Mikocheni area in Dar es Salaam.

The project that aims to deliver a hands-on practical experience for students and ICT professionals was inaugurated by the Deputy Minister of Information, Eng. Kundo Mathew during the commemoration of UDSM 60th and CoICT 10th year's anniversary held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

Speaking about Huawei's move, Eng. Kundo, congratulated the Chinese company for its efforts in developing and nurturing the ICT sector in the country noting that the government is very pleased with the company's contribution to stimulating the growth of the important sector.

"It is just a year ago since I launched the Huawei ICT Lab project of the University of Dodoma and today again I have just launched the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) practice center here at CoICT which is also backed by Huawei. This is a big thing and we have every reason

to thank and congratulate Huawei for their efforts," he said.

Speaking during the event Huawei Tanzania Deputy Managing Director Shang Xiaofeng said that the Centre targets to train more than 200 engineers yearly including students and graduates to boost the country's talent ecosystem in the coming years.

"Building a long-term relationship and platform for resource sharing, joint development efforts, and mutual benefits is the responsibility of us all. I firmly believe Huawei-UDSM ICT Practice Center, together with Huawei ICT Academy will be the cornerstone in achieving this common target," said Mr. Shang

According to Shang, the company is currently implementing multiple projects benefiting thousands of students and industrial practitioners with a view to building ICT capacity and improving ICT development in Tanzania.

"These projects include the flagship program Huawei ICT Academy, Huawei ICT Competition as well as Seeds for the Future exchange program" he mentioned adding that the initiatives are critical and essential for the realization of National Vision 2025 as President Samia Suluhu Hassan states publicly.

He further noted that Huawei will remain committed to innovation in digital infrastructure, creating value for customers and partners.

By Francis Kajubi

RC woos investors into hospitality sector

NJOMBE Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka has welcomed investors in the hospitality sector as the region has favourable weather conditions for European and American tourists among other nationals visiting the country.

Addressing the press in Dar es Salaam on Saturday ahead of the World Tourism Day held annually every September 27, Mtaka said that the region's administration has already set in place mechanisms of accommodating foreign direct investors in the hotel and tour guide services.

At the national level, Njombe region will be the host of this year's World Tourism Day celebrations.

"There are plenty of opportunities in the Njombe region awaiting for serious investors to come and explore them. The government is well prepared to host them. My office offers special incentives for investors who will target the hospitality industry," said Mtaka.

Mtaka went further to welcoming investors in the horticulture sector who are in Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions to expand their investments to Njombe region.

According to him, Njombe weather condition which is mostly winter throughout the year guarantees investors in the horticulture sector a return on investment

because climate change implications have spared the region at least for this time compared to the northern regions of Tanzania that were hit by drought since earlier last year.

"Apart from historical sites Njombe is blessed with a unique national park of flowers with over 200 species. The Kitulo national park stretching through the Kipengere, Livingstone and Poroto mountains is clear evidence of how the region is favorable for horticulture investments," he added.

Acting Director General of Tanzania Tourists Board (TTB) Felix John said that celebrating the tourism day in Njombe is one

of the board's strategic plans in promoting tourism in the southern circuit embedded within the REGROW project.

He said the tourism sector is recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic as the number of tourists visiting Tanzania has increased as of July this year. According to him, Tanzania received 742,266 tourists during the period between January and July 2022 compared to 546,133 tourists the corresponding period in 2021.

"In the wake of Covid-19 the number of tourists had dropped to 620,867 from 1.527 million tourists in 2019. The decline in the number of tourists had led to the

decline of revenues to \$714.50million in 2020 from \$2.6billion in 2019," said John.

According to him, in 2021 the number of tourist arrivals had piled up to 922,892 who brought in foreign revenue worth \$1.31billion. He said the board is being tasked by the ministry to attract 5million tourists by 2025 who are expected to earn the country \$6billion (about 14.2trillion/- on prevailing exchange rate)

He said at the climax of the world tourism day, stakeholders from the local and international private sector community have been invited to witness different opportunities they can invest in.

However the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism Dr Pindi Chana is expected to grace the event.



Some of the girls who attended the just-ended 'Code like a Girl' IT training organised in Dar es Salaam by the Dlab institute with Vodacom Tanzania Plc sponsorship pictured in the city at the weekend demonstrating the skills imparted to them, including designing a website. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

Mbeya referral hospital receives four Chinese specialist doctors

TANZANIA-China relations have begun bearing fruit in the health sector in the southern highlands regions following the arrival of Chinese specialist doctors at Mbeya Region referral Hospital for service delivery.

Dr Godlove Mbwani, the hospital's managing director introduced the Chinese medical specialists here at the weekend.

He said the hospital received four specialist doctors from the Health Ministry soon after arrival in the country, adding that they will work together with native doctors as well as

exchange experience.

He added that the Chinese doctors are well experienced in treating various diseases and will therefore assist in saving the lives of the people in the Southern Highlands Zone visiting the hospital for cure.

"Their services will lessen medical treatment costs on the residents in the regions, as they would if they followed such

services to other hospitals including the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) in Dar es Salaam, said Dr Mbwani.

He added that the Hospital receives patients from all Southern Highland Regions as well as those from neighbouring countries after being referred from regional hospitals.

He thanked the Ministry of Health for sending the Chinese doctors to the Hospital.



TENDER NOTICE

1. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: No. RFP/2022/SUP/028 For Provision of Consultancy Services - HIV Prevalence Study Among Refugees in Camps
2. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: No. RFP/2022/SUP/029 For Provision of Consultancy Services -Data collection for UNHCR Results Monitoring Survey (RMS) in Tanzania

Kindly download the tender documents in the below link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16i8mr8lPlKIYBX-K00WfYrIYRQCEdBz?usp=sharing>

If you fail to access the link, please write to ishobeza@unhcr.org copy ndassa@unhcr.org

CRUCIAL DATES FOR THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Deadline for receiving requests for clarification	Monday 07 th October 2022 at 2359 hrs EAT
Deadline for submission of offers	Friday 21 th October 2022 at 1500hrs EAT

UNHCR tenders are free of charge, no fees are charged to collect the tenders.



TAARIFA KWA UMMA

Dodoma-Septemba 23, 2022

Hivi karibuni kumekuwa na taarifa zinazosambaa kupitia vyombo vya habari na mitandao ya kijamii kuhusu viongozi wa PSSSF waliofikishwa kwenye Baraza la Maadili ya Viongozi wa Umma. Taarifa hizo zinazosambaa zimekuwa zikieleza kuwa viongozi hao wamejikopesha mikopo kununua magari binafsi kinyume cha utaratibu.

Tungependa kuufahamisha umma kuwa, taarifa hizo zinazosambaa za viongozi wa Mfuko wa PSSSF kujikopesha fedha kinyume cha utaratibu si za kweli. Bila kuathiri taratibu za uendeshwaji wa mashauri kwenye Baraza la Maadili ya Viongozi wa Umma, Bodi ya Wadhamini imekuwa ikiendelea na utekelezaji wa mikatati ya kupunguza gharama za uendeshaji wa Mfuko ikiwa ni pamoja na kuwakopesha viongozi wa juu wa Mfuko wa PSSSF mikopo ya magari na kuwakata kwenye mishahara yao ya kila mwezi badala ya Mfuko wa PSSSF kuingia gharama za kuwapatia viongozi hao magari ya ofisi, madereva na gharama zingine mbalimbali za matengenezo ya magari hayo. Bodi ya Wadhamini imekuwa ikitekeleza Mkakati huu kwa ufansi na kwa kuzingatia Sera ya Mikopo na Mamlaka ya Bodi kama yanavyoanishwa kwenye Sheria ya Mfuko wa PSSSF.

Aidha, umma utambue kuwa utaratibu huu si mgeni kwenye Mifuko ya Pensheni nchini kwani ulikuwa ukitumika hapo awali na iliyokuwa Mifuko minne iliyoungana na kuwa Mfuko wa PSSSF. Utaratibu huu ulionyesha mafanikio makubwa katika kupunguza gharama za uendeshaji. Hadi sasa, mkakati huu ni miongoni mwa mikakati ya Mfuko inayosaidia kuufanya Mfuko kuwa na gharama za uendeshaji kuwa asilimia 5 ya michango, kiwango ambacho ni chini ya asilimia 10 inayoruhusiwa na Miongozo ya Msimamizi wa Mifuko ya Hifadhi ya Jamii Tanzania.

PSSSF katika kutimiza matakwa ya utawala bora, ina mifumo madhubuti ya kitaasisi ikiwemo Bodi ya Wadhamini, ambayo ndiyo chombo cha juu cha usimamizi wa Mfuko wa PSSSF chini ya Ofisi ya Waziri Mkuu, Kazi, Vijana, Ajira na Wenye Ulemavu. Hivyo, Bodi katika kutoa mikopo kwa watumishi imekuwa ikizingatia, Sheria ya Mfuko, Sera na Miongozo mbalimbali iliyopo.

Mfuko wa PSSSF unaendelea kutekeleza majukumu yake ya kisheria ikiwa ni pamoja na kulipa mafa. Mfuko umekuwa ukilipa kwa wakati pensheni ya kila mwezi kwa wastaafu kila ifikapo tarehe 25 ya kila mwezi. Aidha, Mfuko kwa sasa unawalipa wastaafu, waliokamilisha taratibu zote, kwa muda uliowekwa kisheria, yaani ndani ya siku 60.

Imetolewa na

James Mlowe

Meneja Uhusiano na Elimu kwa Umma



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EASTERN ARC MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND (EAMCEF) MFUKO WA UHIFADHI WA MILIMA YA TAO LA MASHARIKI

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) is a Trust Fund that was established as a mechanism to provide sustainable financing for effective conservation of biological resources in the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania. The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund was initially conceived as a joint initiative of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Board of Trustees, the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The Fund aims at providing long-term and reliable funding support to conservation activities related to the promotion of biological diversity, improvement of ecological functions and sustainable use of natural resources in priority areas of the Eastern Arc Mountains. The Eastern Arc Mountains ecosystem forms a major portion of the Eastern Afrotropics Region which is recognized globally as one of the 34 biodiversity hotspots characterized by high concentrations of endemic species now under serious threat. Major mountain blocks of the Eastern Arc spread over fifteen districts in five regions of Tanzania namely, Tanga (East and West Usambara and Nguu Mountains), Kilimanjaro (South and North Pare Mountains), Morogoro (Udzungwa, Ukaguru, Nguru, Rubeho, Malundwe, Mahenge and Uluguru Mountains), Iringa (Udzungwa Mountains) and Dodoma (Rubeho Mountains). Governed by a Board of Trustees, the Fund was officially registered in Tanzania in June 2001 under the Trustees' Incorporation Act (Cap. 318 R.E 2002) and it operates as a not-for-profit Conservation Finance Trust organization with its day-to-day operations being run by the Endowment Fund Secretariat. The Fund's Executive Director is the Head of the Secretariat with the main administrative offices located in Morogoro Municipality.

The Eastern Arc Mountains forests are under considerable pressure due to various human activities as a result of increased population. Threats leading to biodiversity loss include expansion of human settlements, shifting cultivation, forest fires, extraction of wood for commercial and domestic uses, gold mining, dry season grazing, extraction of non-wood forest products including honey, fruits, medicines, natural ropes, resins, mushrooms and game hunting. Effective control of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation now ongoing in the Eastern Arc Mountains can only be assured through the EAMCEF's unequivocal commitment to taking exceptional care of the Eastern Arc Mountains ecosystem and all stakeholders impacting positively/negatively on its biological resources.

Whereas requirements for financial resources necessary for effective conservation of the Eastern Arc Mountains are quite enormous, the financial position of EAMCEF is currently very modest. Thus, EAMCEF needs to mobilize more resources from all possible sources so as to increase its capital base as well as enhance its capacity to finance its operations and programme activities. In order for the resource mobilization efforts to be plausibly effective, aggressive fundraising, promotion and marketing, engagement and visibility activities will need to concurrently be undertaken. Mobilization of sufficient resources and effective conservation efforts to secure and save the unique natural heritage can only be possible if the now vacant positions will be filled by suitably qualified and competent professional staff as detailed below.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

The following requirements will apply to all the posts now available in the Endowment Fund Secretariat

2.1 General Conditions

- Proven ability in writing and speaking both English and Kiswahili Languages.
- The EAMCEF Head Office in Morogoro Municipality will be the duty station for each of the positions.
- All the positions are equally available for both female and male Tanzanian applicants; female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Excellent knowledge and proven ability in working with computers and a variety of computer programmes especially Microsoft Office applications (e.g. MS-Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, E-Mails, Internet, etc.) and establishment and management of databases.
- Ability to work under pressure and for extended hours including working on week-ends and holidays as it may be required from time to time.
- Mature, energetic, hardworking, versatile and self-motivated.
- Obedient, honest, trustful, fast learner, smart and socially active.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently or under minimum supervision, effectively supervise and lead others.
- Working experience in relevant fields of more than three years with reputable projects/programmes/organizations.
- Each appointed Candidate will report and be answerable to the Executive Director.
- Only one (1) position is available for each of the vacant posts.

2.2 Terms and Conditions of Employment

A Contract of two years will be issued to each of the successful applicants upon satisfactory performance during the probationary period of the first three months. Depending on the ability to perform the assigned duties, the Contract may be renewed at the end of the second year. An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the selected candidate commensurate with professional qualifications and working experience.

3.0 POSITIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

3.1 PROGRAMME OFFICER – PLANNING, COORDINATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (PO – PCIM)

3.1.1 Duties and Responsibilities

The successful Programme Officer – Planning, Coordination and Information Management (PO – PCIM) will be in-charge of and play a leading role in all programme planning, grants management, implementation, coordination, supervision, information management and communication activities of EAMCEF. His/her principal duties and responsibilities will include and not be limited to the following:

- Raise awareness to local communities and other stakeholders on the linkages between conservation and socio-economic development.
- Raise awareness to local communities, local governments and other relevant partners on the EAMCEF and the benefits available through the EAMCEF intervention programmes.
- Inform NGOs, research institutions and other stakeholders about the opportunities available for funding conservation, climate change, research and community-based development and livelihood activities.
- Develop and maintain an always updated central forum for cataloguing status of activities receiving funding, information generated from programme interventions as well as activities planned and implemented through other conservation partners in the Eastern Arc Mountains.
- Make sure that all relevant information about the Fund's performance and accomplishments is always available for use by all relevant stakeholders including the government and other development partners.
- Assist in timely planning, budgeting and progress reporting for all programme activities.
- Handle publicity, education and extension activities and help to plan, design, produce and disseminate relevant publicity and extension materials from time to time.
- Developing and implementing effective communication, public relations and information dissemination strategy for awareness creation and attracting more support from various sources.
- Helping and effectively participating in developing, updating and operationalizing the EAMCEF Strategic Plan, Engagement Plan, Resource Mobilization and Communication Strategies and assist in various visibility, engagement and communication activities as appropriate.
- Help to improve the planning, information management, communication and organizational capacity of EAMCEF and effectively assist in the creation of conditions necessary for effective programme delivery.

- Setting up an always up to date information management centre and effectively supervising and monitoring its management and operations.
- Provide necessary back-up support to field activities and effectively assist, support and supervise the Field Projects Officers, Planning and Communication Assistant and Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant.
- Assist, provide back-up support and appropriately gap-fill in the functions of the Marketing and Engagement Officer as it may be required from time to time.
- Effectively collaborating and working closely with the Marketing and Engagement Officer in planning and executing all activities and functions related to marketing, promotion, profile raising, engagement, visibility and communication as appropriate.
- Drafting contracting mechanisms and monitoring outputs delivery by contracted partners.
- Facilitate, coordinate, supervise and follow up implementation of field activities financed by the Fund.
- Assist in enhancing and maintaining an always updated website and highly active social media platforms for the Fund.
- Playing a central role in establishing relevant partnerships and maintaining existing partnerships with relevant stakeholders as appropriate.
- Assist in identifying, appraising, preparing proposals and managing the granting process for funding by the Endowment Fund.
- Assist in the improvement, operationalization and updating of the Solicitation and Grants Management Guidelines as well as the Guidelines for Local Advisory Committees.
- Assist in developing and executing relevant training and out-reach programmes in order to build the capacity of stakeholders.
- Assist in developing and operationalizing a Training Policy for EAMCEF Trustees, Secretariat Staff, key partners and other relevant stakeholders.
- Assist in information collection, storage and dissemination including proper handling and management of IT equipment, software and operating systems.
- Assist in setting up a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning mechanism and follow up closely its operationalization.
- Assist in developing, updating and operationalization of the Programme contents of the Strategic Plan, Situation Analysis Report, Investment Management Policy, Business Planning, Education and Awareness Creation documents for EAMCEF.
- Assist and advise the Executive Director in matters pertaining to management, technical and professional issues and aspects as appropriate.
- Doing any other relevant activity or assignment as it may be directed by the Executive Director from time to time.

3.1.2 Personal Attributes

- Possession of both Undergraduate and Postgraduate qualifications from recognized and reputable higher learning institutions in the fields of natural resources management, forestry, biodiversity conservation, environmental management, climate change, planning, community development, other biological sciences or relevant social sciences.
- Formal training in planning, coordination, communication, networking, training, capacity building and monitoring, evaluation & learning will be desirable.
- Formal training and practical experience in project planning and results based management will be a strong merit.
- Good interpersonal skills and strong background in conservation and community development work.
- Good writing, presentation and communication skills.
- Good working knowledge and skills in handling and dealing with ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) issues and aspects.
- Experience in donor funded project management and working procedures will be desirable.
- Experience in networking and dealing with partners will be an added advantage.
- Working experience in conservation, community development or climate change aspects in the Eastern Arc Mountains or elsewhere will be a pre-requisite.

3.2 MARKETING AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER (MEO)

3.2.1 Duties and Responsibilities

The successful Marketing and Engagement Officer (MEO) cum Resource Mobilization Officer (RMO) will be in-charge of and play a leading role in all resource mobilization, fundraising, marketing, promotion, engagement and visibility activities of EAMCEF. Her/His principal duties and responsibilities will include and not be limited to the following:

- Effectively playing the role of a Marketing and Engagement Officer & Resource Mobilization Officer.
- Developing and implementing effective promotion, engagement, public relations and marketing strategies for awareness creation and attracting more support from all possible sources.
- Assisting to increase the visibility of the EAMCEF accomplishments and the EAMCEF in general through production and communication activities fit for social media (Website, Twitter, You-Tube, Facebook, Instagram, etc) and other powerful forums and effective platforms.
- On an ongoing basis, review and provide professional advice for improvement of the EAMCEF website so developed and managed as a tool for marketing and resource mobilization purposes.
- Actively assist in collection, processing, storage and dissemination of useful information about the EAMCEF and its endeavours as well as the Eastern Arc Mountains in general.
- Effectively assisting, supporting, backstopping and working closely with the Programme Officer (Planning, Coordination and Information Management), Field Projects Officers and the Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant in planning and undertaking all activities and functions related to monitoring, evaluation, accountability, learning and reporting as appropriate.
- Help to build and maintain the necessary confidence and trust by donors and inculcate into them a culture of giving more to EAMCEF again and again.
- Effectively collaborating and working closely with the Programme Officer (Planning, Coordination and Information Management) and the Planning and Communication Assistant in planning and executing all activities and functions related to planning, communication, visibility and engagement aspects as appropriate.
- Assist, provide back-up support and appropriately gap-fill in the functions of the Programme Officer (Planning, Coordination and Information Management) as it may be required from time to time.
- Assist in timely planning, budgeting and progress reporting for all programme activities.
- Effectively developing, updating and operationalizing the Strategic Plan, Resource Mobilization Strategy, Business Plan, Engagement Plan and Promotion and Marketing Strategy documents of the EAMCEF.
- Assisting in improving the fundraising, resource mobilization and organizational capacity of EAMCEF and effectively assisting in the creation of conditions necessary for philanthropy.
- Participating in marketing, fundraising and resource mobilization activities for the EAMCEF targeting potential supporters and other EAMs stakeholders.
- Make effective research on existing and potential future donors (donor mapping), design and facilitate the implementation of appropriate approach mechanisms.
- Set-up and effectively operationalize plausible fundraising strategies to raise the required funds from traditional and new and untapped sources.
- Effectively writing fundraising proposals that are plausible and appealing to a variety of donors and pursuing the strategy as one of the principal means of soliciting funds from potential sources.
- Raise and attract funding for EAMCEF in actual amounts commensurate to EAMCEF targets of increasing its endowment and meeting its operational and programmatic obligations.
- Assist and advise the Executive Director in matters pertaining to management,

technical and professional aspects and issues as appropriate.

- Doing any other relevant activity or assignment as it may be directed by the Executive Director from time to time.

3.2.2 Personal Attributes

- Possession of both Undergraduate and Postgraduate qualifications from recognized and reputable higher learning institutions in the fields of marketing, economic development and planning, business administration, economics, natural resource management or other relevant fields.
- Formal training in fundraising and resource mobilization, promotion and marketing, engagement and visibility aspects is essential.
- Good interpersonal skills, practical experience and strong background in resource mobilization, fundraising, advocacy, lobbying, networking, marketing, promotion, engagement and visibility endeavours and aspects.
- Strong background in donor research/mapping and successful track record in attracting and raising funds is necessary.
- Excellent expertise and demonstrable capability in searching for opportunities and developing fundable project proposals is a pre-requisite.
- Familiarity with the Eastern Arc Mountains and background in environmental conservation and natural resource management, strategic and business planning is desirable.
- Demonstrated belief and experience in exploring new opportunities, establishing and maintaining partnerships and keeping track on unfolding social, economic and political events.

3.3 ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (AA)

3.3.1 Duties and Responsibilities

The successful Accounts and Administrative Assistant (AA) will be a principal player in all matters, aspects, activities and functions pertaining to accounts and financial management, operations and administration in the Endowment Fund Secretariat (EFS). The principal duties and responsibilities of the selected Accounts and Administrative Assistant (AA) will include and not be limited to the following:

- Act as principal and immediate assistant to the Finance and Administration Officer and appropriately assist, back-stop and gap-fill in his/her functions as needed.
- Data entry and analysis for a variety of issues and subjects.
- Preparation of financial transaction documents, e.g. payment vouchers, requisitions, purchase orders, payrolls, etc.
- Originating and initiating the payment process for various transactions as needed.
- Undertaking the preparation and writing of cheques, posting in cash books, payment registers, ledgers, etc.
- Assisting in verification of financial expenditure reports submitted by Project grants recipients/implementers.
- Assisting in the preparation of reports and documentation required for internal and external auditing as appropriate.
- Assisting in the preparation of periodical reports as appropriate on weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually basis, e.g. cash book summaries, financial transaction reports, bank reconciliations, grants disbursement reports, investment portfolio reports, etc
- Following up on creditors, debtors and suppliers/service providers as needed.
- Making cheque and cash payments for staff, customers and partners as appropriate.
- Playing the role of a cashier and doing banking and bank transactions as required.
- Logging in, inventorying and updating stores and fixed assets registers.
- Playing the role of a transport officer and effectively assisting in the management, maintenance, servicing, use and control of vehicles and their movements as required and appropriate.
- Summarizing vehicle log books and preparing monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually vehicle reports.
- Back-stopping and assisting in stores management including store keeping, proper receiving and issuing of goods and stores.
- Undertaking purchases of minor items and participating in the procurement functions as needed.
- Be responsible for maintenance and operation of the Head Office Petty Cash Imprest
- Assisting in various administrative and management issues and aspects as appropriate.
- Ensuring office buildings and the compound are clean and maintained in good order and condition at all times.
- Ensuring that all payment requisitions are complete with all the necessary supporting documentation such as pro-forma invoices/bids, local purchase orders, selection minutes, delivery notes, tax invoices, etc. before making payments.
- Ensuring that all payments are properly coded and cancelled by PAID stamp.
- Recording and posting of approved financial transactions into the accounting system.
- Making and processing advance payments including travel advances, sub-contractors/grantees advances, etc.
- Preparing monthly statutory returns e.g. PAYE and other statutory contributions in a timely and accurate manner and ensuring all the filing is appropriately done.
- Assisting in audit planning and preparation for auditing and timely resolution of audit issues.
- Doing any other activity and function as may be instructed by the Executive Director and other Senior Staff from time to time.

3.3.2 Personal Attributes

- Advanced Diploma or First Degree in Accountancy, Commerce, Finance, Accounting and Finance, or its equivalent from a recognized and reputable higher learning institution.
- Excellent knowledge, practical experience and competency in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) applications and familiarity with a variety of accounting programmes, packages and softwares.
- Excellent knowledge and experience in accounts payables, receivables, cash, bank transactions and maintaining the general ledger.
- Ability to maintain a high level of accuracy in preparing financial and accounting information.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality concerning financial and employees/vendors information and files.
- Possession of necessary skills and relevant experience in administration and personnel management, bookkeeping and attention to minor details

4.0 MODE OF APPLICATION

Well qualified and interested professionals should lodge their well written applications to the undersigned not later than 15th October, 2022. Application letters with detailed CVs, copies of relevant certificates, testimonials and names of three easily contactable referees should be timely made. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for one or more interviews within two months from the application deadline.

Applications should be addressed to:

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Govt launches national curriculum framework

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government to get new curriculum which will be used from January 2024.

This was revealed over the weekend by Commissioner for Education, Dr Lyabwene Mtshabwa, who represented the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Professor Adolph Mkenda, during the four graduation at St Anne Marie Academy Mbezi Kimara kwa Msuguri.

"In April last year our President directed us to review curriculum and education system to put in place education system that prepare a student to do income generation activities after completing their studies," he said

He said education system must prepare people who will be innovative and who will be able to grab various opportunities surrounding them instead of moving around looking for employment after their studies.

"Since the directives of our president we have been in intensive review and our aim is to ensure that new curriculum to start in January 2024," he said

He also commended some schools which do not eliminate slow learners students during national examinations as a method to increase their performances.

"Am glad that there is no such thing here at St Anne Marie Academy because to eliminate student during the examinations torture them physiologically, I argue other schools to emulate this trend" he said

"Instead of eliminating them during the national examinations because of their low performance it is your obligations to ensure they perform well in their daily classes. We differ in understanding so you must work hard to make sure they all perform better instead of eliminating them," he said

He also commend St Anne Marie teachers for the creativity which

have shown by students in their exhibitions.

The Commissioner said some of them have shown inteprenership skills something which he said might help them to do income generating activities after their studied instead of relying on employment.

"I was amazed by the talents here and some of them managed to create soap. This is good move which will help students to do business after their studied and we must not rely on certificate but skills like this," he said

He also said that he was amazed by the competence of the students in English and French language and urged the school management to add more languages like Arabic and Chinese because they have market all over the world.

"The world is going very fast. I have seen some students here are very competent in French language so I would like to take this chance to tell other schools to emulate this example because in the current world of globalization language is the important tool," he said

He added that if some one know many languages he open various opportunities for his but if he rely only in English and Swahili he prepare for his own downfall.

"Mr Rweikiza I commend you for your efforts to help this country in improving so I argue you to expand the teaching of languages here at St Anne Marie. Apart from French also teach Arabic, Chinese and others because that is how the world need," he said

On his side, the school Director, who is also Member of Parliament Bukoba Rural, Dr Jasson Rweikiza said the school will continue to maintain its position in national examination results and in Dar es Salaam Region.

He promised to continue improving school infrastructures to enable students study in good environment and supervision of teachers to ensure that they continue to do better and better.



This vehicle was one of the attractions at the just-ended three-day (Sept 22 - 24) Tanzania AutoExpo Africa 2022. It was the 23rd edition of an international trade expo on automobiles, spare parts, accessories held each year in Tanzania. The show commonly attracts exhibitors and visitors from across East and Central Africa, the thousands of people to have witnessed the event this time around including Industry, Trade and Investment deputy minister Exaud Kigahle (3rd-L). Photo: Correspondent Anaëli Mbise

JICA sponsors 14 Tanzanians to pursue 2-year master's degree in East Asia

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

JAPAN International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has sponsored 14 young Tanzanians to attain a two-year master's degree in the East Asian country through a programme dubbed "African Business Education Initiative (ABE)".

JICA Tanzania Chief Representative Naofumi Yamamura, said this in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at the send-off ceremony of the ninth batch of the ABE Initiative and SDGs Global Leaders programme.

Yamamura said scholarship holders are a future resource to Tanzania and Japan as they are expected to build a stronger business relationship from the gained platform.

"Today 14 participants are going to pursue studies in various Japanese universities in different fields. During your stay in Japan, you will have many opportunities to learn Japanese industrialization, modernization, science technology and so forth, as well as participating in internships at various Japanese companies. After returning to Tanzania, we hope that you will build stronger business relations between Tanzania and Japan with a deeper impact on the economy of Tanzania," said Yamamura.

He congratulated ABE returnees for their successful completion of the programme calling them to apply the acquired experience and knowledge to contribute to the transformation of various areas in the country e.

He assured that JICA will be

there and continue supporting the alumni even after they come back to Tanzania.

The representative also extended his appreciation to the government for cooperating with JICA in various activities and its facilitation to JICA's training programmes, including the ABE Initiative and SDGs Global Leaders programme.

Yasushi Misawa, Ambassador of Japan to Tanzania said the chosen scholars should always carry the diplomatic role of portraying and preserving Tanzanian culture even after learning new ones in Japan.

"I, myself visited Tanzania and witnessed beautiful cultures, but this did not make me forget the Japanese culture but think of how to modify them to better ones," he said.

Since the ABE initiative began in 2014, it has provided 90 Tanzanian youth with opportunities to pursue master's degrees at Japanese universities and experience internships in Japanese companies.

The objective of the initiative is to support young personnel who can be 'navigator' for contributing to the development of industries in Africa. The programme offers opportunities for young African men and women to study at master's courses at Japanese universities as international students and henceforth, referred to as participants and experience internships at Japanese companies so as to enable them develop effective skills in order and later contribute to various fields in their countries.

More than 200 youth to benefit from special economic empowerment project in Dodoma

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

A Special economic empowerment project tailored to enhance the participation of youth in the economic sector will benefit a total of 250 young people in Dodoma.

The two years project-'Promote Youth Financial Inclusion' which has been introduced by the non-governmental organization-Reaching the Unreachable Tanzania (RUT) will see youth imparted with useful knowledge on how professionally apply and acquire capital loans from district councils.

Speaking over the weekend during the project kick-off meeting with key stakeholders, RUT Project Coordinator, Benjamin Masongi said the four wards that will benefit from the robust initiative are Mtumba, Iyumbu, Dodoma-Makulu and Nzuguni.

He detailed, under the financial auspices of the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS), the project targets to reduce the unemployment rate and poverty amongst youth in the fast-growing city.

"We want to impart youth with useful knowledge on how to apply and acquire capital loans from district councils," he said.

In 2018, the amendment of the Local Government Financial Act Cap 290 sec 37A set 10 percent as a mandatory free interest loan set by their own revenue to empower women, youth and people

with disabilities. The scheme distributed 4-4-2 principles respectively.

Masongi said they will also focus on training youth on how to write business proposals, evaluation and monitor to ensure they conduct their business in a professional manner, thus realizing a profit.

RUT Chief Executive Officer, Vitus Msangazi explained that through the capacity-building-oriented project, youth will be sensitized from a productive group to stand a better side to acquire loans and to effectively venture into

profitable economic projects.

"We conducted thorough research and established that most of the youth in Dodoma engage in small businesses with no good profit. This is because most of them do not have access to loans," said Msangazi.

To achieve the intended goals, he said the project will also equip youth with computer knowledge to enable them to do applications online. He said priority will be given to young women especially those with disabilities as well as those who have already formed groups.

FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST IRINGA

PUBLIC AUCTION:

UNIVERSAL AUCTION CENTRE under instructions received from Forestry Development Trust, shall sell 3 units of Toyota Hilux Double Cabin by public auction on Saturday 1st October 2022 commencing at 10:00 am. The auction will take place at Royal Palm Grounds, Ahmadiya Street Iringa town.

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Unit	Make	Model	Year	Duty
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If so, the Legal Services Facility (LSF) would love to hear from you and the deadline is 16th October 2022 23:59 Hours.

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- Please visit our website for more information on the two calls; www.lsftz.org

After 75 years with nuclear weapons, total destructive power wish declining

SEPTEMBER 26, which falls on a Monday this year, is the International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, observed for the first time in September 2014. UN chroniclers say achieving global nuclear disarmament is one of the oldest goals of the United Nations, the subject of the General Assembly's first resolution in 1946. It was a cooling off from the tremor of drooping two atom bombs over Japan in the last months of the Second World War, 1939-1945.

The UN had at the start established an Atomic Energy Commission (dissolved in 1952), with a mandate to make specific proposals for the control of nuclear energy and the elimination of atomic weapons and all other major weapons adaptable to mass destruction. It wasn't an easy task and generally failed to achieve its goals, as countries sought atomic (then nuclear) weapons for deterrence purposes, which has limited the possibility of war between nuclear armed powers. Conversely, there has been an effort by middle powers aspiring to nuclear weapons to abandon that goal.

What the chronicler asserts is in part that nuclear disarmament has on the whole failed as an attainable goal for the UN, but with a proviso. The danger of nuclear war has itself faded, as by its very nature, no country can use nuclear weapons without risking generalised destruction if the other camp then responds to such use. As it is, only undemocratic countries show sufficient inclination to take conflict to brink of nuclear disaster, as democratic countries readily contain such ambitions.

On the basis of the chronicle, it is also perceivable that the number

of deployed nuclear weapons has appreciably declined since the height of the Cold War, in the 1960s specifically, especially at the time of the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. It was the only time that a real threat of nuclear war was posed, but diplomacy worked and nuclear missiles were removed from Cuba. The threat from missile tests in North Korea has been a threat to regional peace in the Far East, not a global threat.

At a different level, the doctrine of nuclear deterrence persists as an element in the security policies of major military powers. There is still debate among experts if some countries may wish to use nuclear arms if they have that ability, on account of intense hostility with another power. Where that threat or possibility appears to be real, counteracting action could be taken to ensure the belligerent power has no nuclear arms, and at least once in the past, such fear was used to invade a country.

In Africa there was a time that Nigeria started thinking of developing nuclear weapons to qualify for a seat in the UN Security Council, but later realised it needs the resources it disposes for urgent development requirements. South Africa, whose security standing with African countries was a strategic concern during apartheid, renounced nuclear weapons in 1991, after jailed leaders of the African National Congress were freed in 1990 and then Namibia attained independence. Similarly, apart from the Cuban issue in 1962, no nuclear confrontation has taken place in Latin America, even with the war between Britain and Argentina over the Falklands islands (the Argentines call them the territory Malvinas), in 1982.

Indeed, environmental precautions were already taken in EACOP project

IT is now official, that the government - similar to the Ugandan authorities - have had no sleepless nights over the dispute raised by the European Union Parliament's negative vote on the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa issued an elaborate response in Parliament for local stakeholders and those with localised operations here that precautions have been taken to protect the environment in the construction of the pipeline. It was all too obvious as environmental matters are vital not just in oil and gas but most projects.

This explanation was given when winding up the latest meeting of the National Assembly, as some development partners had concerns over environment issues in the construction of the pipeline, much earlier. The response wasn't really about the EU legislature resolution but rather in discounting its premises, suggesting that the project ought to substantially address such concerns. The premier similarly detailed what is being done for people being relocated, not just getting compensation but houses being built for hundreds of families. That issue was preposterous as well.

The parties to the EU Parliament vote have a different issue in mind, namely seeking to end the use of fossil fuels per se, and unable to make progress in Europe, they descend like eagles on Africa. They have a concern for forests, the way they strongly objected to the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project, and the government rejected the protestations. There is no difference with EACOP issues.

When the premier said that the project is being implemented in line with applicable Tanzanian laws and valid precautions on the environment and ecological

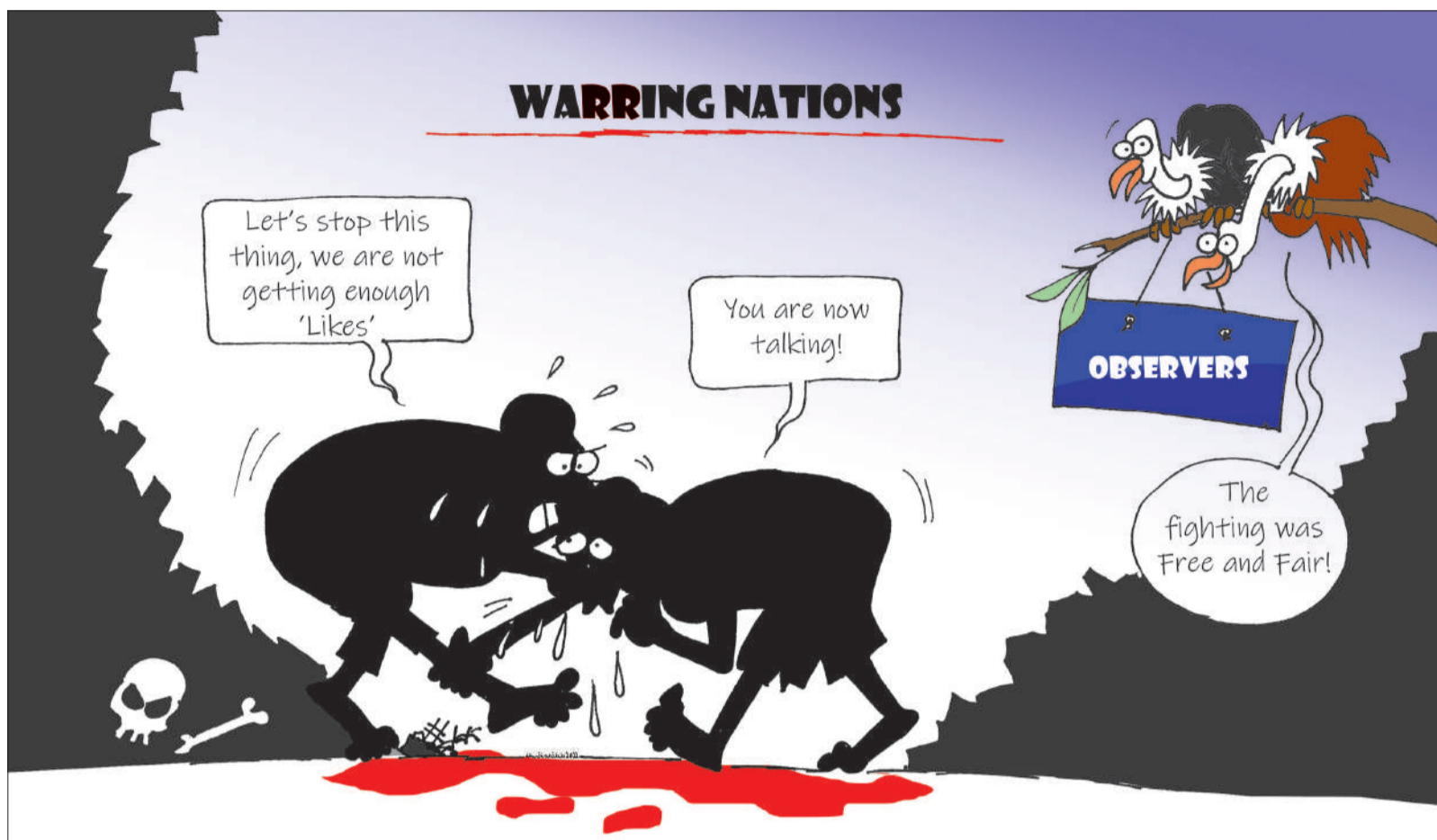
conservation, some will think there is a discrepancy with EU standards, etc. Not quite, as sectoral policies and governance improvements in various fields for decades are conducted or drawn up in tandem with international development agencies. Bilateral agencies also have to approve project designs for which those countries intend to commit finances, so the dialogue and accountability are real.

The EU parliamentary vote is something of a 'wishes and horses' kind of situation, where a large group of Green MPs and their allies (opposed to profits of large oil corporations, etc) band together to say they don't want the pipeline. Had they been elected into office in five or ten countries in the EU the vote would be worrisome, but they have a coalition role in Germany, largely. So there are no 'horses' for those seeking power to reconstruct the EU zone in ways that hamper industry, etc.

There was a watch group of non-governmental organisations for African Union member states which issued a strongly worded rebuttal to the EU Parliament's vote which some felt gave plenty of legroom for the EU vote. They made it out that it was a ploy to control African economies and maintain their dependency on Europe, a position that positively ignores any need for concern with oil and gas, or building a one thousand kilometer pipeline. Such concerns can credibly be raised anywhere.

The levels of accountability notwithstanding, it is clear the government response was more measured and to the point. It wasn't an ideological rebuttal about ultimate intentions or prejudices but practical issues, how far environmental safeguards have been taken up. It was also about whether indeed people being relocated were being ignored, simply.

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New Copyright law will take South Africa into 21st Century, at last

By Denise Rosemary Nicholson

THE bill will give South Africans artists and creators benefits and rights already enjoyed in many countries

On 1 September 2022, the Copyright Amendment Bill was passed by the National Assembly with 163 votes for and 45 votes against the Bill. There were no abstentions. The Bill will now go to the National Council of Provinces.

It is a progressive Bill that will afford South Africans rights similar to those enjoyed by people in many countries around the world, and yet four parties - the Democratic Alliance, the Freedom Front Plus, the African Christian Democratic Party, and the Economic Freedom Fighters - rejected the Bill.

Originally published for public comment in 2015, it has undergone various rounds of discussion and drafts. Numerous submissions to Parliament led to several revisions of the Bill, the final version being passed as Bill B13D-2017. See Bill's timeline here and here.

The Copyright Review Commission Report was a key to reforming the current law. The Commission examined the workings of societies which collect royalties on behalf of authors, performers, musicians and others in South Africa and reviewed the concerns raised by the creative industry regarding the collection and distribution of royalties to artists. The Commission was not impressed that over 70% of royalties go outside South Africa. It made various recommendations to address lack of regulation and transparency, poor governance, and maladministration relating to distribution of royalties and unallocated revenues.

Although in December 2018, the Bill (B13-2017) was passed by the National Assembly and then by the National Council of Provinces on 28 March 2019, it took the President nearly 15 months to act.

At the time, the President was being unduly pressured by the US Trade Representative (through tariff threats) and the European Union to stall the Bill.

The President then referred the Bill back to Parliament on 16 June 2020, claiming certain sections relating to fair use, libraries, archives, museums and galleries, computer programs, and education and academic activities could "run the risk of constitutional challenges".

From late 2020 until June 2022, the sections under review in the Bill were deliberated and revised to accommodate the President's cautious approach, and time was given to interested parties to make further submissions.

Blind SA, assisted by SECTION27,

instituted action in the Gauteng High Court against Parliament, the President, and relevant government officials to improve access for blind people to published works. On 22 September 2021, Judge J. Mbongwe ruled that the current copyright law is unconstitutional in regards to people with disabilities. In May 2022, judgement in this matter was reserved in the Constitutional Court.

After much deliberation, the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry approved its Final Report and final version of the Bill on 10 June 2022. The National Assembly passed the Bill on 1 September 2022 and transferred it to the National Council of Provinces for concurrence.

Polarisation
Passage of the Bill has been contentious and polarising. There has been strong support for the Bill from creators and authors, educational and research institutions, libraries and other information services, government departments, civil society, communities serving people with disabilities, as well as international, regional and local library, archival, and educational organisations and trade unions. The Bill has also been hailed by many as a potential model for other countries, particularly developing countries.

But opponents of the Bill, representing mainly rights holders, collecting societies, creative industries, and multinational conglomerates, rejected the Bill in toto, despite the Bill being revised several times as a result of the many public comments submitted and technical assistance provided by IP (internet protocol) experts.

Misinformation in the media
It is not true that supporters of the Bill are "agents of foreign tech companies" or that the Bill "will greatly reduce the incentive for creating original works" or that "fair use only exists in the US", or that "it will cause catastrophic damage" to creative industries, as certain opponents of the Bill maintain.

Ironically, some of them are the very same parties that have failed to pay fair royalties to the creators they claim to represent. Such an approach is dishonest and surely undermines the credibility of those making such arguments.

One opponent has labelled Open Source, Copyleft, and Creative Commons as "copyright antagonists" who "harbour in their midst members of the dark forces". He also bizarrely claims "one of the chief weapons of the copyright dark forces is the promotion of widespread exceptions to copyright".

Balancing mechanisms
The truth of the matter is that copyright limitations and

exceptions are lawful balancing mechanisms permitted in the Berne Convention and TRIPS Agreement and are included in copyright laws around the world.

These are an extremely important part of copyright design and have been so since the inception of copyright.

Opponents of the Bill are also users of information and need exceptions to access information, for work, teaching or learning, or conducting research, or for leisure, civic or other purposes, or to share, innovate, invent or create new works.

Regarding fair use, US Judge Pierre N. Leval states that: "Fair use is not a grudgingly tolerated exception to the copyright owner's rights of private property, but a fundamental policy of the copyright law. The stimulation of creative thought and authorship for the benefit of society depends assuredly on the protection of the author's monopoly. But it depends equally on the recognition that the monopoly must have limits."

Fair use
There is no evidence anywhere in the world that fair use has caused any damage to creative industries. More than a dozen countries enjoy fair use in their copyright laws, and more than 14 other countries include fair use factors in their copyright laws. Some years ago, I communicated with various library and IP experts in most of the countries that have fair use provisions. They confirmed that there is no evidence to show that fair use has caused any damage. As they pointed out, authors still write, musicians still make music, artists and other creatives still create, and publishers still publish.

One fair use jurisdiction, the US, boasts the largest and wealthiest publishing, entertainment and IT industries in the world. Fair use certainly has not caused "catastrophic damage" to its economy. On the contrary, fair use contributes trillions of dollars annually to it. See Q&As on fair use here.

Benefits of the Bill
Many clauses in the Bill were adopted from other progressive copyright regimes, including the US, UK, Israel, the EU and Singapore. The Bill was also informed by: Human Rights and International IP Conventions; our Constitution; documents such as World Intellectual Property Organisation treaties and studies; treaty proposals by the African Group and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions; the Electronic Information for Libraries model law; international, regional and local research projects, including African Copyright & Access to Knowledge

Project, and the SA Open Copyright Review.

The alignment of the Copyright Amendment Bill with the Constitution and human rights conventions and other progressive copyright regimes should improve the lives of all stakeholders. Here are some of the Bill's benefits:

It will increase access to information for all South Africans through fair use rights [s.12A] and exceptions that many developed countries have tried and tested, and benefited from, for decades [s. 12B-D, 15(1)(a), 19B-D, 22A, 28P].

It will empower authors, musicians and other creators to have more control over their works [s.22B-D, s.28S]. It provides an assignment period for 25 years [22(3)] (negotiable with rights holders, should they wish to extend the period); better contractual protection [s.12D(7)(e), 22D & 39B]; protection of moral rights [s.20(1)-(2)]; better access to others' works through fair use [s.12A-D]; and various exceptions [s.15(1)(a), 19B-D, 22A], and provides opportunities for fairer royalties [s.6A(1)-9A] through regulation and accountability of collecting societies [s.22B]. Authors, creators, musicians, producers and publishers also engage in research, studies, teaching and learning, resource-sharing, AI, quotation, and other activities that require unrestricted access to a wide range of other copyright works.

It will enable visual artists to benefit from a resale right [s.7A-F].

The Bill's intrinsic link to the Performers' Protection Bill will give artists and performers certain protections, and for the first time, the right to earn fair royalties [s.22B-D].

It will enable fairer and reciprocal use of copyright works. Currently, countries with fair use can use and reuse South African publications, yet South Africa cannot use or reuse their works, as the current law is too restrictive and does not address the digital environment.

It will help end the book famine by allowing people with disabilities to access material [s.19D] and expedite South Africa's ratification of the 2013 Marrakesh Treaty to enable cross-border exchange of accessible formats.

It will allow libraries (including legal deposit libraries), archives, museums and galleries to serve their users in accordance with their statutory mandates, and to digitise, format-shift, share resources, and preserve their collections, to protect our cultural heritage and documentary records [s.12A(vi)&12D, 19B-D].

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Steps towards quality healthcare for all good news for underprivileged

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has initiated legal process of introducing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to ensure that everyone, everywhere in our country accesses quality health services without suffering financial hardship.

It is hoped that the highly-anticipated law will remove barriers to health and improve affordability, accessibility and quality of health systems. Its wage bill will be huge to taxpayers but so are the consequences of having a sizable number of people in a population who cannot step foot in hospital because of lack of money.

For many years, health care systems in low and middle income countries including Tanzania have depended heavily on out-of-pocket (OOP) payments for financing health care services. But there is an extensive body of evidence describing how OOP mechanisms have contributed to inefficiencies, inequities and high-

er costs, and have become a barrier for patients and families seeking to access affordable health care.

This has also led to a failure of countries to sustain sufficient funding for health care. Attempts to change health care financing systems are ongoing in many sub-Saharan African countries. These efforts aim to improve protection and utilisation of health care, particularly for vulnerable sub-groups including elderly.

Over the last two decades, many African countries have been looking at the possibilities of introducing and expanding health insurance coverage, installing effective exemption mechanisms for those unable to pay, and improving tax collection and allocation to health care.

Since the introduction of health insurance in Tanzania, a number of studies have been conducted to investigate the extent to which health insurance has benefited the population. Some of these studies

have shown that health insurance increased the level of outpatient care and influenced the places where the insured went for care.

A study that focused on assessing the determinants of health insurance participation among informal sector workers in rural Tanzania showed that health insurance is widely accepted as it enhances the affordability, accessibility and quality of care.

However, the results also showed that health insurance is challenged by mistrust and a lack of knowledge about the schemes. A subsequent study in Tanzania explored the factors and challenges that influence the accessibility of health care delivery to health insurance members.

It revealed that poor quality of services, prolonged registration processes and health care units' preference for patients who paid cash were among the challenges facing health insurance fund members.

Many other studies have focused



on evaluating the performance of health insurance in terms of enrolment, financial management and sustainability, as well as by patients' perceptions of services offered under health insurance.

According to the government, its own National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) is facing a number of challenges, chief being embezzlement of resources through collusion of officials within NHIF and service providers. To change this, the government last week tabled the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Bill in the National Assembly which, among others, proposes imprisonment and fine of between 5mn/- to 100mn/- upon conviction. The bill also proposes moves to scrutinize private health service providers, including appointing NHIF officials on boards of private hospitals to tighten regulation.

One cross-sectional study by Malale Tungu, Paul Amani, Anna-Karin Hurtig, Angwara Kiwara, Mughwira Mwangi, Lars Lindholm and Miguel San Sebastián sought to establish if health insurance contributes to improved utilization of health care services for the elderly in rural Tanzania.

It was informed by the realization that there were no studies in Tanzania that specifically dealt with older adults as a population sub-group. Given the ageing of the rural population and associated health system challenges, it is important to explore the role of health insurance in this population.

This study analysed the association

between health insurance and health service use in rural residents aged 60 and above. This work is of relevance at a time when the government is making efforts to establish UHC.

The study collected data from households of insured and uninsured people aged 60 and above in Nzega and Igunga Districts in the Tabora Region, between July and September 2017. According to the 2012 population census, in the two districts, there are approximately 50,547 people aged 60 years and above.

Nzega and Igunga districts were appropriate places for this study because around 92 per cent of the people aged 60 and above live in these districts. With regard to health insurance, Tabora Region has 20,326 insured persons. The two districts have a total of 5,571 people aged 60 and above with mainly NHIF and Community Health Fund (CHF). This equals to 13 per cent in Igunga and 20 per cent in Nzega of the total insured population.

A pre-tested household questionnaire based on the instrument used in World Health Organization study on global ageing and adult health (WHO-SAGE) was used and questions captured information on demographic and socio-economic characteristics, health and insurance status, health seeking behaviours, sickness history (previous three or twelve months prior to the survey) and whether health care was sought and received from accredited health facilities.

Researchers randomly selected

seven wards from each district. Then they selected a total of 58 villages from the selected wards whereby hamlet officers helped in the selection of 25 to 44 households (with occupants aged 60 and above) from each village.

Out of the 1,899 respondents aged 60 years and above, (51 per cent women and 48.7 per cent men), only 44.3 per cent reported having health insurance and of these, 94 per cent belonged to either CHF or NHIF and only 6 per cent had private health insurance.

Regarding education, 59 per cent had no education, whereas 41 per cent of the respondents had a formal education in the following categories: 47 per cent low-level, 46 per cent medium-level and only 7 per cent high-level. About 69 per cent of participants reported a household income of less or equal to USD 22.50 per month. Among the respondents, 76.8 per cent had used outpatient health care services in the three months prior to the survey, and 39.2 per cent had attended inpatient care in the past 12 months.

Generally, the study found positive and statistically significant association between health insurance and the utilisation of outpatient and inpatient care. This means that possession of health insurance leads to an increase of utilization of outpatient and inpatient care.

The findings of this study support the national goal of introducing UHC to protect individuals and households from catastrophic health expenditures. For, the results show the importance of health insurance in providing financial protection to older adults, particularly those residing in rural areas.

Our law makers should carefully read the UHC bill tabled in the august house last week and bring as a law which ensures every Tanzanian gets quality health services. For, extending coverage to all, including vulnerable sub-populations, can improve health and equity and reduce OOP which requires readily available cash which many people hardly have.



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
THE MWALIMU NYERERE MEMORIAL ACADEMY



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy (MNMA) will hold a **Conference on "The Legacy of Mwalimu Nyerere in Improving Human Welfare and Socio-Economic Development"** from **11 - 12 October, 2022**. The organising Committee of the Conference is glad to invite you to participate in the Conference. In case you would like to take part in this event, please submit a paper abstract (max. 300 words in English) alongside your contact details (names, affiliation, phone, e-mail address) **by 2nd October, 2022** to organising Committee at conference@mnma.ac.tz or mnmaconf2022@gmail.com.

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1) Ignorance as an enemy of socio-economic development

Presentations may include the following issues: Trends in the fight against ignorance - achievements, challenges and prospects; Access to quality education; Adult education and its contribution to socio-economic development; Formal and informal education - achievements, challenges and prospects; Research for development; Innovation and technological development; and Environmental education.

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Presentations may include the following issues: Agriculture, livestock and rural development; Access to major means of production; Entrepreneurship for wealth creation and poverty alleviation; Public and private sector engagement in socio-economic development; Industrialisation and economic growth; The socio-political reflections on the fight against poverty; Economic trends in the post-independence era; Environment and natural resource management for socio-economic development; and Climate change and livelihood issues

3) Disease management for improved wellbeing

Presentations may include the following issues: Provision of health services, challenges and opportunities; Access and affordability of health services; Quality of health care systems; and Disease prevalence and management.

4) Leadership and good governance in the fight against ignorance, poverty and disease.

Presentations may include the following issues: Transparency and accountability; Effective public administration and participation; Rule of law; and Engagement of the civil society

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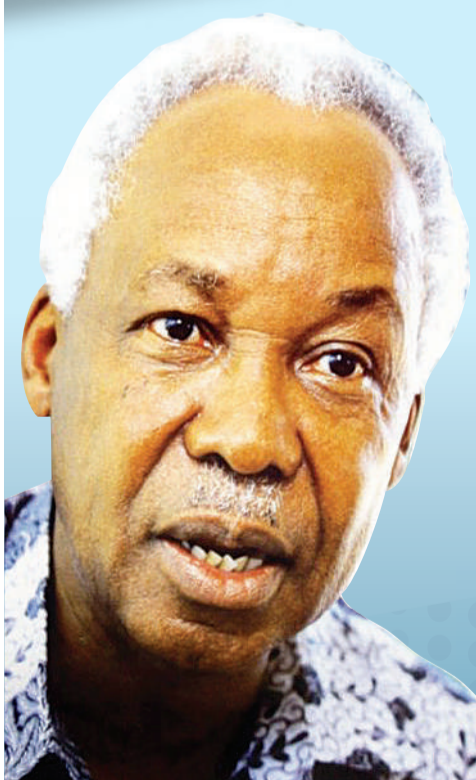


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The new 'cold war' over access to safe abortion in Kenya

NAIROBI

FATUMA is a 24 year old girl from Korogocho, an informal settlement in Nairobi. She died in December 2021, from complications arising from an unsafe abortion. Her friend and a few of her neighbors found her bleeding profusely and unable to move. They rushed her to the hospital. Unfortunately, she died before she could see the doctor.

Unfortunately, Fatuma's story is common for girls and women in Kenya. In fact, at least 7 of them die every day from complications arising from unsafe abortion. Worse still, is that with current trends - where 700 girls between the ages of 10 and 19 are getting pregnant daily; the harrowing statistics on abortions are likely to be worse. If Fatuma knew where she could access safe abortion services, she would not have died.

Despite the Constitution of Kenya providing for three instances where safe abortion is permitted, the right to choose if and when to become pregnant as well as terminate pregnancies continues to be one of the most contested debates across the world. In Kenya, there has been considerable progress in promoting reproductive justice with the judicial arm of the government advancing the law. An example is the Malindi case (Petition E009 of 2020) that re-affirmed that abortion is a fundamental right as provided for in the Constitution.

Additionally, the court outlawed arbitrary arrests of trained healthcare providers and people seeking safe abortion within Constitutional limits. Nonetheless, these gains are under attack in what Kenyans are calling the new cold war. That is, the fight between pro-gender and reproductive justice proponents, against anti-choice subscribers.

In the past few years, there have



A community health volunteer informs community members about various methods of family planning.

been a series of events affecting both the social, political and legal environment for access to life-saving safe abortion services. Firstly, was the arbitrary withdrawal of the National Standards and Guidelines for Reducing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in 2013. A year after they were reinstated by the High Court, the Ministry of Health suspended all training of medical abortion providers.

In July this year, the Ministry of Health launched the National Reproductive Health Policy(2022-2032), an unjust policy that did not follow due process in its enactment including the need for representative public participation as provided by Article 118 of the Constitution. The policy also leaves out a section of the population in access to reproduc-

tive health as it enforces parental consent and does not consider deaths and complications from unsafe abortion as a public health issue despite the statistics.

Additionally, consider the sustained attack on women's health rights by opposition groups led by far-right extremist organization CitizenGO. They work to negate human rights under the guise of Christianity. They pay hungry and unsuspecting Kenyan youth to trend hashtags that intentionally amplify lies and half-truths about sexual and reproductive health and rights issues, especially abortion, LGBTI+ rights and sexuality education.

They continue to influence public opinion; and regressive laws and policies the world over, including in Kenya. Ironically, the organi-

zation which is headquartered in Madrid, is heavily funded by institutions in and individuals from the global north, yet maintain that sexual and reproductive health and rights is a foreign agenda to Africa - and must be rejected.

CitizenGO has in the past run smear campaigns against reproductive justice. These have included Hon. Susan Kihika (former Senator - and now Governor of Nakuru County) for sponsoring the Reproductive Health Bill 2019 in the Senate. This Bill would have provided a much needed legal framework on a wide range of reproductive issues such as assisted reproduction - which continue to operate in a vacuum.

Further, they have bullied Hon. Esther Pas-

saris on social media for hosting a Christmas party for sex workers. Recently, they trolled Hon. Mukulia the sponsor of the East East Africa Community Sexual Reproductive Health Bill and called for his dismissal from the East Africa Legislative Assembly.

Critics could advance religious arguments to counter safe abortion and the rights of gender minorities. However, it is worth noting that these beliefs are subjective. Moreover, Kenya is a secular state that operates the doctrine of church-state separation. This principle creates distance between the two; recognizing that morality and religion are subjective.

Besides, the Constitution operates a robust Bill of Rights that are legally binding - and not mere suggestions. In addition to expanding the right to safe abortion in Article 26(4), it explicitly provides for the right to the highest attainable standard of reproductive health in Article 43. Additionally, it protects the right to privacy and human dignity. CitizenGO and such like organizations must therefore operate within the ambit of the laws of the Republic.

While the outcomes of these fights are denial of information and services for marginalized groups; this fight is not just about access to services and information. It is about unequal power relations. There are people who are giving big monies towards initiatives that work to curtail human rights and freedoms; permeating government, media and other key sectors against progress.

It is therefore dire that as supporters of sexual and reproductive health and rights, we invest time and resources studying the ever-changing strategies and tactics opponents use to undermine these rights and re-strategize for the war at hand. We must prioritize movement building and reproductive rights resilience. Until then, girls and women in Kenya - and beyond, will continue to die preventable deaths.

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Egypt celebrates 200 years of decoding ancient hieroglyphs

CAIRO

MARKING the decoding of ancient hieroglyphs and the creation of Egyptology 200 years ago, a series of events are being organized by the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

The National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Cairo launched on Saturday a two-day program for teaching children about the Ancient Egyptian language via sculp-

ture and buff paints workshops.

Sama Ahmad, a ten-year-old Egyptian student, joined the interactive classes and portrayed some symbols of Egyptian hieroglyphs, the formal writing system used in Ancient Egypt.

"I was happy to learn about old letters and to listen to information about the Rosetta Stone," she said while showing a paper carrying her name in the ancient language.

The ministry also launched a social media campaign to explain hieroglyphs as well as to display artifacts that are key to understanding Ancient Egyptian civilization under the titles "Ancient Egyptian language," and "Learn about treasures in your province."

The Rosetta Stone is one of the main keys that helped to decipher the Ancient Egyptian language and the genesis of Egyptology.

With its original version exhibited in the British Museum, the granodiorite block was discovered in 1799 in the Nile delta town of Rosetta (Rashid in Arabic) by the occupying French forces, while it fell into the hands of British officials later and was sent to London.

On Sept. 27, 1822, French scholar Jean-Francois Champollion was able to unravel the mystery of the stone and read the Ancient Egyptian signs correctly after centuries of attempts by scholars and researchers.

The stone dated back to 196 B.C. when the

syndicate of Egyptian priests gave a congratulatory speech to King Ptolemy V for assuming the throne of Egypt, thanking him for exempting all Egyptian temples from taxes due to low flood.

Now the replica of the stone is fixed at the entrance lobby of the NMEC, which is inscribed in three languages: hieroglyphic, demotic and ancient Greek.

"Visitors coming from the gate of the museum can spot it from a far distance till approaching it and reading the label underneath," said Sayed Fadel, supervisor of scenario display of the NMEC. The 200 anniversary of the creation of Egyptology is a good occasion for displaying the bloc, added Fadel, stressing "thanks to decoding

the stone, we managed to read texts, paintings and inscriptions on Egypt's temples that narrate the old history of Egypt."

He explained that the stone exhibited in London is one of six others that were placed in front of Egyptian main temples, but the other five have not been discovered yet.

Emili Jones, a 32-year-old tourist from Canada, was curious about the stone. She told Xinhua that "the stone is a treasure of knowledge for exploring and digging into the mysterious history of Ancient Egypt."

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Ngara nickel mine to bring new hopes to Kagera Region's economy, says RC

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

THE nickel mine in Ngara district that will soon be established by Tembo Nickel Company will bring new hope to Kagera Region and will act as an investors' chain in various sectors.

The observations were given by Kagera Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila here at the weekend following the visit of Tembo Nickel officials, led by its Country Manager, Benedict Busunzu to the RC's office.

At the meeting, Chalamila said he would like to see the mine starts production for the Kagera residents to benefit, and added that if there were any challenges, he was ready to intervene to solve them.

He said as of now, the dairy sector in Kagera Region was almost dead due to a lack of customers but "once you start your operations you will be among buyers of milk."

He added: "Right now there are people coming to invest in the dairy sector, they loan dairy cows to the people and pay by delivering milk to the factory."

"There is another investor coming to build a modern abattoir for cows, goats and pigs and you will be customers for these products as well."

"Your coming will kick-start an investment chain and new



Kagera Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila (L) speaks to Tembo Nickel corporation country manager, Benedict Busunzu (C) who paid a courtesy call at the RC's office and briefed him on the progress made by the mining firm in investment. Looking on is firm's consultant manager, Basil Shio. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

hope for the development of Kagera Region."

For his part, Tembo Nickel Country Manager, Busunzu told the RC about the project's history since the minerals were discovered in the 1970s, and added that among the company's plans is to restore the lives of the people who will be shifted by the project and in a large measure improve them.

"The permanent camp we will build will have the capacity to hold 1,000 people at a time, hence these are big markets for milk and vegetables," he explained.

For his part, the Head of the project's People Settlements Mobilisation Unit from RSK, Bazilio Shio said so far assessment activities have reached 50 per cent.

"We have surveyed more than 2,000 hectares of land and reached more than 750 people," he added.

He said among the challenges they face include village officials not knowing villages' boundaries, the challenge which they continue to deal with.

New priorities for EAC intra-regional trade growth and economic resilience outlined

By Guardian Reporter

ADOPTION of the 35 per cent as the 4th band of East African Community (EAC) Common External Tariff (CET) by partner states will promote industrialization and boost intra-regional trade and investments.

Chairperson of the East African Business Council (EABC) Angelina Ngalula made the statement over the

weekend when addressing the 8th meeting of the EABC board in Dar es Salaam.

Ngalula outlined priorities set to boost intra-EAC trade and investments as she lauded the council's secretariat for championing the adoption of 35 per cent as the EAC CET 4th band.

She said the board is steadfast in steering high-level policy advocacy through dialogue with the EAC Heads of State to unlock non-tariff barriers (NTBs),

restrictions to free movement of services, double taxation, open skies, telecommunications and infrastructure development to boost intra-regional trade and economic resilience amid the global crisis.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) – global food price index of cereals, meat, and dairy rose by 26 per cent whereas half of the countries in the Eastern Africa sub-

region are net food importers.

The situation makes the countries extremely vulnerable to higher global food and energy prices, rising inflation and food insecurity in the EAC bloc.

The board urged the EAC Council of Ministers to fast track finalization of the regional local content policy and ratification of Article 24(2) of the Protocol on the Establishment of the Customs Union to operationalise the trade remedies commit-

tee to handle disputes on trade-related matters as outline in the resolutions of the High-Level Summit on Common Market Protocol held in July 2022.

The board appreciated the EAC Secretary General for leading the EAC trade mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and directed the EABC secretariat to cement further partnerships with the Federation of Enterprises of the Congo (FEC) to boost trade ties.

It called for the full inclusion of private sector proposals into the negotiations of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement and the African Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) via the African Tripartite Business Council composed of COMESA-SADC and EABC.

The board also visited the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to share insights and solutions to boost port perfor-

mance and competitiveness.

The board appreciated Trademark East Africa (TMEA), the German Development Cooperation led by GIZ - Support East African Market Driven and People-Centered Integration (SEAMPEC) Project, GIZ-Business Scouts, International Trade Centre (ITC), Afreximbank, Coca-Cola and Equity Bank for their continued partnership and support the council.

MKSC invests 500m/- to give back to Bashay community

By Guardian Reporter, Karatu

TOURISM has started paying dividends in Bashay village in Karatu District, Arusha Region, thanks to a responsible tour outfit to spend multi-million shilling in giving back to the community.

Mount Kilimanjaro Safari Club (MKSC), with its base in the northern safari capital of Arusha, has invested nearly 500m/- in various social projects in Bashay village, where it operates a luxurious lodge.

This comes as a surprise as corporate philanthropy declines, thanks to the ripple effects of the Covid-19 pandemic that had brought the tourism industry to its knee.

Handing over two, among six classrooms, built and 300 desks at Bashay primary school, worth about 350 million combined, MKSC Director, George Ole Meing'arrai said his company's policy is to create social impact where it operates.

"MKSC is a responsible tour company with a clear business policy of sharing profits with the community where we operate in order to create social impact," Meing'arrai explained.

The tour outfit also pumped 148m/- to build a laboratory in Banjika vicinity, supply clean and safe water at Bashay village, establish a vegetable

garden and plant 3,000 trees in its latest initiative to restore the green belt to mitigate the effect of climate change.

From the beginning, MKSC Board chairman, Eric Pasanisi, managing director, Denis Leboutoux had worked to build a responsible business that leaves a positive footprint on Tanzania.

They've become leaders in sustainability, integrating social and environmental best practices into every aspect of the business, and giving back to the people and places that host them.

Receiving the projects, Karatu district council acting executive director, Yohana Ngowi thanked the MKSC management for its painstaking efforts to uplift the poor community from abject poverty to a prosperous level.

"Truth be told, MKSC has been supportive of our community since it started operating in our area. Other tour companies have something to emulate this company when it comes to giving back to the community," Ngowi explained, amid applause from the floor.

Bashay Village Chairman, Raphael Tatok said that his people are counting blessings for hosting the MKSC, as its corporate social investment was



Mount Kilimanjaro Safari Club (MKSC) management, Bashay primary school teachers, and village leaders in a group photo during the handing over of the six classrooms as well as desks.

not only visible to everybody in the vicinity, but also impactful.

Bashay primary school head teacher, Elipheus Malley said his school for the last three years consecutive has recorded outstanding academic performance in standard seven final national examinations, thanks to among others, conducive learning infrastructures created by the MKSC.

"From 2019 up to 2021, my school saw all standard seven finalists pass their final national examinations and proceeded with the

ordinary level education. This has been possible through generous support from MKSC in terms of putting best learning infrastructures," Malley explained.

MKSC Board chairman, Eric Pasanisi said he believes that the classrooms and desks will be taken care of to serve the current and future generations in Bashay for so many years to come. Managing director of the MKSC, Denis Leboutoux commended the teachers at Bashay primary school for doing a great job in nurturing the pupils to become responsible citi-

zens. "What we've done is small, compared to what you teachers have been doing. Here you are creating engineers, teachers and military generals and other critical cadres to save better the country," Leboutoux explained.

Mount Kilimanjaro Safari Club (MKSC), is one of the country's successful tour companies in terms of promoting Tanzania as the top destination in Europe, creating employment for the local population, supporting conservation drives and giving back to the community.

Dar motorists laud EWURA's move to trim down fuel prices

By Correspondent Daniel Sembereya

SOME motorists in Dar es Salaam have commended the move by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) for reducing and publishing cap prices for petroleum products, saying the action has brought relief to their hardships.

They showered the praise following the recently EWURA's move to publish cap prices for petroleum products whereby per litre of petrol is now sold at a price that is cheaper by 441/-, while diesel will obtain 197/- less than what it used to cost during the previous month.

This has been contributed by the government's intervention to inject a tune of around

65bn/- subsidy for fuel products for September 2022. In Dar es Salaam the pump price for petrol dropped to 2,960/ from 3,140/- previously sold and diesel dropped to 3,125/-, from the previous price of 3,340/- which is said to be the lowest level in the last five months, since April, this year.

In line with the prevailing sector legislation (Petroleum Act, 2015, section 166), prices of petroleum products are governed by rules of demand and supply.

EWURA has been encouraging competition in the sector by making available petroleum products pricing information including cap prices.

In separate interviews, some motorcycle riders in

Dar es Salaam applauded EWURA for that move because at least it has brought relief from the hardships they face.

They also said that it was not enough because prices for food and other commodities have jumped up.

Amiri Salumon a bodaboda rider operating in Kigamboni District, Dar es Salaam who has been in this job for the last seven years said: "There is a relief after the government reduced fuel prices compared to the previous days. We would advise the government to reduce more fuel prices to at least around 2,500/- per litre of fuel."

He said that if the government adheres to their cry they are sure even the hard-

ships of life they are experiencing due to foods hike and other commodities would decrease.

Zakayo Steward another bodaboda who has been in this job for the last 13 years concurred with his fellow bodaboda by saying that the current situation is tough as far as this business is concerned.

"We would suggest to the government to even reduce more fuel prices at least to reach 2,500/- per litre of fuel. Doing so will ease life hardships," Zakayo said.

He revealed that when a litre was sold at 2,300/- they were able to make a profit of around 6000/-; but with the current fuel prices, they can only make around 1,500/-

"This creates hardships for us common citizens with low income," he lamented.

Zakayo noted: "If fuel prices are reduced we believe even the food prices and prices for other commodities will drop down automatically."

Andrea Cosmas another motorbike rider, who has been in this job for ten years now, has also suggested to the government to reduce the fuel prices to around 2,500/-.

He said: "The bodaboda job currently is very challenging such that some of our motorbike fellows have decided to return motorcycles to owners for failing to pay the money they were supposed to pay on a daily basis."

Leonard Simon Said another bodaboda who has been in

his job for seven years now said that it is true that fuel prices have dropped, but have caused life to go up, so there is no relief" urging the government to reduce more fuel prices so as to ease hardships they are facing.

They also requested the government control food inflation. Manager of the Olympic Petrol Station in Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam Faidh Abdalah said that the fuel drop has caused him to get more customers.

"My sales have gone up after the government dropped fuel prices as compared to when the fuel prices are up."

Abdalah further revealed that when fuel prices are high, normally also the number of customers drops, and

hence the sales also drop.

He has urged the government to continue to control fuel prices so as to remain affordable to many customers.

Manager of Simba Oil Petrol Station of Kibada, Kigamboni, Hamis Awadh remarked: "When fuel prices increase the frequency and number of customers going to fuel up their cars also dropped. But when the fuel prices drop, the frequency and number of customers also go up," he noted.

He suggested that if the government continues to minimise the fuel prices at least to around 2,500/- will be affordable and will lead to the frequency and increase number of customers visiting their petrol stations.

Investing in water, sanitation and hygiene pays off

LONDON / EDINBURGH

As the devastating images of flooding in Pakistan went round the world and the country declared a state of emergency, some 4,000 miles away in Stockholm, delegates had just arrived for World Water Week - an annual focal point for global water issues.

For lots of the international attendees, many of whom were from the corporate world, the headlines were a deadly reminder not only of the power and value of water, but also of the failings of the global system to manage it properly.

There can be no debate that Pakistan's latest flooding catastrophe has been exacerbated by the climate crisis. With COP27 on the horizon in November, and the UN Water Conference taking place in March next year, business leaders, governments, and key stakeholders must propel water issues to the top of the agenda and address them beyond the boardroom and throughout supply chains.

It's fair to say that the important role businesses have to play in securing sustainable access to water has often been overlooked. Having a safe, reliable, and resilient water supply is essential for most production processes and the health and wellbeing of employees - plus, it also makes sound financial sense.

At World Water Week, WaterAid launched its latest research 'Boosting Business: why investing in water, sanitation and hygiene pays off' to demonstrate to companies the business benefits and potential financial returns of investing in these facilities.

This pioneering, first-of-its-kind research was funded by Diageo, Gap Inc., HSBC, Twinings and eka-terra (previously part of Unilever).



Moushumi Akter at work inside Fakir Fashion Ltd in Bangladesh.

Research took place over four years, in four different countries, across four different sectors - including tea production, the clothing and leather industry and smallholder farming.

It's important to also consider that some businesses will be put off by the initial capital expenditure, and the fact that the returns are not always immediate. However, low-cost solutions can often provide big results in the long-term.

Integrated within this is hygiene, which became a topic for board-level consideration during the pandemic and the sudden attention the world gave to enhanced handwashing has provided lasting impact as the first and most cost-effective defence against infection.

The key now is to think about how to maintain that beneficial shift in behaviour. Each workplace is different, but it's time for companies to put the wellbeing of their workforce at the heart of their business strategies and make water, sanitation and hygiene a priority.

The business perspective: At Diageo, we strongly believe that, as access to clean water and sanitation are fundamental human rights, all efforts should be made to achieve this global goal. Access to water is central to gaining an education, sustaining health and increasing employability, and it addresses gender inequalities in communities, since women carry most of the burden of water collection.

We fully appreciate the enormous positive impact of investment in WASH and chose to be a key business partner in this ground-breaking study so we could finally prove the case for investment through solid research and data, and share the message with other businesses.

We will take the findings and incorporate them across our business strategies. The strong, quantitative evidence is what we need to support the investment in WASH facilities which play a key part of our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) action plan: Spirit of Progress 2030, and we now have the data and evidence to accelerate this work even further.

Future-proofing supply chains Investing in water and sanitation facilities must be considered a core business priority and part of a water stewardship strategy, rather than an act of philanthropy or corporate social responsibility. No longer to be seen as a charity gesture, or a way of green-washing the business, but as a wise and smart way to future-proof: for communities and for businesses to thrive.

Businesses must now think beyond the immediate factory fence and look to their supply chains and to their employees' welfare within.

As more extreme weather events happen globally, and ever-growing populations mean increasing demand for water, more companies need to follow suit and have a greater presence on the global stage to address the crisis. Businesses have a vested interest in securing sustainable access to water, and now, a clear financial incentive to ensure lasting change.

If businesses, governments, and civil society rally together, important ESG criteria can be addressed, and sustainable development goals (SDGs) to achieve 100% access to safe and sustainable water, toilets and hygiene facilities by 2030, can be fulfilled. **IPS**

The WaterAid perspective:

The quantitative aspect of our pilot is vital as it's all about how and why investing in taps, toilets and hygiene behaviour change is good for business. We were able to not only carry out thought-provoking project work with tangible benefits for the workforce and wider communities, but we were also able to quantify how that then impacted upon productivity; how many jeans were sewn together, how much tea was picked, how much absenteeism fell, how much the companies paid on medical bills decreased and so on. We then extrapolated this data into standout figures - the return on investment (ROI).

In a nutshell installing clean water and decent sanitation facilities helps employees stay healthy. This means less absenteeism, lower medical costs, improved morale, and productivity. For every \$1 invested in clean water, our research showed the apparel and leather sectors combined gained a \$1.32 return on investment and the tea sector projects a \$2.05 return.

To highlight the stand-out examples - one of the ready-made garment (RMG) factories in Bangladesh showed a ROI of \$9 on every \$1 invested in WASH, whilst in one of the Twinings' tea estate plantations in India, there was a \$5 to \$1 ROI during the pilot programme.

With continued investment over a ten-year period, the returns are even greater - indeed one of the RMG factories is projected to have \$30 to \$1 ROI - and if companies support their employees' communities as well, significantly more people will benefit.

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WORD-FIT

3 LETTERS: CRY, LNB, ONE

4 LETTERS: EAST, SAVE, GIVE, REAL, DARE, EASE RANK (7 WORDS)

5 LETTERS: EASEL, EDITS, DRIVE, DAILY EVOKE (5 WORDS)

6 LETTERS: ASSIGN, BETTER, ONLINE, DEARIE PASTOR (5 WORDS)

7 LETTERS: BARAKOIA

8 LETTERS: COLOMBIA

10 LETTERS: ENGINE ROOM

CROSSWORD

1 maize with high sugar content

2 in control of

3 a grass-like plant with triangular stems, growing in wet ground

4 Identities of People

5 an act that harms someone

6 calm, peaceful

7 a person who uses something

8 a set of moral principles

9 act a part in a play or film in an

10 overly restrained or unemotional way

11 very old

12 a native of Ossetia

CLUES: Across

Down:

1 a small mark

2 flat, level

3 kind of rocks which metals are found

4 a person's head

5 fierce anger that continues with great force

6 strict in judgment

7 annoying

8 to shout

9 grasses growing in water

10 indicating that a voice or instrument is silent

11 United Arab Emirates

12 Latin word for "deity"

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BUSINESS

BoT to continue reducing excess liquidity gradually

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) will continue reducing liquidity gradually in September and October this year to mitigate rising inflationary pressure, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) statement said.

"The policy decision aims at reducing inflationary pressures, while safeguarding economic activities," the statement said.

The statement has been issued after the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held its 222nd meeting on 23rd September 2022, to assess the conduct of monetary policy in July and August 2022 and review performance of the economy.

This is the second time for the MPC

to approve such measure by BoT, as during its 221st meeting held on August 5 this year, it recommended the reduction of the speed of expanding liquidity in the remainder of 2022 to reduce inflation.

As for inflation, the MPC observed that it sustained a gradual increase and remained at single digit.

In Mainland Tanzania, it edged up to 4.6 percent in August 2022 from 3.6 percent in March 2022, below the target of 5.4 percent for 2022/23.

A similar trend of inflation was observed in Zanzibar, where it reached 5.4 percent from 3.5 percent, compared with the target of 5 percent.

The trend is attributable to rising commodity prices in the world market, particularly food and oil prices.



Bank of Tanzania headquarters

The MPC expects inflation to remain consistent with the targets throughout the fiscal year, due to the recent easing of oil prices in the world market, expected stability of the exchange rates, and moderation in food prices.

Money supply and private sector credit growth continued to increase, the later at a faster pace, according to the committee statement.

The increase is associated with

monetary and fiscal policy accommodation, coupled with improved business environment and recovery of private sector activities from the effects of COVID-19.

M3 grew by 7.9 percent and 11.5 percent in July and August 2022, respectively, broadly consistent with the target of 10.3 percent for 2022/23.

Private sector credit growth improved significantly in July and

August, reaching around 20 percent, compared with the projection of 10.7 percent for 2022/23.

In view of the current challenging global environment, the MPC has also reiterated on the need to sustain order in the foreign exchange market and ensure reserves adequacy.

Gross official reserves remained adequate at \$5,092 million in August 2022, sufficient to cover about 4.6 months of imports, the

same level reported in August statement.

The MPC said in a statement issued on Saturday that was satisfied with the conduct of monetary policy and noted that the performance provided scope for promoting economic activities, considering the challenging environment of rising inflationary pressures from high commodity prices in the world market.

"As regards the performance of the economy, the MPC observed that it was satisfactory in line with projections, but was still facing global challenges of weak growth, high commodity prices, high inflation, tight financial conditions and recurrence of COVID-19 in some countries," the statement said.

In the first quarter of 2022, the economy grew by 5.4 percent in Mainland Tanzania, in line with the projection of 4.7 percent for the entire year.

The performance was mostly contributed by agriculture, construction, manufacturing, and mining. The

Zanzibar economy grew by 5.1 percent, compared with the projection of 5.4 percent for 2022, owing to improvement in activities in the hospitality industry. Therefore, there is a high likelihood of realizing the growth projections for 2022.

Govt recognises Rupia's role in DCB Bank's transformation, says PM

By Guardian Correspondent

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government recognizes the contribution of the founding DCB Commercial Bank Plc Board Chairman the late Ambassador Paul Rupia from its establishment to different transformation of bank.

"In his life, Ambassador Paul Rupia provided honorable services in different areas since the establishment and current successes of DCB Bank Plc," the PM said.

The Prime Minister said this after giving the last respect to the late Ambassador Paul Rupia at Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam, before his burial held at Kinondoni cemetery.

He said Ambassador Rupia is unforgettable for his contribution to the successes of DCB Bank Plc, and he was the trusted public servant since his retirement from public services.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has sent me to represent her in this funeral; saying she received the news of the death of Ambassador Rupia with regret, but she didn't manage to attend because she is currently in Mozambique for official visit. She however sends condolences to the family of the late Ambassador Paul Rupia," he said.

DCB Bank Plc board chairperson Zawadi Nanyaro said the bank management and staff was shocked and regretful following the death of the founding board chairman Ambassador Rupia.

Speaking during the funeral which was also attended by the second phase President Ali Hassan Mwinyi and other government and political leaders, the bank's Chairperson said Ambassador Rupia transformed the bank from its different stages of growth, since processes of its establishment in



DCB Commercial Bank Plc Board chairperson Zawadi Nanyaro (right), followed by the bank's Managing Director Godfrey Ndalaha and DCB's former Board Chairman, Prof. Lucian Msambichaka pay last respect to the bank's founding board chairman Late Ambassador Paul Rupia body during the funeral service in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. PHOTO/COURTESY

2000 to its establishment in 2002.

"During his 15 years tenure, the late Ambassador Paul Rupia led different stages of the bank transformation, including listing at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) as well as transforming the bank from a community bank for Dar es Salaam region only to a commercial bank which has enabled it to spread all over the country," she said.

"While the bank is commemorating its 20 years of its establishment, the contribution of Ambassador Paul Rupia will never be forgotten, because he led the bank professionally to ensure the growth of capital, increase of branches from one to eight until his retirement," she said.

Nanyaro said even after his retirement, the late Ambassador Rupia continued to collaborate with DCB bank board and management as one of the founding shareholders including virtually attending the ceremony for the commemoration of 20 years anniversary in May this year, despite of his health challenges.

"We will continue to honour for what he did for our bank as we join mourners to share our condolences to his family and leaders for this death and will continue to pray for his soul to rest in eternal peace," she concluded.

Global investors lick wounds, prepare for more challenges

NEW YORK/LONDON

GLOBAL investors are preparing for more market mayhem after a monumental week that whipsawed asset prices around the world, as central banks and governments ramped up their fight against inflation.

Signs of extraordinary times were everywhere. The Federal Reserve delivered its third straight seventy-five basis point rate hike while Japan intervened to shore up the yen for the first time since 1998.

The British pound slid to a fresh 37-year trough against the dollar after the country's new finance minister unleashed historic tax cuts and huge increases in borrowing.

"It's hard to know what will break where, and when," said Mike Kelly, head of multi-asset at Pine-bridge Investments (US). "Before, the thinking had been that a recession would be short and shallow. Now we're throwing that away and thinking about the unintended consequences of much tighter monetary policy."

Stocks plunged everywhere. The Dow Jones Industrial Average nearly joined the S&P 500 and Nasdaq in a bear market while bonds tumbled to their lowest level in years as investors recalibrated their portfolios to a world of persistent inflation and rising interest rates.

Towering above it all was the US dollar, which has rocketed to its highest level in 20 years against



a basket of currencies, lifted in part by investors seeking shelter from the wild swings in markets.

"Currency exchange rates ... are now violent in their moves," said David Kotok, chairman and chief investment officer at Cumberland Advisors. "When governments and central banks are in the business of setting the interest rates they are shifting the volatility to the currency markets."

For now, the selloffs across asset classes have drawn few bargain hunters. In fact, many believe things are bound to get worse as tighter monetary policy across the globe raises the risks of a worldwide recession.

"We remain cautious," said Russ Koesterich, who oversees the Global Allocation Fund for Blackrock, the world's largest asset manager, noting his allocation to equities is "well below benchmark" and he is also cautious on bonds.

"I think there's a lot of uncertainty on how quickly inflation will come down, there's a lot of uncertainty about whether or not the Fed will go through with an aggressive tightening campaign as they signaled this week."

Kotok said he is positioned conservatively with high cash levels. "I'd like to see enough of a selloff to make entry attractive in the US stock market," Kotok said.

The fallout from the hectic week exacerbated trends for stocks and bonds that have been in place all year, pushing down prices for both asset classes. But the murky outlook meant that they were still not cheap enough for some investors.

"We think the time to go long in equities is still ahead of us until we see signs that the market has bottomed," said Jake Jolly, senior investment strategist at BNY Mellon, who has been increasing his allocation to short duration sovereign bonds.

Corporate America is fretting over Taiwan risks

NEW YORK

EXECUTIVES at publicly traded US companies are becoming increasingly worried about the spectre of a further escalation of tensions over Taiwan, a major supplier of crucial components like semiconductors.

The number of annual regulatory filings citing Taiwan as a risk factor has risen significantly

over the past 12 months, according to Financial Times calculations based on Sentio data.

In March, a popular time for releasing so-called "10-k" reports, 116 companies mentioned Taiwan as a risk to their business, and the rolling 12-month average this month reached its highest level in at least 16 years.

Technology companies represented the sector most concerned,

with those in the semiconductor industry raising the loudest alarm. This is because Taiwan, which is the biggest producer of the most advanced chips, is rapidly becoming one of the world's most dangerous geopolitical flashpoints.

The fear is that in the event of a conflict with China, US firms will be unable to get the microchips needed to make

smartphones, electric cars, new weapons, computers industrial machines, and even medical devices. Healthcare is the second most-concerned sector.

"A de facto" blockade by Mainland China's regular military exercises would create bottlenecks in fast-growing sectors dependent on semiconductors, such as high performance computing, internet of things, data centres

and electric vehicles," Alicia Garcia-Herrero, chief Asia-Pacific economist at French bank Natixis, said.

In a sign of the potentially wide-ranging corporate effects, a clutch of chief executives at big US banks told Congress this week that they would comply with any US government demand to pull out of China if Beijing were to attack Taiwan. The

remarks came just days after US president Joe Biden said the US would defend Taiwan from a Chinese attack.

The median US company had only had five days' worth of chip inventories in 2021, down from 40 in 2019, according to a study by the Department of Commerce.

At the beginning of August, Biden signed the Chips Act, which will provide \$280bn in

funding to prop up and kick-start domestic semiconductor manufacturing and research.

"The US will put more pressure on key suppliers to ban exports to China and develop production in its own market with industrial policy tools, such as the Chips Act and a push for friend-shoring," Garcia-Herrero said.

INTERVIEW

How Yvonne Abba landed in managerial position at PAET

WOMEN are increasing taking up managerial positions in corporate world in Tanzania, which continues to break gender barriers. Yvonne Abba, Pan Africa Energy office downstream manager spoke to The Guardian on the journey of her career; her main roles and what does it mean for a woman to lead in a corporate.

When did you join PanAfrican Energy Tanzania?

I joined in November of 2007 and began working for PanAfrican Energy Tanzania as an Administrator for the SSIO Drilling Project. I was responsible for supporting the demobilization and mobilization of equipment and resources.

Before joining PAET, I used to work in the hospitality industry, where I worked for 6 years in various capacities. My responsibility was to ac-

quire, retain, and drive the brand's expansion in Tanzania.

What is your position in the company?

I am Downstream Office Manager. My role is to ensure that Downstream Office systems and procedures are in place, as well as to provide efficient administrative office management, which includes managing all physical resources.

After working as an Administrator for the SSIO Drilling Project, I was transferred to the Commercial Department to work as a Commercial Assistant. The primary goal of this role was to provide administrative support to the Business Development Department, as well as to coordinate and assist with marketing activities: This was a newly formed department.

I was conducting market-



surveys and assisting in the collection of information on existing and new customers. Collaboration with other departments, such as Finance, was required to ensure a smooth and efficient marketing and distribution function.

In this role, I was also tasked with assisting in the development and expansion of CNG (Compressed Natural Gas). It was my responsibility to ensure the mobilization of the equipment for the new Ubungu CNG station

and to drive the addition of industrial customers for this new product.

Thereafter in 2011, I was moved to another position, where I worked as CSR/PR Coordinator

This was also a new role at the time, and my responsibilities included leading, developing, and driving the implementation of the Corporate Social Responsibility programs, as well as conducting surveys for new initiatives. My main goal was to ensure effective implementation of the company's

HSE Policy and procedures into CSR projects to ensure the beneficiaries enjoyed a safe environment, as well as to coordinate all CSR activities within ongoing company operations.

What are your main responsibilities at PAET?

My role as an Office Manager is to ensure the smooth running of the Department and maintain good team spirit. The department oversees the operation and maintenance of the local downstream gas network.

However, my role is dependent on other departments such as Procurement/Logistics/Legal and Finance. Having worked in various departments gives me an advantage since I know how other departments function.

What approach does the company use for effective communication within the company?

Our company has an open-door policy, which encourages open communication, feedback, and the discussion of any issue that is important to an employee.

Our team is diverse, with members from various backgrounds. As a result, communication is at the heart of great teamwork. The team always comes first, and free thinking and speaking are encouraged.

What does confidentiality mean to your work?

As an Office Manager, one of my

responsibilities is to manage any internal downstream team disputes or interpersonal matters, working with the Company HR manager where such disputes could not be resolved. In doing so I was responsible for protecting the downstream team's privacy. And for providing a safe and secure working environment,

How do you face challenges in your work?

Having worked in various departments throughout the years, I have learned to see challenges as opportunities to learn more.

What achievements are you most proud of in your work?

I am pleased with my professional achievements over the last 14 years. Working with a dynamic team gives me the confidence to continue learning and growing, and I am proud to be part of a new team formed to manage downstream operations.

I am also proud of being a part of the early childhood education program in Songo Songo Island dubbed "The Kindergarten Project" which was a fully-funded, elementary school built by PAET for children aged 4 to 7. It was also gratifying to manage a fully-funded Scholarship program that allowed Songo Songo Island children to study up to a college degree level and integrate into the labor market.

I was happy to be part of the team that contributed to the establishment and development of medical health facilities and staff housing in Kilwa.

Egypt seeks \$6bn from selling state firms



Egypt's central bank complex

CAIRO

EGYPT aims to raise as much as \$6 billion before the middle of next year by selling stakes in state-owned businesses, the country's planning minister said, as it seeks to shore up an economy hit by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The programme may include share offerings to the public or block sales

to strategic investors, and will be supported by the country's sovereign wealth fund, Hala Elsaid said in an interview in New York. She didn't identify which companies might be sold.

Egypt wants to attract more foreign direct investment -- while also negotiating a new loan with the International Monetary Fund -- after taking a hit from soaring food and fuel import bills as a result of the war in Ukraine. It saw \$22 billion in outflows from the local debt market since March.

The North African nation is promising a wider overhaul that will see the state play a

smaller role in the economy, in line with IMF policy advice.

Abu Dhabi wealth fund ADQ and a unit of Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund have already pumped roughly \$3 billion into Egypt, snapping up government-held stakes in prominent companies under deals that were facilitated by the Egyptian sovereign fund.

More such agreements are expected, possibly including the landmark sale of stakes in some firms held by Egypt's army.

Additional sovereign wealth funds in the Gulf and elsewhere will be approached, and

there's a plan for a roadshow in Europe and Asia at the end of October to "showcase the investment opportunities in Egypt," said Elsaid, who's also chairwoman of Egypt's fund.

"Sovereign wealth funds are usually long-term investors, they add value in terms of expertise, finance and technology," she said. Egypt has set up a "pre-IPO" fund, which aims to restructure some state-owned assets and prepare them for stake sales.

The target is to transfer assets worth as much as \$3 billion to that fund within three to six weeks, among them a power plant co-built by Siemens AG, said Elsaid.

SBL launches initiative to reduce 'impaired' driving

By Guardian Correspondent

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) is implementing a project dubbed 'Wrong Side of the Road' (WSOTR), which is a new interactive e-learning experience to change attitudes towards drinking and driving in Tanzania.

Developed in partnership with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Wrong Side of the Road is a virtual learning experience that starkly conveys to users the effects of alcohol and driving, as well as the stigma and consequences that result from making the decision to drive while impaired.

SBL corporate relations director John Wanyancha (pictured) says Wrong Side of the Road presents a video where an impaired driver shares her impactful real-life story.

According to Wanyancha, the interactive tool allows participants to ask the real impaired driver increasingly raw questions about her decision and consequences such as "Did you feel pressure to drive?" "What was going through your head?" and "How did your family react?" through what feels like a live conversation, but are, in fact, pre-recorded responses.

At the end of the experience, participants are shown a summary of their learnings and directed to other online resources that can offer additional information and support.

"I know first-hand the harm of impaired driving and the ripple effects even one bad event can have on many, many people. It's very hard to face the fact that you drive impaired," says Aziza Manzi, a Dar es Salaam resident.

"What's incredible about this project is that you can ask questions you wouldn't normally ask anyone, but do it privately and get real, personal responses back. SBL's tool will help reach people at scale to make better, more informed decisions; decisions that will ensure that people stay home or get home safely."

"We believe that a single crash caused by impaired driving is one too many. As a leading beverage alcohol company, it is our responsibility to create prevention tools to help save lives," Wanyancha says.

"With this new anti-impaired driving experience and program, we continue to invest and innovate in our approach to further educate people and create awareness, while stigmatizing irresponsible behavior."

This initiative is a component of SBL's mother company, Diageo's global effort to change the attitudes of five million people by 2030 when they think about drinking and driving.

The consequences of impaired driving are far-reaching and all too often extend well beyond ramifications for the offender. Early estimates indicate impaired driving fatalities have increased sharply in the past year due to many factors - mental health concerns, a false sense of security due to less populated roads, speeding, and impaired driving.

SBL's mother company Diageo has a long-standing commitment to promoting responsible drinking through moderation and addressing the harmful use of alcohol.

The company has a history of supporting global initiatives aimed at reducing traffic deaths and improving road safety.

The Wrong Side of the Road can be accessed through <https://drinkdriving.drinkiq.com> and is SBL's latest responsible drinking initiative and part of an evolving approach that promotes changes in attitudes as a way of tackling impaired driving and supports the company's 10-year sustainability action plan, Society 2030: Spirit of Progress.



Airbus backs delivery target despite supply constraints

LEIDEN

AIRBUS has backed itself to meet its target of delivering about 700 aircraft by the end of the year but warned it would be "anything but a walk in the park" as the aviation industry continues to battle supply chain constraints.

The world's largest plane maker said on Friday that it was grappling with "multiple crises" but that issues around the supply chain were its greatest challenge.

Like other global manufacturers, Airbus has struggled with shortages of raw materials, electronic components and the availability of labour, just as demand has rebounded in the

wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Soaring inflation, uncertainty over the war in Ukraine and energy costs have deepened the pressures.

Dominik Asam, Airbus chief financial officer, said the company had delivered 382 aircraft through to the end of August, leaving about 320 planes still to be delivered to meet the target.

The company, Asam told a capital markets briefing on Friday, was "fully engaged" to deliver on its commitments, "yet against the backdrop of disruptions in global supply chains, delivering around 700 aircraft in 2022 is anything but a walk in the park".

Airbus in July cut its original year-

end delivery target from 720 to "around 700" aircraft. It also adjusted the planned output of its best-selling A320 family of jets for this year and next. The company said it was targeting a monthly production rate of 65 in early 2024 - some six months later than originally forecast.

Airbus at the time, however, said it was sticking with its plan to get to a monthly rate of 75 jets by 2025.

Guillaume Faury, Airbus chief executive, on Friday reiterated the rate of 75 jets a month. The company expects to be producing about 50 a month by the end of this year.

"Based on the visibility we have now from the supply chain we think it's manageable, but I will not tell

you that it's easy," Faury said of the 700-plane target. "There's a hell of a lot of work to be done," he added, noting that Airbus expects the crisis to persist into next year.

The bottleneck in the supply of engines, however, which has been a cause of friction between Airbus and engine makers including CFM International, a joint venture between Safran and GE, is easing. The number of "gliders" - aircraft that have been built but are sitting in storage without engines - had reduced to single figures, said Faury, from 26 in July.

The company has reached agreement on engine volumes with both CFM International and Pratt & Whitney for 2023 and 2024 and had started talks

WORLD

'Blood on your hands if world steps back on tackling COVID'

LONDON / MOSCOW

IF rich nations think the pandemic is over, they should help lower-income countries reach that point too, a senior World Health Organization official told Reuters.

In an interview, WHO senior adviser Bruce Aylward warned that richer nations must not step back from tackling COVID-19 as a global problem now, ahead of future potential waves of infection.

In the last few weeks, WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyes-

sus said the end of the pandemic was in sight, and US President Joe Biden said the pandemic was over.

"When I hear them say, 'Well, we're so comfortable here,' it's like, 'Great, now you can really help us get the rest of the world done'," said Aylward.

Aylward said that the group he coordinates, which focuses on equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and tests worldwide, is not yet ready to move out of the emergency phase of tackling the pandemic and that countries need to be ready and have treatments in place for any fur-



WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

ther waves of infection.

"If you go to sleep right now and this wave hits us in three months... God - blood on your hands," he said.

He also stressed that Biden had a point domestically as the United States has good access to all COVID-19 tools. It has also not cut its global commitment to fighting COVID-19, he added.

Aylward co-ordinates the ACT-Accelerator, a partnership between

WHO and other global health bodies to help poorer countries access COVID-19 tools.

The effort, which includes the vaccine-focused COVAX, has reached billions of people worldwide but has faced criticism for not acting quickly enough.

There had been some speculation that the effort may wind up this autumn, but Aylward said it was simply changing its focus as the pandemic changes. **Agencies**

UK announces large tax cuts to boost growth

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng on Friday unveiled his ambitious plan to cut taxes and boost economic growth, while analysts expressed concerns that public borrowing would surge and the fiscal policy may not drive growth as much as expected.

The new measures include canceling the planned increase in corporation tax from 19 percent to 25 percent and reversing this April's decision to increase National Insurance contributions by 1.25 percentage points, a change which the United Kingdom (UK) government said was meant to save 920,000 businesses almost 10,000 British pounds (10,900 U.S. dollars) on average next year. Kwarteng also announced a 1 percent cut to the basic rate of income tax to 19 percent.

The reduction, planned for April 2024, will be brought forward to April 2023. The move means that 31 million people will be better off by an average of 170 pounds per year, the government said.

Also from April 2023, the 45 percent rate of income tax on earnings above 150,000 pounds will be scrapped. It will be replaced by a single higher rate of income tax of 40 percent - a policy designed to attract top talents.

A package of major cuts to Stamp Duty Land Tax, which people pay when buying a property or land over a certain price, was also unveiled.

The threshold for the tax will be increased, meaning that 200,000 more people every year will be able to buy a home without paying any stamp duty at all. Kwarteng set a target of 2.5 percent economic growth alongside these plans.

The tax cuts and reforms, the biggest package in generations, "send a clear signal that growth is our priority," he said. The 45-billion-pound package is the biggest tax cut since 1972, according to Paul Johnson, director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

UK businesses will welcome many of the measures, as they "should boost economic growth, relieve cost pressures and encourage investment," Shevaun Havilland, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce, commented.

The large tax cuts are expected to drive up borrowing. The new policies will raise interest rates and see an additional 41 billion pounds of borrowing over five years, according to the London-based Resolution Foundation think tank.

"Without significant cuts to public spending, debt will be on course to rise in each and every year. This is not what sustainable public finances look like," Torsten Bell, the foundation's chief executive, said.

"Growth in state spending has been more than five times growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) since 2015," according to Mark Littlewood, director general at the Institute of Economic Affairs think tank.

Xinhua

Putin highlights role of Christianity as constructive force in Alania

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has sent a message of greetings to participants, hosts and guests of an international forum on Christianity in the Caucasus marking the 1,100th anniversary of the Christianization of Alania, according to a telegram published on the Kremlin website on Saturday.

"Christianity was a powerful constructive and consolidating force for the peoples of ancient Alania that had a huge impact on the development of national script and habits and made a major contribution to the formation of high spiritual and moral ideals and values, which are carefully passed from generation to generation," Putin said in his telegram.

According to Putin, people of some 200 nationalities have inhabited Russia for centuries. "Their language and religion as well as economic structure have been our common property and have contributed to the cultural and ethnical diversity and true wealth of this country of which we are sincerely proud," the Russian leader emphasized.

The president said with confidence that the forum to be attended by prominent politicians, researchers, religious leaders and the media would be remembered for meaningful discussions and a fruitful exchange of opinions, while decisions to be taken in it would help preserve the country's unique historical, cultural and spiritual heritage.

The decision to celebrate the 1,100th anniversary of Alania's Christianization was made by Putin back in October 2017. During the key festivities on September 24-25, cultural and sporting events, festivals, exhibitions and master classes will be held for residents and guests of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania.



People's Daily

NEW YORK

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres here on Friday on the sidelines of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

Secretary-General Guterres has called for strengthening international cooperation as the world today is full of changes and chaos, which the Chinese side deeply appreciates, said Wang.

China has always been advocating that major countries, especially permanent members of the UN Security Council, should take the lead in complying with the international law, in maintaining the authority of the UN, in practicing true multilateralism and in helping developing countries, he said, adding it is regrettable that certain major country, for its self-interest, practices unilateralism in the name of multilateralism, and creates small circles or cliques everywhere under the pretext of maintaining so-called rules.

China will stand firmly with the UN, unsparingly support the UN's central role in international affairs, and support the UN in playing a bigger role in addressing challenges confronting peace and security, Wang said.

Guterres expressed appre-

Wang Yi meets with UN chief



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi (left) meets with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on the sidelines of the ongoing 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the United States, on Friday. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

ciation for the key role China has been playing for a long time in upholding multilateralism, promoting international cooperation and sustainable development, saying the partnership with China is an important pillar for the UN and multilateralism.

He said that the two sides have been carrying out close and effective cooperation, and that the UN supports the

Global Development Initiative (GDI).

He congratulated China for successfully organizing the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Friends of the GDI recently, which he believed would help accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Guterres briefed Wang about the recent efforts to

promote Ukrainian grain shipments and Russia's fertilizer exports, and expressed deep concern about the difficulties facing developing countries due to spillover from the Ukrainian crisis.

Guterres said that the UN takes development as a priority and hopes to strengthen cooperation with China on issues bearing the interest of developing countries, such

Canada girds for long haul after historic storm Fiona

STEPHENVILLE

AFTER powerful storm Fiona left a trail of destruction in Canada's east coast on Saturday, the focus shifted to massive clean-up efforts, damage assessment and restoration of power and telecom services as officials warned of a long road to recovery.

The historic storm slammed into eastern Canada with hurricane-force winds, forcing evacuations, uprooting trees and powerlines, and reducing many homes to "just a pile of rubble."

The Canadian Hurricane Centre estimated that Fiona was the lowest pressured land falling storm on record in Canada.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canadian armed forces will be deployed to help with the clean-up, adding that Fiona caused significant damage and recovery will require a big effort.

Despite the intensity of the storm, there were no serious injuries or deaths, which government officials said was a result of residents paying heed to the repeated warnings.

Still, thousands of residents across Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island (PEI) and Newfoundland were without power and dealing with patchy telecom connections, and government officials pleaded with residents for patience.

They warned that in some cases it

would take weeks before essential services are fully restored.

"We do know that the damage is very extensive, quite likely the worst we have ever seen," Dennis King, PEI premier, told reporters on Saturday.

"Islanders ... should know that our road to recovery will be weeks or longer. It will be an all-hands-on-deck approach," he added.

Several university students lined up for food outside convenience stores powered by generators due to the power outage caused by Fiona. The Canadian Red Cross has launched a fund raising drive to support the affected people.

Government officials said the full-

scale of the destruction will only be known in the coming days and weeks. But with the storm packing gusts of up to 170 km/hour sweeping away homes, bridges and roads, Fiona was reminiscent of the damage caused by other storms, including Hurricane Dorian in 2019, which is estimated to have had an insurance bill of C\$105 million (US\$77.28 million).

Premiers of the affected provinces told the federal government they need long-term support around public and critical infrastructure after the storm tore off roofs of schools and community centers, as well as quick relief to businesses and families to get on with normal life quickly. **Agencies**

Chinese scientists discover new mineral from samples retrieved from Moon

CHINESE scientists have discovered a new lunar mineral through research on the samples retrieved from the Moon by China's Chang'e-5 mission, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) and the China Atomic Energy Authority (CAEA) jointly announced.

This is the sixth new mineral discovered on the Moon by mankind. It also makes China the third country in the world to have discovered a new mineral on the Moon.

The new mineral, which has been named Changosite-(Y), was discovered from an analysis of lunar basalt particles by a research team from the Beijing Research Institute of Uranium Geology (BRIUG), a subsidiary of the China National Nuclear Corporation.

It has been officially approved as

a new mineral by the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification of the International Mineralogical Association.

Dong Baotong, deputy director of the CAEA, said the new finding provides more basic data for the study of the Moon's formation and evolution, and deepens mankind's understanding of the Moon and the Solar System.

It marked a major scientific achievement made by China in space science, as well as a successful cross-discipline and cross-industry cooperation, Dong said.

However, the discovery of the Changosite-(Y) was by no means an easy process.

On Dec. 17, 2020, the Chang'e-5 mission retrieved samples from the Moon weighing about 1,731 grams, and about half a year later, the BRIUG obtained the first 50 milligrams of lunar samples to conduct mineralogical research.

"The samples were as heavy as three grains of rice and only 20 milligrams of the samples were allowed to be consumed during the study based on agreement," said Huang Zhixin, a BRIUG researcher.

However, a milligram of the samples consisted of over 10,000 particles when observed under microscopes. "Every particle was precious. We were like 'pinching pennies' during the study," Huang told People's Daily.

"When we picked the samples, no foreign substance was allowed to be introduced, so we had to make the particles stick to our needles with the static electricity generated through the friction between the needles and the particles," said Li Ting, a researcher with the BRIUG.

It was in such a rigorous environment that the research team discovered a particle with a diameter of less than 10 microns, which could possibly be a new mineral.

"Upon analysis, we found that the particle had whole new chemical components that are identical to no known mineral on Earth," noted Li Ziyang, chief engineer of major projects of the BRIUG.

Whether a mineral can be approved as a new mineral depends not only on its chemical components but also on its crystal texture.

"This particle stuck to pyroxene. We were not able to get it completely off and failed to obtain ideal structural information," Li Ting told People's Daily.

The team then applied for the second batch of lunar samples. From more than 140,000 tiny particles, the researchers found some traces of the Changosite-(Y), but there was only one that could possibly be a pure single-crystal particle, and this one fractured into three pieces.

According to Li Ziyang, the team finally picked out a pure single-

crystal particle with a focused ion beam scanning electron microscope and decoded its crystal texture.

After a series of mineral studies, the research team verified that it is a new mineral at the end of 2021.

Studies on lunar samples are going on. So far, the CNSA has distributed 152 lunar samples totaling 53,625.7 milligrams in four batches to 98 applicants from 33 scientific institutions. The fifth batch will be distributed soon.

"As we further our efforts to study the samples, we are expecting newer and greater achievements," said Liu Jizhong, director of the Lunar Exploration and Space Program Center of the CNSA.

Highlights of Lavrov's speech: World order without twisting arms and UN protection

THE current crisis in the world signals that the US hegemony has come to an end and there is a chance to switch to a fair and democratic multipolar world order, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Saturday at the general debate during the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

According to Lavrov (pictured), the situation has been sparked by the West's long-term policy, but this can be changed with the UN's assistance.

TASS has put together the highlights of Lavrov's speech at the general debate during the UN General Assembly.



the EU is not reacting."

UN needs protection

Lavrov called on the world states to join the Group of Friends in Defense of the UN Charter in order to "unambiguously and without any reservations" confirm their commitment to the document.

"The UN wasn't created to take mankind to paradise, but rather to save humanity from hell. These are very topical words. They call upon us, to understand our individual and collective responsibility for creating conditions for a peaceful and harmonious development for our future generations, and everyone needs to show political will for that," Russia's top diplomat said.

Potential UN Security Council's expansion

Russia singles out India and Brazil as worthy candidates for permanent members of the United Nations Security Council with Africa's mandatory representation, Lavrov said.

"We cannot but be concerned about efforts by some countries to undermine the powers of the [UN] Security Council. No doubt, the Council and the UN as a whole should be adjusted to the realities of today. We can see prospects for the democratization of UN activities exclusively through a wider representation of African, Asian and Latin American countries. We single out India and Brazil as key international players and worthy candidates for permanent members of the Council, with mandatory parallel moves to raise Africa's profile," Lavrov insisted.

Meanwhile, the decay in the UN system was sparked by the Western states' crusade against those who are undesirable for them, Lavrov noted. "One of the consequences of the crusade against those undesirable declared by the West is the deepening decay in multilateral institutions, which the US and its allies are turning into the tools of fulfilling their vested interests. This line is imposed on the UN, its Human Rights Council, UNESCO and other multilateral bodies," he said.

Special operation triggered by West

Russia's special military operation in Ukraine was launched because the West had been unable to come to terms. Moscow was open for settlement in Ukraine and "at the request of the US and the EU" honored the agreement between the authorities and the opposition in Kiev in 2014.

However, these accords were trampled by the leaders of the bloody coup d'etat who humiliated European mediators while the West monitored in silence as the junta started bombing eastern Ukraine.

Russia is not going to put up with Kiev's course towards "banning the Russian language, education, Russian mass media and culture, as well as the demands to expel Russians from Crimea and declare war on Donbass." Moscow contributed to signing the Minsk agreements approved by the UN Security Council, but this package of measures "was buried by Kiev with the direct role of the US and the EU."

While anticipating the crisis, Moscow for many years has called for agreeing on the rules of co-existence in Europe, but its proposals including the latest one in December 2021 "were rejected in an arrogant manner."

NATO created security threats for Russia in Ukraine and Moscow started actions "in order to fulfill treaties on friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance" with the Donbass republics in compliance with Article 51 of the UN Charter, Lavrov said.

Agencies

Climate crisis hits 'tipping point' as reports reveal irreversible damage

SYDNEY

SCIENTISTS are warning that "irreversible climate tipping points" are now more numerous and closer to being triggered than scientists had previously thought, as shown by frequent disastrous droughts and floods, hurricanes and typhoons.

As the United Nations pushes for a reduction in carbon emissions in a bid to bring global warming down, many researchers now say climate change has already reached the point of no-return.

The study warns that "irreversible climate tipping points" are now more numerous and closer to being triggered than scientists had previously thought.

Tipping points are when the key components of the earth's climate such as the Amazon rainforest or the Greenland icesheet start to irreversibly break down.

Once a tipping point has been reached, that tipping element will experience runaway effects that essentially doom it forever, even if global temperatures become cooler, scientists say.

In a research report published on Sept 9 in the journal *Science*, a team of scientists, using data compiled since 2008, found there are now 16 major tipping points, almost all of which could reach the point of no return if global warming continues beyond 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels.

The scientists concluded that there is "strong scientific evidence for urgent action to mitigate climate change".

They said even if the Paris Agreement goal of limiting warming to below 2 C and preferably 1.5 C is not safe "as 1.5 C and above risks crossing multiple tipping points".

"Crossing these climate tipping points, or CTPs, can generate positive feedbacks that increase the likelihood of crossing other CTPs. Currently the world is heading toward 2 to 3 C of global warming; at best, if all net-zero pledges and nationally determined contributions are implemented it could reach just below 2 C," the report concluded.

"This would lower tipping point risks somewhat but would still be dangerous as it could trigger multiple climate tipping points."



Displaced families who fled their flood-hit homes take refuge along a roadside in Jamshoro, southern Sindh province, Pakistan, Sept 16, 2022. AP

Study co-author Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany, said, "This sets Earth on course to cross multiple dangerous tipping points that will be disastrous for people across the world."

Co-author Tim Lenton, director of the Global Systems Institute at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom said, "Since I first assessed climate tipping points in 2008, the list has grown and our assessment of the risk they pose has increased dramatically."

The scientists have isolated five key tipping points: the Greenland and West Antarctic ice sheets; Arctic permafrost; tropical coral reefs and a key ocean current in the Labrador Sea.

They also isolated another 11 "likely" or "possible" tipping points if warming continues past 2 C.

"To maintain liveable conditions on Earth, protect people from rising extremes, and enable stable societies, we must do everything possible to prevent crossing tipping points," Rockstrom said.

Another report by a new multi-agency coordinated by the World Meteorological Organization, or WMO, said: "Climate science is clear: we are heading in the wrong direction." "Without much more ambitious action, the physical and socioeconomic impacts of climate change will be increasingly devastating," the report said.

Titled *United in Science*, it showed greenhouse gas concentrations are continuing to rise to record highs.

The ambition of emissions reduction pledges for 2030 needs to be seven times higher to match the 1.5 C goal of the Paris Agreement.

According to the WMO the past seven years were the warmest on record.

Cities that host billions of people and are responsible for up to 70 percent of human-caused emissions will face in-

creasing socio-economic impacts.

In a video message reacting to the report, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said: "Floods, droughts, heatwaves, extreme storms and wildfires are going from bad to worse, breaking records with alarming frequency."

"Heatwaves in Europe. Colossal floods in Pakistan. Prolonged and severe droughts in China, the Horn of Africa and the United States. There is nothing natural about the new scale of these disasters. They are the price of humanity's fossil fuel addiction."

"This year's *United in Science* report shows climate impacts heading into uncharted territory of destruction. Yet each year we double-down on this fossil fuel addiction, even as the symptoms get rapidly worse."

"Climate science is increasingly able to show that many of the extreme weather events that we are experiencing have become more likely and more intense due to human-induced climate change."

Emeritus Professor Neville Nicholls from the School of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment at Monash University said the reports show "our slow progress in restraining the growth of greenhouse gases means that the world will not be able to restrain global warming sufficiently to avoid at least some deleterious impacts."

'Time is up': Nations trapped in climate crisis raise alarm at UN

UNITED NATIONS

COUNTRIES on the front lines of the climate crisis are fed up.

During the annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations this week, low-lying island nation Vanuatu stepped up a fight to get the world to focus on combating global warming by calling for a fossil fuel nonproliferation treaty.

"The time is up - action is required now," Vanuatu's President Nikenike Vurobaravu told the UN General Assembly on Friday.

The treaty would aim to scale down coal, oil and gas production to limit the rise in temperatures to the globally agreed 1.5 degrees Celsius.

It would also "enable a global just transition for every worker, community and nation with fossil fuel dependence," said the leader of the carbon-negative country.

A UN climate science panel - the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - has warned that global emissions are on track to blow past the 1.5 degrees C warming limit and reach some 3.2 degrees C by the end of century.

Vanuatu has also asked the International Court of Justice to issue an opinion on the right to be protected from the adverse impacts of climate change, a move that Vurobaravu said "is not a silver bullet for increasing climate action, but only one tool to get us closer to the end goal of a safe planet for humanity."



Vanuatu's president, Nikenike Vurobaravu addresses the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York City on Friday. (AFP)

In Pakistan, devastating floods this month engulfed large swaths of the country, killing more than 1,500 people and causing damage estimated at \$30 billion. Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif asked world leaders why his people were paying the price of global warming.

"Pakistan has never seen a more stark and devastating example of the impact of global warming. Life in Pakistan has changed forever," Sharif told the General Assembly. "Nature has unleashed her fury on Pakistan, without looking ... at our carbon

'Climate change monster'

Around the world on Friday young activists rallied for climate action, staging protests from New Zealand and Japan to Germany and the streets of New York to demand rich countries

pay for global warming damage to the poor.

The protests take place six weeks before this year's UN climate summit, known as COP27, where vulnerable countries plan to push for compensation for climate-related destruction to homes, infrastructure and livelihoods.

"We renew our call to the world to declare total war on this century's greatest challenge: the climate change monster. And yet, after all these years, the world has failed to break our addiction to fossil fuels," Marshall Islands President David Kabua told the UN General Assembly on Tuesday.

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said the least responsible for climate change are suffering the most.

"The Philippines is a net carbon

sink, absorbing more carbon dioxide than we emit. And yet, we are the fourth most vulnerable country to climate change," he told the UN gathering.

UN chief Antonio Guterres on Friday warned that the world is "not even close" to making enough progress on climate change, telling a meeting of Pacific Island leaders: "Those who did nothing to create this crisis are paying the highest price."

Guterres has also urged rich countries to tax windfall profits of fossil fuel companies and to use that money to help countries harmed by the climate crisis and people who are struggling with rising food and energy prices.

Fiji Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama condemned the climate war as being fought with "apathy, denial, and a lack of courage to do what we all know what must be done."

He appealed for the world to step up.

"Fiji is ready to make the coming years count for our people and for the planet - our question to you is this: Are you with us? Don't tell us yes unless you plan to show it."

SPORT



Some wheelchair tennis players follow instructions issued by coach Patrick Selepe (not in the picture) at a training camp held at Arthur Ashe Tennis Stadium in Soweto, South Africa recently. The three-day camp was organized with funding from Johan Cruyff Foundation. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RIZIKI SALUM

Wheelchair tennis player, coach salute Johan Cruyff junior training camp

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's wheelchair tennis player Monica William and her coach Riziki Salum are expected to return to the country today after participating in this year's Johan Cruyff junior training camp in South Africa.

The three-day camp was held at Arthur Ashe Tennis Stadium in Soweto and attracted wheelchair tennis players and coaches from Ghana, South Africa, and Tanzania.

Speaking yesterday from South Africa, Salum said he has gained a lot of knowledge and skills from the camp which he said will help in developing wheelchair tennis in his country.

He said the presence of Patrick Selepe, one of the top wheelchair tennis coaches on the continent, and Africa's top-ranked wheelchair tennis player Alwande Sikhosana made the camp more exciting and interesting.

The Tanzanian tactician revealed: "The camp was just very good, I gained a lot of knowledge and skills which will help in the development of the sport in our country."

"We have top coach, Selepe, and Africa's top-ranked wheelchair tennis player Alwande Sikhosana... the two have inspired us the coaches and players," he said.

He said the camp, on top of training, offered the players an opportunity to challenge each

other thus helping them gain more experience.

Salum disclosed that Tanzania was supposed to have four players at the camp but three players could not make it due to passport and visa hitches.

However, he thanked Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) for facilitating the acquisition of the opportunity and appreciated ITF and CPS Zanzibar Limited for the financial support which enabled them to travel to South Africa for the camp.

The two left the country last Thursday for the training, TTA president Dennis Makoi said he expects the player to perform well in the camp.

Makoi thanked ITF and CPS Zanzibar Limited for their support, describing it as timely and vital to wheelchair tennis development in the country.

"Our player Monica and coach Salum left the country yesterday and will tomorrow be in action, the two will be in South Africa for three days and we hope our player will do well at the camp, it will also help coach Salum learn new tactics of the game."

"I must also thank ITF and CPS Zanzibar Limited for their support, we ask others to emulate them," he said.

Before their departure, Monica said she will work hard in the camp and also thanked the ITF and CPS Zanzibar Limited for supporting her and coach Salum's trip to South Africa.

Filbert Bayi Schools delighted by athlete's exploits in USA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

COAST Region's Filbert Bayi Schools have stated they have been delighted by impressive performances showcased by the schools' former student Regina Mpagichai in the United States of America (USA).

Regina, now going for a scholarship in the USA, won a silver medal in the 5km cross-country event in the just-ended Big Sky tournament. She now studies at Northern Colorado University on a four-year scholarship.

One of Filbert Bayi Schools' Directors, Filbert Bayi, attributed Regina's achievements in the USA to hard work and dedication.

Bayi (pictured) issued his comments when he graced a graduation ceremony for Standard Four and Standard Seven pupils of the schools held at Mkuza, Coast Region on Saturday. Filbert Bayi Schools' athletes Anna Nguere, Judith Sanga, Johannes Mdachi, Issa Ubwa Muharram, Happiness Abeid Mbaga, and Gaudencia Maneno were awarded.

The six pupils are among the school's athletes who performed well in this year's National Inter-Primary Schools Games (Umitashumta) which took place in Tabora.

The graduation ceremony's guest of honour, Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) Director of Human Resources Viola Masako, urged the graduates to emulate Regina's achievements in both athletics and academics.

"Regina was here at Filbert Bayi Schools but due to her hard work in academics and sports, she is now in the USA on a four-year paid scholarship, I'm urging you to emulate her hard work and spirit, if you work hard you can achieve a lot in your life," she said.

Regina is also Tanzania's national athletics squad runner, she has represented the country in 800m and 1500m races of various high-profile events.

Other Filbert Bayi Schools athletes who are doing well in both local and international events are Benedict Paul, Esther Martin, Pili Mipawa, Shija Donald, and Siwema Julius.



SPORTS

Why govt insist on sports' integration into education curricula

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

SPORTS have been viewed as a way for people to stay healthy and fit but their importance goes much further, given they also turn out to be a source of employment.

In schools, sports help in the overall development of students. Due to sports' importance to youths, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa insisted on the inclusion of physical education in all levels of education in the country.

He said the move will instill creativity, solidarity, strengthen unity, and improve health among the students.

"Just as we have realized, sports are an important component in education, it is important to ensure sports become part of daily school activities alongside class lessons," Majaliwa stressed.

Playing sports teaches lessons of life such as teamwork, accountability, self-confidence, responsibility, and self-discipline.

Sports help to prepare students to face the challenges of life. They enhance the physical and mental abilities of students and help them achieve their goals in life.

One can realize the importance of sports via various national and international sporting events organized all over the world, where sports persons represent their countries in the events.

For example, on September 18, Majaliwa graced the opening of this year's Federation of East African Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSSA) games at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha.

According to him after seeing the importance of sports in various aspects of life, he suggested the inclusion of the FEASSSA games in all participating countries' education curricula and a regional calendar.

This year's event attracted about 4000 students from East African countries and Malawi which was invited to participate in it, with the youths competing in 14 disciplines.

The training of the students starts right from the school level. Sports help to develop values of mutual trust and cooperation.

They help to develop students' capacity to taking instant decisions, and they enhance thought processes.

The feeling of sportsmanship, which develops in the sporting arena, teaches students to accept failure and respect each other.



Mtakuja B Secondary School basketball team's player, Ummy Anuary (R), negotiates her way past Juhudi Secondary School squad's baller during the Dar es Salaam secondary schools tournament's final that took place at Don Bosco court recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

The feeling also helps in developing a calm and positive outlook, and it increases stamina by strengthening bones and muscles.

By indulging in sports, one can get the best exercises which help to maintain his/her overall fitness.

Regular sporting activities can prevent an individual from suffering from chronic diseases and help one to have a healthy heart, strong bones, and enhanced lung function.

Sports help to control diabetes, manage weight, enhance blood circulation, and manage levels of stress.

Through sports, there is a good balance of physical and mental growth which helps tone muscles and makes bones strong.

Sports inculcate the importance of a healthy lifestyle in students, they help in preventing obesity and encouraging healthy eating habits.

Young people involved in sports typically consume more fruits and vegetables, have less chance to be obese, and are more likely to become physically active adults.

Regular sports and physical activity help to prevent communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Sports, thus, are cost-effective methods to help improve people's health in developed and developing countries.

Sports not only contribute to physical health but also enhance social and personality development.

They help in enhancing leadership skills and improving capacity for goal setting and character building.

A student who is active in sports will naturally have greater self-esteem, improved social interaction, and a more positive outlook on life.

Sports activities make children acquire ethics, values, responsibility, discipline, and a sense of confidence and mutual trust.

The sportsmanship spirit helps a person deal more gracefully with the ups and downs of life.

He/she will lead his/her life with good morals and a positive attitude and is thus less likely to be a victim of social evils.

As per some studies, students who compete in sports get better grades, have more confidence, and graduate at higher rates.

The majority of them avoid evils, such as drugs, unplanned pregnancies, obesity, suicide, and depression.

The main contribution of sports to nation-building comes via fostering feelings of unity and national pride.

Students learn to be mutually loving and peaceful citizens. Team-building and cooperation are values built up by sporting activities in school, sports help to develop character and increase confidence levels in youths.

Sports also help to build a good health status for the citizens of a country.

Good health contributes to high standards of living. Sports encourage the growth of sports-related industries, which bring employment opportunities and boost a person's economy and the nation.

Simba SC, Yanga ought to respect opponents in 2022/23 CAF Champions League

By Yusuph Yasin, TUDARCO

THE 2022/23 CAF Champions League's preliminary round will come to an end early in October as participating squads seek qualification for the group stage.

Tanzania is represented by Simba SC and Yanga in this season's premier club competition in Africa, with both making it to the second round of the qualifiers.

While Simba SC will lock horns with Angola's CD Primeiro de Agosto in the round, Yanga is expected to confront Al Hilal Omdurman of Sudan.

Simba SC made it to the round after garnering a 4-0 aggregate win over Nyasa Big Bullets of Malawi in the first preliminary round.

Yanga clobbered Zalan FC of South Sudan 9-0 in the previous stage of the showdown to set up the second round of qualifiers' duel with Al Hilal.

Sports stakeholders in Tanzania are insisting Simba SC and Yanga should never underestimate their opponents.

The two sides should prepare well for them to have good results in the second round of the qualifiers.

George David, one of the sport's stakeholders, had, after a recent international friendly match between Simba and Ghana's Asante Kotoko in Sudan, which ended with a win for the Tanzanian

side, noted one might have felt it was easy for Simba to register the victory.

David noted: "Once you see Simba SC register victory in international matches, you might think it is easy but it is not, an outfit needs more preparation for CAF tournaments."

Former Azam FC coach Abdul Migange said: "The way I see Yanga, the squad needs much preparation for the ties, and the way they are preparing is not convincing."

The tactician revealed Yanga should prepare intensively if it looks forward to notching good results.

The gaffer stated: "They should emulate their age-old rivals, Simba SC, who went to Sudan for international friendly matches which are so usefully for them."

A section of football lovers has as well shared their views on Tanzania's sides' preparations for this season's CAF Champions League.

Abdallah Wandiba, one of the enthusiasts, said: "I'm an avid Yanga supporter, I hope it will do well because it has the best squad, we have to prepare well because we will face tough opposition."

Tarick Mjase said: "I'm a Simba SC fan and I have full confidence in my team, I hope we will do better and, this time around, we aim to reach the semi-final, not end up in the quarterfinal."

Mjase revealed: "I insist on my club to prepare well and opt out of taking opponents for granted, we will do better but, once we fail to do so, a such moment like defeat to UD Songo of Mozambique will come back."

An unfancied UD Songo bundled Simba out of 2019/20 CAF Champions League's preliminary round through an away goal rule.

The clubs battled to a 0-0 draw in the first leg held in Maputo, the second leg witnessed UD Songo forcing a 1-1 draw with Simba at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and making it to the following stage.



Tanzania's Simba SC fullback, Mohamed Hussein, dribbles past one of the defenders of Nyasa Big Bullets FC of Malawi when the clubs locked horns in this season's CAF Champions League's first preliminary round return leg tie that took place in Dar es Salaam on September 18. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Arabic football terms you should know ahead of the World Cup in Qatar

DOHA

THE 2022 FIFA World Cup is not only unique because it kicks off in the Northern Hemisphere winter for the first time in the competition's 92 years of existence, but also because it will take place in an Arabic speaking country for the first time. So it's a good time to brush up on your knowledge of the language as it relates to soccer.

While exploring the rich football terminology of the Arabic language, it is worth noting that this is a language that is spoken by people from across 26 nations, spreading from Oman on the Indian Ocean to Morocco on the Atlantic, meaning there exists some significant variation in dialects that should be kept in mind when conversing with the locals. With that in mind, let's look at some of the most weird and wonderful Arabic football terms.

*Koorā

Let's start with the basics: Koorā is the most common name for the football itself in Arabic. The word is driven from the standard Arabic "kura" meaning ball, but often refers to the game of football. And while the word is universally understood for Arabic speakers, other terms for a football exist. In Lebanon, you are more likely to hear "Tabeh, from the Turkish "Top" ("ball"), while should you find yourself speaking to a Kuwaiti, "Timbakhiyah" is the word for a football unique to the small gulf nation.

*Kobri

Another remnant of Ottoman legacy, adopted from the Turkish "Köprü", the word Kobri is colloquial Arabic for bridge, and the word is commonly used across the Arab World to refer to football's most prized dribbling skill; the "nutmeg." The term is a nod to the conceding player's legs resembling a bridge, under which the ball passes. Another common term for the skill is Beidha ("egg"), with the player at the humiliating end of it being seen to have laid an egg.

*Jahfala

A fairly recent introduction into the lexicon of football in the region, the term Jahfala was born in Saudi Arabia in 2015 when Riyadh rivals Al-Hilal and Al-Nassr locked horns in the King's Cup final. After tense but goalless 90 minutes, Al-Nassr took the lead and looked destined for victory when Al-Hilal defender Mohammed Jahfali rose to head home an equaliser in the 120th minute of the game, forcing a penalty shootout which Al-Hilal won, and a new term for a dramatic late twist was born. Jahfala has since extended to other walks of life, growing to mean any last-moment turn of events.

*Balanti (also Balan)

Arabic language has some unique letters not found in other alphabets, but one sound it lacks is the letter "P." An Arab would typically ask for "Bibsi" when ordering the soft drink Pepsi. Similarly, the term "Penalty kick" has over the years transformed into "Benalty", then Balanti and now at times abbreviated to Balan. An Arab fan could be spotted screaming "Balan ya Hakam!" ("Penalty, referee!") at the sight of a player going down inside the box in Qatar.

*Inbirash

The origins of this word are unclear, but the term has existed for decades, denoting a sliding tackle, often a reckless double-footed one that leaves an opponent rolling on the floor. Inbirash is another term that found its way into daily life, referring to the act of jumping into an ongoing conversation without first fully understanding the topic of discussion.

*Bacord

An Arabization of the English word "backward," a Bacord also called Dabal (adopted from "double") is the Arabic term often used to describe an acrobatic bicycle kick. As explained by its origin, the term does not cover a sideways scissors kick; that one is quite simply called Magas, which is Arabic for a scissor.

*Khod wo Hat

Literally translating to "Take and give me back," Khod wo Hat is an Arabic term referring to the passing combination commonly known as a "one-two" or "give-and-go," where a player passes, moves into space and receives the ball back from his teammate immediately. In recent years, this term has given way to the simpler "one-two," but you could still hear it in commentary at times.

*Marwaha/Baddal

Two terms that are equally popular to describe the same skill. Marwaha is Arabic for a revolving fan, while Baddal is an adaptation of the English word "pedal." Imagining the movement of the two items, you may have guessed by now the skill in question is the stepover, popularized around the turn of the century by the likes of Denilson and Brazil great Ronaldo then becoming a trademark of the latter's Portuguese namesake in the years that followed.

*Mazhariya

Another everyday item finding its way into the language of football in this part of the world, Mazhariya is Arabic for vase. It is one of those items you don't often move around, and this was the inspiration behind Arab football fans calling a goalkeeper who is left rooted to the spot, watching the ball nestle into the back of his net, a Mazhariya.

*Ala-Al-Tayer

A distant relative of Bacord, Ala-Al-Tayer literally translates to "on the fly." It is used to refer to a range of first-time strikes, be it a volley or a half-volley, that fall short of being a full bicycle kick. The term is also used in daily life to refer to a quick-witted person; for example, a person is said to understand things Ala-Al-Tayer.

*Tashmeesa

From the word Shamsiya, meaning umbrella, this term is most commonly used in Egypt and refers to the skill of flicking the ball over an opponent's head. A skill referred to in Latin America as the "Sombrero" or "Chapeu." In other parts of the Arab World, this skill is called Tasgeeta; a lob, and in other places it is called Maqaas (not to be confused with Magas); taking a measurement of your opponent's height.

*Targeesa/Tar'eesa

A cousin of Tashmeesa, the word Targeesa (pronounced Tar'eesa in places like Lebanon and Egypt), comes from the Arabic Raqs; to dance. The act of Targeesa is when an attacking player makes an opponent dance, helplessly attempting to dispossess them.

*Wayn Yeskon Al Shaytan

Literally translates to "where Satan lives," similar to the Brazilian "where the owl sleeps," this phrase is often used when a strike is hit perfectly into the top corner of the goal.

*Sammam Al Aman

We have all heard of "leaky defences," how do you solve that problem? A safety valve, which is the literal translation to this Arabic term for a commanding centre-back. While watching Virgil van Dijk or Kalidou Koulibaly in Qatar 2022, you could also refer to them as "Wazir Al Difaa," Arabic for Minister of Defence.

*Yaseed Hamaam

Hunting pigeons? A popular sport (albeit a controversial one) in some parts of the world but not often enjoyed on a football pitch, unless you're having a Darwin Nunez level of misfortune in front of goal with Arab fans watching; your skied shots will then have you described as "Yaseed Hamaam," or hunting pigeons.

This wraps up the list of must-learn Arabic football terms ahead of Qatar 2022. If you are headed to the FIFA World Cup this November, enjoy your Koorā, impress the locals by showing you know your Bacord from your Maqas and always stay alert to avoid a late Jahfala.

ESPN

Roger Federer retires after teaming with Nadal in last match

LONDON

THIS day, this match, had to come, of course, for Roger Federer, and for tennis, just as it inevitably must for every athlete in every sport.

Federer bid adieu Friday night with one last contest before he heads into retirement at age 41 after a superlative career that spanned nearly a quarter-century and included 20 Grand Slam titles and a statesman's role. He wrapped up his days as a professional player with a loss in doubles alongside his longtime rival Rafael Nadal for Team Europe in the Laver Cup against Frances Tiafoe and Jack Sock of Team World.

The truth is that the victors, the statistics and the score (OK, for the record it was 4-6, 7-6 (2), 11-9) did not matter, and were all so entirely beside the point. The occasion was, after all, about the farewell itself. Or, better, the farewells, plural: Federer's to tennis, to the fans, to his competitors and colleagues. And, naturally, each of those entities' farewells to Federer.

"It's been a perfect journey," Federer said. "I would do it all over again."

When the match and, with it, his time in professional tennis ended, Federer hugged Nadal, then Tiafoe and Sock. And then Federer began crying. There were plenty of tears to go around; Nadal wiped his own away, too.

"When Roger leaves the tour, an important part of my life is leaving, too," said Nadal, 36, who used the words "sad" and "unforgettable" to describe the occasion.

As cascades of clapping and yells of affection came from the stands, Federer put his hands on his hips, his chest heaving. Then he mouthed, "Thank you," while applauding right back toward the spectators who had chanted, "Let's go, Roger! Let's go!" during the concluding moments of a match that lasted more than two hours and ended at about 12:30 a.m.

His wife, Mirka, their four children – twin girls and twin boys – and Federer's parents joined him on the court afterward for embraces and, yes, more bawling. Members of both teams joined together to hoist Federer up in the air.

"It's been a wonderful day. I told the guys I'm happy; I'm not sad," Federer said. "I enjoyed tying my shoes one more time. Everything was the last time."

The Swiss star announced last week that the three-day team event, which was founded by his management company, would be his final event before retirement, then made clear the doubles outing would be the last match. His surgically repaired right knee – the last of three operations came shortly after a loss in the Wimbledon quarterfinals in July 2021, which will go down as his official exit in singles – is in no shape to allow him to continue.

"For me, just personally, (it was) sad in the first moment, when I came to the conclusion it's the best decision," Federer said in an interview with The Associated Press this week about his emotions when realizing it was time to go. "I kind of held it in at first, then fought it off. But I could feel the pain."

He had said he wanted this to feel more like a party than a funeral, and the crowd obliged, rising for a loud and lengthy standing ovation when Federer and Nadal – each wearing a white bandanna, blue shirt and white shorts – emerged together from a tunnel leading out to the black court for the last match on Day 1 at the O2 Arena. They remained on their feet for nearly 10 minutes, through the pre-match warmup, holding aloft phone cameras to capture the moment.

They came ready to roar for him, some with Swiss flags, some with homemade signs ("Idol Forever" read one), and they made themselves heard with a wall of sound when Federer delivered a forehand volley winner on the match's second point. Similar reactions arrived merely at the chair umpire's announcement before the third game of "Roger Federer to serve," and again when he closed that game with a 117 mph service winner.

"Obviously had 99.9% of the crowd against us. But it was super fun to just be a part of that match. I think we are



Team Europe's Roger Federer, front, and Rafael Nadal in action during their Laver Cup doubles match against Team World's Jack Sock and Frances Tiafoe at the O2 arena in London, Friday, Sept. 23, 2022. (AP Photo)

going to be forever grateful to be a part of the GOAT's final match," Sock said, using the acronym for "Greatest of All-Time."

Doubles requires far less movement and court coverage, of course, so the stress on Federer's knee was limited Friday.

"Honestly," he said, acknowledging that leading into the match there were the sorts of nerves he'd get before a Grand Slam final, "I was so surprised how well I was able to play tonight."

He showed touches of his old flair, to be sure, and of rust, as to be expected.

There were a couple of early forehands that sailed several feet too long. There also was a forehand that slid right between Sock and Tiafoe and seemed too good to be true – and, it turned out, was: The ball traveled through a gap below the net tape and so the point was taken away from Federer and Nadal.

Although this match amounted to, essentially, a glorified exhibition, all four doubles participants played as if they wanted to win. That was clear when Sock, a three-time major champion in doubles who is 29, leaped and screamed after one particularly terrific volley or when Tiafoe, 24, sent a couple of shots right at Federer and Nadal.

There were moments of levity. Federer and Nadal were able to laugh after a bit of confusion over which should go for a ball on a point they lost. After Nadal somehow flicked one back-to-the-net shot around the post, only for it to land barely wide, Tiafoe, a semifinalist at the U.S. Open, crossed over to extend a hand with congratulations for the effort.

In the first set, the older duo couldn't quite hear each other between points, so Federer trotted from the net back to the baseline to consult with Nadal, then pointed to his ear to signal what the issue was.

Before Federer began winning Grand Slam titles in 2003, the men's mark for most major tennis championships was 14 by Pete Sampras.

Federer blew past that, accumulating eight at Wimbledon, six at the Australian Open, five at the U.S. Open and one at the French Open, setting a new standard that Nadal, now with 22, and Novak Djokovic, with 21, equaled, then surpassed, as part of a golden era for the sport.

Surely, there are those who would have found it particularly apt to see Federer finish across the net from Nadal, often an on-court nemesis but eventually an off-court friend. Maybe it could have taken place about 15 miles away at Centre Court of the All England Club, say, or in Court Philippe Chatrier at Roland Garros, or Rod Laver Arena at Melbourne Park, or even Arthur Ashe Stadium, the centerpiece of the U.S. Open, the lone Grand Slam tournament at which they never faced off, somehow.

Perhaps they could have provided everyone with one final installment of a head-to-head matchup as memorable as any in the long history of their sport – or, indeed, any other.

Roger vs. Rafa – just one name apiece required – belongs up there with McEnroe vs. Borg (as it happens, the two Laver Cup team captains, John and Bjorn), Evert vs. Navratilova, Sampras vs. Agassi, Ali vs. Frazier, Magic vs. Bird, Brady vs. Manning, and so on.

Over the years, Federer and Nadal showed off individual greatness and compelling contrasts across their 40 matches, 14 at Grand Slam tournaments, nine in major finals: righty vs. lefty, attacker vs. grinder, seeming effortless vs. relentless intensity.

And yet, there was an unmistakable element of poetry with these two men who challenged each other and elevated each other performing as partners, slapping palms and sharing smiles.

This goodbye follows that of Serena Williams, the owner of 23 major singles championships, at the U.S. Open three weeks ago after a third-round loss. It leaves questions about the future of a game he and

she dominated, and transcended, for decades.

One key difference: Each time Williams took the court in New York, the looming question was how long her stay would endure – a "win or this is it" prospect.

Friday WAS it for Federer, no matter the result.

"All the players will miss him," said Casper Ruud, who beat Sock in singles 6-4, 5-7, 10-7.

The day's other results, which left Team Europe and Team World tied at 2-2: Stefanos Tsitsipas defeated Diego Schwartzman 6-2, 6-1 in a match interrupted briefly by an environmental protester lit a portion of the court and his own arm on fire, and Alex de Minaur got past Andy Murray 5-7, 6-3, 10-7.

Due to begin playing shortly after the end of Murray's loss, Federer and Nadal first provided him with some coaching tips, then watched part of that one on TV together in a room at the arena, waiting for their turn. When Federer and Nadal were in action, it was Djokovic's turn to suggest strategy.

The last hurrah came after a total of 103 career singles trophies and 1,251 wins in singles matches for Federer, both second only to Jimmy Connors in the Open era, which began in 1968.

At the height of his powers, Federer appeared in a record 10 consecutive Grand Slam finals, winning eight, from 2005-07. Extend that to 2010, and he reached 18 of 19 major finals.

More than those numbers, folks will remember the powerful forehand, the one-handed backhand, the flawless footwork, the spectacularly effective serve and eagerness to get to the net, the willingness to reinvent aspects of his game and – the part of which he's proudest – the unusual longevity. Beyond the elegance and effectiveness while wielding a racket, Federer's persona made him an ambassador for tennis, someone whose immense popularity helped attract fans.

"This is not the end-end, you know. Life goes on. I'm healthy, I'm happy, everything's great," Federer said, "and this is just a moment in time."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

Is benching Ronaldo the better move for Portugal?

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Tanzania's senior national football squad 'Taifa Stars' head coach Honour Janza.

Honour Janza lauds Taifa Stars players after defeating Uganda

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's senior national squad 'Taifa Stars' head coach Honour Janza admitted that Uganda gave his team many problems, especially in the second half of the two sides' international friendly, which made the 1-0 win all the sweeter for him and his squad.

In the international friendly that was played in Benghazi city of Libya on Saturday night, Simon Msuva scored the all-important goal for Taifa Stars in the first half to give Janza his first victory since taking over from Kim Poulsen last month.

In a post-match press conference, Janza said he was pleased with his boys' attitude in both halves of the game against an opponent he termed as tough.

The Zambian tactician revealed: "Tactically we were very good, I think we were above Uganda. We were tactically very organized, that's why they were not able to break us and we were able to push them into their half."

Janza stated: "They had to retreat, so we played more on their half as a result we were able to get a goal."

The gaffer noted: "However, this was not just easy, we have to appreciate the players individually and also as a team because everybody was putting in efforts, good runs, good marking, press and trying to close the spaces."

The tactician pointed out: "We were a bit quicker to release the ball, circulate the ball which is part of our philosophy, part of what we wanted to see. At least most of the things that we wanted to see today I think we were able to see."

He continued: "Uganda is good, they are tough, they are physically fit, physically present, tactically they can also be able to dismantle you."

The gaffer added: "I think they were tactically good and physically good, it is a good team, a strong team. You have to prepare to face them because it is not an easy team."

"They have got the individual character, good technical ability and they can force anything. They can force the wings to change the situation."

"You could see in the second half it wasn't easy, it was a different game and we had to stay on our feet to be able to defeat them."

The international friendly played at the Benina International Martyrs Stadium in Benghazi was a precursor to the expected confrontation in the 2023 AFCON qualifier in March next year.

Tanzania and Uganda who are among teams in Group F of the 2023 AFCON Qualifiers will meet in back-to-back third and fourth group stage games.

Algeria leads the group with six points, then Niger is second with two points while Tanzania and Uganda have one point apiece after two rounds of games in the race to qualify for the 2023 AFCON finals.

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Students urged to value sports

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

STUDENTS have been urged to engage themselves in various sports activities in schools to improve cognitive and memory functions of the brain that will help them perform well in their academic tests and achieve their dreams.

Benjamin Mkpaka Secondary School's student Renatha Leornard, a winner in the fashion category of a bonanza termed 'Uwezo Award', said that students need to engage in sports as they make them active in thinking, a situation which will help them solve challenges around them in competitions and community.

She said so during the bonanza organized by Great Hope Foundation to give students a platform for showcasing their talents in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Renatha further noted that playing a sport is a great way for children to take a break from academics and release their pent-up energy, leading fuller and happier lives.

The youngster stated that regular sports and fitness activities have proven to provide not only physical benefits but also social and psychological benefits to youths.

"An important thing to remember is that a student's self-esteem should not be distinguished by either victory or loss in a sport, rather, parents should take it as an opportunity to issue constructive criticism to their children so that they accept their loss and work on their weaknesses without feeling isolated," she noted.

Seconding the point, Hadija Masoud, Coast Region's Mtama Secondary School student, winner in the painting and drawing category said that parents should motivate their children's talents and advise the latter to engage in sports at school regardless of their competence because no one knows until they try them.

"Taking myself as an example, I didn't know much about painting but I engaged in painting and drawing at a club, I worked hard and here I'm as the winner of the competition and that is because I enjoyed it along the way," she noted.

Every sport requires some mental, physical and tactical discipline and discipline will enable students to reach their full potential and realize their goals, a trait prevalent in all successful people.

Great Hope Foundation's Country Director Nolle Mahuvi said that the 'Uwezo Award' bonanza was established as a platform for encouraging students to nurture and develop their talents on top of their academic achievements.

The event brought together over 100 secondary school students from Dar es Salaam and Coast Region, showcasing their talents and passion.

"This is only the beginning, as soon we plan to expand our base given more schools will be involved in the competition," she noted.

Do or die for Tanzania's U-23 squad in re-match with South Sudan



Tanzania's national U-23 soccer side's winger, Tepsi E Vance (L), dribbles past South Sudan's defender when the squads faced off in the first leg of the qualifiers for the 2023 U-23 Africa Cup of Nations which took place at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's national U-23 soccer team is set to take on South Sudan at the Huye Stadium, Butare in Rwanda in the second leg of their U-23 African Cup of Nations Qualifiers' first round today afternoon.

The national U-23 team jetted out to Rwanda on Friday, with head coach Hemed Suleiman, nicknamed Morocco, noting that the frustrating goalless draw with their opponents at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam in the first leg was behind them.

Suleiman stressed that the team was fully focused on picking a positive result in Rwanda.

The tactician, who started with the front two of Belgium-based Kel-

vin John, and Azam FC's Abdul Suleiman 'Sopu' now wants his charges to be ruthless in the reverse fixture.

Tanzania will need to at least either avoid a barren draw or get any victory to qualify for the second round.

"Each player will play his part to propel Tanzania into the next stage of the competition. We know that the second leg will not be easy but in football, anything is possible," Suleiman said after the first game.

The team continued with their preparations at the Huye Stadium on Saturday evening and were scheduled to train again on Sunday afternoon for the final preparations ahead of the match.

The second leg is played in Rwanda because South Sudan does not have an approved stadium to host international games and thus chose to take their home game to Kigali.

The match is set to kick off at 5 pm EAT, with the winner set to face off with Nigeria in the second round, with the first leg set to be played between October 21-23 before the second leg to be held between October 28-30.

The third round of qualifiers is also in line and will determine which team graces the 2023 Africa U-23 Cup of Nations in Morocco.

The top three teams from the junior continental showpiece will gain automatic qualification to the 2024 Olympics which will take place in Paris, France.

Tanzania has never qualified for the U-23 AFCON which was first held in 2015.

In the last edition which was also dubbed Tokyo Olympics' qualifiers, Tanzania was bundled out of the competition by Burundi in the first round.

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