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Young engineers flying out for SGR operations training

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A TOTAL of 14 young Tanzanian engineers are scheduled to leave for South Korea on Thursday, December 1 for five months of intense training on electric train operations on the standard gauge railway.

Masanja Kadogosa (pictured), director general for the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC), said at a send-off event in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, that operations training is part of contractual arrangements between TRC and the Korean Railroad Corporation (KoRail).

The accord provides for supervision of operations for a limited period and intense training for TRC staff to take over all lines of operations in due course, signed on July 4 in the presence of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, at the State House in Dar es Salaam.

The training will focus on operations, rail safety, machines, information technology and maintenance of rail infrastructure in construction, signaling, communication and electric circuits, he stated.

As South Korea is highly advanced in the technology of operating electric trains, he tasked the selected engineers to learn hard to add sufficient value to their level of expertise, he said.

Learning hard will help them to achieve their professional goals and corporate objectives, he stated, asking them to always must remember that they are public servants. "If anyone misbehaves, stern measures will be taken against such individuals," he said.

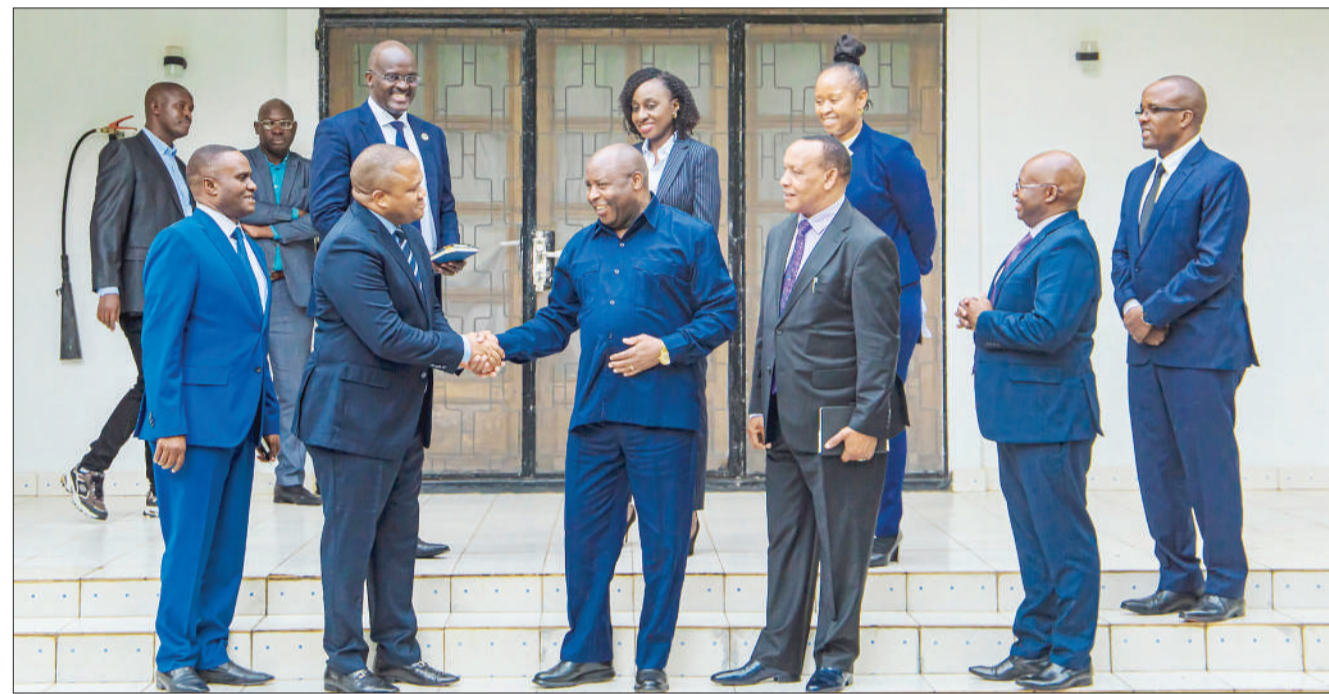
They will in due course be responsible for teaching others directly handling train operations, he pointed out, noting that the training is part of take-off preparations starting from the Dar es Salaam to Morogoro section now nearing completion, followed by the Morogoro-Makutupora section also veering towards completion.

He praised KoRail as having been picked

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'Archivists, secretaries soul, hub of govt work'

By Correspondent Cynthia Mwilezi, Arusha



Burundi President Évariste Ndayishimiye bids farewell to CRDB Bank Plc CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (2nd-L) after talks with the bank's delegation led by board chairman Dr Ally Laay (4th-L) held at the president's in the capital, Bujumbura, at the weekend. Others are CRDB Bank Burundi board chairman Hosea Kashimba (L), CRDB Burundi managing director Frederick Siwale (2nd-L, back row), CRDB chief operations officer Bruce Mwile Mwasenga (R), CRDB corporate affairs director Tully Esther Mwambapa (3rd-R), CRDB Burundi Board member Kahumbya Bashige and CRDB Burundi board member Menard Bucumi. The talks formed part of the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of CRDB Burundi. Story on Page 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday instructed record keepers and personal secretaries to perform their duties professionally and ethically for enhanced confidentiality.

Opening the 10th annual meeting of the Tanzania Records and Archives Management Professionals Association (TRAMPA), the president said the sector is the government's soul and the hub of its achievements.

She instructed Minister Jenista Mhagama (President's Office - Public Service Management) to work with her Zanzibar counterpart Haroun Ali Suleiman (Public Service and Good Governance) to link up efforts enhancing skills and ethics in the sector.

She directed the allocated a plot of land in the capital city area in Dodoma for TRAMPA to build a skills enhancement centre.

If members of the cadre lose records and archives nothing will be accomplished; she stated, remarking that even retired people will fail to get their records when pursuing their benefits from social security funds.

One mistake in record keeping will cause people to lose their rights and being up complaints, she said, underlining that records keeping has been simplified by technology, "hence there is no reason to lose records and archives as it was the case in the past."

Stressing the importance of ethics and faith in the cadre to stem the disclosure of government secrets, she said these days we see government secrets, especially in regard to courts leaking out into social networks. "That will not take us anywhere," she remarked.

Good record keeping strengthens services for the public, enables achievements for everyone and within the government in particular, she said, underlining that it is important for members of the cadre to take the oath on proper execution of their duties, "even though the oath will not prevent them from violating their work ethics."

Promising to provide a plot of land for building TRAMPA offices, the president instructed TRAMPA chairperson Josephine Manase to go to Dodoma and directly be

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'With rains, power supply gap ending'

By Guardian Reporter

THE 350 megawatts power supply gap prevailing during the past month has largely been restored and just about 100MW will be in short supply in the coming days, the power utility has declared.

Maharage Chande, managing director for the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. Ltd (TANESCO) said at the

“ will continue to speak the truth and solve people's complaints in time

weekend that since the rains have started and hydropower plants at Kidatu and Iyovu water levels increase, the situation will be vastly improving at the start of December.

With power rationing continuing to ease by February there will be no power rationing as Kinyerezi I gas-fuelled power plant will be added to add a more reliable power supply.

Answering questions from members of the public at the weekend via the Twitter social media platform which involved 1,000 people, he objected to the power shortages being made into a political issue.

ACT-Wazalendo leader Zitto Kabwe

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World Bank praises Hai renewable energy centre

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

KIKULETWA centre for renewable energy training and research is a laudable example of how Tanzania is using renewable resources to come up with profitable projects, especially those empowering the youth, a senior World Bank official has stated.

Nathan Belete, the country director for Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, made this remark at a visit to the centre, part of Arusha Technical College (ATC) which has wider regional links.

The centre is engaged in rehabilitating an ancient hot springs power station and using this facility and other innovation units to serve as a regional centre of learning in renewable energy.

It focuses on hydropower, solar, wind and biomass and supplies power to the national grid, where feasibility studies indicate that the current Kikuletwa potential is 1.7 megawatts.

Experts say the site could provide up to 17 MW of electricity, but the centre focuses on training artisans, technicians and professionals in power generation technologies.

The core area is micro hydro turbine testing and certification plus active participation in power generation by using renewable energy resources, earning World Bank praise for prudently utilizing funds directed at implementing key renewable energy projects.

The global lender injected 37bn/- into the ATC centre at Kikuletwa area in Hai District,

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan opens the 10th meeting of the Tanzania Records and Archives Management Professionals Association in Arusha city yesterday. Photo: State House





John Mboje (R), a TIB Development Bank senior business officer, briefs Finance and Planning deputy minister Hamad Chande (L) in Mwanza city at the weekend when the latter visited the bank's pavilion during the National Financial Services Week Exhibition. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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handed the plot. Referring to challenges for employers in regard to record-keeping technology, she emphasized the need for the public

service sector to boost the use of technology in keeping government records and archives.

The Zanzibar minister said TRAMPA is a unifying factor in

the union, appealing to President Samia to invigorate it further, while minister Mhagama paid tribute to the president for depth of leadership and patriotism in

providing guidance at all levels. Her support has given respect to TRAMPA who will in turn provide her with even more devotion, she added.



Prof Eliamani Sedoyeka (2nd-R), Permanent Secretary of the Natural Resources and Tourism ministry, exchanges ideas with Economic and Social Research Foundation executive director Dr Tausi Kida (R), tourism expert Dr Shonga Mlozi (L) and inclusive finance advisor Irene Madeje Mloia after opening the 4th Forum of Sneakers & Heels Exposition: Women & The Economy in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mhagama tasks e-GA board to address revenue loss loopholes

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

MINISTER of State, President Office- Public Service Management and Good Governance, Jenista Mhagama has directed the e-Government Authority (e-GA) Board to come up with robust strategies to address revenue loss loopholes in some institutions.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during the inauguration of e-GA's board of directors Mhagama said there are still a number of loopholes that allow misuse of public funds, especially in local government authorities.

She also wanted the board to address challenges facing low-income citizens in accessing services.

"I want the board to come up with strategies to solve the challenges facing citizens in the grassroots, we want every citizen to be able to use the services regardless of geographical locations," she said.

She further noted that e-GA board

members need to make sure that they are solving challenges that are affecting many low-income citizens to make their lives easier.

"The guarantee given to you by the government is great and it is our expectation that you will work with integrity, a high level of professionalism and in the broad interest of our country as per laws and regulations," she said.

Mhagama further wanted the board to adhere to the relevant guidelines so as to meet stakeholders' expectations and bring productivity in the implementation of day to day activities.

"Think outside the box in different ways about how people can access online services from our government by eliminating the challenges that they face from wherever they are," she added.

The minister added: "Taking into account your expertise and experience in various fields, it is my expectation that all board members

will fully cooperate with the ministry to ensure that information technology is well used to improve performance in public institutions and facilitate smooth service provision to the people."

Eng Benedict Ndomba, e-GA director general promised to work on all the directives issued by the minister saying the authority will provide close cooperation to the board to achieve the intended goals.

"We, as the authority created under this board through laws, promise to provide sincere cooperation, as well as fully follow instructions in supervising the government's initiatives in public institutions, especially in the construction of infrastructures.

Board's chairman, Dr Mussa Kisaka said: "We have received instructions and responsibilities that need to be done, and we promise to work on them diligently and with professionalism so as to bring development in the country."

By Correspondent James Kandoya

COVID-19 vaccine uptake in Dar es Salaam Region has reached 3.4 million people surpassing the set target of 3.3 million, Regional Commissioner Amos Makala said yesterday.

Addressing joggers after a walkathon organised by Aga Khan Health Services in partnership with European Union and Aga Khan Development Networks, the RC urged the community to protect the most vulnerable and themselves through vaccination.

Makala said the walkathon aimed to raise public awareness and uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine to make people safe from the pandemic.

"I commend Aga Khan Health Services Tanzania and the EU for their efforts and timely support to the government particularly Dar es Salaam in strengthening health systems including promoting vaccination against COVID-19," he said.

Makala said the pandemic is far from over and that the risk of new variants, especially in under vaccinated populations, remains

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demanded to know when the government will allow private investors to invest in the sector, citing Mtwara, Somanga Fungu and Kinyerezi gas power generation, and when TANESCO will be placed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

Chande said private sector investments in the energy sector were a slow process "due to the history of lies than reality." He said the corporation wasn't afraid of working with the private sector, "but to be safe in the energy sector one has to be transparent."

He said the main challenge in power generation projects is the price of electricity, focusing on the price the producer will sell to TANESCO after generating, as there is a price differential between natural gas and hydropower (half of quotable natural gas wholesale price).

He said the majority of people who participated in the debate that TANESCO had organized were unfamiliar with technical issues, demanding that "politicians stay away from power generation and distribution affairs. Instead, the issues should be dealt with by professionals in order to have a permanent solution for the country's power woes."

He even asserted that the state-owned utility "will continue to speak the truth and solve people's

complaints in time," taking up the technical aspect once again in remarking that the country's power needs continue to rise.

"We have new consumers every day," he stated, pointing out that in the past six months there was no drought challenge but drought complicated supply drawbacks.

Ubungo MP Prof Kitila Mkumbo said during the online debate that politicians need to give chance to experts "as they are well mobilised only that politicians keep on derailing them."

He appealed to TANESCO to "have own answers for power outages by researching before announcing to the public, to enable the politicians to understand" the issues involved.

One contributor raised claims that TANESCO "was letting out water from hydropower dams to allow electric generators business to flourish," which the CEO sharply discounted.

He cited statistics showing that in 2011 and 2015 there was acute drought, and then in 2016, 2018 and 2018 average drought conditions prevailed. What TANESCO did was to deny power to big industrial producers and supply it to households, thus stemming acute power shortages in household use.

TANESCO cannot let out water from hydropower dams without following proper procedures or seeking to boost the trade in generators, he added.

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Kilimanjaro Region, whose 1.7MW of power started being supplied to the national grid this year.

The training is directed at enabling the training of technicians at the local level and from other east and central African countries, with more than 200 students already in place. The centre's capacity is 645 students, with centre coordinator Sithole Mwakatage saying that more students from Kenya and Ethiopia will be joining the campus soon.

The World Bank is supporting

the Kikuletwa centre with \$16.25m, with the project being executed within the framework of the Eastern Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP), he said.

The centre took over from Zambia as the nearest destination for such training, but Lusaka only provides short-term training and focuses on hydropower technology, he stated, while the Kikuletwa Center offers full-time training and covers all forms of renewable energy, he added.

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for operations training as its safety levels for train operations is among the best in the world, speaking well of its expertise in the field of modern rail operations compared to other countries.

Operation of electric train will commence in February 2023

with test drives and then proper passenger services, he affirmed.

In remarks after the contracts were signed, President Samia said the agreements would increase domestic rail expertise, building the capacity of Tanzanians to operate the new railway system instead of relying on foreign experts.

Covid-19 vaccine uptake in Dar reaches over 3 million people

high.

Dr Harrison Chuwa, Medical Director, Aga Khan Health Service, Tanzania (AKHST) said that COVID-19 is still around in other countries and that recently, there have been new waves in some countries. He said the only way to protect people is to ensure that they are vaccinated.

"COVID-19 was a great lesson for health systems preparedness in response to any outbreak, part of that preparedness includes public health protection through awareness and vaccinations," he said.

He added that AKHST is grateful to the EU for their support and through them and other partners they will continue to enrich the focus on public-private partnerships toward building sustainable health systems.

Theresia Mohele, Programme Manager of the EU COVID-19 response partnership programme said the walkathon is one of the joint activities implemented through the Eastern Africa COVID-19 response partnership project funded by the

EU.

It aims at complementing the government of Tanzania's efforts in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, by strengthening healthcare systems and service delivery.

She said the initiative was accompanied by the dissemination of information on the importance of Covid-19 vaccine by different healthcare professionals and the respective government authorities were present to administer the vaccine to those who required it at the venue.

Dar es Salaam Regional Medical Officer Dr Rashid Mfauna thanked the AKHST in collaboration with the EU for the training to health providers and provision of equipment including masks during the pandemic.

He said the exercise was very important for the body, noting that it helps to keep it free from non-communicable diseases such as cardiac, respiratory diseases, cancer, diabetes and hypertension diseases.



Barrick North Mara community relations officer Zakayo Makobero has a word with students during a campaign against gender-based violence the gold mine is conducting jointly with various stakeholders in 11 villages surrounding it. This is in celebration of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, an annual event which kicked off last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Men demand inclusion in GBV movements and laws

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has been urged to equally consider men's basic rights as women and children in its action plans if gender-based violence is to be slowed down and eliminated in the country.

Speaking at a consultative dialogue held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, a cross-section of over 50 men from different professional and socioeconomic activities, advised the government not only to consider men as perpetrators of gender-based violence but part of the victims.

The dialogue organised by Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) and UN Women was held to mark the beginning of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence an annual international campaign that is being commemorated between November 25th and December 10th, the human rights day.

The dialogue brought together lawyers,

human rights activists and defenders, businessmen and from other professionals to discuss the mutual solution for abolishing gender-based violence in Tanzania.

Dr Katanta Simwanza, Engender Health senior programme technical advisor said that men are not viewed as gender-based violence victims when it comes to discussions of the issue in government policies and laws.

Simwanza argued that the National Plan of Action for Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children (NPA-VAW-2017/22) had portrayed men as perpetrators of violence but not highlighting them as victims of the same the other side.

"The action plan has eight components, all defending women and children. Our research at the institution shows that men are victims of gender violence by their wives but no one talks about it. This has to be balanced if gender-based violence is to be discouraged," said Simwanza.

He suggested that since the government

is currently drafting a new five-year action plan on the same issue, it has to contain a component that identifies men as victims of gender-based violence.

Mlowe Pasience, an advocate at 4Cz' Attorney and Consultancy argued that differences in economic positions between men and women have played a key driver in gender-based violence among others.

He said the same initiative the government initiates in empowering women economically should be the same way for men.

"Majority of institutions and government entities are paying much attention to women empowerment and as a result, when women are empowered they tend to turn everything at the family level under their control which results in brutal men's reaction," argued Pasience.

Dotto Zabron, professional teacher and gender issues activist said that lack of respect and recognition by married women to their husbands accompanied by infidelity is another source of violence.

According to him, men tend to beat women just in the protection of respect and recognition and thus more educative programmes are needed to sensitize communities, especially those with traditions that embrace men as the final judge of everything at the family level.

Omani firm gets green light for gas recovery after end of talks

By Guardian Reporter

ENERGY Minister January Makamba has said that the signing of the new natural gas agreement is historic because it's the first in 12 years, and has increased government benefits to 75 percent from 68 percent.

Production Sharing Agreement (PAS) involves the development of the Ruvuma block where the operator, ARA Petroleum Tanzania Ltd, which originates from Oman, has discovered natural gas.

Makamba made the remarks at the weekend in Dar es Salaam when the government and the oil and gas firm signed the addendum for Ruvuma PSA after completing the negotiation of terms between the Government Negotiation Team and ARA Petroleum Tanzania Ltd.

The signed gas addendum involved participating interest, profit share, royalty, and taxes, as well as levies that will constitute the 75 percent economic benefits.

The pact will also see an increase in withholding taxes—municipal levies as well as short and long-term, direct and indirect employment for Tanzanians.

In the pact, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation's (TPDC) national oil company holds a 15 percent participating interest.

The minister asked the TPDC and investors to ensure that the implementation of the gas project goes at high speed because all the exploration activities are already done.

"We want at least after 12-18 months, the gas should start flowing," he said, stressing that during the signing ceremony between the government, TPDC and ARA Petroleum Tanzania Ltd, the move provided confidence to other investors that the oil/gas exploration has started again.

Makamba also said for the first time under PSA, the government will earn huge as compared to previous contracts, adding it will also provide huge employment opportunities to Tanzanians, noting: "This project goes in line with plans of the government to

revive the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) negotiation which is ongoing in Arusha, which will soon be concluded."

TPDC director general Dr James Mataragio said the Ruvuma PSA goes back to 2005 when the agreement was signed by three parties, the government, TPDC, and Ndovu resources. In 2020 the company farmed out its 50 percent share to ARA petroleum limited.

He said at that time the consortium drilled two exploration wells, Ntoryal and Ntorya 2, and discovered 466 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

Mataragio stated: The Company is now planning to drill at least 8 explorations and the development of the wells is anticipated to start next year."

He noted that the Ruvuma shareholders are expecting to invest approximately \$500 million in the development and production of the Ntorya gas field.

"As of this year, the Oman company ARA petroleum has invested an audited amount of \$52 million in the project."

He further said the current production of natural gas from onshore fields stands at 230 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd), whereby over 80 percent of it goes into power generation, and the rest is consumed in industries, household and Compressed Natural Gas for vehicles.

Mataragio noted: "We will continue to work with the company to complete the work obligations including the acquisition of way leave, construction of a 35km pipeline from Ntorya to Madimba gas plant with the aim of accomplishing the development of gas as soon as possible."

Erhan Saygi, ARA Petroleum Tanzania Ltd, general manager said the agreement is the first step of a long way journey in the development of the Ruvuma block as a gas field.

"We're preparing ourselves for the next stage project which is the development of this field in a safe, cost-effective, but rapid fashion."

According to him, Tanzania has a growing demand for energy, and the Ruvuma block will fuel the growth of the country's economy.

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Tanzania to start trading under AfCFTA by June 2023

By Felister Peter

TANZANIA is among seven countries that will from June next year start exporting its commodities across Africa under the rules of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, Dr Ashatu Kijaji made the revelation over the weekend when briefing journalists on the just ended 17th African Union (AU) extraordinary

summit on industrialisation and economic diversification and AU extraordinary session on AfCFTA which took place in Niamey, Niger, from November 20 to 25, 2022.

Dr Kijaji who represented President Samia Suluhu Hassan mentioned other countries that will start trading under AfCFTA in 2023 as Cameroon, Kenya, Egypt, Ghana, Mauritius and Rwanda.

"The summit had two main agendas including Industrialisation and Economic Diversification as

well as the implementation of the AfCFTA. Heads of States and governments agreed to establish a programme to enable businesses to start taking place under the AfCFTA rules," she remarked.

The AU summit was convened under the theme 'Industrialising Africa: Renewed commitment towards an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization and Economic Diversification.'

She said the summit was preceded by Africa Industrialization

Week, whereas the leaders agreed to come up with joint strategies to promote industrialisation and strengthen Africa's economy. She said governments will come up with proper policies and plans to fast-track Africa's industrialisation.

"Tanzania is ready to continue supporting efforts of industrialising the African continent by adding value to the various raw materials available in our continent thus reducing dependence on products from outside Africa. We have been spending a lot of foreign money to import products, but with value addition, we will create employment opportunities for our people," the minister noted.

She added that to fully participate in the AfCFTA market in June 2023,

the government is emphasizing traders make sure they grab the opportunity by exporting products made in Tanzania. She called upon manufacturers to make sure they produce quality products that can compete in the African market.

Dr Kijaji said the AU Heads of State and government commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan's contribution to encouraging African women and youth to take advantage of the AfCFTA by participating fully in trade.

AfCFTA seeks to increase intra-African trade by 52 percent by the year 2022 and remove tariffs on 90 percent of goods.

Tanzania is already benefiting from the vast African markets as out of the 54 countries in the AfCFTA, it is already trading

with 19 countries under the East African Community (EAC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC).

AfCFTA covers a market of 1.2 billion people and a combined GDP of \$3.4 trillion. It is expected to strengthen the value chain for agricultural crops, stimulate production and boost smallholder farmers engaging in the cultivation of sunflower, cotton, spices, cloves and horticultural products.

"We also need to educate our traders, especially the small and medium scale entrepreneurs on the available market opportunities and business challenges," he said adding more emphasis should also be directed on improving packaging and branding of locally manufactured goods.



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CEOs and managing directors from over 40 companies pictured in Dar es Salaam late last week engaged in group discussion during leadership and management training organised by a firm known as Duteni. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Chinese embassy donates 18m/- worth of items to school in Dar

By Francis Kajubi

THE Chinese embassy in Tanzania has donated food items, detergents, uniforms and pillows among other items worth 18m/- to Uhuru Mchanganyiko primary school in Dar es Salaam.

The donation is meant to create a comfortable learning environment for disabled children at the school.

Chen Mingjian, Chinese ambassador to Tanzania said

during a special occasion to hand over the items that the donation depicts how the two countries have created a strong bond in socioeconomic partnerships apart from the bilateral relationship rooted over the past 50 years.

"The donation is meant to enable students to pursue their studies in a comfortable condition. The Chinese embassy does hope that more people and institutions will join us in a move to put a smile on the faces of the disabled," said ambassador Mingjian.

According to her, the Chinese government is committed to seeing love sunshine among the less privileged communities by extending aid and donations that can accelerate positive change in their lives.

"The Chinese embassy has channeled its community charity initiative in Tanzania with the slogan love's sunshine believing that love is the root of everything that's fortunate to humankind," said Mingjian.

Spora Tenga, Dar es Salaam city council primary education officer said that the donation also included clothing, medicine and cooking wares.

"To love and care about people with disabilities is a long-term and arduous task that requires the concerted participation and efforts by more people, institutions and countries."

The government hopes that the love's sunshine donation is not the end but the beginning of the China aid and charity initiative to the underprivileged in Tanzania," said Tenga.

Uhuru Mchanganyiko primary school headmistress Sezaria Kiwango said that the inclusive school serves both disabled and non-disabled pupils.

According to her, the disabled pupils who are enrolled in the school are of four categories namely blind, deaf-blind, intellectually impaired as well as pupils with albinism. The school operates both as a day and boarding.

"We are so grateful to the Chinese embassy for the donation of these items. The items will not only contribute to comfortable learning conditions but sending a message to the respective children that you care for them.

The school has 616 pupils whereby boys are 400 and girls are 216. Out of total pupils, blind are 65 while boys are 33 compared to 32 girls," said Kiwango.

According to her, the deaf-blind are 15 where eight are boys and girls are seven. Of the intellectually impaired pupils, 55 where 36 are boys and girls are 19 and those with albinism are six of which four are boys and two are girls.

"The school has 41 teachers and 22 non-teaching staff. Among those teachers 13 are male and 28 are female. Non-teaching staff, ten are male and 12 are female," she asserted.



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PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLY OF IT EQUIPMENT.

Mantra Tanzania Limited (Mantra), operating as a subsidiary of Uranium One, is focused on the potential development of a Uranium Mine at its Mkuju River Project (MRP) in the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region.

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Interested Companies are requested, as a minimum, to submit the following:

- Detailed Company Information with Organization structure, List of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings:
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 - b) Value of work in USD
 - c) Contractual Duration
 - d) Clients name
 - e) Contact details of the Client (Mantra may approach the client directly for the feedback).

- Details of Resources available in terms of number of manpower, equipment etc. for providing similar services
- Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years.
- Copies of Valid Quality Certifications / Accreditations, ISO certifications, If any
- Company's financial performance documents (Audited Balance sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for last 3 (three) years. Latest financial statement should not be older than 18 months on the date of submission of response to Expression of interest.
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- Corporate ownership including main shareholders by percentage.
- Approved Local Content Plan by the Mining Commission.

The interested bidders should submit a soft copy of their Expression of Interest (EOI) via e-mail address; mantra@uranium1.co.tz and the hard copy to the below address latest on **12th December 2022 at 16.00 hours.**

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Works and Transport deputy minister Atupele Mwakibete (R) pictured in Dar e Salaam at the weekend presenting a certificate to GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd director Ally Jawad Karmal (C) at the launch of the Tanzania Tipper and Machine Owners Association, whose main sponsor is GF. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TAMWA to submit misgivings on Zanzibar Kadhi Courts Act

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Media Women's Association-Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar) in collaboration with civil Society Organisations (CBOs) will on December 2 this year start celebrating 16 days of activism against gender based violence by presenting a report on the existing shortcomings on the Zanzibar Kadhi Courts Act that oversee issues of inheritance and divorces with the aim of having one Islamic law that will deal with family issues and which will mete out justice and equality to women and children.

The celebrations will take place at ZURA Hall in Maisara and will involve important participants from both government and non-government institutions which deal in legal issues, human rights and anti-GBV activists.

Among the laws that are cited to be outdated and seen to have many deficiencies includes the Kadhi Courts Act (No 9 of 2017), Mufti Act (No 4 of 2021), the 2007 The Waqfu and Trust Commission Act and Children's Act (No 6 of 2011).

These laws are cited as deficient as they deny women and children of their rights, especially in regard to inheritance, widows' rights after divorce and children upkeep after divorce.

Apart from many challenges in the laws in regard to women's rights, there are also laws that recognise the place of women in various issues, including the Kadhi Courts Act, Section 5(I) (f) that has given the women the right to submit complaints in regard to wealth distribution.

This could remove the long time repression on women who are left

poor after being denied of their inheritance.

However, the said section does not provide any concession to women as the implementation thereof follows the Judge's whims.

During the 16 days of anti-GBV anniversary celebrated worldwide, there are still many challenges facing women and children including the continuation of gender based violence and child abuse due to lack of a robust system to protect them.

This year's slogan for the celebrations is "Lets Unite to Eradicate Gender Based Violence and Child Abuse" which calls for urgent steps to eradicate the problem.

Among CBOs to participate in the 16-day celebrations include Zanzibar association for the Disabled (UWZ) Zanzibar Legal Services Centre (ZLSC), Zanzibar Association of Development Writers (WAHAMAZA), TAMWA-Zanzibar and Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA).

Lands minister suspends construction of water sports complex at Matemwe beach

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Minister for Lands and Human Settlements Development Rahma Kassim Ali has suspended the construction of the Water Sports complex that was being implemented by NJ Water Sports at Matemwe beach area in Unguja North "A" District on claims of violation of land laws.

She issued the suspension order soon after visiting the area that is also claimed to be in land dispute between NJ Water Sports and Matemwe Bangaloes whose case is already filed at Gamba lands tribunal in the District.

"I am forced to suspend the ongoing construction work in order to find a solution to the dispute in my position as the main overseer of land issues, I cannot allow the construction to proceed while the

case thereof is still in court," she said.

She said Gamba Lands Tribunal has already issued its ruling to suspend construction work by NJ Water Sports whose investor is claimed to have infringed the area of fellow investor at the area.

The minister said her ministry has no bad intention in the decision but wants the people to follow the laws to avoid land conflicts that emerge in various areas of Zanzibar.

She called upon visitors and local people who want to invest in building of any structure to make sure they abide by the laws and procedures that are in place including a building permit from the relevant authority before such construction.

Earlier, the Urban and Rural Planning Director, Muchi Juma Ameir said the aim of his institution

is to avoid unnecessary land conflicts as they retard development efforts for the country.

Whereas Matemwe Bangaloes investor said NJ Water Sports has built a fence inside his area and refused to demolish it, hence he had no option but to seek redress from the court of law.

NJ water Sports Director maintained that he followed all procedures before construction and was ready for the government to take steps include re-surveying of the area and if it was true he infringed into his area he will be ready to surrender the area.

The conflict erupted last June after NJ water Sports erected a fence in an area that was said to belong to Matemwe Bangaloes, the conflict spurred the minister and other government officials in the district to intervene.



Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION PROGRAM(BGCL/TZ/GTECH/2022/01)

Buckreef Gold Company Ltd "BGCL", a JV agreement company between State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) and Tanzam2000 Ltd, a 100% owned subsidiary of Tanzanian Gold Corporation (TSX:TNX\NYSE MKT:TRX). For more information visit: <https://www.tangoldcorp.com/>, the company has operations located in Mnekezi Village, Geita District, Tanzania.

The company calls for submissions of Expressions of Interest from eligible companies to carry out a feasibility level Geotechnical investigation for open pit designs. The outcome of the investigation should be able to establish pit slope angles, Geometry of in pit ramps and overall pit walls stability monitoring protocol.

The EOI call aims at prequalifying or shortlisting capable Consultant and does not constitute an invitation to tender.

Interested parties shall submit their expression of Interest ("EOI") with supportive documents.

The evaluation of the prospective bidders will be done based on the following minimum criteria: -

- Expertise of the company team in undertaking similar projects
- Experience of the company in Geotechnical investigation in mining projects.
- Eligibility of the company
- Permit and Certifications-Prospective consultant to provide details and evidence of permit and registration issued by the relevant Government Authorities and any other statutory bodies
- Local Content-Prospective Bidders to demonstrate their compliance with the requirements as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, as amended by having Local Content Plan.

The scope of work includes programs outlined below

- Review relevant data, and past geotechnical work completed.
- Plan geotechnical drilling program
- Supervision of drilling program to ensure quality core
- Geotechnical and geological core logging
- Geomechanical laboratory work.
- Interpretation of results
- Pit slope Angle determination
- Establish overall pit walls stability monitoring protocol

Expressions of interest should be submitted by email (procurement@buckreef.co.tz) no later than **02:30p.m 09TH Dec, 2022** (Submission deadline).

The Communication will be made to all pre-qualified consultant once the company has completed its pre-qualification evaluation based on the information supplied.

For and on behalf of Buckreef Gold Company Limited

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CCI embarks on study to find out reasons behind increasing problem of unplanned settlements

By **Getrude Mbago**

THE Centre for Community Initiatives (CCI) has embarked on a study aimed to dig deep into the causes behind the increasing number of unplanned settlements despite various efforts taken to address the challenge.

The study is conducted under the global project dubbed: African Cities Research Consortium (ACRC), a major six-year investment by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to fund new, operationally-relevant research to address intractable development challenges in African cities.

Speaking during the event to discuss challenges facing residents in unplanned settlements in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Dr Tim Ndezi, CCI executive director said the study will be engaging communities and key leaders so as to get to the real issues before coming up with recommendations.

"We commenced the study mid this year and it will go until late March, next year where we will issue recommendations for the government to take required measures to address various challenges including putting strong but friendly systems to promote land surveying," he said.

He said that inclusive, affordable and adequate housing is the key to the sustainable transformation of cities and communities, fighting poverty and other risks.

He said researchers will dig deep into why the problem was increasing and possible measures which should be taken to fight the vice.

Elaborating more about the study, Samwel John from CCI said the study is conducted in three major districts in Ilala, Kinondoni and Temeke.

He noted that 80 percent of Dar es Salaam residents live in informal settlements where they face a lot of challenges including lack of water due to poor systems, access to quality health and education services as well as poor sewerage systems.

Globally, approximately 1 billion people are living in informal

settlements/ encampments/slums. Among this 1 billion, approximately 238 million people are in sub-Saharan Africa. Even in the best of times, conditions in these informal settlements are often grossly inadequate. The communities are overcrowded, and families living there have no adequate water, sanitation, or regular income.

Husna Chechonge, coordinator of research of the Tanzania Urban Poor Federation (TUPF) commended CCI for coming up with the project as it will help stimulate more measures to fight informal settlements.

She noted that the urban poor struggle with issues of poor housing and threats of forced eviction. The population struggles very hard to access surveyed plots and when available they are sold at high prices, something which led them to settle in unplanned and sub-serviced settlements.

Dr Colman Msoka, who will research household micro-enterprises (HMEs) said the study is aimed to come up with cross-cutting solutions that in the end help fight the increasing number of informal settlements for sustainable development.

"When you speak about HMEs, you will not skip the issue of housing as most of these businesses operate using family houses where a trade resides, the businesses are increasing but most of them do not grow with many also dying," he said.

Dr Msoka said that home-based businesses such as baking, processing, tailoring, repair works are important engines and drivers of socio-economic development but unfortunately they are not considered.

He said that the major aim is to generate insights and evidence that will help improve the living conditions, services and life chances of all city residents, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

Sabatho Nyamsenda from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) said the study will also look at the political area, policy issues and how this was affecting the growth of planned settlements.

Forum builds women's capacity to focus in the tourism industry

By **Guardian Reporter**

OVER 300 women from various sectors met in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at the Fourth Forum 'Sneakers & Heels Exposition' and extensively discussed the best ways to take advantage of various opportunities available in the tourism industry which is currently seen being dominated by males.

With a theme: 'Women and the Economy' women agreed to wake up and increase efforts utilizing the opportunities in the sector for their development.

Organised by the Economic Society of Tanzania (EST) with support from various stakeholders, the event coincided with the country's rebranding initiative which is aimed to market well the country's tourism sector globally.

Speaking during the forum, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Prof Eliamani Sedoyeka said that the tourism sector is endowed with many opportunities which are yet to be grabbed.

He called upon women not to lag behind but to come forward and take advantage of the opportunities to improve their incomes and thus contribute to the country's development. "The government has continued to create a conducive environment to stimulate investment in the tourism sector and this calls for investors from inside and outside the country, men and women to grab the opportunities," he said.

Dr Tausi Kida, EST President and executive director of the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) said that this is the fourth year they are organizing the conference with an aim to encourage women

to seriously take advantage of the opportunities in the tourism sector.

"Unlike the previous Sneakers & Heels events, the tourism and hospitality sector employs a majority of women who concentrate in the lowest paid jobs leaving the top opportunities of tour guides, rangers, accommodation and more others to men," he noted.

Zuhura Muro, also one of the organising committee members, said that since this sneakers & Heels platform was introduced it has helped to capacitate women with skills and courage to seize various opportunities in the sector.

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) reports that the global share of women in tourism was 55.5 percent in 2013; in specific regions, this share even amounts to 70 percent, and these are mostly employed in the service and administration with low payments/salary. In management and higher positions they are under-represented (UNWTO/UN Women "Global Report on Women in Tourism" (2010)).

In addition, the forum was aimed at listening to the experiences of women working in male-dominated areas and top leadership as a part of a solution to ensure that women utilize their experiences and provide diversity in their respective industries.

The event was collaboratively organised by the EST, UN Women, Lindam Group and Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) with financial support from UN Women, Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), KCB Bank, Geita Gold Mine, Songas, Coca-Cola Kwanza, Barrick Gold, Optical Centre, PWC Tanzania and Tanzania Startup Association (TSA)



Serengeti Breweries Limited sales director Chris Gitao (L) congratulates painters Alfred Onyango and Sharlene Gapare for winning a Guinness Brews and Brushes painting competition held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Right is the competition's judge, Arafa Hamadi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mine launches campaign to educate residents of Tarime villages on GBV

By **Guardian Correspondent, Tarime**

IN marking the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), North Mara Gold Mine Limited (NMGML) yesterday launched a campaign to educate the community against acts of sexual violence in 11 villages surrounding the mine.

The campaign, which is run in collaboration with the Tarime District Council, and other stakeholders, can help reduce incidents of sexual violence in the district.

NMGML—a subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation involves a team of

lawyers from the Tanzania Women's Lawyers Association (TAWLA) social welfare officers from the Tarime District Council, the police gender desk, religious leaders, village chairmen and actors to provide education against sexual violence.

"We've launched a campaign against gender violence where we'll reach 11 villages surrounding the Barrick North Mara mine," Zachayo Makobero, mine's public relations officer said during the campaign held at the JK Nyerere Secondary School.

The villages around the mine that are being reached by the campaign include Nyangoto,

Kwanja, Mjini Kati, Matongo, Kerende, Nyabichune, Genkuru, Msege, Komarera, Nyakunguru and Nyamwaga.

"We also reach religious leaders, female students and citizens in general at public meetings and houses of worship," Makobero said, adding that the campaign is aimed at providing education against acts of sexual violence in these villages such as female genital mutilation (FGM) as well as providing education on various legal issues such as land and inheritance."

He said that the campaign slogan is "Say no to Gender Based Violence".

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual campaign that begins on 25 November; the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs through International Human Rights Day on 10 December.

Led by civil society, the campaign is supported by the United Nations through the Secretary General's UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women initiative. This year, the UN marks the 16 Days under the theme "UNiTE! Activism to end violence against women and girls."



Traffic Police officer Dumu Mwalugenge takes motorbike taxi riders through training on road signs Dar es Salaam at the weekend as part of a Tanzania Breweries Ltd campaign dubbed "Okoa Maisha" (literally, Save Lives). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Katavi horticultural farmers resolve crop loss challenges

By **Guardian Correspondent, Mpanda**

HORTICULTURAL farmers in Katavi Region have done away with crop loss after harvest due to perishing and lack of markets.

This follows the construction of fruit and vegetable processing factory for adding value before sale and is cited as one way to reduce children's malnourishment in the region.

The factory has been built in collaboration with Mpanda Municipal Council and HELVETAS Tanzania through the Empowering Women and Youth and Women in Production and marketing Project (KIBOWAVI) and the Association of Katavi Fruits and Vegetable Processors (UWAMBOMAKA).

The project is part of the implementation of the initiative for adding value to coffee, tea and horticultural projects, known as AGRI-CONNECT under European Union (EU) sponsorship.

The factory was inaugurated at the weekend during the visit of the Katavi Region AGRI-CONNECT Advisory Committee that incorporated EU representatives and officials from both the ministries of Agriculture and finance and Planning.

KIBOWAVI director, Daniel Kalimbya said the project has cost euro 93,000, equivalent to 213m/- by revamping an existing building as well as other structures and perimeter fence.

Kalimbya said they also built

a shop from sale of processed horticulture products, 'lishe' flour mill, spices processing machines and toilets. "We have also installed CCTV cameras and solar power systems for solar driers, wine making machine and other infrastructures," he said.

Meanwhile, UWAMBOMAKA chairperson, Elizabeth Mzalla said the association was established in 2021 with more than 100 members who are food processors but only 71 now remain.

She added that they established the association due to challenges that kept on cropping up due to each processor conducting his/her business at home as well as difficulty in obtaining a quality standard certificate.

HELVETAS Tanzania Director, Felix Bachmann showered praise on UWAMBOMAKA members for their audacity to create the plan.

He said they received a push in sponsoring in constructing the factory after seeing they had already started production; hence they came in to improve the environment.

Anna Constantine, EU representative in Tanzania said during her visit they were pleased with the implementation of AGRI-CONNECT projects in Katavi region.

She said they have witnessed positive financial results for the money provided by the EU for various projects, including those in the farming sector, road infrastructures and others.



Songwe regional commissioner Waziri Kindamba (C) accompanied by Finance and Planning ministry, Tanzania Revenue Authority and TradeMark East Africa officials at the Tunduma border post at the weekend when cutting the ribbon to launch a cargo scanning system. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

Scania donates 60 desks to needy Dar city school

SCANIA Tanzania Ltd (STL) has donated 60 desks worth 12mn/- to Vingunguti Primary School in Dar es Salaam.

The donation is part of the company's commitment to support the education sector in Tanzania and investment in sustainability projects that enrich people's lives.

Speaking at a handover ceremony in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, STL managing director Johanna Lind said they did not want to wait for the government to call upon them for support due to its long-standing commitment and proactive support to education as one of their key sponsorship areas that they focus on.

"We believe that through this donation, STL is playing its role in shaping the future leaders, business executives and experts who will contribute to the growth of our nation. We aim to be a partner in projects that support its vision and

that share its values," she said.

According to her, having always believed that education is the foundation upon which a stronger Tanzania shall be built, the company intends to continue its engagement with the education sector.

"We want to create partnerships that can be beneficial in more aspects than just pure business goals. That is why we look for long-term partners whose brave ideas will set the standards of tomorrow," explained Lind.

Mfaume Ndumbalo, Vingunguti Primary School Head teacher said beneficiaries of the donation are 100 pupils out of 2,375. Before this aid, the school experienced a shortage of desks, but now the problem is solved by 100 percent, and the ratio will be one desk for two to three pupils.

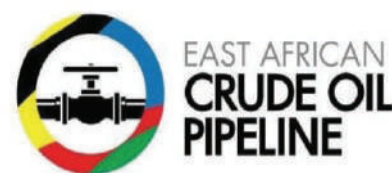
"I extend my gratitude to STL, it is our friend in need. All 100 pupils of

standard one and nursery will now sit on the desks, before there were only 18 pupils who have been sitting on desks," said Ndumbalo.

According to him, apart from desks aid, currently, the school has a deficit of classrooms, there are six classrooms that are required to be renovated.

He called upon members within societies to value the relevance of education and join hands with the government to help reducing its burden in the provision of education services and building classrooms.

In 2019, STL renovated and handed over two classes in the same school; in 2020 it donated tables, chairs and cleaning items. Apart from desks, this year the company joined pupils to plant trees around the school compound and donated TV and office chairs to facilitate good learning.



REQUESTS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Wasco-ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es Salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND ILLUMINATION TO WASCO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/01/1122

WASCO ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors/Suppliers to express their interest in provision and supply of **ELECTRICITY AND ILLUMINATION SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

The ISOAF mobilization and maintenance sector needs to develop suppliers that have expertise and inventory available for the following items, but not just these:

- Electric motors with power from 0,12KW to 600KW. As well as maintenance service of these motors.
- Electric measuring tools and hand tools.
- Electrical cables for powering motors (dimensions between 1,5 and 240 mm²), grounding and lighting circuits.
- Electrical panels and all peripherals for mounting panels, junction boxes, circuit breakers, surge protection device, solid-state relay, fuses, electrical actuators, thermostats, cable distribution trays and others.
- Industrial lighting equipment, LED industrial luminaires and batteries.
- Water pumps and maintenance service for these devices.
- Hydraulic and pneumatic power plants and their peripherals and maintenance service for these devices.
- Industrial automation equipment (PLC, special cables, and peripherals).

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF INSURANCE SERVICES

ISOAF/PROC/02/1122

WASCO-ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Service providers to express their interest in **PROVISION OF INSURANCE SERVICE.**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Comprehensive safe-guarding ISOAF interest

from loss and uncertainty in respect its motor-vehicle and machinery.

- Provide comprehensive insurance to Wasco ISOAF machinery, vehicles, or asset on transit.
- Be able to prove adequate experience on the similar services.
- Be registered and certified with respective bodies.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Be able to prove adequate experience on the similar services.
- Be registered and certified with respective bodies.
- Company profile
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC HEATTRACING (EHT) CHANNEL MATERIALS TO WASCO ISOAF TZ

ISOAF/PROC/03/1122

WASCO-ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in **SUPPLYING ALUMINIUM SHEETS**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Proven capacity to supply EHT Channel materials (aluminum sheets); Aluminum sheet of 0.8 mm painted quality 5005 or 1060.Coil of wide 98 mm and Quantity of 2.000 Tn.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Be able to prove adequate experience on the similar services.
- Proven capability of undertaking the contractual obligation as per agreed quality standards.
- Proven experience on similar supplies.
- Company profile
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference number

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the equipment/ services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to: procurement@isoaf.com. (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 13th December 2022. Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

EACOP project reserves the right not to consider companies that submit incomplete dossiers.

Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of our Client Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS), CV People Tanzania is seeking to recruit a competent, experienced, dynamic and qualified candidate to fill below vacant position:

POSITION TITLE:	Director of Programs
REPORTS TO:	Executive Director
LOCATION:	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania with up to 25% field travel

Position Summary: Work closely as part of THPS leadership Team, including the Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Strategic Information Director, Care and Treatment Director and Associate Directors to provide strategic vision, management guidance and oversight of THPS HIV prevention, care and treatment activities in supported regions. Key responsibilities entail leading development of program objectives, work plans and budgets, and reporting and monitoring program progress. The Director of Programs will oversee programmatic implementation and technical interventions and strategic information. Also, s/he will conduct regular organizational programmatic assessments to identify resource gaps and lead implementation of mitigation plans that foster achievement of program goals, targets within agreed timelines. S/he will directly supervise the Care and treatment Director, the Associate Director of the Central Technical Team and the Strategic Information Director. S/he will ensure that decisions are data driven and all programmatic goals and objectives are met so that THPS work within the health sector results into sustainable health and community systems with skilled providers. S/he will lead programmatic communication with donors, the Ministry of Health (MoH) at all levels, Presidents Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) and other key stakeholders including implementing partners and civil society.

Qualifications

- Must have Medical Degree (MD), with a Master's/advanced degree in health-related field e.g. medicine, public health, tropical medicine, epidemiology, health management or related field
- Must have at least 8 years' experience in management positions in the health field
- Management position in PEPFAR programs is an advantage

For more information on the role, please visit www.cvpeopletanzania.co.tz to see the Job Description and apply for the Job role. The deadline to submit your application is **December 4th, 2022.**

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) is an indigenous NGO established under nongovernmental organization act No 24 of 2002 in 2011. THPS works in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Community Development Gender Elderly and Special Groups; Regional Administration and Local Governments (PORALG), Ministry of Health in Zanzibar and Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) with a goal of ensuring accessible high-quality health care services to all Tanzanians; through strengthening of health and community systems.

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A lot depends on SADC regulators harmonising internet roaming costs

REGULATORY authorities in the member states of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) are seeking to find ways of lowering internet roaming fees in each of them.

The idea is to make it easier for traders and other players to use the same channels or ICT products in the regional market.

Dr Khalid Mohamed, Zanzibar's Infrastructure, Communications and Transport minister, raised this issue when opening the ongoing second conference of the economic regulation committee of the association of communications regulatory bodies in the SADC region (CRASA).

He expressed readiness by Tanzania, as the host country, to further examine ideas on the table. The conference, whose host is specifically the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), was a follow-up to the drafting of a proposal for cutting roaming fees.

So far, it is a proposal largely drawn up by the CRASA secretariat, with undetermined inputs by member countries. The nearly week-long forum will seek to make out what works, and what might not, in relation to adopting the proposal and opening up cross country internet use.

The overall goal is that people across the region pay less for communication services whenever they cross into other member states, in which case sector ministers will go through the proposal to find out what can be done to lower roaming charges.

This effort will be tied to guidelines applicable to member states of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), whose representatives are also understood to be in Zanzibar for the forum in progress.

Other facilitators at the event will definitely be available to assist at the

national level or within the SADC secretariat, as needed.

Local organisers say the conference was primarily meant to cover a training seminar on broadband indicators, ICT price baskets, telecommunications bundling plus tariff collection, analysis and reporting.

TCRA executives specifically said that CRASA members would examine issues crucial to the growth of the communications sector, in particular strict the cost management of communications and attached services.

So far, the mood has been to project a fruitful session "so that everyone who attends, including TCRA delegates, will leave with engaging yet manageable homework". The barest minimum is to sink into that engagement and focus on a least common denominator to use.

Until now, what is most noticeable is the range of problems to be sorted out, the breadth of issues to be covered, where those attending the conference would first learn about communications cost planning and packaging for a better understanding of the issues.

This was likely to ease TCRA's outreach efforts in that regard given the fact that it is Tanzania that is home to the broadband backbone, a fibre optic cable joining planetary communicative highways with East Africa. It is among the more important such facilities in Africa, whatever may be the control, ownership details.

Top CRASA secretariat officials have said that member countries have been working on the harmonisation of regulations guiding the cost of communication services. They say the CRASA electronic communications division had prepared a study of indicative costs and are only waiting for the member countries "to embark on its implementation".

We need to heed pleas for help even when the voices of appeal are muted

A centre devoted exclusively to caring for children with autism was once crying out for support, saying demand for its services by far outstripped the capacity it had to help out really meaningfully.

This is none other than the three-year-old Dar es Salaam-based World Federation Autistic Day Care Centre (WFADCC), as it spoke about the daunting challenges it had been contending with.

The occasion was a memorable parents' visiting day, which was appropriately coloured by a fancy dress show where children with the medical condition were the main players.

These are times when most people's attention is often automatically drawn to overtly deadly or debilitating diseases like malaria, cancer, diabetes, tuberculosis and HIV-&Aids, as "less violent" ones go virtually unnoticed.

Experts describe autism as a complex set of neurobiological disorders which typically last throughout a person's lifetime but which, despite the life-long plight of the victims, fall under the second category. This is most unfortunate because early professional intervention can expose the victims to a normal development process.

Autism disrupts social and communication skills, implying an impaired ability to read, move around and manage various other social cues. Its incidence in the US is approximately one out of every 150 births.

It was reported that 67 children were diagnosed with the condition every day, that a new case was diagnosed almost every 20 minutes, that more children would be diagnosed with autism than with Aids, diabetes and cancer combined, and that autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the US costing the nation over US\$35 billion a year.

As if these statistics were not gloomy enough, we are told that there is no medical detection or cure for autism and that the condition received less than five per cent of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases.

It is hard to say how precisely much light annual and other commemorative events shed on autism, a disability usually beginning before three years of age.

But a consultant physician then serving as WFADCC's managing trustee once aptly underscored the need for society to chip in and help mitigate the havoc that autism can cause on children and the larger society.

Accordingly, he extended unqualified gratitude to all those who had been supporting the rare centre in their various ways.

The consultant noted that there was indeed no single cause or cure for the condition but it was quite possible to help people with autism into leading reasonably normal lives.

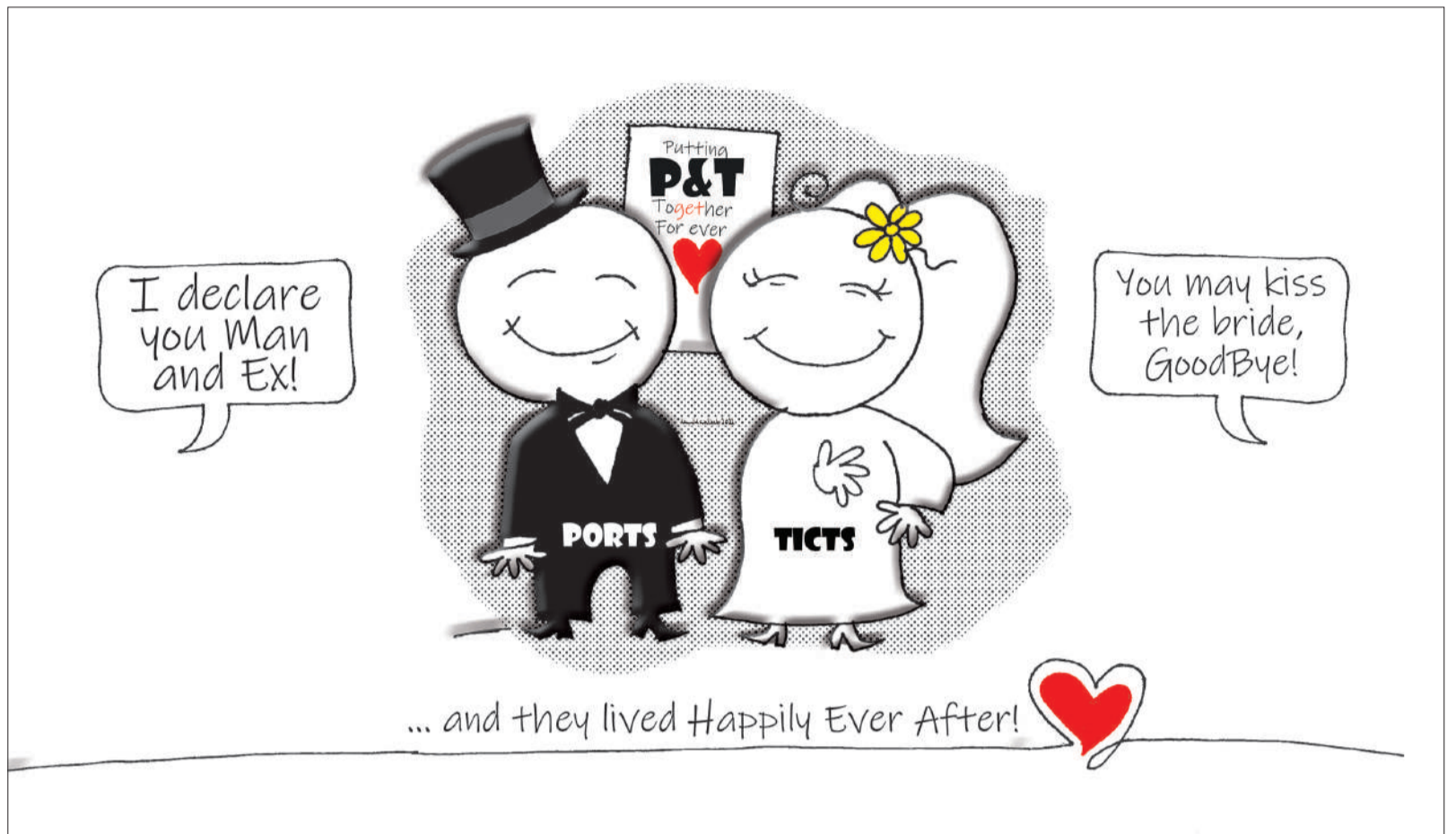
He added that it might also be a blessing in disguise that the condition occurs in all countries and within all social and economic classes.

It was clear that children at Dar es Salaam's WFADCC and, by extension, elsewhere had special needs and faced a wider range of difficulties relating to day-to-day social skills, communication, behaviour, imagination, sensory perception and learning.

The disability facing them was a nightmare to many parents and guardians and was the lot of many other Tanzanians, who would equally benefit from the services of similar centres.

Since only focused and selfless community action could serve as an adequately effective intervention, we must all feel obliged to make that intervention forthcoming because no one can tell who, when, where and how autism will next strike.

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Telling the truth - even when it hurts

By Jean-Paul Marthoz

THOUGH they often claim to be detached observers, journalists enjoy, even unconsciously, being on the right side of history, fighting the "Good War," defending the "good guys".

The conflict in Ukraine is an example of what Herbert Gans, in his seminal 1980 essay entitled *Deciding What's News*, calls journalism's "enduring values".

"Some wars are fiendishly complicated and contain multitudinous shades of grey, but this one is (...) easy to characterise as an old-fashioned morality tale of good versus evil, or David against Goliath," Ben Coates wrote in *Politico*, ten days after the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

For most reporters, Ukraine's resistance to Russia's aggression has the same moral clarity as other epic struggles, for example against the Somozas in Nicaragua in the 1970s or Myanmar's military regime today.

In Ukraine, many journalists have reacted by rooting for the underdog, lauding the country's response and resilience.

"In the broadest sense, mainstream Western media have been pretty united in denouncing Russia's invasion," wrote Jon Allsop in the *Columbia Journalism Review*.

The illegality of the war, the indiscriminate shelling of civilian areas, the commission of war crimes and Western governments' united front against what they see as Putin's revanchism have inevitably drawn a clear line in the sand.

Russia's Foreign Affairs minister, Sergei Lavrov, pushed back in early March. He accused Western media of being "very emotional", implying that they were biased and unprofessional in their reporting. But emotions and empathy are part of journalism.

"Emotion in journalism is important to convey the lived reality of the situation. It gives voice to victims and survivors, but it also acknowledges how these narratives are shaped. This is all crucial for reporting in Ukraine," Caitlin Knight argued in the *Press Gazette*.

Neutrality is neither a journalistic custom nor a virtue. Journalists are often partisan. Martha Gellhorn, George Orwell, Robert Capa and Andrée Viollis were not neutral during the Spanish civil war and even less so during the Second World War.

"We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. You can't ask journalists to stop being human in order to be good journalists," Auschwitz survivor



and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel famously said.

Impartiality doesn't mean inhumanity. As French-Swiss film director Jean-Luc Godard bluntly said, impartiality does not mean giving "five minutes to Hitler and five minutes to the Jews".

During the Balkan wars in the mid-1990s, journalists who stayed in Sarajevo embraced what BBC correspondent Martin Bell called the "journalism of attachment", in solidarity with the besieged population.

"Staggered by what they saw, many reporters forged ties to the city. They too had become Sarajevans," remembered RTL (Russia) and Le Monde (France) reporter Rémy Ourdan in his book *Sarajevo. A Love Story*. They too were asking for a military intervention to crush the snipers and the bombers.

"Gone was my wandering impartiality. I was for air strikes, for NATO intervention, for arming and training the Muslims," wrote British war correspondent Anthony Lloyd in his memoir, *My War Gone By, I Miss It So*.

Wars always raise the bar of journalistic responsibility. Ukraine is all the more challenging as it reflects a defining geopolitical shift and is being framed, notes Jason Farago in *The New York Times* as a culture war, as a clash of civilisations between liberal democracy and autocracy. Who in this context would like to be seen as providing comfort to the enemy?

The early August controversy over Amnesty International's statement accusing the Ukrainian military of stationing its troops and artillery near hospitals, schools and residential buildings encapsulated the dilemmas which journalists are also facing.

It really revolved neither around the facts documented by the organisation nor on the

interpretation of these facts under international humanitarian law but on its impact in the battle of war narratives.

"Without wanting it, the organisation created material that sounded like support for Russian narratives," said Oksana Pokalchuk, Amnesty International's Ukraine director who resigned in protest. Seeking to protect civilians, this research instead became, in her view, a tool of Russian propaganda.

A similar dilemma emerged in early May when the *New York Times* published a story on the assistance which US intelligence services had allegedly provided to the Ukrainian military by helping them to target and kill Russian generals.

President Joe Biden was livid, according to news reports. The leaks sparked "an internal freak out at the White House", *Politico* wrote. Should the *New York Times* have abstained from publishing information which might have justified Russia's upping up the ante?

One of the key challenges for journalists covering war has always been to report on facts which will hurt their own "side".

"No one suggests that Ukrainian forces are always heroic. Few participants emerge unscathed from war and it's clear that Ukraine has challenges that predate the conflict. But impartiality is simply not about publishing on one side, and then on the other," wrote Bloomberg opinion columnist Clara Ferreira Marques.

Impartiality requires rejecting false equivalences between the aggressor and the victim or between facts and lies. It excludes the convenient and lazy he said/she said approach.

But impartiality does not exempt journalists from covering all sides thoroughly and rigorously. Uncomfortable stories which

contradict the pro-Western, anti-Russian discourse on the war must also be told.

A June public opinion survey in Brazil, Germany, Poland, the UK and the US by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism found that less than half the respondents thought that the media had provided a "range of different perspectives on the conflict".

Russian disinformation is massive but Ukrainians' "patriotic storytelling at times takes liberties with reality," wrote Doan Bui in the French (strongly anti-Putin) liberal weekly *LObs*.

Kyiv may also be taking liberties with media freedom. The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) warned on July 28 about a "draft media law that threatens to restrict press freedom in the country and would move it away from European Union standards".

CPJ is an American independent non-profit NGO based in New York City, with correspondents around the world. Its mission is to promote press freedom by defending the right of journalists to report the news safely and without fear of reprisal and protecting the free flow of news and commentary by taking action wherever journalists are under threat.

Of course, the Western media's war coverage, despite inevitable flaws, cannot be compared with the Russian media which have been put under total state control. But it is a reminder that in liberal democracies, journalists must distinguish themselves by providing all the news (and opinion) "that's fit to print".

Journalists' core mission is to help citizens understand what is happening and also to keep their own governments accountable and protect them against self-delusion or hubris (excessive self-belief).

William Howard Russell, who covered the Crimea war for *The Times* in the mid-1850s, described war correspondents as the "luckless tribe".

The Ukraine war has again reminded us that it sometimes requires more courage to confront one's own sympathies, one's own public opinion or government than to face the enemy's bullets on the frontlines. As *Le Monde* founder Hubert Beuve-Méry once said: "We must tell the truth even when it hurts. Especially when it hurts." unique geographical location."

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By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

STEM: Education method that makes mathematics and sciences enjoyable

SOME 120 students from several secondary schools in Tanga Region recently camped at Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Park centre here to learn what is billed as silver bullet to understanding the subjects.

This is because the method offers students one of the best opportunities to make sense of the world holistically, rather than in bits and pieces. For, it removes the traditional barriers erected between the four disciplines, by integrating them into one cohesive teaching and learning paradigm.

The course outline included how to solve various real-life problems using science, technology, engineering and mathematics both theoretically and practically.

Dr Lwidiko Edward from Tanga-based Project Inspire which supervises the centre said the camp targets to build capacity among secondary school students on how to utilize science consistently in solving various socioeconomic challenges.

He said another objective is to motivate students to like science and do away with misconception that the same is a reserve of exceptionally intelligent and talented students.

"Through this camp we are going to alter such misconception and introduce cutting edge methodologies of teaching and learning science for both teachers and students," he said.

"We will focus on agricultural science especially smart farming by providing infrastructure to leverage on advanced technology for improved productivity."

Chad Morris, Officer in charge of cultural issues at the US embassy in Tanzania said the mission availed USD 20,000 (over 46,000/-) for the development of STEM park centre because of the initiative's importance for national development.

He said the US government will continue supporting Tanzania towards establishment of many STEM centres in the country to prepare young scientists who can create jobs, employ themselves and others as well.

"The amount we donated has been earmarked for renovation and expansion for this STEM Park due to its potential for the country's development," he stated.

Morris explained that through the five-day STEM workshop, students and teachers in Tanga met experts from STEM Global Action (SGA) which provides teacher-training, science kits and other resources to support a series of activities that are advancing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics knowledge.

He said in May this year, STEM Global Action Tanzanian partner Project Inspire, participated in Africa Science Week, an initiative of the Next Einstein Forum that honours young African scientists by citing the impact of their collaboration with SGA over the past five months on teacher and staff training.

Mohamed Shauri, a teacher from Nguvumali primary school said he was empowered a lot in a past STEM workshop for teachers from 15 primary schools, a science fair with 200 pupils from Tanga primary schools as well as the recent workshops with secondary school students.



Dr Lwidiko Edward, director of Project Inspire which supervises STEM project in the country, speaks at the launch of a workshop that brought together 120 students from secondary schools in Tanga Region recently. Photo/ Correspondent Cheji Bakari

"It was exciting to watch young students learning STEM skills with so much ease and enjoyment and outlining approaches, strategies and tools with which to improve livelihoods in their communities."

"Bringing STEM to children, especially those from under-resourced communities and countries is good not only for the trainees but the world as a whole."

Bakari Sessige, Pande Ward Education Officer said: "I took part in a monthly virtual STEM home session with Africa Science Week and was delighted to see students and teachers in Tanga at the center take part in the training."

Mwanahawa Kombo, Physics and Mathematics teacher at Mikanjuni secondary school said that she took the training as a golden opportunity because it does not only give her modern teaching methods but also a rare opportunity to make new personal and professional friends.

John Steven, a form three student at Macechu high school commended the organizers and financiers of the training, adding that if the same is offered to many young Tanzanians, the country is likely to make strides in its development endeavours.

"Next year I will be in form four and my academic records show that I did better in science subjects since form one so this kind of opportunity is what I have been looking for," he said.

In 2013, New Orleans native Dr Calvin Mackie founded STEM NOLA and committed to bringing STEM education to neighborhood churches, community centers and schools, especially communities that lacked resources.

Supported by the US Embassy, STEM NOLA was selected last year for the engagement with Tanzania after an external evaluation found that 69 per cent of the New Orleans non-profit's K-12 students improved their performance in math, science and reading after one year in their afterschool programme.

His innovative approach to STEM learning has attracted support from some of America's biggest corporations and philanthropic foundations including the Entergy Corporation, Boeing Company, Ochsner Health System, Chevron Corporation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, AT&T Foundation and Fund II Foundation.

A year ago, Dr Mackie launched STEM Global Action, a campaign and network of affiliates, including STEM NOLA, which pursues STEM education for children, parents and communities across the US and abroad.

Reading part of Dr Mackie's greeting ahead a five-day workshop in Tanga, one of the officials at the centre Samson Alphonse said: "Our work in Tanzania demonstrates that young students everywhere can be encouraged to enjoy STEM activities and create paths towards jobs and careers".

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Equatorial Guinea and how not to rig, or observe an election in an era of fraudulent democracy

By Peter Fabricius

EQUATORIAL Guinea's president Teodoro Obiang Nguema has clearly not read Nic Cheeseman and Brian Klaas's book *How to Rig an Election*, which "advises" leaders not to overcook their victories at the polls.

Instead, the provisional results of the 20 November presidential, legislative and municipal elections show Obiang's Democratic Party of Equatorial Guinea coalition took well over 90% of the vote in the Central African oil-rich state. The Convergence for Social Democracy of Andrés Esono Ondo is trailing with just 152 votes. In a population of fewer than two million, about 400,000 registered voters placed their ballots.

Cheeseman and Klaas's book, despite its tongue-in-cheek title, takes a serious look at fraudulent democracy worldwide – a problem that is widespread in Africa. The authors note that "while a comfortable win is desirable ... it can demoralise political challengers while also persuading election monitors there is nothing worth investigating – a landslide victory often arouses suspicion."

They quote Belarusian president Alexander Lukashenko – Russian president Vladimir Putin's closest ally who has been in power since 1994 – speaking with astounding candour of his 2006 election victory. "I admitted that we rigged the election ... I gave the order to change it from 93% to around 80% ... because more than 90%, just psychologically, that is not well received."

And Cheeseman told ISS Today this week: "As dictators and their advisers told us when we were researching our book ... winning over 95% is 'banana republic'-style manipulation. If you want it to be believable, you need to keep your vote share between 60% and 80%. Giving yourself 96% of the vote basically says you don't care what people think – either domestically or internationally."



Equatorial Guinea President, Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo.

Cheeseman also suggested that it might not have been a good idea, in these circumstances, for the African Union (AU) to have sent an election observer mission to Equatorial Guinea. "When regimes operate on that basis, international election observers are unlikely to be able to have a positive effect, so avoiding legitimating a bad process may be the best they can do."

Obiang is Africa's and the world's longest-serving president. He has ruled the country with an iron fist for 43 years after toppling his uncle in a 1979 coup. And his landslide win does seem to show complete disregard for what anyone might think.

Rather paradoxically, he has been trying for the past several years, to present himself as a democrat who cares for his people. In reality, they remain mired in dire poverty despite the country having a GDP per capita of \$11,264 in 2022, putting it 70th in the world, ahead of the likes of Mexico, Turkey and South Africa.

Significantly, Obiang himself asked the AU to send the observer mission. In 2014 he volunteered Equatorial Guinea for peer review under the African Peer Review Mechanism – an AU body that assesses member states' governance. Revealingly though,

he's never been scrutinised by the nations participating in the mechanism.

And, like the late Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi, Obiang has ingratiated himself with the AU by hosting several of its summits and reputedly paying for many delegations to attend, tapping the country's vast oil wealth. He also stepped in to host the 2015 Africa Cup of Nations soccer tournament when Morocco withdrew because of Ebola. Clearly, Obiang is trying to whitewash his poor governance record.

The results trickling from the electoral commission so far could conceivably be accurate because Obiang has eliminated or co-opted the opposition. In 2018, for example, the courts dissolved the main opposition party Citizens for Innovation, for "undermining state security," and sentenced 21 of its 147 supporters accused of "rebellion" to more than 30 years in prison.

Obiang has a taste for implausible election victories. He won the 2016 contest with 93.7% of the vote, the 2009 poll with 95.8% and the 2002 one with 97.1%. Is another landslide win this time mostly aimed at proving a political point at home? Now 80, is he

trying to eliminate any political rival to guarantee a dynastic succession to his son Teodorin, the current vice-president?

Given the country's large oil reserves and tiny population, it's astonishing that it has received two IMF loans recently, in 2019 and 2021. However, the loans have brought pressure for greater distribution of oil income.

But surely the AU should not allow itself to fall for Obiang's ruse? It sent a large observer mission comprising over 50 members from 37 African countries. The AU said it had deployed the mission "as part of the AU Commission's mandate and commitment to supporting credible, transparent and inclusive electoral processes in [AU] member states."

In its preliminary report on the elections, the observer mission reached a rather bland, although positive conclusion that "the general elections were in accordance with international standards and the national legal framework governing those elections." However, the report briefly mentioned that the results "were not systematically displayed" at each polling station as they should have been.

The Community of Portuguese Language Countries observer mission also noted the same problem. Posting election results at each polling station is widely accepted as a basic requirement for preventing rigging, as it makes it harder to doctor the results along the chain of evidence.

Was it wise for the AU to send observers to this election? Did it advance or retard democracy in Africa? On balance, one would have to suggest the latter. It's positive that the AU is trying to take elections more seriously. But a bland report focused on voting day and lacking in contextual perspective gives Obiang a free pass and lends him democratic credibility the country doesn't deserve.

Freedom House rates Equatorial Guinea in its lowest 'not free' ranking. The Ibrahim Index of African Governance gives it just 28.7 out of 100 for overall governance, placing it 51 out of 53 countries in Africa. On the democracy measure, it scored just 17 out of 100 for participation, rights and inclusion.

At a time when democracy is under threat from coups and third-term presidential bids, more rigour is needed from AU election observation – not just for the long-suffering Equatoguineans but for the continent at large. **DM**

By Mkhulisi Sizani for GroundUp

Long walk to education – rural EC learners travel 20km daily on foot to and from school

GRADE 11 learner Sinethemba Nkululeko wakes up daily at 3am to walk ten kilometres from his village to school in Willowvale, Eastern Cape. At 3:10pm he walks the ten kilometres back home. He is one of 15,000 learners in the province who are eligible for scholar transport but are not getting it, because there is no budget.

Responsibility for school transport was moved from the Eastern Cape Department of Education to the Department of Roads and Transport in 2011. According to Unathi Binqose, spokesperson for the provincial department of Roads and Transport, about 140,000 learners are in need of school transport, but currently 125,000 are being transported. Binqose said even this number is stretching the department's budget.

Binqose said that the department has to cut costs on events, travelling and accommodation for its employees in order to pay for scholar transport. Next year the department will only have budget to transport a bit more than 100,000 learners, leaving over 20,000 more learners without transport.

This means over 35,000 learners will likely be without school transport next year.

Long walk to education

Teachers in rural areas are worried that their schools might shut down because the learner numbers are dwindling every year due to the high rate of school dropouts.

Seventeen-year-old Sinethemba goes to LM Malgus Senior Secondary School in Willowvale. "Since 2020 there has been no scholar transport here. I wake up at 3am everyday because I walk about 10km from Zenzile Village to get to school. I leave my home at 4am and it is very dark in winter. For safety, I walk with my two classmates. We cross the rivers and walk through



LM Malgus Senior Secondary School learners walk about 20km to and from school every day because there is no scholar transport. (Photo: Mkhulisi Sizani)

the thick bushes. Then we arrive at school at 6am for morning classes.

"By 3:10pm the school closes and it is another 10km back home. I get back home about 5pm. Then I have to go to the river and fetch the water to wash my school uniform, bath and cook. I also have to collect the live-stock and still do my homework. Then at 9pm I go to bed and sleep. But in the classroom sometimes it's hard to concentrate because I feel tired."

His classmate Luzuko Bohlo, 20, from Bikana Village also complains about the distance. He said, "I wake up at 4am and then go to school at 5am. Our school shoes are worn out in a few months. This is my third pair of shoes.

Sometimes we wear gumboots because we walk in wet places. Most of the time we don't finish our homework at home because we are tired.

"On wet days we stay at home because there is no way we can concentrate in classrooms while our clothes are wet."

School principal Manelisi Mtshizana spends sleepless nights worrying about his school. "We have a huge dropout of learners because of the lack of scholar transport. When I arrived here in 2017 the number of learners was 172 and it has dropped to 103. I had to allow the matric failures to repeat the whole year in order to keep the school going. The matric pass percentage then was 13. But last year it was 50."

"I have 30 learners who travel 20km daily to school. Next year the number of learners who need transport will increase to more than 60, because I will be receiving new high school learners," he said.

"Since February I have been in and out of the department's office asking for scholar transport because my 30 learners couldn't come to school on wet days.

"Last week the department promised that it will organise transport, only for 35 learners," he said.

In Xhosa Mouth in Bulungula Village learners walk long distances to get to Zwelenqaba High School in Thafalehashe Village.

Bulungula Incubator Vibrant Village manager Lihle Mbikwana told GroundUp that learners walk four hours a day. "As a result many learners quit school when they reach high school because they can't cope with the long distance.

"In 2009, while I was still a learner we were promised scholar transport. But until today that has not happened."

Mbikwana says some parents rent rondavels for their children near Zwelenqaba High School. "They pay between R150 and R500 a month, depending on the quality of the rondavel. But this is not helpful because there are no strict rules in these rondavels. Sometimes a girl and a boy share the rondavel

and this leads to teenage pregnancy," he said.

Malibongwe Mtima spokesperson for the provincial education department referred all questions to the Department of Roads and Transport, which he said had been managing scholar transport since 2011.

Binqose said school transport was only a temporary solution anyway. "I still remember when I was an SABC journalist in 2015 a call was made by government that boarding schools should be built in order to cut the transport costs and minimise scholar transport accidents. But no department was given the task of building the boarding schools," he said. **DM**

Chinese enterprises prosper in overseas markets

By Wang Junling

CHINESE multinational technology company Lenovo put into use a manufacturing base in Hungary in June this year, which is able to produce over 1,000 customized servers and 4,000 customized work stations per day.

Each production line of the plant is run by 20 to 30 employees and delivers a server every minute.

"This plant is one of the largest overseas manufacturing bases of Lenovo and the first one owned by the company in Europe. Relying on the unique geographical location and convenient transportation of Hungary, it significantly improves our supplying efficiency for European customers. The plant has created over 1,100 jobs for local communities, of which 60 percent are taken by females," said Guan Wei, senior vice president of Lenovo and head of the company's global supply chain.

This is a miniature of Chinese enterprises investing in foreign countries.

According to a report jointly issued by China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), the National Bureau of Statistics and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, the country's outbound direct investment (ODI) increased 16.3 percent year on year to \$178.82 billion in 2021, ranking among the world's top three for ten consecutive years. By the end of 2021, China's ODI stock stood at \$2.79 trillion, ranking among the top three globally for five consecutive years.

The report said China has maintained its position a major foreign investor over the recent years, and seen a constantly optimizing investment structure and satisfying win-win results.

"The report shows that as the world's second largest economy, China is investing in a wide range of fields



Over 1,100 China-manufactured vehicles are loaded onto a roll-on/roll-off ship at a terminal of the Lianyungang Port, east China's Jiangsu province, Nov. 18, 2022. These vehicles will be exported to Malaysia. (Photo by Wang Chun/People's Daily Online)

in a number of foreign countries, especially in the high-tech sector. This will help maintain the stability of the global division of labor," said Wan Zhe, researcher at the Belt and Road School of Beijing Normal University.

While actively joining the overseas market, many Chinese enterprises have given full play to their advantages and deeply integrated themselves into the local development. The rapid development of new energy vehicles and consumer

electronics has constantly expanded the market demand for nickel in recent years. Trying to grasp the opportunity, Lygend Resources & Technology Co., Ltd. based in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang province, launched cooperation with an Indonesian company in 2018 and started building a nickel smelter and a supporting power plant on Obi Island, Indonesia. In just a few years, a huge production base that includes a power plant, a port and living quarters has taken shape.

A polymeric additive plant invested by Chinese company Senics Co., Ltd. was put into operation in the Rojana Industrial Park in Chon Buri province, Thailand in May this year. The plant, producing 25,000 tons of rubber antioxidants each year, is the first one in Southeast Asia that manufactures the product. Besides, it also provides convenient localized services for the production bases in Southeast Asia of its customers on the lower stream of the industry.

Chinese enterprises, relying on their outstanding performance in expanding employment and taxation, providing quality products, environmental protection, fulfilling social responsibility and enriching cultural exchanges, have continuously expanded their "circle of friends" and intensified cooperation with foreign partners.

MOFCOM statistics indicated that China's non-financial ODI reached 627.4 billion yuan (\$87.6 billion) in the first 10 months of 2022, up 10.3 percent year on year. The country has been seeing more and more favorable factors under the trend of open development.

Policy support for Chinese enterprises exploring overseas market is strengthened. China has issued a regulation on the management of enterprises' overseas investment, held promotional events and forums on international capacity cooperation and jointly built industrial parks with other Belt and Road countries.

Chinese enterprises themselves are also actively exploring new models of doing business overseas. Some of them have acquired equity of prospering overseas companies, soon integrating themselves intensively into the overseas market.

For Javier Perea, CEO of the Spanish construction engineering companies Empresarios Agrupados Internacional, S.A. and Ghesa Ingenieria y Tecnologia, S.A., the fifth China International Import Expo was an opportunity to both exhibit his companies' services and "go home," as the two companies he manages were purchased by the China Energy Engineering Corporation in early 2020.

"The purchase was a great opportunity for us and significant for the designing and consulting services in the energy engineering sector. We will jointly bring our advantages into full play and help our clients achieve sustainable development," he said.

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GGML plays a significant role in elevating women in mining sector

By Guardian Reporter

DESPITE that in recent years there has been a closer parity in opportunities that are afforded to women compared to their male counterparts, the struggle on gender equality is also going on so as to ensure that all the setbacks are addressed.

Today, attitudes and practices are changing, and gender is not seen as the obstacle it once was, preventing women from pursuing their dreams. The key drivers of success today are aptitude, commitment, hard work and dedication.

Josephine Kimambo and Shadya Jamali are among the few women in the mining industry, forming part of Geita Gold Mining Limited's Health, Safety, Environment, and Training (HSE&T) Department.

They both live believing that everyone is unique and can leave a legacy. They have proved from their perspective that gender is not a barrier as long as they know the purpose of their existence.

Josephine, currently a senior officer, joined GGML in 2012 as a graduate trainee under the undergraduate recruitment program. After completing the program in 2014, she secured employment and took up the role as Waste and Chemical Officer. She has enjoyed every minute of her time working at GGML.

Josephine believes that everyone is the author of their own story and has the power to make a story a positive or negative one. "Anyone can be extraordinary as long as they are committed to self-improvement and personal development."

She says: "Working in mining as a woman isn't as hard as it is perceived to be. It is a good working environment because the company adheres to international standards and has experts who continue to enhance our knowledge. There are a lot of opportunities to grow, but only if one decides to concentrate their efforts on whatever they are doing. I encourage other women working at GGML and those who wish to join the mining industry to refuse to be ordinary and refrain from making excuses for who they are. After all, being a woman is not an excuse to fail."

Shadya, an environment officer at the company encourages women to ignore the misplaced conceptions of working in the mining industry and dispel any self-doubts in order to succeed in forging a career in the industry.

"To my fellow women who are paralyzed by insecurities or overwhelmed by the odds, please don't let fear stop you because the greatest obstacle in life is fear. As a woman who works in a male-dominated field, I understand how challenging the environment could be as we encounter many hurdles, but we must not accept defeat easily. Women have a number of potential roles to play in bringing changes to their areas, and we should get rid of outdated beliefs that women are only mothers and not workers. Women can do both and, in some instances, even more than their male counterparts," Shadya explains.

While the ratio of women in the mining sector is nowhere near where it should be, companies around the world are striving to undo this legacy and Geita Gold Mining Limited has not been left behind. The company is actively working to discard the business-as-usual attitudes of the past and is reimagining the workplace in a way that puts inclusivity at centre stage.

In many ways, Ruth Mugurusi, the company's first female open pit blasting engineer exemplifies this shift in culture at GGML.

"I always intended to become an engineer, but I didn't know what I would be majoring in specifically. When I was in form three, I was really into geography, and I remember trying to flip through a textbook looking for a connection between geography and engineering," Mugurusi recalls.

"There was a page in that Geography textbook that was interesting since it listed the occupations one might contemplate studying, and what attracted my eye was a Mining Engineer," said Ruth.

She jotted down the occupation and used her next break from school to learn more about mining engineering and the kinds of skills and knowledge one needs to succeed in the field. Before getting a bache-



Josephine Kimambo, GGML's Senior Officer in the Health, Safety, Environment and Training (HSE&T) Department.

lor's degree in China, Ruth thought she needed more hands-on experience, so she took advantage of opportunities to get that experience in both China and home country, Tanzania.

While still at university, she completed research and became aware of the mining corporations in Tanzania. And through the Training Department of GGML, Ruth was able to apply for practical training and obtain field experience under the mentorship of very skilled stakeholders from all departments, both open pit and underground.

This exposure was quite exceptional, as unlike other places that she had trained specifically, the environment was one of encouraging individuals, all very willing to teach and explain what they do as a whole in partnering with the mining engineers. This really impacted her decision about her career path.

"Once I earned my bachelor's degree in Mining Engineering, I made sure I finish with the highest GPA at the University since I had learnt it is today a pretty competitive field both skill-wise and academically. That, and my industrious character enabled me to reach where I'm at now," she recounts.

"Soon after graduating, I proceeded to take

a drilling and blasting course and earned my Blasting Certificate and immediately registered to the Engineer's Registration Board of Tanzania as a Graduate Mining Engineer.

GGML gave her an opportunity to perform my internship in the Open Pit Mine Operations section.

"Everyone on the team contributed to my training and development, both on and off the field. I was kept on as a Drill and Blast Engineer because the company recognized potential in me. I hope to be a Professional Mining Engineer in the Drilling and Blast Department in the near future," Ruth divulges.

She is encouraging the youth to envisage a goal and go for it: "Do not hesitate when you get an opportunity to learn and progress in your area in any department whatsoever."

Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML), like many forward-thinking companies, has made it a priority to maintain best practices in human capital as they navigate the challenges emerging from the maturing Tanzanian labour market, by selecting the best candidates purely on merit and without gender limitations.

The Company has strong non-discrimination policies and values the diversity of its work-

force which enables it to actively invest in initiatives that promote women in the workplace. One of these initiatives by GGML is sponsoring its female employees to participate in the Female Future Program administered by the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE), which prepares them to take up leadership roles within and outside the Company. There is also accountability at all levels of the organization to uphold and comply with local legislation and company-specific diversity and inclusion targets. This led to the recent launch of the 'Speak-up' campaign against sexual harassment to create a conducive environment for women to thrive.

GGML has continued to garner numerous awards for its performance in the mining sector and in July 2022 at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair popularly known as Sabasaba, the company was recognized by the National Social Security Fund as one of the most compliant employers in the Tanzanian mining sector. The company was also awarded the Best Employer of the Year under ATE in 2018, shining over other traditionally better-positioned companies in telecommunications, banking, and beverage companies.

ETS facilitates TRA towards meeting revenue collection targets

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) has managed to achieve its revenue collection target by collecting 22.28trn/- (99.22 per cent) in 2021/22 fiscal year after involving various mechanisms including the use of the electronic Tax System (ETS) on branded products.

ETS system rolled out in Tanzania in 2019 after regulations was passed to have all manufacturers in the country install an electronic tax stamp management system. The tender went to a Swiss-based firm called SICPA which was contracted by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to install and enroll all manufacturers,

producers and importers onto the system.

Richard Kayombo, TRA director for taxpayer services and education (pictured), disclosed this at the weekend in Babati, Manyara Region at the event to issue awards to good taxpayers for the 2021/22 financial year.

Kayombo said the achievement was also contributed by the widening the tax collection base to enable the government implement its activities, adding that the collection is an increase of 4.13trn/- from the preceding year collection that stood at 18.15trn/-.

He said that in the 2021/2022 TRA was set to collect 23.6trn/- adding that the government

depends on 60 percent of what revenue authority collects in any given year.

Kayombo further said Manyara Region taxpayers have had a big contribution despite of the Covid-10 pandemic.

He also said the criteria used to award 27 taxpayers includes the amount of tax paid, correct recordkeeping, paying tax in time when due and collaboration with TRA as and when needed.

Manyara Regional Commissioner Makongoro Nyerere said the government will continue to put in place for them enabling environment and it is essential to plug corruption loopholes perpetrated by a few for their own interests.



The RC said when people pay taxes they encourage the President to implement various development projects and the awards spurs the taxpayers to increase efforts in tax paying.

Manyara Region TRA Manager, Pendolake Msangi thanked taxpayers in his region saying in 2021/22 FY TRA collected 27.8bn/- or 89 per cent of the target which was 31.3bn/-.

Msangi added that TRA's aims to award its taxpayers is to encourage business people to pay tax, adding that so far in the First Quarter of 2022/23 fiscal year, a total of 12.87bn/- has been collected in Manyara Region.

Managing Director of Mati

Super Brands Limited, David Mulokozi, who was among the award recipients by scooping second position in Big Taxpayers category, thanked TRA for the awards saying they encourage them and pledged to work day and night.

Manyara Region TRA Taxpayers Education Officer Serapio Luanda said 27 traders received TRA awards including three big taxpayers, three middle level taxpayers and three small taxpayers.

He added that institutions that contributed in the tax collection drive in the region included two commercial banks and the regional commissioner's office.

IFC, Microsoft partner on sustainable agriculture in Africa

By Benjamin Alade

THE International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Microsoft have partnered to support digital transformation in Africa's agriculture sector.

In a session during Adaptation and Agriculture Day at COP27 in Egypt, the IFC and Microsoft through the Africa Transformation Office (ATO) showcased their partnership to support digital transformation in Africa's agriculture sector to support the achievement of this goal.

IFC and Microsoft in a joint statement noted that the partnership is delivering digital agriculture products that support

African agribusinesses to strengthen food security and develop greater resilience against climate change.

"The partnership makes digital tools and training resources more accessible to small-scale farmers and agriculture-linked small businesses.

"Through the partnership, digital tools such as Microsoft's AgBot and Community Training applications are integrated with IFC's Agribusiness Leadership Programme to provide better information, newer technologies, and management capacity training to agribusinesses, farmers and cooperatives," they noted.

IFC's Director for Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services in Africa, Henrik Elschner Pedersen, said: "Digital technology can improve the operation of key supply chains in the food system by boosting production, improving business practices, promoting traceability and increasing access to finance. However, the use of digital tools in Africa's agriculture sector remains limited, often because of infrastructure, affordability, awareness, and regulatory issues.

"IFC and Microsoft are working together to change this, so more agricultural players in Africa can leverage the power of the digital economy," he said.



South Korea's bid to host World Expo 2030 gains momentum

PARIS

BUSAN, a South Korean city known for its outstanding meeting, conference and exhibition infrastructure, continues to double down on its efforts to win the right to host the World Expo 2030.

Should the megacity be selected as the host of the World Expo 2030, approximately 50.5 million visitors from more than 200 countries would flock there, creating a large and enduring ripple effect that will change the city's future.

According to the South Korea's Bid Committee, which is headed by the country's Prime Minister Duck-soo Han, the city will use the slogan "Transforming the world, navigating toward a better future" to promote achievements in science and technology and other industries, present a new vision for the future, and introduce the diverse attractions of Busan on the international stage.

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, the Korean Bid Committee will get an opportunity to make a presentation at the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE)'s General Assembly in Paris. BIE is the intergovernmental organization that manages World Expos and has 170 member states whose votes on which city hosts World Expo count.

Three other countries will also get the chance to make submissions at tomorrow's IBE meeting, according to organizers. These countries are Italy, Ukraine and Saudi Arabia.

There is no doubt that Busan is ready to host the World Expo 2030. Here are some reasons why the metropolis is the perfect venue for the



Panoramic view of Busan, South Korea's megacity seeking to host World Expo 2030. File photo

upcoming event.

Busan has transformed itself into a city specialised for the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) industry. The city boasts two world-class exhibition & convention centres, 26 unique venues, and over 60,000 hotel rooms across the city.

World Expos welcome tens of millions of visitors, allow countries to build extraordi-

nary pavilions and transform the host city for years to come.

Thanks to its efforts to become a city for leisure, Busan is recognised as one of the top five most promising convention cities in the world.

Abundant tourism resources Busan is a highly-rated tourist destination in South Korea. The city offers a wide variety of tourism experiences with attractions range from centuries-

old Buddhist temples dotting the city's mountains and coastline to pristine beaches with clear waters.

This seaside metropolis has plenty of things to do all year round. Its beautiful beaches are its major draw offering all kinds of water sports and activities. MICE organisers with the help of the tourism board can easily arrange post-event tours with a wide range of tourism products

for MICE attendees to create memories to last a lifetime.

Strengthening its tourism did not go unnoticed, it is declared the nation's first "International Tourist City" by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in 2020. Busan is also named by Lonely Planet as the Best Tourist Destination in Asia in 2018. The New York Times also hailed it as one of the "52 Places to Go in 2017". National Geographic also recognised Busan as The World's Best Travel Destination in 2023.

Busan is an ideal location for MICE because of its proximity to the Gimhae International Airport. Being a seaport town, travellers can also take the ferry from Japan to Korea to experience a pleasant and romantic route by sea.

If travelling from Seoul, riding the train in Korea is the most convenient way of getting around.

The bus is the most economical option to travel from Seoul to Busan. The Seoul to Busan travel time should take around 4 hours. There are buses running three times an hour, from Seoul Gyeongju bus terminal to Busan. Tickets can be purchased online or at the bus station.

Foreigners find South Korea

to be a very safe country. Busan boasts a low crime rate and tourists will find that pubs and bars are usually open till the wee hours of the morning.

Generally, the risk of terrorism in South Korea is considered low. It is also recognised as a safe destination for solo female travellers. Busan was declared an "International Safe City" for two consecutive years from 2018 to 2019.

Several Korean companies and government organisations have come together to win the bid to host the World Expo 2030. The Korean government designated the campaign to win the World Expo bid as a national project and has been providing active support for campaign activities at the government level.

The K-Pop group, BTS, was appointed as the official ambassador for World Expo 2030 Busan, and the group held a concert in October in Busan as a part of their promotional activities.

The World Expo 2030 is a huge gathering of nations dedicated to finding solutions to pressing challenges of our time by offering a journey inside a universal theme through engaging and immersive activities.

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Africa urges climate actions rather than broken promises, double standards

KAMPALA

MANY African participants walked into the UN climate conference held earlier this month in the Egyptian coastal city of Sharm El-Sheikh with much optimism, but came out with unmet expectations.

The two-week gathering, also known as the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), sought to move from negotiations to implementation and call for actions when extreme weather events are impacting the lives of millions of people worldwide.

Despite some progress at COP27, including a decision to set up a "loss and damage" fund and an agreement to establish a global adaptation framework, developed countries have been blamed for taking a passive attitude toward issues such as providing financial and technical support to the more vulnerable developing countries.

Africa accounts for 4 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, but suffers the most from them, noted African climate campaigners, adding that 20 percent of the continent's population live in countries that are in the top 10 most vulnerable to climate change. This year alone, the continent has seen deadly flooding in parts of West Africa and the worst drought in decades in the Horn of Africa.

Some 22 million people in the Horn of Africa are food insecure due to drought. Figures from the World Food Programme showed that at least 9.2 million livestock deaths occurred in the drought-affected areas of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia in 2022.

In Nigeria, more than 600 people have been killed and over 3.2 million affected as a result of the flooding that hit more than 30 states in the country this year.

At the start of COP27, Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat called for climate justice to address the damage Africa has suffered due to climate change effects, appealing to the developed world to honour their promise made at COP26 to double funding by 2025.

However, as the conference closed on Nov. 20, African experts and civil society organizations found no good news for communities that are facing prolonged droughts, erratic rainfall and flooding. Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), a collection of civil society organizations, said COP27 ended leaving millions of Africans in continued climate-related misery.

Africans left COP27 disappointed, said PACJA Executive Director Mithika Mwenda. "We came with the hope that the momentum created by the discussions in the year ahead of COP27 under the facilitation of UNFCCC, the COP Presidency, and the facilitation of friends of the COP will materialize with concrete outcomes in Egypt. But unfortunately, the end of COP is an anti-climax," he said. While describing the "loss and damage" fund agreement as a "much needed political signal to rebuild broken trust," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said it is not enough to address concerns. "A fund for loss and damage is essential, but it's not an answer if the climate crisis washes a small island state off the map, or turns an entire African country to desert," he said.

Thirteen years ago in Copenhagen, developed countries promised to mobilize 100 billion U.S. dollars per year for climate actions in developing coun-



tries, but have so far defaulted with all kinds of excuses. In 2021, nearly 200 participating countries adopted the Glasgow Climate Pact at the end of COP26, which includes an unprecedented goal for developed countries to double the funding provided to developing ones for adaptation by 2025. However, doubts were high that developed countries would again fail to honor their commitment.

This year at COP27, some rich nations attempted to cancel their long-delayed climate finance pledge, and although an agreement to establish a global adaptation framework was reached at the end of the conference, it lacked clarity and a credible roadmap to double adaptation funds. And while developed countries are going back on their word and are returning to coal energy, especially amid a linger-

ing energy crisis, some of them have been ordering developing countries to speed up green energy transition.

In mid-September, the European Parliament passed an emergency resolution urging Uganda and Tanzania to halt the construction of a crude oil pipeline that passes on a 1,445-km journey from the oil wells in western Uganda to the Tanzanian seaport of Tanga, saying it threatens the "protected and sensitive" ecosystems. The move was described as hypocrisy by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, who said later at COP27 that Europe is applying "brazen double standard" towards Africa in its climate and energy policies. "We will not accept one rule for them and another rule for us," Museveni wrote on his blog.

The African Development Bank's 2022 Africa Economic Outlook pro-

jected that Africa will need to mobilize as much as 1.6 trillion dollars between 2022 and 2030 to meet their Nationally Determined Contributions to fight climate change. But as the developed world has failed to meet its finance commitment to the continent's green energy transition, a few experts in Africa, like Jonathan Tabalanga, an international relations expert and lecturer at Uganda's Cavendish University, fear that the continent may be left with no options but to continue using fossil fuels for development. "Africa is confronted with a decision to make on whether to get their people out of poverty through industrialization, which is also a problem to the environment, or resort to eco-friendly means of production which are extremely expensive," Tabalanga said.

In late June, the AU published its

Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022-2032) and described it as "a key instrument in supporting regional collaboration on climate change and more effective international partnerships." "There is a need to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of transboundary cooperation to ensure that decision-making and investment occur at appropriate timeframes to respond to the speed of changes in the climate and environment," said the document. While developed countries are turning a deaf ear to Africa's call for deeper cooperation on green development, many developing countries, including China, are reaching out to the continent with utmost sincerity.

At the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation held last year, China proposed that the two sides advocate green and low-carbon development, and actively promote solar, wind and other sources of renewable energy, saying it will work closely with African countries to implement the green development program in the years to come.

China has walked the talk. For example, in De Aar, a town in the Northern Cape province of South Africa, Chinese company Longyuan Power has partnered with local firms on a wind power project that has been in operation since 2017 with an installed capacity of nearly 245 MW.

Chinese-built Adama wind farms, installed with 102 turbines with a total generating capacity of 153 MW, is helping Ethiopia tap into its rich renewable energy potential. In Kenya, official figures showed that the installed capacity of solar power is more than 100 MW, while the China-financed Garissa Solar accounts for 50 MW.

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Burundian President lauds CRDB Bank for great achievements

By Guardian Correspondent, Bujumbura

BURUNDI President Evariste Ndayishimiye has lauded CRDB Burundi for its achievements recorded over the last one decade of its establishment, noting that the bank has been received by good hands and his government is proud of the bank existence.

President Ndayishimiye made the remarks during his meeting with CRDB Group delegation, led by its managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela and the members of the group board of directors and CRDB Burundi officials.

The delegation visited President Ndayishimiye as part of thanks giving for the commemoration of 10 anniversary of CRDB Burundi.

Speaking during the meeting, President Ndayishimiye said Burundi and Tanzania have been in a historical relations and truly relatives.

"We thank that Tanzania participated greatly in achieving peace in Burundi and you are coming here to participate in driving development of

our nation as well as the East African Community (EAC)," the President, who is also the chairman of EAC said.

President Ndayishimiye came into power in 2020 and during his tenure, CRDB Burundi has been performing better in the market and has become the third largest bank out of 13 banks operating in the country, with four branches.

The bank is expected to open the fifth branch in the country's capital city of Gitega early next year.

"We congratulate you for your efforts in offering financial literacy for our people to learn on how to manage their finances but we would also like to collaborate with you in developing youth and women programmes, which is our current priority," he said.

President Ndayishimiye also sent a message to President Samia Suluhu Hassan saying they have been working together as leaders of two nations.

He called for CRDB Burundi to sit down with special strategic planning department of the government of Burundi to see on how they will collabo-



rate. CRDB Group managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela thanked the government of Burundi for its cooperation with CRDB Burundi that has led into great success over the last ten years of its establishment.

Nsekela also thanked President Ndayishimiye for offering a piece of land for constructing the fifth branch in Gitega.

"I managed to participate in a meeting between President Samia and you and saw on how to

promote the relationship of private sector in both countries and I assure you that CRDB Group will continue to support your efforts in economic growth of your country for the benefits of Burundians, Tanzanians and the EAC," he said.

Nsekela noted that CRDB Group is expected to enter in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) market by opening branches in regions bordering with Burundi to stimulate business activities in two countries which are also EAC members.

"We will leverage on the use of technology to ensure that many Burundians are included financially and I am happy that our plan to use bank agents has been doing well as we are currently having 600 agents whom are helping in offering services," he said.

He said the bank recently entered into an agreement with International Finance Corporation (IFC), PROPARCO and INTESA by securing US\$5 million financing to promote small business in Burundi.

The Group chairman Ally Laay also congratulated President Ndayishimiye for his cooperation in ensuring the bank success in Burundi market over the last ten years.

"When we were making plans to enter into Burundi it was not easy to reach that decision because it was the first time to open business outside Tanzania and we had so many questions on selecting Burundi, but today we are seeing the great success and our two countries are benefiting in form of tax collection, employment creation as well as our shareholders," he said.

TRA experts cautioned on frustrating taxpayers

By Francis Kajubi

GRADUATES at the Institute of Tax Administration (ITA) have been urged to observe professional ethics in their role of tax collection and to diligently collaborate with the private sector bearing in mind that it is the key driver of the country's economy.

The directives were issued last Friday by Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning Dr Lawrence Mafuru during the 15th graduation ceremony held in Dar es Salaam.

Dr Mafuru said that the government recognizes the private sector as a key pillar in ac-

celerating the country's economy and with all initiatives in place of an attractive conducive environment for the business community; it is not healthy to get frustrated in the excuse of tax collection.

"Diligence and integrity are among key pillars when it comes to tax professionalism. The government hopes that you are going to play your roles in an ethical manner," said Dr Mafuru.

He urged ITA to prioritize courses related to international taxation since the government needs more experts in that area in the wake of multinational companies either trying to avoid or evade tax, especially through transfer pricing.

Dr Mafuru also urged the institute which is under the custodian of Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to invest in new technologies and produce competent experts who can work in line with the fastest transformations emerging in the digital economy.

"The government would like to see that researches conducted at ITA bring up proposed solutions on challenges related to tax collection and payment mechanisms;

The government is keen to see that the ITA also contributes in educating the public on the importance of paying tax voluntarily," said Dr Mafuru.

ITA Rector Prof Isaya Jairo said that the

graduation brought on board a total of 489 graduates from different levels of certificate, degree, post graduate diplomas and Masters' degree.

"Since the first graduation in 2008 there has been an increase in the number of students graduating from short courses. The number increased from 974 graduates in 2008 to 3,919 graduates in 2022," said Prof Jairo.

According to him, a total of 17,373 TRA employees have graduated from both short and long term courses since the institute was established. However, another 2,551 non-TRA employees have so far graduated from ITA on the custom and tax management courses.

"On the way forward the institute is working on developing a well systematic online distance electronic learning system. The institute has also been collaborating with continental institutions like the African Tax Administration Forum in delivering its services," said Prof Jairo.

TRA Deputy Commissioner General Mcha Hassan Mcha said that the institute is specialized at offering courses that are related to customs and tax administration.

"The institute offers its services with a mission of creating more responsible, diligent and trustworthy professionals who can serve for the public interest," said Mcha.

Morogoro region curbs livestock grazing in forests

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

MOROGORO region has come up with the new comprehensive strategy aimed at preventing livestock grazing in forest reserve to prevent deforestation and save water sources that flow directly from Morogoro region to fed Kihansi and Kidatu hydropower plant.

Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Fatma Mwasa (pictured) said on Friday last week while speaking to journalists from different media outlets who visited in her office to see the impact of "Conserving Forests through Sustainable, forest-based Enterprise Support in Tanzania (CoForEST) project funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

In a bid to prevent cattle encroaching on village and government forest reserve, livestock keepers will be required to be registered by the village government, get plots for grazing and find experts to see if the obtained area has enough space to accommodate cattle or not.

"We have decided to embark on this campaign after discovered that vegetation in other forests has been disappeared due to environmental degradation, water sources is also being destroyed while conflicts between farmers and livestock keepers is very high and people's death is also very high.

"As region, we want to protect our forests because 67 percent of water used for power generation at Kihansi Hydroelectric power station and Kidatu hydro power plant come from Morogoro and 97 percent of water used for power generation at Julius Nyerere Hydro Power station is also come from Morogoro, Region.

Elaborating on CoForEST project, she lauded Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) and Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) to join government's efforts to conserve forest in Morogoro Region.

She called on MJUMITA and TFCG to scale-up



their training programs and educate people living adjacent to government forest reserve on forest Conservation and management, the benefits it has for them to save our forests that is now disappearing due shifting agriculture, illegal charcoal production, fire and cattle grazing that cause environment degradation and loss of animal habitat.

Also, it provides training to livestock keepers on forest Conservation in areas where they are to help them understand the importance of forest Conservation.

"As region we are very glad for

what has been achieved in our region through CoForEST project, the project has transformed people's life, majority of people are now aware of what is forest Conservation, the benefits it has for them and are now taking serious measures to conserve it something that was not the case in the past.

For her part, Mvomero District Council acting district executive director, Dr Philpina Philipo lauded TFCG and MJUMITA to introduce CoForEST project in Mvomero District Council, the project has brought in

positive changes to the community and the forests is now safe.

The project has helped villages to improve health services, help schools to get conducive learning environment and allow villages to earn cash to implement village development projects.

She said, they still need more support from TFCG, MJUMITA and other stakeholders especially in tree planting activities. "As district we are required to plant 1.5 million trees per year, without involving other stakeholders we could not make it.

Health centre in Dar gets new equipment

By Guardian Reporter

GEREZANI Medical Center, which serves Tanzania's biggest marketplace, Kariakoo, has received medical equipment and seen its buildings renovated in a move that will surely increase the quality of health care provided there.

The move that was funded by Bora Rx Medicina will see up to 10,000 people benefit directly or indirectly from health services offered by the Gerezani Medical Center located in Ilala district.

Speaking at the official handover ceremony, Morris Mwinuka, a pharmacist at Bora Rx Medicina said the donation that was valued at 46mn/- assures people of quality medical care. "We hope to see mothers and children greatly benefit from this initiative. Quality equipment and environment allows patients to receive the health service they deserve," Mwinuka said, adding that, health care workers at the health centre will now have better working conditions.

"Every health worker in Tanzania needs modern, reliable equipment in order to provide quality health services to patients," said Mwinuka. As part of the corporate initiative, Bora Rx Medicina carried out repairs on the laboratory, two examination rooms, pharmacy, toilets, nurse supervisor's office, and other staff offices.

Mwinuka said the donation targets key areas in the Tanzanian health sector that the Government has heavily invested in. In 2022, the Government budgeted approximately 1.1trn/- for procurement of medicine, medical equipment and their distribution. Recent government efforts in the health sector have included routine immunization, Vitamin A supplementation, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and improved management of common childhood illnesses. These programs have saved the lives of thousands of citizens, benefiting mostly women and children. In his speech, Mwinuka said the equipment donated were examination beds, hospital bed, furniture, microscope, immunoassay analyser, centrifuge, semiauto biochamp, coagulation machine, urine analyser, electrolyte analyser, FBP analyser, water bath, and incubator.

Speaking as the investor of Bora Rx Medicina, Elmira Hadzhykhanova said "Bora Rx Medicina is extremely proud to be able to support the Ministry of Health in improving health care in Tanzania. We will collaborate with the government in these uncertain times when the world is facing many health challenges."

At the official handover ceremony, Ng'wilabuzi Ludigija, the Ilala District Commissioner declared: "These items come at the right time. They will support our efforts in strengthening our health system. Our goal is to ensure that every patient that visits our healthcare centres receive the service they deserve."

Vodacom empowers tech start-ups to address education system challenges

By Guardian Reporter

OVER the years, it has been reported that the Tanzanian education system is marred by various challenges despite the government's continuous efforts to address these challenges which include, but are not limited to, inadequate access to learning materials, a gap in digital literacy, poor performance in STEM subjects as well as inadequacy in the provision of entrepreneurial skills.

It is with this insight that some Tanzanian up and coming tech innovative start-ups that are passionate about the education sector made the decision to channel their tech innovative solutions to tackle some of the apparent challenges in the sector. This being a part of their contribution towards supporting the education in scaling up the education system to greater heights.

The identified innovative tech start-ups in question here are; Shule Yetu, Vijana Tech, Lango Academy and Smart Darasa. As start-ups, these companies are not quite well-established entities yet, with some of them in the initial stages of operations and not fully in the market yet. Due to this, there was a need to support them in realizing their potential in order to ensure the intended benefits of their initiatives impact the

nation as a whole in the long run.

As a purpose led tech company keen on building a digital society among other things, Vodacom Tanzania plc, has demonstrated its support to these up and coming tech innovators through its Vodacom Digital Accelerator (VDA) program. Through this program, Vodacom has been empowering tech start-up companies whose products are tailored to provide solutions to socio-economic challenges in the country.

The aforementioned innovative start-ups in the education sector are part of the beneficiaries of this program which Vodacom has partnered with Smart Lab for its delivery. Through this program the start-ups receive technical and commercial skills to scale up their businesses. Funding is also made available to the successful start-ups at the end of each season thus allowing them to fully operationalize their businesses and become profit making.

Speaking of his start-up company and experience in the Vodacom Digital Accelerator program, William Elia, Founder of Shule Yetu Innovation, a digital education platform created to narrow the education gap in primary and secondary schools by improving the quality of education, he said, "most schools in Tan-



Innovative tech start-up owners who are also participating in the Vodacom Digital Accelerator season 2, display their trophies won at the ICT start-up awards organised by the Tanzania ICT Commission earlier last month. From left is Kharim Mchata, CEO at Cyber Security, Zayn Khan, Operations Manager at Spidi Africa, Mohammed Dwassem Founder and CEO at Spidi Africa and Frank Mwandi, Co-Founder of Seto by Wavesleeks.

zania still operate under the paper-based mechanism which affects most of the students in their performance. Shule Yetu Innovation will give parents access to see academic results by using their phones hence simplifying parents' involvement in their children's performance.

He further explained that, Shule Yetu simplifies administrative work for teachers and head teachers such as preparing results, attendance, giving out homework, managing school fee payment record thus helping schools to run well resulting from improved efficiencies by 60%.

Speaking of his experience in VDA, he said, "this program has brought us together connecting with different people, help-

ing us network and overcome challenges and Vodacom has paved the way for us to succeed in the market. We believe that this will help us grow."

On his part, Gerald Revocatus Mukama, Founder of Vijana Tech, a platform that allows users to learn digital skills, sell digital skills, and buy digital products. Speaking on how he arrived to establish Vijana Tech, he said, "In our learning environment, we often acquire knowledge that we don't need, and this platform gives young people knowledge that helps them financially after they complete their education."

He said through the VDA program he now has a better understanding of the market, clientele, and means for customer

reach, "this has helped me to boost my sales and increase our customer base. Vodacom and Smart Lab have given us additional digital skills that will help us in the future."

Lango Academy Founder and CEO, Daisy Kokwenda, said her platform provides the youth with money-making and entrepreneurial skills, "I saw that our education system lacks provision of self-employment skills, that's where Lango Academy comes in to bridge this gap. As a start-up, this training will help us overcome the challenges in the education sector and Vodacom has given us abundant support through this program."

Lastly, the Founder of Smart Darasa, Agniwe Justice whose platform assists

students to learn science practically said Smart Darasa came into being after seeing NECTA results whereas a large number of students tend to fail science subjects.

"If you look at Africa in general, there is a shortage of doctors and engineers. Teachers also find it difficult to teach science subjects. So, by using this technology you can overcome these challenges. Smart Darasa is geared to bridge this gap by allowing students to learn practically in correlation with theory."

The digital accelerator program has helped me to learn different techniques on how to start a company and identifying the right business partners. He also said that he saw on Vodacom's Twitter page that the company donates laptops and computers to schools and his wish is for the Smart Darasa app to be installed in these devices therefore allowing it to reach many schools around the country.

In late September this year, Vodacom in partnership with Smart Lab announced 13 winners of season 2 of Vodacom Digital Accelerator program. The program aims to give tech innovative start-ups an opportunity to scale up their businesses. Through the program the start-ups receive trainings from experts, mentorship, and technical skills. The first season of VDA took place in 2019.

Sectors powered by the program this season include; Fintech, Edutech, Healthtech, Agriculture, Entertainment, Tourism, Cybersecurity and e-commerce.

Bolt business helps enterprises to manage transport spending

BOLT Business was established to enable enterprises to manage their ground transport spending as well as simplifying business movements. The Guardian Reporter spoke to Bolt Country Sales Manager Milu Kipimo (pictured) on how it works and how companies can benefit from Bolt Business service.

What is Bolt's business service, and how does it work?

Bolt Business is a solution that allows enterprises to manage everything related to their company's employees' ground transportation. Employees can book rides on the company's account and keep track of the routes and expenses of the business travel, all in one place. They can connect their Bolt app accounts to the business account, and when they need to take a business ride, they switch their payment method to the business account.

Bolt rides are available in more than 40 countries - therefore, if a team needs to travel, they can use the same service abroad. This provides convenience in terms of expensing costs, and the app is still in one's home language.

Why did you decide to introduce this service?

To help enterprises manage their transportation spending, have visibility of their employees' business movements, and simplify the transport expensing process.

Bolt Business services are more personal, convenient, and faster than other compet-

ing ride-hailing platforms. Our services offer friendly & affordable prices, 24 hours dedicated Account Managers & Customer Support, and a vast market share in the transport space with presence in 4 cities in Tanzania (Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Dodoma & Arusha).

We are also a smart and agile tech company, so we have great technical solutions for services, like the Business Portal.

What are the advantages of this service to clients?

Cut travel costs and save money: Make it easier for the company's work travel to come in on budget by setting spending limits and controls. Also, with competitive rides, money can be saved no matter where the business takes them.



Time-saving: Employees don't have to manually fill out expense reports as all ride receipts are automated and tracked within a single portal with rides reports and invoices. Employers have a clear

view of all business trip activities, expenses and reports.

Convenience: Ride Booker allows someone to book rides for others, order several rides at once, and schedule them in advance. The person whom the ride is scheduled for doesn't even need to have a Bolt app, the ride details can be seamlessly shared via SMS.

Massive global coverage: Our 3 million Bolt drivers network means your team will always have a car and driver in multiple cities and countries.

In Tanzania, Bolt is available in Dar Es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha and Dodoma, with a plan to keep expanding in other regions.

Complete control and visibility: Employers can monitor and control employees in one single portal by setting policies such as which days

and times employees can take the business rides, how many rides they can take, and the amount they can spend within a day, week, month or year.

What mode of payment is going to be used for this service?

The Primary mode of payment is Credit/Debit Card and Postpaid payment. This is done through direct bank transfer to one of the most popular banks in the country which is accessible to almost every part of the country, thereby, providing ease of access to all clients. One can also make payment via a bank agent (wakala) if a client cannot get to the central bank branch, as well as through direct money transfer via mobile money [Mobile money transfer to the bank]

How capable is Bolt being prepared to ensure the sustainability of services?

Bolt's mission is to focus on building better cities for people. As such, the company is working towards achieving this by offering affordable, convenient, safe and sustainable mobility alternatives to personal cars.

This will improve quality of life by reducing traffic, minimising accidents, relieving public spaces, decreasing emissions and noise pollution, and making transportation more accessible.

With this in mind, Bolt ensures the availability of its resources wherever they are present, training partners and improving the quality of the service.

Chinese Dasheng Bank opens Kariakoo branch

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

CHINA Dasheng Bank has strategically opened a new branch in Kariakoo, Dar es Salaam in an aim to bridging Tanzanian economy with China.

The opening ceremony held over the weekend by bank's employees, board members and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Cheng Ji (pictured) who officiated the launching.

China Dasheng Bank director Jimmy Mrosso, said increased business movements between China and Tanzania was among the reasons that motivated opening of a new branch to facilitate business exchange between two countries.

"More than 50 percent of imported goods in Tanzania come from China. We cannot undermine the importance of China in our country. Therefore with this scenario, China Dasheng Bank new branch opening targets to connect the two countries directly," he said.

He however urged Tanzanians to utilize the bank effectively following much capital that the bank has invested in the country.

"This is a foreign direct investment

as a lot of capital has been injected. The bank already consists of Tanzanian employees. Therefore utilize the opportunity," he said.

According to him, the other plan at hand is opening more branches in the country and China differently from the two existing Dar es Salaam branches.

On his part Ji said he is hoping in the near future the bank will be of benefit to Kariakoo business stakeholders especially on International business.

He said the bank's initiative to open new branches is part of fulfilling economic agreements between Tanzania and China following President Samia Suluhu Hassan state visit to China early this month, as she met the President of China Xi Jinping and resolved to strengthen the two countries economic cooperation.

Among the key areas signed between the two countries focused on infrastructural development, agriculture, science and technology, investment, business and marketing.

Poniwoa Mbisse, China Dasheng Bank board director said with the



China Dasheng Bank Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Cheng Ji, addresses guests at the launch of the branch at Kariakoo at the weekend in Dar es Salaam Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

four years of the bank's operation, the bank has gained more profit accelerated with the good

cooperation between the government and the customers, hence its time some Tanzanians

break the notion that the bank is entitled to only serve the Chinese.

NIT to offer aircraft maintenance, flight operations courses

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) has handed over training certificates for Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and Flight Operations Officer courses to the National Institute of Transport (NIT) for the first time.

TCAA approval of the two aviation programmes to NIT came after the transport institute fulfilled the regulations in accordance with the needs.

Handing over the certificates over the weekend in Dar es Salaam, Director of Transport Services in the Ministry of Works and Transport Aron Kisaka said: "The handing over of these certificates is a very important step for the nation, particularly at this time when the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan continues to revamp the flag carrier airline, Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL)."

He added: "I am happy to hear about the success that you have made to achieve these certificates. This is a sign of the National Institute of Transport's great efforts in ensuring that it fulfills the goals of its establishment, including offering aviation courses."

Eng. Kisaka also said that the government will continue allocating funds for the National Institute of Transport to help them improve teaching and learning environments so as to produce enough human resources to feed the transport industry.

"By knowing that the transport



Aron Kisaka (C), Director of Transport Services from the Ministry of Works and Transport, is briefed on aviation training as he visited the National Institute of Transport (NIT) during the handing over of training certificates for Aviation Courses namely Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (Airframe and Powerplant) and Flight Operations Officer Courses to the Institute. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

industry is very crucial in stimulating economic development, the government has highly invested in the sector, currently, we have purchased 10 planes and in this financial year 2022/2023 the government will buy a total of five (5) planes which are expected to start arriving in the country on March 2023," he said.

Eng Kisaka also said that the government will continue improving the budget for the aviation industry from year to year so as to ensure that it becomes a fast-growing sector.

He noted: "Therefore, I call on the NIT to ensure that it continues providing quality education that will go in line with current

needs. I also urge aviation organizations to provide practical training opportunities for aviation students. The practical will increase competence to the students and will also enable them to gain work experience."

He said: "I am also happy to hear that the process of obtaining certification for pilot

courses is progressing well. Therefore, I instruct the TCAA to continue cooperating with NIT in the process of obtaining the pilot training certificate. It is my hope that when NIT starts offering the pilot course, it will be a great opportunity for many Tanzanians who wish to study this course but failed due to the high training costs charged by foreign universities."

NIT Rector Professor Zacharia Mganilwa said that the certificates that have been handed over to the Institute are a sign and the beginning of the Institute's to continue providing excellent training, especially in aircraft maintenance engineering and flight operations.

"We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Government through the Ministry of Works and Transport for continue supporting our Institute which helps us to keep on providing transport courses including aviation," he said.

Prof. Mganilwa added: "The Institute also gives its grateful thanks to TCAA for being with us throughout the process of seeking Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and Flight Operations Officer Courses certifications. TCAA has strengthened NIT to continue providing better training."

He further said that NIT received 21.25 million US dollars (49bn/-) as financial support from the World Bank through the EASTRIP project that will fulfill the basic requirements of the aviation training programmes.

He underscored that through the EASTRIP project, NIT will construct 9 new buildings which are the Mocap building, boys and girls Hostel, a high-tech building, a modern computer lab, a staff residence, and students in Kilimanjaro as well as the hangar.

On behalf of the Director General of the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA), Teophory Mbilinyi, the Authority's senior official has also urged the NIT to continue producing excellent human resources to feed the aviation industry that suffers from the shortage of manpower."

The aviation industry is facing a severe shortage of human resources, currently, there is a shortage of more than 480,000 human resources in the world, therefore, TCAA urges the National Institute of Transport to continue producing sufficient human resources to fulfill the needs of the industry," he said.

Charting the global economy: OECD raises inflation forecast

LONDON

CENTRAL banks around the world must be steadfast in their inflation fight even though economies will suffer as a result, the OECD said this week.

The organization boosted its 2023 inflation estimates and said it expects price increases the following year will remain above the targets set by many global central banks. While economies will slow because of tighter monetary policies, the OECD didn't forecast a recession.

Though a survey of US manufacturers showed a fifth month of shrinking activity, another report indicated a healthy increase in business investment. A survey of the euro area businesses indicated that any downturn may not be severe as initially expected.

Meantime, the Bank of China eased reserve requirements for banks to help bolster the world's second-largest economy.

Here are some of the charts that appeared on Bloomberg this week on the latest developments in the global economy:

World

The world's central banks must keep raising interest rates to fight pervasive inflation, even as the global economy sinks into a significant slowdown, according to the OECD. The organization raised inflation projections for next year and said that while the global economy will suffer a "significant growth slowdown," it's not forecasting a recession.

This week saw more major rate hikes across the world, with 75 basis-point hikes in Sweden, New Zealand and South Africa and full percentage-point moves in Pakistan and Nigeria. Turkey went the opposite way, cutting rates by 150 basis points.

US

Business activity contracted for a fifth month in November as demand faltered, while inflationary pressures continued to slowly ease. The S&P Global flash composite purchasing managers' index slid to the second-lowest level since the immediate aftermath of the pandemic.

Orders placed with US factories for business equipment rebounded in October, suggesting capital spending plans are holding up in the face of higher borrowing costs and broader economic uncertainty. Core capital goods shipments jumped the most since the start of the year, suggesting a solid start to fourth-quarter gross domestic product.

Europe

Euro-area businesses see tentative signs that the region's economic slump may be easing as record inflation cools and expectations for future production improve. A gauge measuring activity in manufacturing and services unexpectedly rose in November, according to S&P Global.

Sweden's home-price decline accelerated in October, as the Nordic country gripped by the most severe housing slump in three decades shows what may lie ahead for many other developed economies.

Asia

For the second time this year, China's central bank cut the amount of cash lenders must hold in reserve, ramping up support for an economy racked by surging Covid cases and a continued property downturn. The People's Bank of China reduced the reserve requirement ratio for most banks by 25 basis points.

Signs are growing in China that local government debt burdens are becoming unsustainable. China's 31 provincial governments have a stockpile of outstanding bonds that's close to the Ministry of Finance's risk threshold of 120% of income. A major cause of the financial squeeze is the property crisis.



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6:00	HABARI	21:45	Kipindi maalum: TCDC
6:40	Kumekucha	22:30	Soap: Uzalo
7:30	HABARI	23:00	Habari
8:00	Kumekucha Michozo	23:30	The Base
8:55	Habari za saa	00:30	Al Jazeera
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo	02:00	DWTW
9:30	Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty	WEDNESDAY 30 Nov	
9:55	Habari za saa	5:00	Igizo rpt: Uzalo
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WORLD

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Democratic Republic of Congo, Felix Tshisekedi speaks during a joint press conference with Kenyan President William Ruto (not seen), at the Palais de la Nation in Kinshasa on Nov 21, 2022. AFP

DR Congo schedules presidential elections for December 2023

KINSHASA

DEMOCRATIC Republic of Congo said it will hold presidential and parliamentary elections on Dec 20, 2023, kicking off a year of complex preparations in the vast Central African country, large parts of which are overrun by militia violence.

Announcing the date at a ceremony in Kinshasa on Saturday, the electoral body, CENI, outlined several challenges, including the logistics of transporting ballot materials thousands of miles, health concerns about Ebola and COVID-19, and unrest that has forced hundreds of thousands to flee their homes.

But the government has pledged to stick to the timetable in the country of 80 million people.

"It is not a question of negotiating with the constitutional deadlines, it is a question of us respecting them and consolidating our democracy," said government spokesman Patrick Muyaya.

He said that the election will cost about \$600 million, more than \$450 million of which has already been budgeted.

Election struggles are common in Congo. The last presidential poll, Congo's first democratic transition, was delayed by two years until it was finally held in December 2018. In that vote, President Felix Tshisekedi took over from his long-standing predecessor Joseph Kabila.

This time, similar challenges remain.

Candidates are expected to be announced in October next year, with a

final list due in November. Tshisekedi is expected to run again and one likely challenger is Martin Fayulu, who claimed victory in the 2018 poll.

Presidents are limited to two terms under Congolese law.

Despite billions of dollars spent on one of the United Nations' largest peacekeeping forces, more than 120

armed groups continue to operate across the east, including M23 rebels, which Congo has repeatedly accused Rwanda of supporting. Kigali denies the accusations.

The M23 has staged a major offensive this year, seizing territory, forcing thousands of people from their homes.

Uganda's president extends Ebola epicenter's quarantine for 21 days

KAMPALA

UGANDA'S President Yoweri Museveni has extended a quarantine placed on two districts that are the epicenter of the country's Ebola outbreak by 21 days, adding that his government's response to the disease was succeeding.

Movement into and out of Mubende and Kassanda districts in central Uganda will be restricted up to Dec 17, the presidency said late on Saturday. It was originally imposed for 21 days on Oct 15, then extended for the same period on Nov 5.

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made, and to protect the rest of the country from continued exposure."

The government's anti-Ebola efforts were succeeding with two districts now going for roughly two weeks without new cases, the president said.

"It may be too early to celebrate any successes, but overall, I have been briefed that the picture is good," he said in a statement.

The East African nation has so far recorded 141 infections. Fifty-five people have died since the outbreak of the deadly haemorrhagic fever was declared on Sept 20th.

Although the outbreak was gradually being brought under control, the "situation is still fragile," Museveni said, adding that the country's weak health system and circulation of misinformation about the disease were still a



Doctors walk inside the Ebola isolation section of Mubende Regional Referral Hospital, in Mubende, Uganda, Sept 29, 2022. File photo

challenge.

The Ebola virus circulating in Uganda is the Sudan strain,

for which there is no proven vaccine, unlike the more common Zaire strain, which

spread during recent outbreaks in neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo.

Putin calls on Rostec to prioritise achievements in defence industry

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin called on the Rostec state corporation to prioritize achievements in the defense industry. On Friday, the head of state visited the Rostec City business park to attend celebrations of the corporation's 15th anniversary.



The president pointed out that "hundreds of thousands of people - highly qualified specialists and even unique experts - work here, dedicating their energy and talent to contributing to our country's industrial development." "They are directly engaged in efforts to achieve the most important national goals in a number of priority areas related to high technology," Putin added.

"Those include the aircraft and automotive industries, radio electronics, mechanical engineering, healthcare and the new material industry. It will certainly strengthen Russia's defense capabilities because Rostec facilities implement a significant part of the state defense order as it is our biggest defense corporation. I would like to point out that activities in this field should remain the corporation's priority," Putin said.

Russia's Rostec state corporation is capable of achieving breakthroughs in the field of electronics, Putin said.

"Since its founding, Rostec has been responsible for developing, producing and exporting high-technology products designed both for military and civilian purposes. There is a need not just to continue these efforts but to actively work in all promising areas that ensure Russia's technological sovereignty," the head of state pointed out.

"Undoubtedly, I expect Rostec to achieve breakthroughs in areas such as microelectronics, the electronic-component base, the aircraft industry, fifth-generation communication networks and on the whole, to make more active efforts to implement and promote domestic high-technology solutions in all fields that are important for the development of our economy as they determine the quality of life of our people and reduce our dependence on imported supplies," Putin noted.

Huawei rewards African cloud developers' sky-high ambitions

JOHANNESBURG

KENYAN financial product Spark Money, built by wealth management startup Dvara, walked away with the first prize at the Huawei Developers Competition (HDC) beating off rival teams from South Africa, Nigeria, and Tanzania. Its winning solution aims to improve financial wellness among both corporates and individuals.

The Huawei Developer Competition is one of the company's global flagship events for ICT development and innovation. Themed Spark Infinity, this year's competition encouraged African cloud developers to find novel solutions to real problems. More than 130 teams participated in the first phase which ran for four months and drew from enterprises, college students and independent developers, from across the Southern Africa region.

Speaking at the competition's vibrant awards event, held at Huawei's Johannesburg campus, Roc Bai, the VP of Huawei Cloud Southern Africa said, "The Huawei Developers Competition (HDC) encourages developers to give full play to their imagination and innovative spirit, by using ICT technologies to solve practical problems and create unlimited value. We were very impressed by the caliber of entries and all six teams who reached the final phase delivered outstanding projects, each worthy in their own merit."

All six finalists received cash prizes and Huawei devices. Kenyan winners Spark Money got \$10 000, as well as a Huawei MatePad for each team member. Team NAC from Tanzania took second place along with an \$8 000 prize. South African teams Astel Systems, Innovo Networks and Malcam Solutions collectively placed third with each team winning \$5 000 and a Huawei Watch Fit for team members. Team Maverick from Nigeria winning the Cloud Ace Award and a \$2 000 prize.

Spark Money's Mfadhili Gitau described the competition as a life changing opportunity they grabbed with both hands. "Through initiatives and competitions like this one, African developers have the opportunity and support to create and innovate the right solutions for problems faced on the African continent. This could even help our continent become a technology hub serving the rest of the world."

The competition also served as a platform for developers to network and share ideas. "We would like to thank Huawei for such an exciting program which is supporting the local tech ecosystem, empowering young innovators, and creating an innovation platform for us in Africa," said founder and senior IT enterprise professional, Alkesh Singh from Astel Systems.

Agencies

Informa Tech and Huawei host fourth broadband Africa forum

CAPE TOWN

AFRICA is on the cusp of a broadband explosion but must address significant challenges to ensure that the continent and economic benefits that come with it. This was the consensus at the fourth Broadband Africa Forum, hosted by Informa Tech and supported by Huawei.

During the forum, representatives from the African Union (AU), Africa Telecom Union (ATU), major operators, major vendors, and consultants held in-depth discussions on how to accelerate broadband adoption, improve broadband quality and promote the broadband service economy in Africa. They also highlighted the ongoing challenges faced by the continent when it comes to accelerating connectivity.

"One of the most obvious challenges in rolling out FMC [fixed-mobile convergence] is network availability," said Anderson Amlamba, director of the

AU's Management Information System. "The networks simply aren't there." When it comes to addressing those challenges, Amlamba stressed the need for cooperation.

"Governments need to work with operators to help ensure that they're enhancing and promoting their operations, rather than hindering," she said.

Several industry players also made commitments and announcements at the event. John Omo, the General Secretary of the ATU, outlined their commitment to supporting broadband universalisation in all African countries and striving to reach the target of 35% broadband penetration in Africa by 2035.

"The ATU has been continuously committed to rolling out broadband across the continent, not least because broadband is critical for economic development and social stability," Omo said. "Africa still lies far below the global average when it comes to broadband connectivity."

"Limited broadband inevitably leads to limited economic development and global trade," he added. "We must place broadband development at the core of our discourse."

Gary Lu, President of Network Marketing & Solution Sales at Huawei, pointed out that it was common consensus that ultra-broadband infrastructure being key to digital economic development, adding that fiber-based broadband must be deployed as soon as possible. "Fiber has been proven to be the best medium of high-speed broadband, once deployed, it has a 30 year lifecycle. But it is not easy at the beginning, which means we need cooperation from all of us, include government, carrier, and product supplier."

Managers and experts from regional Tier-I carriers - such as Tunisia Telecom's, South Africa's Telkom and Kenya's Safaricom - also shared their successes in copper-to-optical conversions, broadband market planning,

all-optical city coverage and collaborations with third-party infrastructure suppliers.

"Safaricom's fixed-data customers have grown five times in the past four years, twice as fast as the industry average," said Franklin Ocharo, Head of Fixed Data at Safaricom.

That growth, he said, has been built on three key pillars: network, proposition and commercialisation.

"The beauty of light (in the shape of fibre) is the ability to connect the unconnected, to unlock innovation, to help save the planet and to future-proof the network," said Sunil Piyaarlal, a Network Architecture and Modelling executive at Openserve, Telkom's fibre network.

"We have over 700 million people across Africa that don't have access to the internet. We need to get fibre to a point where it can be combined with other technologies, such as FWA [fixed wireless access], to get unconnected people connected." **Agencies**

Safeguarding peace, stability in South China Sea a common will of regional countries

EARLIER this month, China and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) issued a joint statement on the South China Sea at the 25th China-ASEAN Summit held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

It is an important document inked by the two sides on the South China Sea issue, which demonstrates China and ASEAN countries' common will and firm resolve to stay committed to rising above external disruptions and safeguarding peace and stability in the South China Sea.

The document also indicates that regional countries have the confidence, wisdom and capacity

to handle the South China Sea issue.

The joint statement, at its beginning, recognizes the benefits of having the South China Sea as a sea of peace, friendship, and cooperation.

To build the South China Sea into a sea of peace, friendship, and cooperation is an important goal of China's South China Sea policy, as well as an inherent part of deepening the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and ASEAN.

In November, 2021, Chinese President Xi Jinping attended and chaired the Special Summit to Commemorate the 30th Anniver-

sary of China-ASEAN Dialogue Relations via video link. He proposed that China and ASEAN countries should build a peaceful home, a safe and secure home, a prosperous home, a beautiful home and an amicable home together, stressing joint efforts are needed to safeguard stability in the South China Sea and make it a sea of peace, friendship and cooperation.

The incorporation of "a sea of peace, friendship and cooperation" into the joint statement this time mirrored regional countries' active response to and support for China's South China Sea policy.

It proved that China and ASEAN countries have reached a general

consensus on what kind of South China Sea they should build.

The Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) is the first political document signed by China and ASEAN countries on the South China Sea issue.

The document and its implementation ensure the basic stability in the South China Sea and create favorable conditions for regional prosperity and the in-depth development and comprehensive upgrading of China-ASEAN relations.

Facts have proved that the DOC is in line with the reality in the region and has the characteristics of the region. It reflects the common ground shared by regional countries

on the South China Sea issue. It was proved effective in the past, remains effective today and will continue to be effective in the future.

The joint statement issued this time reaffirms that the DOC is a milestone document in ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, recognizing the imperative of strengthened efforts and heightened goodwill towards the full and effective implementation of the DOC as the situation in the South China Sea has changed tremendously since the signing of the document.

The joint statement demonstrates that China and ASEAN countries will keep working together to abide by the basic principles and common conduct set by the DOC, to safeguard

peace and stability in the South China Sea. The joint statement reaffirms that the parties concerned undertake to resolve territorial and jurisdictional disputes by peaceful means, through friendly consultations and negotiations by sovereign states directly concerned.

Over the recent years, China and ASEAN countries have raised and implemented the groundbreaking "dual-track" approach--disputes should be resolved peacefully through negotiation between the parties directly concerned, and China and ASEAN countries should work together to maintain peace and stability in the South China Sea. **People's Daily**

Chinese-sponsored solar-powered boreholes tackling water stress in Kenya's arid lands

NAIROBI

WINIFRED Nzioka's face lit up when a male farmhand delivered several jerrycans of water to her homestead on a balmy late afternoon to quench the thirst of mooing cows.

The middle-aged mother of five has put up a permanent house sandwiched between sunbaked farms at the heart of the southern Kenyan county of Machakos, which is in the grip of a prolonged dry spell.

A few yards from Nzioka's homestead is a public school where a solar-powered borehole sponsored by a Chinese entrepreneur is providing respite to water stress that used to torment residents of the arid plains that dot Machakos County.

The small-holder farmer told Xinhua during a recent interview that water woes are now behind her since she can draw the commodity from the solar-powered borehole at a modest fee. "I have benefitted a lot from the borehole where I obtain water for my cows and domestic consumption. We are happy because clean drinking water is now on our doorstep," said Nzioka.

Completed in around May, the solar-powered borehole at Kwakatheke Primary School, adjacent to Nzioka's home, is the brainchild of Li Xia, the chief executive officer and co-founder of Shenzhen Solar Run Energy Company Limited.

Through a partnership with local not-for-profit groups, Li has leveraged solar solutions to address water stress in Machakos and other Kenya's drylands bearing the brunt of climate-induced droughts.

Li, who had just landed from Egypt where she attended the UN climate conference, said harnessing solar power to pump water from boreholes is helping tackle the growing scarcity of the resource in Africa's climate hotspots.

Fabian Daniel, an 18-year-old farmhand, was in his element as he chaperoned two heifers that carted away 20-liter jerrycans filled with water drawn from a kiosk fed by the solar-powered borehole.

"We used to trek for about five kilometers and spend upwards of two hours to reach a water source, but it is no longer the case; now we are obtaining the commodity at this kiosk which is on our doorstep," said Daniel.

The young son of peasant farmers said he currently spends less than thirty minutes drawing water from



People fetch water from a solar powered water kiosk in Machakos County, Kenya, on Nov. 23, 2022. Xinhua

the kiosk and carting it home for domestic consumption and irrigating crops. "I think this water project is good for rural Kenyans affected by drought. We have to look for a way to make water available for these communities, including drilling boreholes.

Underground water is more reliable than rain," said Li. She noted that solar power, a renewable source of energy, could aid Kenya's quest for a green transition besides enhancing sustainable water supply for underserved rural communities.

Li stressed that access to a reliable water supply will enable Machakos villagers to undertake climate-resilient agricultural practices, boost their food security and broaden their revenue streams.

"Water is not only helping them to drink, but also helping them to increase

productivity in their farms. And solar power is a must; because in off-grid areas, you cannot draw water from underground sources without solar energy," said Li.

Li said courtesy of a strategic partnership with local enterprises and charities, her company has been able to utilize China's prowess in underground water utilization to tackle access gaps in Kenya's arid and semi-arid areas.

More than five million liters of clean drinking water has been delivered to households since the completion of the solar-powered borehole project and the kiosk in May this year, said Tajinder Singh, managing director of Project Maji, a not-for-profit social enterprise that has partnered with Li to tackle water woes in Kenya. Singh added that the public primary school is provided with one thou-

sand liters of safe drinking water daily to help quench pupils' thirst, irrigate trees and improve sanitation and hygiene.

Singh disclosed that one 20-liter jerrycan of water is sold at 2.5 Kenyan shillings (about 0.02 U.S. dollars) at the kiosk, adding that regular monitoring is conducted to ensure the commodity meets the safety and quality threshold.

Susan Kennedy, principal of Kwakatheke Primary School, said the establishment of a solar-powered borehole has improved the academic performance and health of her 107 pupils.

"The children have been spared the agony of trekking long distances under scorching heat to look for water. The borehole water is safe for drinking and children are also using it to nurture trees and maintain the hygiene of their classrooms," said Kennedy.

Moscow does not take to heart European Parliament's resolution - Kremlin spokesman

MOSCOW

THE European Parliament's resolution recognizing Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism is not legally binding, Moscow does not take such decisions to heart, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the "Moscow Kremlin. Putin" program on Rossiya-1 TV channel yesterday.

"The European Parliament is the kind of organization that rather bases its work on emotions, on an emotional approach," the spokesman said.

"Of course, it's no secret to us that in the recent years the European Parliament has had little love for us. In return, we have had little desire to take into account what's going on there," and to take it very much to heart, Peskov stressed.

"The situation when such blatant Russophobia and hatred towards Russia are just running over. But this does not have any legally binding nature.

That is how it should be treated," the Kremlin spokesman explained in a conversation with journalist Pavel Zarubin.

The Russian side sees "a huge lack of professional approach and a huge lack of professionalism" in the European Parliament, he went on to say.

"And emotions is such a changeable thing. Today they are Russophobic, tomorrow there will be something else. And then, maybe a moment of clarity will come," he summed up.



Rwanda holds tourism week to boost sector recovery

KIGALI

THE Rwanda Chamber of Tourism launched on Saturday the 2022 edition of the Rwanda Tourism Week, which officials said is expected to help boost the sector's recovery.

To run from Nov. 26 to Dec. 3, the weeklong event will be marked under the theme "Adopting Innovative Approaches to Boost Intra-Africa Travel as a Drive for Tourism Business

Recovery."

"The Rwanda Tourism Week in part serves as one of the strategies to boost the recovery of our industry, enable our stakeholders to showcase their products, and foster partnerships that create more business opportunities," said Frank Gisha Mugisha, the Director General of the Rwanda Chamber of Tourism.

The week will feature several activities such as "golf for conservation

event" scheduled to connect the region's elite businesses with the business stakeholders. It will also involve a Restaurant Week, a promotional culinary event where the public will have an opportunity to taste their best dishes in a variety of cuisines at their favorite restaurant at promotional rates, according to the Rwanda Chamber of Tourism.

About 17 selected restaurants are participating in the promotional

campaign in Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda.

An exhibition is also planned to take place from Dec. 1 to Dec. 3 expected to attract more than 200 local and continental tourism and hospitality operators. Rwanda lost 10 million U.S. dollars, or 10 percent of estimated revenues in 2020, after about 20 conferences scheduled between March and April that year were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Before wrapping up, this year's Tourism Week will convene leading African business leaders in Kigali at a forum to share insights on different strategies which can enable tourism and travel to boost the local economy and encourage inclusivity and sustainability and reconnect tour operators, travel stakeholders within the African continent and beyond. Roughly 2,000 local and international delegates are expected to attend.

UN calls for eliminating violence against women, girls

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations on Friday called for efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls (VAWG) on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which falls on Nov. 25 annually.

In his message for the day, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that "now is the time for transformative action that ends violence against women and girls," adding that violence against women and girls is "the most pervasive human rights violation in the world."

Through a statement, Sima Bahous, UN Women Executive Director, called on governments and partners across the world to increase long-term funding and support to women's rights organizations, to make commitments to the Generation Equality Action Coalition on Gender-based Violence and donations to civil society organizations through the UN Trust Fund and support to the Spotlight Initiative.

"Resources matter and the scale of financial support for this cause does not match either the scale of the issue or the statements of concern made by those in leadership roles," Bahous added.

Eleven UN entities called for efforts to eliminate VAWG in a joint statement, kicking off the "UNiTE! Activism to End Violence against Women and Girls" campaign.

They reminded that an estimated one in three women experience gender-based violence during her lifetime. Last year, nearly one in five women aged 20 to 24 had been married before turning 18 and less than 40 percent who experience violence seek help of any sort. Furthermore, global emergencies, crises, and conflicts



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

have further intensified VAWG and exacerbated its drivers and risks.

"Since the start of COVID-19, 45 percent of women reported that they or a woman they know has experienced a form of VAWG," according to the statement.

All types of gender-based violence are also aggravated by natural disasters, as witnessed in 2005 during Hurricane Katrina, in 2010 during the Haiti earthquake, in 2011 during the tropical cyclones in Vanuatu, and in 2019 through 2022 during the Australian bush fires.

Meanwhile, existing forms of gender-based violence have

grown online as anti-rights movements have flourished. According to the UN entities, these factors have resulted in a shrinking space for civil society, a backlash against women's rights organizations, and increased attacks against women human rights advocates.

While ending gender-based VAWG might seem unimaginable, the UN underscored that "it is not." "Large-scale reductions in violence against women can be achieved through intensive feminist activism and advocacy coupled with evidence and practice-informed multisectoral action and investment," the statement continued.

Citing evidence suggesting that "strong and autonomous feminist movements" as being "the most critical factor" in ending VAWG, UN Women and its sister agencies are calling upon governments and partners to "act now to end violence against women and show their solidarity to women's rights movements and activists."

Through the UNiTE campaign, the UN is asking for increased long-term funding and support to women's rights organizations working on solutions to prevent and respond to VAWG.

It is also advocating for resisting the rollback on women's rights; amplifying the voices of women human rights defenders and feminist women's movements; mobilizing more actors to join movements to end VAWG globally; and promoting the leadership and participation of women and girls in political, policy making, and decision-making spaces.

In addition, the statement emphasizes the importance of strengthening protections to prevent, eliminate, and address violence, harassment, threats, intimidation and discrimination against women human rights defenders and advocates.

On Dec. 20, 1993, the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women through Resolution 48/104.

Finally, on Feb. 7, 2000, the General Assembly adopted Resolution 54/134, officially designating Nov. 25 as the International day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and in doing so, inviting governments, international organizations as well as non-government organizations to join together and organize activities designed to raise public awareness of the issue every year on that date.

Venezuela's frozen funds to be gradually released for aid

MEXICO CITY

VENEZUELA'S government and opposition have asked the United Nations to manage a fund for billions of dollars now held in foreign banks, which will be gradually unfrozen to combat a humanitarian crisis in the oil-rich nation, delegates announced in Mexico City on Saturday.

Sources told Reuters last month the frozen funds amount to more than \$3 billion.

The money, held in Venezuelan-owned accounts overseas, was frozen by US and European banks after the United States ramped up sanctions under the administration of President Donald Trump, designed to pressure President Nicolas Maduro to take steps toward free elections.

Talks between Maduro's government and its political opponents resumed in Mexico City on Saturday, mediated by Norway, after being on ice for more than a year.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken welcomed the talks as "an important step toward restoring democracy to Venezuelans."

"We will look to the parties to achieve lasting agreements that set the course for free and fair presidential elections in 2024," he said on Twitter.

Maduro also posted a statement on Twitter, saying: "We will always strive for dialogue with all Venezuelan society. We continue to take important steps for the well-being of our country."

Following the announcement for a UN-administered fund, the US Treasury Department issued a license for Chevron, the second

largest US oil company, to expand operations in Venezuela, allowing it to import Venezuelan crude into the United States.

The government's delegation was led by congressional leader Jorge Rodriguez of Venezuela's ruling United Socialist Party (PSUV), and the opposition group was headed by politician Gerardo Blyde.

Maduro had said the aim of the talks was to recover the "kidnapped" resources for public investment: "Then we will see what other issues can be discussed."

The funds are set to help stabilize the country's electric grid, improve education infrastructure and deal with the impact of this year's deadly rains and flooding.

It is part of a broad agenda that covers US sanctions on Venezuela, conditions for the next presidential elections and the status of hundreds of political prisoners - though these issues will not be discussed in this round of talks.

"This agreement provides the template for how further progress can be secured," the European Union said in a statement.

More than 71 million Venezuelans have left their country according to UN estimates this year, many migrating to other Latin American countries or the United States, as Venezuela battles high inflation, and food and medicine shortages. More than half of Venezuelan migrants do not have access to three meals a day, UN estimates showed.

In Venezuela, a survey by local universities this year showed some 78 percent of the population was worried about lack of food, compared with 88 percent in 2021.

Some Venezuelan and US critics raised concerns the liquidity injection could boost Maduro's credentials before the country's 2024 elections.



SPORT



Bank of Tanzania (BoT) team's leader Alex Makene (L) is pictured with athlete Esther Zakayo immediately after the latter had grabbed gold medals for the side in women's 1500m and 5000m races of this season's Inter-Parastatal and Non-Parastatal Sports Federation of Tanzania (SHIMMUTA) Games that took place at Tanga Technical School ground last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT CHEJI BAKARI

BoT athletics team scoops gold medals in 2022 SHIMMUTA Games

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

BANK of Tanzania (BoT) athletics team scooped gold medals in women's 1500m and 5000m races of the ongoing Inter-Parastatal and Non-Parastatal Sports Federation of Tanzania (SHIMMUTA) Games in Tanga.

The BoT athletics team was as a result announced as the overall winner for the races.

Esther Zakayo, the BoT squad's athlete, grabbed the medals after racing past fellow competitors in the races that took place at Tanga Technical Secondary School ground.

Alex Makene, the BoT team's leader, pointed out his players had prepared efficiently to participate in the games whilst being optimistic about triumphing in every stage.

"We thank Almighty God for this stage we have reached, you're all eyewitnesses as we scooped these gold medals for the races that took place here today," he said.

He added: "We have also succeeded to enter knockout stages of football and netball but we are targeting progression to the final and lifting top honours."

Esther stated regular practices have helped her put on a gallant show, having practiced in the conducive condition in Dodoma.

She added: "I was regularly practicing, running in different areas like University of Dodoma (UDOM) grounds as well as Jamhuri Stadium and other uphill areas to improve fitness and stamina."

Simba SC election to take place next year

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC Election Committee has officially announced that the club's election will be held on January 29 next year.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam last week, Simba SC's Election Committee Chairman Boniface Lihamwike said that the decision was reached following the completion of the term of the outfit's leadership.

"Simba SC is going to hold its election but I would like to make a note that for the leaders who have finished their term, they will continue with their duties normally until the date of the election," he said.

Lihamwike said that in the election the positions to be contested are the Chairmanship and four other members.

The official disclosed: "Of those four members, at least one should be a woman, the constitution also allows Chairman to appoint two members."

Mentioning the qualities required for candidates, Lihamwike said that any candidate should be righteous, an active member of the club, and not be found guilty of a criminal offense.

Another qualification is age starting from 25 years and not exceeding 64, not being a

shareholder of another club and not being a football referee.

The Election Committee Member Gerald Mongela said December 5-19 will be the day for issuing and returning the election forms to Simba SC offices while inspection of the forms will take place December 20-21, thus, election forms should be returned within the mentioned time.

Mongela stated that December 22-24 is the interview date for those interested candidates who returned the form within the time frame while December 28 will be the day to post the names of candidates for various positions who have passed the interview.

According to Mongela December 29-30 is the day for all objections against the applicants while January 1-2 next year will be the date to review the objections and issue a call to those who raised objections and nominated candidates.

The committee revealed January 3-4 are the days for it to hear objections and make a decision while January 5 will be used to announce all names of the candidates who met the criteria.

The candidates will begin conducting campaigns from January 6-28 and the election is set to take place the following day.

RS Berkane forward still dreams of moving to Simba SC

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

MOROCCO'S RS Berkane striker Victorien Adebayor has made it clear that he still wishes to turn out for Tanzania's Simba SC in the CAF Champions League.

The Nigerian goal-getter showed impressive showing for his previous side, US Gendarmerie Nationale of Niger, as the club came up against Simba SC in the group stage of the previous season's CAF Confederation Cup.

In two group stage matches pitting US Gendarmerie Nationale against Simba SC, the Nigerian outfit settled for a 1-1 draw with Simba SC in the first leg at its backyard and thereafter suffered a 4-0 loss in the rematch in Dar es Salaam.

Adebayor was a transfer target for Tanzania's soccer big guns Simba SC and Yanga but he had high demands and RS Berkane under the tutelage of Florent Ibenge reached an agreement with him and signed him up even though he found himself becoming a fringe footballer at the Moroccan club.

The goal-getter disclosed to Simba SC's bosses the squad can rope him in if they reach

an agreement.

"I wanted to play for Simba SC, it's a club that showed the need for my services, especially their fans, I remember the love they showed me when I was there in Tanzania," Adebayor noted.

The footballer pointed out: "At that time there was a difficulty for them, they had to complete the deal with two clubs, something they thought was difficult."

"I still remember Simba SC and I remember their fans very much, I believe that the time will come when I will play for Simba SC," he noted, adding if Simba SC will garner success in the continental showpiece, he is ready to move to the side.

Adebayor said he is happy with Simba SC's consistency in CAF Champions League and he wants to be a part of the side's success.

The goal-getter disclosed: "Every player likes to play for a club with a good performance in international competitions, I am happy with their progress in the group stage."

"I like their players' showing but the biggest issue is their fans' fanaticism showcased when they play at home," the Nigerian footballer pointed out.

SPORTS

How Ghana vs Portugal was second fiddle to vast galactic test of strength

By Correspondent John Kimbute

THERE is a way in which a sideline event takes the limelight within a more formal event that is supposedly the issue of the day, for instance when Taifa Stars was playing Uganda's Cranes and won 3-0.

All ears were tuned to Burkina Faso vs Cape Verde as if either of them had obtained three points the side would have qualified, irrespective of the results of the local tie between Taifa Stars and Cranes.

That is, in a sense, happening in the current World Cup finals, and the issue is hardly about either qualification or such a win.

The late evening match between Portugal and Ghana was overshadowed by a huge contention in the UEFA circuit in the aftermath of a globally premiered interview, a 'royal tour' of the horizon with Piers Morgan, a syndicated interview radio and television magazine.

Reports on the interview said it was requested by the player, Cristiano Ronaldo, wishing to reflect on his monumental disappointments with Manchester United, a club of his youth to which he returned after a decade-long career with giants Real Madrid and Juventus. The Ghana-Portugal match is his first since then.

Even from the commentary that was being aired by television pundits, the match was likely to make a mark on whether Ronaldo was right in his criticism of Manchester United coach Eric Ten Hag, complaining that the manager shows no respect for him.

It was due to being asked to enter the pitch in the dying minutes of the game, either in injury time or close to it.

Relations never actually steadied thereafter, with the interview he requested staging breaking point, leaving him a de facto free player.

The issue was that he rehabilitates himself before a worldwide audience so that he takes out some of the hounding arising from his non-respectful remarks, for the wider public to conclude that the coach was failing him.

It was a moment to show not just his ability to play but a show of class, demonstrating without a shade of doubt that he is a player who can make a difference in the high-level contest.

Facing Ghana with Portugal was a virtual substitute for facing any other Premier League side, and being tasked to show why his complaints are valid.

By the time the match was 70 minutes into the show it was unclear that the player had made his point, but had avoided the worst by scoring a penalty but then Ghana replied with a neat finish in a goalmouth melee.

The matter shifted to whether the player would make a difference, they scored but he was hardly on the mark.



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo (C) takes a spot kick when the squad took on Ghana in a 2022 World Cup clash held in Qatar last week. AGENCIES

He then failed to use a clear opportunity, only needing to flip the ball above the goalkeeper.

The now sidelined Manchester United player put up a good game, with the less garlanded Ghanaian side handing the change all the way, striking another beautiful goal by a header at close range on the margin of the goal area.

There was little Ronaldo could have done in the dying minutes as he was substituted when the score was 3-1, the Portuguese side coach believing the score was beyond reach for Ghana.

Doubts probably lingered on as regards disrespect from the coach, as he wasn't actually above other Portugal players despite being captain, and the rivalry for the man of the match status, if it was there, could easily have been taken by another Portugal player or from the opposite side. Respect isn't easy to cultivate at age 37.

The match for once retained the respect that underdogs have generated in this year's finals, as it wasn't finally a moment for a rebirth of Ronaldo before his home fans and many others abroad, at the expense of Ghana.

If anything, key Ghanaian striker Andre Abedi Ayew was an illustration of what Ronaldo and others used to do in the past, as a devastating center-forward with a powerful presence, and ability to bulldoze his way into the next amidst all sorts of opposition.

Ayew was on the mark for his equalizer after Ronaldo's penalty, a brilliant show of force.

In that case, it is the coach of his now estranged club

who thus made his point, as he only needs to show clips from the full game to ask pundits to state for themselves if Ronaldo ought to be considered an outstanding player, even in that game.

Even concerning the penalty shot he scored, luck was on his side as he failed to send the goalie the wrong way and simply tap the ball into the net.

He hit from the inside of his foot, which carries less power compared to the upper part, covering the ball rather than clearing it as he did.

The goalie went the same direction as the ball and it was just fortunate the power behind the ball was intense enough for it to pass under his armpits.

It shows how close the multiple winner of the golden ball was to disaster in his first international outing after parting ways with Ten Hag.



Boomplay Tanzania's General Manager, Natasha Stambuli (2nd L), shares her thoughts on bridging the gap to global markets for African music creators during the fifth edition of the Music in Africa Conference for Collaborations, Exchange and Showcases (ACCES) that was held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Others in the picture include Head of Label and Publishing- Universal Music Africa (Ivory Coast) Pit Baccardi (L), Artists and Label Relations, East Africa for The Orchard, and Beth Achitsan (R). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Why are Man United and Liverpool suddenly on the market?

DOHA, Qatar

ENGLISH soccer's two most storied teams are suddenly in play.

Manchester United has joined great rival Liverpool in opening its doors to a potential buyout that could be the biggest in sporting history.

Following the sale of Chelsea in May, it sets up the prospect of three of the biggest Premier League clubs changing ownership in just a few months.

Newcastle was also bought by a consortium led by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund last year.

So why this relative, but rapid, flood on to the market?

The acquisition of Chelsea by Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital was a unique case, with Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich forced to sell after being sanctioned by the UK government for his links to Vladimir Putin.

Still, it feels like a significant factor in what has followed.

For any would-be sellers out there, it established a definite interest from the world's super rich wanting a piece of soccer's most popular league.

Boehly and Clearlake fought off rival bids from Chicago Cubs owners the Ricketts family, Boston Celtics owner Steve Pagliuca and UK billionaire Jim Ratcliffe among many others.

A fee of 2.5 billion pounds (\$3 billion) for a team that has a smaller stadium than any of its elite Premier League rivals has set a marker for United and Liverpool, who have long been the most popular in England, with enormous global reach.

United claims to have more than one billion worldwide fans and followers.

It also has by far the biggest stadium in the Premier League, with Old Trafford's capacity at more than 75,000 in contrast to Chelsea's Stamford Bridge, which holds around 42,000.

"Using business fundamentals, any valuation doesn't give you 2.5 billion pounds for Chelsea," Kieran Maguire, author of "Price of Football," told The Associated Press. "If the UK government could get that... (price) for Chelsea, clubs run far more prudently could legitimately get more."

"I worked out Chelsea to be worth something like 1.5 billion pounds in normal business circumstances. Chelsea was a forced sale."

On that basis it appears anything goes in this market.

Maguire, who is also associate professor of football finance at Liverpool University, believes a figure of \$4-

4.5 billion would be reasonable for United. But numbers well in excess of that have been widely circulating since the Glazers, who also own the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, announced plans to explore "strategic alternatives" this week.

"I'm reading figures of \$6-7 billion and that's taken me aback," said Maguire. "The world of finance is full of very confident people who like shouting out big numbers."

Merchant bank Raine Group, which conducted the sale of Chelsea, is handling the process for United, which could include a full buyout.

It will already be well-connected with the type of people who would be serious candidates to launch takeover bids.

Maguire says the lure of owning a sports team is about more than just business.

"If you are a billionaire, who are the people you associate with? You've got as much as everyone you know," he said. "You've got the yacht, you've got the helicopter. If you say you've got Manchester United, you own the room. It's like owning a Picasso or a Van Gogh. It's a scarce piece of work."

"If you really wanted the Mona Lisa you would pay a huge price. Is Man United the Mona Lisa of football?"

The Glazer family will certainly see the business case to sell. Likewise, the Fenway Sports Group (FSG), which owns Liverpool and this month confirmed it was open to selling shares in the club.

The late tycoon Malcolm Glazer bought United in 2005 for 790 million pounds (then about \$1.4 billion). The family stands to make a huge profit on that even by the most conservative valuations.

FSG bought Liverpool for 300 million pounds (then about \$476 million) in 2010 and would likely expect to command at least the same sale price as Chelsea.

Still, both clubs would likely have known the potential for profit even before Abramovich sold up.

Another reason why they are now open to selling could be because of the aborted launch of a new European Super League last year, which sparked a furious backlash from supporters.

A new competition for European soccer's wealthiest teams was seen as a way to bring in fresh broadcast revenues, without the jeopardy of missing out on Champions League qualification.

But its immediate collapse ended hopes of those new sources of income and forced the Glazers and FSG to make grovelling apologies to fans.

US soccer displays Iran flag minus Islamic Republic emblem

DOHA, Qatar

THE U.S. men's soccer team has begun displaying Iran's national flag on social media without the emblem of the Islamic Republic as nationwide protests challenging Tehran's theocratic government continue.

The Twitter account of the U.S. men's team on Sunday displayed a banner with the squad's matches in the group stage, with the Iranian flag only bearing its green, white and red colors. The same could be seen in a post on its Facebook and Instagram accounts laying out the point totals so far in its group.

The U.S. men's team did not immediately respond to a request for comment. However, the absence of the emblem comes as months-long demonstrations have challenged Iran's government since the Sept. 16 death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who had been detained by the country's morality police.

The protests have seen at least 450 people killed since they started, as well as over 18,000 arrested, according to Human Rights Activists in Iran, an advocacy group following the demonstrations.

Iran has not released casualty or arrest figures for months and alleges without providing evidence that the protests have been fomented by its enemies abroad, including the U.S.

Tehran also restricts press access and has detained over 63 reporters and photographers since the demon-

strations began, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, making covering the unrest that much more difficult.

Iran's mission to the United Nations and its soccer federation did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Iranian state media had yet to acknowledge the emblem's absence on the U.S. men's team accounts, though comments raged online.

The Islamic Republic emblem, designed in 1980, is four curves with a sword between them. It represents the Islamic saying: "There is no god but God." It also resembles a tulip or lotus.

At the top and the bottom of the flag, there are 22 inscriptions of "God is Great" as well, which honors the date on the Persian calendar when the Islamic Revolution took hold.

The flag has become a point of contention at the World Cup. Apparent pro-government supporters have waved it, shouting at those demonstrating over Amini's death. Others at matches have waved Iran's lion and sun flag, an emblem of its former ruler, the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

More security forces could be seen at Iran's last match against Wales. In the capital Tehran, anti-riot police – the same ones cracking down on protesters – waved the Iranian flag after the Wales win, angering demonstrators.

Team Melli will face the U.S. on Tuesday.

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Costa Rica rallies late to beat Japan 1-0 in Group E

AL RAYYAN, Qatar

KEYSHER Fuller scored in the 81st minute to lift Costa Rica to a 1-0 victory over Japan on Sunday, leaving both teams with three points after two games in Group E of the World Cup.

Fuller took advantage of a defensive error when Japan failed to clear the ball and hit the net from 18 meters just off the fingertips of leaping Japan goalkeeper Shuichi Gonda.

The match at Ahmad Bin Ali stadium was tactical and largely lackluster, particularly in a first half that did not yield a single shot on goal. The second half was slightly better with Japan pressing throughout until Costa Rica broke through.

Costa Rica keeper Keylor Navas came up with several rapid fire saves in the final minutes to ensure the victory.

Japan has one Group E game remaining with Spain, and Costa Rica faces Germany in its final group match. With a victory, Japan could have all but wrapped up a place in the knockout stage after a 2-1 upset of Germany in its opener. Costa Rica was pounded by Spain 7-0 in its first game and just trying to survive.

Japan had the edge in corners, shots, and possession but could not find the net.

The first half might have been one of the worst of the tournament that has already seen four 0-0 draws. Neither team had a shot on goal in a tactical stalemate.

Ritsu Doan, who scored one of Japan's goals in the 2-1 win over Germany, looked the most threatening early with runs down the right side looking to cut in crosses.

Costa Rica's most menacing player always looked like Joel Campbell, trying to use his speed on the left flank.

There was more action in the first two minutes after the break than in the entire first half.



Costa Rica's Yeltsin Tejeda, right, tries to block a shot from Japan's Wataru Endo during the World Cup, group E soccer match between Japan and Costa Rica, at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium in Al Rayyan, Qatar, Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022. (AP Photo)

Hideyama Morita tested Navas with a blistering shot in the first minute, and Takuma Asano forced another save a minute later.

Despite Japan's attacking intent, the late defensive error cost the team, which seemed headed for a draw and a valuable point.

Japan, which is appearing in its seventh straight World Cup, has reached the knockout stage on three occasions, losing each time in the round of 16. Costa Rica reached the quarterfinals in Brazil in 2014.

Japan may not win the World Cup, but it's winning goodwill with its tradition of cleaning up fan areas and player dressing rooms after the match. This dates from Japan's first appearance in the World Cup in 1998. This time Japanese team officials have arrived with 8,000 trash bags with thank-you greetings in Arabia, Japanese, and English.

Meanwhile, Ghana coach Otto Addo has been impressed with Son Heung-min ever since he coached the South Korean forward at the youth level.

The two will be reunited today when Ghana meets South Korea

in a World Cup Group H match at Qatar's Education City Stadium.

Atto was working for Germany's Hamburg when he first encountered Son, who he recommended for the club's first team.

"He's very, very disciplined. So he became so good because he worked hard for it. This is what I hoped for, and I expected it," Addo said Sunday before the match.

Addo added with a smile: "I always wish him all the best, except tomorrow."

Son and the South Koreans challenged Uruguay in their tough Group H opener, coming away with a 0-0 draw.

"In terms of offense, we had a very good performance," South Korea coach Paulo Bento said through a translator. "We are a brave team, we are not afraid of our rivals."

Son personified that bravery, wearing a mask to protect a broken left eye socket and cheered on by fans wearing Batman masks. He was injured on Nov. 2 in a Champions League match against Marseille that limited his training in the runup to the World Cup.

Argentina breathes collective sigh of relief after victory

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

LUCIANA Medina was so nervous that she could barely sleep the night before Saturday's match between Argentina and Mexico which could have all but knocked the soccer-mad South American country from the World Cup.

After the game, she couldn't stop smiling.

"I'm so proud. I truly loved the match," Medina, a 23-year-old communications student, said while wearing an Argentina jersey. "I'm so happy."

Argentines breathed a collective sigh of relief Saturday afternoon as the country obtained a decisive 2-0 victory over Mexico dissipating doubts that had emerged about Lionel Messi's team after the shock loss against Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. That loss had sent the country almost into a state of national mourning.

"The whole week was very sad, everyone was very aggressive as well, as if they were lost, without knowing what to do," Medina said. "We were all very nervous."

María del Carmen Martínez, 60, said she was "very tense" when she arrived at a plaza in Buenos Aires to watch the match on giant screens.

"I'm happy now," the retail worker said with a smile. "It's as if the players finally woke up."

Manuel Gauto, 21, agreed he saw a different team on the field than the one that fell before Saudi Arabia.

"They rose to the occasion and put their hearts into it," Gauto said. "They have another attitude now."

The mood was completely different in Mexico City, where thousands had gathered in bars and plazas to follow the match only to be left disappointed by their team's performance.

The coach "gave away the game," complained Daniel Martínez minutes after the match ended. "We're completely destroyed, but this doesn't end here."

There were long periods of silence in Mexico City's Revolution Square as fans found few moments to celebrate.

"I'm crying out of emotion but also sadness," Lupita Diaz said. "I love soccer but Mexico is failing us now."

In Buenos Aires, the tension was al-

most palpable as thousands gathered on a hot summer day to watch the decisive game, and an eerie silence fell over the crowd throughout the first half as neither side obtained a goal and doubts once again crept in about the team long thought to be one of the favorites to win the World Cup.

"I went through a lot of emotions, first I was very nervous and anxious for the game to start and in the first half I saw that something was missing," Valeria Benítez, 24, said.

All that pent up energy made the crowd explode in jubilation when Messi scored the first goal.

"The planets aligned in the second half. I thought they played well, there was a strategy that was well thought out," Benítez said. "Let's hope this is only the beginning."

Karen Veliz, a 36-year-old accountant, went to watch the match with her family and friends, but found it hard to have fun at first.

"I was super, super nervous. It was only after they got the first goal that I could finally relax," she said.

Argentines had been eagerly awaiting the World Cup, counting on the tournament to shift the mood of a country that has been economically stagnant for years, is suffering one of the world's highest inflation rates and where close to four in 10 live in poverty.

Matías Stamm, a 26-year-old programmer, said he felt much lighter after what he described as "a very complicated week because we came from a very positive streak and then fell in the first game of the Cup."

Many fans were particularly frustrated at Tuesday's loss against Saudi Arabia, a unbeaten streak leading up to the tournament.

"Winning games is super important to recover confidence," Stamm added. "We have to go with humility and calm because each game is a final."

For Ariel Rivera, a 37-year-old, software developer, said that Saturday's victory showed "there is still hope."

"Argentina has everything that it needs to be able to win," Rivera said. "I think we're going to go far."

Meanwhile, in Doha, Qatar, Guillermo Ochoa's World Cup magic didn't work against Lionel Messi and Argentina.

Mexico's goalkeeper, known for big saves in soccer's biggest tournament, had stopped Robert Lewandowski's penalty attempt in El Tri's World Cup opener. But he was helpless against Messi's second-half blast from distance in the 64th minute on Saturday night.

Enzo Hernandez added a second goal in the waning minutes to give Argentina a 2-0 victory.

"The difference was because they had Messi," forward Henry Martín said.

Doha's golden Lusail Stadium, which will host the World Cup final next month,

Addo, who played for Ghana, is one of five African coaches leading the five African teams at the World Cup in Qatar. He joins Cameroon's Rigobert Song, Senegal's Aliou Cisse, Morocco's Walid Regragui and Tunisia's head coach Jalel Kadri.

"I think this is a very big step for Africa. In the previous years, there were not so many coaches, so it's a big task for Africa to develop more coaches – not only to coach African teams, but to coach other teams, teams in Europe, and I think the world is lacking this," Addo said.

Ghana heads into Tuesday's match against South Korea after losing 3-2 to Portugal in its opener. All five of the African teams were winless in their first group-stage matches, but Tunisia rebounded with a victory over Qatar in its second game.

The Black Stars are the youngest team at the World Cup, with an average age of 24 years and four months. So it was encouraging that they held their own against Portugal and star Cristiano Ronaldo, whose 65th-minute penalty made him the first male player to score at five World Cups.

Afterward, Addo called the penalty "a special gift from the referee" but on Sunday he was keen to move on.

"It's in the past," he said. "It's gone. It's over. We can't change it."

Veteran captain Andre Ayew and Osman Bukari scored for Ghana against Portugal. Ayew was also on the Ghana team that went to the quarterfinals at the 2010 World Cup. Ghana was eliminated in the group stage at the 2014 tournament, and did not make the field for Russia in 2018.

With the win, Portugal led Group H going into the second round of group-stage matches. Ghana sits at the bottom of the table and would be eliminated if it loses to South Korea.

South Korea was making its sixth straight World Cup appearance. The team lost to Turkey in the third-place match as co-hosts at the 2002 World Cup.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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NBC Bank Director for Business Development, Elvis Ndunguru (L) hands over a 1m/- dummy cheque along with a trophy to Mbeya City FC goalkeeper Sixtus Sabilo who was declared the 2022/23 NBC Premier League's Best Player for October. The presentation event took place shortly before the kick-off of a Premier League match between Yanga and Mbeya City FC held at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Saturday and ended in a 2-0 win for Yanga. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

CAF announces dates for inter-club tournaments' group stages draw

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Confederation of African Football (CAF) has officially announced that the draw for this season's Champions League and Confederation Cup group stages will be held on December 12 at its headquarters in Egypt.

Initially, the draw was scheduled to take place on November 16 but it failed to take place, given CAF said it would be scheduled for another date due to reasons beyond the confederation's control.

Simba SC and Yanga are the clubs representing Tanzania in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League and 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup respectively.

The two have a long time to prepare for their matches due to their fixtures being slated to be played in February next year.

The TotalEnergies CAF Confederation Cup draw will be live from 13h00 (11h00 GMT) followed by TotalEnergies CAF Champions League draw at 14h00 (12h00 GMT).

Both draws will be live on CAF digital platforms and CAF TV partners.

Simba SC has been put in pot number 3 with the teams of CR Belouizdad and JS Kabylie from Algeria and Al Hilal SC from Sudan, who denied Yanga the chance to advance to the group stage of the premier club tournament in the continent.

The Tanzanian side will be eager to repeat their 2020/21 CAF Champions League group stage run having topped the group with 13 points ahead of Egypt's Al Ahly and AS Vita Club of DR Congo.

Simba SC as a result booked a place in the quarter-finals of the competition only to be eliminated by Kaizer Chiefs following a 4-3 aggregate loss to the latter.

TotalEnergies CAF Champions League group stage -qualified teams:

Al Ahly (Egypt), Al Hilal SC (Sudan), Al Merreikh SC (Sudan), Atletico Petroleos (Angola), Coton Sport (Cameroun), CR Belouizdad (Algeria) Esperance Tunis (Tunisia), and Horoya AC (Guinea).

JS Kabylie (Algeria), Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa), Raja Athletic Club (Morocco), Simba SC (Tanzania), Vipers SC (Uganda), Wydad AC (Morocco), Zamalek (Egypt), AS Vita Club (DR Congo) are the other competitors.

Yanga is in the second pot together with Motema Pembe of DR Congo but the two teams cannot meet in the same group.

The clubs will be drawn against other teams, one from the number one pot that contains TP Mazembe and the other two teams, one of which is in the third pot and the other placed in the fourth pot.

TotalEnergies CAF Confederation Cup group stage -qualified teams:

ASKO de Kara (Togo), DC Motema Pembe (DR Congo), Pyramids FC (Egypt), Rivers United (Nigeria), Al Akhdar SC (Libya), Diablos Noirs (Congo), TP Mazembe (DR Congo), and ASFAR Club (Morocco).

FC Saint Eloi Lupopo (DR Congo), US Monastir (Tunisia), AS Real Bamako (Mali), Future FC (Egypt), USM Alger (Algeria), ASEC Mimosas (Côte d'Ivoire), Marumo Gallants (South Africa), and Yanga (Tanzania) wound up the list.

Nabi explains crucial factor behind Yanga's 49-game unbeaten run

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA's head coach Nasreddine Nabi has lifted the lid on what he believes helped his club stretch its unbeaten run to 49 league games.

The squad, popularly known as 'Wananchi', welcomed Mbeya City FC in Dar es Salaam last weekend, looking to go three points clear at the top of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League by picking their sixth consecutive victory.

A goal in both halves from on-form striker Fiston Mayeye secured a well-deserved victory for Yanga to extend their brilliant NBC Premier League unbeaten run to 49 games.

They went the whole of the 2021/22 season unbeaten, winning all three domestic titles on offer.

Coach Nabi and his squad last tasted defeat in the league on April 25, 2021, when they lost 1-0 to Azam FC in the 56-year-old tactician's first game in charge of the Green and Yellow outfit.

Speaking to the press in the aftermath of Saturday's victory, Nabi detailed the crucial part of the team's preparations, which has led them to a long unbeaten run.

The Tunisian coach stated that squad management and insistence on focusing on one game at a time has helped Yanga keep rolling as they sight a record-extending 29th Premier League title.

The gaffer said: "We have always been focused and I think that we have for some time with the frequency of matches, playing a game every three days."

He pointed out: "I believe that we are in the right place, especially in the management of recovery and also in the rotation of players in such a way to keep the balance of the team and to always put a competitive team."

Nabi revealed: "I thank my players for the sacrifice they are making for the club and their positive mentality which allows us to remain focused on every game."

"It is always about the squad management, always keeping the balance in the squad by rotating and especially ensuring players remain thirsty enough to give the best of themselves."

"All the players, not only the first 11 or the 12 or 13 but everyone must



Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

have that sense of responsibility."

"This is to empower them that the championship is not won at the end, everyone has to understand the championship is being played right now, not only at the end of the season."

The tactician stated: "It is not easy but everyone is aware that we should not drop points. It is the sense of accountability in this approach that everyone has responsibilities."

NBC Bank rewards NBC Premier League's October best performers

By Guardian Correspondent

MAINLAND Tanzania Premier League's main sponsor, NBC Bank, has presented cash prizes and trophies to the league's October Best Player, Sixtus Sabilo of Mbeya City FC, along with the league's Best Coach of the Month, Nasreddine Nabi of Yanga.

The handing-over event took place shortly before the kick-off of the league fixture between Yanga and Mbeya City FC held at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The encounter ended with Yanga commanding a 2-0 win over Mbeya City FC, Congolese attacker Fiston Mayeye netted the goals for Yanga.

NBC Bank's Director for Business Development Elvis Ndunguru presented a 1m/- dummy cheque along with a trophy and a brand new Azam TV decoder to Yanga's head coach Nabi.

The same prize package was as well handed over to the Best Player for October, Mbeya City FC goal-getter Sabilo.

Ndunguru said: "Basically, we are very proud to see a competitive league and the best playing standards among the clubs participating in the NBC Premier League."

The official added: "That is why you will see that despite the league having several foreign professional players, our local players are fighting and doing well in contesting for best player awards."

"This is proof that all clubs can now serve their players well enough for them to offer the expected competition while on the pitch," he said.

According to Ndunguru, the bank is continuing with various commitments to ensure that the teams benefit more from its sponsorship in the league which has so far offered employment and reliable income to more than 12,000 people.

To realize the mission, he mentioned that various plans are underway including issuing bus loans to various clubs that participate in the league to facilitate transportation for the clubs, a plan that is in the final stages of implementation.

The official pointed out: "Kindly be informed that our efforts are not limited to football but also other sports including golf and athletics where through the NBC Dodoma Marathon that is held every year in Dodoma we have been raising money for public awareness and treatment of women suffering cervical cancer, a challenge that highly contributes to deaths of women in the country."

"Through the efforts, we are making in collaboration with the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI), so far more than 9,000 women have been screened and, among them, 500 have been diagnosed with cervical cancer and have started treatment," he mentioned.

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