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Drought: Wami, Ruvu water body restricts activities

By Guardian Reporter

THE Wami/Ruvu Basin Water Board (WRBWB) has banned issuance of permits for water harvesting, urging those residing near the basin to stop water-based commercial activities following continued decrease in water levels.

Wami/Ruvu acting director Elibariki Mmasi (pictured) said at a press briefing yesterday that currently the water level at the main source of water supply has decreased to 7,500 meters, from 12,500 meters recorded in September last year.

Speaking after he visited the water source in Coast Region, he said that the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) sources water from the basin at the rate of 5,000 cubic meters per second.

Expressing worries over prolonged periods of dry spells that affect water supply efforts, disturbing its distribution to city residents and in Coast Region, he said DAWASA technicians are now innovating methods to push water into its treatment



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plants due to increasingly improper flows.

DAWASA sources water from Ruvu River for its daily water harvest and treatment to supply to industrial, commercial and domestic customers in the two regions.

He said the board has been receiving requests from a number of companies wishing to source water from the basin but has issued no such permits as it seeks to protect home-based customers, noting further that the board has suspended irrigation services.

Current water levels can only serve a limited number of activities, in which case well drilling is relevant to cater for agricultural activities especially during dry seasons, he stated.

Along with restrictions on water-based commercial activities at the Wami/Ruvu basin to protect water sources, the board is training farmers on beekeeping as an alternative income generating activity during the dry season, the director observed.

The board will soon start conducting patrols to seek out private firms that illegally source water from the river, as residents of Dar es Salaam and Coast Region are likely to experience water scarcity if the dry conditions last longer.

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Female president mandate still to be achieved - Samia

By Correspondent James Kandoya



Anna Abdallah (R), chairperson of the Tanzania Women Cross-Party Platform (Ulingo), presents President Samia Suluhu Hassan with a trophy symbolising victory for Tanzania's women. This was shortly before the Head of State addressed an International Day of Democracy function in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday said that Tanzanians will have the mandate to vote into office their first female Head of State during the 2025 General Election.

Addressing a women's forum for the commemoration of the International Day of Democracy in Dar es Salaam, the president said that what is in place now came by the will of God and the demands of the constitution.

Political action only reached the stage of a woman running mate and then vice president, in which case Tanzania has yet to vote a woman into office as president, which may come up in 2025.

"Women have never put a fellow woman in power; an elected female president will be found in the 2025 elections," she said.

"We have favoured men for far too long to become presidents, let's elect a female president in 2025."

She said women have for decades contributed to the country's political history and therefore deserve to be leaders.

The Head of State cautioned on those working to stop this prospect, saying they write in some irrelevant newspapers that

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HESLB, TASAF liaise over loans for needy students

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Higher Education Students Loans Board (HESLB) and the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together to ensure that needy students get loans.

In the initiative, TASAF which provides protection safety net for poor families shall work with HESLB to identify truly needy students for loan processing and end complaints that students from well-to-do families get loans while the needy are locked out.

Dr Leonard Akwilapo, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has called HESLB TASAF to work together to ensure that needy

Tanzanians are facilitated through the joint initiative.

Sebastian Iloshi, assistant human resources director at the ministry said when presenting the speech that the signing of the MoU was of great importance for the two public institutions to work together in service delivery.

The government's aim is to make sure all those in need for loans and qualify to join higher learning institutions get loans in order to realise their dreams, he stated, elaborating that it was essential for the two institutions to ensure the agreements signed in the MoU are implemented.

In the 2019/20 fiscal year the government provided 450bn/- that benefited 132,392 students while this budget increased the

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IMF hails Dar's COVID-19 combat, recovery efforts

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) he said that it is impressed by the Tanzania government in its efforts to fight COVID-19 and for its economic recovery plans, surmising that the country deserves the loan it recently availed.

IMF Resident Representative Jens Reinke issued this assessment here yesterday at a press briefing organized by Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba to provide explanations on how the government will spend the \$567.3m, (1.3trn/-) released by IMF early this month.

As part of Covid-19-related rapid

arrangements, borrowing countries commit to undertake governance measures to promote accountability and transparency in the use of such resources, he stated, noting that the government has shown commitment for economic recovery, he stated, indicating that the future looks brighter for Tanzania.

Explaining on the loan, the minister said Tanzania secured a total of \$567.3m whereby \$189.1m is a rapid credit facility (RCF) while \$378.2m is rapid financing instrument (RFI).

Disbursement is conducted under RCF while RFI is a purchasing instrument,

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Home Affairs minister George Simbachawene (2nd-R) and USAID Mission director Veeraya Kate Somvongsiri (to his right) cut the ribbon at the handing-over of laboratory equipment to 14 health centres supported by Tanzania Police and Tanzania Prisons, with a view to fighting HIV and TB among prisoners. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

USAID donates laboratory equipment to fourteen health facilities

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States has donated laboratory equipment worth 497,559,000m/- to fourteen health facilities under the Tanzania Police Force and Tanzania Prisons in various regions.

The GeneXpert machines will improve HIV service provision at point of care sites in local communities for HIV viral load testing among people living with HIV (PLHIV) and support diagnosis of HIV exposed infants while the other machines will contribute to tuberculosis (TB) control through strengthening diagnostic capacity that will increase case identification,

leading to treatment.

Executive Director for Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) Dr Redemta Mbatia handed over the equipment to the minister of Home Affairs George Simbachawene on behalf of implementing partners.

"The donated equipment will be installed at health facilities with high patient volume and poor diagnostic capacity," she said.

According to the Tanzania HIV Impact Survey (THIS) 2017, HIV prevalence is 4.9 percent among people 15 years old and above. Prisoners are at higher risk of TB and HIV infection due to their environment, and high-risk behaviour among some population

groups namely sex workers and people who use drugs.

Prior to this donation, out of 64 supported health facilities 10 had GeneXpert machines used mostly for TB diagnosis, and nine had iLED microscopes for TB diagnosis.

This results in low HIV viral load testing coverage among PLHIV in supported health facilities and low health facilities and community TB case identification.

USAID's police and prisons activity will target the identification of PLHIV through partner testing, transitioning to optimal antiretroviral regimens, multi-month drug prescriptions; viral load suppression, TB case identification,

multi-drug resistant case identification, and TB prevention roll out. As a result of the equipment handover, over 16,000 PLHIV in 64 police and prison health facilities will benefit from improved laboratory services.

Speaking at the event, USAID Mission Director Kate Somvongsiri said: "The 10 GeneXpert machines and 10 iLED microscopes donated are part of USAID's commitment, through resources from the President Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. This equipment will enhance our ability to provide comprehensive HIV prevention, care, and treatment, and TB programmes in Tanzania."

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"Samia will not stand in 2025. Who told you that?" she demanded.

"God has awarded us with special blessing. We must receive it and keep it. If you leave it or ignore it, it will be like a curse and you will be held responsible," she told the gathering.

"Let us together unite and elect our first female president. If we do that, we shall once again meet here full of happiness and joy," she declared, urging women leaders everywhere to play their part and ensure that a female president is elected in 2025.

Going over recent appointments that the Women's Forum praised, she promised to appoint more women in top leadership to bridge the gender gap, underlining that if she does not do that no one else will come and do that in future.

She appealed for the preparation of a professional women's database to be available at her office for consultation in making appointments, as some information is hard to come by using regular sources and government agencies.

Touching on the international day of democracy, she cited the remark by founder president Julius Nyerere that 'democracy is not Coca Cola,' with the same formula and practice everywhere.

For her part, Jenista Mhagama, the minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled), called on women to cooperate with the government in all matters relating to women's issues.

Women appointed to high level leadership positions need to work hard to ensure that the president's development agenda is achieved, she urged.

Dr Ave Maria Semakafu, chairperson of the Tanzania Women

Cross Party Platform (TWCP) called on the government to ensure the 50-50 proportion agenda.

She expressed the need for an openness process of recruiting leaders for appointment to eliminate obstacles hindering women in the country.

"Women participate in giving service in mining instead of participating in extracting minerals," she said.

Dr Semakafu said that harassment of women and children still hampers women's efforts and threatens their safety.

She assured that all women will collaborate with her government saying that women have trust on her leadership.

Retired cabinet minister Anna Abdallah called on women who obtain leadership positions to support other women. She appealed to women to get vaccinated against the coronavirus as the pandemic is debilitating and often fatal.

As overall leader of the platform, she was the president's host in an appearance which involved presenting three awards to the president from the platform and its member organisations.



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which will help finance interventions needed to mitigate severe socio-economic impacts of the pandemic and help catalyse support from development partners, he stated, expressing gratitude to the IMF for support in handling effects of the pandemic.

The loan will be spent during this financial year in revamping mostly hit sectors of the economy, due to lower earnings especially from tourism, in sectors like education, health, water and supporting poor households through the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), he said.

Other targeted areas include empowering groups of youth, women and people with disabilities, while a portion of the funds will be spent in Zanzibar for similar purposes, he elaborated.

Priority areas include reducing congestion in schools by improving education infrastructures, improving health services by placing more vaccination services and ensuring availability of drugs and equipment for COVID-19 treatment.

Putting in place equipment for handwashing with flowing water at public facilities frequented by crowds of people was also important, he pointed out.

Tanzania and the IMF signed a special agreement on the best way to spend the money, in a manner that will put a stop to fatalities and spread of COVID-19, apart from enhancing social development, he stated.

Sectors that will benefit from the fund need to ensure the money is spent on the basis of accords with the IMF and the country's COVID-19 socio-economic recovery and response plan (TCRP), he added.

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa welcomes newly appointed Defence and National Service minister Dr Stergomena Tax to his office in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: PMO

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be sourcing water from the river without permits will be penalised anything from 0.3m/- to 50m/-, he warned.

The Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) said early this month that 15 regions are likely to experience prolonged drought from next month, a situation that may cause food shortages and curbs in hydropower output.

In its climate outlook for October to December (Vuli) rainy season, the weather agency said the rains are expected to be below normal on average, characterised by prolonged periods of dry spells.

The Director of Forecasting, Dr Hamza Kabelwa said that besides

showing below normal rainfall conditions on the whole, warmer than usual temperatures are expected across areas receiving rains in two periods annually, for this period.

The Vuli rainy season is specific to areas of the north eastern highlands namely Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions.

It also involves areas of northern coast (northern part of Morogoro region, Coast (including Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba isles), Lake Victoria basin (Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mara regions) and the northern part of Kigoma region (Kibondo and Kakonko districts).

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loans to 570bn/- for fiscal 2021/22, expected to benefit 160,000 students, he stated.

HESLB and TASAF will increase the pace in ICT systems to enable speedy identification of students from poor households without letting errors slip through, he emphasised.

For his part, HESLB managing director Abdulrazaq Badru said the government aims at making sure all students enrolled in higher learning institutions and in the TASAF programme receive the loans.

"This agreement will push forward achievements in the exchange of information and HESLB has set itself to implement its part," he declared.

TASAF managing director Ladislaus Mwamanga said the agency will make sure it exercises care to enable needy students to get HESLB loans.

EU promises 200 million more Covid-19 vaccine doses to Africa

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THE European Union is committing 200 million more vaccine doses to Africa.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen says the donation comes on top of 250 million already committed and underscores the EU resolve to boost global vaccination.

Von der Leyen called it an "investment in solidarity and it is an investment also in global health."

African health officials have said they need about 800 million doses to vaccinate 60% of the continent's population. As of last week, 145 million doses had been procured, according to the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Only 3.5% of the continents of 1.3 billion people have been fully vaccinated, the CDC says, amid

frustration over distribution, export controls and the rollout of booster shots in richer countries.

Von der Leyen says on top of delivering 700 million doses to Europeans and meeting the goal of having 70% of adults vaccinated this summer, the 27-nation bloc had sent the same number of doses to a combined 130 nations.

"With less than 1% of global doses administered to lower income countries, the scale of injustice and the level of urgency are obvious," says Von der Leyen, adding the bloc is investing 1 billion euros (\$1.2 billion) to boost vaccine production capacity in Africa.

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Issa Rajabu, Exim Bank's acting director of Finance, presents cash to Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute accountant Mohamed Isimbula (2nd-R). It was a donation the bank's staff extended in support of the treatment of Tanga Region's baby John Selemani (in his mother's hands), who is admitted to the Dar es Salaam-based specialised medical facility and whom they visited yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Eight envoys embark on a tour of EU-funded development projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

EIGHT ambassadors from European Union (EU) countries in Tanzania have embarked on special visits to inspect the implementation of various development projects sponsored by the EU and its members in the Southern Highlands regions.

The envoys include EU Ambassador Manfredo Fanti, Peter Acker (Belgium), Mette Dissing-Spandert (Denmark), Marco Lombardi (Italy), Wiebe De Boer (Netherlands) and Krzysztof Buzalski (Poland).

Others are Francisca Carretero (Spain) and Anders Sjöberg (Sweden) who began their visit yesterday after meeting with Mbeya Regional officials.

Speaking on behalf of other envoys, EU Ambassador Manfredo Fanti said one among the project they will inspect is the Coffee Value Chain Project and that for horticulture known as AGRICONNECT.

He said in all areas where the projects were being implemented and to which they will visit, they will meet with government officials,

Members of Parliament and small farmers of the said crops who are the foremost beneficiaries of the project.

He said the budget for the AGRICONNECT project stands at Euro 103.5 million, equivalent to 279bn/-, half of which will directly benefit farmers and the rest is for the improvement of rural roads infrastructures to ease transportation.

"The AGRICONNECT aims to transform the farming sector by helping farmers to increase the value to their crops, access to internal and external markets, hence all these envoys will evaluate its implementation," he said.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera praised the envoys for the decision to visit the projects, claiming it will assist them to see the actual situation in regard to the money they provided to Tanzanians' development.

He said the government values their contribution and it will make sure it works together with them at every step for the success of the projects for Tanzanians benefit.

Govt planning to empower women seaweed farmers in Kilwa District

By Guardian Reporter, Lindi

THE Government is planning to empower women groups engaged in seaweed farming in the country to enhance their economic wellbeing from its production.

The remarks were made by the Deputy Livestock and Fisheries Minister, Abdallah Ulega during his recent visit at the Mwani Mariculture processing plant where he met with and talked to women seaweed farmers in Kilwa District, Lindi Region.

Ulega said in FY 2021/22 the government has set aside special budget to enable women seaweed farming groups to

strengthen their activities, adding that their groups will be among the first to get the funds.

He added that the money will enable the groups get various equipment for their activities, including ropes and seaweed drying machines.

In regard to market challenges and the seaweed price, Ulega directed experts from his ministry and the Kilwa District Executive Director to supply farmers with quality seaweed seeds that would produce harvest to compete in the market.

Earlier, Kilwa Masoko Cooperative deputy chairman, Bakari Bakari said the main

challenge they face was the shortage of working tools for seaweed farmers, markets and low prices.

"All these women grow seaweed but when they harvest they are forced to keep the seaweed in their homes from two to three months before they sell, this create hardships to them, so we need your assistance to get alternative markets," he said.

For his part, Mwani Mariculture seaweed buyer and processor, Roger Morre said they were also ready to work together with farmers to get quality seeds that would improve the seaweed crop.

Government on new initiative to increase number of COVID-19 vaccination centres



By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has launched an inclusive and fast-tracking community programme aimed at increasing the number of COVID-19 vaccination centres in the country from 550 to 6,000 centres.

Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children want to see the 600,000 COVID-19 vaccines used within 14-days as the government bring the services closer to communities especially those in the remote areas.

Speaking at the launch of the programme yesterday, Permanent Secretary, Prof Abel Makubi (pictured) instructed the regional and district medical officers from across the country who attended the launching that the programme to equip the community with the correct and accurate information to show up for voluntary covid-19 vaccination.

He said so far almost 350,000 have been vaccinated saying unlike other jabs, the coronavirus is for outbreak diseases thus have special time for dispensing to curb the spread.

"The vaccines is not just a mere one time jab but helps in both short- and long-term effect of the disease and that is why people should go for it more than once within specified time to tame more spreads," he said.

He said the public have been fed with mixed information about the vaccination so to make them understand the vaccination importance; they must be incorporated and given the accurate knowledge and information to make informed decisions.

Prof Makubi said the public should not be blamed for reluctance to take up the jabs saying health experts must do their assignment well by educating them on the positive impacts of taking the vaccination.

He tasked the regional and district medical officers as well as district executive directors (DED) to mobilise the public to undertake the vaccination within the two weeks to have the remaining stock finished.

Prof Makubi said they must use all awareness

method as the government has increased the number of vaccination centres to 6,784 and where some areas are far from the facility then they use the mobile vaccine site to reach the inaccessible areas.

He directed them to include the religious and local government leaders to educate the public and use of local

radios in the awareness programme to avail the community with correct information about the vaccine to persuade them to go for the jab.

Prof Makubi said the programme will officially take off on Monday after which they will conduct an evaluation meeting to see if there were challenges and come up with best plans for the future.

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Geita regional authorities seek help to end classroom shortage

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

DESPITE being one of the regions that recorded significant gains in education sector in recent years, Geita still grapples with the challenge of inadequate classrooms in both primary and secondary schools.

The regional authorities are now appealing to the private sector here to chip in and compliment government efforts towards ending the challenge that hampers learning. Speaking here early this week, Geita Regional Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule said the national government has been making efforts to stamp out the challenge but more still needs to be done.

"President Samia Hassan Suluhu has approved a total of 27bn/- for Geita region specifically for construction of classrooms and this will significantly reduce the

burden," she said.

But for the challenge to be completely stamped out, the RC appealed to education stakeholders especially businesses operating here to rise to the occasion with contributions to end the challenge.

"We have a deficit of 13,000 classrooms and now that the government has done its part, I appeal to private sector stakeholders to also do something about this challenge," she appealed.



Our dormitories have a combined capacity of 240 students; 120 girls and 120 boys

Geita Region is home to a thriving private sector including large and small-scale gold mining activities.

Senyamule spoke during the launch of a new privately-owned Royal Family primary and secondary school which is ready for admission for next year's maiden intake.

Speaking at the event, the school headmaster Francis Opoogo said the mixed boarding school has 12 classrooms, fully equipped laboratories and well trained teachers in all subjects.

"Our dormitories have a combined capacity of 240 students; 120 girls and 120 boys," he said, adding that the dining hall has the capacity of 700 people.

The school's director engineer Lazaro Jiyunga said the institution's target is to ensure that its first intake pass with division one, two and three without any failure.



Angelica Pasha (C), Tigo Tanzania's chief officer for mobile financial services, briefs journalists at yesterday's launch in Dar es Salaam of the firm's short-term loans service dubbed "Tigo Nivushe". The product involves a partnership with Absa Bank Tanzania and Jumo Company. She is with Jumo resident manager Erick Luyanga (L) and the bank's director of finance, Obeid Laiser. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Over 800,000 farmers to benefit from new harvesting technology

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MORE than 800,000 farmers growing beans and other leguminous crops countrywide expect to use a new technology for harvesting the crops to avoid after harvest crop loss.

This has been revealed by Joshua Joasi, a graduate and inventor from Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST), and added that the modern technology will rescue farmers from after harvest crops loss.

Joasi said the machine has the capacity to harvest one acre in on

an hour and that it can harvest many acres depending on a farmer's needs.

He added that a farmer can hire the machine through a special programme from his/her smartphone called 'LUNGWANA,' which is the name of the machine itself.

"I have invented this technology with the aim of assisting beans farmers to fully benefit from his/her crops some of which often get lost due to using traditional harvesting methods," he said.

He added that a farmer can hire the machine at 50,000/- for each

acre of beans.

Some beans farmers in Mbeya Region hailed Joasi for inventing the new technology for harvesting beans, saying it will protect harvests from loss.

Prisca Mwambepo said she uses traditional methods to harvest the bean and much of it gets lost and now she believes the new technology will be of great benefit.

She said the machine is already in trial in Mbeya Region, but the demand is great, and appealed to the inventor to make more machines to cater for the current harvest season.

DUWASA to construct Farkwa Dam with financing from AfDB

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DODOMA Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (DUWASA) has begun talks with the African Development Bank (AfDB) for sponsoring the construction of Farkwa Dam that would be able to produce 128 million litres of water per day.

The move aims to augment the current 37 million litre shortfall.

Speaking here to reporters on Monday, DUWASA managing director Eng Aron Joseph said AfDB has shown willingness to finance the project. "From September 13 to 25 this year, we will be holding talks with the bank so that when they go back to the AfDB Board all procedures in accessing the funds for the project will be finalized."

"DUWASA has finalised all the issues required including all

compensation to people in the project area, the shifting of graves and other things that needed shifting," he said.

Joseph said the construction of the dam was a short-term effort aimed to alleviate water shortage in the City of Dodoma as well as serving Chemba, Bahi and Chamwino districts.

"There is also the long term Lake Victoria Project that was still in the feasibility studies aimed to draw water from Lake Victoria," he added.

Earlier, he said in 2016 Dodoma had less than 350,000 residents served by DUWASA and water needs was only 48 million litres per day, that was sufficient, but after shifting the government to Dodoma, the population increased to over 500,000 hence the water requirement is 103 million litres per day.

"There was a sort of earthquake under the ground that reduced the capacity of some wells at Mzakwe after which the minister intervened and we received funds for digging three deep wells in the area with a capacity to pump 13 million litres per day thereby making a total of 61.5 million litres per day that alleviated acute water shortage in the city," he said.

He added that as of now there is an ongoing project at Ihumwa to dig five wells to supply the city's peripheries of Kisasa, Nzuguni and Njedengwa that is now 90 per cent complete with the government providing 1.3bn/- to be fully complete by October this year where.

"In regard to Chamwino, we have dug wells that produce 15 million litres per day while the actual requirement is only 3 million litres," he added.



NMB Bank Plc Western zone manager Sospeter Magesse (3rd-L) pictured yesterday presenting to Kibondo district commissioner Col Aggrey Magwaza (2nd-L) delivery beds and various other items worth a total of 7m/- donated by the bank to Nyaruyoba health centre in Kigoma region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Leaders make urgent calls for acceleration of COVID vaccination internationally

By Special Correspondent

WORLD Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and a group of global health leaders yesterday issued urgent calls for vaccine equity globally and in Africa in particular.

The leaders stressed that the worst pandemic in the last hundred years will not end unless and until, there is genuine global cooperation on vaccine supply and access. They also reiterated the WHO's global vaccination target for 70% of the population of all countries to be vaccinated by mid-2022.

Dr Tedros was joined by Dr Seth Berkley, CEO Gavi, Strive Masiyiwa, AU Special Envoy for COVID-19, Dr John Nkengasong, Africa CDC Director, Professor Benedict Oramah, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Afreximbank, Dr Vera Songwe, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

The press conference followed two days of meetings among the leaders, with Richard Hatchett, Chief Executive Officer of CEPI joining the meetings as well.

Dr Tedros said: "More than 5.7 billion doses have been administered globally, but only 2% of those have been administered in Africa."

"This doesn't only hurt the people of Africa, it hurts all of us. The longer vaccine inequity persists, the more the virus will keep circulating and changing, the longer the social and economic disruption will continue, and the higher the chances that more variants will emerge that render vaccines less effective."

Strive Masiyiwa, AU Special Envoy for COVID-19 said: "Vaccine sharing is good but we shouldn't have to be relying on vaccine sharing. Particularly when we can come to the table, put structures in place and say, we also want to buy."

"American taxpayers, European taxpayers, they financed some of this intellectual property and it should be for the common good. So, it is not wrong that we say there should be waivers, it was for the common good. So, we ask for this IP to be made available."

"It was a great miracle to have these vaccines, now let this miracle be available to all mankind."

Dr John Nkengasong, Africa CDC Director also noted: "We will not be able to achieve 60% of our population fully immunised if we do not fully explore and deploy the power of partnership, the power of cooperation, and the power of solidarity" ... "We all have acknowledged now that vaccines are the only solution for us to get out of this pandemic collectively. That has to be done quickly."

Dr Vera Songwe, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa said, "for every one month of lockdowns in the continent cost us \$29 billion of production that was lost. For [the African continent], when we say that COVID-19 is an economic issue and we need to respond to it, to be able to recover and reset our economies, it is real. And for that we need financing and we need to see how we can bring together global financial structures to ensure that we can actually respond to this crisis."

"We know that scarcity means increased cost, and we cannot afford today as a continent that kind of scarcity."

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

Majaliwa to officiate at 4th minerals and technology exhibition for Geita

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa expects to officiate the fourth Mineral Technology exhibition to be held next week in Geita Region.

This has been revealed here yesterday by Geita Regional Commissioner Rosemary Sitaki Senyamule when speaking to reporters.

The RC said the exhibition that started yesterday will end on September 26 and will be officially launched next Wednesday at Geita

Export Processing Zone (EPZ) area, in Geita Town.

She said it will draw in more than 500 participants including entrepreneurs, business people and artisanal gold miners.

She said minerals traders and government institutions will also participate in the exhibition that has

been sponsored by Geita Gold Mines Ltd (GGML) and NBC Bank.

Regarding security, the RC said: "The Regional Defence and Security Committee, the police and the militia have fully mobilised itself to provide security at all time."

For his part, GGML Public

Relations Manager Stephen Mhando said to make the exhibition a success, GGML has contributed 100m/-, while the NBC Geita Branch Manager, Hilda Bwimba said they have provided 15m/- and pledged to sponsor workshops that would be taking place during the time of the exhibition.

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Majaliwa challenges Kilosa residents to invest in real estate

By Correspondent James Kandoya, Kilosa

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has challenged the residents of Kilosa District in Morogoro Region to embark on real estate to accommodate people using the new electric train expected to start in the next two months.

The premier said this recently in his tour to inspect the rail tracks, stations and electricity infrastructure from Dar es Salaam station to Kilosa station (about 215 kilometres) that will be used by the bullet train when operations start.

He said the operation of a new train will come with a number of opportunities and called on them to tap them to fast track development.

The premier said they can use rail to carry their wagons or travelling to and from Kilosa when performing their day to day activities.

According to the premier, the government decided to invest in the construction of SGR to transport people and the goods from one destination to the other and to connect the country with other bordering countries to facilitate trade among them.

"Investments in hotels and lodges are very important to generate income to the owners and revenues to the district council. Therefore, I encourage you to start investing in that to serve all those using the

SGR," he said.

Majaliwa said by investing in hotels and lodges, you will be attracting more people and other services to come.

The premier said further that the imported wagons for the new electric train will arrive in the country November this year and the test drive will be for three months.

He said upon arriving, there will be a three months test drive to give more experience to the operators before starting operations.

According to him, the construction of the SGR tracks is at international standards and the government is satisfied.

"We are waiting for the wagons to arrive. Our stations, rail track and electricity infrastructure are okay at recommended standard," he added.

For his part, the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) Managing Director Masanja Kadogosa said the construction of SGR infrastructures was almost over.

Kadogosa said the first phase of the SGR covers Dar es Salaam-Mwanza (1219 kilometres)

Citing Dar es Salaam station, Kadogosa said the construction was above 98 percent.

"We are waiting for the wagons to arrive. Our stations, rail track and electricity infrastructure are okay at recommended standard"

WHO AFRO and HelpAge International partnering to combat ageism in Africa

By Special Correspondent

Healthy ageing is the process of developing and maintaining the functional ability that enables wellbeing in older age. The number of older people in the African Region is projected to triple from 54 million in 2020 to 163 million by 2050, with significant health, social and environmental implications.

However, countries in the African region are not prepared to respond to the needs of an ageing population. Only 57% of countries in the region have developed a national strategy on healthy ageing, and 11% have started creating age-friendly environments. Key issues include limited capacity for planning and management of ageing programs, lack of financial resources and skilled workforce, weak health system, lack of integrated care of older people, inadequate long-term care, older people's stigmatization, and violence against older people that have been exacerbated during COVID 19 pandemic.

"Ageism refers to how we think (stereotypes), feel (prejudice) and act (discrimination) towards others or ourselves based on age. 1 in 2 people are ageist towards older people and this is very harmful" said Françoise Bigirimana, Medical Officer in charge (acting) of Healthy Ageing at WHO Regional Office for Africa.

WHO is conducting several actions to support Member States to face this situation. The Decade of Healthy Ageing 2021-2030 has been adopted by the 73d World Health Assembly and endorsed by the seventy-fifth session of the UN General Assembly on healthy ageing in the context of SDGs WHO Member States has recently adopted a regional framework on healthy ageing in Africa as a regional guide for the period of 2021-2030. In this framework, combatting ageism is among key issues and priority actions. Also, WHO launched the Global Report on Ageism that provides evidence on the nature and magnitude of ageism, its determinants, and its impact, including in the African Region.

Similarly, HelpAge International has been running an ongoing effort to address ageism in several African countries, including Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya,

Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. HelpAge International is also actively exploring intergenerational approaches to tackling ageism and/or shifting the narrative on ageing to combat ageism.

"Teaching is in my blood. It is no surprise I felt devastated when I was told at the age of 50 that I must stop working. They told me I was old and that I should allow young people to do the teaching," said Gertrude from Kenya.

The two institutions - WHO in the African Region and HelpAge International - are organising a regional campaign on ageism to raise awareness and advance concrete actions to combat ageist attitudes and practices in context of the global campaign to combat ageism launched in March 2021 by WHO and partners.

The ageism campaign started with a webinar that took place on the 31st August 2021. Around 90 people, from WHO/AFRO country offices staff and HelpAge International staff/network members as part of the internal conversation to raise awareness on ageism, to provide evidence on the prevailing ageist attitudes in the African region. The main objectives of the webinar were to raise awareness on the magnitude and impact of ageism, strengthen capacity and share resources, tools to combat ageism in the African Region, establish a community of advocates to change the narrative around age and ageing that would include young people/youth-focused organisations.

The webinar was part of the steps to prepare the campaign. After that, each country should engage a national dialogue involving the Ministry of Health, Ministry of social affairs, and key stakeholders to prepare the national campaign on ageism.

The campaign itself will happen in October 2021 made by national events synchronized in the 47 WHO/AFRO Member States on 1st October during the International Day of Older people, led by Ministries of Health and or Social affairs in the WHO Member States with involvement of other stakeholders.

The official theme of the International Day of Older people day is 'Digital Equity for All Ages'.



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development deputy minister Dr Angeline Mabula (R) pictured on Tuesday heading for the site where the National Housing Corporation is putting up a complex for a livestock auction at Chato in Geita Region. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

THE case filed by the Board of Trustees of the Zanzibar Council of Imams (JUMAZA) against the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board will start to be heard October 13 this year under Zanzibar High Court Judge Abdulhakim Ameir Issa.

Judge Abdulhakim has said the case will start by hearing preliminary submissions filed in court by government attorneys from the office of the Attorney General lead by Attorney Ali Issa Abdalla.

However, plaintiff's advocate Omar Shehe Omar requested for the case to be adjourned due to his

Hearing of JUMAZA case against Z'bar liquor board set for Oct 13

health but the government attorney objected the request.

For his part, Judge Abdulhakim agreed to the case's adjournment and called on JUMAZA advocates to go through the preliminary objections raised before the start of the case's hearing on October 13 this year.

In the case the plaintiffs claim the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board had violated Section 33(1) of the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act (No. 9 of 2020) in its

decision to issue permits for the importation of alcoholic drinks to eight firms instead of three as provided for under the Act.

Section 33(10) says "the permit for importing alcoholic drinks would be issued to not more than three firms who should be Zanzibaris, taxpayers, should own a warehouse and a vehicle for distribution of the drinks."

The plaintiffs further claim in their petition that the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and

Advisory Board failed to respect Section 28(k) of the same Act that had set a condition for liquor bars to be more than 1,000 metres away from areas with basic social services including schools, health centres, mosques, churches, madrassas, markets or bus stations.

As the case has been set for hearing, Zanzibar president Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi on September 7 this year dissolved the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board.



Desderia Haule, a Muheza District entrepreneur dealing in nutritional food supplements, introduces the items on Tuesday to participants of an agriculture stakeholders meeting discussing the feasibility of setting up a forum on sustainable agriculture able to withstand climate change. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By Guardian Correspondent, Pemba

PEMBA residents have been advised to cultivate sunflower to enable the sunflower processing plant at Mavungwa in Chake Chake District to operate to its full capacity.

The advice was given here recently by the coordinator of social economy from Zanzibar's Milele Foundation, Alice Mushi during her visit to the factory owned by 'Tupate Sote' group, through a project implemented by Tanzania Media Women Association-Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar).

Alice said in order to attain the aim

Pemba residents counselled to embark on sunflower farming

of uplifting women economically, the factory needs adequate raw materials, the issue that needs a great push to the people to cultivate the sunflower crop.

"There is need to conduct a mobilisation campaign for the cultivation of sunflower for raw materials to make edible oil," she said.

She added that if farmers produce sunflower in abundance, the factory

can operate 24 hours a day.

For her part TAMWA-Zanzibar officer in charge in facilitating women economically, Asha Musa Omar, appealed to various stakeholders to come up and invest in sunflower crop production to enable the factory to operate to its full capacity.

The group's secretary, Meije HamadJuma said the main challenge facing them is lack of capital.

She said: "We are thankful there are many customers, but we lack capital, we have applied for loans from various institutions but so far we have not been successful, the situation that has hampered our operations."

The visit to the 'Tupate Sote' group is the continuation of Milele Zanzibar Foundation by TAMWA-Zanzibar in various areas of the Isles.

EABC, EATP agree to market EAC bloc as single and attractive tourist destination

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Business Council (EABC) and East African Tourism Platform (EATP) yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at marketing the East African Community (EAC) bloc as a single and most attractive tourist destination.

Speaking at the signing ceremony in Nairobi, Kenya EABC Executive Director John Bosco Kalisa said EAC bloc lost \$4.8 billion in 2020, two million jobs and recorded a 65-percent decline in international arrivals saying the new partnership between EATP and EABC is vital for tourism rebound.

He elaborated that tourism

contributes an average of 17.2 percent to EAC total exports and 7.1 percent to employment.

Frederick Odhiambo Odek, chairman of EATP said the coronavirus has heavily hit the tourism sector adding that this was an opportune time to collaborate to provide the much-needed boost to help sustain our region's many businesses. The partnership will be a key driver of tourism business recovery in the short to medium term.

A total of seven million tourists visited the EAC bloc before the outbreak of COVID-19.

Kalisa urged EAC governments to sustain tax and statutory deductions for the tourism sector to support its

recovery.

"This new partnership is set to strengthen collaboration on joint research, policy advocacy, capacity building at EAC and international levels to support the recovery and growth of the tourism sector amid the COVID-19," he said.

EABC and EATP partnership also seek to roll out capacity building for tourism service providers and fairs to brand and market the EAC region as a single and most attractive tourism destination.

This year in October, EABC and EATP in partnership with EAC are organizing the regional tourism fair and exhibition in Arusha in order to link tour operators with international agents.



Udzungwa Edgardo Welelo (R), a lecturer with the Moshi-based Mountain College Trust, guides his students late last week during a practical training session at the Lake Momella shores inside the Arusha National Park. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

Weeklong exhibition to arm smallholder farmers with advanced agricultural skills

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE on-going agricultural exhibition in northern zone regions is expected to equip smallholder farmers with modern agricultural skills, production, processing and ways to control post-harvest losses.

The weeklong exhibition held at Uhuru Park grounds from September 13rd to 19th this year has attracted participants from across the regions and more than 100 extension officers employed by organisers of the event—JATU PLC.

JATU PLC General Manager, Mohamed Simbano said the exhibition themed 'Harvesting Week: Start with Just One Acre' will enable smallholder farmers to have access to certified quality seeds from registered manufacturers as well as agricultural inputs distributors.

"With modern farming skills and use of approved quality seeds, farmers would boost their harvests, thus generate a good income," he said adding, modernized agricultural methods would uplift farmers from poverty.

He added that similar week-long

agricultural exhibition was held in Arusha Region from August 30th to September 5th, 2021.

He recommended the support they receive from the government saying the main purpose of the organisation is to make sure that smallholder farmers are conversant with modern farming and food processing skills. He said they also work to find market for farmers.

"Our plans are to conduct such agriculture exhibitions in Dodoma

and other regions," said Simbano calling upon Tanzanian youth to engage in the agricultural activities to earn money.

He said there is a need to support industries in the crop production subsector cultivates crops for food and cash. He said the subsector comprises establishments of farms, orchards, groves, greenhouses, and nurseries that are primarily engaged in growing crops, plants, vines, or trees and their seeds.

He said that industries in the subsector are grouped in accordance with their production activity, economic requirements, length of growing season, degree of crop rotation, extent of input specialization, labor requirements, and capital demands.

"The production process is typically completed when the raw product or commodity grown reaches the 'farm gate' for market. Establishments are classified in the crop production subsector when crop production accounts for one-half or more of the establishment's total agricultural production," he said.

With modern farming skills and use of approved quality seeds, farmers would boost their harvests, thus generate a good income

DED commends ActionAid for improving learning, teaching environment in Singida

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Singida

ACTIONAID Tanzania has been commended for building two classrooms, one office, and girls' changing room worth 39m/- at Madamigha Primary School, Ilongelo ward in Singida District.

District executive director Ester Chaula made the appreciation over the weekend soon after inspecting education projects in the area.

Chaula described ActionAid's contribution as key in transforming the education sector taking into

accounts that the support will reduce pupils' overcrowding in classrooms.

According to Chaula, in June 2016, the charity organisation deposited 30m/- at the school's account, the money that was used to build congestion of pupils by building the two classrooms and other infrastructures.


She also commended the school management for the wise use of the money and accomplished the project.

Headteacher Halima Msikae said that the newly built classrooms will be in use before the end of this month.

Ward executive officer (WEO) Judith Chagy associated the construction of the classroom with the increase of school performance as listed national standard seven exam results from 2018 up to 2020.

ActionAid Tanzania project manager Joram Wimmo said that Madamigha is one of the schools in the district with a large number of pupils, a situation that prompted the organisation to address the education challenge.

Joram, called for the government to allocate a budget for the construction of more classrooms needed at the school.



EASTERN ARC MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND
(EAMCEF)

MFUKO WA UHIFADHI WA MILIMA YA TAO LA MASHARIKI

JOB VACANCY

ENGAGEMENT AND MARKETING OFFICER

1.0 BACKGROUND

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

The Eastern Arc Mountains forests are under considerable pressure due to various human activities as a result of increased population. Threats leading to biodiversity loss include expansion of human settlements, shifting cultivation, forest fires, extraction of wood for commercial and domestic uses, gold mining, dry season grazing, extraction of non-wood forest products including honey, fruits, medicines, natural ropes, resins, mushrooms and game hunting. Whereas requirements for financial resources necessary for effective conservation of the Eastern Arc Mountains are quite enormous, the financial position of EAMCEF is currently very modest. Thus, EAMCEF needs to mobilize more resources from all possible sources so as to increase its capital base as well as enhance its capacity to finance its operations and programme activities.

In order for the resource mobilization efforts to be plausibly effective, aggressive fundraising, promotion and marketing, engagement and visibility activities will need to concurrently be undertaken. This will be possible only if the now vacant position will be filled by a right candidate. EAMCEF is thus seeking for a suitably qualified Tanzanian to fill in the vacant position of Engagement and Marketing Officer (EMO). The successful EMO will be based at the EAMCEF Head Office in Morogoro Municipality and will be expected to spend ample time traveling for fundraising and resource mobilization, visibility and engagement as well as promotion and marketing activities and operations.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1. General Conditions

- Proven ability in writing and speaking both English and Kiswahili Languages.
- The position is equally available for both female and male Tanzanian applicants.
- Working experience in relevant fields of not less than five years with reputable projects/programmes/organizations.

2.2 Terms and Conditions of Employment

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

3. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

3.1 Duties and Responsibilities

Reporting and answerable to the Executive Director, the successful Engagement and Marketing Officer (EMO) will be in-charge of and play a leading role in all resource mobilization, fundraising, marketing, promotion, engagement and visibility activities of EAMCEF. Her/His principal duties and responsibilities will include but be not limited to the following:

- Developing and implementing effective promotion, engagement, public relations and marketing strategies for awareness creation and attracting more support from all possible sources.
- Assisting to increase the visibility of the EAMCEF accomplishments and the EAMCEF in general through production and communication activities fit for social media (Website, Twitter, You-Tube, Facebook, Instagram, etc) and other powerful forums and effective platforms.
- On an ongoing basis, review and provide professional advice for improvement of the EAMCEF website so developed and managed as a tool for marketing and resource mobilization purposes.
- Actively assist in collection, processing, storage and dissemination of useful information about the EAMCEF and its endeavours as well as the Eastern Arc Mountains in general.

3.2 Personal Attributes

- Possession of both undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications from recognized and reputable higher learning institutions in the fields of marketing, economic development and planning, business administration, economics, or other relevant fields.
- Formal training in fundraising and resource mobilization, promotion and marketing, engagement and visibility aspects is essential.
- Good interpersonal skills, practical experience and strong background in resource mobilization, fundraising, advocacy, lobbying, networking, marketing, promotion, engagement and visibility endeavours and aspects.
- Strong background in donor research/mapping and successful track record in attracting and raising funds is necessary.
- Excellent expertise and demonstrable capability in searching for opportunities and developing fundable project proposals is a pre-requisite.
- Familiarity with the Eastern Arc Mountains and background in environmental conservation and natural resource management, strategic and business planning is desirable.
- Demonstrated belief and experience in exploring new opportunities, establishing and maintaining partnerships and keeping track on unfolding social, economic and political events.
- Excellent knowledge and proven ability in working with computers and a variety of computer programmes especially Microsoft Office applications (e.g. MS Word, Excel, E-mail, Internet, Power Point, Access, etc) and establishment and management of databases.
- Ability to work under pressure and for extended hours including working on week – ends and holidays as it may be required from time to time.
- Mature, energetic, hardworking, versatile and self-motivated.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently or under minimum supervision, effectively supervise and lead others.

4. MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested professionals should lodge their well written applications to the undersigned not later than 15th October, 2021. Application letters with detailed CVs, copies of relevant certificates, testimonials and names of three easily contactable referees should be timely made. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for one or more interviews within two months from the application deadline.

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International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer relevant for us all

RECORDS show that there has been a widening hole in the ozone layer for four long decades, especially over the poles.

For reasons of gravitation or magnetism, this is the weaker sphere of protective gas cover over the earth's surface.

With the drought now raging in East Africa, plus the massive flooding in the region and elsewhere experienced over the past year, we don't have to look at New York streets being turned into rivers to gauge the global threat of climate change.

The ozone layer was the lynchpin of trouble in that, even as progress has been made in that direction, earth warming remains a threat.

Thus the United Nations General Assembly set out September 16 as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

The designation was made on December 19, 2000 in commemoration of the date, in 1987, when various countries signed what is known as the Montreal Protocol to recognize the dangers of substances that deplete the ozone layer.

The protocol helped with efforts leading up to the closure of the hole in the ozone layer 30 years after it was signed, by cutting the number of particularly destructive gases to a minimum.

Scientists say that, owing to the nature of the gases responsible for ozone depletion, the chemical effects are expected to continue being noticed for even as long as a century.

Technically, the ozone layer is a fragile shield of gas that protects the earth from the harmful portion of sun rays, thus helping preserve life on our planet.

It is said that the phasing out of controlled uses of ozone depleting

substances and the related reductions have both helped protect the ozone layer for this and future generations and contributed significantly to global efforts to address climate change.

Human health and ecosystems gained protection by limiting harmful ultraviolet radiation from reaching the earth, clearly the thrust of creating a world day to remind ourselves of all this.

The Montreal Protocol helps keeping us as well as our food and vaccines cool - and the ozone layer safe. It started as a global agreement meant to protect the all-important layer, a job it has done well, making it one of the most successful environmental pacts thus far.

A united global effort to phase out ozone-depleting substances means that the hole in the ozone layer is healing, which is in turn protecting human health, economies and ecosystems.

Phasing out hydrofluorocarbons (HCFC) - gases that contain hydrogen, fluoride and carbon - was introduced in 1992 with a freeze in 2015 and a final phase-out by 2030 in the more developed countries and 2040 in developing countries.

In 2007, it was decided that the HCFC phase-out be accelerated with the Montreal Protocol and the Vienna Convention the only global treaties standing out as having gained universal ratification.

Come September 16, 2009, the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol became the first treaties in the history of the UN to achieve universal ratification.

The state parties to the Montreal Protocol reached agreement at their 28th meeting on October 15, 2016 to phase down HFCs. We in East Africa must see reason to do more in that regard too.

Govt agencies buying maize should offer the same prices

CRIS for the buying of maize by government agencies have been heard and money disbursed for the purpose.

The National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) and the Cereals and Other Produce Board (CPB) are next week expected to start doing the needful, with an initial 90,000 tonnes, this only days after the release of 50bn/- by the Treasury.

The focus is chiefly on the Southern Highlands regions of Iringa, Katavi, Mbeya, Njombe, Rukwa, Ruvuma and Songwe, with the purchases extending to Dodoma and Manyara, all having grain stockpiles as yet unsold.

Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda told journalists in Dodoma that NFRA would buy the crop in seven regions at 500/- per kilo, while CPB would be doing so at what it would discern to be the market price.

In the circumstances, where no real competition is being faced from other buyers, it means it will offer a different price level at each place (district or region) on a take it or leave it basis, as the nature of price is that there is no negotiation.

On the basis of market prices indicated the earlier week, it is easy for CPB to quote prices as ranging from 200/- to 250/- per kilo, while farmers in other areas are being paid twice as much.

The minister did not apparently figure out that this would naturally lead to negative interpretations as the official policy.

He similarly affirmed that the maize would be bought through

agricultural marketing cooperative societies (AMCOS) and other registered agro-sector groups.

Smallholders amounts not exceeding 300 sacks of maize or 30 tonnes of the produce would be taken up individually.

There is an indication of oversight relating to responsibility and equity in the fact that the two agencies are operating as entities with different rules in buying maize.

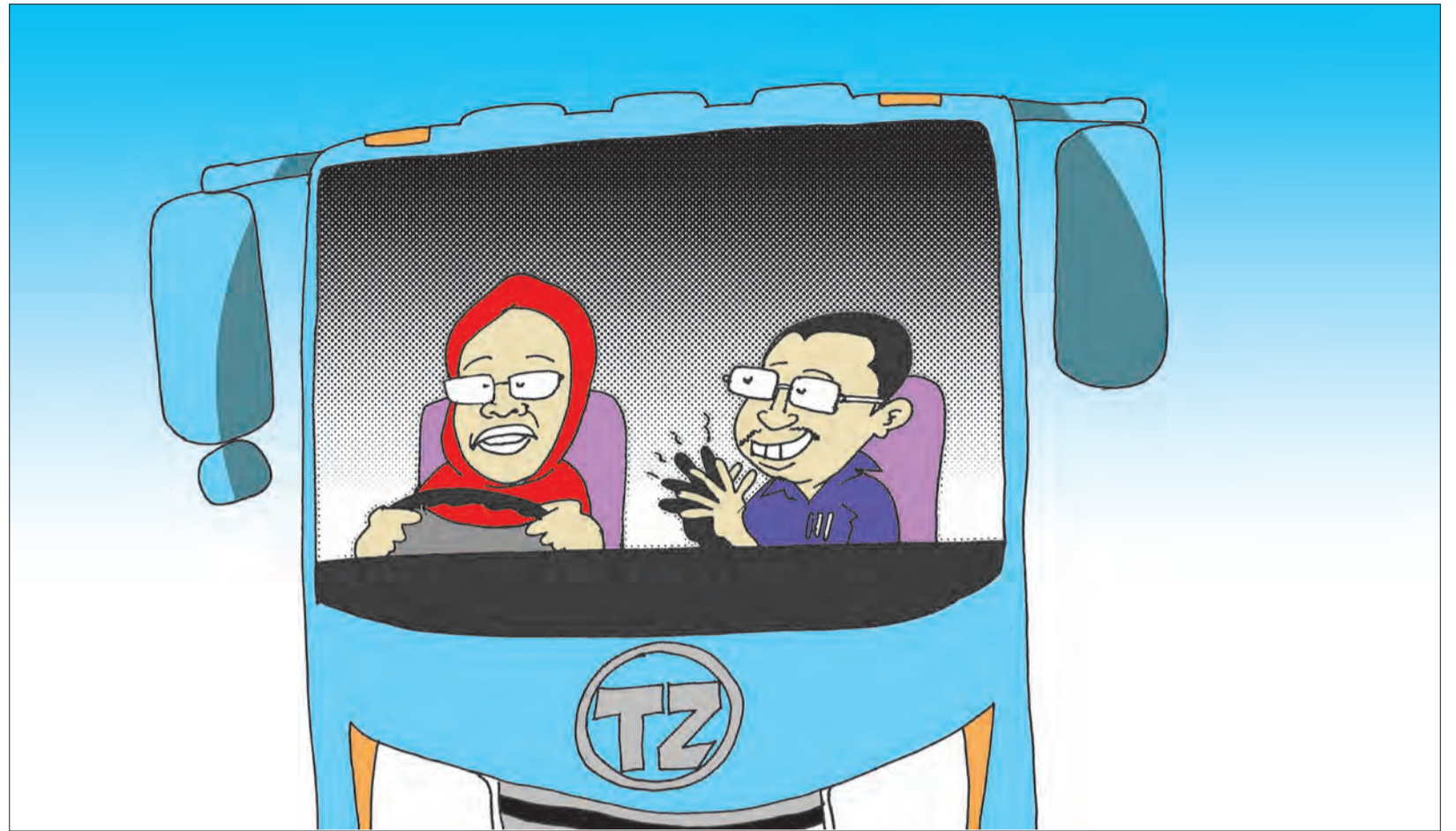
One is running as a food reserve agency and the other as a crop trader, purchasing low and expecting to sell high. But all that people in those areas know is that the government will be making the purchases with their taxes.

It must be admitted that there is little room for government agencies to act differently to maize producers, one list being offered 500/- per kilo as maize price, which is close to optimal price on the basis of recent market reports.

The usual higher purchasing price was 450/- per kilo, to which it can be said that farmers are used, even as it scarcely pays their input costs, labour and time.

It is therefore vital that the minister tasks the agencies to buy maize at the same price countrywide, where any grading ought to be based on quality rather than market, since maize traders were not free to make purchases in the first place.

Crop authorities causing pain to the people won't help the government but will instead invite disaffection. Government can liberalise markets, all right, but should not hold out and pay 'arbitrary' prices.



Hindsight and the 9/11 anniversary coverage

By Jon Allsop

ON September 11, 2001, Dunstan Prial, a reporter in the New York bureau of the Associated Press, was asleep when his future mother-in-law called to let him know that a plane had just hit the North Tower of the World Trade Centre.

He scrambled to get to the scene, catching one of the last trains out of Brooklyn before the subway was shut down, then scribbling eyewitness accounts in his notebook - "It's like a war zone down there"; "I need to get home"; "People are jumping out of windows" - and using a payphone to read them to an editor.

At one point, amid the chaos, a thick cloud billowed out from the collapsing towers. "I lay on my stomach, hugging the curb, barely moving or breathing," Prial recalled, in a recent piece for *CJR*.

"I wondered briefly if I was going to die. Instead a new world emerged, covered in grey dust." As the twentieth anniversary of that day approached, Prial was far from the only journalist to publicly revisit it. Richard Drew, also of the AP, reflected on his famous photo of a man falling through the air; Dan Barry, of the *New York Times*, also remembered the dust.

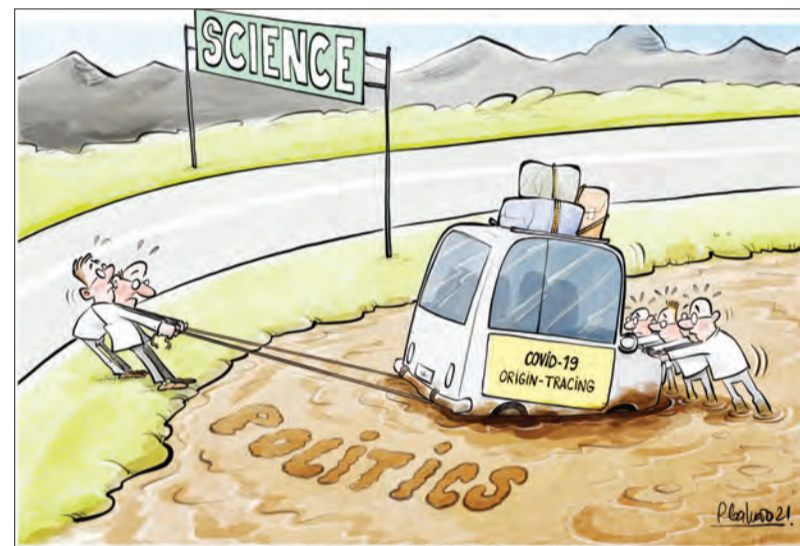
Media reporters zoomed out to assess the coverage of 9/11 and its impact on the practice of journalism, examining the primacy, back then, of the three main news networks and their star anchors, all of them white men; and the birth of the cable-news ticker.

There were also the viral conspiracy documentaries that set the stage, in some respects, for our current era of rampant online disinformation; and how 9/11 "Made the Media Whitewash What Really Happened in Bush v. Gore."

Such articles have comprised one stream of a steady, industry-wide gusher of anniversary stories in recent weeks, spanning most outlets and most beats.

We've read about the "legacy" of 9/11 for torture, Wall Street, "unchecked data collection," and "smart cities," and learned "how 9/11 changed" architecture, air travel, cinema, "what Americans laugh at," and "the way firefighters do their jobs in Madison," Wisconsin.

The *Washington Post* listed 28 areas of change, from "bigotry, part I" to love. ("There's no way to prove, of course, that 9/11 led more people to use the phrase 'I love you'... But it was one of the first times Americans got such a visceral window into other people's intimate conversations.") The *Times* profiled Terry Albury, who worked at the FBI post-9/11, became disillusioned, leaked secrets to reporters, and was jailed. Defector debunked the internet



legend that Dana Carvey observed a moment's silence on 9/11 while dressed as a turtle on the set of *The Master of Disguise*. (This happened, just not on the day itself.)

George W. Bush, who was president then, and Joe Biden, who is president now, this 9/11 marked the anniversary with remarks about American unity.

Many reporters and pundits echoed the theme, often lamenting how much unity there was then and how little we see now.

In a dispatch headlined "From United to Disunited States," Jon Sopel, the BBC's North America editor, quoted at length from "New Colossus," the Emma Lazarus poem on the Statue of Liberty.

On NBC, Lester Holt rued that while "new security rules and procedures to make us safer were met with patience" after 9/11, "the rules to make us safer today too often result in rage".

On CNN, Jim Acosta teared up as he said, "we didn't just become divided, we let hate into our hearts - for each other".

There's nothing wrong, of course, with celebrating the many stories of kindness, selflessness and sacrifice that followed 9/11. But much analysis in this vein fell into a familiar trap of political framing: treating unity as good in and of itself, without noting the ugly objects of that unity post-9/11, and those -not least Muslim Americans - whom it excluded.

If 9/11 ushered in an era of common purpose, politicians exploited it to usher in an era of violence overseas and unprecedented curbs on civil liberties -decisions, NPR's Asma Khalid has noted, that "paved the way for the very deep divisions and disunity that I think we see today" and were "based, to some degree, on fear".

Much of the anniversary coverage did place the ugliness front and centre, emphasizing Muslim voices and assessing the many costs of the war on terror, a discussion surely supercharged by the recent US withdrawal from Afghanistan. Writing in *The Atlantic*, Garrett M.

long, and that wasn't inevitable. A more diverse news business, with different incentives and a different relationship to power, might have handled the story very differently.

None of this is an abstraction. Much of the anniversary coverage drew parallels and contrasts with the Covid-19 pandemic, which - with the possible exception of the climate crisis - has had the biggest impact of any global event since 9/11.

It's not hard to imagine, twenty or so years from now, a flurry of stories looking back on the lives lost to Covid-19, the mistakes our leaders made in their response, and all the ways the world changed as a result.

Many of those losses, mistakes and changes are visible now, and have already attracted excellent media coverage. But we're still in the eye of the storm.

In twenty years, will we view Covid-19 as a lesson well learned, or as a missed opportunity to invest more in public health and pandemic preparedness? Will it be a tragedy we never forget, or one we were happy to bury once it ended (for rich nations, anyway)?

These dynamics are not entirely in the media's power, of course. But imagining what future anniversary coverage might look like - and how we might want it to look - now can help us shape it in the present, before it's too late.

Ahead of the anniversary, meanwhile, the National Association of Black Journalists compiled a package of articles in which Black reporters reflected on 9/11.

"In this moment, I was no longer a reporter," Allison Davis, then the vice president of Dunbar Productions, recalls, of seeing the second tower come down. "I was a mother and wife who needed to get to my husband and two boys."

Elsewhere, Eileen McNamara, who teaches journalism at Brandeis University, writes, for *WBUR*, that her students now see much coverage of 9/11 as a case study in what not to do.

"There were journalists - largely unheralded - who got it right," McNamara writes, adding: "I want my students to remember those reporters, not the ones sporting US flags on their lapels."

Also, earlier this month, US President Joe Biden signed an executive order directing the US Justice Department and other agencies to declassify secret official documents relating to 9/11, and to release them over a period of six months.

Biden promised the disclosures as a candidate, and the families of hundreds of victims recently told him that he would not be welcome at memorial events unless he followed through.

• CJR



Land where men, women cultivate different crops

By Beatrice Philemon

IN Mbozi District, Songwe Region, there are crops cultivated by men and others by women alone with the arrangement working to the disadvantage of the latter.

For, men's crops happen to be cash ones cultivated in large farms such as coffee with women left with food crops such as maize and beans cultivated in small scales.

This decades-long arrangement has resulted in one unintended consequence on women: extension services have for long been reserved for men due to nature of their crop.

This prompted MIICO, an organization based in Mbeya to intervene with a project called Strengthening Social Accountability and Oversight Capacity for Rights-based Public Resources Management in Health and Agriculture in Southern Africa (PSA).

The project is being implemented in collaboration with ActionAid Tanzania in Mbozi District with funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) focusing on Public Resource Management (PRM).

Briefing journalists and ActionAid Staff during a recent field visit, Gloria Mbindile, PSA's Programme Officer said Phase II of the project (2019-2023) is being implemented in five village in Mbozi District namely Iyula, Itaka, Zelezeta, Idi-wili and Hasamba.

"We chose to focus on smallholder women farmers because they have been marginalized for so long when it comes to access to extension services," she said.

A study conducted as part of the project found that there were challenges in the areas of food security, reproductive health, malnutrition and high rates of HIV/Aids.

After the findings, the project implementers started sensitizing smallholder women farmers to start utilizing extension services to increase productivity. According to Mbindile, this was not a walk in the park because seeing extension officers was a thing of men.

So far a total of 1,047 women out of 9,922 in the project area have started using extension services which is equals to 10.5 per cent, she said.

"Under the project, women were able to receive advisory services through farmer education, farmer information and farmer's field schools from District and village extension officers," he said.

Women participation in planning and budgeting process for financial year 2021/2022 in the project area from hamlet to district level also increased, said the project officer.

A total of 1,092 women attended village meetings during identification of priorities up from 299 before the project which is 11 per cent of 9,922 women population in the five villages of the project.

According to Mbindile, a total of 52 women groups have been mobilized from the five villages including formation of five women farmers'

forum at village level with a total of 150 members with each group comprising of 30 women.

The project seeks to improve public service delivery in agriculture sector namely food security and health in the specific areas of HIV/Aids, sexual reproductive health and rights by strengthening the oversight and social accountability roles of five target groups in the SADC region including Tanzania.

Chairperson of Hasamba Women Platform, Catheline Mponzi, said under the project, women in village were trained on how to use agro-ecological farming that applies indigenous seeds, organic pesticides to control pests from destroying their crops and the importance of utilizing extension services.

They were also trained on how to make traditional pesticides and fertilizers using indigenous species of plants to improve soil fertility and prevent pests that destroy crops, gender equality, environmental and health principles, budget analysis, Public Expenditure Tracking System (PET), organic farming, agro-forestry and women participation in hamlet and villages meetings.

"The trainings have brought positive changes to women in all villages because right now many women use extension officers and they are now the ones training others; this was not the case before," said Mponzi.

Beneficiaries of the project have also established Village Community Banks (VICOBA) which enable members to access financial services and start small businesses.

"We buy shares and issue loans to members that they mostly use in their agro-ecological practices and other small income generating projects," she said.

Right now women are using indigenous seeds, traditional pesticides that are safe for environment and human being as well as produce indigenous seeds for sell.

Before the training programme, many farmers in the area, mostly men, used expensive fertilizers and pesticides to maximize crop yield, Mponzi said.

She appealed to the government to ensure that seed and fertilizer agencies are available in rural areas where real farming takes place to minimize huge costs of travelling to towns to buy the same, most of which turn out to be counterfeit.

Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation Officer for the project Jane Charles said through the knowledge gained from MIICO, beneficiaries have been able to identify priorities in their localities through which they can access quality extension services for the FY 2021/2022.

She said the seven priorities that were raised by women in all five villages have been submitted to Mbozi District Council for further action and feedback.

The priorities include budget allocation for extension services, agriculture sector as per guidelines, soil testing, and budget for agro-ecological demonstration farms to enable

smallholder farmers to learn alternative production methods for food crops which are friendly to environment.

Others are budget allocation for renovation of irrigation schemes to enable women engaging in food crops production access the same, budget for working facilities to extension officers and budget for women training on seed production which are friendly to their environment.

So far, budget allocation for extension officers, renovation of Iyula irrigation scheme, transport facilities, soil testing and establishment of demonstration plots have been approved by Mbozi District Council.

"This has been possible after women conducted budget analysis exercise within their localities and later on came up with those priorities," she said.

Ajenikisa Kayange, member of Hasamba Women Platform located seven kilometer from Mbozi District said the training has helped women to move from traditional subsistence farming to advanced practices guided by science.

"I commend MIICO and ActionAid Tanzania for introducing the project; it has changed the situation to the extent that maize, groundnut and beans production has increased and soil fertility has improved tremendously compared to before," she said.

Hazelu B Hamlet Chairman, Hobadia Simwenga, said the training has changed fortunes of women not only in the hamlet but Hasamba village as a whole.

"We have more women who have not only improved in their farming practices but they also train their fellow women which makes the education sustainable," he said.

"We recently received a delegation from South Africa for benchmarking and as a village we took it with so much pride."

Project Focal Person at Mbozi District Council, Peter Ndalakwa, said there is shortage of extension officers especially for agro-ecological farming, adding that this has also posed serious challenge for smallholder farmers engaged in maize, beans, coffee and groundnuts.

He said the district authorities have acted on this shortage by hiring eight extension officers who have already been posted to Iyanda, NyimbiliEzuya, Maenje, and Wasa wards.

The district is set to purchase eight motorcycles for the extension officers to enable them reach farmers easily," he said.

Also in June this year the district has issued 60m/- to make renovation at Iyula Irrigation Scheme, the funds will be used to renovate Catchment area from the IYULA water source to the irrigation scheme area.

Agro-ecology farming helps to conserve environment, improve soil fertility, help farmers to reduce farming cost occasioned by dependence on industrial fertilizers.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF INTERGRATED MINE PLAN AND FINANCIAL MODELS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring a service for provision of integrated mine plan and financial models and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01304	PROVISION OF INTEGRATED MINE PLAN AND FINANCIAL MODELS TO GGML

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01304)	60%
Combine the Open pit Spry and Underground Datamine EPS mine plans in an integrated "Software" plan (not Excel) that evaluates feed blend requirements with scheduled mine throughput and projected stockpile ore to determine options to be progressed to costing, values to be linked to GGM PowerBi. The "Software" should be tailored for GGM's site-specific needs.	25%
Identify and undertake first principles cost modelling using Kotter's 8 step change model for selected options and key cost scenarios, every consumable item derived from mining activities needs to be linked to GGM's SAP system, values to be linked to GGM PowerBi	20%
Accurately track compliance of actuals to planned from a mining metrics and derived cost perspective in the "Software" developed for GGM with results linked to PowerBi	10%
Provide visual graphical outputs that represent both individual cases and comparison of cases	5%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01304) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 29th September 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Surge in seaweed demand to drive growth of Africa's market

By Special Correspondent

A number of Africa's seaweed producers are among those expected to post substantial seaweed market growth as global pressure mounts on governments to increase seafood production, reduce global warming, and restore overexploited marine fisheries to sustainable levels.

Growing demand for the vitamins and minerals found in seaweed, primarily for use in the manufacture of food, healthcare, and personal care products, is a key driver in the expansion of the commercial seaweed market, according to a 360 Market Research report.

"The market for commercial seaweed is witnessing substantial growth prospective," the report says.

Although the report highlights the market trends in South Africa, Nigeria, and Egypt, Africa's seaweed production is largely concentrated in Tanzania, Morocco, and Madagascar, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Tanzania and Madagascar are among the top aquaculture producers on the continent of the Kappaphycus/Eucheuma seaweed species, despite disease having depressed production in Tanzania - specifically on the island of Zanzibar - forcing farmers to resort to the lower-valued Eucheuma denticulatum, according to the FAO.

Even taking into account the top producers, Africa's



share of global seaweed production remains less than 1 percent. However, Africa's seaweed production levels are expected to increase after The Nature Conservancy (TNC) - in partnership with local suppliers, government partners, universities, and U.S. company Cargill - launched a new seaweed farming "community empowerment and environmental training program for seaweed farmers" through its new sustainability initiative the "Red Seaweed Promise" in Tanzania's islands of Zanzibar and Pemba.

Some of the specific areas the partnership is focusing on include "trainings in better environmental management practices, smart seaweed farm siting, and improved maintenance and farm design."

The Nature Conservancy said Tanzania is where a large share of the seaweed

produced is "dried, and sold for use as carrageenan or agar thickening agents that are used in food products, such as ice cream and cosmetics," has huge potential to produce tropical seaweeds that could address demand of other "other key societal needs - including sustainable animal feeds, biofuels, pharmaceuticals, and nutraceuticals."

However, Africa's seaweed producers continue to face market growth hurdles including the inadequate understanding and awareness on the use of seaweed in human nutrition, the FAO said. For seaweed to become a key nutritional component especially in low producing regions such as Africa, FAO recommends a concerted effort by "stakeholders and experts in policy, business, and scientific communities to make seaweeds acceptable, available, and affordable."

TPA to boost Dar port capacity to handle larger marine vessels

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

THE Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) is set to increase its handling capacity of imported vehicles by threefold from the current annual of 163,000 vehicles after the completion of the modernization program of its berth number two at the Dar es Salaam port.

Dar es Salaam port is the main gateway to any country's economy because it facilitates international trade for exports as well as imports.

The port remains one important gateway in Africa as it serves landlocked countries - Malawi, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.

The port is strategically placed to serve as a convenient freight linkage not only to and from East and Central Africa countries, but also to middle and Far East, Europe, Australia and America.

That's why the government works hard to strengthen its infrastructures to continue to deliver competitive services to its customers within and outside the country.

TPA Director General, Eric Hamissi said recently in Dar es Salaam that the authority has been deploying a number of measures to ensure it handles at least 50 percent of goods destined to landlocked within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in the next few years up from the 25 percent currently being handled

Hamissi said: "The modern facility at the port has continued paying off after it had recorded yet another milestone when it received a ship christened MV Serene Theodore".

The ship had carried the largest consignment of 38,400 tonnes of in-transit sulphur chemicals from Doha, in Qatar destined to Zambia and DRC to be used for mining activities.

With the new facilities installed at the port, the volume of cargo was offloaded within 10 days compared to the past when it took about 25 days to accomplish the work.

"The new development was a continuation of the recent outcomes of the massive expansion and improvements of the facilities of the ports", he affirmed.

The country has never hosted such two big vessels in the history of the port. The previous record was the arrival of a ship that carried 2,600 cars.

Tanzania's ports have shown a significant milestone when Mtwara port also received yet another largest ever cargo vessel carrying 2,850 tonnes of Sulphur pesticides consignment brought by the government as subsidy for cashew farmers in Southern zone and other regions in the country.

The Yasemin vessel that docked at the port a month ago from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and brought confidence among traders on the capacity of the port to accommodate mega cargo vessels weighing 65,000 tonnes.

The TPA boss said: "The government has dedicated more efforts to make possible the on-going expansion program at the port with a view to strengthen and increase the haulage capacity so as to attract customers."

The increased usage of the \$421 million World Bank-funded Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Project (DSMGP) worth 900bn/-, is a ten-year project that started in 2017 which has enabled modernization of the port and quickened the hauling processes, according to the official.

The project is being conducted in two phases whereby the first phase covers the expansion of eight berths, drilling the entry-pathway, container yards and construction of railway.

The second phase will cover the expansion of four berths from number 8 to 11 whereby at every berth there will be an increase of meter depths by 90 percent from 8.5 meters to 14.5 meters.

Another phase of expansion, according to Hamissi involves the extension of entry and exit point of marine vessels which currently has 11.5 meter wide, and once is complete will have a width of 15.5 meters. The point will enable vessels whose lengths range between 200 and 400 meters away, not forgetting the parking slots for containers with a large space of 72,000 square meters.

When completed the Dar port will be able to reserve up to 60,000 containers per month, from current 12,000 containers, thus it will be the

leading port to handle more goods along the eastern coast of Indian Ocean in Africa.

"This is part of development for marine infrastructure which has come at an opportune time when the government is currently taking a number of initiatives to ease transportation of goods within East African Community (EAC) partner states as well as SADC countries."

Speaking shortly after the arrival of the vessel, Mtwara Regional Commissioner Brigadier General Marco Gaguti said the vessel came to bring port services closer to traders as well as creating a favorable environment for business communities at the port.

The Mtwara's modern multipurpose cargo terminal is now capable of delivering quality services to the southern regions of Lindi Mtwara and Ruvuma and serving the neighbouring countries in the southern African region - Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia.

Cement produced at the Dangote Cement factory is reaching markets in Comoro and Zanzibar through Mtwara port. A fertilizer plant to be established in Lindi will also depend on the port for the product to reach markets in some parts of the southern region and beyond.

According to him, the terminal has increased its cargo handling capacity from 400,000 tonnes per annum to 1,000,000 tonnes; hence the next cashew harvest season will play a significant role in ferrying cashew nuts abroad, including Vietnam.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GOOD AND SERVICES REFERENCE: 10007049

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of experienced and credible CONTRACTORS to express interest in the provision of Information Technology goods and services to support COMPANY activities.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania. The EACOP project development comprises the detailed engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of the corresponding facilities.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The COMPANY will require for its operations the services of experienced and reputable contractors to provide Information Technology infrastructure and workplace solutions and services. These are expected to be:

- The supply of goods: workstations, mobile devices and accessories, cabling, network, server and other accessories.
- The training of technical team and end users.
- Consultancy services (such as and not limited to architecture, project management, audit).
- Telecommunication services.
- Operations and maintenance support services.
- As per COMPANY specifications on the following lots:
- Lot 1: network infrastructure based on Cisco solutions.
- Lot 2: servers based on Microsoft Azure and NetApp solutions.
- Lot 3: workplace based on Windows workstations, Android and iOS mobile devices, Microsoft Office 365 and Azure solutions and services.
- Lot 4: cybersecurity services.
- Lot 5: print services.
- Lot 6: mobile communication services.
- Lot 7: fixed broadband Internet access services.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to document their:
- Adequate Financial Capacity to undertake the eventual contract.
 - A proven track record of experience in providing similar goods and services.
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
 - The contractor MUST be a certified service partner by the actors/vendors on the marketplace.

Interested Companies that meet the minimum requirements and have the capability to provide the goods and services above should send the proof in English by email attachments to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (not exceeding 20Mbs); with the reference number as the subject by **27th Sept. 2021, 5:00pm**. Only companies that meet the minimum requirements will have the opportunity to be included in future Prequalification or Call for Tender processes.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW REFERENCE: 10007040

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide Environmental consultancy services for waste management of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable companies or organizations to provide environmental consultancy services for a specific scope on waste management that includes:

- Identification of measures to avoid and reduce waste on site prior to offsite management.
- In-country identification and review of local, regional and national waste management contractors, facilities and opportunities suitable for project construction needs.
- Health Safety and Environmental audits of waste management contractors and facilities.
- Detailed Waste Management Mapping based on estimated Project wastes and final waste management solutions.
- Revision of Waste Management Strategy.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:

- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the environmental consultancy tasks outlined above on waste management, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 5 years' experience/performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
- Key suitably qualified and experienced lead auditor personnel in undertaking HSE audits at waste management facilities for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for 2020.
- Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending the above documents to tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com with the reference number as a subject on or before **17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on Tuesday September 21st, 2021**.

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

Rare: Medical doctor now on TCCIA board



A member of TCCIA Board of Directors, Dr Said Kingu.

By Guardian Reporter

In a rare momentous move, Dr Said Mtemi Kingu, a consultant medical doctor, has been appointed to be one of the eight members of the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) Board of Directors, the board's chairman, Paul Koyi told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Asked to explain how he felt as medical doctor to be on the board of a private sector association, Koyi, said the TCCIA is a national business alliance with expertise in many areas of interest to local businesses, explaining that it is only pertinent the TCCIA continues to tap into knowledge and experience of varied professionals and experts to enable the association to serve well the business community.

"TCCIA offers skills and information to member companies using seminars, workshops and formal training based on requirements of our members. We also encourage them to participate in national and international trade fairs and include them international delegations. This in the long run increases trade opportunities to member companies, hence the need and importance of tapping into knowledge and experience of varied professionals and experts to allow the TCCIA to serve well the business community," he explained.

TCCIA was established in 1988, with the support and encouragement of government of Tanzania.

Dr Kingu said he has been honoured to be declared TCCIA board member by the business community. "I shall use all my abilities and knowledge to serve the chamber and the nation as a whole," he said, adding: "Tanzania belongs to all of us, I am a Tanzania, and therefore I have a duty to serve Tanzania."

He called on other professionals to take their professions as a form of business, adding that many of them have offices offering consultancy services. He called on those professionals to join the TCCIA so that the association can offer them best ways of turning their endeavours into viable and prosperous businesses.

Other board members are Njile Bwana, Eutropia James, Judith Karangi and Dr Meshack Kulwa, Swallah S Swallah, Clement Bocco. Koyi is the board chairman and president of the TCCIA. Karangi is the TCCIA Managing Director and board's secretary, Dr Kulwa is the vice-chairman (trade), Swallah vice-chairman (agriculture) and Bocco vice-chairman (industry).

Report: Climate change could see 200m people leave home by 2050

BARCELONA, Spain

CLIMATE change could push more than 200 million people to leave their homes in the next three decades and create migration hot spots unless urgent action is taken to reduce global emissions and bridge the development gap, a World Bank report has found.

The second part of the Groundswell report published Monday examined how the impacts of slow-onset climate change such as water scarcity, decreasing crop productivity and rising sea levels could lead to millions of what it describes as "climate migrants" by 2050 under three different scenarios with varying degrees of climate action and development.

Under the most pessimistic scenario, with a high level of emissions and unequal development, the report forecasts up to 216 million people moving within their own countries across the six regions analyzed. Those regions are Latin America; North Africa; Sub-Saharan Africa; Eastern Europe and Central Asia; South Asia; and East Asia and the Pacific.

In the most climate-friendly scenario, with a low level of emissions and inclusive, sustainable development, the world could still see 44 million people being forced to leave their homes.

The findings "reaffirm the potency of climate to induce migration within countries," said Viviane Wei Chen Clement, a senior climate change specialist at the World Bank and one of the report's authors.

The report didn't look at the short-term impacts of climate change, such as the effects of extreme weather events, and did not look at climate migration across borders.

In the worst-case scenario, Sub-Saharan Africa – the most vulnerable region due to desertification, fragile coastlines and the population's dependence on agriculture – would see the most migrants, with up to 86 million people moving within national borders.

North Africa, however, is predicted to have the largest proportion of climate migrants, with 19 million people moving, equivalent to roughly 9% of its population, due mainly to increased water scarcity in northeastern Tunisia, northwestern Algeria, western and southern Morocco, and the central Atlas foothills, the report said.

In South Asia, Bangladesh is particularly affected by flooding and crop failures, accounting for almost half of the predicted climate migrants, with 19.9 million people, including an increasing number of women, moving by 2050 under the pessimistic scenario.

"This is our humanitarian reality right now and we are concerned this is going to be even worse, where vulnerability is more acute," said Prof. Maarten van Aalst, director of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, who wasn't involved with the report.

Many scientists say the world is no longer on track to the worst-case scenario for emissions. But even under a more moderate scenario, van

Aalst said many impacts are now occurring faster than previously expected, "including the extremes we are already experiencing, as well as potential implications for migration and displacement."

While climate change's influence on migration is not new, it is often part of a combination of factors pushing people to move, and acts as a threat multiplier. People affected by conflicts and inequality are also more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change as they have limited means to adapt.

"Globally, we know that three out of four people that move stay within countries," said Dr. Kanta Kumari Rigaud, a lead environmental specialist at the World Bank and co-author of the report.

The report also warns that migration hot spots could appear within the next decade and intensify by 2050. Planning is needed both in the areas where people will move to, and in the areas they leave to help those who remain.

Among the actions recommended were achieving "net zero emissions by mid-century to have a chance at limiting global warming to 1.5° degrees Celsius" and investing in development that is "green, resilient, and inclusive, in line with the Paris Agreement."

Clement and Rigaud warned that the worst-case scenario is still plausible if collective action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and invest in development isn't taken soon, especially in the next decade, the situation will be more dire.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION FOR BEHAVIOUR CHANGE CAMPAIGN TO GGML EMPLOYEES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring a service for provision of behaviour change campaign to GGML employees and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01298	PROVISION FOR BEHAVIOUR CHANGE CAMPAIGN TO GGML EMPLOYEES

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01298)	
Evidence of existing behaviour change guidelines to be used for the uninterrupted delivery of the Behaviour change (guidelines that enable all employees recalibrate to be audited by GGM for compliance)	15%
Provide evidence of experienced manpower compliment and facilities to provide vendor held inventory and the required site services	15%
Details of the approach to be adopted to ensure uninterrupted Behaviour Change to Geita Gold Mine employees.	8.33%
Experience in delivery of behaviour change in the context of the behavior safety, physical and Psychological health and Safety hazards and Risk Controls	8.33%
Provide evidence of the processes to ensure that the Behaviour Change campaign /motivational speeches quality standards are upheld, with quality certification provided when required.	8.33%
Proof practical experience on the understanding Mining methods and Processing requirement in the Gold Mining Industry for awareness creation to Health & Safety in the context of hazards and risk management	5%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01298) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 29TH September 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF DIESEL FUEL TO GGML EMPLOYEES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring diesel fuel and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01279	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF DIESEL FUEL

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
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Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
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List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
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Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01279)	
60%	
Evidence of existing facilities to be used for the uninterrupted supply and delivery of Diesel Fuel (facilities to be audited by GGM for compliance)	15%
Provide evidence of experienced manpower compliment and facilities to provide vendor held inventory and the required site services	15%
Details of the approach to be adopted to ensure uninterruptable Diesel fuel supply to Geita Gold Mine	15%
Details of the Environmental and Safety Management Systems and policies.	5%
Provide evidence of the processes to ensure that the Diesel Fuel quality standards are upheld, with quality certification provided when required.	5%
Evidence of availability of a spill prevention, prepared and response plan.	5%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01279) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 29TH September 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Delhi school teachers fight attendance app over fears of privacy



Rina Chandran, India

As COVID-19 shuttered India's schools and overwhelmed its hospitals, teachers in Delhi were roped in for emergency duties - from handing out food rations to staffing vaccination centres, often at great risk to themselves.

But many balked when told to download an attendance app on their mobile phones that could track their location - adding to hefty surveillance measures in the capital's schools that critics say infringe the privacy of students and staff.

Warned by city authorities that their wages would be withheld if they failed to comply, the teachers are fighting back. "We weren't consulted on this app, we weren't told about its features - we were just sent a link and ordered to download it on our mobile phones," said Vibha Singh, a senior vice president of the Nagar Nigam Shikshak Sangh (NNS) teachers' union.

After numerous complaints, the union filed suit at the city's High Court last month, arguing that the app violated their privacy. The next hearing is due on Sept. 27.

"These are our personal phones, and the app tracks our location at all times. We don't know what other information it can access, or who has access to the data - what if it gets hacked? Women teachers are especially at risk," Singh said.

Even before the app was launched, some of Delhi's public schools had closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras with facial recognition technology, a measure digital rights advocates have condemned as an "overreach".

India's capital is among the world's most surveilled cities, with more than 1,800 cameras per square mile - the highest concentration globally, according to estimates by technology website Comparitech.

An official at the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), which is the defendant in the teachers' union's lawsuit, said the app merely logs the attendance of teachers and poses no privacy or safety risks.

"It is a misunderstanding that the app can compromise their privacy. We have held several talks with the teachers to explain the app and to allay their fears," said Muktamay Mandal, deputy director of education at SDMC.

"We are moving towards increased digitalisation in every sphere - we are downloading so many apps everyday. If they have nothing to hide, what is there to fear?" he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

The coronavirus pandemic has prompted governments and corporations to launch a wide array of technologies on the grounds of health and safety that can track people, with few privacy safeguards, digital rights experts say.

Increasingly, workers are pushing back against what they see as a violation of their rights.

Municipal employees in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh protested last year against GPS-enabled tracking smartwatches they were required to wear, with the data that was gathered linked to performance ratings and salaries.

Earlier this year, thousands of government-accredited community healthcare workers - who are mostly women - protested against a mobile app they said tracked their location and recorded their performance.

With the attendance app, the level of surveillance from tracking and accessing data cannot be justified as a means to log attendance, said Anushka Jain, an associate counsel at digital rights group Internet Freedom Foundation in Delhi.

"There is no need to track them throughout the day; that is surveillance. It's very problematic that these apps and technologies are being forced upon people without any data protection guidelines," she said.

"The growing pushback we are seeing is not only about the right to privacy, but also because misuse of these technologies is so rampant and people understand that the worst-case scenario is not just hypothetical, it is highly likely," she said.

A long-delayed Personal Data Protection Bill that aims to create a framework for what kind of data can be collected, and for how it is collected, processed and stored, will impose penalties for the misuse of any personal data.

But the draft bill contains numerous exceptions, particularly for government agencies, Jain said.

In Delhi, school teachers previously used a biometrics machine or logged on to a website to log their attendance, said Singh, a school principal, but these options have been replaced by the app.

Several teachers who failed to download the app have had their wages withheld, said Singh, adding that the requirement was also problematic in households with only one smartphone that may be used by other members of the family during the day.

"If we must use this app, then give us separate devices that we can use for attendance and other school work," she said.

"We can then leave the device in the school, and know it is not tracking us. We have no objection to that."

GROWING PUSHBACK



Thursday 16 September 2021

CRDB Bank targets sustained growth backed by vigorous structural reforms

By The Banker Reporter

SUSTAINED growth backed by vigorous reforms will continue underpinning CRDB Bank Plc's operations for many years to come. In a video conference presentation last week to Africa's leading CEOs and Managing Directors, CRDB's CEO and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said the bank affirmed its viability as a lucrative investment vehicle with an improved half-year performance, despite the prevailing coronavirus outbreak challenge.

Nsekela told the investment community in a scheduled web call last week that CRDB Bank has successfully weathered the COVID-19 storm to post an impressive profit after tax, of 88.6bn/- which accounts for a 26 percent growth, compared to 70.4bn/- made in June 2020.

He attributes the impressive growth to sustained business reforms to improve the bank's operations, alongside aggressive sales and marketing campaigns to drive usage of alternative channels. "Our business transformation initiatives continue to yield positive results as witnessed in the increase in income and improved cost of operations," he said.

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19,



CRDB Bank Group CEO and MD Abdulmajid Nsekela speaks to investors in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

CRDB Bank has refocused its investment in expanding services through digital channels as part of the broad strategy to ensure continuity of service in the wake

of the pandemic.

"We have accelerated our digital transformation projects to ensure that we serve our customers effectively while also observing

health guidelines," Nsekela explained. "Our focus is to drive usage of our digital channels such as SimBanking, Internet banking as well as agents, which will reduce the necessity of our customers visiting our branches," he added.

Subsidiaries contributed a total of 8.6 percent to the group's half-year profits, with CRDB Bank Burundi SA's net profit increasing by 26 percent to 5.3bn/-, driven by strong growth in CASA. The alignment of the insurance operations continues to yield positive results with improved costs of operation, which declined by 57 percent during the period under review.

During the first half of the year, CRDB Group registered a resilient top-line growth with a 9 percent increase in net interest income to 371bn/- from 336bn/- reported in June 2020. Non-interest income registered a relatively slower year-on-year growth of 13 percent, dragged by a low revenue generation in some income lines including drafts and transfers, agency

banking, foreign currency income and insurance, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cumulatively, the group achieved a strong balance sheet growth with a 15 percent growth in total assets to 8.1trn/- thanks to an increase in net loans and advances which registered a 16 percent growth to 566bn/- mainly due increases in personal and SME loans.

Customer deposits grew by 11 percent to 6.1trn/- resulting from aggressive mobilization initiatives undertaken during the period under review. During the period, the group maintained a healthy asset quality with an NPL of 4.6 percent. "We continue to engage with our borrowing customers to understand their challenges so that we can support them," the CEO said.

The revelations come even as the bank continues to pursue regional expansion plans in line with its long term strategy as regulatory approval to establish a subsidiary in the Democratic Republic of Congo, has already been received.

Kenya Power workers seek board ouster on tenders investigation

NAIROBI

Kenya Power workers have threatened to go on strike if four directors don't resign amid an investigation over tendering at the electricity utility.

The Kenya Electrical Trades and Allied Workers Union (Ketawu) has warned of the strike in the push for the resignation of board chairman Vivienne Yeda and directors-Elizabeth Rogo, Caroline Kitony and Sachin Gudka. The anti-corruption watchdog has summoned non-executive directors of Kenya Power to record statements over procurement fights that has rocked that utility company.

"We are giving an ultimatum to the government. In the next three weeks, if they are not going to see the four board members exit Kenya Power, we are going to mobilise all workers in the energy sector for a nationwide strike," said Mr Ernest Nadome, Ketawu secretary-general, in a briefing yesterday.

"It will be a mother of all strike in this country. We will bring down power, there will be no power in this country because Kenyans are suffering." This comes after the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) boss Twalib Mbarak directed Ms Yeda alongside eight others to appear before its officers between yesterday and tomorrow.

"The Commission is investigating allegations of interference in procurement processes by the board of directors," Mr Mbarak writes in a letter addressed to Ms Yeda dated September 10, 2021. "To progress the investigation, kindly facilitate the below listed members of the board of directors to appear before our investigators at our Integrity Center offices for interview and statement recording," the letter reads.

Besides Ms Yeda, the other board members summoned include engineer Abdullaraq Ali, Caroline Kitony Njoroge Muhu, Elizabeth Rogo and Kairo Thuo. Others summoned are Mr Sachin Gudka, Isaac Kiva and Humphrey Muhu. The summons comes weeks after the board pushed out the utility's Chief Executive Officer Benard Ngugi, before the end of his term, after a stormy board meeting in August.

Motsepe's TymeBank plans new salary advance products

JOHANNESBURG

Digital bank TymeBank is set to introduce new salary advance products in the new financial year, as the bank seeks to diversify its client base.

Salary advance products include the bank agreeing to give clients a portion, or the entirety, of a future salary before the usual payday. TymeBank has now set its sights on this market and also wants to get existing products to scale and implement various measures to lure new customers.

The bank is owned by African Rainbow Capital (ARC), the investment holding company founded by business mogul Dr Patrice Motsepe. It has released its financial results for year ended 30 June, saying it is focused on acquiring clients who want to benefit from lower banking costs, as well as improved customer experience.

The digital bank has successfully on-boarded 3.45 million customers in over two years since launching and is embarking on a growth path. This includes signing up over nine million Zionist Christian Church (ZCC) members, after the initial attempt last year was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

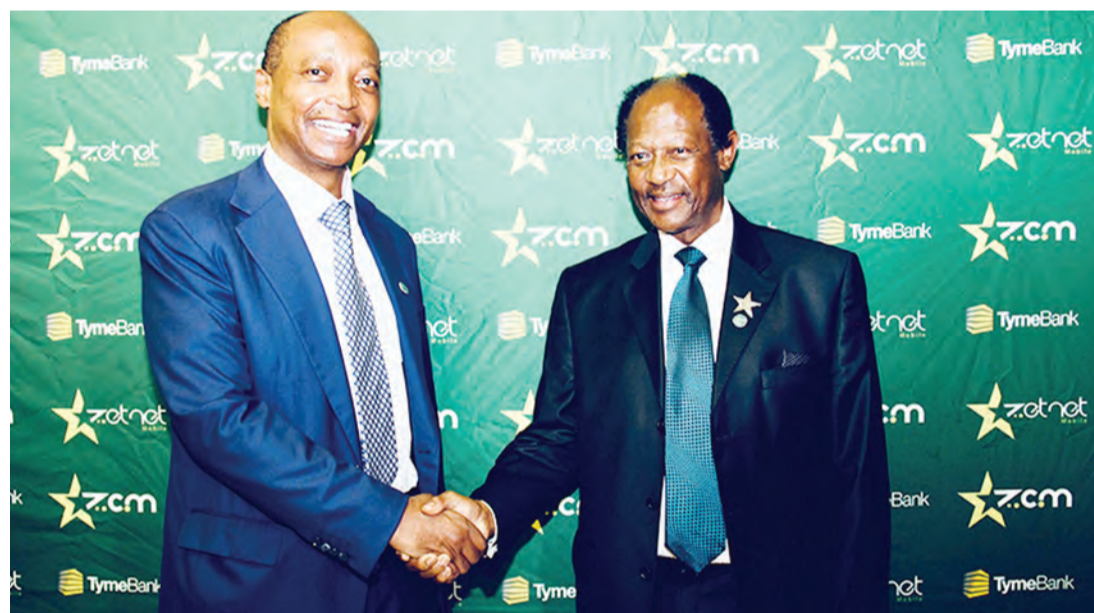
TymeBank and the ZCC initially penned a deal last year targeting to onboard members of Africa's largest

church, but this was derailed when government implemented lockdown measures. ARC said today that this process should gain momentum once preventative COVID-19 measures are relaxed and it is reasonably safe to resume activities to onboard church members.

According to ARC, TymeBank has enhanced its value proposition to consumers by adding insurance, as well as a buy-now-pay-later product called MoreTyme. "In the new financial year, the business will seek to get key existing products to scale, introduce new salary advance products, and implement various measures to diversify its customer profile.

"The progress on strategy implementation to date, combined with the additional capital that has been injected up to 30 June 2021, results in the company's share in the fair value of TymeBank amounting to R1173 million at 30 June 2021."

TymeBank has also set its sights beyond SA's borders. It entered the Philippines market after partnering with investors that include Apis Growth Fund II, a private equity fund managed by London-based Apis Partners, and JG Summit Holdings, one of the largest investment conglomerates in the Philippines, owned by the Gokongwei family.



Dr Patrice Motsepe with ZCC leader Bishop Dr Barnabas Lekganyane.

Resilient Rain

In the year under review, ARC's telecommunications investments in Rain continued to surpass expectations in terms of performance. The company says the data-only mobile network managed to sustain its high level of customer growth throughout the reporting period.

"It exceeded its subscriber targets in both the 4G and 5G market. A key focus area of Rain remains to improve its customer experience and it continues to make progress in addressing customer queries and complaints. The business has been experiencing an

unprecedented surge in demand for its products and services. Rain is expected to fully participate in the upcoming government-initiated spectrum auction."

Further, the investment company says, in this regard it should be noted that a modest capital raise from Rain's shareholders is in progress. "The company's share in the value of the investment in Rain increased from R311 million at 30 June 2020 to R3314 million at 30 June 2021, as a result of R56 million additional investment and a fair value gain of R147 million over the year," says ARC.

Global debt hits record \$296trn as world lockdowns ease

LONDON

Global debt loads surged during the second quarter as households seized on low mortgage rates and governments continued borrowing heavily to revive pandemic-battered economies. The amount of the world's outstanding debt swelled during the three months by about \$4.8 trillion to a record \$296 trillion, according to a report by the Institute of International Finance.

The increase was led by households that added \$1.5 trillion of debt during the first half of the year, driven by the U.S., China and Brazil, with home buyers tapping into low interest rates and stepping up spending as countries emerged from lockdowns. Meantime,

government and corporate debts increased by \$1.3 trillion and \$1.2 trillion, respectively, over the six-month period.

At the same time, the amount of debt relative to the size of the global economy declined for the first time since the onset of the pandemic as growth rebounded. The total debt load stood at about 353% of the world's annual economic output, a nine-percentage-point drop from the peak during the first three months of 2021.

"The recovery has not been strong enough to bring debt ratios below pre-pandemic levels in most cases," Emre Tiftik, the director of sustainability research at the IIF, wrote in the report. Excluding the financial sector, only Mexico,

Argentina, Denmark, Ireland and Lebanon have a debt-to-GDP ratio below their pre-pandemic level, the report found.

Other findings from the report include: Emerging-market debt excluding China, rose to a record near \$36 trillion, driven by government borrowing in Brazil, Korea and Russia; Global issuance of sustainable bonds and loans is projected to reach \$1.2 trillion in 2021. It has already reached \$800 billion, surpassing the total for all of last year; and "The pace of China's debt buildup has been much steeper than in other countries," the IFF writes. It grew by \$2.3 trillion to \$55 trillion in the second quarter, with non-financials accounting for over 40% of the rise.

Fresh High
Global debt rose to a record during the second quarter of the year

Global debt in USD (trillions)



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Tigo partners Absa, Jumo to accelerate financial inclusion

By The Banker Reporter

IN a bid to enhance financial inclusion among rural based people who have been disenfranchised by formal financial institutions for many years, Tigo Tanzania Limited is teaming up with Absa Bank Tanzania and Jumo, a banking technology startup to increase availability of existing short-term credit products in the market.

Through its new product, 'Tigo Nivushe' available on Tigo Pesa platform, the telecommunications company will facilitate provision of short term credit through mobile phones. Chief Officer for Tigo Pesa, Angelica Pesha said in Dar es Salaam mid this week during the re-introduction of 'Tigo Nivushe' that the partnership will Absa Bank and JUMO position its Tigo Pesa platform better in the market.

Pesha said Tigo is an innovative financial services provider in the country which is supporting the government's aim to reduce the financial services gap, especially in the micro lending sector and rural areas.

"We initially launched the 'Tigo Nivushe' mobile lending product in 2015 in partnership with JUMO to make credit available to small and micro businesses and consumers who had never had access before,



Tigo Pesa Chief officer Angelica Pesha.

or had experienced difficulties in accessing formal credit," she said adding that the credit benefitted over 2.1 million Tigo Pesa customers.

The Tigo Pesa chief further noted that the tripartite agreement with Absa Bank and JUMO will also pave the way for more funds to be disbursed to Tigo Pesa's eligible customers effective this month.

"This positions Tigo Pesa as a one-stop centre for all digital financial services in the country

and with this partnership, we will create more opportunities for our customers to access loans that can improve their daily lives," Pesha added saying all Tigo Pesa subscribers are eligible for the loans.

"Customers who are registered and active on Tigo Pesa can borrow amounts ranging from 2,000 to 1m/- depending on requirements and eligibility, for a loan term of 7-30 days. Non-eligible customers are encouraged to use Tigo

Pesa services more to build a positive credit score," she noted.

Speaking at the event, Absa Bank Tanzania's Director of Finance, Obedi Laiser said as a pan-African bank with a global reach, Absa is committed in playing a crucial role in society while ensuring that it brings possibilities to life for customers.

"By growing digital banking initiatives and mobile technology integrations in Tanzania and globally, we believe our investment in innovations and partnerships continues to be critical in our existing markets, such as Tanzania," Laiser said.

He added, "Our products and services speak well to our commitment in serving Tanzanians better and recently we have landed digital channel platforms with payments capabilities ranging from account-to-account transfers, bank to MNOs transfers, government bills payment services and others."

In remarks at the same event, JUMO Africa CEO, Buhle Goslar said, "We're excited about growing this proven product as we want more people in Tanzania to have access to quality financial choices." "This collaboration in a dynamic market deepens our work with partners to create positive outcomes for all parties, especially customers," Goslar said.

US \$100 million innovation fund to fuel African tech investments

CURACAO

The Global Innovation Initiative Group (GIIG), an investment vehicle for early-stage tech start-ups, has established a new fund to invest in early-stage tech innovation start-ups across Africa.

The GIIG Africa Fund is a Curaçao-based private investment initiative that will invest annually in the winners' pool of start-up participants from the African region of the Global Start-up Awards (GSA), an independent start-up ecosystem competition.

Through its multi-platform venture-builders, GIIG says it seeks to develop the largest relationship infrastructure of mission-aligned African innovation stakeholders to accelerate the co-creation of disruptive African solutions. According to a statement, the aim of the fund is to stimulate entirely new industries, accelerate cross-border collaboration and unlock access to new markets across Africa.

As the exclusive rights-holder for the GSA, GIIG is on the lookout for vetted participants across venture capital stages engaged in categories linked to the United Nations Sustainability Goals and megatrends of the 2020s, which will invest in the fund.

GIIG founding partner Mahyar Makhzani explains: "We are not just launching a new fund; rather, this is the dawn of a new way of finding and funding start-ups in Africa, since our candidates will have had to go through a vigorous competition and vetting process to be eligible for funding.

"This means they will be the cream of the crop, thereby increasing our investors' chances of success." Open only to qualified investors, the fund is seeking to raise \$100 million in capital commitments to invest in tech and innovation in Africa over the next three years, and is targeted to return over 25%.

"The GIIG Africa fund is geared at breaking open the funding landscape to provide access for innovators across Africa to a world-class support team and significant global networks. For those with the drive and potential, this will be a game-changer for the top African tech disruptors," says Caitlin Nash, GIIG founding partner.



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Access to digital financial services across remote Africa

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Abiometricsmart card will provide access to government assistance and basic financial services to remote communities in sub-Saharan Africa. This will give individuals access to digital financial services offline in real-time, even if they lack a formal identity document such as a birth certificate or passport.

Mastercard has partnered with African fintech and Start Path company, Paycode, to provide both company's offerings on one card that will help increase access to critical services and advance economic inclusion.

An estimated five percent of the population in sub-Saharan Africa remains financially excluded while close to 30% remain without a form of identification and 60% of the continent has no internet connectivity, leaving these individuals unable to access government assistance and basic financial services.

The partnership's goal is to onboard 30-million individuals living in remote, unconnected areas of Africa over the next three years, enabling them to access the products and services they need with a community pass biometric smart card that runs on Paycode's EDAPT platform.

Mastercard's community pass platform will be included in Paycode's



Paycode CEO Ralph Pecker.

Electronic Data And Payments Technology platform (EDAPT) that currently provides a secure, biometric identity as well as a digital bank account. Users will be able to manage day-to-day needs, including paying school fees for children, getting vaccinations for their families, selling goods, and growing

their businesses.

To enable this, community pass allows a person's face or palm to be recognised at both online and offline locations, while ensuring best-in-class security of their individual data. It also leverages consistent technology standards so that an individual

can seamlessly access financial, health, agricultural, or aid services across providers, including government disbursements.

"Adding inclusive ID functionality to Paycode biometric smart cards helps reach those currently excluded from critical government programs and ensures we are addressing basic financial needs of a dispersed population," says Ricardo Pareja, SVP, sales & market development, H&D for Mastercard.

"As we seek to drive beyond inclusion to fostering prosperity in communities across the globe, a critical focus for Mastercard is to help enable the interoperability and scale of solutions like those provided by Paycode."

Ralph Pecker, CEO at Paycode adds: "We play an important role in last mile delivery and proof of life financial services technology, by providing solutions that bring tremendous growth and financial access offline in real-time to the financial and technology sectors in Africa."

"We believe that shared digital tools and scalable channels can drastically improve the reach and access to services, by reducing the cost to serve those communities as well as improving the effectiveness of service delivery," says Selim Ergoz, vice president, business development - governments at Mastercard.

Last year, Mastercard pledged to connect one-billion people, including five-million micro and small businesses, to the digital economy by 2025. As part of these efforts, the technology company has a direct focus on providing 25-million women entrepreneurs with solutions to grow their businesses.

European Central Bank eases emergency pandemic support

FRANKFURT

The European Central Bank said on Thursday it will trim the pace of its asset purchases over the coming quarter as the bank takes a tentative step towards unwinding emergency economic aid that supported the economic zone during the pandemic.

The ECB said it would buy bonds under its €1.85 trillion Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (Pepp) at a pace moderately lower than the €80 billion (\$94.6bn) a month it bought over the previous two quarters.

"Based on a joint assessment of financing conditions and the inflation outlook, the Governing Council judges that favourable financing conditions can be maintained with a moderately lower pace of net asset purchases under the Pepp than in the previous two quarters," the central bank said on Thursday.

But the regulator said that it would continue to buy bonds "flexibly, according to market conditions", as it looks to prevent a tightening of financing conditions that is inconsistent with its inflation target of 2 per cent.

"In addition, the flexibility of purchases over time, across asset classes and among jurisdictions

will continue to support the smooth transmission of monetary policy" the ECB said. "If favourable financing conditions can be maintained with asset purchase flows that do not exhaust the envelope over the net purchase horizon of the Pepp, the envelope need not be used in full."

ECB president Christine Lagarde said the eurozone was on track for strong growth in the third quarter with economic activity at its pre-pandemic level by the end of the year. She expects gross domestic product to expand by 5 per cent this year, above the 4.6 per cent seen in June, while growth next year is seen at 4.6 per cent, largely unchanged from the ECB's previous 4.7 per cent projection.

The European Central Bank's decision to slow the pace of its pandemic-emergency bond purchases does not equate to "tapering", Ms Lagarde said, referring to a term used to describe the gradual withdrawal of stimulus measures. "What we are doing is recalibrating" the programme in response to favourable economic conditions, she said.

Andrew Kenningham, chief Europe economist at Capital Economics, said while today's policy statement confirms that the ECB will reduce the pace of its asset purchases slightly, the move is a long way

from being a "full taper."

"Total asset purchases will probably continue at an average monthly rate of around €90bn per month in the coming quarter, there is still no firm end-date for the emergency purchase programme," he said.

The emergency scheme, the ECB's primary tool since the onset of the pandemic, is still on track to be wound down next March at the earliest, with no further indication from the ECB on when and how it would recalibrate policy to accommodate the end of the support programme.

The European lender has provided record support since the start of the pandemic in the spring of last year but with growth and inflation rebounding, policymakers have come under pressure in recent weeks to formally acknowledge that the worst of the crisis is over.

The ECB did not signal any further withdrawal of support and maintained its long-standing guidance that it will boost support further if it becomes necessary. "The Governing Council stands ready to adjust all of its instruments, as appropriate, to ensure that inflation stabilises at its 2 per cent target over the medium term," the ECB said.



ECB president Christine Lagarde.

TRA 'determined' to seal tax gaps being exploited by multinational corporations

By Francis Kajubi

WHILE the government is struggling to collect more revenue to finance mega development projects under way in the country, a range of new levies and taxes such as that of mobile money transactions and fuel levy being introduced, Treasury has been losing billions of shillings through transfer pricing practised by multinational corporations (MNCs).

The Controller and Auditor General's report of 2021 released in March, said that Tanzania Revenue Authority lacks capacity in containing fraudulent activities done by MNCs to avoid paying appropriate taxes including transfer pricing.

The CAG concluded that the major weakness is facing TRA is lack of expertise in auditing the MNCs which are mostly in the manufacturing, mining and construction which do so through international procurement processes.

The report revealed that TRA managed to audit only 60 MNCs out of the registered 504 between 2016/17 and 2019/20. Worse still, the CAG said out of the 60 audited MNCs, a mere 23 were fully while the rest were audited partially. The revenue body only collected 108.61bn/- from the fully audited multinationals emanating from their transfer pricing transactions.

President of Tanzania Association of Accountants, Godvictory Lyimo said TRA has a tough task auditing MNCs because they spread their activities across multiple countries. "Let's say that a computer manufacturer has two divisions: Division A, which manufactures software, and Division B, which manufactures or hardware. Division A sells the software to other computer manufacturers as well as its sister company. Normally, Division B pays Division A for the software at the prevailing market price that Division A charges other computer hardware manufacturers," Lyimo said saying the ideal situation however does



Tanzania Revenue Authority commissioner general Alphayo Kidata.

not prevail if tax authorities are less competent.

He pointed out that in order to evade payment of appropriate taxes sister companies may lower the selling prices of products which they trade between them to cheat. "Let's again say that Division A decides to charge a lower price to Division B instead of the prevailing market price which means that Division A's revenue is lower because of the lower pricing while on the other hand Division B's cost of goods sold is lower hence increasing its profit," he explained.

In short, Lyimo added, Division A's revenues are lower by the same margin that of Division B's cost savings which means that there's no financial impact on the MNC except that tax collected from Division A will be lower compared to that of Division B.

The challenges

The TAA President pointed out that given the complexity of transfer pricing transactions, there are many challenges which may result from any new changes or tax reforms that are introduced. He said the knowledge gap between MNCs and tax authority such as TRA, makes it difficult to administer appropriate due taxes.

According to him, transfer pricing regulations apply to all controlled transactions to persons located in and are subject to tax payment in Tanzania and the other person who is a party to the transaction in or outside the country. It is important to note that even subsidiaries are impacted.

Lyimo asserted that there are different transfer pricing methods that are recommended under the Tax Administration (transfer pricing) Regulations of 2018. The choice of

the method to be used remains to be a challenge for most enterprises. Under the Act, an enterprise can opt for either comparable uncontrolled price method (CUP) or Comparable Uncontrolled transaction method or Resale price method or Cost plus method.

"The selection of the most appropriate transfer pricing method should be based on a functional analysis that provides a clear understanding of the enterprises' global business processes and how, for example, the transferred intangibles interact with other functions, assets and risks that comprise the global business. This is a challenge for many enterprises as there is little guidance on this matter," Lyimo argued.

He acknowledged that TRA has taken a proactive role to conduct training, seminars and workshops to build capacity at all levels but due to the evolving nature of technology and ways of doing business, there is a need to give regular training of its staff to mitigate risks emanating from use of new technological developments.

Lyimo pointed out that documentation requirements for transfer pricing compliance pose a second challenge. Any person participating in a controlled transaction, is required to prepare contemporaneous transfer pricing documentation as prescribed in Regulation 7 of the law.

"For companies with related party transactions that exceed 10bn/-, the contemporaneous documentation must be filed together with the Income Tax return for that year at the due date of filing," he added.

Seconding Lyimo's observation, Deloitte Consulting's Senior Tax Manager, Samwel Ndandala said that protecting a country's tax base is very important hence if tax authorities like TRA are not careful, they could be left with nothing to tax. "That is why transfer pricing keeps tax authorities on their toes. Not because it is illegal, but because it has the potential, if abused, to erode much of the domestic tax base," Ndandala said.

He said the new transfer pricing regulations have an additional ele-

ment of benchmarking, a process of finding similar companies and testing how much they charge for similar goods and services. The results are then compared with what the tested company charges to determine if the prices are indeed at arm's length.

"The new regulations seek to build on the four years of the country's collective learning experience. There is certainly more clarity to taxpayers because transfer pricing has never been a precise science. There needs to be ongoing consultations to see how we can make them work," he said.

Responding to the CAG report and expertise comments, Alfred Mregi, TRA's Commissioner Large Taxpayers, Alfred Mregi told The Guardian that from the estimated 3.5million taxpayers, large taxpayers are only 508.

"Transfer pricing is challenge facing many African countries, and in fact, we have performed well as a country. It takes up to five years to audit a single multinational company. We are on the right track and you shouldn't be worried with the number of audited companies so far," Mregi argued saying the future is bright for the revenue body.

Commenting on the findings, TRA's Commissioner General, Alphayo Kidata also admitted that there are challenges related to large taxpayers especially on transfer pricing where Treasury has been losing billions shillings in revenue but backed Mregi's argument that TRA is sealing the existing gaps.

"I am glad to say that the tax authority has been able to collect more than 1trn/- in the first two months of the current fiscal year from large taxpayers including MNCs. This shows that there is good progress as there is voluntary compliance which is very ideal," Kidata said.

In the last fiscal year the authority collected 18,063trn/- from which large taxpayers contributed 6.5trn/- or an equivalent to 38 percent of the total collections. In the current fiscal year the authority targets to collect 22trn/- of which 9trn/- will come from large taxpayers.

TymeBank eyes breakeven next year, Discovery Bank come 2024

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African Rainbow Investments, which owns 23.9% of TymeBank, says it expects the digital bank to break even in 2022. This will be three-and-a-half years after launch. Discovery Bank, by contrast, is targeting breakeven in approximately three years' time - in 2024.

This ought to be no surprise given that the latter is not intended to be a so-called skinny 'neo-bank'. The point at which it will breakeven is around seven times that of TymeBank. Both new banks continue to grow strongly, albeit with very different propositions and target customers.

TymeBank

TymeBank added over 1.5 million clients in the last year and now has a total of 3.45 million customers. It is adding in excess of 120 000 customers per month. A few months ago, the bank said the active portion of that base - in other words, customers who had generated revenue for the bank in the past 30 days - was just above 60%.

Despite experiencing "some significant headwinds" in the year to June, the group says the bank has managed to achieve its revenue and cost targets. By May, it had attracted deposits totalling R2.1 billion.

TymeBank's operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortisation) in calendar 2020 were R1.06 billion. However, in a presentation earlier this year it pointed to a 12% decline in operating costs when comparing Q1 this year to last year. This is a consequence of the bank continuing to scale. Notably, it



TymeBank founder, Patrice Motsepe.

says it has "reshaped distribution costs through restructuring of partnership commercial arrangements around volume and performance."

The partnership with the Zionist Christian Church (ZCC) announced two months before lockdown hit last year, which targeted two million adult customers across South Africa, has been delayed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. It sees the following revenue streams contributing materially:

Insurance, via a partnership with Hollard that was launched in the last year; High-frequency lending, which comprises More-Tyme (buy-now-pay-later instalment credit product), as well as still to-be-launched TymeAdvance and its "short-term unsecured personal lending product"; Lifestyle value-added services (VASs) beyond traditional VAS such as airtime and electricity;

and Subscription bundles.

In so-called "steady state" - from 2025 to 2030 - TymeBank expects its retail cost-to-income ratio to be just 25%. This is less than half the cost-to-income ratio of the traditional four full-service banks, and significantly lower than Capitec's 40%.

Discovery Bank

Discovery Bank reported operating expenses of R1.67 billion for the year to end-June (this excludes R246 million in depreciation and amortisation and R271 million in expected credit losses). The group announced last week that it added 90 000 clients in the financial year, an increase of 86% on the prior year. At the end of June, Discovery Bank had 362 000 clients with 649 000 accounts. It says it is "achieving 500 average daily new-to-bank sales, in line with the medium-term forecast."

This presents a real opportunity to sell other Discovery products to these customers. The penetration of Vitality Money (fewer than a third of the base at Diamond status) also offers opportunity.

It grew retail deposits by 167% to R8.2 billion in the year (versus 7% across the market), while advances edged up just 5% to R3.8 billion (still, it contends this is faster than the market's 4.5%). The group says this is as a result of a "deliberate decision to pursue a prudent credit strategy."

Its credit loss ratio, which includes a Covid-19 overlay, is 4.6% for the year - far lower than card and unsecured lending businesses of rival banks. Across its local operations, 4.9 billion Discovery Miles (equivalent to R490 million) were earned in the financial year, with 2.9 billion miles spent (R290 million).

Its new 'Miles D-Day' on the 15th of each month, which offers customers double their discount level, has seen members spend their miles at a rate surpassing even Black Friday (8.5 times the daily average, versus 5.5 times).

The plan all along has been for Discovery Bank to break even at "roughly" 500 000 to 600 000 clients. If it continues to attract clients at current rates, that means break even in about FY2024 (July 2023 to June 2024). The bank is not saying this, but one assumes that if its credit appetite changes - and if the environment becomes more conducive to lending - it may turn profitable slightly sooner.

UK set to inherit Sh2bn SportPesa firm's assets

NAIROBI

The UK government is set to inherit Sh2 billion worth of assets held by Liverpool-based SPS Sportsoft Limited, a gambling software and support services firm which has the same shareholders as SportPesa.

The company's biggest client, Kenya-based Pevans East Africa Limited, ceased operations in 2019 after the government declined to renew its operating licence citing billions of shillings in unpaid taxes. SPS, its parent firm Sportpesa Global Holdings Limited (SPGHL) and Pevans, which used to trade under the SportPesa brand, have common shareholders including Kenyan and Bulgarian entrepreneurs.

"The Registrar of Companies gives notice that, unless cause is shown to the contrary, the company will be struck off the register and dissolved not less than two months from the date shown above," SPS said in a notice dated September 14, 2021.

"Upon the company's dissolution, all property and rights vested in, or held in trust for, the company are deemed to be bona vacantia, and will belong to the Crown." Bona vacantia means ownerless assets, including those of dissolved firms and estates of people who die without a will or blood relatives. Such assets are taken over by the UK government.

A UK company can be dissolved by its creditors or if it fails to comply with its legal obligations. SPS did not say why it is being liquidated. The move comes after it suffered a major loss of business in Kenya amid shareholder wrangles.

Pevans was its biggest client, paying the Liverpool-based multinational £20.6 million (Sh3.1 billion) in the nine months ended December 2018, accounting for 96 percent of the total revenue of £21.6 million (Sh3.2 billion) in the period.

SPS clients include SPGHL's subsidiaries trading under the SportPesa brand in Tanzania and South Africa. SPS ended the period with total assets of £13.2 million (Sh2 billion) that will be surrendered to the UK government, which says it does not inherit liabilities of dissolved firms.

"Property, cash and any other assets owned by a company when it is dissolved automatically pass to the Crown. This is because the law says this happens," the UK government says on the bona vacantia process. "Liabilities of a company do not pass to the Crown on dissolution: they are normally extinguished."

SPS's creditors risk losing a combined £8.5 million (Sh1.2 billion) that they were owed in the review period. The company was required to publish its 2019 accounts by December last year but breached the deadline and will now be liquidated without releasing its updated financial statements.

Its dissolution marks another loss for its shareholders, including Kenyan entrepreneurs Paul Ndung'u and Asenath Maina who fell out with their Bulgarian counterparts over control and management of the SportPesa entities.

Pevans' operating licence was cancelled in July 2019 over unpaid taxes and penalties that the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) now says stand at Sh95 billion. The company last reported revenues of nearly Sh150 billion in 2018 in what made it the second-largest firm by revenue in Kenya after Safaricom.

The Bulgarian investors and Ronald Karauri, a Kenyan who is Pevans' chief executive and also a shareholder in the SportPesa entities, later re-entered the local gaming business under a new company called Milestone Games Limited to which they transferred the SportPesa trade name.

The valuable SportPesa brand was transferred from Pevans to SPGHL for £100,000 (Sh15.1 million) and then to Milestone in transactions that started on June 2, 2020. Mr Karauri signed the deed of assignment on behalf of Pevans while Kalina Karadzova acted for SPGHL. Mr Karauri would later emerge with a controlling 54.4 percent stake in Milestone in the roundabout deals.

Mr Ndung'u and Mrs Maina were meanwhile removed from the boards of the SportPesa entities where their stakes were also diluted. Recent filings by SPGHL in the UK shows that the stake of Mr Ndung'u has dropped to 1.54 percent, down from 17 percent when the multinational was incorporated in 2017.

Mrs Maina's ownership on the other hand has declined to 1.9 percent from 21 percent over the same period. The ownership of other shareholders, including Mr Karauri and a group of Bulgarians, has meanwhile increased in a pattern that drew protests from Mr Ndung'u.

The ownership changes came through a rights issue, conducted between November 2019 and last year, in which some of the owners were offered an opportunity to buy more shares at deeply discounted rates. The dilution saw Mr Ndung'u and Mrs Maina lose a combined Sh1.1 billion as their claims on SPGHL's net assets declined.



Sportpesa CEO, Ronald Karauri.

WORLD

Bush, Clinton and Obama band together to aid Afghan refugees

THREE former US presidents - Republican George W Bush and Democrats Bill Clinton and Barack Obama - have banded together behind a new group aimed at supporting refugees from Afghanistan settling in the United States following the recent American withdrawal, Reuters reports.

The former US leaders and their wives will serve as part of Welcome.US, a coalition of advocacy groups, US businesses and other leaders launching on Tuesday, Welcome.US said in a statement.

The coalition said it will help the tens of thousands of Afghans fleeing their country as part of the Biden administration's evacuation to resettle in the United States by mobilising support and volunteers.

Many of the refugees would have been at risk had they remained in Afghanistan under the Taliban after their work with US and allied troops or with

American and international agencies amid 20 years of war.

"Thousands of Afghans stood with us on the front lines to push for a safer world, and now they need our help. We are proud to support Welcome.US and the work to help Afghan families get settled and build new lives," George W Bush and his wife Laura said in the statement. "We stand ready to show our new Afghan neighbours and the rest of the world how a welcoming and generous spirit forms the backbone of what makes our country so great."

Representatives for Bill Clinton and his wife, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, could not immediately be reached for comment.

The council also draws support from more than 280 people and entities, including US businesses such as Microsoft Corp, Starbucks Corp, CVS Health Corp and AirBnB Inc, as well as



US President Barack Obama embraces former President George W Bush following remarks at the dedication ceremony of the George W Bush Presidential Centre in Dallas, April 25, 2013. Former president Bill Clinton is pictured at right. REUTERS

numerous nonprofit organisations, veterans' groups and resettlement agencies.

Several Republican and Democratic current and former governors and mayors are also involved.

A number of US state and local leaders have said they would welcome refugees into their communities, although immigration remains a divisive issue in pockets of the country.

Tens of thousands of refugees were airlifted out of Afghanistan in recent weeks in a hasty pullout that drew some sharp criticism.

Democratic President Joe Biden's administration is working to accommodate as many as 50,000 refugees on military bases in the United States.

Others remain in processing centers near US airports where they

landed, and more evacuees are in US installations abroad. Meanwhile, flights out of Afghanistan into the United States have been suspended amid a measles outbreak.

Biden separately has tapped veteran diplomat Lee Wolosky, who previously served under Bush and Obama, to coordinate their resettlement with the White House and the National Security Council.

Republican former President Donald Trump - who lost re-election to Biden and has criticised his successor's handling of the withdrawal after Trump negotiated a pact with the Taliban to leave - was not listed as part of Welcome.US.

Former Democratic President Jimmy Carter, who is 96 and has had a string of health issues in recent years, was also not listed.

Agencies

Chinese diplomat urges probe into 'US crimes in Afghanistan'

GENEVA

ALTHOUGH the US has ended its military presence in Afghanistan, the crimes of killing civilians by the US troops and its allies must be thoroughly investigated and the perpetrators must be held accountable, a Chinese diplomat said on Tuesday.



On behalf of a group of countries, Jiang Duan, minister of the Chinese Mission to the United Nations (UN) in Geneva, said in a joint statement on the second day of the ongoing 48th session of the UN Human Rights Council that wars waged by the US have caused tremendous casualties and displacement of civilians.

"The drastic change in Afghanistan shows once again that military intervention and power politics get no support. Imposing the American-style democracy on others will only lead to chaos and turmoil and is doomed to failure," Jiang (pictured) said.

In the statement, the countries expressed concern about chronic human rights issues in the United States and called on the Human Rights Council and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to attend to the human rights situation there.

"Disregarding the right to life and right to health of its people, the U.S., while possessing the most advanced medical equipment and technologies, has seen the largest number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the world," the statement reads.

It added that instead of fighting the coronavirus in full gear, the US administration was obsessed with political manipulation of issues like the virus origin-tracing, with the purpose of shifting the blame onto other countries and shirking responsibility for its own failure.

The countries pointed out in the statement that systemic racism and racial discrimination have long existed in the United States. Africans and people of African descent, Asians and people of Asian descent, Muslims and other minority groups continue to suffer discrimination and harm there.

Xinhua

76th UNGA session opens, president calls on member states to embrace hope

UNITED NATION

THE United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Tuesday opened its 76th session, with the UNGA president and the UN chief imploring member states to embrace hope and strengthen unity after a challenging year of climate disasters, conflict, and COVID-19.

"It has been a tragic and challenging year, but this is a new session," said President of the 76th UNGA session Abdulla Shahid. "We can fall back on the comfort and predictability of systems and procedures, of the United Nations machinery that fills our days, or we can choose to push forward and turn the page. We can choose to write a new chapter."

"Let us choose the latter; let us dare to dream and let us dare to hope, to embrace the presidency of hope," said Shahid.

Highlighting the challenges ahead, he said that hundreds of millions have fallen ill, millions died, and billions suffered from the pandemic, with news arriving daily to ignite the world's collective anxiety about climate change, disasters, conflict and instability.

"The narrative must change, and we must be initiator for that change; the General Assembly must play a part of this," he said, emphasizing that the United Nations is as relevant today as it was 76 years ago.

Declaring that he embraced hope as the theme of his presidency, he said, "While the pandemic unleashed an unprecedented crisis, we have witnessed incredible acts of kindness and compassion,

acts that reaffirmed our common humanity and collective strength as 'nations united.' This is the narrative we must tell."

Listing five rays of hope that will shape the 76th session's agenda, he said vaccinating the world is the top priority.

"By any measure, this has been the most challenging period facing the world since the Second World War," said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in his remarks delivered at the closing of the 75th UNGA, which was followed immediately by the opening of the 76th session.

However, the international community can overcome all these challenges "by working as one," the secretary-general noted.

On COVID-19, the top UN official said that the pandemic has deepened inequalities, decimated economies at the global, national and household levels, plunged millions into extreme poverty, shattered support systems and unraveled decades of hard-won development progress.

"This devastation has played out against the backdrop of ferocious conflicts and natural disasters that are putting millions of lives in jeopardy every day," said Guterres, adding that a climate emergency is "literally setting our planet on fire."

Addressing the opening of the 76th UNGA session, the UN chief said that "it's time to focus on fighting humanity's common enemy: the pandemic."

"We need to speed up our response to COVID-19, with vaccines, treatment and equip-



Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), addresses the 1st plenary and opening meeting of the 76th UNGA session at the UN headquarters in New York, Sept. 14, 2021. (Evan Schneider/UN Photo/Handout via Xinhua)

ment for all -- not only those with the most," the secretary-general added.

"We need countries to commit and live up to bold climate targets at COP26 in Glasgow," the top UN official added. "The war on our planet must end."

Noting that "we meet at a moment of great challenge and division," the secretary-general said that these challenges facing the world "are worsened by the divisions scarring our world," divisions "between the rich and (the) poor, between those who take basic services for granted -- nutrition, running water, accessible health care -- and those for whom these essentials remain a distant dream"; divisions between those with a seat in a classroom and skills to build a better future and those who lost such opportunities because of poverty or their gender, and "divisions between those able to access life-saving COVID-19 vaccines and those who

cannot."

"These challenges and divisions are not a force of nature," he said, "They are man-made."

The divisions "are made by economic systems stacked against the poorest and most vulnerable; by unchecked greed that is destroying our planet; by the lingering scars of colonialism that have never fully healed and by thirst for political and ideological dominance that fuels social unrest, mistrust, terrorism and armed conflicts," the UN chief continued.

These challenges and divisions can be corrected "if we unite behind our work here in this chamber and gather around the spirit of multilateralism," added the secretary-general.

President of the 75th UNGA session Volkan Bozkir called for redoubling efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while expressing concern that the 2030 deadline might be

missed.

Noting that the SDGs represent a blueprint for peace and prosperity, for people and the planet, for now and into the future, and implementing these goals will help protect the international community against future catastrophes, he warned that "with the trajectory we are on, we are going to miss the 2030 deadline."

"This Assembly and you -- the member states who make up the United Nations -- must redouble efforts to implement the SDGs," Bozkir said at the closing of the 75th UNGA session.

On multilateralism, the veteran Turkish diplomat said, "We must strengthen and unite behind the multilateral system."

"Our world is increasingly globalized, interconnected and interdependent. As such, nationalistic solutions will not resolve our challenges," he stressed.

Xinhua

Foreign Ministry confirms reports of massive evidence of US' meddling in Russian elections

MOSCOW

MEDIA reports claiming that Moscow is in possession of a large amount of evidence regarding the intervention of US intelligence agencies and IT companies in the Russian elections is correct, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Tuesday.

"The information, reported in the Kommersant article is true," the diplomat noted.

On Tuesday, the Kommersant newspaper reported, citing a diplomatic source, that Russia has a 'colossal amount' of unreleased information regarding US intervention in the Russian elections.

Earlier, Zakharova pointed out that, according to the Russian national IT watchdog, IP addresses, associated with the 'Smart Vote' app technical support are mostly located in the US, adding that its developers have connections to the Pentagon.

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UN calls for unity against most challenging period since WWII

UNITED NATIONS

UNITED Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday called for unity to tackle the most challenging period facing the world since the Second World War.

"By any measure, this has been the most challenging period facing the world since the Second World War," the UN chief said in his remarks delivered at the closing of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

However, the international community can overcome all these challenges "by working as one," the secretary-general noted.

On COVID-19, the top UN official said that the pandemic has deepened inequalities, decimated economies at the global, national and household levels, plunged millions into extreme poverty, shattered support systems and unraveled decades of hard-won development progress.

"This devastation has played out against the backdrop of ferocious conflicts and natural disasters that are putting millions of lives in jeopardy every day," said Guterres, adding that a climate emergency is "literally setting our planet on fire."

The UN chief said under the leadership of the president of the 75th UNGA session, Volkan Bozkir, "this Assembly rallied around the need for a sustainable recovery, rooted in the 2030 Agenda - scaling-up support for countries and communities as they rebuild systems shattered by the pandemic."

Xinhua

China's new blueprints inject vitality into Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

THE Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the State Council recently issued a general plan for building a Guangdong-Macao in-depth cooperation zone in Hengqin New Area of south China's Guangdong province and a plan for comprehensively deepening the reform and opening-up of the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone, which will fuel the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

The official release of the two plans marks a new stage of all-round progress in the construction of the two cooperation zones in Hengqin New Area, Zhuhai city of Guangdong province and Qianhai,

Shenzhen city of the province, said Lin Keqing, a member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee and executive vice governor of Guangdong province.

In recent years, Hengqin New Area has continuously boosted infrastructure construction and institutional innovation, laying a good foundation for building the Guangdong-Macao in-depth cooperation zone.

As cooperation between Shenzhen and Hong Kong has been constantly deepened, Qianhai has made many institutional innovations, attracting many enterprises

in the modern service industry from Hong Kong and bringing convenience to Hong Kong residents' life and work.

According to Cong Liang, deputy head of China's National Development and Reform Commission, the plan for building a Guangdong-Macao in-depth cooperation zone was formulated to serve Macao's long-term development and promote the integrated development of Hengqin and Macao.

Under the guiding principle of facilitating Macao's economic diversification properly, the Guangdong-Macao in-depth cooperation zone is believed to serve as a new

platform to boost the diversification of Macao's economy, a new space benefiting Macao residents' life and employment, a new model to enrich the practice of "one country, two systems", as well as a new high ground for building the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Cong pointed out.

The plan also sets for the zone development goals, including improving systems and mechanisms, promoting the development of industries, and elevating the level of public services for the time periods that correspond to the terms of office of the Macao government in 2024 and 2029 and the stage before

the year 2035, when China is expected to realize socialist modernization basically.

Eventually, the zone will foster new industries that can boost Macao's economic diversification, build a new home for Macao residents which provides convenience for their life and employment, establish a new system that features integrated development with Macao and high-level openness, improve the new mechanism of extensive consultation, joint contribution, joint management, and shared benefits between Guangdong and Macao.

Focusing on expanding the co-

operation zone and deepening reform and opening up, the blueprint for the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone specifies three tasks, including expanding the development space of the cooperation zone, creating an innovation test platform for comprehensively deepening reform, and building a hub for high-level opening up, Cong said.

The total area of the cooperation zone will be expanded from 14.92 square kilometers to 120.56 square kilometers, and relevant supporting policies will cover the entire cooperation zone after the expansion, according to the plan.

People's Daily

Putin discusses situation in Afghanistan with Pakistani PM, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

THE situation in Afghanistan was the focus of a telephone conversation between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, the Kremlin press service said on Tuesday.

"The sides exchanged views on the situation in Afghanistan and expressed interest in coordinating their countries' approaches to its stabilization," it said.

Putin and Khan also discussed prospects for the development of bilateral relations in various spheres.

After the Biden administration announced the end of its military operation in Afghanistan and the launch of its troop pullout, the Taliban embarked on an offensive against Afghan government forces.

On August 15, Taliban fighters swept into Kabul without encountering any resistance and gained full control over the Afghan capital within a few hours. Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani said he had stepped down to prevent any bloodshed and subsequently fled the country.

On September 6, the Taliban said it had taken control of the entire country and announced a new interim government on the following day. The government is formed by Taliban members only.

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US COVID-19 mandate plan wins support, doctor presses for children's vaccines

NEW YORK

THE U.S. federal government's latest COVID-19 vaccination mandates have won support in a recent poll and the country's top pediatrician has called for medical agencies to accelerate approval of vaccines for children, as the pandemic's Delta variant keeps on victimizing unvaccinated Americans.



Students are dismissed from the first day of school at PS 133 in the Brooklyn borough of New York, the United States, on Sept. 13, 2021. Xinhua

SUPPORT FOR VACCINE PLAN

A Politico/Morning Consult poll of 1,997 registered voters conducted from Sept. 10 to 13 found that 58 percent of respondents support the federal requirement that employers mandate the COVID-19 vaccine or weekly testing, with 41 percent who "strongly support" it and 17 percent who "somewhat support" it. Nine percent of respondents "somewhat oppose" it and 27 percent "strongly oppose" it.

Support was more divided along partisan lines. Among Democratic and Democratic-leaning voters polled, 83 percent said they either strongly or somewhat support the plan, while 32 percent of Republican or Republican-leaning voters polled said they strongly or somewhat support it.

The poll also found similar overall support for other vaccine requirements included in the six-part plan. Fifty-seven percent of respondents said they strongly or somewhat support the requirement for federal employees and contractors to get a COVID-19 vaccine "without an option to opt out through regular testing."

The White House announced last

week that the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, is creating a rule that will require all companies with at least 100 workers to mandate COVID-19 vaccination or weekly testing for their employees before they can come to work.

The plan is part of U.S. President Joe Biden's sweeping strategy to combat the virus in the United States. His strategy also includes a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for all federal employees and "millions of contractors that do business with the federal government" and for millions of health care workers.

CALL FOR CHILDREN'S VACCINE

In a letter recently written to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Lee Beers, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), has called on the agency to pick up the pace in approving COVID-19 vaccines for children.

"If after two months of data, it looks like it's a viable vaccine for kids, let's approve it, vs. the six months that they seem to want," the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) on Monday quoted Beers as saying. "And so, in our mind, actually, we have always thought that the vaccine is a really important tool in the toolbox to keep our youngest kids healthy. But now it's really getting particularly acute and particularly urgent," she added.

The U.S. administration rolled out new mandates last week to expand vaccination for over 100 million more Americans, but questions remain about when one major population ineligible for the shot, the 48 million U.S. children under the age of 12, will be able to get it.

With the Delta variant raging, almost five times as many U.S. children are being hospitalized for COVID-19, according to the AAP.

CYCLES FOR EVERY EPIDEMIC

The seven-day average of daily COVID-19 cases was about 144,300 as of Sept. 12, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. That figure was down 12 percent over the past week and 14 percent from the most-recent peak in case counts on Sept. 1, when the country was reporting an average of roughly 167,600 cases per day.

"This is good news," Arturo Casadevall, chair of molecular microbiology and immunology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, was quoted on Monday by CNBC as saying. "It could represent that we have reached a peak and we are now on the way down."

The United States has seen several swings in daily COVID-19 cases since the pandemic started. Average daily cases topped out at about 32,000 in April 2020 before subsiding. They then surged and peaked at 67,000 by July 2020.

World's worst HIV epidemic stymies South Africa's COVID-19 fight

By Bloomberg

THE world's biggest number of HIV cases is complicating South Africa's efforts to fight the coronavirus pandemic, raising the risk of more mutated versions emerging and spreading across the globe.

Many of the country's 8.2 million HIV-infected people are immunocompromised and scientists say they can harbor the coronavirus for longer, allowing it to mutate as it reproduces. A study of an HIV positive 36-year-old woman showed that COVID-19 stayed in her body for 216 days and mutated rapidly.

"There is good evidence that prolonged infection in immune-compromised individuals is one of the mechanisms for the emergence of SARS COVID-2 variants," Tulio de Oliveira, a bioinformatics professor who runs gene-sequencing institutions at two South African universities, said at an Aug 30 immunology conference. "You have this massive virus evolution, really the virus accumulating over 30 mutations."

As the world struggles to stay ahead of rapidly emerging variants, getting South Africa's HIV-infected people vaccinated has become critical. The recent discovery of another mutation in the country after the virulent Beta variant late last year shows the risk to everyone of not urgently pushing vaccinations through.

The trouble is most of South Africa's HIV-infected people are poor and marginalized. Many live in remote areas and have been largely left out of vaccination drives.

"Speed and coverage is important to make sure that people who are HIV positive are getting vaccinated," said Glenda Gray, president of the South African Medical Research Council and co-lead of the South African arm of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine trial.

The country's vaccination drive has been patchy, at best.

In affluent northern Johannesburg, vaccine stations can be found at every mile or two, and popstars and talk-show hosts extol the virtue of getting shots on radio stations targeted at the rich and the urban.

In the rural and impoverished Northern Cape, it's a very different story.

A 402-km drive over two days from the provincial capital of Kimberley across an arid semi-desert to the town of Upington found vaccines available only at one location. That's because clinics in most towns can only administer shots on certain days and for limited hours. It's little different in the impoverished townships that sit on the periphery of the biggest cities.

The health system is up against not just the difficulty of getting vaccines to remote areas, but also a lack of information and awareness.

"The young people are scared; they hear rumors that people die after getting the vaccine," said Lee-Ann Montse, an HIV counselor, as she sat outside the refurbished shipping containers that serve as a clinic in Schmidtsdrift, a village 50 miles west of Kimberley.

It doesn't help that some people live as far as 9 km from the clinic, and in an area with rampant unemployment, transport is a challenge, the 33-year-old said.

Some days, only two or three people arrive to register for shots, she said.

The extent of the disinformation and its impact are demonstrated by the experience of Schalk van der Merwe, who grows raisins and nuts and rears livestock near the town of Groblershoop in the Northern Cape.

When he encouraged his workers to register for vaccination, only three were willing. After bringing a nurse from the town clinic to his farm to answer questions, ranging from whether people can get vaccinated if they are HIV positive to if it will affect fertility, 93 people came forward.

"We've had a strategy of taking the people to the vaccine, but given the demographic breakup of our country, with 25 to 26 million people who are largely sitting in townships or remote areas of the country, vaccines need to be taken to them," said Stavros Nicolaou, head of the health-work unit at Business for South Africa, an industry group that's working with the government. "They don't have all the information or digital access."

South Africa has been hit the hardest in Africa by the coronavirus, with about 2.9 million confirmed cases. Excess death numbers show that more than 250,000 people who wouldn't normally have died have perished during the pandemic - or one in 240 South Africans.

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Stavros Nicolaou, head of the health-work unit at Business for South Africa Even in the face of such numbers, people like Themba Maseko say their main preoccupation is unemployment - at 34.4 percent, South Africa has the highest rate of joblessness among the 82 countries tracked by Bloomberg.

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Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games kick off one-year countdown

PREPARATIONS for the 19th Asian Games, scheduled to kick off on Sept. 10, 2022 in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang province, entered a crucial stage as a one-year countdown to the event started.

Countdown clocks for the event have been installed in many landmarks in Hangzhou, including the Liangzhu ancient city ruins park, the Gongchen Bridge, the Hangzhou City Balcony, and the Hangzhou Railway Station.

The construction of all the competition venues is expected to be completed by the end of this October.

Nine test events for the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games are slated to take place in the second half of this year, while the rest of the test events will be held in the first six months of 2022.

Organizers of Hangzhou 2022 have tailored a specific operation plan for each of the venues that features tiered, multi-level, and category-specific organizational structure and allocation and management of personnel and financial and material resources. These test events will find out how well these operation plans work and help perfect them, thus laying a solid foundation for making the Asian Games a success.

While the grand event will be hosted by Hangzhou and co-hosted by five other cities in Zhejiang province, including Ningbo, Jinhua, Wenzhou, Shaoxing, and Huzhou, major and relevant stadiums and facilities, as well as other available resources across the province are expected to be fully mobilized for the 19th Asian Games. Frugality is very much worshipped by the organizers of the event who prefer upgrading to building of facilities, and repairing to replacement.

"The 12 newly built venues only account for nearly 20 percent of



Photo taken on June 14, 2021 shows the track cycling venue of the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 in Chun'an county, Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang province.

the total, and all the rest are upgraded or for temporary use," said Chen Weiqiang, deputy secretary-general of the Hangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee (HAGOC) and vice mayor of Hangzhou.

Guided by the principle of preferring to borrow rather than rent, and rent rather than buy new facilities unless necessary, the Hangzhou 2022 has advanced market development according to actual needs with an aim to avoid overlapping investment and excessive allocation, and formulated a general budget and annual budgets for the event to keep cost down.

Organizers of the Hangzhou 2022 have made detailed post-games planning for the comprehensive utilization of the venues and facilities, insisting that relevant venues and facilities be built in places that enable them to best benefit the development of industries and cities, and serve the needs of citizens.

So far, 85 percent of the venues for the Asian Games have selected their post-games operators. They

will introduce professional sports events, carry out public fitness activities and explore a more diverse way of utilization after the conclusion of the Asian Games.

The tennis center of the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center, the main venue of Hangzhou 2022, is equipped with a lot of high-tech devices and systems.

"A monitoring system helps with the energy-saving control of facilities including boiler pump, illumination device, and air conditioner. Systems like the smart lighting system can be controlled through tablet computers, which are both smart and energy-saving," said the project manager of the tennis center.

Construction of 17 systems of the tennis center has been completed, including a smart building system, an information system, and a dedicated system for games, according to the manager.

The Grand Canal Asian Games Park, located 20 kilometers away from the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center, will host ping-

pong, hockey, and break dancing competitions of the Hangzhou 2022. Covering an area of more than 700 mu (about 46.67 hectares), the park was designed as a residential district before, and serves as a Grand Canal-themed park and a sports training center today.

"The place used to be a shanty town waiting to be upgraded. Because of the criss-cross rivers and lush trees there, it was eventually changed into a park with venues for the Asian Games, which explains how the preparation work of the event is integrated into urban planning," said an executive of the venue construction department of the HAGOC.

Besides the concepts of green construction and game-city integration, the 19th Asian Games will also feature Chinese characteristics and the charm of Zhejiang province and Hangzhou city in various aspects, such as visual images, design and arrangements of venues, and cultural activities, Chen said.

People's Daily

Haiti PM fires prosecutor investigating president's killing

HAVANA

HAITIAN Prime Minister Ariel Henry on Tuesday replaced the chief public prosecutor who had been seeking charges against him as a suspect in the assassination of President Jovenel Moise, plunging the country into a fresh political crisis.

Moise was shot dead on July 7 when assassins stormed his private residence in the hills above Port-au-Prince. The 53-year old had been governing by decree for more than a year after Haiti failed to hold legislative and municipal elections amid a political gridlock and had faced many calls to step down.

His death has left Haiti in an even deeper constitutional and political crisis as it has only a handful of elected officials nationwide.

Henry, a political moderate and neurosurgeon whom Moise named prime minister just days before his death in an attempt to reduce political tensions, has sought to forge a new consensus between different political factions.

But allegations over his possible involvement in Moise's killing are now overshadowing that.

Prosecutor Bed-Ford Claude said last week that phone

records showed Henry had twice communicated with a man believed to be the mastermind behind Moise's killing on the night of the crime.

That suspect, a former justice ministry official whom Henry has publicly defended, is now on the run.

Henry dismissed his request to discuss the matter as politicking and did not respond to the allegations.

That prompted Claude to write on Tuesday to the judge overseeing the investigation into Moise's slaying and ask him to charge Henry as a suspect.

He also wrote to Haitian migration services ordering them not to let the prime minister leave the country "due to serious presumption relative to the assassination of the president."

Later on Tuesday, a letter from Henry to Claude dated Sept 13 emerged in which he said he was firing him for "grave administrative error", without going into detail. In a separate letter dated Sept 14, he named Frantz Louis Juste to the post.

It remains unclear whether the order actually is valid as Haiti's 1987 constitution man-

dates that the prosecutor can only be appointed or fired by the president, a position that remains vacant.

Seeking political stability

Decades of political instability as well as natural catastrophes have plagued Haiti's development. Its aid-dependent economy is the poorest in the Americas, more than a third of Haitians face acute food insecurity, and gangs have turned swathes of the capital into no go areas.

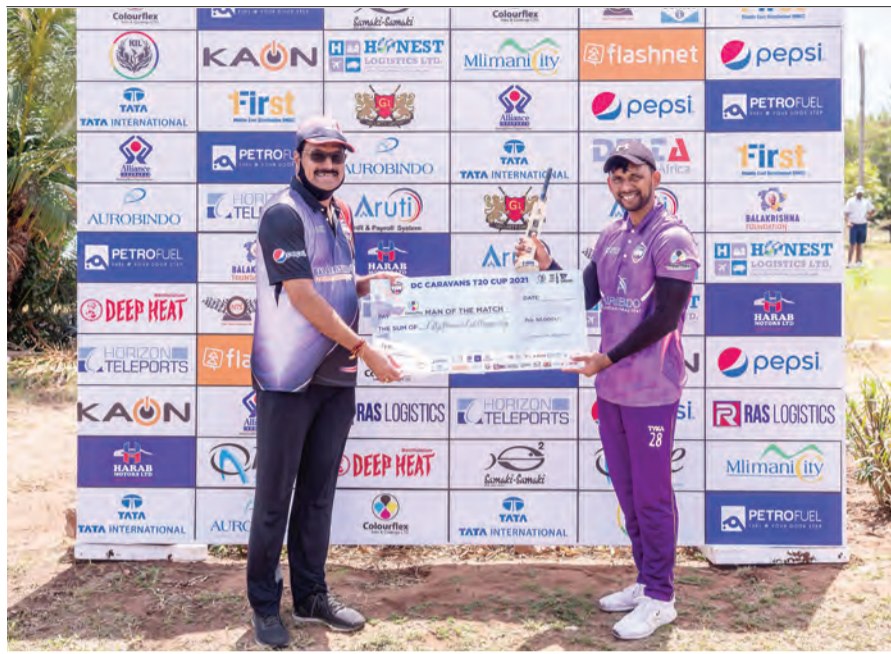
Claude had invited Henry on Friday to meet with him to discuss the phone calls with

had reached an agreement to establish a transition government until the holding of presidential elections and a referendum on whether to adopt a new constitution next year.

The agreement establishes a Council of Ministers under Henry's leadership.

A constituent assembly made of 33 members appointed by institutions and civil society organizations will have three months to prepare the new constitution.

Moise's own attempts at holding elections and a constitutional referendum were attacked for being too partisan. Critics called them veiled attempts at installing a dictatorship.



Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's Abhik Patwa (R) receives the Colourflex Man of the Match award from Balakrishna Strikers outfit's owner, Sreekumar, once Patwa's squad took on Balakrishna Strikers in 2021 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's tie early this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC clobber Balakrishna Strikers in DC Caravans T20 Cup tourney

By Guardian Reporter

THIS SEASON'S Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament favourites, Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, emerged victorious against Balakrishna Strikers in a duel, which took place in the city early this week.

Balakrishna Strikers lost the toss and were sent out to bat first, ending with 127 runs dropping four wickets in 20 overs.

The opener, Issa Kikasi, stood out of the rest of the batting unit, scoring 50 runs in 38 balls nailing six fours and a six.

Contributions from the experienced performers, Jatin Darji (23 runs consisting of a four), and Ramesh Alluri (34 runs), helped to take the team to 127 runs for the loss of four wickets after 20 overs.

Promising cricketer, Shaffii Mwalam, ended one run short of a two-digit score, whereas Mehul Ravat chipped in with eight runs not out as the duo sought to get their squad to add more runs.

Vipin Abraham, Jasani, Patwa, and Alhaj Sadick had one wicket each in their four-over spells when their squad fielded.

The innings of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC was shortened to 15 overs due to the rain during the innings' break.

However, the target seemed very easy for the side, managing to do so without losing any wickets in 12.5 overs.

Star batsman, Abhik Patwa, ended the match not out for 59 runs in 39 deliveries to eventually catapult his team to victory.

The cricketer solidly partnered with a talented young player, Arshaan Jasani, who managed to record 34 runs in 38 balls, in the smooth chase.

There was little that Balakrishna Strikers' bowling unit, which had Mukul Kumar, Ramesh Alluri, Vaibhav Bhatia, Karim Khan, Lazaro Festo, Jatin Darji, and captain, Sanjay Bhatia, could do considering Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's batsmen proved to be a hard nut to crack.

Balakrishna Strikers were, again,

dealt a blow in their second match of the day against Honest Logistics SKLP-SC, with the latter clinching victory by seven wickets.

Balakrishna Strikers had the opportunity to bat first, posting 95 runs dropping nine wickets in 20 overs, with opener Issa Kikasi top-scoring with his 25 runs which included a four.

Alluri, Mwalam, and Darji as well ended with encouraging figures, posting 16 runs, 11 runs, and 16 runs respectively.

Honest Logistics SKLPSC's Vinesh Gorasiya and Yalinde Maurice, did their best to see to it Balakrishna Strikers end with a modest score, as Gorasiya took two wickets in four overs.

Youthful cricketer, Maurice, was even more impressive, ending with three wickets giving away six runs in two overs.

Honest Logistics SKLPSC effortlessly got down to a successful chase, notching 96 runs dropping three wickets in 15.1 overs.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup has been held annually since 2015 seeking to back efforts by the domestic cricket fraternity to raise cricket standards domestically.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the event's co-sponsors.

This year's tournament features the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model, with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers, and hosts, Alliance Caravans.

Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga, as well, battle it out in the tournament.

Other sponsors of the tournament include NGK Gathani, Jihusu, Flashnet, RAS Logistics, Mlimani City, AOne Bottlers, Kishen Enterprises, Samaki Samaki, Delta Africa, DeepHeat, and GI Security.

The tournament served as prep-

'Nabi speak' instills little confidence in a vigorous Yanga comeback bid

By Correspondent John Kim

WITH the 1-0 defeat to Nigeria's Rivers United FC at the continental competition after years in the wilderness, sentiment at Tanzania's Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, is that they will put up a spirited fight and overturn the tables in the return match just a week after that encounter.

Two theories are contending at the moment, at least in the airwaves as pundits evaluate the side's performance and the chances they have in the return match, one that the side has never let down the fans in foreign encounters - the period wasn't given in this observation.

Another is that the side has structural flaws which need to be rectified - but, within a week?

Were it that the latter sentiment is that of their archrivals not far from Jangwani Street club premises, that would be one thing, but it is evident that the sentiment is shared by head coach Nasreddine Nabi.

His reflections on the match were not focused on a specific item or two that need to be rectified, but a litany of ailments implying lack of team preparation, not tactics per se.

Yet the crucial issue about the side's prospects of turning the tables, if that idea is

feasible, ought to focus on tactics firstly, not 'visions.'

One illustration of the limitations of the outlook in the coach's explanations was the length of time the squad has been together, where the timeline for team training in readiness for the opening encounter was woefully too short for the coach.

This raises questions as to his technical approach to the task, as national team coaches scarcely have a week to collect players, usually of divergent clubs, put them to intense physical training and some credible motions of the sort of game they are going to have.

Much of that is already the day-to-day stuff of what they do with their clubs but the formation may change, link up styles.

The training period complaint underlined a different issue, that the coach is still relatively new with the team, that he is taking a bit of time to comprehend his players and what to do about each of them, or in what manner.

Thus the sort of flaws or potentials that were being expressed by pundits, even taking the usual safeguard that coaching is far more difficult than pointing out flaws from an armchair perspective it remains valid that some criticisms are plausible. Points cancel one another but core criticism is retained.

This was just another



Yanga's players take part in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the next season's local and continental tournaments. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

dimension of the sort of amusement coming up from the pundits' exchange of feelings, that the Jangwani Street side has a coach with certification acknowledged in the continental federation while their rivals across the street don't have such a coach, or have lately hired an assistant with the right qualifications.

It is altogether unlikely that the coach with non-recognized qualifications from the European circuit would need as much time to settle down with the team or to read the game and make interventions.

That doesn't mean tactical changes lacked, but pundits were positive they were few.

Despite that the head coach comes from respected clubs around the continent, some flaws may characterize the club's initial run at the continental level, and if it is routed at this stage, and Simba SC doesn't reach the top 10 in the CAF club cham-

pionship, it follows the side would not go back to the continental stage for another try unless it wins the local title.

The trouble is that such failings, both of the need for long training periods to raise match fitness and usable techniques, will also be felt in the league, as the technical bench will take too long to know what to do in the thick of opposition.

In that case, the possibility emerges that Yanga is still a team in the making for tough competitions, in all aspects.

Yet, as a few pundits suggested, the same is true of Rivers United FC, formed a decade ago and bringing up players for offloading to big markets - which isn't to say it is their vocation but rather they have to an extend succeeded n bringing up such players.

So it is also a team in formation, as the 85 years or so of Yanga doesn't add up to club experience as some

pundits sought to make it out, just for the bravado.

It is in the technical sphere that the two sides will be differentiated if Yanga can change tactics appreciably.

The capacity for the side to make meaningful adaptation to the situation, inch up the level of physical fitness, and usable techniques will depend in part on the state of communications in the club camp.

It boils down to what technical bench the coach has collected, what ideas they have, and how far he is disposed to listen or make use of any such ideas with some adaptations.

In that sense the potential for overturning the tables exists, if anything because Rivers United FC shall slacken somewhat in their resolve, it might just be enough for a more spirited Yanga to use some evident potential or method that was underutilized, etc.

Simba Queens SC still improving, says coach Hababuu

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S women football side, Simba Queens SC, has returned to the country following the side's failure to fulfill its dreams of winning this season's CECAFA Women Club Championship held in Nairobi, Kenya.

The showdown was more-over used as CAF Women's Champions League (CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers), with winners qualifying for CAF Women's Champions League slated for November in Egypt.

Simba Queens SC took the fourth spot in the qualifiers after conceding a 2-1 loss to Lady Doves Women Football Club of Uganda in the showdown's third-place playoff at Kasarani Stadium on September 10.

Simba Queens SC's head coach, Hababuu Omary, said they were under pressure to emulate the men's club, Simba SC, in continental tournaments.

The side was knocked out of the semi-finals by Kenya's Vihiga Queens, who won the tournament for the first time in



Tanzania's Simba Queens SC players pictured a few minutes before participating in one of this season's CAF Women's Champions League (CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers) encounters in Nairobi recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA QUEENS SC

Nairobi after notching a victory over Ethiopia's Commercial Bank of Ethiopia FC in the final.

Coach Omary said he was pleased with the success of his team despite failing to achieve the goals.

The gaffer admitted the success of the men's team gave them a great challenge in the championship by focusing especially on the knockout stages.

The coach disclosed: "When we arrived it was not uncommon, I congratulate my players and the rest. We have to go to the league and do better."

"We will be much better next year when we get a chance to

book a place in the event this season."

"People consider us a strong club because of what the men's team has done, but they should realize we are still growing," Omary said.

"Even if you look at the men's outfit, it has flown to Arusha to complete preparation for the new season but we have come to address the mistakes we saw in Kenya."

The senior national women's football squad's assistant coach, Edna Lema, commended the organizers of the continental event, which took place in Nairobi, for making it a success.

She called on the Mainland Women's Premier League (WPL) clubs to improve performance so that they can do better in the coming seasons.

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TP Mazembe unveils 23-man squad ahead of 'Simba Day' clash

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FIVE-time CAF Champions League winners, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s Tout Puisse Mazembe, has named a squad of 23 players who are expected to arrive in Tanzania on Saturday for the 'Simba Day' festival, which will take place on Sunday.

The team, which has brought in several experienced players as well as newly recruited footballers for this season, hopes to use the game as part of preparations for the 2021/22 season after a brief two-week preparation in Morocco.

The match between TP Mazembe and Simba SC is a reminder of the quarterfinal match of the 2018/2019 CAF Champions League tournament.

The duel ended with Simba SC conceding a 4-1 defeat to the DRC soccer giants in Lubumbashi after coming from a goalless draw in the first leg match held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The two teams also met in a mini-tournament, 'Simba Cup', held in Dar es Salaam in February last year, and were locked to a 0-0 draw.

The tournament served as prep-

arations for the CAF Champions League, which again witnessed Simba SC make it to the quarter-finals.

The contingent will moreover consist of 12 leaders and reach a total of 35 people coming to the country.

Ibrahim Mounkoro, Said Baggio, Joseph Ochaya, Issama Mpeko Djos, Godet Masengo, Tandi Mwape, Ernest Luzolo, Mundeko Zatu, Koffi Kouame, and Soze Zemanga, who played for AS Vita Club last season.

Rainford Kalaba, Etienne Mayombo, Sudi Bibonge, Adam Bossu, Beni Kinzumbi, Jean Baleke, Joel

Beya, Ntambwe Kalonji, Marcel Ngimbi, Kelvin Bileko, Michel Mika, Arsene Zola, and Johnson Atibu.

Simba SC, through the squad's assistant coach Thierry Hitimana, who is in Arusha taking charge of the side's drills, stressed that his landing at the Msimbazi Street outfit is not a coincidence.

He was adamant Simba SC fans should stay calm as with the club's plans and size, things are about to be good this season.

Simba decided to strengthen its technical bench by hiring the former Biashara United, Namungo FC, and Mtwara Sugar coach.

The Rwandan coach had earlier made his way back to the country to fill the position of Mohammed Badru who joined Mtwara Sugar last season.

Hitimana is one of Rwanda's most respected coaches and worked with current Simba SC head coach, Didier Gomes when Rayon Sports won the Rwandan Premier League title in 2012.

The coach noted his decision to land at Simba SC was correct despite having already spoken to Mtwara Sugar and failed to agree on some terms.

Hitimana disclosed: "Of course I had to join Mtwara Sugar and as

you can see we have started preparations for the season, but I had not signed a contract with them, so when Simba brought me their offer I thought it was good and better to work with them."

The Rwandan coach noted: "Simba is a great team and I believe I will work with other members of the technical bench to achieve the season goals."

Simba SC will play TP Mazembe on Sunday on the climax of the 'Simba Day' festival before facing Yanga in the 2021/22 Mainland Premier League curtain-raiser, Community Shield, on September 25.

World class' Lukaku what Chelsea were missing, admits Tuchel

LONDON

CHELSEA manager Thomas Tuchel said Romelu Lukaku's knack of scoring decisive goals is what the Blues were missing despite winning the Champions League last season.

Lukaku enlivened an otherwise flat performance with the only goal to beat Zenit St Petersburg 1-0 on Tuesday to get the Blues' defence of their European crown off to a winning start.

The Belgian striker now has four goals in as many games since returning to the club for a club record £97 million (\$134 million) last month. And his predatory instincts 21 minutes from time pattered over the cracks of a disappointing display from Tuchel's men.

"He was the type of guy we were missing," said Tuchel. "It is super hard and super important. You don't find many strikers of that quality. The guys who are there to score regularly for their teams are so important because one goal changes the whole momentum of the match."

"The performance for Romelu was not easy. We did not create many chances for him, but he does not lose confidence and belief. That's why he's here and why he's a world class striker."

Tuchel urged his players not to rest on their laurels after their surprise run to become European champions last season.

The glory of their victory over Manchester City in Porto was hard to shrug off as the German, Edouard Mendy and Jorginho were presented with awards on the pitch before kick-off as UEFA coach, goalkeeper and player of the year respectively.

However, Chelsea did not look like the best team in Europe as they laboured to create chances against the Russian champions.

"There are a lot of reasons why we are maybe not on the highest level at the moment," added Tuchel, citing a lack of pre-season for many of his stars involved at Euro 2020 and the Copa America. "I'm happy with how we play because I find us very competitive and we know how to handle difficulties during matches."

A remarkable run of 23 clean sheets in 36 games under Tuchel has been the bedrock of Chelsea's success since he took charge in January and was again needed to grind out three points.

The first half came and went without the home side even registering a shot on target.

Lukaku showcased his mix of pace, power and precision in front of goal to score his first Stamford Bridge goals for Chelsea against Villa at the weekend.

Zenit had kept the former Inter Milan striker quiet for nearly 70 minutes, but all he needed was one teasing cross from Cesar Azpilicueta to get off the mark in the Champions League for his new club by planting a header past Stanislav Kritsyuk.

Zenit boss Sergei Semak threw on the towering presence of Artem Dzyuba in search of an equaliser and it nearly paid off. But even the six-foot six-inch (1.97 metre) Russian international couldn't stretch to get a clean enough contact on Sardar Azmoun's cross 10 minutes from time and the ball dribbled wide.

AFP

Bernardo excels as embodiment of Guardiola's vision at City

LONDON

AS Manchester City launched its ultimately unsuccessful attempts to sign a marquee striker during the transfer window, one player was regularly touted as a makeweight in negotiations.

Bernardo Silva wanted to leave – City manager Pep Guardiola even said as much in a news conference – after a tough couple of seasons in which the Portugal playmaker slipped out of favor as a regular in the team, at least in the English Premier League, and also unwittingly got embroiled in a racism case that earned him a ban.

So when City started to make moves to sign Tottenham striker Harry Kane in the offseason, Bernardo was referenced as the player who could go the other way to help fund the transfer.

When City moved on from Kane and was offered the services of Cristiano Ronaldo, Bernardo reportedly was again seen as a key part of any potential transaction, in this case to free up room in the squad for his Portugal teammate.

In the end, the status quo was maintained. City went into the season without a recognized striker and Bernardo hung around for a fifth season at the club.

Was either of the parties satisfied? Most likely not. But the early signs are they've moved on well from the awkward last few months.

After four games of the Premier League, City is the joint top scorer with 11 and finding multiple routes to goal through its mass of top-class midfield players.

Bernardo, meanwhile, might have been City's best player so far this season, his latest notable effort the only goal in a hard-fought win over Leicester on Saturday.

"We're happy he's still here," Guardiola said after the match at King Power Stadium, where Bernardo was part of an unchanged starting lineup for a third straight game – the first time that has happened under Guardiola at City.

AP

Man U given reality check by Young Boys in UCL loss

BERN, Switzerland

IT should have been a night for this new-look Manchester United team to display their Champions League credentials, but in the end it was another evening to suggest there is more to be done than simply signing Cristiano Ronaldo.

Despite another goal from the Portuguese superstar, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team lost 2-1 to Young Boys in Bern on Tuesday, a result that owed much to playing for 55 minutes with 10 men after Aaron Wan-Bissaka's needless red card and a horrible mistake from Jesse Lingard in stoppage time that gifted the Swiss side a late winner.

There will be questions, too, about Solskjaer's tactics after the sending-off, as his decision to switch to a five-man defence at half-time seemed to invite pressure rather than combat it.

Young Boys had 19 shots to United's two – the last of which came in the 25th minute – and the only surprise was that the second goal took so long to arrive. Substitute Jordan Pefok, a United States international, finally got it with the last kick of the match.

The good news for Solskjaer is that there are another five games to back up his prematch claim that his team are



Young Boys' Jordan Siebatcheu, left, scores his side's second goal of the game past Manchester United's goalkeeper David De Gea during the Champions League group F soccer match between BSC Young Boys and Manchester United, at the Wankdorf stadium in Bern, Switzerland, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021. (AP)

ready to win the Champions League, but the Norwegian has now lost seven of his 11 games in the competition as United manager. This was meant to be an easy group, but not now.

"In football in general, not just the Champions League, discipline is a huge part of the game," Solskjaer said afterwards. "A lack of concentration, make a mistake and you get punished, you get done. Aaron is normally a very, very astute tackler, one of the best in the world, but it gave us a more difficult task."

"Jesse wants to play it safe and misplaces the pass, concedes the goal; that happens in football. 'Harry Hindsight' is a very good player. If Jesse gets that chance again, he turns, swivels and boots the ball the other

way. "You need 10 or 12 points [to qualify], win your home games, one away from home. We've lost the opportunity to get three points, but we've got two home games next and we've got to focus on those two."

Solskjaer highlighted the new strength of his squad ahead of the trip to Switzerland and took advantage of his options by bringing Victor Lindelof, Fred and Donny van de Beek into his starting lineup.

There might have been more changes for what should, on paper, have been United's easiest Champions League away day, but Solskjaer will not have forgotten about the six changes he made for the trip to Istanbul Basaksehir last season. The 2-1 defeat in

Turkey contributed to an early exit at the group stage, and Solskjaer can only hope the same result here does not turn out to be a bad omen.

There was no chance Ronaldo would be left out. After scoring twice on his comeback against Newcastle on Saturday, it took him just 13 minutes to find the net here, drifting to the back post to stab the ball underneath scrambling Young Boys goalkeeper David von Ballmoos.

It was made by a delicious pass from the left with the outside of Bruno Fernandes' right boot. It's a shame Solskjaer doesn't count assists because that was a good one.

It was Ronaldo's 135th Champions League goal on a record-equalling 177th appearance in the competition. It wasn't his

prettiest, but that won't matter to Solskjaer, who has been desperate for a striker who knows how to be in the right place at the right time, and Ronaldo has turned it into an art form. At least it was a more accurate effort at goal than the one that pole-axed a steward during the warm-up, with Ronaldo having to jog over and make sure he had caused no injury.

It should have signalled the start of a comfortable evening for United, but any hope of that disappeared with one heavy touch from Wan-Bissaka. With the ball running away from him on the hard, artificial surface at Stadion Wankdorf, the right-back went over the top and onto Ulisses Garcia's ankle. Harry Maguire, Paul Pogba and Fred raced over to plead with French referee Francois Letexier, but Wan-Bissaka can have no complaints. It looked reckless in real time and got worse with every replay.

Solskjaer reshuffled immediately, bringing on Diogo Dalot for Jadon Sancho, and United survived the last 10 minutes of the first half despite a good chance falling to Christian Fassnacht. The frantic end to the half was enough to persuade Solskjaer to change his system at half-time, bringing on Raphael Varane for Van de Beek and switching to a three-man defence. It was

unfortunate for Van de Beek, who had not done much wrong after being given a rare start.

But if the idea was to hold on to what they had, it didn't work. Von Ballmoos was a spectator for the whole second half and Ronaldo, isolated up front with no runners around him, was eventually substituted.

Moumi Ngamaleu equalised via a deflection off Luke Shaw after the hour, but United looked as if they might hold on for a point until Pefok incepted Lingard's poor back pass to score the winner in the 95th minute.

Maguire insisted afterwards that the tactical switch had been the right decision, and Solskjaer also defended the change.

"The signs were there the last five minutes of the first half," Solskjaer said. "In the second half, they were going to get crosses in the box, and Rapha, Victor and Harry coped with it well. It was the best way of controlling them, but we should have done more with the ball."

United have had plenty of poor nights in Switzerland, including after defeats to Basel in 2011 and 2017, and this was another. After the delirium of Ronaldo's homecoming at the weekend, it was a brutal reality check that there is work still to do.

ESPN

Koeman's moves show Barca cannot compete with Bayern

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

LIVE to fight another day. That was likely what Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman was thinking around the hour mark on Tuesday when, 2-0 down at home and on the way to defeat against Bayern Munich, he hooked veterans Sergio Busquets and Sergi Roberto and did the football equivalent of a bedraggled basketball coach emptying his bench.

On came Gavi and Yusuf Demir, two guys who are a combined 35 years old, have played a total of 47 first-team minutes and probably would not be recognised by many Barca fans if they showed up at the front door to deliver a pizza.

Koeman went even further fewer than 15 minutes later, when he replaced Jordi Alba with Alejandro Balde, an 18-year-old making his debut for the club.

It's not uncommon for managers to blood youngsters towards the end of a blowout win (bask in the glory) or a blowout defeat (fans tend not to boo kids). But the circumstances here were odd. Sure, Barca were being outplayed – they had not managed a shot on target – but the deficit was just two goals, one of them a craven deflection when Thomas Muller's shot caromed off Eric Garcia's backside.

A comeback was unlikely, but not unthinkable, and then there was the weight of history. Barcelona had not lost a Champions League home opener... ever. And no team that lost on



Bayern's Robert Lewandowski celebrates scoring his side's 2nd goal with Bayern's Alfonso Davies during a Champions League group E soccer match between F.C. Barcelona and Bayern at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021. (AP Photo)

Matchday 1 of the group stage has ever won the competition in the same season. But no matter, Koeman evidently is not superstitious.

Or, if he is, he knows the power of narrative. It's not a coincidence that the three guys who came off are all Catalans and club legends – with some 1300 senior games between them – who spent time in Barcelona's vaunted academy. And the three guys who replaced them are all kids born in the third millennium, tasked with keeping the club's glorious history alive.

Corny? A little bit. But

not untrue. Bringing players through La Ma-

nia has been, historically, Barcelona's strength and will need to be so again. On this night it made no difference; the replacements had little impact and Robert Lewandowski subsequently added his second goal to put the seal on Bayern's emphatic win.

Sure, if you were of a more cynical nature, you could just conclude that all this was Koeman's way of saying: "What the heck am I supposed to do? A bunch of players are unavailable and I got nothing on the bench?"

And he would have had a point there. Among the established pros on his bench were a guy returning from injury (Sergino Dest), a guy who hasn't played since last season (Riqui Puig), a guy who hadn't played at all since 2020 (Philippe Coutinho) and a guy Barcelona tried to offload in the summer but couldn't, because he earns so much (Samuel Umtiti).

This is Barcelona's reality. Sure, it might change a little if Ansu Fati returns to full fit-

ness and lives up to the hype (but, remember, he hasn't played in 10 months and is still just 18; loading unrealistic expectations on a kid his age is both unfair and foolish) and if Ousmane Dembele comes back and avoid injury (he has never started more than 22 league games in his career).

But, beyond that, you're grasping at straws if you think the cavalry is going to come out of the infirmary and turn the Blaugrana into contenders.

Who are we talking about? Sergio Aguero, who is 33 and was signed to be Lionel Messi's sidekick when it looked like Barca might be able to afford to keep their legendary forward, hasn't played since June, has missed the best part of the last two seasons and struggled when he did get on the pitch in that time? Martin Braithwaite? Great attitude, blue-collar hero, but if he's the answer, you're asking the wrong questions.

Koeman understands

this and commented on the "quality difference" after the game. He gets the trauma of the past six weeks, the tearful farewell to Messi, the flirtation with insolvency, the realization that the club is the third, if not fourth, force in La Liga. On a night like this, against a Bayern side who – despite not being irresistible, were streets ahead – it was no contest.

Best to recognize it, figure out how to finish ahead of the other two teams in the group – Benfica and Dynamo Kiev – and shoot for a top-four finish in La Liga. That would secure a return to the Champions League next season and, just as important, keep some of that prize money flowing into the Camp Nou coffers.

Barca fans understand the severity of the situation and know it's the only way to stop the rot. Indeed, perhaps they would rather see kids like Gavi, Demir and Balde try to make the grade, than watch the heroes of yesteryear on the end of a home spanking.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Tanzania's sports stakeholders now delighted with ministry's focus on arena plans



Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports's Permanent Secretary, Hassan Abbas.

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

STAKEHOLDERS in the media are happy about the changed focus of the newly fangled Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, as one of its highest officials was on the spot early yesterday scanning a survey of issues in sports and culture development already promised by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Hassan Abbas, the ministry's Permanent Secretary who until lately was the registrar of newspapers and up to the early stages of the sixth phase government also the chief government spokesman, reappeared in a new image on the

sports palaver of one city FM radio, to answer questions on a whole range of sports development issues.

In his remarks, he put to light many areas where the promises of the president concerning how to revamp the country's image in the outside world, as sports achievements by teams or individuals sharply contribute to defining a country's profile the world over.

While touching on an insufficient budgetary sum of slightly over 1.5bn/- for the sector as a whole, he also informed the sports pundits that the president had released 9.5bn/- for the development of resting parks and sports arenas in different municipalities.

The first such parks will be built in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, and Geita, where listeners had an impression that the model would be the Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park

at Gerezani area in the city, featuring spaces for a series of sports, running circuit for joggers, and substantial sitting space for those viewing games and taking a rest.

What is notable about the organization of the city sports and resting park is that it is an academy of sorts, with elaborate schedules of the use of the park for training and evaluation on the part of youth teams from all walks of life and institutions, which would otherwise fail to meet regularly in an updated facility, complete with a tartan pitch for ease of practice or competition.

The pundits raised the issue of diminished or removal of taxes for the importation of artificial grass for cities, which the top civil servant said includes municipalities, elaborating that consultations are proceeding with the ruling party as it operates - or owns - a series of stadia in regional capitals.

What was especially elating for the stakeholders was the mention of plans for an indoor stadium or arena that will take a large number of people, estimates at around 15,000 to have a fitting facility for upscale market and organization of various sports and games.

Such events in sports calendar around the world include major tennis competitions, boxing, and gymnastics among many others, while

at present boxing is organized from dancing halls with a stage, not a convenient staged space for viewers to come in large numbers, or be willing to pay significantly to watch a contest from a comfortable sitting position.

Abbas also alluded to working with private sector institutions in the development of such parks, as indeed the JKP was built with the participation of private sector stakeholders in running such parks.

An online write-up for instance shows how grassroots soccer activities are up and running at the Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park, where boys and girls from an early age are taught the same.

Schools scarcely offer such facilities or technical support to take up talent at an early age, observers noted.

It says that following the construction of the park, in October 2015, Grassroot Soccer (GRS) Partnerships launched a new project with JMK Park in Dar es Salaam to use sport to support health education and empower youth to serve as change agents in their communities.

JMK Park currently implements two GRS curricula, set out as 'Zinduka Kupitia Soka' that covers HIV and malaria prevention, while the other is SKILLZ Girl, empowering young girls to know their rights and lead healthy lives, the write up intoned.

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Waluguru Original Music Band's Director, Deogratius David, performs with the troupe's other artists at a recent show, which took place in Morogoro. PHOTO: SABATO KASIKA

'Usiku wa Wafia Dansi' show moved to Arusha

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THREE dance music troupes and several entertainment groups are set to feature in a special show, known as 'Usiku wa Wafia Dansi', set to take place in Arusha on September 25.

The troupes are Morogoro's Waluguru Original Music Band, which is led by Deogratius David 'Killer Boy', Dr es Salaam's Bogoss Musica which is led by Nyoshi el Saadat and Arusha's Mjengoni Classic, which is led by Digital Mukongya.

Bernard James, the show's coordinator, noted he has hosted the event seeking to play part in bringing back the passion for dance music in the country.

"The 'Usiku wa Wafia Dansi' show keeps on enjoying popularity from the day it was launched in Dar es Salaam in 2019, we hosted a show in Morogoro in May this year and we will host the next show in Arusha," James disclosed.

The coordinator revealed the 'Usiku wa Wafia Dansi' show will be held in the remaining regions, aiming at motivating the locals to develop a passion for dance music and benefit domestic musicians.

The coordinator stated: "Cheza Kidansi Entertainment firm, in cooperation with several domestic music stakeholders, are determined to see to it the music genre gets back to prominence."

"I believe music lovers in Arusha and the surrounding areas will get lots of entertainment in the show."

Waluguru Original Music Band's Director, David stated his troupe's musicians are preparing for the coming show, seeking to stage a thrilling show.

David noted: "We, in the May show that took place in Morogoro, did a good job, we are now preparing for the coming event, gearing towards staging yet another thrilling show the same way we did in the previous one."

The vocalist pointed out the previous show helped the Waluguru Original Music Band rise to prominence and win lots of fans.

He was adamant they will keep on working hard to see to it they win more fans and fare well in the music industry.

National wheelchair tennis team to feature in ITF competition in Nigeria

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA will send six wheelchair tennis players to the Puma Engineering ITF Wheelchair Tennis Championship slated for November 11-14 in Abuja, Nigeria.

Wheelchair tennis coach, Riziki Salum, mentioned the players as Voster Isaya, Albert Chuli, Jumanne Nassoro, Lucy Julius, Rehema Said, and a player who will emerge the best in a tie pitting Monica Boniface against Pendo James.

He said the Puma Engineering ITF Wheelchair Tennis Championship is expected to bring a lot of excitement to the Tanzania players, as it is the first time the country is sending its players to the event.

"We will be sending our six players to Puma Engineering ITF Wheelchair Tennis which gets underway in Abuja, Nigeria. Our players are currently attending intensive training ahead of the games," he said.

He stopped short of saying how much they need to send the team to Nigeria but noted ITF will pay half of the cost while Tanzania Wheelchair Tennis Association has been tasked to look for the other half of the money for the expenses.

Salum said the Nigeria event would serve as a springboard for the country's readiness to outdo all its major rivals, particularly Nigeria, South Africa, Egypt, Tunisia, and Kenya, for future wheelchair championships.

Wheelchair tennis is one of the most exciting sports to play and watch. There are no modifications to the racquet or tennis balls.

Wheelchair Tennis follows the same rules as able-bodied tennis. The only difference is Wheelchair Tennis players are allowed two bounces of the ball, provided the first bounce occurs within the bounds of the court.

The events are singles (between two players) and doubles (between two pairs).

The wheelchair tennis player is allowed two bounces of the ball. The

player must return the ball before it hits the ground a third time. The second bounce can be either in or out of the court boundaries.

The service shall be delivered in the following manner. Immediately before commencing the service, the server shall be in a stationary position. The server shall then be allowed one push before striking the ball.

The server shall throughout the delivery of the service not touch any wheel, any area other than that behind the baseline within the imaginary extension of the center mark and sideline.

If conventional methods for the service are physically impossible for a quadriplegic player, then the player or an individual may drop the ball for such a player. However, the same method of serving must be used each time.

A player loses a point if the player fails to return the ball before it has touched the ground three times.

Subject to the rule below with propelling the chair. The player uses any part of his feet or lower extremities as brakes or as stabilizers while delivering service, stroking a ball, turning or stopping against the ground, or any wheel

while the ball is in play.

The player fails to keep one buttock in contact with his wheelchair seat when contacting the ball.

Where a wheelchair tennis player is playing with or against an able-bodied person in singles or doubles.

The rules of Wheelchair Tennis shall apply for the wheelchair player while the rules of tennis for able-bodied tennis shall apply for the able-bodied player.

In this instance, the wheelchair player is allowed two bounces while the able-bodied player is allowed only one bounce.

The definition of lower extremities is, the lower limb, including the but-

tocks, hip, thigh, leg, ankle, and foot.

Two toilet breaks are permitted during a single or double's match, to be taken preferably at the set break.

Each break may be for a reasonable time. The player must receive permission from the chair umpire if there is one, or from his opponent, who cannot reasonably refuse the request.

Additional breaks may only be permitted by the Chair Umpire, Roving Umpire, or Referee.

If a player takes a third toilet break without permission, they may be charged with 'leaving the court without permission' under the Code of Conduct.



Simba SC and Yanga followers take part in burial of the late Zacharia Hans Poppe, who was Simba SC Board of Directors' member during his life, at Makanyagio cemetery in Iringay yesterday. Hans Poppe passed away in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT FRANCIS GODWIN

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WHAT DO YOU CALL
A CENSUS PERSONNEL?



A CALCULATOR?
A COUNTER?
A COMPUTER, NO?
AN ENUMERATOR!