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#### 'ZSSF money not for commercial projects'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ALI Karume (pictured), a seasoned political stakeholder here, has appealed to the Zanzibar authorities to refrain from establishing commercial projects using money from the Zanzibar Social Security Fund (ZSSF).

He convened a press conference ahead of the 59th Union anniversary, he said if the projects turn out to be unprofitable, the fund may fail to pay its members and cause serious problems in paying people retiring from the public service, which contravenes the law.

The law demands that authorities not take members' money and start potentially non-profitable business projects, as the fund may run out of money and the members need to be paid terminal benefits, he declared.

He was of the summary view that it is not appropriate for the government to borrow from social security funds, demanding that the Zanzibar government resume explorations of oil and gas.

Already the government and the United Arab Emirates firm, RAK Gas LLC have



#### There are people who are paid big salaries, but they don't produce, including ministers...

signed a production sharing agreement (PSA) ahead of exploring for natural gas.

Oil and gas exploration is vital to Zanzibar economy as it depends on services and tourism, owing to location and topography,

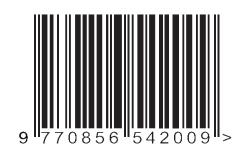
As tax exemptions reached 46.06bn/in fiscal 20121/2022, from 8.12bn/- the previous year, the former envoy said tax exemptions had to be carefully examined. The government needs to ensure that the benefits obtained through exempted projects are examined in relation to eligible payers and those obtaining tax exemptions, he stated.

Good economic plans are the only way that will help reduce inflation in Zanzibar Gross inflation standing at 5.1 percent in fiscal 2022 from 1.7 percent in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, he said.

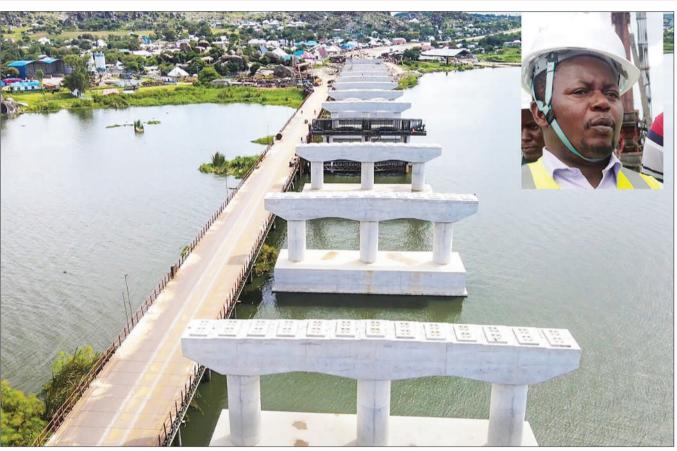
"There are people who are paid big salaries, but they don't produce, including ministers," he asserted, noting that Zanzibar has the land and human resources but it fails to make good plans in setting the annual budget," he said.

He said the union has brought great benefits to the people of Zanzibar, including the opportunity to use land on the other side of the Union owing to Zanzibar having

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# Tanga Cement to close unless takeover is done



Agency (Tanroads) CEO Rogatus Mativila (inset), construction has reached 72 per cent. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

#### **By Guardian Reporters**

AT least 3,000 employees of Tanga Cement Co. Ltd (TCCL), listed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange, are living in endless fear of losing their jobs while an expected take over by an industry leader is stalled for competition

TCCL board chairman Patrick Rutabanzibwa issued a cautionary notice last month saying this situation is continuing to create fear and panic among employees.

They fear for the future of their employment as the company's performance is continuing to deteriorate financially at a time when the nearly 800bn/- takeover deal with Scancem International remains uncertain.

A protracted controversy broke out in regulatory organs and in the legislature over plans by Mauritius-based Scancem International AD, which also owns Dar es Salaam-based Twiga Cement, to take over the

The Tanga firm has projected operating profit before interest and tax for 2022 to stand between 130 per cent and 170 per cent lower than the 2021 results, while expecting a loss per share for the year to hover at upwards of 250/to 270/-in 2022.

It is a disappointment for thousands of shareholders who have invested in the firm

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## **Union: Accord on Z'bar** goods, sugar tax awaited

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

FORMING a joint finance commission, sugar importation regulations and charging goods into the Mainland market are key issues yet to be resolved in the list of contentious union issues, the legislature heard yesterday

Dr. Selemani Jafo, the Union and Environment state minister at the Vice President's Office, made this affirmation when tabling of the ministry's 2023/24 fiscal estimates, noting that government has put a line under 22 contentious union matters as of this month.

Four others are in the course of being resolved, where a notable issue is the distribution of revenues generated by shares of the Revolutionary Government

of Zanzibar (SMZ) in the East African Currency Board, he stated.

Profits generated by the Bank of Tanzania, as well as the registration of firearms, are among unresolved union matters, he elaborated, noting that the formulation of estimates being presented by the Minister of State, put at 54.1bn/-, was

a contested point, he further noted. Jafo, commending President Samia Suluhu Hassan for fast trucking the resolving of the union matters that have been a setback in socioeconomic issues since the union was formed in 1964.

Resolving disputes in the union matters gained pace in 2006, where two issues got resolved and by 2020 a few more issues had been resolved. That brings the total to **TURN TO PAGE 2** 

## Minister directs NIMR to study energy drinks risk

**By Guardian Reporter** 

RESEARCH is to be conducted on excessive uptake of energy drinks by the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), following findings by the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) on the public health danger.

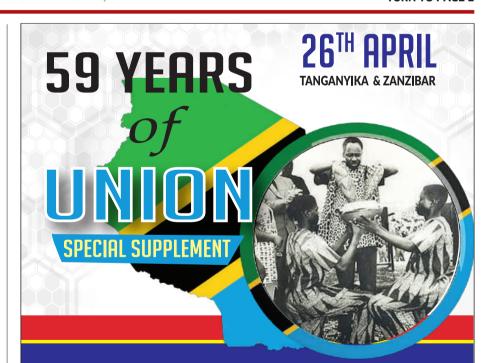
Health minister Ummy Mwalimu issued this directive in the wake of reports on a 24 year old male diagnosed with acute myocardial infarction after rapidly taking five bottles of energy drinks.

She said on her twitter page that if well conducted the study would enable informed decision making on what should be done on heart problems tied to energy

The 28 year old who died while being treated for anterolateral myocardial infarction, impairment of blood vessels, had attended the outpatient department and shifted to the emergency department. Chest pains had started eight-hours earlier, medics said.

Lecturers at the centre who worked on the patient wrote a paper on the matter, presented to an audience at JKCI last week, which also provides a synopsis of the energy drinks problem around the world.

Since 1949, the popularity of such beverages has increased at an **TURN TO PAGE 2** 



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through the equity market, he said.

"The contributing factors to this movement were the significant increase in fuel prices and logistics costs which led to an increase in raw material prices, the frequent electric power cuts and unstable electricity supply resulting in increased fuel consumption for own diesel generators and the resulting increased maintenance costs of equipment," the chairman said.

The takeover, which is expected to save the cement manufacturer from collapsing, is hanging in the balance chiefly following claims from some quarters that a merger between Tanga Cement and Twiga Cement could result in market dominance by the latter.

However, the firms say recent cases of interference by elements or powers yet to be established were needlessly trying to frustrate the merger for their own good.

The issue dates back to October 2021 when Scancem International DA, a subsidiary of Heidelberg Cement AG, which owns Twiga Cement, and AfriSam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited, owner of Tanga Cement, issued a statement to the effect that they had finalised the terms upon which the former would acquire 68.33 per cent of shareholding in Tanga Cement.

The takeover, which went under the scrutiny of the Fair Competition Commission (FCC) and the Tanzania Mining Commission (TMC), was later approved.

However, the approved merger was subsequently opposed by Chalinze Cement Company Limited, which is not yet in operation, and the Tanzania Consumer Advocacy Society (TCAS) after appealing to the Fair Competition Tribunal (FCT) claiming that the process would create market dominance by the firms merged.

In September 2022, the FCT delivered a quasi-judicial verdict blocking the planned merger - in support of the appellants.

In December 2022, Scancem International petitioned the FCC for a second time in a bid to acquire the said Tanga Cement issued share

Scancem said in a statement recently that this new application was submitted based on prevailing market conditions in 2022, and was approved unconditionally by the FCC in February 2023, as the combined market share was currently below the legal threshold (35 per cent) and affirmed no dominant position.

"This particular decision of the FCC has not been challenged by the FCT, and the FCT has not made any ruling based on this decision," Scancem said.

However, it was later reported that FCT issued injunctive orders, saying the merger between Scancem International DA and Tanga Cement Public Limited Company stood restrained, pending the hearing of the application between parties.

The tribunal restrained any other merger by other authorities pending the hearing of an application lodged by Peter Hellar, the appellant, against the protracted deal.

FCC board chairperson Dr Aggrey Mlimuka declared in a recent rejoinder that the tribunal rejected the first merger application, but a second application was thereafter submitted.

"If a merger was rejected last year, it does not mean that the rejection is indefinite. If metrics change then the decision might be different. We can't rely on what happened last year," Dr Mlimuka said.

He elaborated: "We will explain to the FCT that we believe that things have changed and the common standard is that a rejected merger application can be filed again under different circumstances. The decision by the tribunal was made after hearing one side. We were not heard at all. We have previously approved a merger which enabled a company to hold a 40 per cent market share but with conditions."

Hinting that there could be "invisible powers" behind those challenging the process in question,

Dr Mlimuka noted: "If you carefully investigate, some of these people who complain that they will be affected by the planned merger do not even have a cement factory. I'm wondering what kind of message we are sending to investors about our country."

People familiar with the matter say some individuals have already filed applications both in court and with the FCT, claiming that the regulator ignored the tribunal ruling.

Apparently, one of the applications is by Peter Hellar, who lodged application No. 8 of 2023 at the FCT in which the respondents were the FCC, Scancem International DA, Fayaz Bhojani, William Erio and Hakan Gurdal.

In the application, the applicant asked the tribunal to grant an exparte temporary injunction against the intended merger as advertised by the FCC on February 11, 2023.

He also pleaded with the tribunal that, in case the merger was granted or was about to be granted or will be granted in the course of the hearing of the application, then an ex-parte order be issued to restrain the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA), the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) and the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) from registering or otherwise executing any act or step that would follow the execution of the merger.

Scancem International argues that the cement sector in Tanzania has been characterised by production overcapacities since the arrival of Mtwara-based Dangote Cement Plc and Tanga-based Huaxin Cement Co. Ltd.

It further argues that at least three other cement producers are adding around 15 per cent of additional cement capacity this year.

"After this transaction, there will be more than 12 players in the cement industry, which ensures a healthy competitive landscape, far above that in neighbouring countries," claims Scancem.

Meanwhile, another "cautionary notice to members" published in a section of the local media yesterday calls upon Tanga Cement Public Limited Company stakeholders to continue to exercise caution when dealing in the firm's securities.

Also signed by board chairman Patrick Rutabanzibwa, the notice says further announcements in relation to the matter "will be made in due course".

It makes reference to the October 22, 2021 share purchase agreement involving Scancem, AfriSam and AfriSam (South Africa) Proprietary Limited as well as the revised merger application Scansem and Tanga Cement filed with the Fair Competition Commission.

The notice adds: "It is important to note that material uncertainty exists on the final Acquisition Price, which remains subject to adjustment related to debt, working capital, other expenses and other potential adjustments post-closing. Shareholders of Tanga (Cement) are cautioned that there is no certainty that all the remaining conditions of the Acquisition will be fulfilled, or

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi presses a knob in Zanzibar yesterday to launch fast ferry 'Falcon of the Sea'. Right is Zanzibar first lady Mariam Mwinyi. Photo: Zanzibar State House

## Minister directs NIMR to 'zssf money not for study energy drinks risk

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insurmountable pace around the world. Consumption stood at over 25bn liters in 2021, fetching earnings of \$86.35bn, the paper

"The energy drinks market size is expected to expand at a compound annual growth rate of 8.3 percent up to 2030, the report indicated.

Notwithstanding the growing evidence of the increasing burden of cardiovascular diseases (CVD) in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), data describing trends of acute myocardial infarction are still scarce, senior medic Dr Pedro Pallangyo intoned.

There is a lower incidence of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) in older populations worldwide, with recent data showing a

staggering growing incidence of coronary events in younger individuals, below 45 years, he stated.

After several examinations, symptoms started four hours after consuming five cans (1250 cc) of an energy drink whose principal ingredients are caffeine, taurine, sugar and glucuronolactone.

"On admission, his blood pressure was stable despite obvious distress," he said, underlining the need for community's awareness regarding potentially lethal effects of energy drinks.

There is a notable connection between energy drinks and cardiovascular (CV) health as a common diagnosis particularly among young adults with chest pain, he added.

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a small area.

The union has helped strengthen defense and security, asking the people to strive to protect the foundations of the union.

He rejected calls that Zanzibar should have full decision making power, underlining that countries moving to unite, each side will lose their full power.

Zanzibar outside the union would not remain safe because there are people who have grown up wanting to restore the old rule under the Sultan, to disrupt the foundations of the 1964 revolution, he

There are challenges in the union but they are not big compared to the benefits, including Zanzibaris being appointed envoys outside like he once served, he added.



Tanga city environment officer Kizito Mkwambi (R) pictured yesterday with Health minister Ummy Mwalimu (C), who is also Tanga Urban legislator, during an assessment tour of the impact of the weekend's floods in parts of the city. Photo: Correspondent Cheji

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22, with 18 matters resolved in the past two years.

Resolved union matters include lowering offloading costs for cargo from Zanzibar at the Dar es Salaam port, along with finding and exploration of oil and gas.

Other resolved matters are harmonization of electricity costs from TANESCO to ZECO, complaints of Zanzibar traders on double taxation, pay as you earn (PAYE) and withholding tax compliance, he explained.

to make sure that the remaining matters are resolved, with the VPO seeking to strengthen coordination

of resolving issues, he said. The two parts have been working on the union matters and submit decisions made to the joint committee Secretariat for possible

resolution. However, the two parts have separate teams that work on

Deliberate efforts are being made and provide advice for better the two sides marrying into one approaches in resolving the matters. In their contributions to the

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budget, legislators hailed the President for having a political will of addressing the union matters. Mwanahamisi Kassim Said

(Special Seats-Magomeni) said welfare and fraternity should be a priority in resolving the remaining

"The union has grown into a the joint committee's directives blood relation by people from people from the Mainland.

another. We should protect the union legacy left behind by the statesmen by all means necessary on top of resolving shortfalls that came with the union in 1964," she told the House.

Zahoro Mohamed Haji (Mwera) said that since the start of the sixth phase government even little issues have been harmonized, thus strengthening ties of Zanzibaris and

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#### 'Zanzibar to lure more investors to bring quality marine vehicles' Guardian Reporter,

#### Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has assured that his government will continue putting conducive environment to attract more investors to bring quality marine vehicles and thus boost marine transport sub-sector.

He also advised citizens to avoid using marine vehicles that do not adhere to safety rules as majority of them uses unregistered ports.

Speaking during the launch of a new passenger boat-Kilimanjaro VIII of Azam Marine at Maruhubi area in Unguja, President Mwinyi said the government is pioneered and will continue to open the doors of investment by putting in place the best strategies that will provide opportunities for investors and the private sector to run their projects smoothly.

"Azam Marine has shown an example of a patriotic company in the country by investing in Zanzibar, a move that has helpedgrow the economy and national income as well as employment,' he said.

asked other Не companies to use government's opportunity that prioritizes working with the private sector in building Zanzibar's economy which include boosting water transport. Dr Mwinyi further

requested Azam Marine to commence speed boat trips in Pemba island so that citizens can benefit from the opportunity of fast services.

"Travellers to Pemba been spending hours to reach sometimes the means of transport do not make trips every day, this a big challenge and has negative impact to the economy, I am now requesting Azam Marine to see this and initiate fast ferry trips to Pemba because I am sure that there are enough ferries," Dr Mwinyi said.

However, he said government the implementing strategies, including the construction of the Mangapwani multipurpose Port, a move that will increase efficiency and reduce congestion in the Malindi port in Unguja.

State, Minister of President's Office-**Economy** and Mudrik Investment Ramadhan Soraga said that the government will continue to make major reforms in the area of investment, including the establishment of an electronic system that has helped eliminate bureaucracy for investors.

He said the government has invested heavily in the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) Investors' One Stop Centre whose goal is to enable investors to get permits within 24 hours.

The e-system for serving investors is part of the implementation of the Zanzibar's Development Policy where its launch translates clearly how the Isles is keen to promote investment and create a conducive environment for trade and investments.

Soraga congratulated Said Salim Bahressa, for his investments which are based on patriotism and thus has contributing to the national development.

He said that according to investment laws, an investor who reaches an investment tune of \$120 million is officially recognized as the most strategic investor.

Bahressa Group executive director, Abubakar Said Bahressa said they are happy with the investment environment in transportation sector which is in line with the blue economy policy.

hailed Zanzibar Не government for opening the doors of investment in the marine sector where the company has invested \$120 million providing employment to 400 citizens.

In addition, he said that since the Azam Marine started providing its services in Zanzibar in 2010, it has paid a total of 130bn/- in taxes to the government.

He said the ferry which has been constructed in Australia is larger than its predecessor, Kilimanjaro VII, and can transport up to 631 passengers at speeds of more than 30 knots.

Earlier, ZIPA director general, Sharif Ali Sharif said that in two years, the authority has managed to register a total of 232 projects with a total value of



This is but only a small part of proof of how days of incessant heavy rains have rendered the road linking Mlimba and Ifakara in Morogoro Region impassable, as captured at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Idda

### 2nd Vice President assures about environment for security agencies

Guardian

#### Zanzibar

**ZANZIBAR** second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdulla has assured that the two governments will continue to create a conducive environment for security agencies to facilitate safety of people and their properties.

He said the strategy goes together with embracing the views and beliefs of founding fathers Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere and Abeid Amani Karume.

Hemed made the remarks when opening a police post at Mahonda southern region, Unguja at Tunguu an event which was an event part of the cerebrations to mark 

He said the current between union Tanganyika and Zanzibar was founded on the grounds of mutual understanding and coexistence between people of the two sides.

Hemed said through union, the country has witnessed various development as well as the strengthening of security and co-existence in the country.

Hemed also said the two governments also recognizes the big roles which security agencies are doing saying the government was doing everything to provided them with necessary resources.

The VP government was 59 years of the Union of impressed with the way

the police managed the construction exercise saying the role now was to protect the buildings at all He hailed the police in

Zanzibar for overseeing discipline to its staff including overcoming all incidents which are against Police General (PGO) which Orders includes corruption, economic sabotage and bad customer care to clients.

Zanzibar Police Commissioner Hamad Khamis Hamad said for the last two years the police in the isles has received 5.79bn/- for completion of various projects including introducing new ones.

He said the construction two offices accommodate the police commanders for Unguja, have cost 3.3bn/- and

have taken up to

nine months to

complete.

#### **EAC commends AfDB for its financial** support on Covid-19 response in region Principal Health Economist, Human Capital, Youth

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community has commended the African Development Bank (AfDB) for the support extended to the region that facilitated the bloc's regional COVID-19 response efforts.

The AfDB support was directed towards the setup of coordination systems for testing; test results verification; training of health workers and procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), test kits and laboratory consumables.

Speaking on behalf of the Secretary General, Dr Peter Mutuku Mathuki during a workshop of Technical Working Group on Communicable and non-communicable diseases held in Moshi, Tanzania, EAC Director Social Sectors, Dr Irene Isaka acknowledged the contribution of the AfDB as a game changer in the implementation of the EAC COVID-19 regional recovery plan.

She disclosed that the COVID-19 pandemic hit the region hard, with an estimated output loss of between US\$37 and US\$79 billion. This led to reductions in household income and business disruption of supply chains for tradable goods and services especially in the aviation, tourism and hospitality industries, where entire sector value-chains were rendered dysfunctional, added Director.

Dr Isaka noted that the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted several structural and health systems challenges which called for strengthening of the key pillars of region health systems. "Let me take this opportunity to urge the Partner States to draw lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic response to build resilient health systems in our region," he said.

EAC She reiterated the Secretariat's commitment to collaborate with Partner States and development partners to build better, stronger and healthy communities.

and Skills Development Department (AHHD) from AfDB, Dr Elizabeth Owiti said the Bank recognises the centrality of health in improving quality of life for Africans and enabling them to achieve their potential.

"I call upon the EAC Partner States to come up with a plan to overcome gaps in national health infrastructure, which have been exposed by COVID-19 and other health crises," she said.

The African Development Fund (ADF) approved grants totaling US\$9.52 million to strengthen responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in East Africa and the Horn, and in the Comoros under the Project Multinational COVID-19 Response.

The EAC Secretariat received US\$8.79 million in tranches of US\$8.16 million and US\$629,582 while Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) received US\$729, 581.

The 20th to 22nd April, 2023 Technical Working Group meeting was convened to facilitate a monitoring visit by the AfDB to assess the progress in the implementation of the COVID-19 project funded by the Bank.

The meeting was attended by experts from the EAC Partner States' Ministries responsible for Health and Ministries responsible for EAC Affairs, African Research and Impact Network (ARIN) staff and members of the advisory Board based in Nairobi, and a representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Also present were staff from the EAC Secretariat and the East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC). 

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## Vegetable, fruit transporters ask govt to improve infrastructure

#### By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

VEGETABLE and transporters in Njombe Region have urged the government to improve infrastructures including roads and storage facilities so as to facilitate smooth transportation of the products.

The traders made the call here during the meeting organized by the Tanzania Shipping Corporation Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping (ISCOS) and Tanzania Shippers' Council (TSC) to encourage transportation of the produce water and air transport.

Zekomo Masanje, one of the traders, told this paper on the sidelines of the meeting that they are struggling to meet their goals on the business due to poor infrastructures and various barriers on the road.

"A great challenge which we are facing here is transport barriers as well as special refrigerated containers to keep the vegetables and avocados, we are forced to take them from Nairobi and the expenses are high, we are calling on the government to work on this and put a good system which will facilitate availability of the containers within the country," he said.

Sallu Johnsons, TSC executive secretary said most of the harvests have been delayed to reach the port due to transport challenges from

Njombe District Earlier. Commissioner Kissa Kasongwa said that the dry port which is expected to be constructed in Makambako town should also be capacitated with refrigerated containers so as to facilitate easy transportation of the veggies and fruits.

TASAC Ports, Shipping and Maritime Transport Control Director, Deogratius Mukasa said the major objective of the meeting was to receive challenges and recommendations from fruit and vegetable transporters so as to take needed measures to support the growth of the business.

"We want to enable the transporters in the Southern Highlands zone who use port services to transport goods abroad to understand well on the best way to carry out their transport duties in a way that they can protect their interests in using transport services," Mukasa said.

Robert Soko, a representative from the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) said the authority has conducted major improvements in its ports so as to attract more traders and stimulate economic growth.

...we are calling on the government to work on this and put a good system which will facilitate availability of the containers within the country



doma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Josep

#### Committee urges govt to reduce environment budget dependency

#### By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Permanent Committee for Water and Environment has urged the government to reduce dependency of environmental budget financing from donors by allocating enough local sourced funds especially in the wake of climate change where countries are independently struggling for resilience and adaptation.

The committee has learnt that in the 2023/24 budget the ministry has reduced budget dependency from donors only by 0.04 percent. However, the Vice President's Office 2023/24 budget, a custodian of environmental issues in the

country, has been cut down by 5.4 a priority in relation to other should be a key agenda of every percent. Funds for development projects related to environment protection have been cut down by 2.49bn/-.

Addressing the National Assembly yesterday after the Minister of State, Vice President's Office, Union and Environment Dr Selemani Jafo had tabled the ministry's 2023/24 budget tuned at 54.1bn/-, the Committee's chairman Jackson Kiswaga said the government relies heavily on funds from donors in implementation of strategies and programmes related to environment protection.

"With gradual decrease in the budget allocated, the committee is convinced to believe that the environment ministry is not

ministries within the government," said Kiswaga.

He said the committee further learnt from the 2022/23 budget implementation that ignorance in environmental protection issues by the majority of citizens affects their participation in the implementation of laws and policies related to the environment.

"The government should urgently bring the National Environment Management Act Cap 191 2004 for review so that it aligns with the National Environment Policy 2021. It should also make sure that 1.5 million new trees are planted in all 184 district councils every year.

conservation 

year's freedom torch race so that people are sensitized on protecting the environment," said Kiswaga

According to him, the government should further collaborate with environment stakeholders in organising environment protection campaigns at all levels of public administration.

The committee also advises the government to transform the National Environment Management Council into a full regulatory body of environment issues. The transformation would help to play vital roles in the areas of administration, budgeting, service, and structural issues facing the

#### 'Private sector key to overcoming Africa's critical investment gaps'

#### By Guardian Correspondent

THE African Development Bank insecurity and feed itself." Group's governors will address three strategic challenges when they meet next month for the group's Annual meetings in Egypt, the group's Secretary General Vincent Nhemielle has said.

Addressing a news conference last week, Nhemielle said: "The challenges confronting Africa in the coming year are: financing a low carbon development path that delivers growth and inclusivity and the continent's climate goals; placing climate adaptation at the heart Africa's potential to address food

He said the annual meetings are set to be conducted in Egypt, from May 23 to

opportunity to learn more about focus areas during the institution's most important annual event.

Vice President for Private Sector, Infrastructure And Industrialisation, Solomon Quaynor noted that African

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The Secretary General chaired the event, which took place in a hybrid format, and offered journalists





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their request with:

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The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other nternational oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering construction, operation, and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania incl. a Jetty with Load Out Facility for Oil Tankers, near Tanga in Tanzania

BESIX Ballast Nedam (BBN) Limited, executing Early Services for the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:

· Providing Service and Material for Marine/Offshore Oi Spill Response (Tier 2-Upto 10 M3).

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

- · Oil spill response material and equipment to cover a spil of level (Tier 2)-10,000 Litre on marine surface.
- Maintenance of the spill response material/equipment.
- · Transportation of equipment and material to Tanga port.
- · Certified resources to handle Tier 2 marine oil spill. · Training for project personnel on handling marine oil spill response.
- · Service team and personnel will be based in Tanga
- Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly

This call for Expression of Interest (EOI) is intended to lead to the identification of suppliers or Service Providers that can demonstrate having sufficient capacity and experience to Provide Service and Material for Marine/Offshore Oil Spill Response in a manner that meets BBN Limited expectations

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to procurement@bbnltd.co.tz (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 9th May 2023, 1800hrs Tanzania Time.

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding

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

governments currently have little fiscal room owing to "black swan" events that have occurred in the last 3 years. These include Covid-19 impacts and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, both of which have had global

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Quaynor addressed a growing emphasis on mobilizing resource from within African countries. As an example, he cited the bank's partnership with the African Sovereign Investor's Forum which it agreed last June. The pact represented an important step in terms of increasing the leverage of investments as well as reassuring global investors seeking to invest in Africa, he said. Assets managed by African sovereign wealth funds, African pension funds and African life insurance pools is estimated at over \$2 trillion equivalent, according to Quaynor.

Urama said the annual meetings would feature five knowledge events. One of these will focus on efforts to tap the private sector to close Africa's climate financing gaps, which aligns with the 2023 theme of the meetings: Mobilizing Private Sector Financing for Climate and Green Growth in Africa.

There would also be a presidential dialogue featuring African heads of state in dialogue with the president of the bank on the changing global financial architecture, Urama said. Discussions would center on the evolving role that multilateral development banks will play in galvanizing more robust funding for Africa's climate action goals.

As in past years, the annual meetings will feature the launch of the 2023 African Economic outlook report, Urama said. The report, the Bank's flagship, will address the same theme and also examine ways to harness Africa's abundant natural capitalincluding rivers, coastlines, and peatlands-to serve its development and economic growth.

Dunford pointed to recent bank efforts to bolster food security in Africa, which are being complicated not only by external shocks but also climate driven weather events such as cyclones, flooding and droughts.

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Kilwa District Commissioner Christopher Ndubiagai (R) pictured at the weekend presenting a farmer with seaweed farm inputs Mwani Mariculture Ltd has donated to farmers in implementation of a drive aimed at promoting the blue economy and safeguarding the environ-

#### Tarime residents complain over presence of garbage piles in their residential areas

By Ambrose Wantaigwa

RESIDENTS at Starehe Street in Tarime District, Mara Region have complained on the habit of some people throwing rubbish around their residential areas, a situation that poses threat to people's health.

The residents aired their grievances before the Member of Parliament for Tarime urban, Michael Kembaki who visited the area saying that garbage are being thrown along the road thus affecting residents who conduct small businesses in the areas.

One of the residents, Jane Waigama, said that despite being exposed to dirt near her residence, they have also been affected by the bad smell every day, which causes trouble when preparing food.

He said the residents are forced to use their own expenses to pay for private cleaners.

"In the area of the street, several citizens who do business, including selling meat, are also forced to pay high costs to individuals every day to remove dirt, a situation that brings about unnecessary losses," he said.

He added: "There are times when we can't even eat with comfort in our homes due to the increase in waste disposal which is piled everywhere without order and causes a strong smell," she said.

Former chairman of the rulling-CCM in Mara region, Samwel Kiboye who also arrived at the area, said Tarime township council should put a good system to manage the collection and disposal of solid waste in the permitted areas to preserve the environment.

He said the sixth phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan emphasizes on environmental conservation so as to protect both animal and humans from

MP Kembaki said the leadership of the city council and the environment department have promised to remove the dirt within three days from Monday, thus asking the residents to be calm.

"We have explained to them (the environment department) the importance of speeding up the removal of the dump near people's residences in order to save them from the effects of environmental pollution that they experience every day," said Kembaki.

The Member of Parliament said that the town will benefit from the government's environmental conservation programme implemented in several councils and cities in the country, including the disposal of solid waste in the right manner.

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Dr Ally Possi, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Works and Transport ministry, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday speaking at five-day Research, Rescue and Search training jointly organised by the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation and the Interna-

#### MPs decry shortage of ambulances in rural health centres, dispensaries

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE government has so far procured 117 ambulances to be deployed in health centers and dispensaries across the country before July 1 this year.

Festo Dugange, deputy minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (Health) told the National Assembly yesterday that the government is dedicated to fixing within the 76 remaining days of the 2022/23 budget implementation.

According to him, the government has during the 2022/23 financial year allocated 31.1bn/- for the procurement of 316 ambulances to be supplied in different health centers and dispensaries countrywide.

The deputy minister was responding

to a question by David Kihenzile, South Mufindi legislator who sought to know the government's plan in deploying ambulances at Mtwango and Mgololo health centers in Mufindi district. Dr Dugange acknowledged that the

demand for ambulances in health centers and dispensaries is at a high demand but the government has in the 2022/23 fiscal year made crucial observations to address the issue.

"Procurement procedures are ongoing and the government hopes that all health centers and dispensaries across the 184 district councils will be supplied with the ambulances;

Mufindi district council will allocate two ambulances for the two health centers," said Dr Dugange.

In a supplementary question, Ali Kasinge, South Kilwa legislator wanted to know plans by the government in deploying an ambulance at Nanjilinji health center.

Kisinge argued that Nanjilinji ward is located almost 100 kilometers from the Kinyonga district hospital thus an ambulance is urgently required.

Francis Ndulane, North Kilwa legislator also raised the same concern that the Kilwa district has many health centers and dispensaries that lack ambulances thus posing difficulties to pregnant women and mothers in accessing health services provided in remote areas.

In his response, the deputy minister said that ambulances are meant to be deployed the country over but the deployment will first benefit the most demanding health centers and dispensaries. In Kilwa, he said. Two ambulances will be deployed from the first phase of deployment.

In the same line, Eric Shigongo, Buchosa legislator argued that the province has over 400,000 residents most of whom are in islands of Lake Victoria but lacks ambulances in health centers.

"There are almost eight centers but only one ambulance has been deployed by the government since the last five years. I would like to urge the government to consider the shortage in relation to its plans in fixing it," said Shigongo.

#### Tanzania to host the 8th East Africa philanthropy conference in Zanzibar

**By Guardian Reporter** 

THE East Africa Philanthropy in collaboration with Legal Service Facility (LSF) and other members is organising the Annual conference in Anchored on its theme, 'Systems Transformation: Catalyzing Collective Action' the 8th East Africa Philanthropy Conference to be hosted in Zanzibar.

The East Africa Philanthropy Conference is the annual signature event hosted by the East Africa Philanthropy Network and customarily comprises of 300+ philanthropic practitioners and organisations. Deemed creative and facilitative, the deliberately planned convening aids change makers in scheming out, networking, contemplating, and developing potent action based on the successes and hurdles experienced in the sector.

Network's Chief Executive Officer, Evans Okinyi said vesterday in Dar es Salaam that this could not be more befitting as the sector is gripping with systems transformation in an effort to co-develop responsive philanthropic practices.

"No matter which way we look at it, the sheer complexity and interconnectedness of the global crises require a complete overhaul of not only how we do things, but also how we understand them. In other words, they require a systems transformation approach that is very much about empowerment. By empowering especially those that seemingly have no say, we also look at how we can shift the mindset, so that something that seems impossible at a certain stage, all of a sudden becomes possible," he added.

Acknowledging that there is no single retort to complex hurdles, the board chair, Jacqueline Asiimwe underscored that seeking systems change typically calls for solidarity with a diverse group of stakeholders that can harness each other's strengths and learn from each other to accelerate the desired transformation.

"Too often, the only thing that philanthropy is really interested in is the front line of change, which is where the symptoms of the crises that we're feeling are. But unless we collectively dig out and recode the boring bits, such as accountability, how we drive resources, how we build the innovation capacity of the system, and how we build trust, the system then doesn't really change, we just do front-end symptom resolutions," Jacqueline noted.

Lulu Ng'wanakilala, LSF's executive director said: "This year's conference is organized by a committee made up of EAPN members, partners and stakeholders and the LSF is pleased to be a co-local organizing partner. The conference provides a platform for sharing experiences, collective reflection, as well as the curation and development of philanthropic and social tools and investment practices for the continent's people and partners. I therefore call upon philanthropy organizations, private sector, government, civil society and all key stakeholders to register and take part."

Ng'wanakilala applauded the East Africa Philanthropy Network for their relentless efforts geared towards promoting a culture of giving in the region and for believing in Tanzania as the perfect host for this year's event.



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#### SWISSPORT TANZANIA PLC AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Board of Directors of Swissport Tanzania Plc. hereby publishes audited financial results for the year ended 31st December 2022. During the year, the flight frequencies increased by 53% and volume of cargo handled increased by 20%. As a result, total revenue increased by 25% from TShs 30,679 million to TShs 38,290 million, and total operating cost increased by 21% from TShs 28,032 million to TShs 33,817 million. Consequently, the Company reports a net profit of TShs 2,606 million compared to a net profit of TShs 2,146 million realised in year 2021. This performance is attributed to significant business recovery from the impact of COVID 19 and increased Air Tanzania operations.

Dividend to Shareholders

e Board is delighted to announce a final dividend of TShs 1,512 million or TShs 42.00 per issued and fully paid share. No interim dividend was declared and paid during the year. Pursuant to this declaration, the share register will be closed on  $19^{th}$  May 2023 and the last day of trading cum dividend shall be on  $16^{th}$  May 2023. The final dividend will be paid out on or about 21st June 2023

TATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS or the year Ended 31 December	2022 TZS M	2021 TZS M	% Change
Revenue	37,881	30,165	26%
Other operating income	409	514	-20%
Total revenue	38,290	30,679	25%
Total operating expenses	(33,817)	(28,032)	21%
Operating profit	4,473	2,647	69%
Finance costs	(511)	(595)	-14%
Profit before income tax	3,962	2,052	93%
Income tax(charge)/credit	(1,356)	94	-1543%
Profit for the period	2,606	2,146	21%
Other comprehensive income	(127)	25	-608%
	2,479	2,171	14%
Earnings per share	72.39	59.61	21%
Dividend per share	42.00	29.80	41%
TATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2022	2021	% Change

Earnings per share Dividend per share	<b>72.39</b> 42.00	<b>59.61</b> 29.80	21% 41%
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As At 31 December	2022 TZS M	2021 TZS M	% Change
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ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible asset	10,900	12,625	(14%)
Property and equipment	14,827	15,502	(4%)
Right of use of assets	3,029	2,098	44%
Deferred tax assets	-	735	(100%)
Staff receivables	264	171	54%
	29,020	31,131	(7%)
Current assets			
Inventories	686	404	70%
Trade and other receivables	6,094	3,922	55%
Income tax recoverable	1,983	1,983	0%
Cash and cash equivalents	6,719	7,688	(13%)
	15,482	13,997	11%
Total assets	44,502	45,128	(1%)
EOUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	360	360	0%
Retained earnings	30,828	29,422	5%
Total equity	31,188	29,782	5%
Non-current liabilities			
Retirement benefit obligations	1,914	1,666	15%
Lease liabilities (IFRS 16)	2,732	958	185%
Deferred tax Liability	567	-	10070
Related party Loan (Non-current portion)	-	371	(100%)
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Current liabilities			
Related party loan (short term)	378	2,240	(83%)
Trade and other payables	7,290	8,937	(18%)
Lease liabilities (short term)	433	1,174	-63%
	8,101	12,351	(34%)
Total equity and liabilities	44,502	45,128	(1%)
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Both ground handling and cargo handling business segments have fully recovered from the impact of COVID 19. Airlines are operating at their normal capacity and have plans to increase frequencies. Planned growth of Air Tanzania (The National Carrier) is also expected to stir further growth of the aviation market. Cargo export volumes are increasing while import volumes are expected to remain constant and stable. Lounge business is envisaged to continue growing and contribute positively to the business. These developments coupled with the improved business environment over the past years are expected to increase flight frequencies and volume of cargo in 2023 and consequently, the financial performance of the company will improve

Improving quality of services offered to airlines, maintaining operational and cost efficiencies, investments in human resources, technology, training, ground support equipment and cargo infrastructures, product innovation, retention of customers and winning new profitable business will remain key priorities to sustain and grow the business in 2023.

ne Board would like to thank all esteemed customers, authorities and other stakeholders for their continued support and employees for their dedication and hard work in 2022

**Dirk Goovaerts** 

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for Year Ended 31 December 2022	2022 TZS M	2021 TZS M
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before income tax	3,962	2,052
Adjustment for:	0,002	2,002
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,438	2,408
Amortization of intangible assets	2,253	2,637
Depreciation of right of use assets	727	730
Provision for retirement benefit obligations	246	283
Gain on disposal/writeoff of equipment	(35)	(5)
Interest expense on lease liabilities	387	301
Interest expense on loan	124	294
Receivable write off	_	(2,346)
Rent concession	-	(204)
Adjustments for:		,,
Inventories	(282)	19
Trade and other receivables	(2,265)	2,104
Trade and other payables	160	(244)
Cash generated from operating activities	7,715	8,029
Retirement benefits paid	(179)	(1,225)
nterest paid on lease liability	(387)	(301)
nterest paid on loan	(124)	(294)
Net cash from operating activities	7,025	6,209
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	35	5
Acquisition of property and equipment and intangible asset	(2,291)	(2,317)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,256)	(2,312)
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Cash flows from financing activities	(2,233)	(2,018)
Repayment of Loan	(2,880)	(1,403)
Dividends paid to the Company's shareholders Payment of lease liabilities		(664)
Net cash (used in )/from financing activities	(638) ( <b>5,751</b> )	(4,085)
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(982)	(188)
Movement in cash and cash equivalent		
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(982)	(188)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	7,688	7,735
Effect of movement in exchnage rates on cash held	13	141
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January to 31 December	6.719	7.688



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#### THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



#### REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAR RAPID TRANSIT AGENCY

Invitation Date: 25th April 2023

#### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** (CONSULTING SERVICES)

TENDER NO.AE/053/2022/2023/C/10

PROJECT NAME: DAR ES SALAAM URBAN TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (DUTP), CREDIT NO.IDA-59570, 59580)

Assignment Title: THE PROVISION OF TRANSACTION ADVISOR SERVICES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MASTER DEVELOPER(S) OF TRANSIT- ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AT KIVUKONI AND GEREZANI DART'S TERMINALS, DAR ES SALAAM

#### Reference No. TZ-DART-345178-CS-QCBS

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania (GoT) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Dar es Salaam Urban Transport Improvement Project (DUTP). Part of the proceeds of this credit will be used to fund advisory support to guide the redevelopment of station areas along the Dar es Salaam Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors.

- 2. The purpose of this document is to invite the submission of proposals to provide Transaction Advisory services to the Dar Rapid Transit Agency (DART). The work to be undertaken by the advisors (Consultant) will be to assist the Client in attracting private sector investment and in developing transit oriented development (TOD) pilot projects based on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement along BRT corridors at Kivukoni and Gerezani DART's terminals in Dar-es-Salaam. The work of the Consultant will be funded through the DUTP.
- 3. TOD is a high-value complement to mass transit development, with the dual benefits of;
- (i) attracting a higher ridership base that enhances the economic and financial viability of the mass transit investment, reducing the need for subsidies; and
- (ii) maximizing the accessibility benefits of the mass transit system. The design components of TOD include densification of urban areas with good accessibility to public transit, high-quality and connected public transit networks and high-quality non-motorized transport, mixed-use development, creation of public and green spaces, and resilience. Ensuring that TOD projects are successful also requires careful consideration of infrastructure requirements needed to sustain increased densities.

4. Supported by a sound regulatory framework and adequate incentives to foster private investment, built environment and real estate transformations around key BRT stations have the potential to support vibrant and livable communities. High quality urban design TOD in highly accessible nodes also has the potential for land-based value capture (LVC) mechanisms to help finance transport and other public infrastructure by capturing the capitalization of accessibility and urban renewal benefits on land values brought by the transit infrastructure/TOD, This, in turn, creates an opportunity to include the private sector through PPPs in the joint development of not only transit infrastructure but also of other much needed investments such as housing, schools, pedestrian infrastructure, and public space

The goal of the assignment is for the Consulting Firm ("The Consultant") to successfully conclude negotiations with a competitively selected bidder for private sector investment in the proposed Transaction. Specifically, the Consultant will assist the DART in procuring a naster developer or several developers to develop land according to TOD principles in pre-selected sites at the Kivukoni and Gerezani DART Terminals. This will be accomplished through the following tasks:

- 1) **Project Structuring**: Undertaking various studies and preparation of project documents in full compliance with the requirements of the PPP Act Number 103 of 2018 (as amended) and PPP regulations of 2020 (as amended) and International Best Practices for Integrated Transit Oriented Developments for BRT systems.
- 2) Stakeholders Engagement: Implementation of sound Community Engagement and Market Sounding of the selected ToD projects to collects and considers community input in the design and implementation of the ToD Projects and to assess the market appetite for the project as well as ensure that the PPP projects are likely to attract quality bids by responding to the market needs respectively.
- 3) Project Competitive Tendering: Facilitation of successful competitive tendering of the Master Developer(s) through preparation of bidding documents and PPP Agreements, provision of transaction support services during the bid process and through signing of the PPP Agreement (i.e. contract close). Delivery of RFQ final evaluation report- List of Pre-gualified bidders; RFP final evaluation report to help identify successful bidder(s); negotiations report (if any); final negotiated contract; and financial close

In what follows, THEREFORE, Dar Rapid Transit Agency (DART), the Government Agency established under The Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit Agency (DART) (Establishment Order), GN.No.120 of 25th May 2007, now invites eligible consulting firms ("the Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are eligibility, experience in a similar assignment in the last ten (10) years, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills among staffne attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014 (Consultant Guidelines), setting forth the World Bank's policy in conflict of interest; available on www.worldbank.org/procure.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the "Quality and Cost Based (QCBS)" method set out in the Consultant Guidelines of the World Bank.

Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by-email) by 15th May 2023.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:30am to 15:30 pm:

The Secretary of the Tender Board, Dar Rapid Transit Agency, Ubungo Maji, Morogoro Road, P.O Box 724, DAR ES SALAAM. Email: info@dart.go.tz

> Dr. Edwin Mhede, Ph.D., THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

# Govt highlights need to adopt digital innovative technology to transform lives, economy

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has stressed on the need for all sectors to change traditional means and cope with the pace of new emerging digital innovative technology to transform lives and the economy.

Engineer Mathew Kundo, the Deputy Minister, Information, Communication and Information Technology said this yesterday when opening and later participated in a panel discussion at the 5th Innovation and Tech Forum that was held in Dar es Salaam.

He said the forum themed: "A forward- Looking and Integrated Approach to Policy Making in the Digital Age" brought together experts from private and public

He said it was the right time to come up with a policy that can enable the country to reach its goal.

"The forum is a right platform engaging public and private stakeholders in the innovation ecosystem to bring ideas, light and bring together support for the innovation," he said.

Kundo noted that the government needs the right information to make proper decision making that can help to make changes in different areas of economy and technology.

"We were about to launch our

satellite but unfortunately we cannot because we have no relevant innovation policy," he said.

He said: "It is the right time to come up with relevant policies that can speed up and take to an end and put into practice to reach the enrolled goal."

The government goal is to see all innovation incubator established projects are implemented.

He assured the participants in the forum that the government will work on all recommendations from

The government will act strongly to protect the ideas of young innovators to achieve their enrolled goals.

He said without involving the public, it will not be easy to solve various problems facing people.

"We need to put clearly, the problem of the policy, then how it can be solved, bring on board how innovation can be helpful," he noted.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) resident representative Christine Musisi said the digital economy was very important.

She said there is a need for innovators to look into policy making approaches and eventually come up with a digital blueprint.

According to her, when the whole

process is over, the stakeholders can sign a blueprint.

"It is time to start developing policies that are relevant and involve full participation of all stakeholders," she said.

According to her, UNDP needs to see stakeholders working together to come up with solutions to the community.

Commission for Science and Technology (COSTEC) director, Dr Amos Nungu said that the government's commitment is to lay down a conducive environment for innovation to take place.

"The forum is an important platform for the stakeholders to share ideas and eventually come up with recommendations that can enable the government to come up with good innovation policy," he

He said the forum goals resonate with government goals innovation for a competitive economy and involve stakeholders and development partners.

Media Convergence CEO, Asha Abinallah said: "We are proud to be part of the forum for the evaluation of the innovation ecosystem in the country."

She thanked UNDP, UKaid, COSTEC and other development partners for continued collaboration and support.

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Airtel Tanzania staff attend to customers at the firm's pavilion at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International

### Temeke records higher rate of malaria deaths compared to other Dar districts

Correspondent

**Mwendapole** 

TEMEKE District in Dar es Salaam Region is said to have a high rate of malaria deaths compared to others whereby in 2022 there were 17 deaths followed by Ilala District which had 13 deaths for that year.

Regional Malaria Coordinator for Dar es Salaam, Dr Ford Chisongela, revealed this during a training session for journalists in preparation to mark World Malaria Day which reached its climax today.

He said the next is Kinondoni District which had 12 deaths, followed by Ubungo District with two deaths while Kigamboni District had no deaths for that year making it the district with less malaria infection in the entire Dar es Salaam Region.

He said that in terms of infection rate, Ilala District leads with 1.7 percent of infection while Ubungo District has 0.7 percent, Kinondoni 0.7 percent, Temeke 0.6 percent and Kigamboni 0.5 percent.

He said that in Dar es Salaam Region, Malaria infection has continued to decrease and until

**Joseph** was less than 0.7 percent. He said these figures were

obtained after a study conducted in the Dar es Salaam Region by testing primary school students adding that for five years the number of outpatients being treated for malaria has been decreasing.

He said that for the year 2018-2022, the infection has decreased by 40 percent for out-patients while for those who are admitted, the disease has decreased by 25 percent.

He said death among patients who are admitted and those who attend treatment and leave in various hospitals in the region have decreased by 25 percent while statistics show that Temeke had more deaths.

He said that in order to deal with the disease, the region has been making various interventions such as ensuring that people who are infected with the disease get the right treatment to help reduce the infection of malaria.

"If a person is diagnosed with malaria and is treated and uses medicine as it is required, the parasites disappear and even if mosquitoes bite them, they cannot get the disease or infect someone last year the infection in the region and we also distribute mosquito

nets to all pregnant women," he said.

Dr Ford mentioned another strategy is to make sure every pregnant woman gets a mosquito net when she goes to the clinic for the first time.

"Here I would like to emphasize that when a pregnant woman goes to the hospital she has the right to be given a mosquito net and when children under one year go to get a measles vaccine should be given a mosquito net because it is their right," he said.

He also said another strategy is to distribute mosquito nets to primary school students where last year alone they managed to distribute 17,000 nets to students.

"Another strategy is to spray medicine on mosquito breeding areas in all 102 wards of the Dar es Salaam Region once every month adding that this strategy has helped a lot to reduce the spread of the disease in the city," he said.

He said they are also providing education to people about the steps to take to deal with the disease and insisting them to stop using medicine without testing because some people have the habit of taking medicine whenever they feel fever thinking it is malaria.





#### ONLINE SUPPLIER PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES **FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023 - 2025**

- CRDB Bank Plc is an African Bank and Leading Financial Service Provider in Tanzania with current presence in Tanzania and Burundi and soon to open in DRC Congo. The Bank was established in 1996 and was listed in the Dar-es-salaam stock Exchange (DSE) in June 2019.
- CRDB Bank PLC is currently inviting online applications from all eligible, competent and experienced suppliers to apply for pre-qualification for supply of goods, works and services of different categories as tabulated in item 7 of this advertise-
- Applications will be conducted according to CRDB Bank Plc Procurement Policies and Procedures. Only shortlisted suppliers will be eligible for invitation to quote under competitive procedures each time when needed.
- This is online supplier pre-qualification whereby suppliers shall submit their applications online through CRDB website: www.crdbbank.co.tz
- 5. Overview of selection criteria shall be as follows: -

#### A. Legal Compliance

- i. Submission of all registration certificates from relevant authority
- ii. Submission of valid business, Certificate of Incorporation or extract from registrar
- iii. Submission of TIN & VAT (for registered)
- iv. Submission of current Tax clearance certificate
- v. Current physical location with valid lease agreement or title deed
- vi.Submission of certified litigation history certificate vii. Submission of all other required information and attachments required during application

#### Company capabilities, competence and eligibility

- i. Show evidence of at least THREE (3) years' experience in the relevant field
- ii. Submission of CV and copies of certificates for key personnel and technical staff
- iii.Submit at least THREE (3) years of latest AUDITED financial statements
- iv. Demonstrate capabilities in terms of equipment, skills and technology as per requirement in respective tender category
- v. Submission of Company profile

- i. Submission of correct information of Directors and Shareholders and their scanned copies of Identity Cards (ID) e.g., Driving license, Voter ID, Traveling Passport, National ID
- ii. And submission of all other required information and attachments required during application.
- 6. Only eligible and qualified suppliers with demonstrative experience, compliance with the above application criteria and excellent track record in similar assignments will be considered for this pre-qualification. All existing suppliers and service providers currently operating with CRDB Bank are also required to apply.
- 7. The list of pre-qualification services is here under, you may apply for single applications or more. Evaluations of supplier pre-qualification will be on an application basis.

SN	DESCRIPTION OF TENDER ITEM
	A: SUPPLY OF GOODS
1	Supply of Furniture, Fittings, Curtains and Vertical blinds
2	Supply of ICT consumables, Tonners and Cartridges
3	Supply, repair, servicing of fire extinguishers and Fire equipment
4	Supply of Security safe and strong room doors
5	Supply of Branded T-shirts
6	Supply of Motor Vehicles spare parts & Batteries
7	Supply of tires, tubes and Batteries for motor vehicles and motorcycles preferably importers, dealers and distributors.
8	Supply and installation of Generators and Generators Monitoring tools & spare parts
9	Supply of office equipment
10	Supply of ICT equipment, software and enterprises solution
11	Supply of Mobile Phones and Electronic equipment
12	Supply of ICT Equipment (Desktops, Laptops, Printers, Sorters, Counting Machines, etc.
13	Supply of Computers accessories (Mouse, Power cables, HDD, RAM etc)
14	Supply of Empty branded Archive boxes
15	Supply of Air conditioners
16	Supply of drinking water for the dispensers
17	Supply and installation of CCTV Cameras and Alarm system

18	Supply of Cheque Leaf's and Cheque Personalization
19	Supply of various customized gift hampers.
20	Supply of general office stationery
21	Supply various Promotional Materials
22	Supply and installation of water pumps and spare parts
23	Supply of Households and Kitchen appliances
24	Supply of Fresh Tropical flowers
25	Supply of Motor Vehicles
26	Supply of News Papers
27	Supply of Sports items & Kits
28	Supply of Safety Materials & First Aid Kits
29	Supply of Power Inverters
30	Supply of ATMs & ATMs spare parts
31	Supply of Staff Uniforms
32	Supply of Rubber stamp
33	Supply of Food Items
34	Supply of Fire Extinguishers and Fire System equipment
35	Supply of Motorbikes, Bicycles & Bajaj
36	Supply of Branded Notebooks, Diaries and Calendars
37	Supply and refill of Generator fuels
38	Supply of Gift Humpers
39	Supply of Home & Office Appliances (TV, Microwaves, Fridges, etc.)
40	Supply of Customized branded Trophies and Plaques
41	Supply of steel Containers (20ft & 40ft)
10	B: SERVICES
42	Provision of Printing Services for Bank forms and other stock items
43	Provision of Printing Services for Bank forms and other stock items
44	Provision of Fumigation and Pest control services
45	Provision of Services and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers and systems
46	Provision of transport services specifically vehicle hire; saloon cars, pick-ups double cabin, station wagon, minibuses and trucks
47	Provision of Sanitary Services and Hygiene services
48	Provision of General Cleanness and ground/garden maintenance
49	Provision of Security and Guarding services
50	Provision of Cash in Transit (CIT) services
51	Provision of Digital/Online Newspapers
52	Provision of Clearing and forwarding services
53	Provision of Marketing and advertising agency services
54	Provision of Auditing & Tax advisory services
55	Provision of PR services
56	Provision of Internet & Data Services
57	Provision of Event Management Services
58	Provision of Courier and Transport services
59	Provision of Auctioning and Debt collection services
60	Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of Air conditioners
61	Provision of Outsourced Drivers
66	Provision of Services and Maintenance of Motor Vehicles
63	Provision of Services and Maintenances of Elevators
64	Provision of Trade Marketing Agency Services
65	Provision of Insurance Services
66	Provision of Digital and Social Media Services
67	Provision of Media Services (Radio and TV).
68	Provision of Media Production services - still photography, videography, livestreaming music and documentary.
69	Provision of Training services for CRDB staff
70	Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of data cabling services
71	Provision of Branding and Signage activities
72	Provision of Hotel accommodation and conference services
73	Provision of Recruitment and HR services
74	Provision of Legal Services
75 75	Provision of Catering Services
76	Provision of Air, Marine tickets and other Travelling services
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	78	Provision of Media Monitoring, Photography and Video production.
	79	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services
	80	Provision of Quantity surveyors' services
	81	Provision of External Audit & Tax services
	82	Provision of Architectural services
	83	Provision of Road Billboards/Signage Hiring
	84	Provision of Quality assurance services
	85	Provision of Music & DJ services
	86	Provision of Creatives, Innovation & Animation Services
	87	Provision of Caller Tunes advertising
	88	Provision of website content re-writing
	89	Provision of Marketing Research & Insight
	90	Provision of exhibition designing services
	91	Provision of Bulk SMS services
	92	Provision of Service and Maintance of Network equipment
		C: WORKS
	93	Building works Contractors (Minor & Major)
	94	Specialized works- Electrical
	95	Specialized works- Plumbing works
	96	Specialized works- Data cabling
	97	Specialized works- Intruder Alarm
	98	Specialized works- CCTV Camera
	99	Specialized works- Fire Alarm
	100	Specialized works- Air Condition

- 8. CRDB Bank Plc reserves the right to request submission of additional information from prospective applicants. Kindly note that all filled pre- qualification application documents should be clear, readable and uploaded in the online pre-qualification system.
- 9. Pre-qualification forms not filled out completely and submitted in the prescribed manner will not be considered. All documents that form part of the pre-qualification must be attached accordingly.
- O. Supplier must declare any conflict of interest in relation to any member of CRDB Bank staff. CRDB Bank Plc will not procure goods or services from suppliers where the employees are conflicted and have not declared conflict of interest.
- 11. The applicant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the online pre-qualification application and CRDB Bank Plc will not in any case be responsible and liable for the costs incurred.
- 12. CRDB Bank Plc will not be enforceable to disclose reasons for disqualifying any supplier after publication and closure of the online pre - qualification exercise.
- 3. All information given in writing to or shared online with the applicant in connection with this pre-qualification is to be treated as strictly confidential. The applicant shall not share or invoke such information to any third party without the prior written approval of CRDB Bank Plc. This obligation shall continue after the pre-qualification exercise has been completed whether or not the supplier is pre-qualified.
- 4. Prospective applicants must have undertaken successful supply and delivery of goods/services to institutions of similar size and complexity. They must also demonstrate the willingness and commitment to meet the pre-qualification criteria.
- 5. Completion of the pre-qualification documents includes forms and documents required of prospective suppliers/ service providers to be considered for pre-qualification. Prospective suppliers must submit all the information herein requested and any applicant who does not meet all the relevant mandatory requirements will be automatically disqualified by the system.
- 6. Interested and qualified applicants should send completed pre-qualification application and other required information as per system requirement before the communicated dead-
- 7. Whenever there is a need, CRDB Bank Plc will carry out a due diligence exercise for the shortlisted prequalified suppliers which will also include a site visit whenever required.
- 8. Any clarity may be required from the application of the pre-qualification process should be directed to;

**Email:** info@crdbbank.co.tz Copy to: procurementdesk@crdbbank.co.tz

- **Phone Numbers:** 0222197700; 0800008000; 0714197700; 0755197700:
- 19. All applications must be submitted online through CRDB website: www.crdbbank.co.tz
- 20.Deadline of submission of the application(s) is Monday, 31st May 2023 at 1700 hours. Thereafter, the application system will automatically close. Pre-qualification application shall be submitted only online through the CRDB website: www. crdbbank.co.tz.

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#### Seeking to make our media laws serve democracy better laudable

stakeholders, the Tanzania Editors' Forum (TEF) are working to raise key issues with regard to the Media Services (Amendment) Bill, seeking audience with members of the relevant parliamentary committee, in particular. This much was agreed at a preliminary meeting of media stakeholders over government proposals in the bill. It is unclear how much time there is for such consultations and presentations to be made, as editors are still waiting for the schedule of parliamentary business for the full budget session of the House. Movers of the proposal think the bill may come up later.

Just a few provisions are being keenly disputed, and in the three provisions, bits of detail in an article covering one or other sphere of media practice, one being licensing. The forum and media owners plus practitioners want licensing to relate to the commercial character of an outlet, but top government bureaucrats want to license the content thereof. It means editors are always kept on their toes about what they publish, if it will still convince the Director of Information to issue, or cause to be issued, another license.

What media practitioners always insist but the message is deflected at upper levels of the information bureaucracy is that the licensing of content is incompatible with multiparty democracy. Licensing under this arguably totalitarian model, in bits and pieces as it were, is at odds with the spirit of reconciliation and reform that President Samia Suluhu Hassan is striving to foster as a key aspect of the civic spirit. Information wise men of the old school don't think so' they cherish government power to summon an editor and put him or not insult them.

EADING media freedom her on the right path; not answer any claims via state media or a political party, etc.

Editors pointed out that requiring media owners to get annual license from the Registrar of Newspapers infuses fear and anxiety as to exercising independence in newspaper work, and other outlets. The 'deep state' mentality is that of a one party state, that it should happen that at the media level, people can write anything they wish in ethical or political terms. There are other legal provisions being trimmed, like the arch-notorious Statistics Act, making it criminal to use data that isn't approved by a government agency.

The consensus that editor seek to push before the relevant parliamentary committee is that district and municipal licenses ought to be sufficient, while the office of the Registrar of Newspapers would have knowledge of the title of such publication, for purposes of regulation. No one should come up with a rival title, often with malicious intent, and then commit the title holder to a pointless court battle. It can be resolved at the level of authentication of title, similar to product brands, company names or in civic transition.

Media freedom, like other freedoms either in everyday life or in the public sphere specifically, isn't of necessity used positively because there is a big stick at the corner of one's eye. This 'Big Brother' view of media regulation is hyper-protective of the state either because it has no confidence in what it says the state is doing or it is misinformed about media as a whole. The core or what the media does is enhancing a certain view of dignity, so the media always strives to please large sections of society,

### Rise in human trafficking needs urgent solution

the exploitation of girls and boys, primarily for forced labour and sexual exploitation. Children account for 27 per cent of all the human trafficking victims worldwide, and two out of every three child victims are girls. Sometimes sold by a family member or an acquaintance, sometimes lured by false promises of education and a better life – the reality is that these trafficked and exploited children are held in slavelike conditions without enough food, shelter or clothing, and are often severely abused and cut off from all contact with their families.

Children are often trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation or for labour, such as domestic servitude, agricultural work, factory work and mining, or they're forced to fight in conflicts. The most vulnerable children, particularly refugees and migrants, are often preyed upon and their hopes for an education, a better job or a better life in a new country.[ii]

Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking, and as a result, children are forced to drop out of school, risk their lives and are deprived of what every child deserves - a future.

Child trafficking affects every country in the world, including the United States. Children make up 27 per cent of all human trafficking victims worldwide, and two out of every three identified child victims

Trafficking, according to the United Nations, involves three main elements Recruitment. transportation, transfer, harbouring, or receipt of persons. The means threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving

HILD trafficking refers to payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim.

> For the purpose of exploitation, which includes exploiting the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labor, slavery or similar practices and the removal of organs.

There is much misinformation about what trafficking is, who is affected and what it means for a child to be trafficked. Traffickers target victims they don't know. A majority of the time, victims are trafficked by someone they know, such as a friend, family member or romantic partner.

Boys and men are just as likely to be victims of human trafficking as girls and women. However. they are less likely to be identified and reported. Girls and boys are often subject to different types of trafficking, for instance, girls may be trafficked for forced marriage and sexual exploitation, while boys may be trafficked for forced labor or recruitment into armed groups.

Hekima, the Bukoba-based Non-Governmental Organisation, has called for strong collaboration of action programmes between the government and stakeholders to fight against child trafficking.

The organisation's chief executive officer, Chui Majaliwa made the call recently during celebrations of International Day for Street Children, a special day to celebrate the lives of street children and highlight the efforts to have their rights respected and their needs met in a caring and respectful

This year's theme focuses on what makes street-connected children feel safe or unsafe, and what governments and communities can do to ensure that street children are protected from harm.

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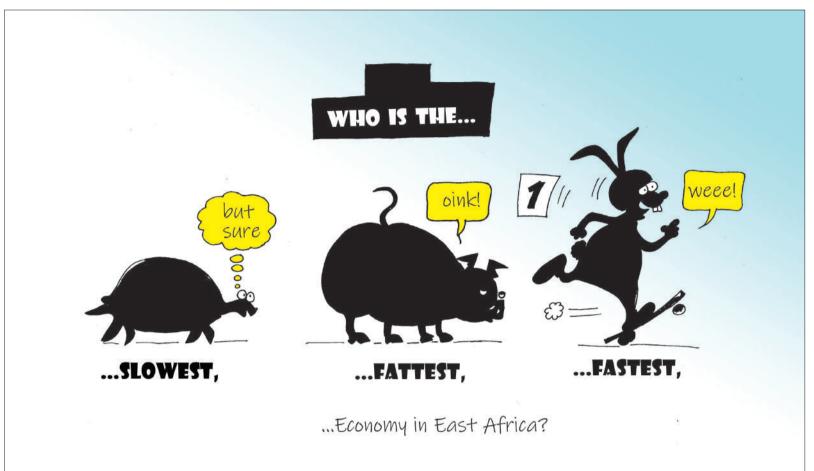
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## Addressing the current digital divide in Liberia

By Willie Bee Tingba

TRATEGIES for bridging the gap in access to technology and internet service

One of the world's poorest nations, Liberia, is struggling with a significant digital divide that has an impact on both its educational system and its ability to thrive economically. The digital divide refers to the disparity between persons or groups who have access to modern technology and those who do not. Due to the high expenses of purchasing and maintaining technology, the digital gap is pervasive in many developing nations. Low literacy rates and poor infrastructure in Liberia further contribute to the country's digital divide. A thorough strategy that would boost access to technology, develop digital literacy, and offer technical support is needed to solve the digital gap in Liberia. The government of Liberia, in partnership with nongovernmental organizations and private sector companies, can play a crucial role in bridging the digital

Access to technology should be made more widely available as one of the first stages toward closing the digital divide. This can be achieved by giving remote libraries and schools access to computers, the internet, and software. Moreover, Wi-Fi hotspots and other community-based projects can increase mobile internet availability in rural areas. Funding for such an endeavor might be provided in a crucial way by donors and international organizations. Increasing digital literacy is a crucial first step in closing the digital gap. Technology educationfocused training programs can be established by the government and non-governmental groups in rural areas. The training ought to address fundamental computer abilities, web usage, and online safety. By offering classes in regional tongues, training programs might be created to meet the demands of the local population.

The need to provide technical support to those with restricted access to technology is also necessary. This can be accomplished by establishing community technology centers that offer technical support and repair services. Local technicians who are able to help rural residents on the spot can work in these centers.

As a result, closing the digital divide in Liberia calls for a multidimensional strategy that emphasizes technical assistance, digital literacy training, technological access. The government, non-governmental



groups, and businesses must work together can create a trained workforce with has led to limited access to essential the necessary tools to compete in services including healthcare, the global market.

In the current digital era, having access to technology and internet services is essential for social and economic progress. Yet, there is a sizable digital divide in Liberia, just like in many other developing nations, with a sizable percentage of the population lacking access to technology and internet services. To ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to engage in the digital economy, the digital gap is a crucial issue that needs to be addressed. This article will go over ways to close the access gap in Liberia for technology and internet services.

Understanding the Digital Divide

Liberia, a West African country with a current population of 5,377,025 as of Sunday, March 12, 2023, based on Worldometer elaboration of the latest United Nations data. Liberia's internet penetration rate stands at 22.0 percent of the total population at the start of 2022 according to datareportal.

Datareportal estimates that in 2022, just 22.0% of people had access to the internet. There are a number of reasons for this low rate of internet adoption, including the expensive nature of internet services, a lack of infrastructure, and low levels of digital literacy. The distance between those who have access to contemporary information and communication technologies (ICTs) and those who do not are known as the "digital divide." This gap affects people, homes, enterprises, and geographical areas. Due to poor internet access and low ICT adoption rates, the digital divide in Liberia continues to be a serious problem.

Liberia had one of the lowest internet penetration rates in the world in 2022, according datareportal, with only 22.0%. Only urban areas, where telecommunications infrastructure

private sector is comparatively superior than in rural areas, have access to the to close the gap. Through a internet. For people residing in rural comprehensive strategy, Liberia areas of the country, this imbalance education, and banking.

Another factor that contributes to the digital divide in Liberia is the cost of internet services. According to the Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI), the average cost of 1GB of mobile data in Liberia is around 8.7% of the average monthly income, which is well above the affordable threshold of 2% recommended by the United Nations. High internet costs are a significant barrier to internet adoption, especially among lowincome households and individuals.

In conclusion, the digital divide in Liberia remains a significant challenge, with limited internet connectivity and high internet costs being the main barriers to ICT adoption. The government and other stakeholders must work together to address these challenges and promote digital inclusion, especially for those living in remote and underserved areas.

Bridging the Gap: Strategies for Addressing the Digital Divide

Improving Infrastructure The absence of infrastructure is one of the main causes of Liberia's low internet penetration rate. An essential requirement for internet connectivity is dependable energy, which is lacking in many areas of the nation. The government must make infrastructure investments to bring internet connectivity to underserved communities in order to close the digital divide. These investments should include energy, fiber-optic cables, and other network infrastructure. To accomplish this, the government can collaborate with businesses in the private sector.

**Increasing Digital Literacy** Digital literacy is another critical factor that contributes to the digital divide. Many people in Liberia lack the skills and knowledge required to use technology and access the internet. To address this, the government can provide digital

literacy training programs for all age groups. The training programs should focus on basic computer skills, internet browsing, and online safety. Digital literacy training programs can be implemented in schools, libraries, and community centers.

Reducing the Cost of **Internet Services** 

High internet service costs are another barrier to internet access in Liberia. The government can work with internet service providers to reduce the cost of internet services. The government can also provide tax incentives to internet service providers to encourage them to expand their services to underserved areas. This will not only increase access to the internet but also promote competition among internet service providers, leading to lower prices.

Implementing E-Government Services

The government can also promote the use of e-government services to improve access to public services. E-government services can be used to provide information and services to citizens through online platforms. This will reduce the need for physical visits to government offices, making it easier for citizens to access government services. E-government services can also promote transparency and accountability in government.

Promoting Public-Private Partnerships

Public-private partnerships (PPPs) can be an effective way to bridge the digital divide in Liberia. PPPs can bring together the government, private sector, and civil society to work towards increasing access to technology and internet services. The government can provide incentives to the private sector to invest in infrastructure and provide internet services in underserved areas. PPPs can also be used to provide digital literacy training programs and support the implementation of e-government services.

Conclusion

The digital divide in Liberia is a critical issue that needs to be addressed to ensure that everyone has equal opportunities to participate in the digital economy. Improving infrastructure, increasing digital literacy, reducing the cost of internet services, implementing e-government services, and promoting publicprivate partnerships are strategies that can be used to bridge the gap in access to technology and internet services in Liberia. The government, private sector, and civil society need to work together to implement these strategies and ensure that everyone in Liberia has access to technology and internet services.

## The last mile to malaria elimination: Confronting gender inequalities & power dynamics

World Malaria Day, April 25, is an occasion to highlight the need for continued investment and sustained political commitment for malaria prevention and control. It was instituted by WHO Member States during the World Health Assembly of 2007.

UALA LUMPUR, Malaysia,

or centuries, malaria has remained one of the deadliest diseases, inflicting great suffering on families and perpetuating the cycle of poverty in many communities and nations. The African region currently accounts for 95% of malaria cases and 96% of malaria deaths globally, with women and girls disproportionately affected by the disease.

Women are at higher risk of malaria due to biological, social, economic, and gender factors. They have limited access to healthcare, less decision-making power and control over household resources, which increases their susceptibility.

Gender-based economic disparities further worsen the situation by limiting women's access to malaria prevention and treatment.

While significant progress has been made in the past decades in combatting malaria through the development of lifesaving treatment regimens and the implementation of cutting-edge technologies to accelerate the discovery and development of new malaria vaccines, deaths due to malaria remain high.

In 2021 alone, an estimated 619,000 deaths were caused by malaria, highlighting the need for continued efforts to combat this disease.

In addition, COVID-related disruptions in the delivery of malaria curative and preventive services during the two peak years of the pandemic (2020-2021), led to approximately 13 million more cases of malaria and an additional 63,000 deaths caused by the disease compared to the pre-COVID-19 year of 2019.

To date, malaria cases and deaths have primarily been reduced through diseasefocused approaches that tend to be reactive rather than proactive often initiated in response to malaria outbreaks.

This narrow focus on treating individual cases of malaria overlooks broader social, economic, environmental risk factors including gender-based inequalities.

As Member States work towards ambitious goals set during the 2015 World Health Assembly of reducing the global malaria burden by 90% by 2030, efforts need to prioritise the underlying factors that drive transmission through a multifaceted approach, particularly recognising the social determinants like gender inequalities.

The concept of people-centred health care is based on fundamental principles that prioritize human rights, dignity, participation, equity, and partnerships.

This approach aims to create a health care system where individuals, families, and communities receive humane and holistic care, while also having the opportunity to actively engage with the health care system.

As we work towards leaving no one behind and achieving the last mile, developing and adopting more people-centred approaches, that address gender and intersectionality concerns through an analysis of power dynamics, will be critical to make significant strides towards eradicating malaria for good.

This can involve engaging with communities and stakeholders to identify their needs and develop evidence-based malaria control strategies that promote equity and inclusion.

Additionally, promoting participation of marginalized groups in decision-making and ensuring malaria interventions respect human rights and promote social

Not only will this help advance Sustainable Development Goals towards gender equality but importantly will also contribute to decolonising global health and empowering communities that remain most



Young girls chat while sit-ting under to net in Bienythi-ang, South Sudan. Credit: UNICEF/

impacted by the disease.

#### Unpacking the Gendered Dimensions

A people-centred approach to malaria prevention aims to prioritize the well-being of individuals and communities by establishing reliable health systems. However, power dynamics must be taken into account to prevent the perpetuation of power imbalances, hierarchies, and inequalities.

This means engaging with communities and other stakeholders to identify their needs and priorities and working together to develop evidence-based malaria control strategies.

The Community Directed Intervention (CDI) approach exemplifies the importance of extensive community engagement to identify local needs and priorities for malaria control. This includes community meetings, involving leaders and women groups, and conducting surveys on malaria burden and risk factors.

Developing evidencebased strategies through community engagement results in increased community ownership and participation, leading to higher uptake of interventions and reducing malaria transmission.

Addressing the power associated dynamics with malaria prevention requires acknowledging and tackling gendered dimensions linked with malaria prevention.

Women in some communities may lack access to education, employment, and decision-making power, which can limit their ability to protect themselves from malaria.

Additionally, cultural beliefs and practices may contribute to the unequal distribution of resources for malaria prevention and control, with men accessing more resources than women.

This underscores the importance of addressing gender roles in malaria control initiatives and empowering women to take an active role in protecting themselves and their families.

Intersectionality also has important implications for malaria control of malaria in Cambodia's

as gender intersects with other social categories to create specific vulnerabilities and challenges. For instance, women from lowest income groups are least likely to get access to healthcare.

To address these challenges, it is important for more malaria control programs to conduct systematic social and gender analysis, hearing from those affected, to better understand the subtle nuances of gendered and intersectional dimensions of power both within households and commu-

This approach can then help to identify the specific barriers and opportunities for women's participation in malaria control initiatives. By unpacking the gendered dimensions in communities, public health officials can design targeted interventions that promote women's empowerment, address gender inequalities, and increase women's involvement in malaria control programs.

#### **Confronting not Rein**forcing Power Dynam-

A people-centred approach to malaria control can empower individuals by providing education and training on malaria prevention and control. It can emphasize inclusivity and centre the experiences and knowledge of those who have been historically excluded or marginalized due to factors such as racism, sexism, classism, and other systems of power.

To avoid reinforcing power dynamics in malaria control, it is crucial to involve and empower marginalized groups in decision-making. involves consulting communities to identify their needs and priorities, promoting participation of women and marginalized groups, and designing interventions that promote equity and inclusion.

The foundation for improving community dialogue and community-led actions towards malaria elimination has been established over the years.

A case in point is the successful elimination last mile, which relied on communities in high-risk areas agreeing to increased testing, regular fever screening, and in some cases, taking preventive antimalarial medication.

A people-centred approach recognizes the significance of communities in designing and implementing malaria control programs, considering their unique social, cultural, and environmental contexts that can impact malaria transmission and

One illustration is the use of local languages and cultural practices to

build trust and improve communication on malaria prevention and control measures through empowerment of community health workers who understand and can tailor interventions to their specific con-

On the other hand, a people-centred approach, which does not consider power dynamics, can unintentionally reinforce social hierarchies and exclude vulnerable populations from accessing preventative and curative treatment for malaria.

For instance, a malaria control

program that only involves male community leaders and village chiefs in decision-making when distributing bed nets reinforces patriarchal power and favour wealthier households, while excluding marginalized groups such as women and those from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

In conclusion, achieving malaria elimination through people-centred approaches requires a holistic approach that actively considers issues of gender, intersectionality, and balance of power. It is crucial to ensure that these approaches do not perpetuate existing inequalities, but instead centre the experiences and knowledge of marginalized groups.

By acknowledging and addressing the ways in which different forms of oppression intersect and compound to create experiences of marginalization and exclusion, we can make meaningful strides towards malaria elimination.

To achieve this, sustaining a commitment to inclusivity, equity, and social justice is imperative in all efforts aimed at eradicating malaria and improving the health and well-being of communities affected by this disease.

This includes actively involving marginalized groups in decisionmaking processes, addressing social determinants of health, tailoring interventions to specific cultural and contextual factors, and promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

By taking a proactive and inclusive approach, we can ensure that malaria control efforts are effective, equitable, and sustainable, leading to more just and healthier communities.

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		1,000 – 10,000	1,000
		10,001 – 20,000	1,500
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		50,001 – 100,000	3,500
		100,001 – 200,000	4,500
		200,001 – 300,000	5,000
		300,001 – 400,000	6,500
		400,001 – 500,000	7,000
		500,001 – 1,000,000	8,500

## Not one parent should ever be in the position we find ourselves, say mothers of LGBTQ+ people in Uganda

mothers of LGBTQ+ in-Uganda have taken a stand against Bill passed by the Ugandan Parliament proposing the death penalty for aggravated homosexuality, life imprisonment for the "offense of homosexuality," and up to 20 years in jail for promoting homosexu-

This stance is considered rare for Uganda and Africa, where Human Rights Watch says 33 countries still criminalize homosexuality. And there is concern that because of the success of the Ugandan Bill, other African countries could be encouraged to intensify targeting the anti-LGBTQ+ community.

Nkosana Mawethu Nkolomba, the Crisis Response Fund Lead/ LGBTI Advocacy Lead at CIVICUS, told IPS that the passing of the Bill in Uganda was not an isolated incident. "There is a threat of LGBTI civil society groups being targeted soon in Kenya, and because of what just happened in Uganda, there are fears of the LGBTI bill coming back in full force. Niger - has a similar bill being tabled."

"So is Tanzania - the targeting of LGBTI and feminist groups are under target (anal testing), Ghana - has a similar bill as Uganda, Burundi - (is experiencing) a new wave of arrests of LGBTI groups, the situation of LGBTI groups in Tunisia and Algeria is worsening, in Egypt, police are using queer apps to target the LGBTI community - so definitely there is a trend," Nkolomba says in an interview with IPS.

Activist Eric Ndaula says the issue is that homophobia is a pervasive mindset - with politicians, religious leaders, and even family taking a stance against it. "They tell us that homosexuality is wrong; it's an abomination."

When the Ugandan Parliament passed the Bill on March 21, 2023, without asking for anonymity, Jane Nasimbwa, Sylvia Nassuna, Janet Ndagire, Patricia Naava, Jackie Nabbosa Mpungu, Florence Matovu Kansanze, Josephine Amonyatta, and Shamim Nakamate openly identified themselves as mothers of LG-

BTQ+ individuals.

Their "Open Letter to President Museveni from Mothers of LGBTQ+ Individuals," - republished by the Monitor, surprised many.

"As parents of LGBTQ+ individuals, we are not 'promoters' of any agenda; we are Ugandan mothers, who have had to overcome many of our own biases to fully understand, accept, and love our children," reads the letter.

The women expressed fear that their children were likely to be targets of mob violence, which they noted was a direct consequence of living in a country whose legislators are "recklessly" legalizing homophobia and transphobia with the Anti-Homosexuality law.

"We, too, did not choose to be parents of LGBTQ+ children, but we have chosen to love our children for who they are. As parents, we all desire and work to ensure that our children are healthy, well-educated, successful, and fulfilled in both their professional and personal

The letter was shared on Twitter by Dr Catherine Kyobutungi, a feminist and The Executive Director of the African Population and Health Research Center, sparking an online debate.

They requested President Yoweri Museveni not to assent to the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, saying they could no longer stand on the sidelines and watch as their children continued to be bashed and threatened in such a dangerous and deliberate

#### Will President Museveni Listen?

There are doubts about whether Museveni, who previously signed the Anti-Homosexuality Bill into law in 2014, will heed the mothers' call - even though he has sent the Bill back to parliament for amendment.

In a press statement released on April 20, 2023, which quoted him as saying: "Be ready to sacrifice to fight homosexuals," he also noted: "It is good that you rejected the pressure from the imperialists. Those imperialists have been messing up the world for 600 years, caus-

ing so much damage." The Bill is to be returned not because of a change in sentiment but



**Activists from Roam Uganda** launch LGBTOI+ campaigns, My Body is Not a Battlefield and Break the Chains, Stop Violence campaigns. Credit: Wambi

Michael/IPS

because Attorney General Kiryowa Kiwanuka said the Bill in its current form criminalizes even those who voluntarily come out to having "practiced homosexuality" and need to be helped.

He proposed a provision for amnesty for this group.

Museveni has been quoted several times that those behind the criticism of the Bill were associated with Europeans - and he has expressed anti-homosexuality sentiments in several other addresses since then.

"There is some issue with these Europeans. They don't listen; we have been telling them that this problem of homosexuality is not something that we should normalize and celebrate," Museveni said. "I told them that there were some few homosexuals before Europeans came here ... But now the Europeans want to turn the abnormal into normal and force it on

After the Bill was enacted, Museveni addressed a meeting of members of Parliament from 22 African countries and the UK. He repeated that homosexuality was a deviation, adding that it was more dangerous than told IPS that the criminali-

In February 2014, President Museveni appointed a committee of scientists to determine whether there was a scientific or genetic basis for homosexuality and whether it could be learned and unlearned.

While the committee recommended a further study, it observed that homosexuality existed throughout his-

#### 'Blatant Violation of

Rights' Dr Zahara Nampewo, a lecturer at the Makerere University's School of Law and Director of the Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC), speaking at a debate a day after the Bill was passed, said there were far-

reaching implications of the

"We have raised our voices of concern over issues such as the blatant violation of rights such as the presumption of innocence, the right to a non-derogable right to a fair trial," Nampewo says. "We have been calling for laws to protect children against child abuse; we have been calling for the marriage bill. Why now, in a period of a month, has (this) law been passed?'

The mover of the Bill, Asuman Basalirwa, told IPS that they had planned to table the Bill since August 2022, but it was only in late February that the Speaker granted them space on the order paper.

"The issue of recruitment, promotion, and financing of homosexuality. You don't provoke a community like that. If those people were doing their things quietly, nobody would be bothered, but you see, you are going into our schools, you are attacking our children. And you want us to look on?"

Asked why a particular stance to criminalize LG-BTQ+ persons, Basalirwa zation of homosexuality is not a new phenomenon. "It is the colonialists who first brought here a law on homosexuality section 145 of the penal code. This is intended to be a penal law. So you want a penal law that doesn't criminalize it," he asked.

#### Timing of Passing the

Some critics have argued that the Bill was rushed by Speaker of Parliament Anita Among and her deputy Thomas Tayebwa because those behind it wanted it to be passed before an Inter-Parliamentary Conference on family values under the theme "Protecting African Culture and Family Values."

The two-day conference was held on the shores of 31 to April 1, 2023. It was attended by leaders of Family Watch International (FWI) officials. FWI is a US Christian organization described by civil rights activists as a "hate group, which opposes comprehensive sexuality education." Delegates from FWI included Sharon Slater, who told the conference that: "We are on fire, and we must stop this culture of imperialism that is destroying our children." Slater and her

Lake Victoria from March

team, which included Henk Jan van Schothorst, the Executive Director at Christian Council International, and Gregg Scot, a US attorney, met Museveni and his wife, Janet Museveni, at State House Entebbe

> 'Victimless Offense' But Dr Adrian Jjuuko, Executive Director at Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum - Uganda (HRAPF), disagrees with Basalirwa about the timing of

the enactment of the Bill.

"This is a campaign that has been going on for years. And it is not just a Ugandan campaign. This is an international campaign," said Jjuuko, whose organization provides legal aid to LGBT-QI+ persons.

Jjuuko, whose organization has allegedly been listed by Uganda's NGO Bureau among Civil Society groups likely to be closed, told IPS that the offenses suggested in the laws are victimless because the relationships were consensual. "If you have a victimless offense, why do you have to criminalize a victimless offense? Nobody is complaining; there's no harm. Harm to who? To Hon Basalirwa?"

The Bill limits the offense of homosexuality to sexual acts between persons of the same sex. The offense is punishable by life imprisonment, up to ten years. It also provides for the offense of aggravated homosexuality.

"If you look at the provision on the promotion of homosexuality. It essentially bans what we do as lawyers. So as a lawyer, you cannot represent an LGBTQ+ person because that will be seen as a promotion of homosexuality," Jjuuko says.

The law suggests several punishments, including the death penalty for being a repeat offender and life imprisonment.

"Repeat offender means if you are convicted of being gay twice, you die for that. Having consensual sex when you are HIVpositive, you die for that; if you have sex with a person of the advanced age of 75 years, you die for that regardless of whether it is consensual."

Jjuuko observes, "If you wanted to fight pedophilia, sexual orientation is not what you go for. What you go for is the crime that you are interested in fighting."

NGOs suspected of promoting homosexuality risk a fine of one billion shillings (over \$264,000) or face twenty years in prison. Restrictions, threats,

and the vilification of sexual minorities in Uganda preceded the passing of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill. In August 2022, the civil society organization Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG) was banned by the Ugandan National Bureau (the NGO Bureau Non-Governmental Organizations) because it was not registered. In 2012 the NGO Bureau rejected an application by SMUG to have it registered because the organization was "undesirable and un-registrable."

Asuman Basalirwa, the mover of the Bill, and Parliamentarians argued that the country needs the law to protect children from promoters of homosexuality. But Jjuuko, in an interview with IPS, said that it was a misplaced sentiment.

"If you talk about children, the biggest threat to our children is not homosexuality. The biggest threat to children is heterosexuality. Because if you look at the annual police crimes report, over ten thousand cases of defilement of girls by men. And there were only 83 cases of unnatural carnal knowledge (as the offense is described in the bill) against the order of nature.

#### The Bill is Retrogres-

Many have observed that the Bill is retrogressive and will worsen the HIV situation in Uganda as it would deny LGBTIQ+ persons, who are key populations, access to HIV services.

The Bill came after PEP-FER Uganda, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health in Uganda, the Uganda AIDS Commission, conducted a legal and environmental assessment of HIV/AIDS and key populations. The evaluation had recommendations to ensure an enabling environment to move the course toward epidemic control.

PEPFAR Uganda Country Coordinator, Mary Borgman, told IPS, "We need to ensure that the human rights of all key populations are respected regardless of who we are. And this is our primary objective to ensure that we provide services to all people. That is stigma and discrimination-free."

While South Africa's Constitution is hailed for being the first in the world to prohibit unfair discrimination based on sexual orientation, LG-BTQ+ people still experience violence. Human Rights Watch noted that in 2021 at least 24 people were murdered due to their sexual orientation.

More concerning is the decision of an independent expert body within the African Union (AU), the African Commission of Human and Peoples' Rights, to reject the three NGOs' observer status to three NGOs.

Frans Viljoen, Director and Professor of International Human Rights Law, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, argues in the Conversation that the rejection of Alternative Côte d'Ivoire, Human Rights First Rwanda and Synergía "casts a shadow over the commission's commitment to advancing the rights of all Africans. It also seriously erodes its independence from AU states ... The denial of observer status means the NGOs will not have a voice before the African Commission. They will not be able to draw its attention to the human rights violations of LG-BTQ+ people in Africa."

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MONDAY

05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM

09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA

13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO

16:00-18:00HRS DALA DALA

18:10-20:00HRS BOZOUK TIME

20:00-21:00HRS HALI HALISI

14:00-16:00HRS CLUB 101

18:00-18:10HRS HABARI

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05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA

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21:00-23:00HRS KIPIMA JOTO

22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI

**SATURDAY** 

07:30-10:00HRS DK 90 DUNIANI 10:00-11:00HRS KADOGOO 11:00-13:00HRS BONGO HITS 13:00-14:00HRS DW RADIO 14:00-16:00HRS ZAIDI YA **UMJUAVYO** 

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22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)

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01:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI

21:00-22:00HRS SPORTS 22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI

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05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM 09:00-13:00HRS LETE RAHA

**WEDNESDAY** 

13:00-14:00HRS DW-RADIO

22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI

**THURSDAY** 

05:00-09:00HRS MORNING JAM

20:00-21:00HRS SPORTS

22:00-05:00HRS MUZIKI MCHAGANGANYIKO)

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#### **AFRICAN BANKING CORPORATION TANZANIA LIMITED**

#### **PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2023** 

#### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 AND 8 OFTHE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 2014

	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023				
	(Amounts in Million Shillin				
		Current Quarter 31-March-23	Previous Quarter 31-December-22		
A	ASSETS	OT MILITOTI EG	01 0000111001 22		
1	Cash	4,270	4,532		
2	Balances with Bank of Tanzania	10,417	11,598		
3 4	Investment in Government Securities Balances with other banks and financial institutions	43,973 4,775	43,956 6,091		
5	Cheques and Items for Clearing	74	37		
6	Interbranch float items	-	-		
7	Bills Negotiated	-	-		
8	Customers Liabilities on Acceptances Interbank Loans Receivables	98,773	100,998		
10		-	-		
11	Loans, Advances and Overdrafts	127,159	125,843		
	(Net of Allowances for Probable Losses)	-	-		
	Other Assets	20,361	20,880		
	Equity Investments Underwriting accounts	1,000	1,000		
	Property, Plant and Equipment	2,286	2,455		
	TOTAL ASSETS	313,089	317,389		
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B	LIABILITIES Deposits From Other Banks and financial institutions	55,677	69,845		
	Customer Deposits	133,912	139,103		
	Cash letters of credit	-	-		
	Special deposits	-	-		
	Payment Orders/ transfers payable	-	-		
	Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-		
	Accrued Taxes and Expenses payable Acceptances Outstanding	_			
	Interbranch float items	_	]		
	Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-		
	Other Liabilities	3,689	4,118		
	Borrowings	93,051	92,809		
29	TOTAL LIABILITIES NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	286,329 26,759	305,875 11,514		
1 "	NET ASSETS/(EIABIETTES)	20,733	11,514		
С	CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
31	· ·	139,306	122,954		
	Capital reserves	(114 4 407)	(07.171)		
	Retained Earnings Profit (Loss) Account	(114,427) (1,138)	(97,171) (17,288)		
	Other capital accounts	3,018	3,018		
	Minority Interest	· -			
37	TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	26,759	11,514		
38	Contingent Liabilities	1,945	1,945		
39		8,256	7,265		
40		6,400	6,412		
41	Other non performing assets	-	-		
l <sub>D</sub>	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
1 (1)	Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	8.55%	3.63%		
(ii)		6.18%	5.49%		
	Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	70.45%	65.49%		
' '	Loans and Advances to Total Assets	40.61%	39.65%		
	Earning Assets to Total Assets Deposit Growth	47.85% -9.26%	48.36% 1.23%		
(vii)		-9.26% -1.35%	-2.32%		
(411)		1.00 /6	2.02 /0		

PRICING (TZS)

PRICING (US \$ / EUR)

PRICING (GBP)

	(Amounts in Million Shillings)					
		Current Quarter 31-March-23	Comparative Quarter 31-March-22	Current Year Cummulative Profits/Losses 31-March-23	Previous Year Cummulative Profits/Losses 31-March-22	
1	Interest Income	10,283	10,149	10,283	10,149	
2	Interest Expense	(4,919)	(4,928)	(4,919)	(4,928)	
3	Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	5,364	5,221	5,364	5,221	
4	Bad Debts Written Off	_	_	_		
5	Impairment losses on Loans and Advances		311		311	
6	Non Interest Income	1,267	882	1,267	882	
	6.1. Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	519	137	519	137	
	6.2. Fees and Commissions	298	289	298	289	
	6.3. Dividend Income			-		
	6.4. Other Operating Income	450	456	450	456	
7	Non Interest Expense	(7,711)	(6,986)	(7,711)	(6,986)	
	7.1.1 Salaries and benefits	(2,695)	(2,547)	(2,695)	(2,547)	
	7.1.2 Fees and Commission					
١,	7.3. Other Operating Expenses	(5,016)	(4,439)	(5,016)	(4,439)	
8	Operating Income/(Loss)	(1,080)	(572)	(1,080)	(572)	
9	Income Tax Provision	(59)	(65)	(59)	(65)	
10	Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	(1,138)	(637)	(1,138)	(637)	
11	Other Comprehensive Income	-		-		
12	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(1,138)	(637)	(1,138)	(637)	
13	Number of Employees	172	142	172	142	
14	Basic Earnings Per Share	-46%	-26%	-12%	-6%	
15	Diluted Earnings Per Share					
16	Number of Branches	6	6	6	6	
SEL	ECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					
(1)	Return on Average Total Assets	-1.44%	-0.75%	-1.44%	-0.75%	
(ii)	Return on Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	-23.79%	-9.56%	-23.79%	9.56%	
(iii)	Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	116.28%	114.47%	116.28%	114.47%	
(iv)	Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	3.05%	2.19%	3.05%	2.19%	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2023  (Amounts in million shillings)							
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Non - Distributable Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
Current Year 2023							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	122,954		(114,427)			3,018	11.746
Profit for the year			(1,138)				(1,138
Issue of share	16,352		(-,,				(.,,
Other Comprehensive Income	,						
Transactions with owners							
Dividends Paid							
Regulatory Reserve							
General Provision Reserve							
Others							
Balance as at the end of the current period	139,306		(115,565)			3,018	26,759
Previous Year 2022							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	122,954	l .	(99,102)	2,163		989	27,004
Profit for the year	122,554	[	(17,288)	2,100	1		(17,288
Issue of share		[	(17,200)	.	1		(17,200
Other Comprehensive Income		[		[	1	2,029	2,029
Transactions with owners		.		.		-,020	2,023
Dividends Paid		Ι.		Ι.			
Regulatory Reserve		l .	2,163	(2,163)		.	
General Provision Reserve		.	2,100	(2,100)		:	
Others				١.			
Balance as at the end of the previous period	122,954		(114,427)			3,018	11.746

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (Amounts in Million Shillings) 31-March-23 31-December-22 Net income (loss) Adjustment for: Impairment/amortization (1,080 (5,629) 7,041 net change in loans and advances gain/loss on sale of assets net change in deposits (1,317 2,398 (19,359) - net change in short term negotiable securities (17) (429) 514 (3,933)- net change in other liabilities - net change in other assets 1,933 (7,164) tax paid (59 - Net change in SMR Net cash provided(used) by operating activities Cash flow from investing activities: (20,890) (2,885) Dividend received Purchase of fixed assets Proceeds from sale of fixed assets Purchase of non-dealing securities (687) (952) Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities Others (specify) Net cash provided(used) by investing activities (687) (952) III Cash flow from financing activities: Repayment of long-term debt Proceeds from issuance of long term debt Proceeds from issuance of share capital Payment of cash dividends Net change in other borrowings 1,969 Issue of preference shares 16,352 Net cash provided (used) by financing activities 16,594 1,969 IV Cash and cash equivalents: Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter (4.984 (1,869) 125,087

		Name	Signature	Date	
	Managing Director	I. John		25-Apr-23	
	Head of Finance	H. Kharbush		25-Apr-23	
	Head of Internal Audit	J. Kilato		25-Apr-23	
	We, the under-named, non executive members of the We declare that the above statements have been exprepared in conformance with the instructions and an	amined by us, and	to the best of o		
		Name	Signature	Date	
1	Director	P. Ishengoma		25-Apr-23	
2	Director	Mr.R. Dave		25-Apr-23	

118,235

123,219

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter

#### MINIMUM DISCLOSURES OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES

**CORPORATE BANKING** 

PERSONAL BANKING				
SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
IZZE				<u> </u>
Account Opening Fee		Free	NA NA	NA NA
Opening balance		Free	NA NA	NA
Minimum Operating Balance		NIL	NA NA	NA
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS	10,000.00	NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee	$\longrightarrow$	Free	NA NA	NA
FAHARI				
Account Opening Fee		Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS	10,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS	10,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS	50,000.00	\$ 100.00	£ 100.
Monthly Service Fee	TZS	1,500.00	\$ 2.00	£ 2.
MWANGAZA JUNIOR ACCOUNT Account Opening Fee		Free	Free	Fr
Opening balance	TZS	20,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS	20,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.
	TZS			£ 500.
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	125	20,000.00		<del></del>
Monthly Service Fee (1 free w/drawal per quarter)		Free	Free	Free
Extra fee for more than 1 w/drawal per quarter	TZS	5,500.00	\$ 2.00	£ 2.
WEKEZA SAVINGS ACCOUNT (BALANCE BUILD UP)				
Account Opening Fee		Free	Free	N/A
Opening balance		Free	Free	N/A
Minimum Operating Balance		NIL	NIL	N/A
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS	100,000.00	\$ 25.00	N/A
Monthly Service Fee*		Free	Free	N/A
CURRENT ACCOUNT AMANA				
Account Opening Fee		Free	N/A	N
Opening balance	TZS	20,000.00	N/A	N
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS	3,000.00	N/A	N
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance		N/A	N/A	N
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS	3,000.00	N/A	N
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Account Opening Fee		Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS	25,000.00	\$ 25.00	£ 25.
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS	6,000.00	\$ 5.00	£ 5.
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	123	0,000.00 NA	NA NA	N/A
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS	10,000.00	\$ 10.00	£ 10.
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PREMIUM				_
Account Opening Fee		Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS	35,000.00	\$ 30.00	£ 30.
Minimum Operating Balance		NIL	NIL	NIL
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance Monthly Service Fee*	TZS	15,000.00	NA \$ 10.00	£ 10.
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Account Opening Fee		Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS	50,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS	50,000.00	\$ 100.00	£ 100.
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance		NA	NA NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS	15,000.00	\$ 15.00	£ 15.
SME TIERED CURRENT ACCOUNT				+
Account Opening Fee		Free	Free	NA
Opening balance	TZS	100,000.00	\$ 100.00	NA NA
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS	1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	NA NA
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS	5.000,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	NA NA
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS	20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	NA NA
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Opening balance Minimum Operating Balance	TZS	100,000.00	\$ 100.00	+
Minimum Operating balance Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS	5,000,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Monthly Service Fee*	123	5,000,000.00 Free	\$ 50,000.00 Free	£ 50,000.
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CORPORATE CURRENT ACCOUNTS	$\top$				
Account Opening Fee		Free		Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS	500,000.00	\$	250.00	£ 250.00
Minimum Operating Balance		NL		NIL	NIL
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	$\perp$	NA		NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS	25,000.00	\$	20.00	£ 15.00
CORPORATE CALL ACCOUNTS	$\bot$				
Account Opening Fee	_	Free	_	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS	10,000,000.00	\$	10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS	10,000,000.00	\$	10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS	1.00	\$	1.00	£ 1.00
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS	20,000.00	\$	20.00	£ 15.00
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Account Opening Fee	770	Free	^	Free	NA NA
Opening balance	TZS	500,000.00	\$	250.00	NA NA
Minimum Operating Balance	T70	NIL	^	NIL .	NA NA
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS	50,000,000.00	\$	100,000.00	NA NA
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS	25,000.00	\$	20.00	NA NA
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GENERAL CHARGES	-		Ĺ		
Bankers Cheque	TZS	50,000.00	\$	25.00	N/A
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Fund related	TZS	120,000.00	\$	50.00	N/A
Technical	TZS	30,000.00	\$	50.00	N/A
Cheque book Processing Fee:	+-				
25 leaves	TZS	15,000.00	\$	15.00	£ 15.00
50 leaves	TZS	25,000.00	\$	20.00	£ 20.00
100 leaves	TZS	50,000.00	\$	35.00	£ 35.00
Uncollected cheque book after 3 months	TZS	15,000.00	\$	15.00	£ 15.00
3rd party encashment (with 3rd party indemnity)	TZS	25,000.00	Ψ	1% Per Cheque + \$20	1% Per Cheque +\$20
Stop Payment Charges	TZS	30,000.00	s	25.00	£ 25.00
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TRANSACTIONAL SERVICE FEES	+				
With banks via Standing Orders	$\top$				
Standing Order - internal same customer ( set up fee - once off)		Free		Free	Free
Standing Order - internal other customers ( per transaction)	+	Free		Free	Free
Standing Order - Other local bank	TZS	20,000.00	S	10.00	£ 10.00
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y invitation.	$\top$	- 1100		1100	
DEPOSIT/WITHDRAWAL TRANSACTIONS:	$\top$				
Cash Deposit at Branch		Free		Free	Free
Cash Deposit at Branch coins above 100,000		5% Min 10,000		NA	NA
Cash Deposit at Branch small denominations less than 50USD (USD	$\top$				3% of FCY
1,2,5,10,20) equal and above USD 500		NA	30/	of FCY currency value	currency value
With Account Transfers (Internal)	+-	Free	0 /	Free	Free
Cheque deposit	+-	Free		Free	Free
Cash withdrawal Personal Banking ( over the counter) up to 2m	TZS	3,500.00		1% Min 5	1% min 5
Cash withdrawal Personal Banking (over the counter) btn 2m to 20m	TZS	4,000.00		1% Min 5	1% min 5
Cash withdrawal Personal Banking (over the counter) above 20m		15% Max 50,000		1% Min 5	1% min 5
Cash withdrawal SME (over the counter)		5%Min 3,000 Max		170 1111110	176 11811 0
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Cash withdrawal Corporate Banking	0.10	5%Min 3,000 Max		170 14111 0	1701111110
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Deposit charges - Financial Institution.	+-	100,000 Free	-	1% Min 5 Free	1% min 5 Free
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		-	١,	3%On small	denominations
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Account Closure	TZS	10,000.00	\$	10.00	£ 10.00
Dormant Account Reactivation  Dormant Account monthly fee	+	NIL NII	$\vdash$	NIL NIL	NIL NII
Premature/cancellation fixed deposit fee	+-	NIL	-	NIL	NIL
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Monthly statements		Free		Free		Free
Interim Statements (per page)	TZS	2,000.00	\$	1.00	£	1.00
Search fee documents (after 3 months)	TZS	80,000.00	\$	40.00	£	40.00
Audit confirmation	TZS	75,000.00	\$	50.00	£	50.00
Balance Certificate	TZS	50,000.00	\$	30.00	£	30.00
Reference Letter	TZS	50,000.00	\$	30.00	£	30.00
Inter Account Transfers		Free		Free		Free
T T Outward local - TISS	TZS	11,800.00	\$	10.00		N/A
T T Outward local - EFT	TZS	3,000.00		N/A		N/A
T T Inward local TISS		Free		Free		N/A
Salary processing (per entry)	TZS	1,500.00	\$	1.00	£	1.00
International Outward T T		N/A		\$50 + Other overseas bank chrges		\$50 + Other overseas bank
International Inward T T	+-	N/A		Free		chrges Free
Travellers Chq. Deposit	1	N/A		N/A		N/A
Foreign BankDrafts	1	N/A	\$	50.00	£	30.00
Outward Cheque for Collection	T	N/A		N/A		N/A
Outward Bills for collection				0.25% min 50 + \$ 50	0.	25% min 50 + \$ 50
		N/A		(courier charge)		(courier charge)
Inward Bills for Collection		N/A		0.25% MIN 50		0.25% MIN 50
Advising fee (Inward Bill & LCs )		N/A	\$	200.00	£	200.00
Travellers Chq. (Issue)		N/A		N/A		N/A
Letters of Credit				1% per qtr + \$50		1% per qtr + \$ 50
		N/A	L	(total min \$250)		(total min \$250)
Bank Guarantees	1% Pe	r Qtr Min \$ 200		1% Per Qtr Min \$ 200	1%	Per Qtr Min \$ 200

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Deposit		Free					
Bill payment	ent Free						
Withdrawal Fees							
Transaction tiers	BancABC Fees	Government Levy	Total Fees				
0-999	N/A	-	N/A				
1,000-1,999	300	10	310				
2,000-2,999	300	11	311				
3,000-3,999	300	19	319				
4,000-4,999	300	39	339				
5,000-6,999	500	70	570				
7,000-9,999	500	88	588				
10,000-14,999	600	224	824				
15,000-19,999	600	427	1,027				
20,000-29,999	600	672	1,272				
30,000-39,999	700	770	1,470				
40,000-49,999	800	1,050	1,850				
50,000-99,999	900	1,435	2,335				
100,000-199,999	1,000	1,771	2,771				
200,000-299,999	1,100	2,058	3,158				
300,000-399,999	1,200	2,450	3,650				
400,000-499,999	1,200	2,870	4,070				
500,000-599,999	2,000	3,640	5,640				
600,000-699,999	2,000	4,480	6,480				
700,000-799,999	2,000	4,970	6,970				
800,000-899,999	2,000	5,264	7,264				
900,000-1,000,000	2,000	6,230	8,230				
1,000,001-2,000,000	2,300	6,580	8,880				
2,000,001-3,000,000	2,500	6,580	9,080				
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## **Guardian**

**FEATURE** 

worked in the country

and liked it very much

and had insisted that my-

self and my wife must visit

n two previous write-ups, I had called attention to how the Ubuntu spirit needs to be rekindled in Zimbabwe leading to the detailed expatiation on Ubuntu and Omoluabi and their continued relevance in Africa. I now turn to the third write-up on my short visit to Zimbabwe as Nigerians voted during the first part of our recent elections. I have chosen not to write any details on the conference I went to on the plight of landlocked least developed as well as small island countries and the possibility of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA), improving their respective lots.

As at January, 2023, the AfCFTA agreement has been signed by 54 of the 55 African Union member states, with 44 countries so far depositing their instrument of ratification. The AfCFTA is being put forward as a game-changer. But is it? The jury is still out. However, I have my doubts on the aspiration on AfCFTA given the quality of leadership we currently have in Africa; the level of impunity on the corruption of our leadership compared to other places developing in the world; the preference for the storage of stolen African patrimony in Europe, America and the U.A.E; the paucity of infrastructure for development in Africa; the gap on the needed manufactured products for trade; the huge debt burden that is gathering momentum as encouraged by the West-

## Zimbabwe and why Africa must glow again



ern institutions that are benefitting from the failure in Africa, as well as the fact that only 4 countries have signed the Protocol on the Free Movement of Africans on their continent.

If I went through what I did to attend a conference in Zimbabwe, why should Nigerians with hard earned or even stolen wealth be eager to invest in Zimbabwe? I once listened to Aliko Dangote complain about what he, in spite of being the richest African, goes through travelling in Africa. Even though some level of trade currently exists between Nigeria and

goods, to what extent can such paltry-trade be boosted when Africans cannot easily visit themselves?

After some delay, I was allowed to enter Zimbabwe. At the arrivals welcoming point of the Robert G. Mugabe International Airport, there was the sign of welcome to Zimbabwe by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) representative. Gada's wide smile was indeed very welcoming. Quite a difference from the tension I had just gone through over visa issuance and a clear governmental rip-off that I wrote about in the first part of my three parts

and we did in December 2006. When I told him that I did not think I used that airport in 2006, he laughed and pointed out that the road and airport had been upgraded in a continuing process under Chinese construction Zimbabwe. Other arcompanies. riving passengers from I recollected the clean-Johannesburg had colliness and functional inlected their luggage frastructures of Harare and had moved on. It was time to part with

my compatriot Se-

bastian after he intro-

duced me to his wife,

who had asked him to

cooperate (with him

persuading me to do

the same), and allow

official stealing of \$30

Gada took me to his

car and we drove into

the greenery of the im-

mediate surrounding

of the airport. Nice. I

asked Gada if the road

and the airport were

new. His response

was in the negative. It

was not my first visit

from us over visa.

in 2006. At that time, I left feeling that the West had demonised Robert Mugabe because he dared to be assertive and suggest that Africans needed to free themselves from the continuing physical and mental slavery. I had the opportunity of listening to him at the 2016 African Union Summit as he handed over the leadership of the African Union to the late strong man of Chad, Idriss Debby. Though clearly very feeble, he still gave a speech that got Africans on their feet as Western diplomats in the Auditorium looked uncomfortable. He careson of Ban ki-Moon, then Secretary-General from his condemnation of the United Nations. He condemned Africans for going on pilgrimages to the UN General Assembly annually without having much to show for the huge expenditures.

A lot has changed since 2006. A negative but significant change was the Harare heavy traffic like is our lot in Lagos, Nigeria thanks to a leadership that has failed Lagos with respect to a planned mass transit arrangement that Governor Lateef Jakande had started implementing over 40 years ago before Muhammadu Buhari, ves the same Buhari that is President today, took Lagos decades backwards. The same Muhammadu Buhari was voted in twice as President (2015 and 2019), hoping that he would be different and all of a sudden play the type of role Deng Xiao Ping played for China. Didn't they say that insanity is repeating the same thing over and over and expecting a different answer?

I must learn more about

such a woman who pre-

dated many on the Afri-

can continent in leading

her people in an uprising

against a British commer-

cial enterprise led by Cecil

Rhodes who had the back-

ing of the British Crown to

steal African lands and

resources under the pre-

tence of bringing civili-

zation to a people who

were more civilised in

human relationships and

even artefacts, by making

Ubuntu a basis of living

as opposed to brigandage

from the use of weapons

Sequel to the Berlin

Conference of 1884-1885,

at which Europeans sat

and shared the African

continent, Britain granted

Charters to companies,

including: the Royal Niger

Company in West Africa in

1886, the Imperial British

East African Company in 1888, and the British South

African Company (BSAC)

in 1889. These Chartered

companies were tools of

empire building to play

economic and political

roles in different locations

on the African continent.

They had no pretences

as the religious entities

that had arrived earlier

to pacify the people and

introduced them to the

Bible that supported the

need to be docile before

masters, justified taking

from the "weak" and add-

ing to what the "stronger"

already had as well as

defined the Africans as

the Children of Ham with

ancestral curse, thereby

making Africans lose self-

esteem. Religion, in this

respect, played its natural

to waste human lives.

It was a pleasant ride with Gada as he nourished

cal control to disempower Africans. Of course, Christianity, in particular, my inquisitive mind in a socialised and educated way that made me think Africans into Western of him as an enlightened culture/civilization, and and literate driver. My pushed them to abandon guess was confirmed, as emphasis on their own I learnt he is an Engineer ways of doing things. with some experience on Nothing was unique electronic security instalabout Western civilization lations, but one with a fanand Western education. tastic immersion into life The sole purpose was to in Zimbabwe and beyond, disempower Africans and who enjoys knowledge ensure that African ways of life were destroyed and sharing and engaging conversations too. As we a dependency for things approached the Holiday Western got created. Part Inn where the conference of the socialisation of this I was attending would new way of life was emtake place, he showed me phasis on looking forward the statue of Mbuya Neto the angelic good life in handa in the Carrefour of heaven as the conquer-Samora Machel and Julius ors laughed as they accu-Nverere major roads. He mulated African material gave me an introduction assets and they became to the first "Chimurenga" richer here on earth. In effect, Chartered and we agreed he would bring me back to that spot companies represented before my departure as their shareholders as

role of ensuring ideologi-

commercial enterprises as they also represented the British state. In the latter role BSAC had the right to create its own political administration at no cost to the British government gold and diamonds. Little wonder that Cecil Rhodes named Northern and Southern areas after himself, hence we had Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia and Southern Rhodesia, now named after the Great Zimbabwe Empire that was far adthat had stone buildings without mortar. In other places, like Egypt and Su-Pyramids and had early and science that Europeans and Americans continue to ascribe to others of Africans being three-

with such costs being met from the exploitation of vanced of its European contemporaries before going into oblivion. The Great Zimbabwe Empire dan, the Africans built the advanced knowledge of medicine, mathematics in order to keep the myth fifths of a human being so as to be kosher on slavery among other ills that weapons of destruction allowed them to lord on Africans.

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to Zimbabwe. One of fully separated the per-Zimbabwe in leather writings on my visit to my daughters once fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you 3 letters ASA, NIT. 4 letters COME, MASS, DODO, TEAM, SNAG, SHOP, OSLO, CLUES: Across SPEED, TERSE, OMANI 1. container with a handle for 1. the natural fluid that comes from LATHER, ATTAIN, SOFALA, SUNDAY 5. Roll-on/ron-on
7. Native of India
9. a family of sea fish used for food
deep, resonant sound 7 letters In this I that all % letters 2. used to emphasize or express COLOMBIAN, HIRE GUN, ETHIOPIA annoyance with someone CARELESS 3. In geology, a graben is a depressed block of the crust of a planet or WORD-FIT CROSSWORD 11.to avoid moon, bordered by parallel normal B Y A N 13.medicine that prevents nausea and faults 4. an order vomiting 6. Nearest offer A N T 15.any number that cannot evenly 8. a work of fiction E N D E D O divided by two 12.to declare something untrue F O A M S 18.Lake Malawi D 14.drug BUGANDA 20.Today in Kiswahili 16.a valley A D D A 21.belonging to boys and men 17.group of countries with common 23.old 24.a phrase repeated often о м о TENET interests DEATE 18.a plant D O U D G 19.grandmother in Chinese S P A I22.romanized as Jedo or Yedo 



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7:10 AM MATANGAZO
07.15 AM TAARIFA ZA BARABARANI
07.25 AM UDONDOZI WA MAGAZETI
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09.10 AM MATANGAZO
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09.20 AM BRAND TALK
10.00 AM NEWS BRIEF
10.03 AM DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS
10.10 AM HIZI NAZO
13.00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN
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## Big Oil's cash 'golden age' puts deal-making back on agenda

**NEW YORK** 

ig Oil used last year's unexpected windfall from surging energy prices to shower investors with rewards and pay down debt.

As the cash continues to flow in 2023, the question is whether they will find more adventurous uses for their

While lower oil and gas prices mean the record profits seen in 2022 are unlikely to be repeated when the majors begin announcing first-quarter earnings later this week, underlying cash flows are still far above historical norms.

Having used buybacks to trim the amount of outstanding shares by as much as 8 percent in aggregate and paying down debt by \$87 billion last year, this could be the moment for the oil majors to pursue growth through big deals.

That's especially true if the rift between Russia and the West over the invasion of Ukraine has created a new normal where fossil fuel prices stay high in the long term.

"Consolidation will be a potential solution for companies to deliver volume growth in order to take advantage of the supercycle," said Christyan Malek, global head of energy strategy at JPMorgan Chase &

Combined, the biggest western oil companies are forecast to have made adjusted net income of \$36.5 billion in the first quarter of 2023, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

While that's down more than 40 percent from the peak in the second quarter of 2022, it would still mark the seventh-highest level recorded since the mega-mergers of the 2000s created the companies in their current form.

"They're still generating an extraordinary amount of free cash flow," said Lydia Rainforth, an analyst at Barclays Plc. It's evidence of a normalization of earnings at a higher level, she said.

The total includes estimates for Exxon Mobil Corp, Chevron Corp, Shell Plc, BP Plc and TotalEnergies SE, which kicks off earnings season on



Exxon hiked its repurchase rate multiple times last year

April 27. The two US oil giants report the following day, with BP and Shell announcing their results next week.

The super-majors are consistently spending tens of billions of dollars every year on exploration and development of new resources. That's significantly less than they were investing a decade ago and generally serves to sustain, or slow the decline of, their current production levels.

The surge in energy prices

has created a surplus of cash the same level as its smaller that could allow companies to invest greater amounts in larger and more ambitious projects, but the industry has a patchy record of generating good returns from such ventures. Instead, Big Oil has prioritized giving cash back to

shareholders. Chevron increased its buyback 17 percent to \$17.5 billion already this year while Exxon hiked its repurchase rate multiple times last year to about US rival.

Shell and BP both announced further dividend and buyback increases earlier this year when reporting fourthquarter earnings.

But with so much cash on hand and relatively high stock valuations, this could be an opportune moment to buy smaller competitors. Acquisitions would add production and reserves at a time when the Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries and its allies appear to be putting a floor under the oil price with their surprise production cut earlier this month.

Exxon, which has expressed interest in Permian Basin acquisitions, held early-stage talks with Pioneer Natural Resources Co., the Wall Street Journal reported earlier this month. Buying Pioneer would make Exxon far and away the basin's biggest producer and expand its runway of top-tier drilling locations from about 12 years to more than 40 years, according to Rystad Energy.

That wouldn't come cheap, given Pioneer's enterprise value of about \$60 billion, and Exxon may have reason to be cautious.

"It's only been three years since Exxon had to lean heavily on its balance sheet to sustain the dividend" during the pandemic price slump, Morgan Stanley analysts led by Devin McDermott said in a note. "We would be surprised if management uses its excess capacity for a large acquisition at a relatively high point in the price cycle."

So far, the European majors have signaled reluctance to chase acquisitions. BP Chief Executive Officer Bernard Looney said he could consider "smart M&A" to add to its current production portfolio.

Shell's boss told analysts earlier this year that it won't pursue big deals, instead prioritizing shareholder payouts. Any strategic changes for Shell may come later this year when new CEO Wael Sawan gives his first big presentation to investors in June in New York.

Both companies are focused closing the valuation gap that's opened up between them and their US rivals by further improving shareholder returns.

Even if discipline is the watchword today, attitudes could change as the profits continues to pour in this year.

"Leverage targets have now been achieved, paving the way for surplus free cash capacity likely opening a window for M&A, either in energy-transition or oil & gas," said Will Hares, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence. "Energy majors are in a golden age of free cash

#### By Friday Simbaya, Iringa

Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE) in Iringa region is praised for regularly allocates funds every year to cover research and innovative activities for its employees.

This was confirmed by the Assistant Director of Higher Education Dr. Evaristo Mtitu on behalf of the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Prof. Carolyne Ignatius Nombo during the eighth (8) celebrations of the Research and Innovation Week of the University of Dar es Salaam, held at the University College

He said that this is a step to achieve the research goals of any institution defined in its strategic plan, while praising the college management for seeing the importance of allocating the budget for research and innovation.

"University research can be very expensive, especially in lab-intensive fields. Often the responsibility for the costs of doing research is the researcher's own...," Dr. Mtitu explained.

He added that university scholars have no reason to complain about the lack of funds for conducting research because there is funding for research that can answer difficult questions and solve the challenges of the people.

Dr. Mtitu asked scholars to focus on research aimed at bringing solutions to society's challenges and improving peo-

"The major responsibility of research is to bring solutions to the challenges, so that there is a better life...," said Dr.

In addition to securing projects, Dr. Mtitu has mentioned another advantage of research that is to increase the vitality of universities and academics

## Mkwawa University praised for promoting innovation, research



Senior Lecturer of Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE), Dr. Lewis Mtashobya showing bioethanol fuel derived from transforming ripe brewing banana ripe bananas during the eighth celebration of research and innovation week of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) at the MUCE College level recently.

themselves, to give motivation to emerging scholars to focus on the area at the same time as improving the lives of the com-

Earlier, Principal of MUCE, Professor Esther Dungumaro said it is an undeniable fact that the development of any country in the world depends on research especially aimed at knowing the needs of the community and bringing solutions to their lives.

"There are countries that have been able to promote industrial development quickly like Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan because they invested in research. We at Muce have decided to focus on doing research," said

Professor Dungumaro.

The 8th gala of the week of research and innovation aims to show the value and results of various studies carried out by the academics of the University of Dar es Salaam and its colleges in pushing forward the wheel of national development.

This year's slogan for the celebration says; "Impactful

research and innovation for socioeconomic well-being in Tanzania."

Research involves the use of many resources, including financial resources and peo-

Also, research needs a lot of money so that they can be done in such a way that the results will not bring any kind of doubts.

Professor Dungumaro explained that the College has been allocating internal funds (its own source) to help develop and improve research and innovation.

However, she said the college alone cannot meet all the needs to finance research at the college, and requested the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to continue working together to find funds to improve research.

Doing so will enable academics and students to conduct productive research to solve challenges and problems in Tanzanian society.

On their part, some researchers admitted that the lack of funds for research is the biggest challenge facing scholars.



## Gold price soars to the record level in India

**NEW DELHI** 

Gold prices in India have soared to the highest ever, damping the outlook for demand in the world's second-biggest consumer.

That was especially apparent during the day of Akshaya Tritiya at the weekend, which is considered one of the most auspicious times of the year to buy gold by the nation's majority Hindu population.

"Purchases were obviously improved" at the weekend compared with the past couple of months, said Chirag Sheth, principal consultant at Metals Focus Ltd. But while sales were likely higher in value than at the same time last year, they would be lower in volume, Sheth said. Akshaya Tritiya fell on April 22 this year and extended into the morning of the following day.

Global gold prices have surged this year as turmoil in the banking industry spurred demand for a haven, helping send futures in India to a record in April. The country accounts for more than a fifth of world demand for jewelry, bars and coins, and imports almost all of that, mainly from Switzerland and the UAE.

Unless domestic prices drop by 5-10 percent, demand from April to June will be weak and overall sales this year will be flat to negative compared with 2022, Sheth said. "You already have a washed-out January-March quarter and the current quarter is also weighed down by high prices," he said. Consumption was 774 tons last year, according to World Gold Council data.

Heat waves are also hurting demand. While the months of April and May will be busy for sales because of the extended wedding season, extreme heat is a worry "because people generally don't venture out of the house and only visit the stores in the evening," according to Ashish Pethe, a jeweler and former chairman of the All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council. India is bracing for what might be a hotter summer than usual this year.

## Tanga city sets aside 7.7bn/- for modern market

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari,

TANGA city council is set to spend about 7.7bn/- for construction of permanent state -of-art market facility to accommodate petty traders ' Machingas' who are conducting their business activities at Tangamano grounds open

market. Tanga city director, Sipora

Liana said this before Tanga district commissioner, Hashim Mgandilwa who toured the proposed construction area at Kange, by pointing out that the funds for project implementation will come from central government and the municipal's own revenues.

For his side DC Mgandilwa said that the completion of the project will help traders who have no places for doing their business activities in all weather

and every day.

"According to available data, about 900 Machingas who doing business activities every Tuesday and Saturday at Tangamano grounds do not have official places, and the proposed market will be their permanent place doing their business activities daily," he said.

Tangamano ground was selected by city council to accommodate petty traders " Machinga" coming from different places in Tanga region.

Moreover, the place is one city numerous revenue and levies collection sources, also set to host government as well as social activities and sometimes, social or government occasions are conducted with trading activities, which creates inconveniences for traders.

According to report on local government authorities revenue collection of the fiscal year between June 2021 to

July 2022 presented before journalists for the then Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government(PO-RALG) Innocent Bashungwa, Tanga city council topped other cities in revenue collection with 113bn/-

It followed by Dar es salaam with 108bn/-, Arusha 104bn/-Dodoma 103bn/-,Mwanza 100bn/- and Mbeya 92bn/-.

**DIGITAL MARKETING:** 

## The influence of excessive or tight campaign budgets

By Alley Mtatya

n today's digital age, marketing has evolved beyond traditional methods such as print, radio, and television. The rise of social media has transformed the way businesses interact with their customers, and digital marketing has become an essential part of any successful marketing strategy. However, with the increasing cost of social media advertising, businesses are finding it challenging to maximize their reach with tight social media budgets.

Digital marketing is a vast umbrella term that encompasses a range of techniques and strategies, including search engine optimization (SEO), content marketing, email marketing, and social media marketing. The rise of social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Tik-Tok has significantly impacted the way businesses approach digital marketing. Social media platforms provide businesses with a unique opportunity to engage with their audience, build brand awareness, and generate leads.

However, social media advertising can be expener, well-established companies. To maximize their social media marketing efforts, businesses need to develop a strategic plan and tight budgets for sothat focuses on their target audience, objectives, and budget constraints (Segmenting and Direct and Targeting).

One way to make the most of a tight social media budget is to invest in content marketing. By creating valuable and informative content that resonates with their target audience, businesses can establish themselves as thought leaders in their

industry, and generate organic traffic to their website. Content marketing can also be used to create shareable social media posts that help to increase brand awareness and engagement.

Another effective digital marketing strategy for businesses with tight budgets is to focus on email marketing. Email marketing can be highly targeted. cost-effective and has a high return on investment (ROI). By creating personalized email campaigns that speak directly to their target audience, businesses can build trust and nurture their relationships with customers.

Social media advertising is an essential part of any successful digital marketing strategy, but businesses with tight budgets may find it challenging to compete with larger companies. To make the most of their social media advertising efforts, businesses need to be strategic in their approach. Targeted advertising, audience segmentation, and retargeting can help businesses to maximize their advertising budget and reach their target audience.

Social media campaigns are a crucial part of any digital marketing strategy. sive, and businesses with However, the success of tight budgets may strug- a social media campaign gle to compete with larg- is not solely determined by the amount of money spent on it. It is essential to understand the difference between excessive cial media campaigns.

> An excessive social media campaign budget is one where a business spends more money than is necessary to achieve its objectives. This can happen when a business tries to reach a larger audience than is necessary or when they invest in expensive social media tools that are not necessary for their campaign. Excessive budgets can also occur



when a business fails to monitor

their spending or does not have

clear objectives for their social

On the other hand, a tight so-

cial media campaign budget is

one where a business spends

the minimum amount of money

necessary to achieve its objec-

tives. Tight budgets are often

necessary when a business has

limited financial resources or

is just starting out. In this case,

businesses need to be strategic in

their spending to ensure they get

the most value from their social

The main difference between

excessive and tight budgets is

the level of spending. An exces-

sive budget can be wasteful and

may not produce the desired re-

sults. In contrast, a tight budget

requires businesses to be more

strategic in their spending, which

can lead to more efficient and ef-

Businesses with a tight social

media campaign budget must

focus on creating high-quality

content that resonates with their

target audience. This can involve

creating engaging social media

posts that spark conversations,

shareable content that goes viral, or targeted advertising campaigns

In conclusion, the difference between excessive and tight budg-

ets for social media campaigns

is the level of spending. While an

excessive budget can be wasteful,

a tight budget requires businesses to think more of entrepreneur

mindset. Which can lead to more

efficient and effective campaigns.

Ultimately, the success of a social

media campaign is determined

by the quality of the content and

how well it resonates with the tar-

get audience, not just the amount

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Alley Mtatva (pictured) is the founder of based in Dar es

**Eyeland Advertis**ing and Analytics Salaam

## **Equity buys extra 6.6** pct stake in DRC bank

**NAIROBI** 

Equity Group acquired an extra 6.6 percent stake in its subsidiary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for Sh9.24 billion, underlining the lender's quest to increase the share of profits outside Kenya.

The Kenyan bank disclosed in its annual report last week that it acquired a 2.3 percent stake from minority owners of Equity BCDC in August last year for Sh740 million.

Equity also bought an additional 452,659 shares in the DR Congo unit for Sh8.5 billion through a rights issue, giving the bank a 4.3 percent stake.

DR Congo is one of the biggest countries on the continent by land mass and has more than 90 million people, making it appealing to ambitious banks in the neighbouring states looking for growth.

Kenyan commercial banks, including KCB Group, are looking beyond their borders for acquisitions, seeking to tap growing opportunities in the wider East Africa region, driven by rapid economic growth and trade integration.

Equity also operates in Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan and Uganda, has a representative office in Ethiopia and is diversifying into a regional bank.

"The new shares acquired through a rights issue, in addition to shares acquired from minority, resulted in an increase in Equity Group Holdings shareholding in Equity BCDC to 84.1 percent from 77.5 percent," says Equity.

This transaction values the DRC Congo unit at Sh140 billion, making it the most valuable Equity subsidiary.

Equity Group's banking business in Kenya, where it is the biggest bank by customers, provides the bulk of profits but subsidiaries outside the country are growing in importance.

The share of profits from the subsidiaries grew from 15 percent in 2018 to 27.6 percent at the end of last year.

The subsidiaries also accounted for 44 percent of the group's Sh1.45 trillion assets, reflecting the significance of business outside Kenya in reducing the lender's sovereign risk.

Equity is betting on subsidiaries, in particular the DR Congo unit, in powering its growth given the cutthroat competition in the Kenyan market.

its lead as the most profitable subsidiary followed by the Rwandan unit with Sh2.8 billion.

Net profit from South Sudan stood at Sh2.3 billion while Uganda and Tanzania closed the year with Sh2 billion and Sh400 million net profit respectively.

Kenya contributed Sh33.39 billion or 72.4 percent of the total Sh46.1 billion after-tax profit. Equity has put more focus on the DRC unit, with group CEO James Mwangi tipping it to be the first foreign business to beat the Kenyan unit on profitability.

The group in April last year said over 26 Kenyan companies have committed to trade investments worth \$1.6 billion (Sh216 billion) in DR Congo.

Mwangi said the capital boost in BCDC will help it to fund development projects and large mining and manufacturing companies in the DR Congo.

The DR Congo unit is mainly focused on serving big companies with operations there, making it necessary to have a big balance sheet to be able to compete and grow.

Equity has been positioning itself to reap from increased business in DR Congo following the admission of the mineral-rich central African nation to the East African Community in July last

Equity began operations in the country through Equity Bank Congo SA, which it established by acquiring an 86.6 percent stake in a German bank ProCredit between 2015 and 2017.

In 2019, Equity Bank increased its shareholding in EBC SA to 94.3 percent by acquiring an additional 7.7 percent of the shares held by the German stateowned development bank KfW.

The remaining 5.7 percent shareholding in EBC SA is held by the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

In August 2020, Equity Group acquired 66.53 percent shareholding in BCDC from the George Arthur Forrest family for a consideration of \$95 million (Sh12.7 billion) and later merged it with EBC to form a new bank, Equity BCDC.

After the merger Equity Group held a majority 77.5 percent stake in the new entity, with the balance being held by IFC, the government of DR Congo and minority shareholders.

BCDC was majority-owned by the Forrest family (66.53 percent), the gov-Equity BCDC's profit after tax grew 45 ernment of the DR Congo (25.53), and



Equity Group Executive Director Mary Wamae, Group Board Chairman Isaac Macharia, Group MD and CEO, James Mwangi and Group Chief Operating Officer, Samuel Kirubi during the full year 2022 investor briefing. FILE PHOTO BY NMG

## Alliance One donates 222m/- to Morogoro schools

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

Morogoro regional Commissioner Fatma Mwassa has commended Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania Limited (AOTTL) for donating school facilities worth 222.7m/-to two Morogoro based primary schools namely Kingolwira and Bungo primary schools.

Speaking at the event, the RC said was proud of the Morogoro based tobacco buying company's generosity and urged other companies to emulate Alliance One in alleviating social needs in collaboration with the sixth phase government led by Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"We all know that the company buys tobacco from across the country and mostly Tabora region, but we in Morogoro are probably luckier than the rest because the assistance we have received today are bigger than those extended to Tabora and other tobacco growing regions," she noted.

The RC promised on behalf of the schools to take a good care of all the donated facilities by making sure that they would remain in good shape for many generations to come.

She congratulated the teachers and students alike from both recipient schools for

performing excellently in their academics, even though the number of pupils outweighed the number of teachers against the required standard.

of money spent.

She attributed the same to students improved learning environments, thanks to donations such as that from Alliance One. She said Bungo primary school had a total of 1600 pupils whereas Kingolwira had 2000 pupils, but both were exceling well academi-

Speaking on behalf of the managing director, Ephraim Mapoore, Director of Finance of AOTL Festo Mwalongo said his company would continue extending support to Morogoro and other tobacco growing areas in line with its corporate social responsibility and environmental social governance policies.

"Alliance One will continue giving back to the community as long the company lives and we normally set aside 400mn/ every year for this noble course of giving back to the community around our areas of operations" he said, calling for teachers and pupils to look after the donated items for their benefit and for those who will join the schools in the future.

Giving details of the donations at the



Morogoro Regional Commissioner Fatma Mwassa (3rd R) cuts a ribbon to officially receive classrooms and other donations from Aliance One to Kingolwira primary school valued at 222m/=. Others in the photograph are Alliance One Director of Finance Festo Mwalongo (3rd L)company Spokesperson Advocate John Magoti(2nd L) and the school's head teacher John Fulana(L). Photo by Guardian Correspondent

handing over event held at Kingolwira primary school, the company Chief Spokesperson Advocate John Magoti said the company had constructed toilets for disabled pupils at

Bungo primary school valued at the cost of 10.4mn/-.

As for Kingolwira primary school, he stated that the donated facilities include

construction of classroom for kindergarten at the cost of 21.2mn/- and also rehabilitated five classrooms at the cost of 48.3mn/-.

He said the other facilities donated to Kingolwira primary school include construction of school kitchen complete with the necessary amenities at the cost of 45.7m/= as well as buying and connecting solar power worth 13.7mn/- to a 162 meters borehole which was previously donated by the same company.

"The company has also donated toilets for teachers, pupils, as well as sick bays for girls with special needs worth 48.3mn/-," he said, adding that the company had also donated a large scale water purifying system worth 35.3mn/-.

On his part, the Head Teacher for Kingolwira primary school John Fulana said the pupils were no longer seating on the floor as it was the case in past.

"We are also optimistic that water borne diseases which were rampant among our pupils here will now be the thing of the past," he said, adding that the solar power will greatly reduce the electricity bills at the school.

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## Why investors expect US dollar to keep sliding

By Simon Flint

Professional investors see the dollar sliding even further from last year's twodecade highs, as the market has underpriced the Federal Reserve's oncoming easing cycle.

Some 87 percent of 331 survey respondents expect the Fed to cut interest rates to 3 percent or below – some significantly so – in a loosening that 40 percent believe will start this year, according to the latest MLIV Pulse survey.

That stands in contrast to market pricing that puts the implied policy rate around 3.05 percent in two years.

Correspondingly, professional investors are negative on the dollar, with a 17 percentage-point gap between bears and bulls. Many explicitly state that they are bearish because the yield path as priced is too

Interestingly, the second most popular response is that banking sector stresses will largely be confined to the US, which further implies that the Fed will be forced to be more dovish than global peers.

Strange as it may appear at first glance, there's indeed historical precedent for the Fed cutting sharply without other central banks following suit.

During the tech bust in the early 2000s and the year leading up to the collapse of Lehman Brothers, US monetary policy diverged radically from global peers.

In the case of the latter, the Fed cut by 325 basis points between August 2007 and April 2008, while the European Central Bank infamously hiked by 25 basis points in July 2008 – and the dollar was very weak during this pre-Lehman



But dollar pessimism is not purely a product of US problems. A surprisingly large cohort of investors believe that either yen or yuan appreciation will be the primary cause of dollar decline.

Why surprising First, new Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda has so far done his best to be as borhope to those betting on an end to the super-loose policy that has driven yen weakness. That said, Ueda has a convenient window to scrap yield curve control while there is minimal pressure on local rates markets.

If he chooses to act, this would likely lead to substantial yen appreciation – there is ing as possible, offering little evidence that even small BOI

policy changes can have an out-sized impact on the currency.

Second, the Citigroup's Economic Surprise Index for China rose close to the highest since 2006 this month and yet the yuan is up only about 1percent against its trade-weighted basket so far in 2023.

The yuan should rise, but it's worrying that the currency

has been almost impervious to good news, as it's hard to imagine what more the nation can do to impress. Aside from ongoing geopolitical risk, it may simply be that investors need time to get used to the idea that the China trade is back.

The risk of a more generalized pivot away from the greenback is something that investors are giving serious consideration. A majority of respondents see the dollar making up less than half of global reserves within a decade.

On the other hand, there remain dollar bulls, particularly among the retail community.

A clear majority of those greenback lovers believe that the Fed rate path is actually underpriced, confirming that getting the currency direction correct will ultimately boil down to nailing the policy call.

Interestingly, the of a debt-ceiling debacle passes almost unmentioned. However, few dispute that today's political environment is extremely acrimonious and risks are as high as they have been for many years.

The showdown of 2011 is the best template to judge the likely market response to a serious mishap. Back then, vields fell significantly, yet the dollar rallied during this period as risk aversion dominated investors' thoughts.

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This week, the MLIV Pulse survey focuses on Warren Buffett and asks if now is a good time to buy tech, growth or defensive stocks. Click here to share your views.

## Commodities to watch in global markets this week

**NEW YORK** 

The world's largest oil producers kick off their earnings this week, with profits forecast to slow from last year's record highs as oil prices slumped in the first

Elsewhere, the BNEF Summit gets underway in New York, while deal watchers will be focused on a Teck Resources Ltd. shareholder vote on splitting up the company – with the outcome dictating the future of Glencore Plc's \$23 billion takeover bid. Here are five notable charts to consider in global commodity markets as the week gets underway.

Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp. and TotalEnergies SE all report earnings this week, followed by Shell Plc and BP Plc in early May. Even though all five posted blowout profits in 2022, adjusted net income is set to cool in the first quarter thanks to softening oil and gas prices.

Combined, the biggest western oil companies are forecast to have made \$36.5 billion, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. While that's down more than 40 percent from the peak in the second quarter of 2022, it would still mark the seventh-highest level recorded since the mega-mergers of the 2000s created the companies in their current form.

Jet Fuel

Keep an eye on China air travel. After punishing Covid restrictions, the country is returning to the skies and the pace is expected to accelerate heading into the Golden Week holiday next month. Jet fuel demand reached nearly 75 percent of its pre-pandemic levels in the week ended April 15, according to JPMorgan Chase & Co., while international flights to and from the country continue to climb.

The likelihood of increased air travel in the coming weeks explains why jet fuel consumption in China is widely seen as the single biggest driver of world oil demand growth this year, ana-



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lysts from the bank said. Meanwhile, fuel ary 2021, when exports accounted for takeover will happen. consumption in the rest of the world is the bulk of activity. also picking up, BloombergNEF data show.

#### **Shipping**

Sticking with China, let's take a look at its ports where container boxes of imported goods are stacking up despite improved economic data. While the economy grew at the fastest pace in a year in the first quarter, ports like the world's largest in Shanghai are handling more incoming boxes than exports, according to data from Container xChange.

That's because of a slump in demand from major export destinations such as the US and Europe, where economic uncertainty is still weighing on consumer appetite. In Shanghai, inbound containers are consistently making up about 64 percent of the total number of containers at the port. That's a far cry from Janu-

The backlog of imports, coupled with empty container boxes not used to carry Chinese exports back across the ocean, may find themselves stuck until global consumption accelerates.

#### **Mining M&A**

Glencore is racing to convince Teck investors ahead of a Wednesday vote to reject the company's plans to separate its metals and coal businesses, a prerequisite for the Swiss commodities giant's \$23 billion takeover bid to move forward. If Glencore prevails and can convince Teck shareholders to accept the proposal on its current terms, the deal would rank in the top 10 biggest among metals producers ever. At Friday's close, Teck's B shares were trading below the value of Glencore's offer, implying the market isn't convinced the proposed

#### **Renewable Energy**

Executives from leading utilities, oil producers and natural gas companies will convene at a BloombergNEF summit in New York starting Monday as the world navigates the transition to net zero. Adoption of renewable power is set to continue expanding, with global wind and solar capacity seen roughly doubling by 2026 from current levels to almost 4.2 terawatts, according to BNEF data.

In the US, the two sources are expected to be the backbone of power supply by 2050, thanks to generous funding provided by the landmark Inflation Reduction Act. Other topics of discussion at the two-day event include safeguarding critical-mineral supply chains, energy storage, battery technology and clean-energy finance.

## Hedge funds confident with US economic outlook

**WASHINGTON** 

Hedge funds seem to be as confident as the Federal Reserve that the US economy can avoid a recession despite the burden of higher interest rates.

Leveraged investors boosted their net shorts on 10-year Treasury futures to a record 1.29 million contracts as of April 18, data from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission show. It was the fifth straight week that net shorts had increased.

"Hedge funds may be thinking that inflation will be stickier than many in the market are currently expecting," said Damien McColough, head of fixed-income research at Westpac Banking Corp. in Sydney. "On the face of it, this big short doesn't reflect the view that there will be a near-term recession."

Treasury yields have been



whipsawed in recent weeks as traders engage in a tug-of-war with the Fed amid a growing debate about when policymakers will start cutting rates. Hedge funds will be vindicated if the US central bank prevails in its view that borrowing costs need to keep marching higher.

The group has a checkered track

record in Treasuries. Yields declined in 2019 after the previous record short. When leveraged longs hit a multi-year high in 2021, yields did move modestly lower soon after before surging as the Fed headed toward rate hikes.

The 10-year Treasury yield has advanced nine basis points this month to 3.56%, unwinding some of March's

45-basis-point drop. The benchmark yield remains in a deep discount to twoyear rates, suggesting that a downturn is on the cards.

There may be another explanation for the moves. Short positions could be exaggerated by a revival of so-called basis trades, when hedge funds buy cash Treasuries and short the underlying futures, according to James Wilson, a senior portfolio manager at Jamieson Coote Bonds in Melbourne.

The trades involve buying bonds that have become cheap relative to the underlying futures and then selling the futures to pocket the difference. The profit is usually small, hence the tendency to use leverage.

"In a world of huge deficits and no more QE, leveraged funds have a lot more opportunities to reap profits by buying cash bonds and selling the underlying futures where arbitrage opportunities arise." Wilson said.

## **Kenyan start**ups get Sh91bn from VC funds

**NAIROBI** 

Kenyan start-ups got Sh91.4 billion from venture capital (VC) funds last year, defying a global decline in such funding and the closure of tech companies.

A new report by African Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (AVCA) titled Venture Capital in Africa shows Kenya received \$676 million (Sh91.4 billion at current exchange rates), representing 13 percent of the total \$5.2 billion raised in venture capital in the continent over the

The country also accounted for 102 deals out of the 786 in Africa.

Kenva ranked third in value of funding after US-headquartered and Nigeria start-ups which received \$884 million and \$780 million respectively, and ahead of Egypt (\$676 million), South Africa (\$520 million), Ghana (\$208 million) and Algeria (\$156 million). The report shows that financials, industrials, information technology and consumer discretionary sectors in Africa accounted for the top value in the VC deals, with investor interest still inclined to start-ups with a multi-region geographic footprint.

"Multi-region deals not only comprised the largest share of venture debt deal value, but they also received the largest share by volume. East (25 percent) and West Africa (21 percent) were particular hubs for venture debt deal activity in 2022," said

"This was driven by startups headquartered in Kenya and Uganda in the East. while startups headquartered in Nigeria, Senegal and Cote d'Ivoire led the charge of venture debt deal activity in the West."

Solar home system provider, d.light, received the largest amount in VC funding at \$238 million (Sh32.1 billion) from VC firms while Bboxx - a cleantech company that designs, manufactures, and distributes solar systems across sub-Saharan Africareceived Sh1.6 billion (\$15 million) in local currency debt from SBM Bank in February 2022 to finance affordable solar home systems for nearly half a million Kenyans.

Other Kenyan start-ups that attracted early-stage investment include an e-logistics startup for trucks, Amitruck which got \$4.8 million seed round funding; Kukua, a Kenvan educational entertainment company that received \$6 million Series A funding and Wasoko also received \$125 million series B funding.

Others include Pezesha which received pre-series A funding of \$11 million; Lami, which received seed funding of \$5.5 million and Powered by People which received seed funding of \$5 million.

The VC financing deals came amid closures of start-ups and tech-related job cuts in 2022 due to a number of threats, including lack of additional financing, post-pandemic woes and a tough economic environment.

At least six Kenya-based start-ups closed shop or made partial exits in 2022, including electric vehicle (EV) taxi brand Nopea, Kune Foods, Notify Logistics, Sky Garden and We Farm, despite their rosy start and promising outlook.

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## **Sudan evacuations speed** up during fighting lull

EUROPEAN nations, China and others from around the world raced to extract thousands of their citizens from Khartoum yesterday during an apparent lull in fierce fighting between the army and a paramilitary force.

The sudden eruption of violence between the military and the well-armed Rapid Support Forces (RSF) paramilitary group on April 15 has triggered a humanitarian crisis and killed 420 peo-

Along with millions of Sudanese without access to basic services and trapped in their homes, thousands of foreign diplomats, aid workers, students and their families found themselves stuck in a war zone last week.

Fighter jets have bombed the capital, the main airport has been at the centre of fighting and artillery barrages have made movement unsafe in and out of one of Africa's largest cities. Diplomats have been targeted in attacks, and at least five aid workers killed.

Despite sustained pressure from countries concerned by the conflict's wider repercussions as well as the safety of their nationals, the two sides have not abided by a temporary truce.

However fighting calmed enough over the weekend for the United States to get embassy staff out by military helicopter, triggering a rush of evacuations by other countries.

At least two convoys involved in the evacuations came under attack, including one carrying Qatari embassy staff, and another carrying French citizens, one of whom was injured.

France and Germany on Monday said they had evacuated around 700 people, without giving a breakdown of their nationalities. A German air force plane carrying evacuees landed in Berlin early on Monday.

Several countries sent military planes from Djibouti to fly people out from the capital, while other operations took people by convoy to Port Sudan on the Red Sea, which is about 800 km by road from Khartoum. From there some have



prepare to evacuate people from the airport in Khartoum, Sudan, on Sunday. (PHOTO / **ITALIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY VIA AP)** 

boarded ships to Saudi Arabia. Indonesia said so far more than 500 of its citizens had been evacuated to the port, and were awaiting transport to Jeddah, across the Red Sea.

China, Denmark, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Sweden also said they had got nationals out, while Japan said it was preparing to send an evacuation team from Djibouti. A convoy of about 65 vehicles carrying some 700 international United Nations, NGO and embassy staff and their dependents drove from Khartoum to Port Sudan on Sunday as part of the evacuations, a diplomatic source said.

The evacuation of international staff from Darfur, the western region where fighting has also escalated, is also under way, with some heading to Chad and others to South Sudan, the source said.

The fighting in Sudan has closed

most hospitals and curtailed water and electricity supplies. The killing of aid workers, including three from the World Food Programme, has led the UN agency to pause its operations in the country, which relies on food aid for about a quarter of its people.

The army and RSF jointly staged a coup in 2021 but fell out during negotiations to integrate the two groups and form a civilian government four years after long-ruling autocrat Omar al-Bashir was toppled.

Their rivalry has raised the risk of a wider conflict that could draw in outside powers.

Beyond the capital, people are reported to have fled clashes in several regions including Darfur's three states, Blue Nile State on the border with Ethiopia and South Sudan, and North Kordofan State southwest of Khartoum, according to a UN update **Agencies** yesterday.

#### S. Korea's Yoon to meet Biden as doubts grow over nuke umbrella

**SEOUL** 

SOUTH Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol set off yesterday for the United States and a summit with President Joe Biden at a time of rare questioning in South Korea of an alliance that has guaranteed its security for decades.

Yoon's April 24-29 trip is the first state visit to the US by a South Korean leader in 12 years and will mark the 70th anniversary of a partnership that has helped anchor US strategy in Asia and provided a foundation for South Korea's emergence as an economic powerhouse.

But there are growing questions in South Korea about the relying on "extended deterrence", in essence the American nuclear umbrella, and calls, even from some senior members of Yoon's party, for South Korea to develop its own nuclear weapons.

A recent poll by the Asan Institute for Policy Studies showed that more than 54 percent of respondents believed the US would not risk its safety to protect its Asian

More than 64 percent supported South Korea developing its own nuclear weapons, with about 33 percent op-

Yoon has been pushing to boost South Korea's say in operating the US extended deterrence but exactly what that might entail has not been spelt out.

Yoon's deputy national security adviser said both sides had been working on measures to operate the extended deterrence in a more concrete manner, hopefully with progress to be a revealed in a joint statement after the

summit. "What I can tell you now is that people's interest in and expectations for extended deterrence have been great, and there are several things that have been carried out over the past year in terms of information sharing, planning and execution," the adviser, Kim Tae-hyo, told report-

"We need to take steps to organize these things so that it can be easily understood to anyone in one big picture, how this is implemented and developed."

#### **Help for Ukraine**

The conflict in Ukraine, which some in South Korea feel is distracting the United States from dangers in Asia, has also led to some rare friction between Seoul and Washing-

Leaked US military documents recently highlighted South Korean difficulties in dealing with pressure from its ally to help with the supply of military aid to Ukraine

South Korea, a major producer of artillery shells, says it has not provided lethal weapons to Ukraine, citing its relations with Russia. It has limited its support to humanitarian aid.

South Korea tries to avoid antagonizing Russia, due chiefly to business interests.

Suggestions reported in media that the United States had been spying on South Korean deliberations about its support to Ukraine have raised hackles in South Korea, though both sides have played the down the issue.

Yoon, in an interview with Reuters last week, signaled for the first time a softening in his position on arming Ukraine, saying his government might not "insist only on humanitarian or financial support" if Ukraine comes under "a situation the international community cannot condone".

A South Korean official said the government's position against arms support for Ukraine "raised eyebrows" in some countries at a time when South Korean defense firms have won big deals in Europe, including a \$5.8 billion contract to supply howitzers and tanks to Poland.

Another South Korean official said the government had been "treading a fine line" as it tried to maintain ties with Russia but Yoon's remarks could give South Korea greater flexibility.

Yoon is due to meet Biden for their summit on Wednesday. He will address the US Congress on Thursday.

Yoon is bringing business leaders to boost partnerships on supply chains and high-tech areas including chips and batteries. He will also discuss space cooperation at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.



(right) and South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol arrive at the National Museum of Korea for the state dinner, in Seoul, South

n this file photo dated May 21, 2022, US President Joe Biden

#### Chinese job market held steady in first quarter, ministry says

**BEIJING** 

CHINA'S job market showed signs of stability in the first quarter of this year thanks to the nation's optimized CO-VID-19 control policies and a recovering economy, said the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security.

According to a release published by the ministry yesterday morning, about 2.97 million people successfully landed jobs in urban areas from January to March, about 120,000 more than during the same period last year.

Furthermore, the surveyed unemployment rate was while the changing interna- job hunters, especially college about 5.3 percent, a decrease tional landscape and uncer- graduates," said Chen Yongjia, Beijing yesterday.

of 0.5 of a percentage point year-on-year. The rate is calculated based on the number of unemployed people who participated in the employment survey in urban areas, including migrant workers in cities.

According to the ministry, recruitment demand increased during the threemonth period, with about 58,000 job fairs organized nationwide featuring 380 million vacancies.

"Both the recovering economy and sound employmentfirst policy have strongly supported our efforts to realize tainties in economic develop- vice-director of the ministry's



University in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, on April 16, 2023. (LIU LI / **FOR CHINA DAILY)** 

the year's employment target, ment still pose difficulties to employment promotion department at a news conference in

people land jobs in urban areas this year and cap the surveyed unemployment rate at around 5.5 percent. He said that the ministry will

Chinaaims to help 12 million

continue to take measures to promote employment, including encouraging companies to create more vacancies by giving them financial incentives and offering low-interest loans to entrepreneurs to support their businesses.

"We will also improve the protection of workers' rights for those who are flexibly employed and give more support and guidance to key groups – for example, college graduates - to help them land jobs," he said. *Xinhua* 

## West intends to undermine Russian presidential election in 2024 – CEC head

**KHABAROVSK** 

WESTERN countries are interested in undermining Russia's presidential election slated for March 2024 and have already begun working on it, Head of Russia's Central Election Commission Ella Pamfilova (pictured) said at a meeting with the students of the Pacific National University (PNU) in Khabarovsk.

"People are interested, they see what really is going on. And they understand that the upcoming presidential election in March 2024 is not simply yet another election of Russia's president.

This is not just an issue of worldview, I would say, but this is also an issue of a global epoch change

We understand what is important and we understand that there is work already underway to simply dismantle the Russian presidential election.

Enormous funds have been earmarked by Western countries, above all, by the US," Pamfilova noted.

That said, according to the CEC chief, the turnout at the presidential election will be high due to its particular importance both for the Russian people and the entire world. "It is necessary to give credit to all our parliamentary parties who put on the back burner their political, ideological preferences and differences and as a united force proved themselves the patriots of their country.

They are united now, they support our guys at the frontline so that they understand that they are not shedding their blood and giving their lives in vain, that we are not failing them here.

And everyone here on their own frontline tries to help - and this means a lot. This is precisely what drives the West crazy," she added.

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### China's foreign trade sector strives for steady, high-quality growth

"Chinese enterprises rushed to visit their Japanese clients at the earliest time possible immediately after China optimized its COVID-19 response last December," said Meng Jing, general manager of the business department of Grand International Exhibition Co., Ltd., the company that led the Chinese enterprise delegation to Japan this time.

A high passion for joining overseas exhibitions has been observed among Chinese enterprises. The total exhibition area of Chinese enterprises at The World Smart Energy Week was expanded to 7,000 square meters from 2,000 square meters last year.

According to Meng, Chinese enterprises shone through at The World Smart Energy Week, thanks to their deli-

cately decorated booths, well-prepared exhibits and sales strategy. Compared with that at the event held before CO-VID-19, the number of visitors this year rose 10 percent. Chinese new energy enterprises just received high attention.

Market expansion and order seeking have remained keywords for the Chinese foreign trade sector this year. Some regions have sent business delegations overseas for business negotiation and exhibitions, and some hosted brick-and-mortar economic forums, trying to gain an initiative as external demand weakens.

Expanding the foreign trade market is important for relevant enterprises. According to statistics, 457,000 foreign trade enterprises in China registered import and export performance in the

first quarter, up 5.9 percent from a year ago.

In the first three months, China's trade with ASEAN, its largest trading partner, stood at 1.56 trillion yuan (\$226.15 billion), up 16.1 percent yearon-year, 11.3 percentage points higher than the country's overall trade growth rate. It accounted for 15.8 percent of China's total foreign trade in the same period.

China's trade with the EU, the United States, Japan and the Republic of Korea reached 1.34 trillion yuan, 1.11 trillion yuan, 546.41 billion yuan and 528.46 billion yuan, respectively, during the three-month period, accounting for 35.6 percent of the country's foreign trade.

From January to March, China's

imports and exports with economies participating in the Belt and Road Initiative surged 16.8 percent year-on-year to account for 34.6 percent of its foreign trade, while trade with other participating countries of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership rose 7.3 percent from the first quarter of 2022. The country's total imports and exports with emerging markets in Latin America and Africa grew 11.7 percent and 14.1 percent, respectively.

Bai Ming, a senior researcher with a Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) think tank, believes that developing countries and ASEAN make a huge market, and foreign enterprises should take the opportunities of the China-ASEAN free trade area and the RCEP to work for win-win results.

As the Philippines ratified the RCEP agreement, the trade pact has taken effect for all 15 member countries, which significantly widens market access for Chinese enterprises. Wang Shouwen, vice commerce minister and China international trade representative at the MOFCOM, noted that relevant departments are still negotiating over and signing new deals of free trade, to create a better external environment for China's foreign trade.

As a barometer of China's foreign trade, the China Import and Export Fair, also dubbed as the Canton Fair, is currently being hosted in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong province. The event has resumed physical exhibition and is joined by hundreds of thousands of exhibitors from more than 220 countries and regions.

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#### CHINA'S foreign trade, after experiencing a 7 percent year-on-year drop in January this year, went up 8 percent and 15.5 percent in the following two months, respectively. It manifests the country's confidence in ensuring steady and high-quality foreign trade growth against a complicated background.

Recently, Chinese enterprises just wrapped up their exhibition at The World Smart Energy Week 2023 running from March 15 to 17 at the Tokyo International Exhibition Center features top-notch energy technologies and products in various categories. Many of them engaged in the new energy sector have signed major deals and met with new and old partners.

Japan is an important market for Chinese new energy products. Many Japanese companies have cooperated with their Chinese suppliers for over a

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#### Beijing retains Crimea stance, respects sovereignty of post-Soviet countries – diplomat

CHINA respects the sovereignty of all former Soviet republics, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning assured reporters at a news briefing yesterday.

"After the demise of the Soviet Union, China was one of the first countries to establish diplomatic rela-

tions with the [newly created] countries," Mao (pictured) said, when asked by a TASS reporter to comment on Chinese Ambassador to France Lu Shaye's remark about Crimea. "Since the inception of diplomatic relations, China has always adhered to the principle of mutual respect and equal treatment while fostering bilateral relations of friendship and cooperation. China respects the sovereign status of the republics that were founded after the Soviet Union disintegrated," she added

Mao described China's position on Ukraine as clear and consistent. "We are ready to continue working with the international community to make our contribution toward finding a political solution to the Ukrainian crisis."

On Friday, France's LCI television posted a quote from Lu's interview on its Twitter page. Commenting on the status of Crimea, the envoy said that "Crimea was originally part of Russia" but that it had been administratively transferred to the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic by Soviet statesman and party leader Nikita Khrushchev in 1954. The Chinese ambassador also said that former Soviet countries "do not have any current status, as we say, under international law, because there is no international agreement under which their status as sovereign countries could be substantiated."

Following the publication of these comments, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia summoned Chinese diplomats from Beijing's missions to their countries to their respective foreign ministries for clarifications. Formally, China does not recognize

After a coup in Ukraine in February 2014, the governments of Crimea and Sevastopol held a referendum on the peninsula's reunification with Russia. The overwhelming majority of voters supported reunification (96.7% in the Republic of Crimea and 95.6% in the City of Sevastopol), with turnout reaching 80%. On March 18, 2014, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a treaty for the formal accession of the Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol to Russia as constituent regions, and three days later the document was ratified by the Federal Assembly, the Russian parliament.

### AU's rights body condemns indiscriminate bombings, shelling in Sudan

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) has condemned "in the strongest terms" the indiscriminate bombings and shelling in

The ACHPR, which is one of the organs of the African Union (AU) as set out by the African Charter, said it is following with deep concern the grave unfolding situation in Sudan.

"Reports reaching the African Commission reveal that since the outbreak of fighting between the Sudan Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces on April 15, various human and peoples' rights of the people of Sudan are put in great peril with the violence worsening by the day," the ACHPR said in a statement issued late Friday.

The ACHPR expressed its "outrage in the strongest terms possible the indiscriminate conduct of hostilities including bombings and shelling of sites in civilian residential areas causing the death and maiming of increasing num-

"It deplored the various violations the fighting is occasioning to civilians and civilian infrastructure including loss of lives, bodily injuries, psychological trauma, destruction of homes, obstruction of access to health care for the wounded and the sick, and so on.

It further reminded the conflicting parties that they bear responsibility for all the violations, pain and suffering that their actions are inflicting on civilians and will be held accountable for these violations.

The ACHPR also decries reports of emerging involvement of foreign parties in supporting the different sides to the conflict in Sudan.It called for immediate, unconditional cessation of hostilities and the urgent establishment of humanitarian access for people in need.

Meanwhile, the ACHPR called on the AU Commission to initiate, in collaboration with the ACHPR, a mechanism for the documentation and reporting on the human rights issues in the ongoing fighting in Sudan including through the assignments of an investigation mission by the AU Peace and Security

#### Australian military faces huge overhaul for long-range missiles

THE Australian government has announced its biggest defense overhaul since World War II with significant cuts to the army and a major focus on longrange precision missile systems.

The long-awaited Defence Strategic Review sets out a blueprint for Australia's strategic policy, defense planning and resourcing over the coming decades.

The review said Australia can no longer rely on its geographic benefits, which have been reduced by long-range precision missiles.

The full report, which lays out a number of scenarios, including future conflict with China and Australia becoming less dependent on the United States, was not released to the public. Instead, the government released a 110-page sum-

The review found Australia's existing military structure is no longer fit for purpose, especially with the rise of China. The public summary said Australia will go ahead with the acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines through the Australia-United Kingdom-United States (AUKUS) alliance.

It also recommended that Australia develop a precision missile strike capability to hit long-range targets at sea, in the air or on land. It added that these missiles should be made in Australia reducing reliance on the United

Under the proposed changes, the army will see significant cuts to its military infantry fighting vehicle program cutting it from 450 vehicles to 129, with a second regiment of self-propelled Howitzers scrapped.

Releasing the review on April 24, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Australia faces the most challenging strategic circumstances since World War II "both in our region and around the

Retired lieutenant general Peter Leahy, the former chief of the Australian army, said the strategic environment has changed and Australia needs to adapt. Leahy, who is now director of the National Security Institute at the University of Canberra, said as an ex-army officer there were a few things in the review he was not "too thrilled" about.

One was cutting the number of infantry vehicles which he said introduces risk into the army.

"There is an assumption that you don't need a strong army because we have a navy and air force ... that cannot be any more wrong. Yes, Australia is an island nation but if you want to protect something you need people on the ground."

Michael Shoebridge, founder and director of Strategic Analysis Australia said: "We live in a world where the Afghan and Iraq era has ended, and the counter-terrorism era has ended.

"The Australian military now has to operate alone in our near region from the Malacca Straits, across the South Pacific and cannot be plugged in for the relics scattered in the Gobi Americans anymore," he told the ABC.

## Ghanaian innovator converts plastic waste into fashionable, useful products

**ACCRA** 

AS the world grapples with the plastic waste menace, a Ghanaian company has developed a simple means of turning this nuisance into valuable products while cleaning up the city.

Trashy Bags, a local waste recycling company in Dzorwulu, a suburb of Accra, the Ghanaian capital, produces different types of bags from used plas-

In the company's showroom, there are different trendy bags, including laptop bags, shopping bags, traveling bags, school bags, vanity cases, backpacks, gym bags, purses, and wallets for everyday use, made from used plastics gathered from the streets and households.

Elvis Aboluah, the company's project director, said Trashy Bags is a social enterprise into manufacturing through recycling and upcycling products both for local use and export, noting it mainly focuses on devising sustainable ways of ridding Ghana of the plastic waste menace.

"Plastic waste is a huge threat to nature, not only in Ghana, but it has become a global problem that seriously affects the environment, the ocean, landfills, and impacts agriculture and livelihoods of animals and humans negatively," said Aboluah.

"We need to get on top of the challenge through recycling to arrest the massive volumes of these plastics that find their way into different parts of the environment.'

The company's recycling idea originated from small plastic sachet bags that contain drinking water, the most common way for local people to quench their thirst.

In the meantime, large quantities of abandoned bags scattered along the city streets have also become a common sight.

Aboluah said the company had been operating for 15 years, deploying various modules to deal with the plastic waste menace bedeviling the West Afri can country.

He said one of the factors driving the project was giving people a reason to collect used plastics from the streets and



Workers load plastic bags at a recycling factory in Accra, Ghana, on April 17, 2023. As the world grapples with the plastic waste menace, a Ghanaian company has developed a simple means of turning this nuisance into valuable products while cleaning up the city. (Photo by Seth/Xinhua)

"Once there is value for it, people are willing to collect used plastics." "We collaborate with schools, institutions, and members of the surrounding communities who collect used plastics and sell to us for some income," he told Xinhua.

After buying the used plastic from the collectors, the 30 employees of Trashy Bags swing into action, cutting open these plastic bags and washing them thoroughly of filth, debris, and other forms of waste.

The workers sun-dry the materials before moving them back into the main factory for production."At this stage, we distribute the materials to the individual workers to make different components of bags, depending on what we are manufacturing at the

Each worker makes bits and pieces of a particular product. In the end, we put all that together at the final stage for the finished products," he said.

A large part of the products from Trashy Bags is school bags and other bags people need for their educational activities. "It is not as easy changing the attitude of adults, but education is key to effecting change.

We involve schools in the collection of used plastics, while we also produce school bags for school children, and that strategy is making an impact in terms of inducing the needed change in attitudes," he stated. With the support of some charity, he said the company hoped to distribute at least 10,000 school bags to different schools in different parts of Ghana and hopefully in the neighboring countries this year to help the students in impoverished areas.

Aboluah noted that in that regard, the company still needed support from other corporate organizations to help expand the work and deepen the impact of keeping the country clean.He said the company had made a positive environmental impact after recycling over 13 million pieces of used plastics, using that to homes to help keep the country clean. create awareness among its users in and outside Ghana.

Aboluah added that 90 percent of the company's 30 employees are female, including young mothers who would otherwise have been unemployed.

He was glad that people from developed countries patronize the Trashy Bags as their contribution to the efforts helps sustain the ecosystem, and Ghanaians also see it as their civic responsibility to keep the streets and the drains clean and free of

"People love the bags, and if we get more funding and subsidies, we can donate some of the smart bags to communities and schools and place some at the malls as shopping bags, so we can get rid of the single-use plastic bags and adopt these reusable bags," he added.

According to official data from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Ghana generates 12,710 metric tons of solid waste daily, and only 10 percent of that is collected and disposed of properly.

"Plastic waste constitutes a large proportion of urban waste, and there is the need for effective and integrated solid waste management systems that respond to the complex demands of cities," said the UNDP in a report on Ghana last year. In the past few years, Ghana has seen a few enterprises of different scales coming up in the recycling area like Trashy Bags to contribute to building a cleaner country.

## Chinese young blood devote to Great Wall protection

IN a chilly wind, a young table meteorological device on a tripod and recorded the wind direction, temperature, humidity and other data, despite her windswept hair.

"These data offer important support for preserving the Great Wall," said the millennial girl Lu Tingting, who grew up in Jiayuguan, a city in northwest China's Gansu province. It's home to Jiayu Pass, the western start of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) Great Wall.

After she graduated with a master's degree, she returned to her hometown and worked for the relics protection department of the Great Wall conservation institute under the Jiayuguan (Great Wall) Silk Road Culture Research Insti-

The Great Wall is so far the largest cultural heritage and one with the widest geographical span in China. However, some parts of it are dilapidated today due to natural erosion, human activities, environmental changes and other factors.

Conservation thus is urgent for the aging Great Wall. Over recent years, as China accelerates the building of the Great Wall national cultural parks, more efforts have been made in the protection and research of the cultural heritage.

Many young generations, including Lu, are engaged in the protection of the Great Wall. With expertise and passion, they are contributing their strength to revitalize the ancient structure in the new era. Lu has been working to protect the wild Great Wall for more than three years. Every month, she went on more than 400 inspection tours to some 30 sites of immovable cultural

desert, mountains, forests and



Lu Tingting is on an inspection tour of the Great Wall. (Photo by Wang Jintao/People's

other areas where people are rarely

After three years, Lu has gained a significantly deeper understanding of the Great Wall. Now she's become an expert in using all kinds of tools and instruments, and she knows well the features and formation of various "diseases" of the Great Wall, such as surface weathering, exfoliation and cracking.

The conservation of the Great Wall calls for perseverance. The ancient Chinese fortifications, mostly located in remote areas with complex topography, stretch thousands of kilometers.

In some sections, there's no paved path, so people engaged have to climb on their hands and knees in order to finish their work. It's a lonely task away from the hustle and bustle of the cities.

Guo Hongxiu is a 32-year-old Great Wall ranger located in Sangyuan village, Lulong county, Qinhuangdao, north China's Hebei province. He goes on patrols all year round with his motorcycle over the bumpy mountainous roads, which is also a tradition of his family started by his grandfather in the 1980s.

As the third-generation Great Wall

ranger in his family, Guo recalled that his grandfather often took him on patrols when he was a child. "Grandpa always said that the Great Wall is a valuable asset of the Chinese nation and it carries history, so it must be well protected," Guo told People's Daily.

Shang Heng, a young man born in 1984, started working for the Beijing Institute of Cultural Relics, or what's known today as the Beijing Institute of Archaeology, in 2010. He has joined and hosted many archaeological excavation projects of the Great Wall and completed multiple research programs in the past dozen years.

He has been to many sites along the Great Wall on foot for research over the past two decades, covering over 3,000 kilometers.

The conservation of the Great Wall calls for innovation. The Great Wall was built and renovated in different dynasties with various building materials and techniques. Therefore, the preservation of it is not an easy task.

Thanks to the ceaseless efforts made by relevant parties, new approaches and achievements of Great Wall studies and protection

Shang, in cooperation

have kept emerging

with experts in ancient architecture, materials and botany, has turned rescue-oriented renovation of the Great Wall comprehensive conservation with research and repair. The conservation combines archaeological excavation, multidisciplinary research and digital tracking records, opening a new chapter of Great Wall conservation.

The application of new technologies has placed the Great Wall under better protection. "Relying on precise data, we have incorporated regular monitoring in the routine inspection. We are using digital monitors for inspection, image data collection and patrols every month," said Lu.

With advanced equipment, such as drones, she can complete inspections more easily and analyze the cause and development of "diseases" based on the data collected, thus providing science-based maintenance solutions.

The innovative conservation has well protected the authenticity, completeness and security of the Great Wall. It is believed that a great synergy will be forged through innovative practices and exploration to inject ceaseless impetus into the protection of cultural heritage and the inheritance of

history. **People's Daily** 

# **Guardian**



Tanzania's female tennis players pose for a photo when they battled it out in a past ITF/

## TTA unveils national tennis squads for Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup qualifiers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Tennis Association (TTA) has released a list of male and female players set to represent the country in the coming Davis Cup Africa Group V and Billie Jean King Cup slated for June in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda.

Senior tennis coach Salum Mwamvita said the Davis Cup Africa Group V, involving male tennis players, will be held in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) from June 19-25.

The Billie Jean King Cup, which has female players taking part in it, is, according to the coach, set to be played in Rwanda from June 5-10.

He said the male players were selected in the two-day trials organized by TTA at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC).

The tactician pointed out that TTA though did not organize trials for female players because the body's technical committee agreed to select the players who have been outstanding in recent competitions.

Mwamvita mentioned male players selected for the national squad as Frank Menard, Yusuph Lawrence, Abubakar Risasi, Rashid Saleh, and Omari Abdullah.

He mentioned female tennis players making the national squad as Esther Nankulange, Naitoti Singo, Barbara Mollel, Shana Shane, and Nasha Singo.

The two teams have no sponsor

and Mwamvita, therefore, appealed to stakeholders to support them.

Mwamvita said: "We want to start early preparations but unfortunately we don't have a sponsor...the only sponsor we have is International Tennis Federation (ITF) which pays teams' fare to and from the countries hosting the tournaments."

"I'm calling upon all stakeholders to support us so that we can prepare well for the two tournaments which are crucial in tennis," he said.

In the past, the national squad taking part in Davis Cup was sponsored by Fumba Town by CPS.

Mwamvita could not say if the company is no longer bankrolling the team, revealing there are some discussions between TTA and the

Tanzania, under the sponsorship of Fumba Town by CPS, sent five players to Rwanda to battle it out in the Davis Cup Africa Group V that took place in July last year, with the squad settling for ninth place.

The players who represented Tanzania in the showpiece are Frank Menard, Dofuu Saleh, Omari Sulle, Risasi, and Rashid Saleh.

Last year, the national women's team which was also bankrolled by the company did not make it to Ulcinj, Montenegro to take part in the Billie Jean King Cup Europe/Africa Zone Group III due to visa hitches.

The players that were earmarked for the tournament are Naitoti Singo, Aurelia Mushi, Barbara Mollel, and Edna John.

# Rotating Federation Cup final hosting hardly promotes football efficiently

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

HE much-awaited semi-final stage of this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) is around the corner with teams vying for qualification for the final.

The ASFC last-four stage has brought together top Premier League outfits, as Simba SC comes up against Azam FC in the first of the last four clashes, the other will witness Singida Big Stars confronting Yanga.

The semi-final matches are expected to be played at Nangwanda Sijaona Stadium in Mtwara and Liti Stadium in Lindi while the final has been slated to take place at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga.

The matches are set to take place in the mentioned regions in what is described as efforts to promote football and offer soccer fanatics in all regions the chance to witness major domestic tournament matches.

Semi-final matches for the showpiece, sponsored by Azam Media Limited, have already been played in various regions since this approach was deployed by the national soccer governing body.

I hardly see the logic in having domestic competitions promote soccer, this should be done when a tournament is held in a center for either one or two weeks, as is the case for Regional Champions League

I barely think it is right for the football authority to use the knockout showdown to promote soccer.

Such a model will bring about high costs for having matches taking place because a large group of people will be transported to take charge of such ties.

Domestic football enthusiasts always see the list of match officials issued by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) competitions especially the final.

It was strange that not a single official appeared in the saga involving the federation's president, Wallace Karia, and Yanga's spokesman Haji Manara when the outfit came up against Coastal Union in the previous season's ASFC final in Arusha.

An intervention by officials, including protocol and security officers, was needed to prevent Manara, who was reportedly out to attack Karia, from roughing the latter up.

A facility like Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium should mostly be used by the national team, particularly when the squad honours important matches.



Yanga's winger Farid Mussa (R) battles for possession with Coastal Union's Vincent Abubakar when the teams took on each other in a 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final in Arusha. Yanga won 4-1 in the penalty shootout.

to look at England's Wembley Stadium, Germany's Allianz Arena, or Olimpia Stadium in Berlin, which has a history of Olympic Games.

The national football body can use the senior national team to spread the love of football by seeing to it the squad takes part in international matches in several venues in the country.

Such a move seeks to see to it that residents of such areas who cannot travel long distances can watch their team play.

It will also depend on other like international airports since the national team has to take on teams from other

Soccer enthusiasts ought to see to it that they support their respective regions' sides to secure promotion to the Premier League so they can regularly watch the top-flight

If such an approach is Yanga will keep on gaining popularity by battling it out in the ASFC semi-finals and final.

If the ASFC semi-final between Yanga and a less popular side takes place in a certain region, which is a neutral ground for both, the former will undoubtedly have lots of soccer lovers backing the outfit considering it is more popular.

Should Singida Big Stars host Yanga in an ASFC last-four duel at the former's home turf, the squad will at least be sure of enjoying the backing of a quarter of the fans that will turn up for the tie.

Singida Big Stars moreover will likely be guaranteed the A soccer supporter ought backing of Simba SC fans,

given the latter will be out to intimidate Yanga.

If teams qualify for the showpiece's last four severally, and play the clashes at their home turfs, there is no doubt that they will increase the number of fans.

The English have honoured FA Cup final by taking the clash to Wembley Stadium, in London.

Wembley Stadium is a venue that every footballer who plays in the English Premier League dreams of playing on.

A footballer cannot play at Wembley Stadium if his outfit has not made it to either the semi-final or final of various cup competitions/leagues.

The stadium is not used to host less important matches, it can perhaps be used for special requests.

Today, no Premier League much-publicized not used, domestic football Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, as sponsorship. matches, powerhouses, Simba SC and gracing the facility's pitch is Soccer can hardly normal to such a footballer because it is regularly used to host the top flight clashes.

> It is however quite different from foreign footballers that enjoy playing there when they come to Tanzania.

> Mainland Tanzania Premier League's players, and even those participating in First League, are used to playing at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in various matches and some fixtures do not even deserve to take place in the stadium.

Some players get the chance to use it for bonanzas organized various organizations/ institutions, let alone those who go there for other concerts.

The result is that the quality of the pitch is deteriorating, so

much so that television pictures that are taken during matches taking place there clearly show areas with brown grass that indicates dryness.

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has, as a result, advised Tanzania's government to renovate the stadium.

In other words, Tanzanians do not think they are damaging Benjamin Mkapa Stadium until they are advised by CAF to maintain it so that it can host major competitions.

Without such advice, the venue's pitch would continue to be used as if it hardly needs special care to keep it in the best condition.

When Kasarani Stadium was used for the swearing-in ceremony of Kenya's then-President Uhuru Kenyatta, the facility's pitch was covered by tarpaulins so that cars would not damage it.

Tanzania has not had Benjamin Mkapa Stadium host political activities but there have been concerts taking place at the venue.

I am trying to show the effects of failure to appreciate the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium to the point of rendering the facility become a less valued structure.

The move has had the national football body rushing to have ASFC matches taking place in other stadiums under the pretext of promoting soccer across the country.

In normal circumstances, the ASFC matches were supposed to be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium instead of letting the facility host Premier League matches. Hosting ASFC clashes at the venue would have made such fixtures more prestigious.

The move would, moreover, have offered the competition's sponsor the opportunity to be more publicized since the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium is located in a city with many player in Mainland Tanzania media outlets that help to dreams of playing at the increase the value of the

> promoted efficiently Tanzania by having domestic tournament matches, bringing together prominent outfits, and taking place in regions.

> Football lovers in regions should be encouraged to support their respective regions' outfits to garner promotion to the Premier League, coupled with improving the promotion of youth football.

> Such a move will motivate footballers to fight for their clubs so they can perform well in high-profile showdowns.

> Rotating the hosting of the ASFC semi-final and final matches amounts to politics which hardly helps to efficiently promote soccer in the country.

## Rivers United head coach hints new approach for Yanga clash

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimb

NIGERIA's Rivers United head coach, Stanley Eguma, has revealed that his team will opt for a different approach against Tanzania's Yanga when the outfits lock horns in this season's CAF Confederation Cup last eight.

Rivers United, alias 'Pride of Rivers', last Sunday played host to the Tanzanian champions in the first leg of quarterfinals at the Godswill Akpabio Stadium in Uyo, ending with Yanga cruising to a 2-0 victory.

Eguma disclosed during the prematch interview that Rivers United is planning to work harder to make it to the semi-finals.

"We are not relying on past performance, no two games are the same," Eguma stated.

The coach pointed out: "I understand that Yanga has rebuilt its team and they are doing well this time around in the domestic league, they also topped their group in CAF Confederation Cup."

The Nigerian side currently sits third in Nigeria Premier Football League Group B with 23 points from 13 matches, with Lobi Stars leading the rest followed by second-placed Doma United.

Rivers United managed to edge famous teams such as Enyimba FC, Kwara United, and others to win the Nigeria Premier Football League's title in the 2021/2022 season.

Since Rivers United's establishment in 2016, the club has managed to qualify for the Group Stage of the CAF Champions League twice and, in the 2017 season, the squad made it to the first round before qualifying for the second round in the 2021/22 edition.

In the CAF Confederation Cup, Rivers United managed to enter the Group Stage in 2017 before qualifying for playoffs in the 2020/21 and 2021/22 seasons.

It should be remembered that Rivers United defeated Yanga in both legs of First Preliminary Round, winning 1-0 in either fixture.

The second leg of this season's CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal involving the two sides has been slated to take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Tanzania on April 30.

The overall winners in the two-leg last eight matches will proceed to the semi-finals of the second tier of African inter-club tournaments.

Yanga has put up an impressive performance recently to the extent of garnering the top place in the showdown's Group D standings.

The improved Jangwani Streetbased squad managed to come out victorious in matches against one of the continental football giants, DR Congo's TP Mazembe, who lost to the former in home and away clashes.

Yanga thrashed TP Mazembe 3-1 at the former's stadium in Dar es Salaam and the Tanzanian outfit later cruised to a 1-0 victory over the DR

the 2021/22 CAF Champions League Congo outfit in another tie played in Lubumbashi.

In the only duel that ended with Yanga losing, the squad was beaten 2-0 by Tunisia's US Monastir on the latter's home turf.

Yanga however did well in their three away encounters, notching a 1-1 draw with Mali's AS Real Bamako and later commanding the 1-0 win over TP Mazembe.

Cedric Kaze, Yanga's assistant coach, said they are taking the encounters against Rivers United seriously and they do not underestimate their opponents.

"Our target is to do well and we respect all teams that have qualified for the stage. We will make sure we do well," Kaze insisted.

He pointed out that they will prepare their outfit accordingly, saying that Rivers United has changed and is not the same team they met in the 2021/22 season.



Rivers United head coach Stanley Eguma

### Legends back in classroom with eye on football's levers of power

FABIO Cannavaro, John Terry and Tim Cahill are among the former football stars swapping the dressing room for the classroom on a course hoping to put more players in positions of power.

The FIFA Diploma in Club Management is in its second year and aims to teach "the latest practical know-how and insights" on how to run a football

Course participants must currently work for a club in an executive or managerial position, although exceptions are made for active players such as Spain's Juan Mata and Brazil's Fernandinho.

Cahill, who retired in 2019 after playing in five different countries and winning 108 caps for Australia, now serves as chief sports officer for Qatar's Aspire Academy and is also a board member at Belgian side Eupen.

He told AFP that he believes the course can help him become "an influential person that can be efficient and diligent enough to run top-quality football clubs".

"It's not always just about what happens on the pitch," the 43-year-old said in Tokyo during the latest session of the course.

"It's the dynamics of how to run a football club, and it's a big world.'

FIFA organisers whittled down a list of more than 400 applicants for the 40 places on the course, which runs from September 2022 to December this

Cahill and Terry both made the cut, although former England and Chelsea defender Terry could not travel to Tokyo because he was busy starting his new job as Leicester City's assistant coach.

Participants must attend a minimum of two sessions at locations around the world, as well as taking part in others online.

They must complete a range of coursework and give a presentation for their final project before graduating in Zurich.

Tuition fees are \$3,900, not including travel and accommodation costs.

- Teacher Wenger -

Former Arsenal and Switzerland defender Philippe Senderos was one of 30 people who took part in the inaugural course, in his role at the time as sporting director at Swiss club Servette.

He was invited back to give a talk for this year's students and said the course "opens your mind to different ways of managing football clubs".

"It's not enough to just have experience as a football player -- you need to be able to structure your thoughts," said Senderos, whose classmates included Italian World Cup-winner Cannavaro.

Senderos told the students in Tokyo about the inner workings of Servette, explaining the academy system, club structure and his day-to-day tasks as sporting director.

### Lloris says sorry after 'embarrassing' Spurs thrashing

LONDON

HUGO Lloris apologised to Tottenham fans after his side's humiliating 6-1 defeat against top-four rivals Newcastle on Sunday.

Tottenham goalkeeper Lloris conceded five goals in the 21 minutes at St James' Park as the north Londoners collapsed to their heaviest loss of a turbulent season.

The defeat leaves fifth-placed Tottenham's hopes of a qualifying for the Champions League via a topfour finish in tatters.

They are six points behind fourthplaced Manchester United, who have two games in hand on Cristian Stellini's team.

Many of Tottenham's chastened fans fled St James' Park well before half-time.

"It was very embarrassing. The first thing is we should apologise to the fans who travelled and who watched the game," Lloris told Sky Sports.

"We did not show a good face today. We could not match the performance of the Newcastle players, we were late in all aspects of the game.

"We completely missed the first part of the game. The second half is another story, but it is really painful today."

Tottenham captain Lloris was replaced by Fraser Forster at half-time due to an injury, sparing him any more embarrassment.

Forster conceded once after the break and French World Cup winner Lloris admitted Tottenham had played without pride.

"We could not fight. It is difficult to analyse the performance, but the first thing was a lack of pride," he said.

"You can get punched once or twice and you concede, but on the pitch was something strange like we could not even react to bounce back into

"We can try to find excuses, but we missed the fight. If you go on the pitch without the desire to win the battle, it makes things very hard. It was a bit of a mess."

## Man Utd beat Brighton on penalties to set up FA Cup final against Man City

LONDON

ANCHES-TER Unit-

ed beat Brighton on penalties at Wembley on Sunday to set up an FA Cup final against treblechasing Manchester City after the match finished goalless.

Victor Lindelof scored the decisive spot-kick as Erik ten Hag's team won 7-6, following a miss by Solly March, staying on course for a domestic cup double.

The semi-final in front of a crowd of more than 81,000 finished 0-0 after extra-time, with neither side showing the cutting edge required to break the deadlock.

The result means United will have the chance to derail City's bid to match their unique achievement of winning the treble of Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup in the firstever meeting between the rivals in an FA Cup final.

But the Red Devils, who won the League Cup earlier this season to end a six-year trophy drought, will have to find better form if they are to compete with Pep Guardiola's red-hot team.

"On Thursday I saw a team I didn't recognise but today we went back to usual," Ten Hag told the BBC, referring to their Europa League horror show against Se-

"I could see determination and resilience. We fought for every yard



Manchester United's Victor Lindelof scores the winning penalty past Brighton and Hove Albion's Robert Sanchez during Sunday's FA Cup semi-final at Wembley. AFP

and competed in every battle. We had good chances."

Luke Shaw came in at centre-back for the suspended Harry Maguire, with Marcus Rashford and Bruno Fernandes replacing Jadon Sancho and Marcel Sabitzer following Thursday's 3-0 defeat in Spain, which meant a 5-2 defeat on aggregate in the Europa League quarter-

Brighton, who lost the FA Cup final replay to United 40 years ago, had won the past two league fixtures between the sides and came to Wembley on a high after beating Chelsea last week.

The south-coast club settled first and had an early sight of goal when Kaoru Mitoma was brought down clumsily on the edge of the box by Antony in the sixth minute.

Argentine World Cup winner Alexis Mac Allister hit a fine curling effort that David De Gea did well to keep

out before Iulio Enciso flashed a shot wide. - Brighton control -

Roberto De Zerbi's Brighton were dominating possession, with United apparently content to sit back and try to exploit the pace of Rashford and Antony.

Brighton goalkeeper Robert Sanchez beat out a Fernandes effort in United's first meaningful attempt on goal.

The massed ranks of Brighton fans were keen to play on the nerves of De Gea whenever the ball landed at his feet following a nightmare game for the Spaniard in Seville.

United, for long periods scrappy, produced a flurry of chances shortly before half-time, with Fernandes, Anthony Martial and Christian Eriksen failing to con-

Brighton were quickly out of the blocks at the start of the second half. Enciso forced De Gea into a smart save before former United forward Danny

beck headed over from the resulting corner.

But neither side could break the deadlock and referee Craig Pawson blew for extra-time.

The game became stretched, with halfchances at both ends but there was still no breakthrough for either side despite multiple changes.

United top-scorer Rashford, who struggled to hit top gear, flashed wide with 10 minutes to go before De Gea cleared following a goalmouth scramble at the other end.

A high-quality shootout took place in front of the massed ranks of the Brighton fans.

United substitute Sabitzer stepped up to take his spot-kick with United 5-4 down and his heart would have missed a beat as Sanchez got his hand to it but he could not keep it out.

Brighton's Adam Webster and United's Wout Weghorst both scored before March's painful miss with the 13th kick

gave defender Lindelof a chance he did not squan-

Ten Hag praised "cool" Lindelof and Shaw first-choice central Lisandro defenders Martinez and Raphael Varane are out injured -- and said he was impressed by the performance of De Gea.

"He made some brilliant saves," he said. "It hurt when he made mistakes on Thursday.

"Often when you make mistakes as a keeper you get punished. We let him down, we didn't fight back for him. We bounced back today though."

Meanwhile, ten Hag vowed Manchester United would "give everything" Manchester prevent City from matching his club's treasured treble after they beat Brighton to set up an FA Cup final against their fierce rivals.

United won 7-6 on penalties at Wembley on Sunday after the game finished goalless, with defender Victor Lindelof scoring the decisive spot-kick.

It went some way to banishing the agony of their shocking Europa League performance in midweek, when they lost 3-0 to Sevilla in the quarter-finals to lose 5-2 on aggregate.

But they will have to find more of a cutting edge in the FA Cup final on June 3 if they are to beat Pep Guardiola's City, who are targeting the treble of Champions

City are favourites to win all three of the trophies this season after moving up through the gears in recent weeks.

United were on course for three trophies of their own before Thursday's blowout in Spain, but they are still chasing a domestic double after winning the League Cup in February to end a sixyear silverware drought.

United boss Ten Hag, speaking after the nailbiting Wembley shootout, praised his team's ability to bounce back.

"First we are physical, strong, we are mentally strong, so we showed the character and personality necessary... we were determined to win this

game," he said. But the Dutch boss said his men must learn to change the script during tough matches -- they have suffered a number of punishing defeats this season, including a 6-3 defeat at City and a 7-0 reverse at Liverpool.

"What we have proved is that we can deal with setbacks, we can bounce back between games," he said.

"But now what we have to improve is to bounce back in a game in difficult situations or occasions, away stadiums -- it doesn't matter what, we have to show personality."

- 1999 treble -

United remain the only English club to have won the treble, completing the feat under former manager Alex Ferguson in 1999.

## Treble is Man Utd's crown jewel - now they have chance to defend it from Man City

By Oliver Brown

JUNE 3 will mark one of the latest FA Cup finals on record, arriving before the opening ball of the Ashes. It will also signify the most tantalising collision memory: living the 190th instalment the major European of the Manchester derby, but the first to settle the destination of the English game's oldest trophy. Fold in the fact that United could potentially deny Manchester City a Treble, a feat that only they have accomplished in its purest form, and you have the recipe for a dish of melting heat to conjure for an encore. match the incongruous midsummer scheduling.

It is tempting to wonder what will stir United's blood more for this most consequential of finals: the prospect of lirious. We're aware a domestic cup double in Erik ten Hag's first season in charge, or the chance to stop their the chance of a repeat noisy neighbours from crowing quite so loudly? Pep Guardiola is hardly the man to be seduced by any narrative of a turf war, preferring the the same giddying levels cute line: "Neighbours are always nice to each other." Not on June 3, though. Not when United have a precious chance

to silence the nouveau

emphatically not when they have a singular distinction to protect, as the sole architects of less than a fortnight the most elusive trinity of all.

The reason why a Treble resonates so profoundly is that it is so vanishingly rare. Across leagues, it has only been achieved six times in the past 30 years: once each by United and Inter Milan, and twice apiece by Barcelona and Bayern Munich. Guardiola was at the helm for Barcelona's first, in 2009, and felt so intoxicated by the feat that he had no idea what he could "I can't do anything to

top this," he said, after a Lionel Messi-inspired vanquishing of United in the 2009 Champions League final in Rome. "We're very happy, dethat we've done something magnificent." It has taken 14 years for to materialise afresh, for Guardiola, wrested from home comforts at the Nou Camp, to prove that he can still touch he attained in his native Catalonia with a team for the ages. But how poetic that it should be United standing in his way.

Mere mention of 1999,

riche upstarts. And the Treble-winning year, triggers a nostalgia rush at Old Trafford like no other. Clive Tyldesley's immortal line, as the evening of May 26 reached fever pitch - "Is this their moment?" - brings all the pyrotechnics of that campaign cascading back: Roy Keane's tour de force in Turin, an 8-1 win at Nottingham Forest, Ryan Giggs tearing off his shirt after perhaps the greatest FA Cup goal of all. Is this City's moment? There are too many obstacles, not least eight league games and a European semi-final against Real Madrid, to surmount before we have a definitive answer. But if this is a "moment" at all, the only certainty is that United would love nothing better than to

sabotage it. On this evidence.

few would give them a prayer in their quest to derail City's parade. United were a pale imitation of the class of '99 as they tried to chisel out a path past Brighton here under drenching April showers. Even in the penalty shootout, David de Gea did not come close to saving any of Brighton's six kicks before Solly March launched his high into the Wembley extra time crystallised United's limitations: the first when Marcel Sabitzer hoofed a freekick in a promising po-Shaw lofted his straight into Robert Sanchez's

hands. Where the '99 team were primed to seize such chances at the death, this version

fluffed them both. Still, Ten Hag's success in reaching two Wembley finals in four months ought not to be scoffed at. Despite the conspicuous flaws in his side, and despite the clear-out that surely awaits this summer, he has rendered them resolute under pressure. Last week's shambles in Seville excepted, he has sky. Two moments in created a team, even with multiple imperfections, that can hold firm once silverware beckons. And he has instilled a thinking where the sigsition hopelessly long, nificance of beating City the second when Luke is not lost on anybody. He can boast one victory over Guardiola this year

already, and his commitment to deprive City of the Treble is unyielding.

It says much about the magnitude of this FA Cup final that even Glenn Murray, the former Brighton striker, acknowledges that the world will be watching. For this is one match whose subplots sell themselves. City have taken so much that United could once call theirs: the pre-eminence in the league, the attacking style to savour, the sensation of an extraordinarily stubborn manager forging a dynasty. But the Treble is one jewel that the red half of Manchester will do everything to shield from plunder.

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## AT mourns former president Francis John

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) has described the death of its former president, Francis John, as a big loss to

John, also an experienced athletics coach, died in the early hours of Sunday at KCMC hospital in Kilimanjaro after sustaining injuries in a road accident.

There were neither family nor police comments on the passing on of the former AT president.

Jackson Ndaweka, AT acting secretary-general, and the body's information officer Luiza John, though, confirmed the death of the coach who was also one of the local qualified athletics agents.

"It's very difficult for us considering that we have just buried our former president, John Bayo, who died days ago and now our other former president, Francis John, has passed on, it's very painful," Luiza noted.

Ndaweka said the passing of John is a big blow to athletics in the country and extended AT's heartfelt condolences to the coach's family.

He said until his death, John was the Race Director of the NBC Dodoma Marathon.

Ndaweka said the late John will also be fondly remembered for training a prominent domestic athlete, Alphonse Simbu, and will moreover be remembered for his contributions to the game.

"It's a big blow to the athletics fraternity in the country, he was a great and experienced coach, he devoted almost all of his life to athletics in the country," the AT official noted.

"He was with us whereby he offered us his advice on many issues, until his death he was a coach for top local athlete Simbu," Ndaweka added.

Former AT secretary-general Wilhem Gidabuday described John as a complete package that local athletics

He said John had some attributes and qualities like a qualified coach, good race director, and successful AT

president, qualities lacking in several other officials. "Sadly, he has passed away, to me, he was a good ad-

visor, I remember when I was AT secretary-general he accompanied me to Uganda for championships and London, he was a great guy and the country has lost a very important person in athletics," he said.

Athletics legend, Suleiman Nyambui, remembered John as one of the race organizers who had strong connections and links with international race organizers.

Nyambui, former AT secretary-general, pointed out John was nurturing and training many young and upcoming athletes to the extent that he was offering shelter to some.

The former AT official also remembered the departed coach as someone that worked tirelessly with him to transform athletics in the country from amateur to

He disclosed: "He was AT president and I was secretary-general, that was from 2006 to 2012, we worked closely together, and we did a lot of things for the benefit of athletics and athletes in the country.'

"During that period AT was formed from Tanzania Amateur Athletics Association (TAAA)... during that time there were also many local athletics championships and events which were taking place," he said.

Apart from serving as the national athletics team's coach, John was Tanzania People's Defence Force (TPDF) athletics team's head coach and held many local and international athletics positions.

News of John having been involved in a car accident was first broken by national junior athletics teams' head coach Alfredo Shahanga who said the accident occurred at around 3 am in Arusha and the victims were rushed to Patandi Hospital, Arusha for treatment.

## By Correspondent Michael

Cup quarterfinal first leg played in Uyo, Nigeria on Sunday, Tanzania's Yanga coach, Nasreddine Nabi, insisted the outfit did not make the long trip to Nigeria for revenge against Rivers United.

FTER a 2022/23 Confedera-

Before the game, though, that was all that was talked about by the fans, management, and even Nabi's assistant, Cedric Kaze.

Nabi pointed out: "We didn't come to Nigeria for revenge but to qualify, we lost here two years ago because Yanga wasn't ready but still there is no revenge in football, you either have a victory or a loss, not revenge.'

Two second-half goals scored by Congolese forward, Fiston Mayele, put the Tanzanian representatives in a commanding position to qualify for the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-finals for the first time in their history.

For many fans, it was sweet revenge though Nabi politely disagreed. Yanga seemed to be well on top and with a real chance of effectively killing the tie but appeared to give their hosts too much respect in the first half.

Though it was likely a prag-

Anthony Ohaegbu, when the clubs took on each other in a 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal duel that took place at Godswill Akpabio International Stadium in Uyo, Nigeria on Sunday. Yanga walloped Rivers United 2-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA matic approach by Nabi to to the center of the goal wait for their opportunity

Tanzania's Yanga attacker, Fiston Mayele (R), negotiates his way past Nigeria's Rivers United defender

Yanga seized their moment

in CAF Confederation

Cup's quarterfinal tie

the second half. Nabi set up his team in a more defensive 3-5-2 system before making three substitutes that changed the outcome of the game.

to finish off Rivers United

and they ultimately did it in

He replaced Lomalisa Mutambala, Farid Mussa, and Djuma Shaban with Tuisila Kisinda, Kibwana Shomari, and Jesus Moloko at the restart of the second

The changes worked quite well. Mayele broke the deadlock in the 73rd minute when he was picked out by a brilliant through ball from captain Bakari Mwamnyeto.

The Congolese import ran to the pass before hitting a right-footed shot from the center of the box in Lubumbashi to top their

beating the on-rushing Rivers United goalkeeper, Sochima Victor.

It was top-class attacking play initiated by midfielder Mudathir's back pass to Mwamnyeto in the midfield, and a further example of how Yanga has the knack of seizing the crucial moments in ties.

The duo combined again for the second goal nine minutes from stoppage time, this time Mwamnyeto cutting back to Mayele after a brutal counter-attack initiated by winger, Moloko.

Throughout the 90 minutes in Uyo, Yanga put in the same away performance as they did versus Club Africain in Rades, Tunis to qualify for the Group Stage and also DR Congo's TP Mazembe

They were composed defensively, never in a hurry to push forward and lose possession, dominant in midfield, and dangerous every time they went forward to attack Rivers United's final third.

It is the type of performance that an outfit needs on the road to go deep in CAF inter-club competi-

This was Yanga's third away win in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup this campaign. Once is maybe lucky, twice may have been acceptable as fortune, but three is a pattern. An individual could make

that Yanga has been one of the best sides in the CAF Confederation Cup this

It may feel like raw emo-

a convincing argument

tions but the numbers speak for themselves. Yanga has conceded the fewest goals in CAF Confederation Cup, boasting the best goal difference in the Group Stage.

In a nation that is deeply into Simba SC and Yanga rivalry, it would not be a surprise if the other part of the divide feels Yanga has been lucky to land a weak opponent in Rivers United.

It was such a comfortable afternoon for Yanga, with this Rivers United team being so far from the top CAF Confederation Cup competitive level that one could not say the former played that well for their 2-0 win.

It is true Rivers United might be one of the weakest opponents remaining in this season's CAF Confederation Cup but soccer supporters have to give Yanga due credit for seizing their moments.

Soccer followers also have to agree with the views of Tanzanian football observer, Salim Masoud, stating: "Rivers United weren't very good but you maximize your chances of getting an opponent like this by winning your group as Yanga did."

Most may not fancy Yanga winning this season's CAF Confederation Cup honour but, at this stage, very few can bet against the outfit.

This is a team that has seized their moments after slipping against Sudan's Al Hilal in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's Second Preliminary Round.

Yanga came through the Confederation Cup Group Stage in style, beating a North African team on the road for the first time and going on to top their group at the expense of another

## Nasreddine Nabi insists Yanga vs Rivers Utd tie not over

By Correspondent Michael

TANZANIA's Yanga head coach Nasreddine Nabi believes their CAF Confederation Cup's quarterfinal tie against Nigeria's Rivers United 'is not finished', despite coming out as 2-0 winners in the first leg played at the Godswill Akpabio International Stadium in Uyo on Sunday.

A second-half brace from Fiston Mayele earned Yanga the massive victory and the squad will now have all the advantage heading into next weekend's home tie in Dar es Salaam, where the side will be staring at a first-ever continental semi-final appearance.

Mayele broke the deadlock in the 73rd minute when he was picked out by a brilliant through ball from captain Bakari Mwamnyeto.

The pair combined again for the second goal nine min-



Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

utes from stoppage time, this time Mwamnyeto cutting back to Mayele after a counter-attack initiated by winger Jesus Moloko.

The results leave Yanga in a commanding position heading into the second leg but, despite that, Nabi said they must remain 'completely alert' to the threat posed by Rivers United's big-hearted Nigerian players.

Speaking after the match, Nabi said his side had to battle deep to gain the win and believes everything is still at stake in the second leg.

The tactician noted: "I am delighted to win because it is not easy to come to Nigeria and win. We played well and took our chances but the game is far from over, we still have the second leg and we need to do even better to ensure we qualify."

"We scouted Rivers United, Nigeria is a big football nation, it is very difficult to win here. It is a very good result. I have confidence in my players but didn't know we could win 2-0 here, that's the reality," the gaffer revealed.

Nabi noted: "I pushed my players to score away from Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, we didn't come here for revenge but to qualify. We lost here two years ago because Yanga wasn't ready but still, there is no revenge in football. You either have a victory or a loss,

"Yanga came here ready to sacrifice and qualify. That was our only focus but we have big respect for Rivers United players. And the tie is not finished, we are in Africa! We quickly become happy and quickly go down," the gaffer added.

Nabi disclosed: "It is not finished, we have seven days. I know Nigerian players, they have big hearts. This is what I told my players in the first meeting, the tie is not over."

Yanga will book a historic place in the last four if they avoid defeat in the secondleg clash at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The winner of the tie will face the aggregate winner of another quarterfinal tie between South Africa's Marumo Gallants and Egypt's Pyramids FC in the semi-finals.

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