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Some students walking long distances to school will find it difficult to arrive on time owing to the floods

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

POLICE in Arusha Region have recovered the bodies of five people who died in floodwaters on Monday night.

Salvas Makweli, the acting regional police commander, told journalists shortly after bodies from different places of the city were brought together and counted while others were as yet unidentified. Efforts had been for people to identify them by names, age and residence.

The police and rescuers had so far recovered five bodies, a woman and four men, with three identified namely Living Shirima (30), Ally Abdi and Wilson Rajabu, all city residents.

The recovered bodies are preserved at Mount Meru, the regional referral hospital, with residents whose family members are still missing having to visit the hospital to check whether any of them could be among those

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Medical Stores Department board chairperson Rosemary Slaa pictured in Iringa yesterday briefing journalists shortly after a tour of the MSD warehouse in the municipality. She is flanked by USAID Mission Director Craig Hart (L) and PEPFAR Country Coordinator Jessica Greene. The US government team is out to highlight achievements in the health sector, especially HIV/AIDS interventions through PEPFAR support in the past 20 years. PEPFAR, the US President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief, is a US governmental initiative meant to address the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and help save the lives of those with the disease. Photo courtesy of US Embassy

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Government warns pastoralists: Patience on invasions has limits

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed pastoralists to graze livestock within their grazing zones, warning that the government will not tolerate invasion of people's farms.

He was addressing public meetings in Nanjaru and Mkaranga villages in Ruangwa District, Lindi Region during a working tour to inspect development projects.

Those invasions are illegal and fuel deadly conflicts, he said, underlining that farmers depend on agriculture just as

pastoralists rely on livestock and should therefore graze where they should while farmers cultivate in zones marked for the purpose.

This way farmers and pastoralists will peacefully co-exist, he said, explaining

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Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (gesturing) instructs Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) Kilimanjaro regional manager Motta Kyando (2nd-R) and Moshi Airport manager Elipid Tesha (L) when inspecting development projects in Kilimanjaro Region yesterday. Photo: Transport ministry

Women's caucus, global stakeholders brainstorming on electoral laws reform

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

A PARLIAMENTARY caucus of the 'Women in Politics' non-governmental fraternity intends to critically scrutinize the recently promulgated bills in order to enhance women's political participation.

This affirmation was stressed at a workshop here yesterday organised by women parliamentarians, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) linked with that country's National Democratic Institute (NDI), the Friedrich Ebert Foundation of Germany and women rights activists in the Legal and Human Right Centre (LHRC) and the local branch of Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF).

Participants said that the bills to be debated in later sessions of the legislature provide an opportunity to improve women's participation in electoral politics and leadership.

The meeting was convened by members of the parliamentary standing committees on Constitution and Legal Affairs working with the 'Women in Politics' caucus, where they thanked the government for moving to review elections and political parties' laws.

The meeting was intended to help the caucus share views and put across specific recommendations to address gaps in law that hinder women's political participation in the way political parties are organised, elections as well as electoral expenses as

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Experts mark 15 years after key household poverty survey

By Henry Mwangonde

TANZANIA has made strides in extreme poverty reduction in rural areas by applying technology and research data, on the basis of a follow up on the World Bank's premier longitudinal household survey project dating 15 years ago.

Hamad Hassan Chande, the Treasury deputy minister, said yesterday that the finding was noticed in the living standards measurement study involving integrated surveys on agriculture (LSMS-ISA).

He was speaking at a stakeholders' conference to mark 15 years of the project, affirming that the programme has helped to improve food security by shaping policy making.

It also helped to reduce maternal mortality rates and was a milestone for the country as it made it possible to effectively plan for the needs of various sectors in society, he stated.

The country office of the World Bank, in liaison with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

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who lost their lives, he stated.

Rescue operations were still being conducted in various areas of the city as police were receiving information on missing people and unidentified bodies, he said.

Oswald Manjejele, the Fire and Rescue Force regional commander, said six people were rescued from different places, urging residents, living on valley slopes to take precautions.

Felician Mthahengerwa, the district commissioner, said the rains have caused serious damage, with the regional and district authorities visiting various areas to assess the damage and map out what can be done.

"We are working to help flood victims to get alternative shelters as well as relocating those still dwelling in the valley," he said, aside from recovering bodies trapped in waterways.

The more affected wards are Muriet, Terat, Majengo, Elerai, Sombetini and Kwa Mrombo where rainwater from Arumeru slopes collects in the area, damaging houses and roads, he said.

He urged residents to be patient as authorities work to ensure safety of people and their properties, the DC and acting RC intoned, noting that a formal statement is expected upon completion of the rescue and identification exercise.

Muriet ward councillor Francis Mbise said three bodies were recovered from ditches while walls in 23 houses collapsed and scores of belongings washed away.

"The damage is serious as roads have been cut off due to heavy rains," he said, while Sokoni One

ward councillor Michael Kivuyo said that the floods drowned one person picked up in the Lolovono area. Ward officials and rescuers were still conducting missions, for instance working to clear a large tree that had fallen blocking the bridge leading to residences.

Sokoni One ward councillor Michael Kivuyo said they are yet to establish the real number of people who have died due to floods as only one body has so far been recovered at the Lolovono area.

Local authorities are working with residents to clean bridges and provide alternative shelter for people whose dwellings were destroyed or vastly damaged.

Isaya Doita, Ngareraro ward councillor said the heavy rains damaged houses and 25 shops. The main bridge has been broken, isolating Sakina ward from Ngareraro and the city centre, he said.

Mwanaisha Abdul, a resident of Majengo said they have not received assistance from Sombetini ward councillor Bakari Msangi attributing flood effects from poor city planning. A range of buildings along the Arusha-Manyara highway block water passageways thus causing large flows in narrower areas, she said.

Rehema Swai, another city resident, asked for assistance for Form Four students who are writing their final examinations by providing them with shelter near schools.

Some students walking long distances to school will find it difficult to arrive on time owing to the floods, she said.

Kwa Mrombo area resident Neema Laizer said the rain that started after midnight damaged more than 30 houses in the area.

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such, they stated.

The meeting also focused on addressing harassment against women seeking to participate in politics and public meetings or similar activities, to find ways to greater representative and participation of women for elective positions, decision-making organs and structure.

Neema Lugangira (Special Seats), noted that women parliamentarians and the politics caucus have a big role in influencing legal reforms to enhance women's political participation.

She urges women MPs to take time and go through the bills to contribute effectively during debates to re-write the respective laws. "This is an historic milestone that our country has taken and as a caucus we only need to use the opportunity to improve women affairs," the MP declared.

Sophia Mwakaganda (Special Seats, Chadema) called on fellow MPs to debate the bills and propose changes, with the meeting serving as an opportunity to learn from other countries.

Anatropia Theonest (Special Seats, Chadema) observed that the meeting was being held at the right time as the bills have just been promulgated. It is not time for compromising the 50:50 representation goal in political and elective positions, she emphasised.

Anna Henga, the LHRC executive director, said in an earlier presentation, note that there is a need to increase the number of women leaders and candidates, stating that political parties should ensure that 50 percent of their leaders from national level to lower ranks are women.

The government needs to set up a procedure to attain 50 percent of women in parliament and in district councils by increasing the number of women elected in constituencies to supplement the special seats franchise, she demanded.

She similarly floated the idea that 30 percent of the subsidy received by political parties should go toward activities that promote the participation of women, youth and persons with disabilities in political processes and elections. This would facilitate the financing of women election candidates, she asserted.

Women candidates, youth and persons with disabilities should pay half the election deposit ordinarily demanded, to motivate them to come forward and run for office, she further demanded.

Anna Kulaya, a WILDAF activist, proposed that there should be uniform procedures for political parties' selection of special seats candidates.

The uniform procedure for nominating women for special seats will be in accordance with Article 81 of the Union Constitution, she added.

31 killed in floods caused by torrential rains in Somalia

MOGADISHU

Floods caused by torrential rainfall have killed at least 31 people in various parts of Somalia, according to the Somali government.

Residents in Beledweyne, in central Somalia, could be seen wading through floodwaters on Monday.

Local resident Ahmed Idow described the situation in the area as "extremely bad," adding that "people are running for their lives because of the force of the water. Some people are using tractors to get through."

Since October, floods have displaced nearly half a million people

and disrupted the lives of over 1.2 million people, Minister of Information Daud Aweis told reporters on Sunday in the capital Mogadishu.

They have also caused extensive damage to civilian infrastructure notably in the Gedo region of southern Somalia, he said.

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, or OCHA, which has given \$25 million to help mitigate the impact of flooding, warned in a statement Thursday of "a flood event of a magnitude statistically likely only once in 100 years, with significant anticipated humanitarian impacts."



Loishooki Saitore Laizer (R), Director of Human Resource Development in the Health ministry, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday exchanging greetings with USAID Tanzania health office director Anne Murphy. It was shortly before the latter presented 133 microscopes worth US\$488,000 to the government in an effort to strengthen Tanzania's anti-malaria drive by enhancing the capacity of Muhimbili National Hospital's diagnostic laboratory capacity. Looking on is Catherine Joachim (2nd-R), acting Chief Medical Officer and Head of Programmes in the ministry and the hospital's Executive Director, Prof Mohammed Janabi. Story on Page 3. Photo: Carlos Banda

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that conflicts between farmers and pastoralists were unprofitable.

No group has more rights than the other and each must work without violating the right of the other group of land users, he emphasised.

He asked village officials to allocate grazing areas to pastoralists and find out the number of livestock they hold, while putting up efforts to address conflicts when they occur.

"Pastoralists must modernize their activities," he said, objecting to being proud of having a large number

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of livestock that one is unable to care for. "Keep a few livestock taken good care of and selling at high prices," he said.

In other remarks, the premier called on the leaders of cooperatives to ensure that they run the units in ways that guarantee the trust they obtained from members.

"Stop robbing farmers and instead manage cooperatives prop-

erly and ensure that the measurements that made on produce are accurate. Don't steal from them," he said.

The government has invested a lot of energy in the agricultural sector with the goal of making Tanzania a major producer of food in the region, he stated, directing agro-sector executives to ensure that the sector is well managed to enhance

productivity.

He said the sixth phase government was strengthening the provision of social services in all parts of the country, with Ruangwa District included.

The services include the improvement of infrastructure for education, health, water, energy and roads to ease business activity and improve transportation, he added.



Parliamentary Energy and Minerals Standing Committee chairman Dr David Mathayo David has a word with journalists on Monday shortly after an assessment tour of the ongoing implementation of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline Project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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and the Office of the Chief Government Statistician in Zanzibar was using the survey's data to support policy making, he said.

Dr Albina Chuwa, the NBS director general, said the studies altered the trajectory of poverty research, shaping ideas on how to address extreme poverty.

Tanzania has learnt a lot of lessons including application of data in addressing poverty but also using technology to gather data for poverty reduction across Africa, she

stated.

The collaboration with the World Bank has helped to improve research in Africa but also enabled access to resources for research, accessing real time data suitable for real-time solutions, she elaborated.

Gero Carletto, the development data group manager for the World Bank, said that the conference was aimed at celebrating successes achieved in the past 15 years. It also reflects on prevalent challenges and how data can help in addressing them, he stated.

"Africa is facing multiple challeng-

es that require different types of data and evidence to inform policy making," he stated, underlining the lender's belief that collaboration can help in achieving this objective.

There are multiple sources which demonstrate that there is progress not only in poverty reduction but also in multidimensional indicators confirming that there are achievements that Tanzania has made, the specialist declared.

The bank is committed to achieve the goals enunciated in the survey as it has been instrumental in understanding poverty dynamics, with

various countries making headway in understanding the changes going on in their societies, he said.

The project was used to support national statistical offices across Sub-Saharan Africa in conducting upwards of 30 longitudinal household surveys and 160,000 interviews.

The event brought together top-tier researchers and high-level policymakers from the region to advance the dialogue on research, policy and development impacts of the LSMS-ISA initiative generally, and for Tanzania in particular.



Mara regional commissioner Said Mtanda (R) pictured at the weekend gracing the launch of a water project meant to serve Bulinga, Busungu, Bukima and Rusoli villages in Musoma District. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Zanzibar government plans to bolster students' performance by providing food in schools

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE government of Zanzibar has said that it will take serious steps to improve the teaching and learning environment including providing students with food at school.

Ali Abdulgulam Hussein, Zanzibar deputy minister for Education and Vocational Training made the remarks yesterday when speaking during the launch of the school feeding programme in the Isles. The programme aims at alleviating pupils' short term hunger, improving pupil's attendance and retention that will improve pupils and school academic performance.

He said most of the pupils fail to learn because they do not eat at home before coming to school saying this leads to poor performance.

"This has caught the attention of our stakeholders such as Table for two international TFT from Japan who helped the children with food," he said.

He said the Home-Grown School Feeding aims at helping pupils who live in underprivileged environs which are difficult for learning, noting that the programme which started in 2014 on trials in Unguja North and Micheweni district in Pemba where nine schools covered a total of 36 by the end of the project.

"We are currently in the process of adding six schools. The total number of students benefiting from the project until September this year is 20,807 and the goal is to reach 50 schools by 2025," he said.

He said the aim of the project is to improve the learning environment of students by creating a friendly environment as well as increasing student enrollment, enhancing attendance and increasing success, building good habits, promoting nutrient-dense foods, improving student health and increasing the production and income of small farmers.

He said that despite the importance of school feeding projects, there was still a lack of feeding guidelines and stakeholders used the opportunity to feed children without following a specific procedure and sometimes causing visible and invisible harm.

"This guide will help to follow the requirements of our laws in providing food aid, follow the rules provided by nutritionists and protect the health of our students while at school," he said.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Khamis

Abdallah Said, said that pupils need to be prepared for the best environment to get education from an early age in order to have a good understanding.

He said that eating good food for students will make them physically and mentally healthy and lead to doing well in their studies.

He asked the parents and guardians to build the morals of the children from were young so that later they will have good leaders who focus on morals.

Sara Gidison, senior director of the World Food Programme (WFP), said the government of Zanzibar aims at ensuring that children get the right education and hailed the government for the step.

He said WFP will continue to support the government in its plans and good nutrition contributes greatly to raising the level of education, so it is important that students are given good nutrition.

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USAID donates 133 microscopes to support initiatives against malaria

By Carlos Banda

THE United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the US President's Malaria Initiative has donated 133 microscopes to enhance the fight against the disease through proper diagnosis.

Speaking at the handover ceremony at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) in Dar es Salaam yesterday, USAID Health Office Director, Anne Murphy said the 133 microscopes and the necessary reagents worth \$488,000 have been delivered to the government for capacity building in malaria diagnosis and treatment.

"Some of these microscopes will be used to conduct studies, to address the efficacy of Malaria drugs. We have seen a bit of an increase in resistance to malaria drugs in the region. We really want to get ahead and diagnose and confirm resistance early on," she said.

She said the microscopes will support capacity development of laboratory technicians to correctly diagnose malaria, by confirming the presence of parasites for healthcare professionals to swiftly commence treatment.

Murphy commended the Ministry of Health's tireless efforts that led to the dramatic decline

of malaria prevalence in Tanzania from over 14 percent in 2015 to 8 percent in 2022.

Catherine Joachim, Acting Chief Medical Officer and Head of Programmes at the Ministry of Health said the government plans to implement various interventions including capacity building, destruction of mosquito breeding areas, improvement of healthcare provision, and offering medical advice to patients on precautionary measures against Malaria.

"Malaria is still a problem and when you look at the trend of the disease, you will notice that the rate of infection has depleted whereas in 2015 the infection rate stood at 14.7 percent however, in the research findings the infection rate now stands at 8.1 although there are still five regions that are above 8.1 percent rate of infection," she said.

Prof Mohammed Janabi, Executive Director of MNH thanked the government and the US government for continued bilateral ties which have played a role in the acquisition of such equipment.

Dr Bony Betson, head of Muhimbili University College of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), said out of the 133 microscopes, 10 are normal microscopes and 2 big microscopes will be

used for training students to prepare them to become professional health workers.

"These microscopes will help us in production of health service providers. We have more than 15,000 students pursuing careers as laboratory technicians who will be beneficiaries of these microscopes across the country thus empowering the institution to produce professional health care workers who can diagnose and identify parasites hence combating the disease and limiting the rate of infection," he said.

Loishooki Laizer, Director of Human Resource Development in the Ministry of Health commended USAID and PMI for the support that will boost the competences of human resource for health particularly the laboratory clinical students that are going to benefit from the use of the donated microscopes.

"85.5 percent of all the human resources in the health workforce come from middle cadre institutions. So you can see how much this is going to impact into doing the correct diagnosis and treatment and avoid complications," he said.

Laizer said that the handover is a good example for others to follow by giving a helping hand towards improving competences and bringing good outcomes of better and quality healthcare especially in rural areas where most Tanzanians are being taken care of.

By Guardian

Correspondent, Arusha

RC Mongella orders AUWSA to repair road infrastructure

ARUSHA regional Commissioner John Mongella has given three days to the Arusha Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (AUWSA) to repair all roads damaged by the rain, due to the authority passing water pipes on the road and dumping debris without pressing it.

The downpour hit the area on Monday night caused some ditches, bridges, roads to break and the houses of some people to be damaged and filled with water, making people homeless.

RC Mongella, issued the order yesterday, after visiting Msasani area on the outskirts of Arusha city and asked that the road more than 1 Km has been flooded with cars, due to AUWSA digging up the road and passing water pipes and leaving it without covering properly

He tasked AUWSA acting director Engineer John Ndetico to resolve road challenges within three days from yesterday and make sure that the road is passable all the time of the year.

He also asked AUWSA, to make sure that it is doing extensive repairs by placing rubble and pressing on all the roads, which they passed the pipes and did not repair them to the required level as they found them before.

"It is still raining heavily as we were warned by the weather

authority. My opinion to the citizens of our region, we should take precautions including checking the safety of our children, especially when going to school, when it is raining to avoid unwanted effects," he said.

In another step, Mongella instructed AUWSA to cooperate with the local chairpersons, when making the amendment and to stop the practice of not involving them on the basis that they are politicians. "Engineer Ndetico, when you are repairing these roads, the relevant local chairmen should be involved so

that no one appears there and says that the chairperson is a politician. Let us not blame each other later.

"Parents and guardians need to be careful to watch your children so that they don't drown because most of the roads are muddy," he said.

Eng Ndetico pledged to work on directives made by the RC, although the contractor who was implementing the project has finished his work.

Msasani street chairman, Rashid Chidi described the situation in the area as roads are badly damaged.

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- Trees for the future Tanzania has set aside the funds for the operations during the financial year 2023. TREES is intending that part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Procurement of Vegetable seeds.
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| 3. | Onion 25g (Red Bombay) | Packet | 5,556 |
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| 5. | Cabbage 25g (Glory of enkuzen) | Packet | 3,543 |
| 6. | Spinach/swisschard 25g (Ford hook giant) | Packet | 2,533 |
| 7. | Chinese 25g (Michihili) | Packet | 3,023 |
| 8. | Carrot 25g (Nantes) | Packet | 3,852 |
| 9. | Green pepper (improved) 10g (Big bell) | Packet | 3,852 |
| 10. | Cucumber 10g (Ashley) | Packet | 829 |
| 11. | Eggplant 25g (Black beauty) | Packet | 2013 |
| 12. | Amaranths 25g (wa kungoa/lisha) | Packet | 2013 |

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- A complete set of the bidding Documents and additional sets will be offered free by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 3.
- 3 copies of bids 1 original and 2 copies, properly filled in enclosed in plain envelopes must be properly addressed to the Trees for the future Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Commercial Complex Building, Second Floor, P.O BOX 1624 SINGIDA. All bids must be delivered by hand to the Trees for the future Tanzania before the deadline for submission of bids.
- The deadline for the submission of bids is on Tuesday 28th November, 2023 at 10: 00am. Bids will be opened in public and in the presence of Bidders representatives who choose to attend in the conference room of the Trees for the future Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Commercial Complex Building, second floor at 10:00 on Tuesday 28th November 2023. The outer cover must be clearly marked.

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Government institutions told to settle utility bills to boost Dawasa operations

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Parliamentary Public Investment Committee has instructed government institutions to settle their water bills to enhance operations of the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA).

The committee also promised to continue supporting DAWASA by pushing the government to provide more funds to the authority to enable it to improve services provision to the people of Dar es Salaam and Coast regions.

Chairman of the Committee, Deo Sanga made the directive yesterday when members of the committee inspected progress implementation of the third phase

of the Chalinze water project that involves expansion of the Wami water plant.

He said DAWASA is doing a great job to ensure reliable water services by using funds generated through collections of water bills. He said once government institutions pay their debts, the speed of supplying water services will increase.

Coast Regional Commissioner, Aboubakar Kunenge thanked the committee for visiting the project that is aimed to achieve ambitions set by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to ensure access to clean water to all Tanzanians.

He said currently the availability of clean water in the Coastal Region is 85 percent, an increase that attracts large investments in the industrial sector.

Chalinze MP, Ridhiwani

Kikwete told the committee that DAWASA has done a great job in implementing the Chalinze water project as well as the Mlandizi - Chalinze - Mboga water project which has been completed.

DAWASA Acting Chief Executive Officer, Kiula Kingu said the Chalinze water project went through various stages of implementation which involved expansion of the Wami plant to increase its production capacity from 7.2 million liters per day to 21.6 million liters per day.

Kingu said the project's third phase implementation will cost 83bn/-.

He said the project will also involve construction of 18 water storage tanks and construction of 351 water kiosks which have already been completed.



ACP Michael Deleli (3rd-R), head of the Tanzania Traffic Police Road Safety Education Unit, pictured at the weekend presenting a certificate to a student of Dar es Salaam's Makuburi Primary School. The student emerged winner of a 'Via Creative' painting competition organised by TotalEnergies Foundation in collaboration with TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Ltd (TEMTL), East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project and Nafasi Art Space. The contest was meant to sensitise primary school students in Dar es Salaam Region and Bagamoyo District on road safety. Looking on are Nafasi Art Space managing director Lilian Hypolite (5th-R), TEMTL head of legal affairs, human resources and administration, Gertrude Mpangile (4th-R), TEMTL acting MD Eilon Kamau (R) and EACOP representative Maria Mlay. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Residents of Ilala's Kipunguni 'B' ward trained on WASH and GBV

By Guardian Reporter

A Non-profit organization—My LEGACY has provided education on gender based violence (GBV) and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) to residents in Kipunguni 'B' ward, Ilala District, Dar es Salaam region.

The education, according to the organization's official, Julius Ndyakoha is conducted through groups of women, youth and people with disabilities taking into consideration that such groups including children face a number of challenges in the community.

Speaking at an educational session in Kipunguni 'B' ward recently, Ndyakoha said they are assisting the groups, especially children, so that they are able to achieve their educational goals as well as being able to report incidents of violence in their communities.

He also added that this year, through the WASH programme, the

organization has constructed five toilets at schools within Kinondoni District and provide education to 30 teachers who will pass on the knowledge to pupils.

Ndyakoha said: "We encourage community members to contribute to various development activities in their localities and volunteer to protect children from all forms of violence. Creating a safe living space stimulates development and reduces the challenges."

He said that research conducted by the organization has shown that the WASH programme has helped to improve people's health since its inception in 2021. He said My Legacy also advocates for children's rights, safe environments, and an end to violence.

"We have realised that some sections of the communities in the districts we operate lack proper information and information on gender based violence," he said, adding that they also assist school

girls with sanitary pads to ensure they continue with their studies during their menstrual period.

Kipunguni 'B' Ward Councillor, Steven Mushi said they are working closely with the ward's community development officer in ending GBV. He said they provide education on gender based violence through entertainment groups.

Police officer from Kipunguni 'B' Ali Myeli said the force has established special gender desks that are responsible for handling cases related to GBV. He called upon the community to cooperate with the police force in providing information on any kind of violence, so that appropriate measures are taken against the culprits.

"To successfully end GBV in our area, we should all work together to ensure we have our own police post. This will bring services closer to the people and encourage many more to report such incidences," he said.

RC Homera counsels fertiliser makers to equip farmers with skills on better use of farm inputs

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Regional Commissioner Juma Homera has called upon fertiliser producers and distributors to work with extension officers in issuing knowledge to farmers on proper use of the input to increase value.

Homera made the call yesterday when the Dodoma-based ITRACOM Fertilisers Ltd (IFL) launched its own fertiliser warehouse in Mafati area in Mbeya city. The warehouse will serve all regions in the southern highlands.

RC Homera said most farmers do not know the proper use of fertilizers

which leads to less harvests saying there is need for more education to increase productivity.

"The government has employed extension officers across the country, but they cannot do the task alone, therefore let me call upon distributors to assist in the matter by increasing training on proper use training," he said.

RC Homera also asked farmers to register in large numbers to get fertiliser at subsidized prices, noting that until now more than 2,000 farmers in the region have been registered and ensure that the fertiliser reaches all farmers.

He said they have already started

testing the health of the soil in some villages and added that this year they expect to use more than 82,000 tonnes from the 70,000 tonnes used last year.

Dr Kenneth Masuki, IFL director of business development and Marketing assured farmers in the country that scarcity of fertilizer will be addressed due to an increase in production amounting to one million tonnes per year.

Dr Masuki said they plan to install five fertilizer production machines in their factory that will increase production to one million tons per year and meet the needs of consumers.

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

TANZANIA National Parks (TANAPA) has announced that an airstrip within the Saadani National Park in Coast Region has been temporarily closed for maintenance.

In a statement issued by the TANAPA Acting Conservation Commissioner, Juma Kuji pleaded with tourism players to exercise patience, as the Saadani airstrip will remain closed between November 10 and 23, 2023.

On 10th November 2023, a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) was issued by the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) to close Saadani airstrip for maintenance until 23rd November 2023, he explained.

"The notice was a result of the notification from our organization to TCAA following aircraft operators hazard reports and our observation of excessive rains leading to excessive wetness of the movement areas - parts of the runway, taxiways and the entire apron at Saadani airstrip" Kuji said adding: "As an organization, we always strive to engage our

Tanapa closes Saadani airstrip for maintenance

stakeholders in making critical decisions affecting their business. Scheduled maintenance of airstrips is an example where the work plan is made in consultation with stakeholders so that flight disruptions and inconveniences to our stakeholders are minimized as much as practicable."

However, he said that with the current situation they had no opportunity to consult as safety was at stake.

"It should be noted that as an operator of the airstrip, we are obliged under the civil aviation regulations to initiate closure of the airstrip when there is a condition that may lead to unsafe operation of aircraft as soon as it comes to our knowledge," Kuji noted.

The notice period is usually determined by the identified risk level and how soon the risk is likely to come to the acceptable level.

TANAPA Chief said that there

are cases where mitigations may be implemented as the operations continue while other cases, such as the one at hand, call for immediate closure of the airstrip until the risk is confirmed to come back to the acceptable level.

"While we are aware of the consequences of our decision to close the airstrip including flight disruptions associated with business and financial losses, our analysis showed that it was the most prudent action under the circumstances since continued operation of airstrip in that situation was associated with unacceptable risk level and violation of the civil aviation regulations," Kuji underlined.

TANAPA assured the stakeholders that maintenance of the particular airstrip would be fast-tracked while monitoring the weather condition and they will keep all those concerned informed accordingly.



Job Announcement Field Agronomist (2 positions) (Tanzanian National)

World Vegetable Center on behalf of IFDC undersigned hosting agreement is seeking to recruit Field Agronomist (2 positions) in Arusha/Dodoma.

About IFDC

IFDC is a public international organization active in 27 countries in Africa, Asia, and America. IFDC uniquely approaches the global issues of food security and poverty by bridging the gap between research and impact, combining science-based innovations, holistic market systems development, an enabling policy environment, and strategic partnerships to assist farmers and countries to identify and scale sustainable agricultural solutions, including improved nutrient use efficiency. These approaches are needed to boost soil health and crop productivity while reducing the environmental impact of fertilizer use. IFDC translates research into action by using locally driven, environmentally sound, and impact-oriented solutions. With our partners, we seek to close the yield gap, eradicate global hunger, safeguard the soil on which our lives depend, and generate economic resilience for farming households and the countries in which they live.

IFDC is currently seeking passionate individuals to join its team, as the organization continues to expand its impact and work towards creating positive changes in agriculture and sustainable soil management across the world.

Responsibilities

- Assist the daily supervisor in identifying suitable and representative locations for establishment of on-farm or on-station trials.
- Collect soil and plant samples, label them properly and send to designated laboratories for chemical and physical analyses following the guidelines provided by the daily supervisor.
- Interpret and implement research protocols by establishing the field experiments.
- Ensure that logistics for establishment of trials are in place e.g., Procurement of the ingredients/nutrient and preparation of fertilizers blends, if needed
- Interact with farmers, private sector, public institutions for establishment of on-farm research trials.
- Prepare the workplan and submit to daily supervisor for approval.
- Ensure timely monitoring, data collection, data processing and reporting from on-farm research trials.
- Assist in publishing results in reputed scientific journals, technical reports and magazines.
- Perform a variety of other related duties as required.

Job Requirements

- Minimum of a Master in Agronomy or Soil Science.
- More than 5 years of relevant research experience including on-farm fertilizers trials and soil management.
- Expertise in statistics, data management and plant physiology.
- Experience in both macro and micro crop nutrient research trials
- Proven record of published results from research trials in a peer-reviewed journals
- Fluency in written and spoken English is required.

Reporting and Work Relationships

This position will report to SOILS-S2P head or his designee.

Location

The location for this will be IFDC Country office hosted by WorldVeg Center in Arusha.

The Reward:

This is a Nationally Recruited Staff position with competitive pay and benefits as per World Vegetable Center salary scheme. The position is only open to Tanzanian nationals. The initial appointment is for one year and may be extended depending on requirement, funding availability, and performance of the incumbent.

About Program/Project

The USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS) launched through IFDC's Feed the Future Sustainable Opportunities for Improving Livelihoods with Soils (SOILS) program the 3-year Space to Place (S2P) initiative to improve the fertilizer (nutrient) use efficiency since October 2022. The SOILS-S2P initiative will provide improved and localized soil fertility recommendations and support better access to fertilizers, organic sources to approximately 4 to 5 million small holders in key production systems in sub-Saharan Africa viz., in maize mixed, agro-pastoral, cereal-root crop mixed, and highland mixed systems. The initiative collaborates with various organizations such as ISRIC - World Soil Information, national and international research organizations, the private sector, and civil society organizations to update and fine-tune fertilizer recommendations using spatially-derived tools. Thus, the SOILS-S2P initiative aims to boost nutrient use efficiency and maintain or exceed current productivity levels. The major outcome of the initiative will be developing site-specific, i.e., hyper localized, soil fertility and agronomic recommendations.

The candidate we hire will embody WorldVeg's Five Core Values:

- Dedication to Innovation and Knowledge Sharing:** Supports the conduct of world-class science, respects ethical standards, and is committed to sharing results in a transparent manner.
- Commitment to Impact:** Aspires to achieve positive, tangible, and lasting impact contributing to Sustainable Development Goals.
- Commitment to Partnerships:** Believes in the value of partnerships to advance research for development.
- Respect for People:** Respects the diversity of gender, culture, ethnic origin, religion, age, beliefs, and views.
- Respect for the Environment:** Strives to minimize its environmental impact and to introduce greener technology and practices.

How to Apply: Applicants should submit a letter of application explaining their suitability for and interest in the position along with a curriculum vitae, names and addresses (including telephone/fax/e-mail) of three referees, and date of availability info-esa@worldveg.org or the job bank site before 30 November 2023. Please mention the position title in the subject line.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured on Monday presents a certificate of appreciation to James Mlowe (L), Public Relations and Members' Education manager of the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), for the fund's "outstanding support" to the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Tanzania Editors Forum now in progress in Lindi municipality. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

New Zealand pledges to continue supporting project for three years

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

NEW Zealand has vowed to continue supporting the Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA) project for the next three years after being satisfied with its implementation done by Agriculture Marketing Cooperative Society (AMCOS) and research institutions.

A senior officer from the New Zealand ministry of agriculture who doubles as Director General of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Farm Africa Gaye Readivys made the assurance yesterday when speaking to women members of the AMCOS at Mbungwe, Matufa and Muungano villages and experts from the region.

The official asked about the kind of seeds, inputs and fertilizers which they are using to maximize their produce and increase their income.

Issuing the report, the regional coordinator Thomas Mbaga said the programme is being implemented in Hanan'g Kiteto and Simanjoro focusing on maize, beans and rice.

Mbaga said the project started on April 22 last year and is funded by the Norwegian Development Agency (NORAD) and managed by a consortium of six organizations which are the World Food Organization (WFP), Agra, Yara, Syngenta, Bayer and Rabobank.

In addition, he said the goal of the project is to increase the

production of small farmers by providing them with marketing opportunities through centers providing agricultural services to farmers in counties and villages and increasing household income.

He said that for Manyara the project is working with 89 service centers including 30 AMCOS, 20 input sellers, 23 farmer groups, five leading farmers, nine crop processors and two SACCOS.

He mentioned the work done as providing education and training, marketing and creating a commercial network between service centers for farmers and stakeholders involved in the chain of agricultural products.

The expert said that the amount

of all the crops collected is 20,354 kilograms. 50 and the amount sold is 7,232.57 kilograms and bring in money for the members sh. No. 10, 139

Secretary for Mbungwe AMCOS Ernest Morembwa said they have been able to connect with reliable markets citing their example of sunflowers selling one kilogram 1,200/- when previously they were selling one kilogram 600/-.

Mbungwe AMCOS Board member, Teresia Wilbroad said through the project and Farm Africa they have been connected to research centers and know how to produce seeds and now they are producing seeds best of sesame and sell to the needy.

Optimism high as gender funding conference kicks off in Dar es Salaam today

By Carlos Banda

GENDER activists have expressed optimism over gender financing conference kicking off today in Dar es Salaam.

They said yesterday that the meeting provides a platform for Tanzania to showcase its efforts in championing gender equality, but also helping relevant actors to understand how President Samia Suluhu Hassan achieved generational equality in Tanzania.

Mgeni Hassan Juma, an Executive member of the Generation Equality Forum (GEF) cited that far from showcasing Tanzania's achievement in advancing women's empowerment, the ministries of gender, women and special groups and the ministries of finance from around the world will engage to discuss on the resources needed and the steps to be taken to ensure women and youth are not left behind in development.

The GEF committee and Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania said the meeting gathers different countries coming to Tanzania to talk about gender equality and issues pertaining to women, and men.

She said: "This meeting is very important because for the first-time, different countries will come to Tanzania to discuss the issues of importance to women and men. We also know that President Samia Suluhu Hassan is the Global Champion for Generation Equality and she has pledged to champion gender equality."

Hence, she formed a special committee involving men and women and we have been conducting various activities to empower women.

Mgeni also added that through the meeting the committee alongside other institutions will get to learn how other countries are executing efforts to achieve gender equality.

Bengi Issa, the Executive Secretary of The National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) said the meeting is vital for tabling issues concerning equality and implementation citing that generation equality demands commitment, resources.

"The meeting is crucial because we get to discuss important issues

around equality and how we can act practically on generation equality because it demands commitment and resources. Hence, this is a forum to reignite the discussion between the ministries of gender and finance and also to fasten the availability of resources for women and youth empowerment so as to achieve the goals of the gender equality program, said Bengi Issa.

Leticia Mukurasi, Gender and Development Specialist and member of the generation equality forum (GEF) emphasized on the importance of analysing the extent of awareness and responsiveness across the continent on gender issues and assessing on the use of resources allocated to achieve the objective of gender equality.

"I would like to know the extent of awareness and responsiveness across Africa on these issues of ours that is the budget allocated and if yes, is it properly utilized? If you want to track it, you must know exactly what and where to look. By doing so, you will be able to know which resources have been used to cater for women and men each and why you have done so. It is important for actions to be preceded by analysis because you cannot just place resources haphazardly," said Leticia.



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Neema Kitara (R), acting head of the patent section of the Creative Intellectual Property Directorate of the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA), takes members of the small and large business community in Mwanza Region's Ilemela District yesterday through the basics of innovative intellectual property. It was in continuation of the provision of such education at district level across Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Vitus Audax

New solar energy plans for homes and businesses in SA

By Grace Ashiru

NEDBANK has launched cutting-edge solar financing solutions on its Avo Solar platform, designed to make solar energy systems and backup batteries both affordable and accessible for households and businesses in South Africa.

These packages stand out for their competitive pricing, comprehensive installation by

certified professionals, decade-long warranty, and tailored options. Nedbank offers flexible financing with repayment periods extending up to 84 months, breaking down the cost barrier and fostering inclusive adoption of solar power.

"South Africans have realised that incorporating resilience into their energy solutions, particularly through solar power, is essential

for living and conducting business. With the unreliability of electricity supply and the continuous rise in electricity costs, investing in solar and backup power is more logical than ever," explains Ciko Thomas, Nedbank's Group Managing Executive of Retail and Business Banking.

This move is in step with the increasing need for dependable energy sources in the face of

ongoing load-shedding issues in South Africa.

"Minimizing reliance on Eskom not only has financial benefits but also enhances life quality and business efficiency," Ciko adds. "We're dedicated to assisting as many South African homes and businesses as possible to address their energy challenges with our cost-effective and reliable solar energy solutions."

Infinix partners with Unesco for STEM and CogLabs programme

PARIS

INFINIX, an emerging technology brand dedicated to youth, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) have announced their collaboration in support of (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, with the CogLabs programme.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to fostering sustainable development, gender equality, and quality education.

Educational robots available in the market often come with high costs, complexity, an abundance of options and sensors, as well as closed software and hardware systems.

The CogLabs program aims to inspire the next generation of thinkers and creators worldwide by providing accessible, hands-on experiences in robotics and machine learning. The primary objective is to enhance awareness and comprehension of artificial intelligence (AI) while making machine learning approachable, rewarding, and, above all, enjoyable. Children learn how to create Machine Learning models by building a robot requiring 3D printable parts, a smartphone, and basic electronic parts. The educational robot kit was adopted by UNESCO's STEM program.

Google later collaborated with UNESCO to incorporate Teachable Machine and launch CogLabs in 2021 available in 3 languages—English, Spanish and French across Africa, Latin America & Southeast Asia.

With a particular focus on empowering today's youth, Infinix recognizes the pivotal role smartphones play in advancing UNESCO's Educational Robot program. As part of this collaboration, Infinix will provide technological support such as smartphones and laptops for UNESCO CogLabs workshops to enhance the program.

"We're thrilled to partner with Infinix for the global rollout of the CogLabs STEM program. This powerful initiative introduces kids worldwide to AI and robotics, aligning perfectly with our mission to make STEM education universally accessible. Witnessing the transformative impact on students' confidence and creativity is incredibly rewarding. Initially intimidated by these intricate subjects, students quickly discover their capabilities, fostering innovative problem-solving skills. Equally inspiring is the enthusiasm of teachers embracing the CogLabs program. Recognizing the potential of AI and robotics to revolutionize education, they eagerly expand their knowledge to empower the next generation," said Joan Nadal, UNESCO Master Trainer for CogLabs Workshops and Designer of the original E3bot.

"Infinix wholeheartedly embraces transformative technology to enhance lives. Our partnership with UNESCO is dedicated to broadening horizons for joyful learning and exploring robotics. Together, we aim to make technology education accessible and enjoyable for everyone," said Benjamin Jiang, CEO at Infinix Mobility.

Tanzanians urged to partake in road safety campaigns to curb accidents

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS have been advised to be innovative and fully participate in road safety campaigns through arts as part of efforts towards reducing road accidents.

Head of the Road Safety Education Unit in Tanzania from Tanzania Police Force, ACP Michael Deleli made the statement at a ceremony to award winners of road safety competition conducted through a partnership between TotalEnergies Foundation, TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Limited, East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) and Nafasi Art Space.

Deleli said the vital partner in the initiative plays a key role in delivering road safety education to students through art, drama, and music. He said: "We are graced to have great cooperation with private stakeholders like Total Energies in enlightening our primary school students, who are mostly perilous to road accidents, in road safety education. You have been creative enough to use art, music, and dance, something which will be indelible in the minds of these students".

TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Limited, Acting Managing Director, Elton Kamau said using arts in conveying road safety messages is the great ideal to the children from primary schools because they are the great advocates.

"These messages created by pupils shall have a great impact on the societies they live in and also influence their fellow students to be cautious while on the road and follow all road safety procedures," said Kamau.

Kamau added that VIA Creative is a

program committed to empowering and educating young minds about road safety and engages primary school students in training sessions that allow them to express their thoughts through drawing posters and that posters convey essential prevention messages on road safety to their peers and society in large.

This is the second edition of the VIA Creative program whereby the first edition was held in 2022 in partnership with Nafasi Art Space which successfully reached more than ten thousand students in 51 primary schools in Dar es Salaam.

This year, VIA Creative worked closely with the traffic police department, providing training to 90 teachers, and 12 artists, and impacting more than 6000 students across 29 schools in Dar es Salaam and 20 schools in Bagamoyo.

The climax of the event was the recognition of exemplary efforts, with three schools receiving accolades. The first-place honour was bestowed upon Makuburi primary school, earning a prize of 200,000/-.

Mji Mwema primary school emerged the second winner receiving 150,000/-, while Kizuziani primary school claimed the third spot, with a prize of 100,000/-.

Each winning school was presented with a trophy, certificates, and drawing materials as a token of appreciation for their dedication to promoting road safety.

VIA Creative remains committed to fostering a culture of safety among the younger generation and expresses gratitude to all partners, participants, and supporters who have contributed to the success of this impactful initiative.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) acting CEO Kiula Kingu (L) briefs a delegation of the Parliamentary Committee on Investments and Public Capital on Monday on an assessment tour of the implementation of the third phase of the Chalinze water project, which also involving the expansion of the Wami water plant. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Go to hospital, avoid misdiagnosis, lab specialists advise Tanzanians

By Correspondent James Kandoya

LABORATORY technicians have called on Tanzanians to go to hospitals to get the right treatment and avoid misdiagnosis that leads to Antimicrobial Resistance to Diseases (AMR).

Medard Beyanga, acting director of the National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) said that recently in Dar es Salaam during one-day training to journalists about laboratories and its contribution to the nation and human health.

He said recently there have emerged some laboratories conducting unlawfully testing for some diseases against procedures.

Beyanga said that as a result the patients received wrong treatment

leading to antimicrobial resistance to diseases like Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) and typhoid.

According to him, there is an increase in the number of patients reported to have the above diseases driving experts into dilemma.

However, misdiagnosis and use of antibiotics without a doctor's prescription is mentioned to have contributed to the problem.

"Our readiness to eradicate UTI is very important. Let's collaborate between pharmacists and doctors by practicing the right procedures," he said.

"Journalists must tell the people to attend to the right hospitals for medical checkup to avoid misdiagnosis," he added.

Dr Lilian Mnabwiru, Obstetrician

& Gynecologist at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) said that there is an increase in the number of patients, especially females suffering from Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) which is attributed mostly by the use of antibiotics without a doctor's prescription.

She said that females were the most affected group followed by babies adding that unless checked the problem might prolong.

She said that if you don't treat a UTI, sometimes it can even be life-threatening, advising all those found with symptoms to take action of going to hospital for medical checkup and get right treatments.

"At this juncture, self-medication is not wisely advisable. We call on the community to take action by

reporting to the nearest health facilities when they feel any condition that is not normal," she said.

Dr Mnabwiru advised the community to avoid attending in unregistered laboratories (street laboratories) instead must attend in hospitals and always follow the doctor's prescriptions for their health.

According to her, the community must attend to health facilities for body tests and diagnosis to identify the problem before starting using drugs.

She said that the community can prevent itself from the UTI infection by drinking plenty of fluids, urinating before and after intercourse, taking a preventive antibiotic, and wiping from front to back after using the bathroom.

Others are urinating at least every four hours, take a cranberry supplement juice, avoid scented products and take probiotics.

Google signs deal to promote South Africa's tourism sector

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa and Google have signed a deal to promote the African country as a prime tourism destination.

South Africa is a major attraction for both domestic and international tourists seeking out its beaches and safari excursions. The sector is also a big employer in the country.

Google will provide insights into global travel trends and will provide the South African tourism ministry strategies for targeting specific markets and tailoring experiences to visitor expectations, a statement

from the tourism ministry said.

The US tech giant will also support tourism start-ups, offer them training on advertising, help in the digitisation of South Africa's tourism by getting more sites online and enable small businesses in the sector to be more competitive globally.

The agreement, described by the ministry as a partnership with no cash payment involved, was signed in Cape Town by South Africa's tourism minister Patricia de Lille and Alistair Mokoena, Country Director for Google South Africa.

"The primary goal of this collaboration is to harness Google's

technological expertise to support the Ministry of Tourism's efforts in promoting South Africa as a prime tourist destination," the statement said.

Google would also showcase South African tourism through its Arts and Culture platform, Mokoena said.

In a promising sign for the country's tourism recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, international tourist arrivals rose to 4.8 million from January to July this year, the tourism ministry said in August.

This represented a 70.6% increase in arrivals compared with the first seven months of 2022.

Based on the trend, the ministry forecast arrival numbers to exceed the 10 million recorded in 2019 by the end of March next year.

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TENDER NO: TCSO/ACHIEVE/2023/03

INVITATION TO BID

RFQ Title: Supply of Education Subsidies
Date of solicitation: 15/11/2023
Submission Date and time: - 29/11/2023 11:40 A.M Hrs.
Question & clarification: 19/11/2023

Introduction
Tumaini Community Service Organization (TCSO) was established on 15th August 2019 and registered in United Republic of Tanzania, under reviewed NGO policy. The organization has been in partnership with Pact Tanzania in implementing The Adolescents and Children HIV Incidence Reduction, Empowerment and Virus Elimination project for Mbeya region.

ACHIEVE - is a five-year global effort to reach and sustain HIV epidemic control among pregnant and breastfeeding women, adolescents, infants, and children. The project is funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by a Pact.

Tumaini through ACHIEVE project will provide educational subsidies comprised of 1 school bags, 1 Mathematical sets, 5 Pens, 5 Pencil, and 5 A4 Exercise books, 14,435 school bags for Adolescent girls aged 10-14 years, and 1,605 school bags for Orphan and Vulnerable Children who are in school. Total 16,040 Bags.

Items specification and requirements

| NO. | Item | Specification | Quantity | Estimated Delivery Time |
|-----|------------------|--|----------|-------------------------|
| 1. | School bag | Black/Brown/Blue/,Maroon/waterproof (30cm width -40 cm length) | 16,040 | Two weeks |
| 2. | Mathematical set | Mathematical set (Including the geometry set i.e. Pencil, ruler, sharpener, eraser, stencil, compass, protractor, set square, timetable) | 16,040 | Two weeks |
| 3. | Exercise books | A4 Exercise books (80-100 pages) | 80,200 | Two weeks |
| 4. | Ball pen | Type: Ball pen. Pen length: 14.5cm Color: Blue | 80,200 | Two weeks |
| 5. | HB pencil | Material (wood, dimension) 7.5x0.5x0.8cm, point type: fine | 80,200 | Two weeks |

The complete tender document (TOR) Containing general terms & conditions, pre-qualification requirements are available in www.tumainicso.org all interested bidders should access and download full terms of references via www.tumainicso.org

All questions and clarification should be directed to procurement@tumainicso.org with subject "Tender Clarification"

How to submit:

- Quotation should be submitted in an enclosed and sealed envelope.
- The eligible vendors should physically submit their proposal to **Tender committee, P.O. Box 198 Mbeya, Head office. All sealed envelopes need to be marked as "Tender for Supply of education subsidies"**
- All quotes must be in Tanzanian shillings and enclosed in a plain sealed envelope.
- All the pages of bid submitted must be signed.
- The deadline for proposal submission will be 29 November 2023, 11:40 AM, and TCSO will open the bids on 30 November 2023 11:00 AM

Please note.

- Late or incomplete submission will not be accepted.
- Selection will be based on criteria listed above and on TOT.
- Issuance of request for quotes does not constitute award/ contract commitment by TCSO.
- TCSO reserves the right to disqualify the offer based on the failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- Proposal submitted through email will not be considered.
- One bidder having business relationship shall submit no more than one tender. A breach of this condition will render the tenders of both parties liable to rejection.



Angola's Ambassador to Tanzania, Sandro de Oliveira, addresses members of the diplomatic community and Angolan nationals living in Tanzania at an event to mark Angola's 48th independence anniversary held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Professor Mbarawa demands relocation of airport invaders

By Guardian Reporter

TRANSPORT minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has issued a two-day ultimatum to the Tanzania Airports Authority to notify people who have invaded Moshi airport derailing development at the facility that they must move out.

Speaking when he visited the progress of the construction of the airport, minister Mbarawa said the compensation being given by the government to the people have been increasing day by day hence making it difficult for the contractor.

"There are projects being delayed to conflict with residents where in some cases there are the ones who have invaded the area, therefore I am directing you to issue notices to these people to vacate this place," he said.

The minister said the government plans to improve infrastructure including airports revival by purchasing airplanes to facilitate air travel operations in the country.

Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner, Nurdin Babu hailed the government for improving the airports in the country including the Moshi Airport as the completion of the airport will shape tourism activities in the region.

Manager for National Roads Agency (TANROADS), Kilimanjaro Region Motta Kyando said that the Moshi project involves the construction of an airplane parking lot, runways, security fences, ditches and drainage culverts, the construction of a security area, two runways saying the project has reached 50 percent.

The construction of the Moshi Kilimanjaro Complex is being implemented by M/s Rocktronic Limited at an amount of approximately 12bn/- and is expected to be completed in the middle of the year 2024.



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Nzega district commissioner Naitapwaki Tukai (2nd-R) has a meal with Burunde Secondary School's Form IV students now sitting their national examinations. The idea was to make them "feel at home" and fare well in the exams. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

TPDC, TANESCO officials ordered out of work over failure to deliver

By Guardian Reporter, Msimbati

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Energy minister Dr Doto Biteko has ordered the removal of the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) communications manager due to his failure to provide various reports and not hold meetings with people surrounding natural gas projects, including emergencies that occur in the gas pipeline.

Dr Biteko gave these instructions yesterday when speaking to Msimbati villagers in Mtwara Region shortly after inspecting natural gas wells in Mnazi Bay.

Msimbati ward residents informed the DPM on a number of challenges including poor road infrastructure, lack of health centres and they weren't receiving the money from companies that process the natural gas. They also complained over lack of reports of natural gas projects from the responsible authorities.

"I know that challenges in these projects occur, but there must be someone who is a bridge between the government and the people and this person is paid salary for that work, it is impossible for the Minister or the President to come and give information to the people when someone is hired for the relevant work, these people should get the report," he stressed.

He also ordered the Director of Customer Service at Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) to be removed from that position due to inappropriate answers given to citizens when they called the organization to get various services.

Dr Biteko also ordered that, when projects are implemented in the area, they must change the lives of the people, including access

to social services such as schools, health centers, roads and water.

DPM Biteko has instructed the Mtwara regional commissioner and district commissioner to have an audience with residents of the area so that the development plan of the village is prepared, so when funds are given, they should develop according to the village plan.

He also instructed the TPDC to set up a special program for the implementation of Social Development Projects (CSR) in the area so that the citizens can see the benefits of the projects in their areas and instructed them to build a health center, street lights and a Police Station.



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Songwe regional administrative secretary Happiness Seneda moves to make an assessment tour of the implementation of a livestock dip construction project on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Yassin Ibrahim

Committee happy with strides seen in EACOP project implementation

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

THE Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy and Minerals has expressed satisfaction with progress implementation of the Chongoleani port of the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The committee visited the project on Monday whereas members inspected construction of the main center for receiving and storing crude oil.

Chairman of the committee, David Mathayo said: "We visited this project to see its progress and implementation; we are satisfied. We came here last year, but this time we have completely found different things, we are impressed with the speed of the contractor."

He urged the people to grab the opportunities arising from the project, adding that upon completion in December 2025 it will help to increase the country's income.

"It completion will boost government coffers and create jobs. May I call upon residents here and other areas where the pipeline passes to grab the various opportunities arising from the project to increase their income," said Mathayo.

He emphasized that the project should also support communities through its corporate social responsibility (CSR) policy.

Deputy Permanent Secretary, in the Ministry of Energy, Athumani Mbutuka said the ministry is closely monitoring implementation of the project and that they are going to work on all the advice given by the committee.

He has said that until October 31st,

2023 the government had provided \$207 million as its contribution to the EACOP whereby 4,228 Tanzanians have been employed by the project and 146 local service providers benefited after being paid 355bn/-.

He said a total of 9,822 citizens equal to 99.2 percent have been compensated being paid 35bn/- . He said the construction work is progressing well and will be completed and become operational in December 2025.

"The project has reached a good point and we are expecting more people to benefit from it," said the Deputy PS insisting the contractor will complete the work within schedule.

The event was attended by experts from the Ministry of Energy and Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC).



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Ethiopian Airlines expands Boeing 737 MAX fleet 5 yrs after fatal crash

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIAN Airlines announced, on Tuesday, a deal with Boeing that will see the company buy 20 737 MAX aircraft, as well as 11 additional 787 Dreamliners during the Dubai Air Show.

The East African airline CEO Mesfin Tasew, says it's only the beginning.

"This is just the first phase. We expect to do another round of fleet renewal process in the coming a few years, which we expect to order additional aeroplanes."

According to Tasew, Ethiopian Airlines expects to exercise options to purchase another 21 of the narrow-body planes. It also has purchasing options for a further 15 787-9 Dreamliner jets.

The airline will announce an order for wide-body jets, either the Boeing 777X or Airbus A350, in the coming months, he said, declining to say how many wide-body jets it would order.

Asked about the 2019 MAX crash, Mesfin Tasew speaks of renewed confidence in the single-aisle aircraft.

"The accident on the max (737-max) that happened four years was a very, very sad accident. It has left a big scar in our memory, and we always feel sad for the victims of that accident. We have checked and confirmed that the design defect of that aircraft has been fully corrected by Boeing, and we have renewed our confidence in that aircraft."

The March 2019 737 MAX crash shortly after takeoff from Addis Ababa killed all 157 people on board.

It was the second involving

a Boeing MAX in less than five months, and led to a worldwide grounding of all MAX jets for nearly two years.

The accidents exposed a problem with a system on the plane, and the model was grounded worldwide, costing the U.S. plane-maker some \$20 billion and prompting court cases that exposed shortcomings with the certification process.

Boeing described the sale as the largest-ever purchase of Boeing aeroplanes in African history, without disclosing a price point for the deal.

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Defaults by govt bodies to pay for adverts in media most unfortunate

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed the Information, Communications and Communication Technology ministry to draw up a schedule of paying out to media outlets their dues especially for advertisements.

The PM similarly demanded that a sustainable modality be devised to address such challenges as well as others facing media houses. It is a demand that has been in place for a long time for public institutions notorious for delays in paying bills, even after being specifically ordered to act.

Opening this year's edition of the Tanzania Editors' Forum general meeting in Lindi municipality on Monday, the premier admitted the negative effects of non-payment of debts media outlets have to go through.

Accordingly, all public institutions are under instruction to draw up a list of all approved debts to media outlets, complete with a firm schedule for their being paid, to avoid the harm non-payment inflicts on media organs.

How far and to what effect that directive will be carried out remains to be seen, but at least there is cause for optimism on the part of the media.

For one thing, the key push to paying media organs is to ensure that adverts will be regularly received, which is a valid marketing principle even if it leaves gaps where payment will not be done for a long time.

A media organ will not find it easy to refuse a public agency advert merely because it has not been paid for the previous one, which implies that a certain accumulation may take place, depending on the frequency. Some adverts are infrequent, among them annual Budget speeches, which means the repeat pressure is low.

The premier similarly called on the media fraternity to observe the country's laws, take into account the environment of their work and put up

the necessary safeguards.

Translated into editorial policy, that formulation is both instructive and stringent, as only the first part is relatively easy to figure what it involves, namely, observing the law.

Here the crucial issue is evidently accuracy of what is reported and avoidance of libellous statements, but interpretation can be wide, as to law observance and accuracy.

Adding circumstances risks to widen the margin of due effort on the part of editors somewhat extended, even prohibiting.

It is similarly vital, as the premier underlined, for people to be provided with accurate information, even as circumstance will usually intervene.

At times this is embedded in professional media techniques par excellence, where balancing of reportage is vital.

Of course, this will not always prove a cure-all, as stakeholders are of contrasting importance either to the society or to readers.

Other threats the premier referred to in passing, including the media being impeded in their work by residents of this or that area or at an irregular scene where some people wish there is no media, will be rather seldom.

But when there are such cases, it is less the residents of a certain place or onlookers who wish to prevent the media from carrying out their duties but, rather, public agencies.

At times there are bylaws established by agencies to apply in an area those agencies have some particular interest, and ignorance of such bylaws spells trouble.

While the media should justifiably be appreciative of the premier for his salutary remarks, they should not expect easy sailing in navigating the choppy waters of regulatory pressures.

And the genuinely professional practitioners know precisely how, as they would themselves put it, to swim with the sharks without being eaten.

With more industries, environmental assurances now taking different look

COAST Region is beginning a new life, if you will, as a beehive of industrial activity. It is not just with the 100 industries expected in the 'Egyptian' export processing zone in Mlandizi but also with other areas like Kibaha near the Kwala Dry Port or Mkuranga on the southern outreaches of Dar es Salaam city.

How all this activity will be organised so as to avoid worst-case scenarios of pollution like in some parts of South Asia is a matter that has to be faced. The relevant agencies are doing it already, with the minister for the docket having recently been to a Mkuranga plastics and bolts factory.

The key issue the minister in question demanded to see addressed is smoke, which affects different parts of the city in various ways.

A study conducted a while back gave the business district from the city's Fire Station to Nyerere Road and up to Ilala or slightly beyond as the worst hit in terms of air not adequately free from contamination.

Dar es Salaam is still far from being a hugely overpopulated agglomeration, as we are still within 5.5 million inhabitants at the most, while there are metropolises right here in Africa with much bigger populations.

The smoke level is determined by technology levels in industry, as well as in public transportation.

While the minister expressed satisfaction with observance of environmental regulations at the factory that a ministerial team backed by the relevant parliamentary oversight committee, dangers lurk.

For instance, there is the case of a gold miner the National Environment Management Council) directed to build adequate gold washing outflows for reliable health safeguards and then stop operations.

The firm concerned has since been running in circles with NEMC officials over how it hands over its business, not whether the works it was supposed to build are sufficient or have started being implemented.

Environmental hazards are multiplied when inefficient or simply aged industries are forced to face competition as they have to ship out of business or shape up by adequately modernising technologically and otherwise.

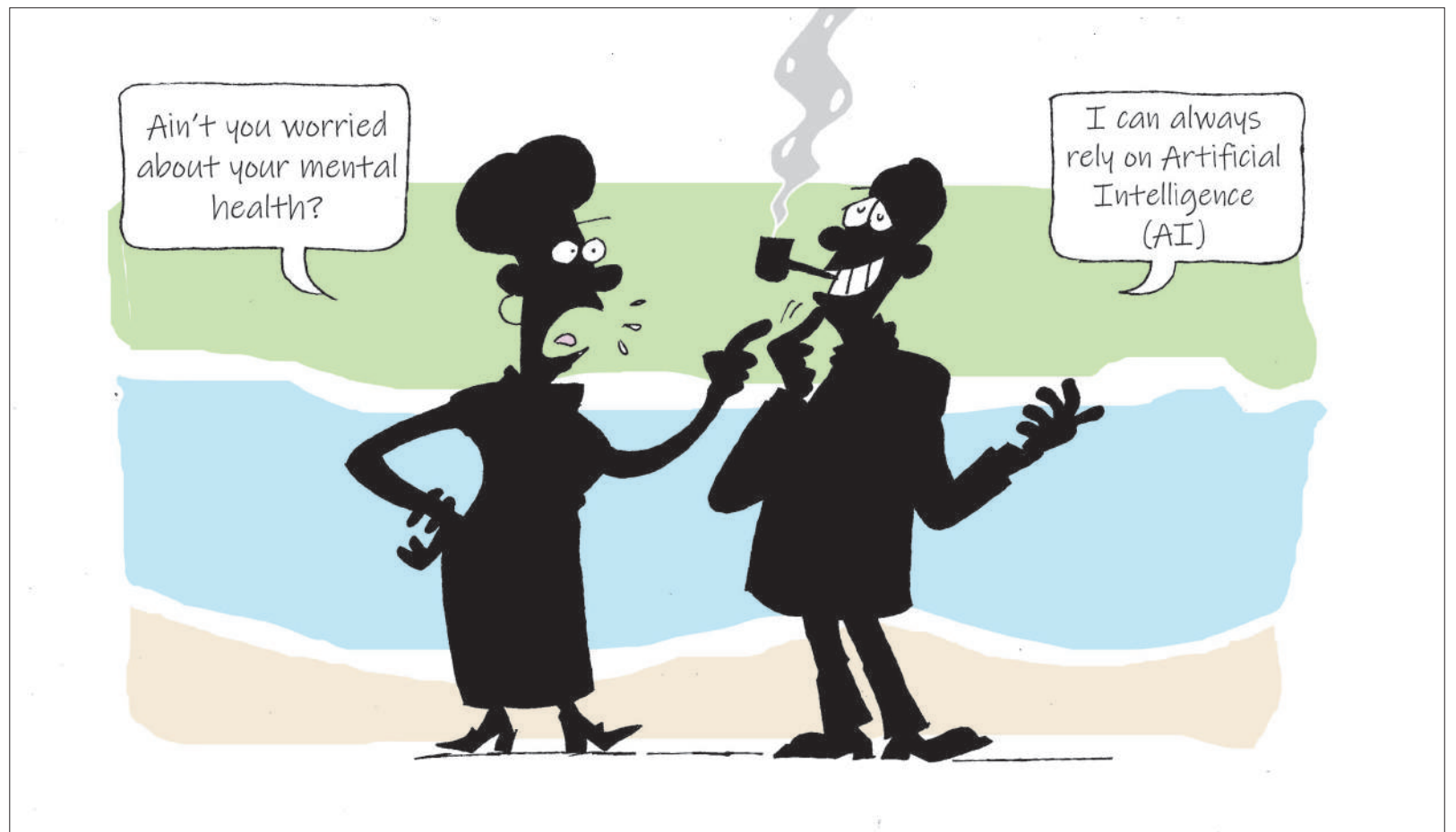
How far this is the case here isn't exactly clear as many such industries were cleared in earlier reforms in the 1990s, and those remaining will be under intense pressure with a more competitive trading system emerging in the region. This is ultimately the real safeguard to environment, with cleaner and hopefully cheaper energy, greater use of genuinely more efficient mass transport systems.

Export of capital and the building of industries have two ends often not in harmony, where polluting equipment can be exported in the hope of getting cheap labour to operate profitably compared to other countries.

But, basically, such industries often sell out, and thus new industries are usually of a higher technological level and more likely to be observant of environmental safety requirements. That is largely what the minister was trying to make sure was the case.

In a sense, the country's environmental battle will not be too fierce as experts say sub-Saharan Africa will unlikely industrialise in the same manner as South Asia has done.

The global fourth industrial revolution is primarily about relative de-industrialisation and overwhelming preponderance of services - for instance, in the way financial interactions take up energies of thousands of youths.



Natural gas is surely bringing down Big Oil

By Sarah Miller

NATURAL gas has fallen off a cliff towards international obscurity over the nearly two years since Russia invaded Ukraine.

Conventional wisdom has long been that natural gas would be the longest-living of the three main fossil fuels, with coal use dying off first, followed by oil, and gas benefiting from its lower carbon-emissions count to go on being used nearly to the mid-Century "net zero" deadline.

No longer. The International Energy Agency (IEA), which sits atop the heap of international supply-demand prognosticators, has made it official: Natural gas demand may edge up ever so slightly for a few more years but, by 2030 latest, it will be in decline.

In fact, the IEA now expects demand for all three fossil fuels to peak by 2030, with gas going first, ahead of oil and coal. That's the ever-cautious IEA view, and the agency expects the subsequent decline in fossil fuel use to be slow.

Peak demand for all fossil fuels is coming sooner because solar is spreading faster, and that peak will come sooner still if economic growth is slow or even non-existent. The new order among the fossil fuels has more complex reasons.

Who cares if international gas sales decline sooner than coal, you may ask? One answer is the big oil and gas companies that bet heavily on natural gas as a slightly less carbon-emitting fuel that would extend their ability to profit from fossil fuel production even as oil demand shrinks.

Gas was a huge part of some of these companies' life-support structure. Another loser is Russia, which will leave a lot more "stranded" natural gas in the ground. Different companies and countries profit from coal sales.

Whether this carbon dioxide and methane in the atmosphere depends on the net effect of a trade-off between more solar sooner and more coal-fired electricity for longer. It's a good news-bad news story that I think will have a positive net emissions outcome. But no one knows.

What happened?

The fate of natural gas as an internationally traded fuel was sealed by the massive price surge that accompanied Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, making Moscow both the perpetrator and the victim, since it was one of the biggest suppliers of gas to markets beyond its borders.

Absurdly high spot prices for liquefied natural gas (LNG) - natural



gas cooled and compressed so that it will fit on a ship - sent China and India rushing back to good old reliable coal but also to quicker adoption of new renewables, especially solar.

Earlier IEA and other forecasts showing natural gas acting for decades as a "bridge fuel" between carbon-heavier coal and carbon-free renewables in power generation were premised on a quick buildout of gas infrastructure.

Importing more gas would certainly cost China and India - the top sources of projected new demand - more than expanding the infrastructure they already have to generate electricity using what is largely domestic coal.

But it was assumed that relatively low gas prices, plus carbon emissions savings over the transition, would justify the higher upfront spending on new gas facilities.

After international gas prices multiplied by a factor of ten or more last year, both Beijing and New Delhi decided that natural gas was too unstable to justify the spending. They didn't announce such a policy change; rather, they just did it.

The two countries' new policies involve a quicker and more complete transition to solar, wind and battery backup as the least expensive means for reducing carbon emissions - and continuing to use coal to generate electricity until that transition to renewables is complete.

China and India are largely skipping over the natural gas stage - taking the direct path to renewables that many climate activists and environmental groups have long recommended.

This is why China opposes naming coal at the upcoming UN climate talks in Dubai as a fossil fuel that should be phased out, while avoiding any mention of oil and gas to placate oil exporting countries.

Europe had been gradually reducing use of both natural gas and coal even before the Ukraine War brought a painfully abrupt cut-off in their supply of Russia gas in 2022.

Germany and the EU responded by paying absurdly high prices for replacement LNG, thereby contributing to turning China and India away from natural gas.

The Europeans have also reduced their own use of gas much more sharply than it had been doing, further weakening prospects for the fuel.

What does it mean?

Renewables are not only being adopted faster, they will take on more of the job of power generation than was projected earlier.

Experience has shown that power grids can operate reliably and relatively cheaply with large percentages of solar, wind and battery backup in the generation mix.

The portion of grid power that needs to come from gas-or coal-fired plants - or from other non-intermittent baseload sources such as nuclear or hydro - may well be as little as 10 per cent. This is according to recent findings from the US government's National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Big Oil and its supporters often point to multi-decade LNG contracts signed by Chinese and European buyers over the last couple of years to counter doomsayers on internationally traded gas such as the IEA - and myself.

However, the volumes involved in such contracts are tiny compared to the pipeline gas sales Russia lost and is unlikely to replace.

For example, Shell, France's TotalEnergies, and Italy's Eni recently signed contracts to buy a combined 11 billion cubic meters (8 million tons) per year of LNG from top Mideast producer Qatar for a period of almost 30 years.

By comparison, though, Russia's Gazprom is still sending nearly 30 Bcm/yr of pipeline gas to Europe, and that is down from almost 150 Bcm/yr in 2021.

Natural gas isn't used only in power generation, but power generation has been the presumed growth area for gas for decades.

Gas is also used in manufacturing,

but that's not growing, and efforts are under way to shift these activities to electricity.

And natural gas is used to heat buildings, but there it faces growing competition from much more efficient electric heat pumps.

These calculations about natural gas versus coal and renewables may add up differently in large gas-producing and exporting regions such as North America and Russia.

Although both also have some coal, they have much more gas, and they benefit in terms of emission counts by shifting more generation off coal and onto natural gas.

The US can brag at climate conferences that its emissions have dropped steadily over the last decade, despite a mediocre performance when it comes to renewables.

The savings came in large part from utilities switching off coal and onto to gas because US and Canadian gas has mostly been cheaper than coal.

Relatively low domestic natural gas prices also help gas compete for longer against renewables in these areas.

US determination to minimise reliance on China - maker of the cheapest and most plentiful solar panels and components - increases the likelihood that the US will remain more reliant on natural gas for longer.

Russia's loss of its vital European customer base means that much of its gas will become "stranded assets".

Moscow is still hoping to sell more to China but, so far, the Chinese have shown no more interest in additional Russian natural gas than in anybody else's. This gives Russia every incentive to sell natural gas cheaply at home and to friendly neighbours.

One thing this natural gas-heavier US transition path means is that gas could remain a bigger contributor to earnings for American companies such as ExxonMobil and Chevron - which are depending heavily on US shale oil and gas - than it will for European-based majors such as Shell, which tend to have a more international focus when it comes to gas.

That isn't to say that natural gas has strong growth prospects even in North America, though. Solar is leading the pack in additions to generating capacity in that relatively gas-friendly part of the world nearly as much as it is elsewhere.

Investing heavily in natural gas as the "sustainable" fossil fuel has proven to be a bad bet for the oil companies. That's proving a hard pill to swallow, and some of these companies are still in denial. But it's the path the transition is taking.

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Self-appointed ambassador with a passion for cultural tourism

By Adonis Byemelwa

HER social media accounts are full of photos and captions describing little-known but captivating cultural tourism sites and items located in Kagera Region which she believes have the potential to attract visitors and create jobs and revenue.

Goodhope Ntimba has been doing this for free for years. To make her voice louder and message stronger, she went ahead and founded the Grand Kagera Tour Project which is dedicated to promoting cultural tourism in the seven districts of the region.

Being one of the actresses under the Tanzania Drama and Film Actors Association, Ntimba seized the opportunity to advertise the many attractions in the region by producing a number of films that showcase traditional foods, cultural artifacts and ancient caverns with drawings meant to change people's mindset that tourism in the region is not all about the Burigi-Chato National Park and Rubondo Game Reserve but also other untapped cultural tourism potentials.

"I single-handedly started the project with funds from my business. In school I didn't go beyond standard seven but I am very passionate about what I'm doing and people respond very positively," she said in an interview recently.

A businesswoman who owns Salman Café and Boutique located in Karagwe District said he reward is the good feeling she gets when people respond to her posts, requesting how to get some cultural attraction, thanks to her posts.

Ntimba's dedication to boosting cultural tourism has attracted the attention of Kagera Regional Commissioner, Fatma Mwasa, who is also passionate about tourism.

"The current RC and her predecessor Albert Chalamba were impressed by my efforts and gave me green light to promote tourism in the region. We have started seeing increase in the number of tourists visiting cultural hotspots. I know this because I also work as a tour guide and I know where to find all artifacts, traditional foods, dance troupes and cultural rites in every district," she said.

"There are some readily available traditional foods for tourists. The famous protein-rich senene (longhorn grasshopper) is never out of stock and people love it."

Straton Ruhinda, Anthropology Lecturer at the Open University of Tanzania said Ntimba's initiative is spot-on because examination of Tanzania's tourism map shows it is both incomplete and unbalanced since the most popular hotspots, namely Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Mount Kilimanjaro are concentrated in the northern regions, leaving huge part of the country unexplored.

He said majority of Tanzanians are therefore excluded from the adventure, jobs and cash generated in areas with wildlife, fine sands like Zanzibar and eternal snows of the continent's highest peak. The over 100 ethnic groups have exciting and fascinating languages, traditions, foods and rites worthy exploring.

The author of many traditional books touching on cultural tourism hailed the efforts Ntimba, explaining that it was time the government motivated people like her to



Cultural tourism enthusiast Goodhope Ntimba (back-standing) with locals outside one of the cultural tourism sites in Kagera Region. Photo courtesy of Goodhope Ntimba

encourage others, especially those with financial muscles to invest in such initiatives to boost domestic tourism in particular.

Speaking about the nature of her films, Ntimba said most of them are about artifacts, traditional food and some drawings in the cavern whose sites show a kind of ingenuity by ancient people who used the site to hide in times of war and other dangerous happenings.

The amateur tour guide said she realized that tourism is in tandem with scaling up other economic activities, noting that people from neighbouring Ugandan buy bananas from Kagera Region to process wine which they later export to Tanzania.

Edgar Mugashe, one of the influencers working with Ntimba said the

initiative is one of measures that aim to make the region known across the world, adding that being rich in arable land, the area is poised to be Tanzania's food basket if many renowned academicians from the area come up with good plans.

"I commend her daring and efforts. Many Tanzanian artists have joined her on social media to back up her initiative. Slowly but surely things are moving. It is time the relevant authorities joined her efforts to boost cultural tourism," he said.

The benefit of enhancing local cultures and traditions is not limited to job creation and income generation. The sometimes-forgotten gestures are practised again to satisfy the curiosity of visitors, ensuring perpetuation of the traditions. By arous-

ing interest, a daily routine that may have seemed banal becomes a source of pride. To attract tourists, an environmental effort is also often undertaken."

In order to promote the development of tourism outside the major centers and to highlight and perpetuate local cultures, the Tanzanian Tourist Board set up a supportive initiative dubbed Cultural Tourism Programme.

Created in 1996, this programme supports, advises and evaluates about sixty Cultural Tourism Enterprises (CTE) scattered throughout the country, offering tourist activities and sometimes accommodation.

One of the strengths of this programme is that it requires CTEs to

donate a portion of their profits to support communities in which they operate. In this way, an entire village feels involved, with each resident becoming an ambassador for the community and appreciating the importance of each visit.

Tanzania is a country with many tourist attractions. Approximately 38 percent of Tanzania's land area is set aside in protected areas for conservation. There are 17 national parks, 29 game reserves, 40 controlled conservation areas (including the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and marine parks).

Tourism is among the fastest-growing sectors in the global economy. The World Travel and Tourism Council 2020 report shows that globally, in 2019, tourism sector contributed 10.3 percent (US\$8.9 trillion) of global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 3330 million jobs, which is about 10 percent of all global employment.

In 2021, the contribution of the tourism sector to Tanzania's economy slightly increased to six percent, up from 5.7 percent in 2020. That year, the sector felt the most the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Is appointment of new UN youth envoy symbolic change or real hope?

By Simone Galimberti

THE recent appointment of Dr. Felipe Paullier of Uruguay as the first Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs is a good news for the United Nations. Yet we need to ask ourselves the following question: Can such development also become a real hope, rather than just a symbolic change, for millions of youths from around the world?

There are many risks that this potential "gamechanger", the opportunity of having young people better represented within the UN, would turn just into a gimmick, a tokenistic progress.

After all, the way that the whole UN system has been designed and evolved, is stacked against bold reforms and radical shifts are opposed. There is an overall staunching tendency to counter and refrain from undertaking any major reform. This is not because the resistance coming from the member states alone.

It's also the way agencies, programs and departments within the UN tend to work and operate. Certainly, none of them are losing sleep over the appointment of Dr. Paullier, a medical doctor by training and currently the head of the youth agency in his native Uruguay.

The reason is that the position of Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs in place is not a real breakthrough or at least, it is not yet a breakthrough. Certainly, it is a positive evolution, and Dr Paullier has definitely his work cut out. Yet he could, with some help, turn his new position in a powerful figure within the UN and beyond.

The positive factor is that, as an outsider of the UN, he can bring in fresh ideas and his ways of thinking won't be conditioned nor limited by the structural constraints, procedural, administrative but also in mindsets, that are all imbedded in the system.

Resources will be needed and a lot of them

The first task for Dr Paullier is building, almost from scratch, the UN Youth Office.

This is itself a recently new institution based on what was the Office of the Youth Envoy that was directly responding to the UN Secretary General.

Resources, a lot of them, will be needed to enable the Office to have its voice heard across the table of those who hold power and sway within the UN HQ in New York.

In relation to the finances, optimistically speaking, it should not difficult to find member states or even major philanthropic organizations like Ford Foundation, the Open Societies Foundation or Rockefeller Foundation, willing to step in.

Resources will be certainly needed to recruit a strong but agile team. Ideally Dr. Paullier could bring in some passionate young officers within the UN System, especially those who have a rare quality for the UN: an out of the box mentality.

With them, new members should also come from outside the UN orbit, from both the global civil society but also from the private sector. Only such a good mix could potentially create some positive disruptions in New York where the UN HQ is located.

A seat on the tables that count

In terms of influencing the decision-making process and have the voice of Dr. Paullier heard, Secretary General Antonio Guterres could do his bit. He should ensure that the new Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs is nominated in the Senior Management Group (SMG) that consists of his most senior aides, all high-ranking officers.

In addition, Mr. Guterres should facilitate that the UN Youth Office gains a seat on the table with United Nations Sustainable Development Group that, serving as "a high-level forum for joint policy formation and decision-making", brings together, twice a year, all the heads of agencies, programs and department.

A holistic and broad review process

Second, if provided with power and resources, Dr. Paullier should start a serious process of review of the work done so far by the UN for and with the youths.



Besides the appointment of an Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs, UN Secretary-General António Guterres has named seven young climate leaders who will form his next Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change. He has called on young people everywhere to ratchet up the pressure, acknowledging their vital role keeping the world's climate goals alive. Credit: UN Photo

For example, Dr. Paullier should undertake a major "system" review of the UN Youth Strategy. The process must be open, an inclusive, transparent process that assesses its progress and its setbacks.

This would be way beyond the existing practice of reporting on the progress of implementing the Strategy. Learning from the existing progress review exercises, that happens annually, makes sense but the scope of the work could be made wider, radically open and more inclusive.

In addition, the UN Youth Office could facilitate a major and more specific assessment exercise of each entity within the UN System. This would be surely a bold and radical undertaking that would go much deeper than simply reporting on implementation of the strategy as it happens now.

Building on The Youth2030 Scorecard for UN Entities that was prepared by the outgoing Youth Envoy, Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, the UN Youth Office should do something bold and

Dr. Paullier and his team should go beyond providing guidance, the technical parameters through which agencies and programs should assess their work with youth.

They should do more: carrying out its independent evaluation in each agency and program within the UN System. Will the new Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs muster the political skills for this massive exercise that that, probably, would necessarily require the involvement of third-party consultancies?

Implementing the policy brief

Any review and plans being charted out by the UN Youth Office also needs to make efforts to provide pathways to implement Meaningful Youth Engagement in Policy and Decision-making Processes.

This is one among the many Policy Briefs that are laying the ground for of Our Common Agenda, the ambitious plan of reforms proposed by the Office of the Secretary General that should be discussed and finalized during the Summit of

the Future next year.

Interestingly, this Brief already offers key principles on meaningful youth engagement, that could offer the parameters against which the work of each entity within the UN System could be assessed against.

The true is that while the Policy Brief comes up with some interesting ideas, none of them is truly transformative. Perhaps the most promising among them is creating a standing United Nations Youth Townhall that is supposed to be a platform where youths can be engaged with.

A key task of the new Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs would be coming up with some practical proposals on how to "concretize" and make practical this idea.

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Smallholder farmers gain least from international climate funding

By Maina Waruru

SMALLHOLDER farmers from the Global South benefit from a grossly disproportionate 0.3% of international climate finance despite producing a third of the world's food and despite holding the key to climate-proofing food systems.

The family farmers and rural communities received around USD 2 billion from both public and private international climate funds out of the USD 8.4 billion that went to the agriculture sector in 2021, even as over 2.5 billion people globally depended on the farms for their livelihoods.

The USD 8.4 billion was almost half of the USD 16 billion that was availed for the energy sector and is only a fraction of the estimated USD 300-350 billion needed annually to "create more sustainable and resilient food systems," a new report has found.

The amount was also quite different from the USD 170 billion that smallholder farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa alone would require per year, the study on global public finance for climate mitigation and adaptation conducted by Dutch climate advisory company Climate Focus has found.

The low level of climate finance for agriculture, forestry, and fishing is of concern, given the impact of climate change on food production and the extent to which food and agriculture are fueling the climate and biodiversity crisis.

Agricultural productivity has declined by 21 percent due to climate change, while the food and agriculture sector as a whole is responsible for 29 percent of greenhouse gas emissions and 80 percent of global deforestation, the study explains.

The farmers have been sidelined by global climate funders and locked out of decision-making processes on food and climate despite being the engines of rural economic growth. This is especially so in Sub-Saharan Africa, where up to 80 percent of agriculture is by smallholder farmers and where 23 percent of regional GDP is attributable to the sector.

It reveals that 80 percent of international public climate finance spent on the agri-food sector is channeled through governments and donor country NGOs, making it hard for smallholder farmers' organizations to access it. This is because of complex eligibility rules and application processes and a lack of information on how and where to apply.

Many family farmers also lack the infrastructure, technology, and resources to adapt to climate impacts, with serious implications for global food security and rural economies as well, it notes.

The study 'Untapped Potential: An analysis of international public climate finance flows to sustainable agriculture and family farmers,' published on 14 November, laments that only a fifth of international public climate finance for food and agriculture supports sustainable practice. The money mainly goes to the Global North, even as agriculture becomes the third biggest source of global emissions, and the main driver of biodiversity loss.

"Climate change is hitting harvests and driving up food prices across the globe. It has helped push 122 million people into hunger since 2019. We need to create more sustainable and resilient food systems that can feed people in a changing climate, but we can't do this without family farmers," the report compiled on behalf of ten farmer organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific says.

"Family farmers are also key to climate adaptation. They are at the forefront of the shift to more diverse, nature-friendly food systems, which the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says is needed to safeguard food security in a changing climate," it further notes.

The groups are led by the World Rural Forum and include African groups—the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation, Eastern and Southern Africa small-



David Obwona at his seed rice farm in Katukatib village, Amoro district, northern Uganda. The farmer is part of a group that is now engaged in seed rice farming to climate-proof agriculture courtesy of the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building Agriculture. Credit: Maina Waruru/IPS

scale Farmers Forum, the Regional Platform of Farmers' Organisations in Central Africa, and the Network of West African Farmers' and Producers' Organisations. Also part of the group is Northern Africa's Maghreb and North African Farmers Union.

The Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development, the Pacific Island Farmers Organization Network, the Confederation of Family Producers' Organizations of Greater Mercosur, and the Regional Rural Dialogue Programme are also represented in the study.

Many of the farmers are already practicing climate-resilient agriculture, including approaches such as agroecology, which implies a wider variety of crops, including traditional ones, mixing crops, livestock, forestry, and fisheries, while reducing agrochemical use, and building strong connections to local markets.

The study by the new alliance of farmer networks representing over 35 million smallholder producers ahead of COP28, which is set to agree on a Global Goal for Adaptation, is concerned that since 2012, overall, only 11% of international public climate finance has been targeted at agriculture, forestry, and fishing, which amounts to an average of USD 7 billion a year.

In 2021, the World Bank, Germany, the Green Climate Fund, and European Union institutions contributed around half—54 percent, amounting to USD 4 billion collectively, while

Nigeria, India, and Ethiopia were the top recipients, receiving a combined USD 1.8 billion. Notably, some of the world's most food insecure countries, including Sudan, Sierra Leone, and Zambia, each received less than USD 20 million, it discloses.

"As the climate crisis pushes the global food system ever closer to collapse, it is vital that governments recognize family farmers as powerful partners in the fight against climate change," it warns.

Hakim Baliriane, Chair of the Eastern and Southern Africa small-scale Farmers Forum, observed: "Climate change has helped push 122 million people into hunger since 2019. Reversing this trend will not be possible if governments continue to tie the hands of millions of family farmers."

The study defines small-scale family farms as those of less than two hectares, mainly in developing countries.

On the other hand, international climate finance broadly refers to finance channeled to "activities that have a stated objective to mitigate climate change or support adaptation. These include multilateral flows in and outside the (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, as well as bilateral flows at national and regional levels, including the Global Environment Facility, Adaptation Fund, and Green Climate Fund, and are usually disbursed as grants and concessional loans

The study finds that family farms

are also the backbone of rural economies, supporting over 2.5 billion people globally who depend on family farms for their livelihoods. It says that in Sub-Saharan Africa, where up to 80 percent of farming is done by smallholder farmers, agriculture contributes 23 percent to regional Gross Domestic Product.

Family farmers are also key to climate adaptation in that they are at the forefront of the shift to more "diverse, nature-friendly food systems," which, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), are critical in safeguarding food security in a changing climate.

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It concludes that governments must ensure that available climate finance for sustainable climate-resilient practices is increased, including that of agroecological approaches.

It explains: "This means funds to support diverse, nature-friendly approaches and to create community-based solutions that build on traditional expertise and experience.

It recommends that small-scale family farmers ought to have direct access to more climate finance and

that financing mechanisms and funds should be developed with the participation of farmers' organizations to meet their needs.

In addition, efforts should be made to ensure longer-term, flexible funding so that communities can determine their own priorities.

The role of the farmers as powerful catalysts for climate action, food system transformation, and the protection of biodiversity should be acknowledged and given a "real say" in decision-making on food and climate at the local, national, regional, and international levels. This should include decisions on land reform and agricultural subsidies.

The COP28 in Dubai later this month has food systems as a big part of the agenda.

An August report by the UK's ActionAid has found that climate adaptation and green transition initiatives in the Global South received 20 times less financing when compared to main global emitters, fossil fuels, and intensive agriculture sectors in the last seven years.

It found that leading banking multinationals funded the emitters' activities in the southern hemisphere to the tune of USD 3.2 trillion since 2015 when the Paris Agreement on Climate was adopted. German agrochemical giant Bayer was the biggest recipient of the financing, receiving an estimated USD 20.6 billion since 2016.

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GBV: Abused South African women log on for online lifeline

By Kim Harrisberg

EVERY day, Sabrina Walter answers 50 to 150 messages on her social media channels from South African women who have survived abuse but need help to get justice, get safe or get back on their feet. With little support in real life, they have turned to the virtual world.

Walter is the founder of non-profit Women For Change, which has grown from having a few hundred followers online when it was created in 2016 to reaching over 10 million people per month across its Facebook, X, TikTok and Instagram pages in 2023.

The need for support is clear in a country where violence against women is profound and widespread, and impunity for perpetrators is common, women's rights experts say.

Re-victimisation at the hands of police as well as the estimated two year-backlog of forensic DNA analysis needed for evidence means victims can wait years for justice, said Amanda Gouws, professor of political science at the University of Stellenbosch.

"I think [violence against women] is an ongoing war; it's a pandemic," said Sabrina Walter, founder of Women For Change (WFC).

WFC educates, advocates, and campaigns on gender-based violence, femicide, human rights and gender equality.

"I think [violence against women] is an ongoing war; it's a pandemic," said Walter.

WFC also helps victims and their families access social and legal assistance as well as putting people in touch with counsellors and other experts who can advise them on their personal cases.

"People do not have assistance, they don't know where to go and do not have a lot of resources," said Walter, who has built up a database of vetted lawyers, investigators, partner organisations and social workers.

She has seen the impact offline

too; WFC has mobilised thousands of people to fundraise and hundreds of women have got legal and social support through the online community.

WFC is not the only charity that has seen demand for its online support soar. Half a dozen social media pages across various platforms have seen their monthly audience grow to number in the millions over the past decade, said women's rights advocates.

Lusyomo-Namakau Simatele, a social justice educator who helps run Girls Against Oppression, another online platform with more than 100,000 followers, told Context that the online support was filling a real world gap.

GAO receives around 100 messages each week across its social media platforms from people needing help.

"We really had no other choice but to step in as normal civilians...and use social media to be a connector between individuals and resources," Simatele said, adding: "The system is broken, and we have had to build our own one online."

Violence against women is a shockingly common and brutal characteristic of a country with a history of wider violence and profound inequality.

In 2019/20, about 2,700 women were murdered in South Africa, meaning a woman was murdered every three hours, according to the Africa Health Organisation.

South Africa also has one of the highest rape statistics in the world, even higher than some countries at war.

There were nearly 42,000 reported cases of rape in 2021/22 - up 15 per cent from 2020/21, which amounts to over 115 rapes a day, according to police statistics.

But even those figures may be an underestimation. Social justice activists note that women often do not report cases for fear their allegations might be dismissed, or because they worry the accused might be swiftly freed and seek revenge.



Sabrina Walter, founder of Women For Change, poses for a portrait as she holds up a sign at an anti-GBV Cape Town protest in South Africa.

"A large percentage of cases 'fall out' of the criminal justice chain [a phenomenon known as attrition] at the police reporting stage as victims are discouraged by police maltreatment," said Nyasha Karimkwenda, a gender equity consultant.

Maltreatment can include police forcing survivors to recount their trauma in public and questioning whether intimate partners can actually be accused of rape, said Karimkwenda in emailed comments.

A memorial for murdered University of Cape Town student Uyiniene Mrwetyana, who was killed when she went to collect a parcel at the post office in Claremont, South Africa, 2022. PICTURE: Courtesy of Women For Change/Handout via Thomson Reuters Foundation

Despite progressive legislation, a violent past and high levels of poverty and inequality may partially explain why violence against women is so prevalent in South Africa, said Gouws from Stellenbosch, although she added that it is difficult to pinpoint exact reasons.

Education around violence and better policing are some of the more immediate ways GBV can be tackled, said Karimkwenda.

"We need to shift mindsets at individual, interpersonal and communal levels - to engage both women and men about gender discriminatory beliefs and actions and to illustrate how destructive this is," said Karimkwenda.

In the absence of more formal interventions, the online activists have stepped into the breach.

"I should not have to do Instagram threads to inform men that it's not OK to kill women, but I do it consistently," said Simatele. We rely on our readers to fund Sight's work - become a financial supporter today!

Bernadine Bachar, director for the Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women and Children, said that while social media channels provide "accessibility, ease of use [and] a central space for all information that a survivor may need", they are not a silver bullet.

"Not all survivors of [abuse] will have [online] access. They may not have data or a smartphone. Also, individually tailored assistance may not always be possible," she said in emailed comments.

Another complication is that the very online platforms that women turn to for support can be used against them.

Walter said she is sometimes blocked by social media platforms when algorithms mistake her exposure of abuse for promotion.

She would like to create her own free platform to help her engage safely with survivors using her own interface. She is seeking funding to help her make this a reality.

Bachar said a collaborative approach between social media pages, shelters, counsellors and legal assistance was "critical" to curbing gender-based violence.

Until institutional gaps are filled, activists like Simatele will continue the fight online.

"It's exhausting, it's triggering, it's heartbreaking, it's angering," she said. "But it has to be done."

Water crisis for children, hunger in East Africa

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SOME 739 million children worldwide - or one in three - already live in areas exposed to high or very high water scarcity, with climate change threatening to push that alarming figure higher, according to a new UNICEF report.

The double burden of dwindling availability - and inadequate water for drinking and sanitation services - is compounding the challenge, putting children at even greater risk.

The Climate Changed Child - released ahead of the COP28 UN climate change summit later this month in Dubai - throws a spotlight on the threat facing vulnerable children.

It provides an analysis of the impacts of three tiers of water security - water scarcity, water vulnerability, and what's termed "water stress" (where demand outstrips surface and groundwater supply)

It also outlines the myriad ways in which children bear the brunt of the impacts of the climate crisis, including disease, air pollution, and extreme weather events such as floods and droughts.

From the moment of conception, child development is impacted by environmental stress factors, the agency said.

'Uniquely vulnerable'

For example, children are more likely to suffer from air pollution than adults. "The consequences of climate change are devastating for children," said UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell. "Their bodies and minds are uniquely vulnerable to polluted air, poor nutrition and extreme heat.

"Not only is their world changing - with water sources drying up and terrifying weather events becoming stronger and more frequent - so too is their well-being as climate change affects their mental and physical health. Children are demanding change, but their needs are far too often relegated to the sidelines."

According to the report, the largest number of youngsters are exposed in the

Middle East and North Africa and South Asia regions - meaning they live in places with limited water resources and high levels of seasonal and interannual variability, ground water decline or drought risk.

In East Africa, conflict, high food prices and climate shocks continue to leave millions of people not knowing where their next meal will come from, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) warned on Monday.

The agency said that as of the end of September 62.6 million in the region were food insecure, with Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan among the "most severe" global food crises.

All four countries have been experiencing either open conflict or heightened violence, pushing people to flee their homes. Over 18 million people in the region are displaced - including 12 million within their countries and five million who have crossed international borders.

High costs of food and of living persist in East Africa with inflation averaging 13.2 per cent.

WFP said that while official inflation rates for war-torn Sudan have not been issued since February, "they are expected to exceed 300 per cent by the end of the year."

The UN agency stressed that the dire situation is likely to continue through early 2024.

The El Niño climate pattern is expected to bring above-normal rainfall through January, which can be a boon for farming; however, WFP warned that severe flooding in low-lying areas of Somalia, Ethiopia and Uganda may threaten crops and livestock, drive further displacement and fuel infectious disease outbreaks.

In Iraq, the UN migration agency IOM has hailed a new memorial in Sinjar province at a site where scores of Yazidi women were killed by terror group ISIL in 2014 as a "first step towards recovery".

Built at the request of survivors by Nadia's Initiative - an organization spearheaded by survivor and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Nadia Murad, together with IOM



A young girl sits outside her family tent in at a camp for internally displaced people in Mogadishu.

- the memorial pays homage to the resilience and courage of the Yazidis.

Over 3,000 were executed and buried in mass graves by ISIL, also known as Daesh, in what the UN has declared a genocide.

Murad, whose own mother was killed at the site, had donated part of her prize to purchase the land that the memorial stands on.

IOM's chief of mission in Iraq, Giorgi Gigauri, said that a crucial part of the recovery process was timely individual reparations and other transitional justice measures as outlined in the "Yazidi Survivors Law" adopted by the Iraqi parliament in 2021.

The UN agency worked closely with the Iraqi authorities to develop the law and has been supporting the application process for reparations. Over 1,140 applications

have already been processed and nearly 900 verified survivors have begun receiving monthly salaries under the legislation.

New robotic-assisted surgery offers inspiring hope for Rwanda

By Aimable Twahirwa

IN a newly established Centre of Excellence located in Masaka, a suburb of the Rwandan capital city, Kigali, an expanded lab, complete with innovative facilities and specialized instruments, is now giving surgeons a conducive environment to simulate how to perform minimally invasive surgeries.

French-based Institute for Research into Cancer of the Digestive System (IRCAD) played a major part in this initiative, the first ever on the African continent.

According to medical experts, in comparison to traditional open surgery, often requiring the patient to incur invasive large incisions, minimally invasive surgery procedures allow doctors to insert a camera through a small incision, or sometimes no incision at all.

Dr Alexandre Hostettler, head of the Surgical Data Science Team at IRCAD, pointed out that harnessing robotic and artificial intelligence is critical to enhance the capability of surgical treatment in Africa.

Robot-assisted minimally invasive surgery denotes the surgical technique where the robot-applied laparoscopic tools are remotely controlled by a human operator at a console.

"Performing surgeries using robotic assistance can be more comfortable for surgeons, as they can sit at a console rather than standing for extended periods, reducing physical strain," he told IPS.

The center also aims to train medical doctors from across Africa about how to perform surgery using very small incisions, allowing the introduction of an endoscope connected to a camera with a magnified image leading to a very precise dissection of the operated organs.

Prof Jacques Marescaux, President and Founder of IRCAD, is convinced that the new center represents a turning point in surgical education and practice in Rwanda and sub-Saharan Africa. "The center is a catalyst for all African surgeons and computer scientists," he said in an exclusive interview with IPS.

At the same time, Rwanda is striving to build an integrated medical service system that provides high-quality services and is efficient in medical facility management. Rwandan President Paul Kagame believes the key task is to keep investing significantly in public health infrastructure.

"The [new] Centre of Excellence is not serving Rwanda alone. It is serving Africa. It is also improving and taking beyond the talent we have in Africa to a much higher level," Kagame said at the inauguration of the new facility, for which operations and run-



An artist's impression of the completed Centre of Excellence in Kigali. The center supported by IRCAD is expected to assist with the training of surgeons throughout the continent with minimally invasive surgery training. Credit: Supplied

ning costs will be fully funded by the Government of Rwanda and IRCAD France.

Some medical experts observe that despite its numerous advantages over traditional surgery, especially the shorter hospital stay and less blood loss with lower overall costs, the new robotic surgery is not widespread in low- and middle-income countries, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In addition, some researchers argue that computer-assisted navigation and robotics are sometimes challenging to use by perioperative nurses when caring for patients undergoing these procedures.

Dr Christine Mutegaraba, a surgeon from one of the private clinics in Kigali, told IPS that providing appropriate training remains critical for specialized medical practitioners to rely on these robotic surgery systems.

"Huge investment is also needed to ensure that clinics and other specialized referral hospitals are equipped with devices needed to perform these kind of surgical techniques," Mutegaraba said.

According to the data from Rwanda's Ministry of Health, laparoscopic was the sole type of minimally invasive surgical technique used by few medical practitioners across the country, and there wasn't any formal training in place to develop the technical skills for additional doctors.

With the inauguration of the new center, both officials and health experts see hope in developing and advancing this technology, where specialized medical doctors will now be able to perform various kinds of surgeries.

While the introduction of innovative solutions in the health sector remains exciting

for health officials, Marescaux points out that the new robotic technology is set to provide patients with high-quality medical services.

"We are working on building the largest team combined with computer scientists and surgeons in Africa," he said.

Estimates by IRCAD show that access to surgical care in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs), such as countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, is still extremely limited, which causes a burden on the health care systems.

It said thanks to the center, African surgeons will not have to travel across the continent to receive the best training in surgery since it will be available right at home.

The 2022 World Health Organization's study shows that strong measures are also needed to boost the training and recruitment of health workers in Africa.

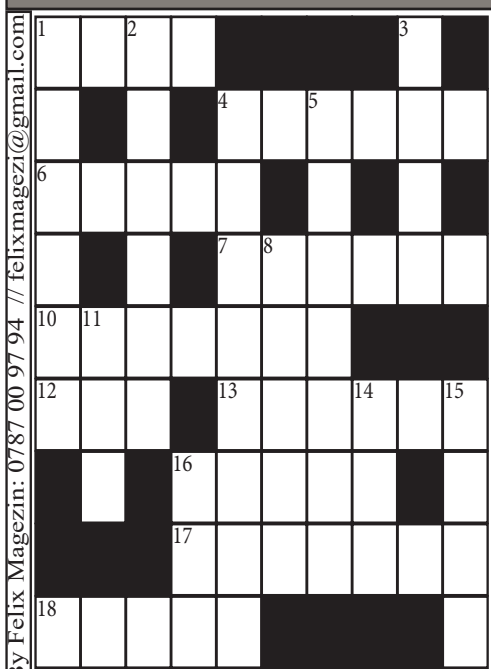
Whereas the UN agency recommends that African countries significantly increase investments in building the health workforce to meet their current and future needs, new findings show that that the region has a ratio of 1.55 health workers (physicians, nurses, and midwives) per 1000 people.

Experts now believe that robotic technology will also lessen surgeon's workload by efficiently managing the patient flow.

"As technology evolves, robotic systems are likely to incorporate more advanced features, integrating AI, augmented reality, and other technologies to aid the surgical process," Hostettler said.

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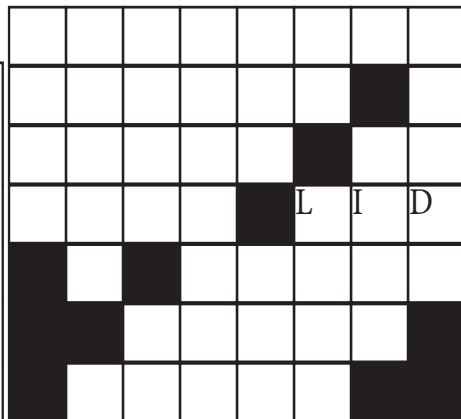


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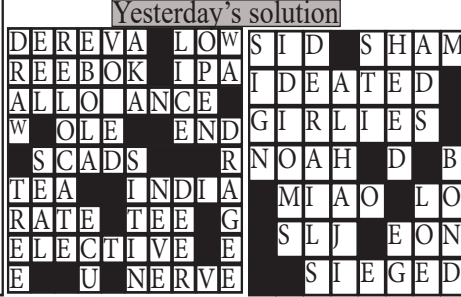
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- 2. Kigali is her mother city
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- 4. Native of Malawi
- 5. a seat or carriage in which the occupants sit back to back.
- 8. a pale yellowish fluid
- 11. a small insect
- 14. gross registered tonnage
- 15. a part of a plant normally below ground, which acts as a support and collects water and nourishment
- 16. husband in Kiswahili

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- 1. With little or no light
- 4. relating to the recent times
- 6. a play
- 7. Capital city of Zambia
- 10. harm in Kiswahili
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BUSINESS

Help private entities out to explore economic gains, policymakers told

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

POLICY makers have been challenged to formulate policies that will go with the times especially by looking at the environment that requires private organizations and institutions to be managed by Tanzanians themselves instead of foreigners.

Dr Cairo Mwaitete, one of the economic experts threw the challenge recently here during a public inclusive economy meeting which brought together various economic experts.

He said that Tanzania's economy was growing at a fast rate compared to other southern African countries due various investment opportunities in sectors of trade and agriculture.

"But, the challenge I see in lack of policies that will bring on board all people and explore opportunities available," he said, noting that Tanzania has been blessed with various opportunities which attract investors from all corners of the world to come and invest.

"With the rapid growth of our economy at 7percent over the past 10 years compared to that of Southern Africa, we still need to prepare young people who will be able to start large industries and businesses," he said.

"Here in the country there are many opportunities in the areas of raw materials, factories, mining and agriculture, so we want to see Tanzanians owning mega farms and , we want to see our people mining and exports minerals as well as establishing large industries," he said

"The aim of this meeting is to encourage young people to get involved in the economy by having the courage to start industries, large businesses and enter agriculture and recognize the opportunities around the country of Tanzania,"

he said.

Dr. Mordecai Matto, Director of Research, Consulting and Publications, from the Arusha Accounting College (IAA), the meeting brought together stakeholders to discuss how to achieve an inclusive economy and how to address the challenges that the society faces.

"The economy that is currently practiced globally is the one that involves all people, so we experts in economic affairs have discussed many things with stakeholders to achieve the goals of having an inclusive economy," said Dr. Matto.

He said that currently most of the research that is being done in the world is focused on the research on an inclusive economy that suits all the people.



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Tanzania develops four varieties of coffee able to endure drought

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) announced it has developed four drought resistant coffee varieties.

Seeds of the newly-discovered Arabica varieties will be released to the farmers during the coming 2023/24 cultivation season.

This was revealed on Monday by an agronomist with the institute, Nuhu Aman, saying the discovery was among efforts underway to improve productivity.

"Development of drought resistant varieties is also expected to mitigate the impact of climate change," he told journalists.

The varieties are in the process of being certified by the Tanzania Official Certification Institute (Tos-

ci). "They will later be deployed to the farmers in the coffee growing zones which are most affected by drought conditions," he said. 23 coffee varieties resistant to disease and drought

TaCRI has in recent years released 23 improved varieties of coffee, not only those which are resistant to drought but also diseases.

Aman assured coffee growers in areas often hit by insufficient rains that they should no longer panic of reduced yields with the introduction of the new varieties.

A laboratory expert with TaCRI, Epafra Mosi, said soil fertility was also key for higher productivity of coffee, one of the leading export crops.

He regretted that most farmers were not aware of that, often lead-

ing to poor harvests due to failure to use the recommended fertilizers, saying that soil fertility has been going down in many coffee growing areas because of poor agronomic practices.

A coffee farmer from Rombo District in Kilimanjaro Region, Monica Matemu, said discovery of the new varieties would be a relief for them. Shortage of inputs such as fertilizers, has fuelled the problem.

For decades since the 1960s, coffee production in Tanzania has hovered around 50,000 annually, at one time reaching the 60,000 tonne peak.

Production picked up in recent years following a number of reforms, reaching a record 85,000 tonnes last year, according to the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB).

According to the Moshi-based

board, coffee production in Tanzania picked up in volumes in the past three years because of improved productivity and quality control, among others.

Coffee production in Tanzania increased since 2019/2020, when the output was 1.25 million bags. This amount surged to 1.35 million bags in 2020/2021.

A large share of the crop is arabica coffee grown using diverse farm systems, including pure stand/smallholder, intercropped and bananas/smallholder, and estate coffee production.

The uptrend in production on Tanzania's total coffee farming land area of 265,000 hectares gained momentum from domestic reforms and international demand.

GGML named most trustworthy mining company at consumer choice awards Africa

By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) emerged as the most trusted company in the mining sector at the Consumer Choice Awards Africa (CCAA) held late last week.

Speaking after receiving the award on behalf of GGML at the awards ceremony in Dar es Salaam last week, GGML's Public Relations and Communications Manager, Stephen Mhando said: "This award is testament to the work that we do across the country. One of our core values is ensuring that communities, within which we operate, are better off for Geita Gold Mining Limited having been there."

He said the award continues to validate the company's commitment to serving the public in various sectors.

Mhando said the company, whose priorities are to focus on integrity and transparency in the conduct of its

business, has continued to strengthen good relations with the community through its corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Energy, Dr Doto Biteko, said the government recognises that the development of the country cannot be achieved by the government alone, but in collaboration with the private sector which is the catalyst for bringing development to the people and that is why the government continues to improve the investment environment in the country.

He said the awards exemplified the government's continued efforts to create a better business environment in the country.

"Investors with capital are welcomed to invest in Tanzania and we would like to re-assure you that the government will work with you so that the money you invest in the business



will give you a return and Tanzania will also benefit from the presence of relevant projects," Dr Biteko said.

Dr Biteko said he was happy with the way the voting was done because only those who give the best services get a chance to be voted for and awarded.

He congratulated organisers of the awards, which is now in its fifth year as well as all the winning companies for providing good services and producing good products.

CCAA is an annual awards ceremony that recognises excellence in companies and businesses in Tanzania and Africa, through the public opinion of 'consumers' who vote for their favourite company through online voting.

The awards have been in existence since 2019 and are organised under Lavine International Agency Limited, a private company licensed to manage events in Dar es Salaam Tanzania.

Since its inception, CCAA has built strong relationships with the government and has been endorsed by the Ministry of Trade and Industry through the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), its close partner in organising these awards.



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Feminists to conduct research on the country's financial ecosystem

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Women Fund Tanzania Trust (WFTT) in collaboration with stakeholders plans to conduct research on the country's financial ecosystem to identify challenges contributing to feminists' failure to access funds for implementation of projects that will bring positive changes in

the society.

AFTT Executive Director, Rose Marandu made the statement recently at the just ended 15th Gender Festival that took place at the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) in Dar es Salaam.

She said the research findings will help them to develop an advocacy roadmap

that will guide them to implement planned activities at community and national level.

"As Feminists, we have decided to conduct research about the financial ecosystem in our country, this came after realizing that the financial support that is now issued by funders from international organizations is

small and cannot solve people's problems," she said.

She said they want to develop a strategy to encourage funders from the international organizations to provide financial support for implementation of projects in Tanzania and other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa to issue funds that do not have restrictions.

"Funders should offer grants that match with feminist's agenda because they are the ones who know people's needs. We also encourage them to increase the grants to women fund organizations from 1 to 10 percent," she added.

Marandu said that allocating more grants would help women fund organiza-

tions to address root causes of unequal power relations, gender male based inequalities and other oppressive systems attitudes and social norms in various fields.

She called upon donors to allocate funds for resilience and disaster to support implementers of different projects once challenges will occur while they are imple-

menting their projects.

Meanwhile, the feminists underscored the need to have community funds at ward level to facilitate implementation of activities at lower community levels. They also suggested for the establishment of a database they will identify people and the challenges they face in particular areas.

Better Cotton expanding in West Africa with new Ivory Coast programme

ABIDJAN

BETTER Cotton, the world's largest cotton sustainability initiative, has announced the opening of a new programme in Côte d'Ivoire and committed to supporting 200,000 domestic cotton farmers in its first five years.

The new field-level programme will offer training and resources to farming communities across the country, a first step towards helping them produce more sustainable cotton.

The Professional Association of Cotton Companies of Côte d'Ivoire (APROCOT-CI) will serve as Better Cotton's Strategic Partner for Côte d'Ivoire, overseeing efforts to improve the climate

resilience and economic outlook of farming communities.

APROCOT-CI represents the interests of cotton companies across the country, from farms to gins, and comprises six member organisations: CIDT, Ivoire Cotton, Global Cotton SA, COLC-SA, SICOSA 2.0, and Seco SA. These organisations will serve as Better Cotton Programme Partners, providing training and resources to cotton communities to enable social and environmental improvements.

"The partnership underscores our organisations shared commitment to creating a positive impact in the cotton industry, with a primary focus on improving the livelihoods of smallhold-



er cotton farmers. By integrating Better Cotton's sustainable farming practices and APROCOT-CI's local expertise, we aim to enhance cotton yields, reduce environmental impact, and improve social and economic outcomes for farmers in the region," commented

Jean François Toure, President of APROCOT-CI.

APROCOT-CI submitted a Declaration of Interest to Better Cotton last year, outlining national interest in starting a Better Cotton programme. In March of this year, Better Cotton hosted a multistakeholder event in the city of Abidjan to understand the scope for impact ahead of opening a programme.

Better Cotton is committed to building upon its presence across Africa to enable smallholder farmers to mitigate climate change and adopt a continuous improvement approach to sustainable agricultural practice. With a membership network spanning farm to retailer and brand level, Better Cotton is strategically positioned to meet supply with increasing demand.

Alan McClay, Chief Executive Officer at Better Cotton, said: "Opening a new programme in Côte d'Ivoire is an exciting step as Better Cotton bolsters its presence across the continent. Our partnership with APROCOT-CI will be fundamental to the delivery of our work in the country, helping domestic cotton farmers to reap the environmental and economic rewards of more sustainable cotton production. We are grateful for APROCOT-CI's support and the commitment they have shown to this cause."

KERRY opens facility to support local food and beverage makers

By Guardian Reporter

KERRY, a world leading provider of taste and nutrition solutions has opened a new manufacturing facility in Dar es Salaam to support local food and beverage manufacturers.

The facility expands Kerry's capac-

ity in East Africa and is its first manufacturing facility in Tanzania.

Kerry's Global CEO, Edmond Scanlon expressed his commitment to Africa and customers in Tanzania by appearing as the guest of honour at the opening ceremony surrounded by key customers and senior Kerry

executives.

Speaking at the opening, Scanlon said: "Kerry believes in Africa and this new facility builds on our commitment to support the food processing industry locally and unlock the huge potential in the region."

He said the move is a step towards

realising the vision of creating a world of sustainable nutrition.

"Our wide portfolio of taste and nutrition technologies, coupled with our global expertise and local production, will enable us to give local customers access to high quality ingredients with authentic taste produced in Africa, and

will help us respond faster to the needs of our customers across the continent," he added. Jad Neaime, General Manager, Kerry Greater Africa said: "In East Africa, Kerry has the first mover advantage in local food ingredients manufacturing. As the third largest economy in East Africa and the ninth in Africa, Tanza-

nia is a fast-growing economy with a thriving food processing industry." Neaime added: "Producing in Tanzania brings to life our localisation vision; nurturing local partnerships, empowering local talent and developing local sourcing to enable sustainable growth in East Africa."

Collective efforts needed in bridging Africa's digital gap

By Tafara Mugwara

AFRICAN countries have been urged to work collectively to build future-proof digital infrastructure to bridge the connectivity gap on the continent.

Collective efforts on the continental scale will accelerate Africa's digital transformation, said Zimbabwe's Information Communication and Technology, Postal and Courier Services Minister, Tatenda Mavetera, on the sidelines of the ongoing Africa Tech Festival in Cape Town, the legislative capital of South Africa.

"There is more collaboration which is needed in terms of finding out what skill set each country has, what policies they have put in place, and how they have managed to enhance their infrastructure," Mavetera said on Monday.

Africa should collectively invest in innovation hubs where countries pull resources together and leverage their strengths towards the benefit of the continent, she said.

The minister applauded Africa's digitalization partners such as China's Huawei for their role in building the continent's digital infrastructure.

She said in addition to investing in

Zimbabwe's digital infrastructure, Huawei has extensively invested in nurturing information and communication technology (ICT) talent in the country through its Seeds for the Future Program, the Huawei ICT Academy and Huawei ICT Competitions.

"I think that is very key, because for us to have a good future, we need to invest now for the future, so for me, I am very happy that they are seeding into the future," said Mavetera.

Continental initiatives such as the Africa Tech Festival provide platforms for African countries to collaborate, she said.

The Africa Tech Festival, which runs from Monday to Wednesday, brings together government officials, business leaders, tech experts and investors, among others, to explore the future of Africa's digital transformation.

The festival consists of two main events: AfricaCom 2023 and AfriTech.

AfricaCom 2023 focuses on topics of connectivity infrastructure and digital inclusion with an emphasis on digital infrastructure investment, sustainable development and green ICT, among others.



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University students attend an ICT job fair during the launch of the 2022 Huawei Seeds for the Future program in Harare, Zimbabwe, on Sept. 12, 2022.

SMEs from African countries to gather in Dar in Dec for the PSA

By Guardian Reporter

TOP organizations and entrepreneurs from at least 30 countries in Africa as well as others from select countries outside the continent like US, Asia and Europe will gather in Dar-es-salaam later this year for international award ceremony dubbed Pace Steers Award (PSA).

Kenyan firms are among the Top firms in Africa that will be crowned in major international Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Mid-sized annual Industry leadership Recognition program organized by Jubilant Stewards of Africa.

This year's Continental awards ceremony will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on

December 15.

East African finalists who will proceed to the Continental Chapter Awards in Dar-es-salaam include Pembe Flour Mills Ltd, Producers of Kavagara and Raha Premium Flour - Joy Millers Ltd, Westlands Laser Eye Hospital, Tanzania's Brett and Baileys Limited, Safi Learning of Zambia, Jamba Freight Limited Tanzania, Trin-

ity Buses Rwanda, Ena Coach Kenya and Sunflower Events Ltd Kenya.

New entrants are Tanzanian top banks CRDB, NMB Bank Raphael Logistics Limited Tanzania, Triple A Petroleum Ltd South Sudan, Simba Logistics Equipment Supply Ltd Tanzania, Bryan Morel Publications Uganda, Digit Vehicle Tracking Uganda, Shantui and Hyundai

Tanzania among others.

Jubilant Steward of Africa Executive Director, Jared Oundo said a good number of the nominees in 2023 have been conferred with other awards including the Top KPMG 100 Survey and other international awards.

"Pacesetters Awards considers a range of quantitative and qualitative aspects to determine

and honor the winners. A novel survey model was initiated in 2020 as per the hyperinflationary environment," said Jared Oundo, Executive Director of Jubilant Stewards of Africa.

He said the model has since been tested and it demonstrated its functionality, elasticity, and robustness.

Oundo said models in various industries such as the fi-

ancial sector were remodeled to enhance their significance to the current environment, enhance quality and increase the objectivity of results.

He added that this year's Eastern Africa chapter was successfully held at Weston Hotel Nairobi on the 30th of June which saw over 150 top firms and professionals awarded in various categories.



Patricia Oteng-Darko shows farmers at Aframsou area how to install the PVC pipe which is used to monitor the water level on the rice farm

New strategy launched to empower African women scientists

By Special Correspondent

A NEW roadmap for delivering greater gender equality in agricultural research to make African food systems more equitable was launched yesterday.

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) unveiled its next five-year strategy as part of a renewed effort to address persistent gender disparities in research and policymaking for the continent's agri-food systems.

The strategy, covering 2023 to 2027, builds on AWARD's 15 years of experience and outlines plans to train, mentor and empower women researchers to advance their careers and reach positions of leadership within agricultural research and development. By ensuring a constant pipeline of emerging women scientists and leaders, the initiative aims to shape policies to better account for the different

needs and circumstances of men and women. "Women scientists continue to be under-represented throughout agricultural research and development in Africa, yet increased diversity in these fields is essential to unlocking much needed gender-responsive agricultural innovations," said Dr. Susan Kaaria, director of AWARD.

"This new strategy gives AWARD a renewed purpose towards levelling the playing field and closing the gender gap, from the lab to the land, that holds back food security and equality for all Africans."

The strategy is based on three main pillars - investing in individuals, strengthening institutions and influencing the environment - which underpin its mission to transform agricultural research for development. Among its seven overlapping

goals is more women in leadership positions, more gender-responsive policies adopted by institutions, and greater awareness and uptake of evidence on gender responsiveness in agricultural research and development.

Execution of the new strategy will include collaborating with continental, national and institutional governance systems at the highest levels to cultivate an ecosystem of agricultural research for development that is more responsive to the unique needs and challenges faced by African women within the agri-food sector.

AWARD's fellowships to date have benefitted some 1,872 individual scientists from more than 450 institutions in 26 African countries. Almost 60 per cent of AWARD Fellows have also progressed into leadership positions within their

institutions and across the African agricultural research and development landscape.

"AWARD has been a trusted partner for USAID since 2008, and we have seen AWARD's contributions in action. We find AWARD Fellows in many organizations breaking barriers and creating opportunities for women," Kristy Cook, Acting Division Director, Bureau for Resilience, Environment and Food Security Office of Feed the Future Policy, Analysis & Engagement at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

"USAID is proud to partner with AWARD to support African women researchers and ensure that agricultural innovation brings equal benefits to men and women alike."

Since 2008, AWARD has overseen career development fellowships that have resulted in highly empowered women through mentoring, training, networking, and scientific placements within institutions in Africa and overseas.

However, at present, women represent a third of all researchers, yet only 12 per cent of national science academy membership. Female researchers also typically receive smaller research grants than their male colleagues.

"Increasing the number of women in research and decision-making positions ensures that the challenges at the grassroots are adequately addressed when implementing policies. With the support of AWARD, I have been able to gain the skills and confidence needed to further my career and help cultivate positive change in my country," said Dr. Linda Salekwa, 2021 One Planet Laureate Candidate and District Commissioner in Rufiji, Tanzania.

AfDB lifts financial restrictions against Gabon after Bongo removed in coup

LIBREVILLE

GABON has said the African Development Bank has lifted financial sanctions on it after President Ali Bongo was removed from power in a coup in August.

Bongo served two terms as president after the death of his father in 2009, who himself ruled Gabon for 41 years.

In a meeting last week officials from the government and the AfDB met in Morocco to agree on resuming work together.

The bank tries to achieve sustainable economic development in Africa and at the same time reduce poverty.

Two weeks ago U.S. President Joe Biden announced he would stop Gabon participating in the African Growth and Opportunity Act trade programme. It allows Gabon duty-free access to the U.S. market for its exports.

President Biden cited the country's inability to establish or make consistent progress in safeguarding political pluralism and the rule of law.

Gabon is a member of OPEC but its oil wealth is concentrated in the hands of an elite.

Nearly 40 per cent of those aged 15 to 24 were unemployed in 2020, according to the World Bank.

New trends in veganism movement for products and businesses in South Africa

By Zablon Oyugi

IN recent years, the veganism movement has surged in popularity and influence, prompting businesses to adapt to changing consumer preferences. The evolution of this movement has not only impacted individual dietary choices but has also given rise to new trends in the business world.

According to Wikus Engelbrecht, Communications Manager at ProVeg, leading plant-based organisation in South Africa, one of the most significant trends in the veganism movement is the rapid growth of the plant-based market.

"This past week there was a new financial report which detailed that the plant-based protein market will experience a compound annual growth of 7.7 per cent over the next 5 years, reaching a market value of USD 19.2 billion by 2028," said Wikus adding that the exponential growth represents a substantial investment opportunity for businesses in the sector.

In fact, the plant-based movement has inspired businesses to expand their product offerings. From plant-based meats and dairy alternatives to snacks and desserts, companies are diversifying their portfolios to cater to the growing demand for vegan options.

"In South Africa specifically, we see constant new additions of products to the retail space, plant-based options in food franchises, and independent plant-based restaurants," notes Wikus.

Focus on sustainability

Sustainability is a driving force behind new trends in veganism as consumers are not only seeking healthier alternatives but also products that have a lower environmental footprint.

As a result, says Wikus, businesses have started taking note and making efforts to reduce their carbon footprint, decrease packaging waste, and source ingredients responsibly.

"Sustainability is not only a buzzword but a guiding principle in product development and business operations."

Additionally, in the quest to meet the evolving demands of consumers, the businesses are increasingly collaborating with food technologists, scientists, and chefs to innovate and create plant-based products that mimic the taste and texture of traditional animal-based foods. This commitment to innovation has led to the development of realistic plant-based burgers, dairy-free cheeses, and other products that are becoming indistinguishable from their animal-based counterparts.

Restaurant and food franchise adoption

Wikus says that of late, another noteworthy trend is the adoption of vegan options by restaurants and food franchises. "Fast-food giants like Burger King have started incorporating vegan burgers into their menus, reflecting the growing popularity of plant-based options. This shift not only caters to the increasing number of vegans but also appeals to consumers who want to reduce their meat consumption."

This has led to increased significant investment opportunities from venture capitalists and established food companies.

"Plant-based startups are receiving funding to further develop and market their products," said Wikus adding that the investment is not only a testament to the veganism movement's potential but also a catalyst for further expansion and innovation in the plant-based sector.



| ITV PGM SCHEDULE | | | |
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| TUESDAY 14 Nov | | | |
| 5:00 | Soap rpt: Uzalo | 12:55 | Habari za saa |
| 5:30 | Uwanja wa Mazoezi | 13:00 | Dakika 45 rpt |
| 6:00 | HABARI | 13:05 | Habari za saa |
| 6:40 | Kumekucha | 14:00 | Kipindi maalum: NSSF rpt |
| 7:30 | HABARI | 14:15 | Chetu ni chetu rpt |
| 8:00 | Kumekucha Michezo | 14:55 | Habari za saa |
| 8:55 | Habari za saa | 15:00 | Meza huru |
| 9:30 | Kumekucha Kishindo | 16:30 | Watoto wetu |
| 9:55 | Habari za saa | 17:00 | Music: The Base |
| 10:00 | Soap: In Love with Ramon | 18:00 | Jiji Letu |
| 10:05 | Watoto wetu | 18:15 | Igizo: Mziangwe |
| 10:25 | Jagina | 18:30 | Jarida la wanawake |
| 10:55 | Habari za saa | 19:00 | Kipindi maalum: BOT |
| 11:00 | Chetu ni chetu | 19:30 | Soap: In Love with Ramon |
| 11:40 | Igizo: Mziangwe | 20:00 | Habari |
| 11:55 | Habari za saa | 21:05 | Abu Yako |
| 12:00 | Al Jazeera | 21:05 | Kipindi maalum: Watumishi Housing |
| 12:30 | Alya ya jamii | 21:20 | Ripoti maalum: Tanesco |
| 12:55 | Habari za saa | 21:50 | Kipindi maalum |
| 13:00 | Kipindi maalum: Mkulazi | 22:30 | Soap: Uzalo |
| 13:15 | Ripoti maalum | 23:00 | Habari |
| 13:45 | Shikabamba | 23:30 | Music: The Base |
| 13:55 | Habari za saa | 00:30 | Al Jazeera |
| 14:00 | Shikabamba | THURSDAY 16 Nov | |
| 14:15 | Igizo rpt: Slay Queen | 5:00 | Soap rpt: Uzalo |
| 14:55 | Habari za saa | 5:30 | Uwanja wa Mazoezi |
| 15:00 | Meza Huru | 6:00 | HABARI |
| 16:30 | Watoto wetu | 6:40 | Kumekucha |
| 17:00 | Music: The Base | 7:30 | HABARI |
| 18:00 | Jiji Letu | 8:00 | Kumekucha Michezo |
| 18:15 | Mapashi | 8:55 | Habari za saa |
| 18:30 | Kipindi Maalum: Sema na Mahakama | 9:00 | Kumekucha Kishindo |
| 19:30 | Soap: In Love with Ramon | 9:30 | Soap rpt: In Love with Ramon |
| 20:00 | Habari | 9:55 | Habari za saa |
| 21:05 | Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba | 10:00 | Watoto wetu |
| 21:30 | Kipindi Maalum: NSSF | 10:30 | Shamba lulu |
| 21:45 | Chetu ni chetu | 10:55 | Habari za saa |
| 22:30 | Soap: Uzalo | 11:00 | Ripoti maalum rpt |
| 23:00 | Habari | 11:55 | Habari za saa |
| 23:30 | Music: The Base | 12:00 | Al Jazeera |
| 00:30 | Al Jazeera | 12:30 | Jarida la wanawake rpt |
| WEDNESDAY 15 Nov | | | |
| 5:00 | Soap rpt: Uzalo | 12:55 | Habari za saa |
| 5:30 | Uwanja wa Mazoezi | 13:00 | Kipindi maalum: BOT |
| 6:00 | HABARI | 13:30 | Art and Lifestyle |
| 6:40 | Kumekucha | 13:55 | Habari za saa |
| 7:30 | HABARI | 14:00 | Shamsham za pwanji rpt |
| 8:00 | Kumekucha Michezo | 14:55 | Habari za saa |
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| 10:00 | Watoto wetu | 18:15 | Mapashi |
| 10:25 | Jungu kuu rpt | 18:30 | Kipindi maalum: REPOA |
| 10:55 | Habari za saa | 19:30 | Soap: In Love with Ramon |
| 11:00 | Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt | 20:00 | Habari |
| 11:55 | Habari za saa | 21:05 | Malumbano ya hoja |
| 12:00 | Al Jazeera | 23:00 | Habari |
| 12:30 | Bundesliga na DW rpt | 23:30 | Music: The Base |
| | | 00:30 | Al Jazeera |
| | | FRIDAY 17 Nov | |
| | | 5:00 | Soap rpt: Uzalo |
| | | 5:30 | Uwanja wa Mazoezi |
| | | 6:00 | HABARI |
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| | | 13:20 | Shamba lulu |
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| | | 15:00 | Al Jazeera |
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| | | 16:10 | Igizo: Slay Queen |
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| | | 18:00 | Jiji Letu |
| | | 18:15 | ITV Top 10 rpt |
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| | | 6:00 | HABARI |
| | | 6:40 | Kumekucha |
| | | 7:00 | Habari |
| | | 8:00 | Al Jazeera |
| | | 09:00 | Watoto Wetu |
| | | 10:00 | Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt |
| | | 11:45 | Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt. |
| | | 12:45 | Mjuzi Zaidi |
| | | 13:30 | Usafiri wako |
| | | 14:00 | Tamasha la Michezo |
| | | 15:30 | Mwanga za |
| | | 16:30 | ITV Top 10 rpt |
| | | 17:20 | Kipindi cha kikristo |
| | | 18:00 | Jiji Letu |
| | | 18:15 | Mapashi |
| | | 18:30 | Matukio ya wiki |
| | | 19:30 | Igizo: Slay Queen |
| | | 20:00 | Habari |
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| | | 14:00 | Capchat |
| | | 15:00 | Out & About rpt |
| | | 15:30 | EcoAfrica |
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| | | 16:30 | Culinary delight rpt |
| | | 17:00 | Innovation rpt |
| | | 17:30 | Meza huru |
| | | 19:00 | Sports Gazette |
| | | 19:30 | Chetu ni chetu |
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| | | 20:45 | Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides of Ana |
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| | | 22:00 | Malumbano ya hoja rpt |
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| | | 14:30 | Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides of Ana |
| | | 17:15 | EcoAfrica |
| | | 17:45 | Bundesliga kick off |
| | | 18:15 | Capchat rpt |
| | | 18:15 | Mziangwe |
| | | 19:30 | The Decor |
| | | 20:00 | Ripoti Maalum |
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WORLD

At least 102 UN staff members killed in Gaza since Israel-Hamas war began - UN

TEL AVIV

At least 102 United Nations staff members have been killed in Gaza since the conflict between Hamas and Israel started, CNN reported citing the UN aid agency operating in the enclave's statement on Monday. It said that at least 27 UN staff members have been injured since the start of the war.

In the statement, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) said, "In the last 24 hours, one UNRWA staff member was killed with her family in the north of the Gaza Strip due to strikes," bringing the death toll to more than 100.

In the statement, UNRWA said, "This is the highest number of United Nations aid workers killed in a conflict in the history of the United Nations," CNN reported.

United Nations offices across the world lowered their flags to half-staff on Monday. Furthermore, all UN staff members observed a moment of silence to mourn and honour their colleagues who lost their lives in Gaza, according to the statement.



United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

On October 7, Hamas launched an attack on Israel. In response, Israel launched a fierce counter-offensive targeting Hamas sites in Gaza.

According to Israeli authorities, more than 1200 people have died in Israel since Hamas launched the attack on October 7. According to Palestinian authorities, at least 11,180 in Gaza as of November 13, according to CNN report.

Meanwhile, Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said that two more soldiers were killed fighting against Hamas in the northern Gaza Strip, raising the death toll in the Israeli ground operation to 46, The Times of Israel

reported.

According to IDF, the troops have been identified as Staff Sgt Roe Marom (21), a squad commander in the 906 Battalion and Master Sgt Raz Abulafia (27), a fighter in the 6863 Battalion. The IDF said that a reservist logistics soldier and an NCO in the Combat Engineering Corp's 605th Battalion were seriously injured during fighting in northern Gaza.

Meanwhile, Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said Hamas had lost control in the Gaza Strip as the Israel Defence Forces moved to fully capture Gaza City. The Times of Israel reported.

Gallant said that the Israeli forces are advancing towards every location and the terrorists are fleeing south, according to The Times of Israel report.

He said, "There is no force of Hamas capable of stopping the IDF. The IDF is advancing at every location. The Hamas organisation has lost control in Gaza. Terrorists are fleeing south, and civilians are looting Hamas bases. They have no confidence in the government."

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Netanyahu says Israel will pursue war against Hamas 'to the end'

TEL AVIV

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Monday emphasised Israel's commitment to a protracted conflict with Hamas, declaring it a "war to the end," CNN reported.

Speaking to soldiers of Israel's Caracal Battalion during a visit, Netanyahu clarified that this was not merely an 'operation' or a 'round,' but a sustained effort to eliminate the threat posed by the militant group. "This is neither an 'operation' nor a 'round' but a war to the end. It is important to me that you know this. This is not lip service, but from the heart and mind. If we do not finish them, it will come back," the Israeli PM said.

Netanyahu, when pressed on accountability for the October 7 attack on Israel, he such "difficult" questions until the conclusion of the ongoing war. In an interview with CNN, he acknowledged the need to address accountability but emphasised the immediate necessity of uniting the country to achieve victory over Hamas.

"We're going to answer all these questions," the prime minister said, adding that "right now, I think what we have to do is unite the country for one purpose: to achieve victory."

Meanwhile, a circulating image on social media revealed troops of the IDF's Golani Brigade inside Gaza's parliament building in Gaza City after its capture. The Palestinian Legislative Council building, which has been under Hamas's control since 2007, saw Israeli forces gain control, The Times of Israel reported.

The Israeli military also reported on Monday that it had targeted a group of Hamas fighters "embedded" among civilians at Gaza's Al-Quds Hospital.

"During operations carried out by the 188th Brigade, RPG fire and small arms fire were directed at the soldiers from the direction of the Al-Quds Hospital in Gaza City," the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said in a statement.

"The shooting was carried out by a terrorist squad that had embedded itself within a group of civilians at the entrance of the hospital," it added.

According to the IDF, the fighters fired upon Israeli troops from the hospital entrance, leading to an exchange of fire that resulted in approximately 21 terrorists being killed.

On the Palestinian side, the Health Ministry in the occupied West Bank provided updated casualty figures for Gaza. It was reported that since October 7, Israeli attacks have resulted in the deaths of 11,180 Palestinians, including 4,609 children and 3,100 women. Injuries from the assaults have affected 28,200 individuals.

Fifteen patients, including six newborns, have died at Al-Shifa Hospital in northern Gaza due to power outages and a shortage of medical supplies. The Hamas-run health ministry also noted the loss of 202 healthcare workers and the disabling of 53 ambulances.

The Ministry of Health in Ramallah, drawing data from medical sources in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, expressed challenges in updating daily reports on the death toll, citing Israeli attacks on hospitals as the cause of the disruption.

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This combination of pictures created on November 13, 2023 shows Liberia's President George Weah (L) delivering a speech at the leaders summit of the COP27 climate conference at the Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Centre, in Egypt's Red Sea resort city of the same name, on November 8, 2022, and outgoing Liberian Vice President Joseph Boakai (R) arriving at his party headquarters in Monrovia on December 29, 2017. AFP

Liberia presidential election heads to runoff in 'last dance' between Weah, Boakai

MONROVIA

FOLLOWING a pulsating campaign period that ended at midnight on Sunday, Liberia is set to hold a presidential runoff Tuesday that will determine a clear winner between incumbent President George Weah and former Vice President Joseph Boakai.

In a video message released on Monday guiding citizens on how to vote during the second round of polls, Davidetta Lansanah, head of Liberia's National Elections Commission (NEC), declared the campaign period over and urged citizens to conduct themselves well during the polls beginning 8 a.m. local time on Tuesday.

"You must not wear all campaign materials again since the campaigns are over. On Nov. 14, voting will end at 6 p.m. local time, and we expect you all to go back home and wait for the official announcement of the results by the NEC," Lansanah said.

Ahead of the polls, the NEC also rounded off its civic and voter education program across the country to guide citizens on the peaceful conduct of the presidential runoff.

In an earlier statement, the elections commission confirmed the deployment of the ballot papers and other sensitive and non-sensitive electoral materials to the 19 magisterial offices in the 15 counties for onward distribution to the 2,080 voting precincts nationwide.

According to Liberia's election laws, a presidential candidate must secure more than 50 percent of the total votes cast to avoid a runoff.

The elections commission declared a presidential runoff in late October between Weah of the Coalition for Democratic Change and Boakai of the Unity Party, following an initial poll that saw none of the 20 presidential candidates securing the necessary percentage of votes required by the country's electoral laws to claim outright victory.

Weah and Boakai won 43.83 percent and 43.44 percent of votes, respectively, in the first round. Local analysts have described the presidential runoff on Tuesday as "the last dance" between the two political titans with a shared history dating back to the 2017 presidential election.

Six years ago, Weah, the former international football icon turned politician, and Boakai, a seasoned political veteran, battled fiercely for the presidency, culminating in a runoff that saw the former emerging victorious.

"Now, in a twist of fate, Liberia finds

itself once again at the crossroads of a democratic spectacle, as these two political heavyweights vie for the nation's top office.

The electoral arena is alive with anticipation, reminiscent of the pulsating energy that gripped the nation six years ago," Comfort Brown, a local political analyst, told Xinhua in an interview.

Weah has managed to maintain a strong support base, particularly among the youth who see in him a symbol of hope and change. His journey from the football field to the presidency has captured the imagination of many Liberians, who believe in his commitment to ushering in a new era of prosperity.

On the other side of the political divide stands Boakai, a seasoned statesman whose decades-long career in public service has earned him the respect of many.

Boakai's supporters see him as a stabilizing force, a leader with the experience and wisdom needed to navigate Liberia through the complexities of governance. "The political landscape has evolved since their last clash, and both candidates have adapted their strategies to address the changing dynamics.

The issues at the forefront of this electoral battle include economic revitalization, social development, and the ongoing fight against corruption. These are challenges that demand pragmatic solutions and visionary leadership," Brown said.

Ahead of the first round of polls and the runoff on Tuesday, Liberians became more mindful of the impact of their choice by engaging in spirited debates, town hall meetings, and community forums to weigh the merits of each candidate.

The initial round of voting saw a high turnout of 1,949,155 voters, constituting 78.86 percent of the 2,471,617 registered voters. Lansanah said last month at a press conference in the national capital of Monrovia, describing it as "unprecedented in Liberia's modern democratic election history."

She noted that the election also attracted some 10,000 national, regional and international observers accredited by the NEC.

This presidential runoff could have far-reaching implications, shaping Liberia's trajectory and influencing political dynamics beyond its borders, according to Matthew Konton, an international relations expert based in the country's Montserrat County."

Xinhua

WHO: Horn of Africa faces challenges on weather, food

ADDIS ABABA

COUNTRIES in the Horn of Africa are facing severe challenges as extreme weather events and food insecurity persist, the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned.

The WHO, in its latest Horn of Africa food insecurity and health situation report issued Monday, warned that Horn of Africa countries are grappling with a combination of extreme weather events, widespread food insecurity and health crises.

It said the region has continued to face extreme weather events including drought and flooding, and the impacts of these events are likely to be exacerbated by the onset of El Nino.

According to the WHO, over 61 million people in the region are in a state of crisis and above, facing elevated levels of acute food insecurity.

"The region is battling with multiple outbreaks of diseases including cholera in four countries, measles and malaria in all the seven countries and dengue fever in Ethiopia and Djibouti," the report read.

It said the deterioration of the nutritional situation has led to an estimated 30 percent increase in the number of children with acute



Locals push a cart through floodwaters in Beledweyne district, central Somalia, on May 12, 2023. (PHOTO / AFP)

malnutrition in hotspot areas. It said the displacement to the neighboring countries has also increased the humanitarian needs, especially in South Sudan and Ethiopia.

The WHO, citing the World Meteorological Organization's confirmation regarding the onset of El-Nino in the region, said all the countries in the region are expected to face its health impact, either through below or above average rains in the last quarter of 2023.

According to the report, the situation in Sudan is particularly concern-

ing, with an estimated 20.3 million people, accounting for 42 percent of the country's population, experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity.

The report further highlighted the scale of displacement in the region, with over 14.9 million people uprooted from their homes due to conflict, drought and flooding.

The WHO said it remains committed to providing vital support to all seven countries in the region, namely Djibouti, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda.

May your passion for sitar continue to grow - PM Modi

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi yesterday wished Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong success on the latter's endeavour to learn the sitar and hoped his passion for the plucked stringed instrument would continue to grow and provide inspiration for others.

Taking to X, PM Modi (pictured) noted that India's musical history is a symphony of diversity that echoes through rhythms that have evolved over millennia.

Wong, who is a guitar en-

thusiast and has often shared videos of him playing the guitar had on

Diwali posted a video of himself learning to play the Sitar.

Reacting to Wong's video, PM Modi took to X to tweet, "May your passion for the Sitar continue to grow and inspire others. Best wishes on this melodious endeavour. India's musical history is a symphony of diversity, echoing through rhythms that have evolved over mil-

lennia."

The Singapore Deputy PM on Sunday also extended Diwali wishes to people in Tamil.

"Getting a quick intro to the beautiful tunes of the sitar. Karthigayan here has been learning for a while, and he has been very patient in guiding me through the basic techniques. Enjoyed the experience, and the chance to learn more about the rich classical Indian music heritage!" Wong wrote on X.

In the video, he can be heard saying, "Hi everyone, I



am here with Mr Karthik today and he is going to teach me how to play sitar." The Singapore Deputy PM is then heard wishing people on Diwali in Tamil. "Iniya Deepavali Valthukkal," he said.

Meanwhile, the Singapore Consulate-General in Chennai also wished people on Diwali. Sharing a post on X, Singapore High Commissioner to India Simon Wong stated, "Wishing one and all a Joyous, Sparkling and Happy #Deepavali! From all of us at the Singapore Consulate-General in Chennai."

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THE 2023 World Internet Conference (WIC) Wuzhen Summit kicked off in Wuzhen, east China's Zhejiang province on Nov. 8. The summit is the largest and highest-level Internet conference held in China, and also a highly anticipated global summit in the field of Internet.

The WIC has been held annually since 2014, bringing together political dignitaries and Internet elites from around the world at its permanent venue in Wuzhen to discuss collaboration and win-win cooperation in Internet development of the world.

Chinese President Xi Jinping

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addressed the 2023 WIC Wuzhen Summit via video. He said as the Internet becomes a new driving force of development, a new frontier of ensuring security, and a new platform for mutual learning between civilizations, the building of a community with a shared future in cyberspace is a natural choice in answering the call of the times and a common aspiration of the international community.

He stressed that the international community needs to

deepen exchanges and practical cooperation to jointly advance the building of a community with a shared future in cyberspace to a new stage.

Currently, more than half of the countries and regions around the world are using China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS), and the system is making people's lives safer, more convenient, and more efficient.

The BDS has been incorporated into the standard systems of international organizations in

civil aviation, maritime affairs, and mobile communications, and is accelerating its integration into the international industrial system.

During the 2022 WIC Wuzhen Summit, an event was hosted to showcase the exemplary cases of building a community with a shared future in cyberspace. Twelve cases were showcased, included one related to the BDS.

From conceptual documents to initiatives, and to cases, con-

sensuses have gradually transformed into concrete actions. Leveraging the WIC Wuzhen Summit, countries are jointly planning for the global development of Internet and building a community with a shared future in cyberspace.

On July 12, 2022, Xi sent a congratulatory letter to the WIC for the inauguration of the WIC international organization. He said the establishment of the organization is an important move echoing the informatization

trend of the times, and it will deepen international exchanges and cooperation in cyberspace.

This marked a qualitative leap of the WIC, from an annual international conference to an international organization with a permanent institution. Since its establishment, the WIC international organization has been joined by more than 120 members from countries such as the UK, France, Germany, the United States, Australia, South Korea, Japan, and India.

In recent years, an increasing number of international exchange activities have been held in China. Together with the WIC, they have built a collaborative platform for building a community with a shared future in cyberspace.

The China International Digital Products Expo, the China International Software Expo, the World Robot Conference and the World Artificial Intelligence Conference all presented opportunities for the international community to share the fruits of innovation in cyberspace.

People's Daily

EU pledges 'substantial' contribution to COP28 fund

BRUSSELS

THE European Union will make a "substantial" financial contribution to a new international fund addressing the destruction caused by climate change, the EU's executive Commission said on Monday.

The world-first climate "loss and damage" fund is set to be launched during the United Nations COP28 climate summit to be held Nov 30-Dec 12 in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

"The Commissioner is ready to announce substantial financial contribution by the EU and its member states to the loss & damage fund at COP28 in the context of an ambitious outcome at COP28," the European Commission and the UAE's incoming COP28 president said in a joint statement, referring to EU Climate Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra.

The EU did not specify the size of its planned contribution.

The 27-nation bloc also plans to commit funding at COP28 to help countries



In this file photo dated Jan 6, 2023, EU flags are seen outside the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. XINHUA

meet a pledge to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030, the statement said.

Finance is one of the biggest issues at the annual UN climate talks. The EU move could help grease the wheels for other deals at COP28,

where countries will consider whether to phase out fossil fuels and take other steps to cut emissions.

Adnan Amin, CEO of the COP28 summit, said the aim was to secure several hundred million

US dollars for it by the end of the event. He said he was "hopeful" that the COP28 host, the UAE, would also make a contribution.

"There is an active discussion going on in the UAE, a positive discussion, about whether we would be participants in this," Amin told Reuters.

Countries agreed at last year's UN climate talks to launch the climate damage fund, a deal hailed as a breakthrough by more vulnerable, developing nations that have long demanded support to cope with climate-driven damage from drought, floods and rising seas.

So far, no country has made a specific financial pledge to the fund, though some have signaled interest.

US climate envoy John Kerry said Washington would put "several millions of dollars into the fund at the COP", speaking during the Bloomberg New Economy Forum in Singapore last week.

The UAE is among a handful of high per-capita income countries that are not obliged to contribute to UN climate funds, but are facing pressure from European states to do so.

Agencies

China's AI robotic chemist finds way to make oxygen on Mars

HEFEI

AN AI-driven robotic chemist, developed by Chinese scientists, has automatically synthesized and intelligently optimized catalysts for the oxygen evolution reaction from Martian meteorites, offering a highly efficient and energy-conserving solution for the production of oxygen on Mars.

Using a machine-learning model, the AI chemist automatically and swiftly identifies the optimal catalyst formula from more than three million possible compositions. This groundbreaking discovery demonstrates the feasibility of the AI chemist in the automated synthesis of chemicals and materials for Mars exploration, according to the study published in the journal Nature Synthesis on Monday.

Living on Mars requires the ability to synthesize chemicals that are essential for survival, such as oxygen, from local Martian resources. However, this is a challenging task.

Recent evidence of water activity on Mars has raised the prospect of large-scale oxygen production through solar power-driven electrochemical water oxidation processes using an oxygen evolution reaction catalyst. Considering the high cost of transporting catalysts from the Earth, extraterrestrial catalysts developed from local materials on Mars become a key technical issue.

Researchers from the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), in collaboration with their counterparts from Chinese research institutes including the Deep Space Exploration Laboratory, analyzed and extracted components from Martian meteorites with a robotic AI chemist and synthesized a new catalyst in just six weeks.

Given five different local Martian ores as feedstocks, there are over 3.76 million possible formulas, which would cost 2,000 years of human labor to finish such a screening for the optimal formula.

The study has successfully verified that AI can automatically develop new materials, which is expected to help oxygen production, base construction, and food production on extraterrestrial planets, and synthesize more chemicals from Martian resources to facilitate deep space exploration by humans, according to Luo Yi, director of Hefei National Research Center for Physical Sciences at the Microscale, USTC.

Jiang Jun, a professor at USTC, said that the AI chemist built a predictive model by learning over 50,000 related chemistry papers, and delivered a promising catalyst formula coupled with the most suitable synthetic condition within six weeks.

A stress test at minus 37 degrees Celsius, which mimics the temperature condition on Mars, showed that the catalyst can steadily produce oxygen without apparent deterioration, suggesting that it can work in the harsh conditions on Mars, according to the study.



An AI-driven robotic chemist, developed by researchers from the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), is seen at a lab on Nov 11, 2023. XINHUA

Uganda charges terrorist commander in tourist murder case

KAMPALA

A suspected terrorist commander has been detained here on charges of murdering two tourists and their local guide last month in Queen Elizabeth National Park, western Uganda, authorities said on Monday.

Abdul Rashid Kyoto, known locally as "Njovu," was remanded in custody on Monday by Elias Kakooza, chief magistrate of the Nakawa area in Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Prosecutors have accused him of nine counts, including terrorism, murder, aggravated robbery and membership in a terrorist organization. Njovu serves as a camp commander for the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a terrorist organization currently active in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) with connections to the Islamic State.

Xinhua

Russia opens terrorism investigation after bomb explodes on railway line

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN investigators have opened a terrorism investigation after a major freight train derailed due to what they said was a homemade bomb on the railway line in the Ryazan region, the investigative committee said.

"According to the investigation, at 07:12 on Nov 11, 2023, an improvised explosive device exploded," the committee said. "As a result, 19 wagons of the freight train were derailed."

Nineteen carriages traveling from Rybnoye town were thrown from the tracks and 15 were damaged, investigators wrote in a statement on social media. They said they would be opening a criminal investigation on terrorism charges.

Both the train driver and assistant train driver received medical attention at the scene.

Russian officials have previously blamed pro-Ukrainian saboteurs for several attacks on the

country's railway system since Moscow launched the special military operation in Ukraine in February last year. But no group has claimed responsibility for the damage so far.

Kyiv has not commented on Saturday's attacks, but warned Ukrainians to prepare for Russian winter aggression on infrastructure.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky issued his warning during his nightly video address a day after Russian forces carried out their first missile attack on the capital Kyiv in some seven weeks.

Ukraine's military spokesman Oleksandr Shtupun said Russian attacks on the shattered eastern town of Avdiivka had eased in the past day, but were likely to intensify in the coming days.

And Ukrainian military intelligence said an explosion killed at least three Russian servicemen in the southern town of Melitopol.

On Sunday, Russian authori-



People work at the site of derailed train carriages carrying cargo in Ryazan region, Russia, on Nov 11, 2023. AP

ties said its forces had repelled five Ukrainian attacks near Bakhmut.

"We are almost halfway through November and must be prepared for the fact that the enemy may increase the number of drone or missile strikes on our infrastructure," Zelensky said.

Ukrainian Energy Minister

Herman Galushchenko said Ukraine would have enough energy resources to get through the winter, but added: "The question is, how much future attacks can affect supplies?"

Galushchenko said Ukraine expects Russia to restart mass drone and missile attacks on energy infrastructure once tem-

peratures fall and stay below 0 C.

So far this autumn, Ukraine has enjoyed unseasonably warm weather, but temperatures are expected to drop below 0 C in Kyiv and other places in the coming week.

Separately, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's governing coalition has agreed in principle to double the country's military aid for Ukraine next year to 8 billion euros (\$8.5 billion), Bloomberg quoted a political source in Berlin as saying on Sunday.

If approved by Parliament, where Scholz's parties hold a majority, the boost would lift Germany's defense spending to 2.1 percent of its gross domestic product target, beyond the 2 percent pledged by all North Atlantic Treaty Organization members, the source added.

A spokesperson for Germany's Ministry of Defense said the Bundestag committee has not finished negotiations and declined to comment further.

Under fire, US Supreme Court unveils ethics code for justices

WASHINGTON

THE US Supreme Court on Monday announced its first formal code of conduct governing the ethical behavior of its nine justices, bowing to months of outside pressure over revelations of undisclosed luxury trips and hobnobbing with wealthy benefactors.

The new code drew mixed reviews, with some critics noting the apparent absence of any enforcement mechanism. It was adopted after a series of media reports detailing ethics questions surrounding some Supreme Court members, in particular conservative Justice Clarence Thomas, even as Senate Democrats pursued long-shot legislation to mandate an ethics code for the nation's top judicial

body.

The nine-page code contains sections codifying that justices should not let outside relationships influence their official conduct or judgment, spelling out restrictions on their participation in fundraising and reiterating limits on the accepting of gifts. It also states that justices should not "to any substantial degree" use judicial resources or staff for non-official activities.

A commentary released with the code elaborating on some of its provisions said that justices who are weighing a speaking engagement should "consider whether doing so would create an appearance of impropriety in the minds of reasonable members of the public."

Unlike other members of the fed-

eral judiciary, the Supreme Court's life-tenured justices had long acted with no binding ethics code. That absence, the court said in a statement accompanying the code, had led some to believe that the justices "regard themselves as untrammelled by any ethics rules."

"To dispel this misunderstanding, we are issuing this code, which largely represents a codification of principles that we have long regarded as governing our conduct," the statement said.

The court has been buffeted for months by revelations regarding justices over undisclosed trips on private jets, luxury vacations, real estate and recreational vehicle deals, and more.

Senator Dick Durbin, who chairs the Democratic-led Senate Judici-

ary Committee, called the code a "step in the right direction." But Durbin held open the possibility of further legislative efforts if he determines the code falls short of "the ethical standards which other federal judges are held to."

"We are going to carefully review this proposed code of conduct to evaluate whether it complies with our goal that the highest court in the land not languish with the lowest standard of ethics in our federal government," Durbin said.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, called the code "an important first step."

"However, the lack of any way to enforce the code of conduct should any justice decide to ignore it is a glaring omission," Schumer said.

Carrie Severino, a former law clerk to Thomas who heads the conservative Judicial Crisis Network, said she doubts the code will satisfy Senate Democrats, alleging that the real purpose of their focus on the ethics issue has been to intimidate a court that they despise "for being faithful to the Constitution."

The ethics drum beat added pressure to a court already facing declining public approval following major rulings in its past two terms powered by its 6-3 conservative majority. The court ended its recognition of a constitutional right to abortion, expanded gun rights and rejected affirmative action collegiate admissions policies often used to increase Black and Hispanic student enrollment.

China strives for clean, efficient development of coal industry

AS an important traditional source of energy in China, coal accounted for about 56 percent of the total domestic energy consumption annually. The coal industry has contributed significantly to China's economic and social development.

However, it has also been criticized as wasteful and highly polluting.

In recent years, China has been actively promoting supply-side structural reform in its coal industry, promoting cleaner and more efficient use of coal, and working to transform the industry toward high-end, intelligent, and green development.

Zhunneng Group under China Energy Investment Corporation has developed a coal-derived nano-hydrocarbon fuel, a viscous black liquid made from coal, water and a small amount of additives through nanosizing processes.

"This type of fuel has a low fire point and can sustain autonomous stable combustion, significantly reducing coal consumption for thermal power plants," said an executive with Zhunneng Group.

According to the executive, the potential applications of the newly developed fuel span multiple fields, including explosives, fuel substitution, and coal gasification.

A coal chemical enterprise, after using the new type of fuel, has seen increasing production of syngas, resulting in an additional revenue of approximately 200 million yuan (\$27.48 million) each year, the executive told People's Daily.

Zhang Hong, spokesperson of the China National Coal Association, noted that as the energy attribute of coal reaches its peak, there will be increasing emphasis on utilizing coal more as an industrial raw material.

According to him, many enterprises choose to improve the comprehensive utilization efficiency of coal as a raw material to develop high value-added, refined, and differentiated products, promoting high-end, diversified, and low-carbon development of the coal chemical industry.

According to incomplete statistics, in 2022, China's coal-to-oil, coal-to-gas, coal-to-olefin, and coal-to-ethylene glycol production capacities reached 9.31 million tons, 6.125 billion cubic meters, 16.72 million tons, and 11.55 million tons, respectively. The comprehensive utilization efficiency of coal as a chemical raw material continued to improve.

In terraced open-pit mines in Erdos, north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region, unmanned mining trucks



Unmanned mining trucks run in a mine of Zhunneng Group under China Energy Investment Corporation. (Photo/Wang Guohao)

with a capacity of 330 tons were seen running to an unloading area 2.5 kilometers away, carrying mineral soil stripped by electric shovels.

These trucks were a safer alternative to manned mining trucks, said Guo Pei, manager of the intelligent construction management center of the Heidaigou open-pit coal mine of Zhunneng Group.

According to him, manned trucks, which are often large and have many blind spots, pose greater safety risks for

drivers particularly during nighttime or in bad weather. Equipped with advanced technologies such as LiDAR, millimeter-wave radars, and digital twins, these unmanned trucks can autonomously plan routes and accurately park for unloading. Moreover, their speed is comparable to that of manned trucks.

By inputting information like coal rock and bench parameters, an intelligent drilling and blasting system can improve borehole precision to within 5 centim-

eters.

A high-bench radar monitoring system can rapidly identify potential hazard areas, reducing warning time from 24 hours to 2 hours. This allows over 100,000 extra tons of coal to be mined each year.

With the application of intelligent technology, production and management at the Heidaigou Open-pit Coal Mine operated by Zhunneng Group have become smarter and more efficient.

The coal industry is considered a high-risk sector, as it often faces hazards such as water damage, fires, gas leaks, impact pressure, and dust. Promoting the construction of intelligent coal mines reduces personnel usage in high-risk positions, enhances safety, and improves efficiency.

According to an official with the coal department of the National Energy Administration, seven key coal enterprises, including the China Energy Investment Corporation, China National Coal Group Corporation, and Shandong Energy Group, had built a production capacity of 1.393 billion tons annually through intelligent means as of the end of 2022, accounting for 74.7 percent of their total.

As of May this year, China had built 1,043 intelligent coal mining workshops

and 1,277 intelligent tunneling workshops. Preliminary statistics show that the total investment scale of intelligent construction in coal mines nationwide has exceeded 150 billion yuan, driving the rapid development of industries such as mine Internet of Things, coal mining equipment manufacturing, and intelligent control systems.

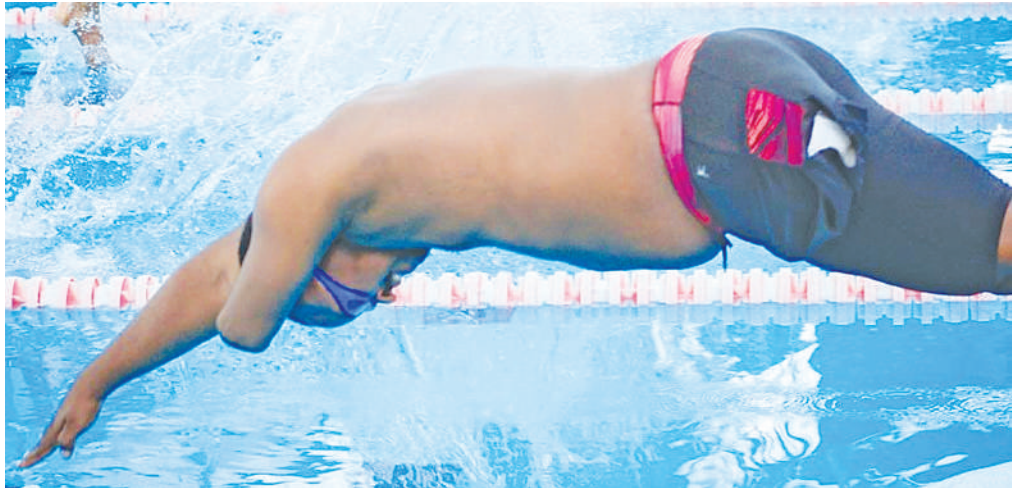
Promoting resource recycling and enhancing value circulation is an important direction for the green transformation of the coal industry.

Zhunneng Group has turned nearly 100,000 mu (6,667 hectares) of reclaimed land into industrial tourism areas. Besides, in the plant of Gaozhuang Coal Company, Zaozhuang Mining Group under Shandong Energy Group, coal gangue is used for road construction and brick making, while tail coal slurry is transformed to improve the yield of medium coal.

According to data released by the China National Coal Association, the comprehensive utilization rate of mine water in the country has increased from 62 percent to 79.3 percent over the past decade, and the land reclamation rate has also risen from 42 percent to 57.8 percent.

People's Daily

SPORT



Para swimmer Amos Nderwa of Stingrays Swimming Club diving into the swimming pool. 82 Para swimmers competed at the gala which was organized by the Tanzania Para Swimming Association (TPSA). The event took place recently at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC). Photo: Courtesy of TPSA.

Para-swimming association announces provisional squad

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Para Swimming Association (TPSA) has released a provisional squad for swimmers who will represent the country at international events.

Ramadhan Namkoveka, who is TPSA secretary general, said 15 para swimmers were selected after outstanding performances at the swimming gala which the association hosted at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) last October.

He said TPSA's initial plan was to have 30 swimmers at the gala, but the response was beyond their imagination as 82 para swimmers registered for the event.

Namkoveka said all the selected Para swimmers will be training at their respective clubs and he called upon the swimmers in the provisional squad to improve in the 50-meter freestyle and breaststroke, and 100-meter breaststroke and freestyle categories.

Namkoveka further said the TPSA technical team will be sending some important training techniques and methods to swimmers through their respective club coaches.

He named the male swimmers in the provisional national team as Salmin Mtwana and Adam Suleiman both from Zanzibar, Iman Abdallah, who is unattached, Lusiano Masika and Amos Nderwa - both from Stingrays while Gerald Sokolo is from Watoto Kwanza Project, Daniel Msangi comes from PIGEC, Humayi Gangji and Iago Nzoshe - both from Al Muntazir Islamic International School Special Education Needs, Ivan Shayo from St Joseph Nursery and Primary Schools and Luis Siangacha from Chadron's Hope Foundation.

The female para swimmers in the team are Happiness Magere from Stingrays and Rebecca Kalengo who is from PIGEC.

The 82 para swimmers who competed at the gala were from Dar es Salaam-based clubs, namely Stingrays Swim Club, Pigeck Swim Club, Watoto Kwanza Project, St Joseph Swimming Club, Chadron's Hope Foundation, Jangwani Secondary, Al Muntazir Special Education Needs, Salvation Army, and Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) individual swimmers while the Isles were represented by swimmers from Zanzibar Talent Swimming Club.

"We have named the 15 national team provisional para swimmers. They were the ones who performed

well at the National Gala which was held last October in Dar es Salaam. We advise the selected swimmers to continue training hard as soon we will have international events which include qualifiers for the 2024 Paris Paralympics," he said.

The gala, which was held on October 14, the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Day, also helped TPSA to collect a database of both local and foreign-based Para swimmers.

Prior to the selection of the provisional squad of the para swimmers, the country had only two national para swimmers who were Gerald Sokolo and Amosi Boniface Nderwa. Only Sokolo is certified by the World Para Swimming Association (WPSA).

Classification is necessary for all para swimmers and there are 14 classes of classification. One to 10 is for those who are disabled, 11 to 13 for the blind or visually impaired while class 14 is for those with mental disorders.

Para swimming in the country has been inactive due to many challenges, but a major among them is financial.

Namkoveka has been involved in para-swimming since 2017 and during this period, the country has managed to make some strides in the sport like organizing seminars for coaches and having swimmer Gerald Sokolo as the only local para swimmer classified by the World Para Swimming Association.

Namkoveka scouts his athletes at schools, centers where the disabled are taken care of, and sometimes in the streets, but he faces a lot of challenges some of them being a lack of female swimmers and also transportation.

Special Olympics workshop ends today in Zanzibar

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE three-day Special Olympics Unified Champion School Project Workshop, which attracted 13 countries, ends today in Zanzibar.

SOT director Charles Rays said the workshop has attracted participants from Angola, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Zimbabwe and the host Tanzania.

Initially, 16 countries were to take part in the workshop, but representatives from three countries failed to attend due to logistical challenges.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop on Monday, Zanzibar's Second Vice-President Hemed Suleiman Abdalla said his government is committed to implementing sports inclusiveness policy and disclosed that from next year games for disabled and intellectually challenged athletes will be incorporated at national memorial events taking place in the Isles.

He also disclosed that the government will increase its funding to sporting activities which involve the disabled and intellectually disabled athletes.

The second vice-president, who represented the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi, hailed the organizers of the workshop, saying on top of improving sports it has also promoted tourism in the Island.

"This workshop has come at a right time when many countries around the world are implementing inclusive policies. I am sure by the end of this workshop many disabled and intellectually disabled will be involved in sports,"

he said.

Zanzibar Minister of Information, Youth and Culture, Tabia Maulid Mwita, said she was expecting a meeting between SOT officials and President Mwinyi as she proposed in Germany during the World Summer Special Olympics.

She also hailed SOT official from Zanzibar Saada Hamad on her efforts to promote sports and the welfare of people with intellectual challenges.

In his remarks, Special Olympics Africa (SOA) president Charles Nyambe, who represented the International Special Olympics (SOI) president Tim Shriver, thanked Tanzania for hosting the workshop. He said the workshop has given participants more knowledge on Special Olympics games and the welfare of the athletes.

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletics competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The events provide continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship.

SOT has been outstanding in its activities as its athletes have been competing at various local and international events. Last year at the maiden Pan African Special Olympics Games played in Egypt, the country collected eleven medals.

Also recently the country was represented by 20 athletes and seven officials at the Summer Special Olympics Games which was held in Berlin, Germany where local athletes won medals.

At the German Special Olympics Summer Games, the country athletes competed in mixed unified volleyball and athletics.

SPORTS

India and Tanzania to organise athletics race

By Faustine Feliciane

THE Union of India and Tanzania has organized a two-day athletics race from December 30 in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam, the Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, said the race will involve runners who are citizens of Tanzania and India.

He said that they have organized the race to ensure that they maintain the existing unity between the two countries, including various athletes to exchange ideas.

He emphasized that the race will also be attended by the veteran athlete and Ambassador of Fit India, Milind Soman, who raised various talents of the sport from the local stage in Mumbai, India.

He said, Soman, who is currently a track and field coach in India, will have the opportunity to talk to various athletes to ensure that they exchange experiences.

He said the race on the first day will start from the streets of Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo and on the second day it will start from Bagamoyo back to Dar es Salaam where it will cover a total of 120 kilometers.

"The Union of India and Tanzania has organized an athletics race that will take place from Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo in the Coast region and later it will go from Bagamoyo back to Dar es Salaam where we will run 120 kilometers. We will also have a veteran athlete Soman, who is currently a coach of this sport



The Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan. (Agencies)

and a film artist in India," said Pradhan.

On his part, Soman said he was very excited to come to Tanzania and participate in the race.

"It is a good opportunity for us to visit Tanzania to lead the team that will participate in the athletics race together where we will connect with various Tanzanians with the aim of sharing experiences.

"I have made trips like this in various countries around the world, now it is Tanzania's turn, to make sure we reach our goals.

"We are happy and proud to represent the Embassy of India in Tanzania through athletics. I think we will leave a mark on the locals," said Soman.

This race will involve various athletes from Tanzania and those from India.

Company launches new campaign for festive season



Florence Mkinga, the producer of the Dhoor drama series broadcast by DStv, speaks during the launch of the new 'Raha Mfululu na DStv' campaign held in Dar es Salaam on Monday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

MULTICHOICE Tanzania has launched a campaign which is aimed at entertaining its customers during this festive season of Christmas and New Year and also providing attractive packages to its new customers.

The 'Raha Mfululu na DStv' campaign was launched last Monday in Dar es Salaam and speaking during the event, the Acting Marketing Manager of the company, Semu Bandora, said the campaign is aimed at giving Tanzanians and their families the opportunity to enjoy entertainment, educative and news programs during this festive season.

He said new customers will buy a complete DStv set (Decoder, Dish and other necessities) at a reduced price and it will include a free Shangwe package for one month.

Bandora said the company's customers will now enjoy football

matches, films, cartoons and more programs for children which he says will bring families closer.

Further, he said DStv will continue giving awards to their new and old customers.

In his remarks, Noel Malumba, who is DStv Content Manager, disclosed that they have added many programs suitable for this season, naming Holiday Pop Channel DStv 198 which gets underway on Friday up to early January, next year.

He also said customers of the company can enjoy watching new local drama series, namely Dhoor and Chanda, through the Maisha Magic Bongo program.

He added that the customers also will have time to watch soccer league games which include the English Premier League (EPL), Spanish Elite League (La Liga) Italian top league (Serie A), the English FA Cup, Carabao, UEFA Cup, Europa and others.

"We have come up with a number of programs which are aimed at educating, informing and entertaining our new and old customers during this festive season of Christmas and New Year.

"We will also offer a free package of Shangwe for one month to our new customers. We have also

introduced a program named Supa Soka, in which the veteran journalist and soccer commentator Salim Kikeke will be the host.

"On top of that, we have also programs for kids which include Disney Junior Cartoon Network and Moonbug which are good for children, especially during this period of school holiday," he said.

The company also introduced new comedians, namely Mzee Shayo, Eliudi, Jol Master, Zulii Comedy, Zai Kijiwe Nongwa and She Is Lola.

Warning for Japan as Asian heavyweights begin World Cup qualifying

TOKYO

JAPAN, Australia and Jurgen Klinsmann's South Korea will launch their qualifying campaigns on Thursday for the 2026 World Cup, with Palestine also among the 36 teams in action in Asia.

A record eight direct spots and one intercontinental playoff berth are up for grabs for Asian Football Confederation sides at the expanded World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Nine groups of four in the AFC will play each other home and away, with the top two from each going through to the final qualifying round.

Japan will be expected to book their place at an eighth straight World Cup after a phenomenal run of form since last year's tournament in Qatar, where they reached the last 16.

The Blue Samurais have won their last six games, plundering 24 goals and conceding just five along the way.

They travelled to Europe in September and beat Germany 4-1 and Turkey 4-2 – results which cost both opposing managers their jobs.

Hajime Moriyasu, whose side kick off their campaign against Myanmar in Osaka, warned that a Group B also featuring Syria and North Korea would not be easy.

"They are teams that wouldn't look out of place in the final round," the coach said, despite Japan thrashing Myanmar 10-0 at home when they met in 2022 World Cup qualifying.

"We can't afford to slack off and we need to keep striving to be better," he added.

South Korea initially struggled when German legend Klinsmann took over as coach in February, but results have picked up in recent games.

The Koreans scored 11 goals without reply in friendly wins over Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Vietnam, and begin their qualifying campaign at home to Singapore.

China and Thailand have also been drawn in what looks like being one of

the toughest groups of the qualifiers.

"We will be very serious with every World Cup qualifying game," said Klinsmann, who was without a win in his first five games in charge. "Getting points right away is very important."

Australia, who joined Japan and South Korea in reaching the World Cup last 16 in Qatar, being their campaign against Bangladesh in Melbourne.

Coach Graham Arnold told reporters that the time for "experimenting is over", with the Asian Cup in Qatar also just two months away.

"Now it's all about getting the tactics right and getting the players on the pitch and their performance right, and winning those games at all costs," he said.

The Socceroos have also been drawn alongside Lebanon and Palestine in Group I.

Palestine are away to Lebanon in their opener but the conflict between Israel and Hamas means they will play their home game against Australia on neutral ground in Kuwait next week.

The first match day this week will be followed by the second on November 21 in Asia.

This Thursday Iran are at home to Hong Kong while Saudi Arabia, who pulled off a stunning win over eventual champions Argentina at the Qatar World Cup, host Pakistan.

Pakistan beat Cambodia in the preliminary round for their first-ever qualifying win.

Qatar, now under the guidance of former Iran coach Carlos Queiroz, are at home to Afghanistan.

Eighteen of Afghanistan's players are reportedly set to boycott the match in protest at what they describe as poor treatment by their country's football association.

North Korea play their first World Cup qualifier since 2019 when they face Syria on neutral ground in Saudi Arabia.

The North Koreans withdrew midway through 2022 qualifying when the Covid pandemic struck.

Egypt captain Salah leads African stars into World Cup qualifying

CAIRO

PROLIFIC Liverpool scorer and Egypt captain Mohamed Salah will be among the stars in action this week when 2026 World Cup qualifying in Africa kicks off with two matchdays.

His two Premier League goals against Brentford at the weekend raised his total to 200 in English football, and he is now set to shine against Group A rivals Djibouti and Sierra Leone.

Salah was the second highest ranked African in the Ballon d'Or last month behind Napoli and Nigeria forward Victor Osimhen, who misses the first matchdays due to an injury.

Omar Marmoush of Eintracht Frankfurt and Mostafa Mohamed of Nantes are other Egyptians who have been scoring regularly in major European leagues this season.

Djibouti, who face Egypt in Cairo on Thursday, are among the weakest African national teams and have twice suffered eight-goal hidings in World Cup qualifiers.

Sierra Leone will be handicapped at having to stage a home fixture against Egypt on Sunday in Liberia because they lack an international-standard stadium.

Egypt have won the Africa Cup of Nations a record seven times, but struggle in World Cup qualifying, reaching the finals only three times, compared with eight appearances by Cameroon. The strongest challenge to Salah and his teammates could come from Burkina Faso, ranked 10th in Africa, five places below Egypt. Guinea-Bissau and Ethiopia are the other Group A contenders.

Nigeria must do without Osim-



Captain Mohamed Salah celebrates scoring for Egypt. Agencies

hen, one of the favourites to win the CAF Footballer of the Year award next month, and injured AC Milan winger Samuel Chukwueze against Lesotho and Zimbabwe.

But Portuguese coach Jose Peseiro has many talented replacements to choose from, including Victor Boniface of Bayer Leverkusen and Taiwo Awoniyi of Nottingham Forest.

There are concerns, however, about the Super Eagles' defence with Cyprus-based goalkeeper Francis Uzoho coming under fire for his performances in two recent friendly matches.

Zimbabwe are back in international football after a FIFA ban for government interference prevented them competing in 2024 Cup of Nations qualifying.

- Biggest threats -

They are among 17 African countries who cannot play at home either because of sub-standard stadiums or safety concerns and will host Nigeria in the Rwandan city of Butare. South Africa are considered the biggest threats to Nigeria in Group C, but will tackle Benin at home and Rwanda away minus star Lyle Foster.

The Burnley forward and only

South African in the Premier League has been sidelined by the recurrence of a mental health issue.

Former Premier League manager Chris Hughton admits he is under pressure as Ghana coach ahead of qualifiers at home to Madagascar and away to the Comoros.

"They are two games we must do well in," he said amid media calls for his dismissal after a four-goal friendly hiding by the United States last month.

Veteran Andre 'Dede' Ayew, who joined Ligue 1 outfit Le Havre last weekend, has been recalled, but an injury rules out another midfielder, Thomas Partey from Arsenal.

Last December in Qatar Morocco became the first World Cup semi-finalists from Africa, but they will not be involved in matchday one as opponents Eritrea withdrew without an explanation.

So Saudi Arabia-based goalkeeper Yassine Bounou, Paris Saint-Germain defender Achraf Hakimi and Sevilla forward Youssef en-Nesyri go into action for the Atlas Lions only next Tuesday.

Their belated entry into qualifying will be away to Tanzania in Group E, which also includes resurgent Zambia, Congo Brazzaville and Niger, who are set to hire Moroccan coach Badou Zaki.

The nine group winners after 260 qualifiers that stretch to October 2025 qualify for the record 48 nation finals in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

There could be a 10th African qualifier as the best four runners-up enter a mini-tournament and the winners advance to intercontinental play-offs with two finals places up for grabs.

AFP

Italy, Netherlands, Wales aim to secure Euro 2024 qualification

LONDON

REIGNING champions Italy are preparing for a decisive qualifier with Ukraine for a place at Euro 2024, while former winners the Netherlands and 2016 semi-finalists Wales are also aiming to book their tickets to the finals in Germany.

The last two rounds of qualifying matches take place over the next week, and a total of 12 countries will secure their spots in next month's draw in Hamburg for the tournament to go with nine who are already guaranteed to be there.

Continental heavyweights Spain, France, England, Belgium and Portugal have already qualified along with hosts Germany, Turkey, Scotland and Austria for the 24-nation finals which will run June 14 to July 14 next year.

Italy, who beat England on penalties at Wembley in the final of the last European Championship in 2021 to claim the title for the second time, still have work to do to avoid missing another major tournament.

Having failed to qualify for either of the last two World Cups, there is a danger the Azzurri will not be in Germany to defend their title after a qualifying campaign during which coach Roberto Mancini quit either side of defeats home and away to England.

Yet the equation is simple for the team now coached by Luciano Spalletti – whatever happens when they face North Macedonia in Rome on Friday, win against Ukraine in Germany next Monday and they will qualify.

A draw against Ukraine will suffice if they beat North Macedonia first. Lose their last game, on the other hand, and Ukraine will progress to the finals instead, while Italy will drop into the play-offs next March which will determine the final three qualifiers.

That is a scenario they will desperately want to avoid, having failed to qualify for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups after losing play-off ties to Sweden and North Macedonia respectively.

"We have to handle the fear. It will be there by our side as we go," indicated Spalletti this week when asked about the high stakes facing his team in the Group C finale.

Meanwhile, there appears little prospect of the Netherlands failing in their bid to join France in qualifying from Group B.

A win at home to the Republic of Ireland in Amsterdam on Saturday will do the job for Ronald Koeman's side. And if they slip up, they will have another chance when they face Gibraltar on Tuesday.

Assuming they do wrap up qualification, that will leave Euro 2004 winners Greece to settle for a place in the play-offs, as determined by their performances in the last UEFA Nations League.

Wales have recovered from a wobble as they adapt to life without Gareth Bale and are now hopeful of securing a spot at a third consecutive Euro finals.

Rob Page's side appeared up against it in Group D following defeats by Armenia and Turkey in June, but a 2-1 win over Croatia in Cardiff last month, when Harry Wilson scored twice, has left them with qualification in their own hands.

A win in Armenia on Saturday, and another at home to already-qualified Turkey three days later, will take them through.

"The mindset we've got is we can get a result against anyone. We've shown that," said Wales captain Ben Davies.

Croatia are ready to take advantage of any slip-up by the Welsh, but otherwise the 2018 World Cup runners-up, and 2022 semi-finalists, will have to try again in the play-offs.

LONDON

AFRICAN qualifying for the 2026 Fifa World Cup begins on 15 November, with the continent set to send a record number of nations to football's newly-expanded global showpiece.

Only five countries were present at the 2022 finals in Qatar, where Morocco made history by becoming the first African side to reach the semi-finals.

However, nine African sides are guaranteed a spot at the next edition in Canada, Mexico and the United States, a tournament that will feature 48 teams, up from 32.

There is even the chance for a 10th to qualify via an intercontinental play-off.

With potentially double the amount of teams securing a ticket to North America, the Confederation of African Football (Caf) has changed the qualifying format.

BBC Sport Africa explains what you need to know about a campaign that will last for two years.

*How can you qualify for the 2026 World Cup?

Caf has done away with its traditional preliminary round, which saw lower-ranked nations drawn into a series of two-legged ties, the winners of which progressed to a group stage.

The new plan was for all African nations to participate in a larger group stage - with the 54 entrants split into nine pools, each containing six teams.

However, Caf's plans were somewhat spoiled by Eritrea's late withdrawal from qualifying on 10 November, leaving Group E with only five teams.

Fixtures will be played home and away. The nine group winners will qualify for the World Cup. The draw was conducted in July in Ivory Coast:

Group A: Egypt, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Djibouti

Group B: Senegal, DR Congo, Mauritania, Togo, Sudan, South Sudan

Group C: Nigeria, South Africa, Benin, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Lesotho

Group D: Cameroon, Cape



Morocco finished fourth at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar after becoming the first African side to reach the semi-finals. Agencies

Verde, Angola, Libya, Eswatini, Mauritius

Group E: Morocco, Zambia, Congo, Tanzania, Niger (Eritrea withdrew on 10 November)

Group F: Ivory Coast, Gabon, Kenya, The Gambia, Burundi, Seychelles

Group G: Algeria, Guinea, Uganda, Mozambique, Botswana, Somalia

Group H: Tunisia, Equatorial Guinea, Namibia, Malawi, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe

Group I: Mali, Ghana, Madagascar, Central African Republic, Comoros, Chad

*When are the matches?

The first two matches in each group will be played between 15 and 21 November, while rounds three and four will take place next June.

With qualifiers for the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations also needing to be scheduled during 2024, the remaining six match days of World Cup qualifiers will be spread across the international windows in March, September and October 2025.

*What about the play-offs?

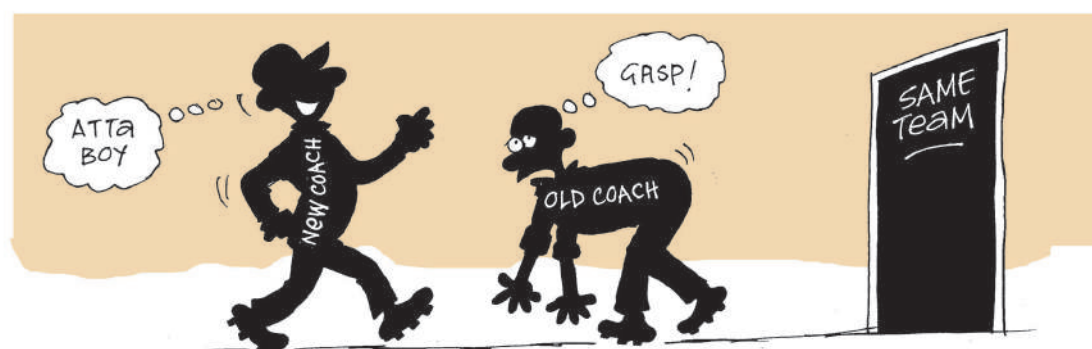
Some of the runners-up in the nine qualifying groups will get another chance to reach Canada, Mexico and the USA.

The four best-ranked second-placed sides will be drawn into play-offs, with a semi-final and final in November 2025 determining which African side will advance to an intercontinental play-off tournament.

Eritrea's withdrawal will have an impact on those rankings, with Caf yet to make an announcement on how that matter will be resolved.

The final global qualifying round will involve six teams competing for the final two places at the 2026 finals, and is expected to be held in March 2026.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Chelsea hold Man City in Premier League classic, Liverpool up to second

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Simba CEO Imani Kajula. (Agencies)

FIFA places transfer ban on Singida Fountain Gate

By Correspondent Guardian Correspondent

THE world football governing body, FIFA, has handed Singida Fountain Gate a transfer ban with immediate effect.

This comes on the back of the NBC Premier League side's failure to settle outstanding salary and signing on fee payments to Ghanaian wing-back Nicholas Gyan.

FIFA sent a communication to the Tanzania Football Federation, TFF, ordering a ban on Singida Fountain Gate for the registration of players at the national level and international level, effective yesterday, November 14, 2023.

The sanction can only be lifted once the side, formerly known as Singida Big Stars, pays the outstanding payments in full.

The club can still sign new players though not register them to play.

"NBC Premier League club Singida Fountain Gate FC, formerly known as Singida Big Stars FC, has been banned from registering new players. The decision has been made by the International Football Federation (FIFA) after the player Nicholas Gyan won civil cases against the club.

"The Ghanaian player filed a case with FIFA demanding the payment of his signing on and salary arrears. The club was supposed to have paid him within 45 days since the decision was made, but it did not implement it.

"While FIFA has banned the club from making international transfers, the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has banned it from making domestic transfers. TFF reminds clubs to respect the contracts that have been entered into with players and coaches to avoid various penalties including being banned from registration of players," read the statement from TFF.

Gyan joined Singida Fountain Gate while they were still in the Championship in the 2021/22 season.

He helped the team earn topflight promotion in the same season and was an important member of the team that finished fourth last season.

This season he has played four league games for Singida Fountain Gate though his last appearance was last early month in a 2-1 home defeat to Simba.

Singida Fountain Gate management have not declared whether he is still part of the team or not.

Gyan's first spell in Tanzania was with Simba.

He joined Simba in 2017 from Ghana Premier League side Ebusua Dwarfs for an undisclosed fee and helped them secure two league titles.

He left Simba in 2019 after the expiration of his two-year contract.

Twiga Stars, JKT Queens players nominated for CAF Awards 2023



Twiga Stars during their Women's Olympic qualifiers match against Botswana at the National Stadium in Gaborone last month. Twiga Stars won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TWIGA STARS.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TWIGA Stars, JKT Queens, coach Esther Chaburuma, goalkeeper Najiat Abbas and midfielder Winfrida Gerald have been shortlisted in the CAF Awards 2023 nominees released by the continental football ruling body yesterday afternoon.

Twiga Stars have been nominated in the Women's National Team of the Year category.

The senior women's national team have enjoyed a good year under coach Bakari Shime. They are through to the third round of the Olympic Games qualifiers after eliminating Botswana.

They are still in contention to qualify for next year's Women's Africa Cup of Nations. They overcame Ivory Coast in the second round and they will face Togo in the final round of qualifiers as they seek to return to the Women's Africa Cup of Nations for the first time since 2011.

In the Women's National Team of the Year award, Twiga Stars will

face competition from Nigeria, Zambia, South Africa and Morocco, who were at the 2023 Women's World Cup.

The other teams also in contention for the award are Ghana, Burkina Faso, Malawi, Burundi and Senegal.

JKT Queens together with seven others have been nominated for the Women's Club of the Year award.

This is after they won the CECAFA qualifiers to book a ticket to the CAF Women's Champions League.

Najiat has been nominated for the Best Goalkeeper award.

Her exploits for both Twiga Stars and JKT Queens, as a result, she is among ten players who have been nominated for the first-ever CAF Women's Goalkeeper of the Year award.

Chaburuma has received a nomination in the Women's Coach of the Year for her success with JKT Queens.

Yet another JKT Queens player, Winfrida has been listed in the nominees for the Young Player of the Year award.

The Young Player of the Year award is limited to players not more than 21 years old.

The 15-year-old was the top scorer in

the 2023 CAF African Schools Championship helping Fountain Gate lift the continental title in South Africa.

She was also on target in JKT Queens comeback win against hosts Atletico Abidjan in the CAF Women's Champions League group stage game last week.

To win the award, Winfrida will have to fend off opposition from the Ghana duo of Comfort Yeboah and Mary Amponsah as well as the Nigerian trio of Deborah Abiodun, Esther Ajakaye and Oluwatosin Demehin.

The lively winger will also vie with Morocco's Nesryne El Chad, Senegal's Hapsatou Diallo, South African Thubelihle Shamase and Ugandan Fauzia Najjemba.

The winner of each category will be decided after votes from a voting panel consisting of CAF Technical Committee, media professionals from member associations, head coaches and captains of member associations and clubs involved at the group stages of the Interclub competitions.

The Awards Gala is to be graced by the Crème de la Crème of African football on December 11, 2023 in Marrakech, Morocco.

Simba finalising appointment of new coach

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA Sports Club are putting the finishing touches on a deal to appoint a new coach.

The position fell vacant last week following the decision to part ways with Robert 'Robertinho' Oliveira.

Robertinho was sacked as Simba coach following a 5-1 home defeat by bitter city rivals Young Africans in an NBC Premier League derby on Sunday, November 5.

Goalkeeper coach Daniel Cadena, who holds a UEFA A Pro licence, was appointed as interim head coach as the club searches for Robertinho's replacement.

Simba CEO Imani Kajula has confirmed to the press that negotiations are ongoing and in the next few days the club will announce a new tactician to lead the team forward.

"So far, I must make it clear that we have received a lot of CVs. They are CVs from coaches all over the world, but as a club, we have our criteria. The criteria are the important qualities we consider when looking for a coach. We are at an advanced stage," Kajula said.

"I can tell Simba fans that in the next few days we will announce a new coach who we believe will be a big catalyst for the development of our club," he added.

Belgian Sven Vandebroek and Algerian Abdelhak Benchikha are among the names currently under consideration for the role.

Vandebroek had a successful spell with Simba between 2019 and 2020.

He led Simba to a league title, Federation Cup, Community Shield and CAF Champions League group stage qualification before resigning abruptly to take over Morocco's AS FAR Rabat.

Since then Vandebroek has had short stints with ABHA of Saudi Arabia, Morocco's Wydad and Algeria's CR Belouizdad where he stayed for less than two months.

He is now a free agent.

Benchikha led USMA Alger to win CAF Confederation Cup and Super Cup titles last season and is considered one of the favourite candidates.

He is shortlisted for the CAF Coach of the Year award.

The new coach is expected to be appointed before the end of the international break. He will be expected to help Simba qualify for the knockout stage in the CAF Champions League as well as wrestle the NBC Premier League title from Young Africans.

Simba have resumed training for the CAF Champions League group stage campaign. They will open their Champions League group stage campaign with a home game against ASEC Mimosas on November 25 before making the trip to Botswana to face Jwaneng Galaxy on December 2.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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